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Turkey day still a mystery

BY VICTORIA ANTHONY
Staff Reporter

Tomorrow is the day to give thanks and shove your face full of turkey, stuffing, cornbread and pumpkin pie. But while you're doing so, keep in mind what brought this feasting tradition into our homes.

You probably think you know, but you really have no idea. Back in grade school, most of us were taught that Thanksgiving consisted of the Pilgrims and Native Americans. "Your teachers were probably just trying to give you a lesson in diversity," said Tim McMannon, history professor.

McMannon said about 90 percent of the Native Americans had probably already died off when the Pilgrims arrived. For the most part, what the pilgrims found was empty land, and they thought God had left it for them.

Our Thanksgiving as we know it today, originated from the Puritan Thanksgivings of colonial New England. The Puritans, who were pilgrims, were strict Calvinist Protestants. They did not believe in the religious holidays that the English people inherited from the Middle Ages. These holidays included Christmas, Easter and All Saints Day.

Instead, the Puritans celebrated holidays that could be warranted by the New Testament: the Sunday Sabbath, Days of Fasting and Humiliation, and Days of Thanksgiving and Praise.

People believed Thanksgiving and Fast Day were celebrated in correlation with God's pleasure or displeasure with worldly events.

When things were going well, such as the arrival of a crucial supply ship, a healthy harvest, or a victory in war, early New Englanders declared a day of Thanksgiving. Everyone would gather at the meetinghouse and give thanks and praise to God, then go home for a celebratory feast.

If things weren't going so well: there wasn't enough food to eat, there was a disease outbreak or the crops were failing, then

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Timber!



Photo By Adrienne Hughes

Construction workers outside of the student center uprooted four trees yesterday.

UW changes transfer policy

BY ROBBIE HICKS
Staff Reporter

Transferring to UW-Seattle is about to get a whole lot harder, officials say.

Enrollment is currently over by approximately 1,500 full-time equivalent students. To combat this, UW will be implementing several changes to hopefully get back on target.

"The first of these new policies, is to limit enrollment for

autumn 2002 freshman class by 500 students and virtually ceasing freshman admission for the remainder of 2002-03 academic year," said Tim Washburn, assistant vice president for enrollment services.

Continuing in winter 2003, cuts will also be made to the number of students who will be allowed to transfer in with an associate of arts degree. The UW will be cutting the amount of direct transfer admission stu-

dents from 500 students down to 200.

"Applicants will be given priority based on their application date," Washburn said.

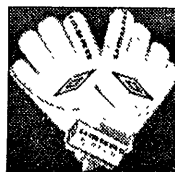
Where appropriate, students are also being advised to look into Arts and Science evening degree programs as well as the programs available at UW-Tacoma and UW-Bothell.

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Crime Blotter for Nov. 22-27

Vehicle tampered with

A damaged black Chevrolet Blazer 4x4 was found parked in the North lot on Nov. 20 at 6:50 a.m.

The ignition had been tampered with and the stereo was stolen from the front deck. Campus Security verified with the Des Moines Police Department that the vehicle was registered as stolen. On Nov. 21, the following day, the vehicle was towed away.

This is college

An assault occurred outside Building 8 on Nov. 21 at noon.

The two males involved, one of them allegedly an ex-boyfriend, got into a physical altercation over a female student. Des Moines Police Department was informed of the disturbance and arrived on scene.

Lost and found

•A pair of women's black leather gloves were found in Building 6, the Educational Planning Center, on Nov. 25 at 10:36 a.m.

•A silver necklace with the inscription "January" on it was found in Building 6 at 10:15 a.m. on Nov. 22.

•A Highline parking permit was found outside Building 6 on Nov. 21 at 6:59 p.m.

•A Nokia cell phone was lost in Building 21 on Nov. 22 at 3 p.m.

-Compiled by
Harman Dhami

Stop smoking or die trying

By HARMAN DHAMI
Staff Reporter

Lethal chemicals and cancerous pig lungs were on the menu at the Great American Smoke Out display last Thursday in the Union Bay room of Building 8.

The display featured multiple tables offering anti-smoking information galore.

Among the organizations assembled were the Healthcare Awareness Committee, the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, and the Nursing Club.

All sorts of biological devices were on display including peak flow meters, which measure the strength of how hard one can exhale, bright red healthy pig lungs still dripping with life and a set of blackened



Photo by Chris Foote

A pig's lung that has emphysema

lungs tainted by years of smoking. Anti-smoking advocates enticed passer-bys to pick up a

pair of rubber gloves, feel collapsed, diseased lungs and inflate the dilapidated organs with a foot-action air pump.

"What really convinces me is that I've been smoking for 20 years," said Lane Whitson, a student member of the Healthcare Awareness Committee.

Whitson and his fellow anti-smoking advocates handed out helpful information on not only how to quit, but where you can go if you're trying to quit.

One of the informational booklets that was being handed out had a full list of strictly non-smoking restaurants and other public locations in Washington.

"Unless you do permanent damage," said Whitson, "the lung can still heal itself."

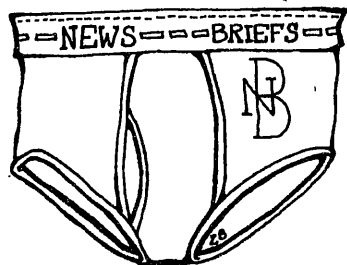
There's hope for our unhealthy pig, after all.

Kelly Mattheai, student nurse and member of the Nursing Club, was present at the gathering. As a mother she has her children to worry about.

"I don't want people smoking around my kids," said Mattheai. "People who breathe second-hand smoke don't have a choice."

Not all students on campus agree. Some smokers like the way things are now.

"What I'm tired of seeing is the Thunderword publishing a smoking story practically every other week," said one student, who requested not to be identified. "If I'm smoking a cigarette and you come to stand next to me, that's not my problem."



Holiday food drive still going

The annual holiday food drive is still going on in the bookstore.

Just bring in a canned food item to the bookstore and you will receive an entry slip for a drawing to win either a new microwave oven, a set of binoculars, or a new telephone.

You may enter up to five times a day.

Donations will be taken until Thursday, Dec. 12 with the drawing on Friday, Dec. 13.

Come see Santa

If you are interested in getting a picture taken with Santa Phi Theta Kappa has just the thing for you.

On Wednesday, Dec. 4 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Union Bay room in the Cafeteria you

can come have your picture taken with Santa.

The price for the pictures is \$2 and Student Body President Stefan Alano will be playing the part of Santa.

Scholarship money available

The Greater Seattle Business Association (GSBA) and the Pride Foundation are accepting applications for their 2003 scholarship programs.

The awards, which can be up to \$5,000 apiece, are meant to promote diversity in the Pacific Northwest lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community.

Applications are due by Monday, Feb. 3 and can be picked up at school guidance centers, community agencies, and by contacting the GSBA at 206-363-9188 or on the web at www.thegsba.org or by contacting the Pride Foundation at 206-

323-3318 or 800-735-7287 and also on the web at www.pridefoundation.org

Corrections

Avory Nicholson's name was misspelled in the Nov. 21 issue.

Campus Calendar

•Career Development work-

shop series is offering, What's Shaking In Puget Sound on Thursday, Dec. 5 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Building 30, room 311

•Grammar Workshops is offering The Semicolon, Colon and Dash today from 10-11 a.m. and then again from 3-4 p.m. and Punctuation that Comes in Pairs on Wednesday, Dec. 4 from 10-11 a.m. All three workshops will be held in Building 26, room 319-d

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Come in and get your annual flu shot

The Nursing class of 2003 has made arrangements with Northwest Visiting Nurses here to administer flu shots.

The nurses will be here on Wednesday, Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to noon upstairs in Building 8. The fee of \$18 is due at the time of the shot.

Shots will be administered by the Northwest Visiting Nurses. For more information on whether a flu shot is necessary consult with your primary care provider.

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Touching lives one at a time

Mark McKay journeys around globe to help others

BY PHILLIP USSERY
Staff Reporter

Rather than taking an extended vacation, Highline's Mark McKay, Executive Director of the Highline Foundation, paid to join well over 1,000 fellow rotary members in Ethiopia who were launching a massive assault on polio.

He spent 7 days of his two week trip in Ethiopia, and then joined fellow Rotarians in an African safari as a reward for their hard work.

Last month McKay and 64 other people from the Seattle area joined forces from around the world to vaccinate more than 7 million children in this poverty stricken country of east Africa, in just seven days.

Rotary International, worldwide service organization, has set the goal of eliminating this crippling disease from Ethiopia by the year 2006.

This goal will be one that has and will continue to have many hurdles to overcome.

The list of such potential obstacles is topped by the almighty dollar.



Mark McKay with an Ethiopian boy during his two week trip to help others in Ethiopia as well as enjoy a trip for their hard work on an African safari.

This obstacle is slowly being overcome with the help of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation which has pledged up to \$30 million to match donations that are made to help fight this deadly disease.

In a country where electricity service is sparse, another obstacle is the necessity to keep the vaccine cold to preserve its effectiveness.

Refrigerators that run on kerosene are aiding this hurdle. Such refrigerators do not eliminate this roadblock because there are few cars and even fewer roads in Ethiopia.

Many times it is necessary for someone to deliver these

vaccines by walking from village to village.

While the list of potential obstacles is long, the list of potential victims of this terrible disease is endless unless these obstacles are overcome.

Ethiopia's economic situation is startling and has little chance of improving in the near future.

"In their capital city you have a Sheraton Hotel that is among the ritziest in the world, and yet a block away people are homeless and are peeing in the streets," McKay said.

"I saw great poverty and terrible living conditions. People were selling fruits and veg-

"We need to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves,"

-Mark McKay

etables off the ground and meat was sold in the open air with no refrigeration."

McKay also described people living in mud shacks, and nearly impassible roads that were mostly made of dirt and were in poor repair.

Their system of transportation is almost nonexistent.

"There are few cars on the road, and those with cars usually have poor driving skills," McKay said. "It was like looking back in time 40 years."

He also suggested that the only way that countries like Ethiopia have any chance of improving their quality of life as well as improving their life expectancy is for people to see their great needs and do what they can to help.

"We need to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves," McKay said.

If you would like more information on how to get involved in this lifesaving organization or want to see some pictures of this extraordinary mission you can visit www.ethiopia-nid.org/.

Work on student center and dock to begin soon

BY ALLISON WESTOVER & PAUL WALSTON
Staff Reporter

The Student Center will be torn down in April 2003. The removal of the cafeteria, Student Programs and the other venues currently being housed in the Student Center are under way in preparation to move into temporary buildings in March 2003.

The same company that was responsible for the white tent that stood outside the Kingdome is making a heated tent structure covering a large deck area that will house a temporary kitchen facility in the grassy area between Building 2 and Building 9.

"We will be bringing in kitchen utilities, chairs, etc. from Building 8 in order to be more cost effective," said Carol Helgersen, director of conferences and events.

Building 16, which is currently being used for storage will be transformed into office spaces for staff as well as a temporary home for Student Programs and student activities, said Jonathan Brown, associate dean for Student Programs.

Some changes have been made to the plans of the building after students voted on and rejected a proposal in the spring that would have increased student fees to pay for the building. The total square footage of the building had to be reduced by 3,000 square feet.

Current Highline students will not see the new Student Center, unless they come back for a visit after its expected September 2004 completion date.

The current time line is on schedule so far, said Dr. Ivan Gorne, vice president for student services.

Another area at Highline is under repair but students may get to use this facility before they will be able to use the new Student Center. The Redondo Pier should be ready by the first week of December so marine biology and oceanography classes will be able to return to the site.

Classes have not been able to study at the pier since it was damaged due to the earthquake that hit the Puget Sound area back in February 2001.

Program saves breath at Highline

BY PAUL WALSTON
Staff Reporter

Some students at Highline are trying to save lives, "Because if you're blue, you're through," said Bob Bonner, Respiratory care program coordinator at Highline.

A respiratory care therapist helps you breath and runs, operates, monitors and calibrates life support machines.

Students involved in the program also work with pediatrics, neo-natals, who are nurses for infants, and other nurses and physicians.

Respiratory care physicians restore normal lung function or support respiration until a person can function normal breathing on his or hers own.

Students administer oxygen, monitor and do maintenance on mechanical ventilators.

These machines cost anywhere from \$30,000 to \$40,000. Students also learn about the

lungs, heart, and brain in the program and help people who have chronic disease, such as emphysema or asthma.

They also treat people who have acute disease, which include heart attacks, strokes and pneumonia.

And they also treat trauma such as when someone has been shot or are badly injured and needs life support until they heal and can breathe on their own.

Scott Hover, started this course last September.

"I love this class, and the main reason I started this course was because my father had a respiratory failure and almost died," said Hover.

Hover's goal is to graduate and become a registered respiratory therapist, which probably won't happen until spring of 2004.

The program is a two-year course and starts every September and runs seven consecutive quarters.

Students will have 500-plus hours working in different medical centers in the intensive care units, like Harborview, Childrens, and University of Washington.

Entry level jobs start out at \$18 to \$20 an hour, and an experienced respiratory therapist can start anywhere from \$20 to \$30 an hour.

Bob Bonner runs this program and has been a respiratory care coordinator at Highline now for 20 years and has been in the respiratory care field for 25 years.

Bonner has a bachelor's degree in health, which received from California Lutheran University.

Bonner also got his master's in higher education at University of Washington.

He says he loves his work and loves his students; it's always fun.

"To qualify for this program you have to have at least a year

of college or the appropriate scores in reading and writing," said Bonner.

"When you pass the class you will get your AAS degree and when you pass the exams you will get a license," said Bonner.

You will be a certified State of Washington respiratory care practitioner Bonner said

"The license will say Registered Respiratory Therapist," said Bonner.

"Last class I had only 10 students graduated and six out of the 10 got jobs at Children's, Harborview and University of Washington," said Bonner.

"Currently I have two classes running, one for the first year, first quarter which has 40 students and one for the second year, fifth quarter which has 17 students," said Bonner.

If you need more information about respiratory care physicians go on-line at www.aarc.org.

editorial

Give thanks to those you usually take for granted

While students are running around getting ready for the holidays and deciding what they want and what they want to give, it would be good to take some time to think about what to be thankful for.

It can be easy to look at things and think about what could be better without even realizing how good things are.

It can be easy to take things for granted, and as the holiday looms closer, it is the perfect time to take a step back and look at the everyday privileges and opportunities that students have.

Running Start is a wonderful opportunity that many students on campus are taking advantage of. The chance to begin taking college credits while still in high school, and for free, is definitely something to be thankful for. Education is something that many people don't choose to take advantage of, and when they do they tend not to think of it as a privilege. It is not everywhere that education comes so easily to so many people.

This is something to think about when you are so mad that the class you wanted was already full, or when you are five minutes late to class because you were outside waiting to park for an hour. Not everyone has the chance to get an education. Some people would be willing to sit outside for five hours if they got the same chance at an education.

Another thing many students take for granted is their families. For those students still living at home, the everyday things such as clean clothes, a hot dinner when you get home, or just someone to talk to when you have a bad day are things often taken for granted. It is not usually until after these things are gone that people realize how nice it was. If students can realize now how much they appreciate these small things they can give thanks for them, and maybe thank the person who is doing all the work to take care of them too.

The holidays are always a time when people talk about giving thanks. Sometimes people do, but often this term is just thrown around with many other holiday greetings. This year, take the time to really think about what giving thanks means, and throughout the next year learn what things you are privileged to have and try not to take them for granted.

the opinion page

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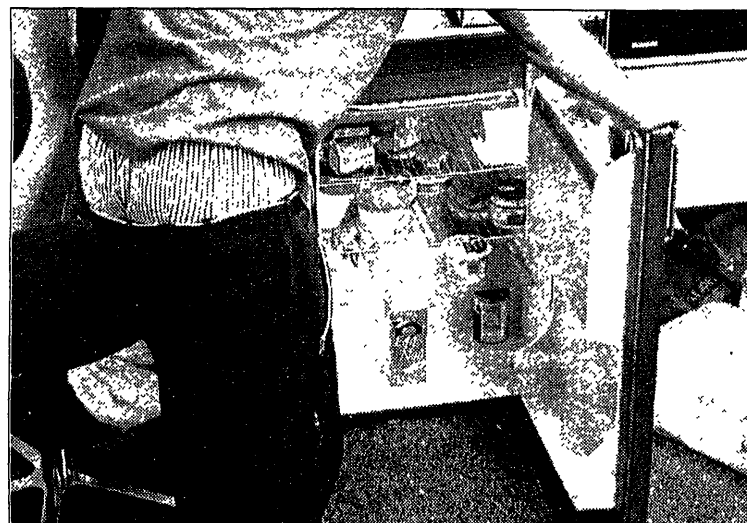
Low pants are not appealing to all

What is it with people wearing their pants so incredibly low? Is it because tuition went up this fall, so now people can't afford to buy themselves proper fitting pants?



There appears to be a freaky sense of freedom when it comes to fashion, for both sexes.

Women are wearing their thongs, or butt floss, hanging out above their pants for all to see. And I'm sorry to say, men are walking around either hanging on to their jeans so they don't fall down, or wear them belted so low everyone can see which boxers they've chosen for the day. Isn't that uncomfortable? Wouldn't it feel better to pull your pants up and not have to worry about walking a certain way to make sure the pants



Highline student flashes others in a mad dash to eat turkey.

don't fall down?

And to the women, you can't tell me it feels good to have your stringy bikini underwear hanging out. Some guys may find it appealing, but they're generally not the kind of guy you want to keep around.

Unfortunately, Highline does not currently have a dress code for students. The reason: this is a college campus which means more independence than high school. This liberty ranges from chewing gum in class, to smoking on campus and finally,

wearing next to nothing.

"I expect that if a student pushed a fashion statement so far over the edge that it became a serious distraction in the classroom, we would counsel the student consistent with other elements of the student conduct code," said Ivan Gorne, vice president of student services.

Well I don't see that happening anytime soon so from me to you: either pull your pants up, or buy some that fit.

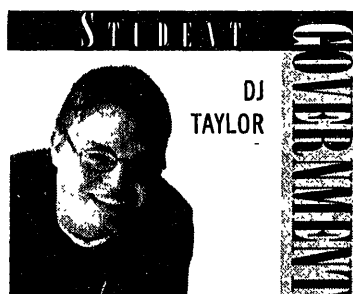
Victoria's secret: briefs and boxers at the same time.

Student government wants to listen

Greetings Highline students. We here in Student Government have been very busy, even at this late day in the quarter, doing our best to serve and represent you.

From defibrulators to legislative bills, we have been going to bat for student interests. But could we be doing better?

We are student representatives folks, and you PAY us to be here. So please, get involved, come talk to us, join a club or start one, get involved on a committee, but whatever



you do, get your money's worth.

Talk to us. Our doors are always open to students, and you can call and leave us a message, email us, talk to our advisor, Jonathan Brown, or even write

us a letter.

Our jobs are only effective when you come talk to us, so please make use of our skills and time. Upcoming things on the docket: tuition raise, federal student aid reform, tobacco awareness, and the Legislative Action Committee (LAC).

So, good luck on your finals, enjoy the holiday break, and remember: you have a powerful voice, but only if you speak up.

DJ Taylor is Vice President of Legislation for Student Government.

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The Science of Sound

Music Theory 101 students require more of a challenge than classes prior to Fall Quarter

BY RACHEL PLATT
Staff Reporter

For the first time in Highline's history Music Theory 101 closed enrolment due to reaching its full capacity Fall quarter.

Sandra Glover, who instructs the class, was amazed the first day of the quarter walking into class. Not only was the class full but that student enrolled had at least some music theory training.

With so many students having musical training, in a class that typically does not, Glover decided to make a few changes.

For the classes final they must write their own compositional piece and perform it on campus.

"My purpose in giving a composition assignment is two fold," Glover said. "To demonstrate why theory is interesting and to prepare them for Dr. Stegall's third quarter theory class where they will do nothing



Sandra Glover

but part writing."

Other changes, besides adding the composition, have been made to the class as well.

Typically one teacher teaches Music Theory sequence concurrently with the Sight Singing and Ear Training sequence.

Music Theory teaches students music writing and composition while Sight Singing and Ear Training teaches students to train their ear to pick up music

"For most of them it's the first time they've had to prove their ideas on paper."

-Sandra Glover

without the music being in front of them to read.

However this year three teachers will share the responsibility of teaching the sequences.

Sandra Glover will finish with the class at the end of this quarter.

Dr. Mori will be teaching the class winter quarter and "those who survive will have to face me in the third quarter," said Dr. Sydney Stegall, Music Department Head.

Students who take the sequences increase their chances of being accepted into four-year institution's music programs.

"The goal is to help the students prepare for their theory



Photo by Rachel Platt

Josh Coleman and Kasey McGrath diligently practice their compositions for their Music Theory 101 class.

entrance exams," Stegall said.

Preparation comes with a cost.

Many of the students in Glover's class are excited but they are also very nervous.

"For most of them it's the first time they've had to prove their ideas on paper," Glover said.

Students in the class are using techniques that they are learning and applying them to their compositions to improve their current performance skills.

"The compositions aren't perfect but there are some exciting ideas," Glover said.

Compositions that are being written include jazz improvisational ideas, rock pieces, classical, and vocal and piano accompaniment.

The class will perform for the campus on Dec. 9 in Building 7 at 10 a.m.

There are also tentative plans to continue a second sequence of the course for next year said Stegall.

In previous years due to classes lacking the enrollment this was not able to happen, but if all of the music theory students continue to be interested in taking the sequence a second year is more than likely.

For more information on becoming a music major contact Sydney Stegall at 206-878-3710 ext. 3880.

For more information on the performance of Sandra Glover's class contact Glover at 206-878-3710 ext. 6170.

Giving Tree brings cheer to less fortunate

BY CHRISTIN GEERDES
Staff Reporter

'Tis the season for merriness and gift giving.

But for many at Highline the holiday season is gloomier than many of their peers with stacking bills, and tuition being due creeping right along the way this leaves no money to buy presents for loved ones.

However The Giving Tree allows a glimmer of hope for these families.

Cosponsored by Team Highline and Women's programs, The Giving Tree is for families who are having difficulty reaching the needs or goals for Christmas.

Team Highline and Women's programs are given a certain number of families and each family gives information of what they want or need.

"The parents often leave



Photo by Corine Fanning
The Giving Tree in upper Building 8.

themselves off the requests. They only want to make sure their children have something

Nov. 25.

Anyone is invited to sponsor a family or an individual.

and that lends to the honesty of the program," said Marie Bruin.

All donations come from student's staff and faculty.

So far there are 19 families and 14 sponsors.

Any families left over will have their names put on an ornament, then put on The Giving Tree with their information and what they would like to have.

The tree was put out in the lounge of upper Building 8 on

Team Highline will provide the names of the family members and their wish lists. After you get a name it will be up to you to buy each member of the family presents, have them wrapped, and have them returned to the Student Programs office in Building 8 by Dec. 5.

The gifts will be given to the families during finals week.

If you cannot sponsor an entire family, you may, as individuals, choose an ornament off of The Giving Tree.

Each ornament will include the name, age, gender, and desired gift.

The ornament will also include a slip that you must fill out so that you can be contacted at a later date to verify your purchase.

"Even when students aren't here, the needs of students still continue," said Bruin.

Typical recipients would be a

single mom with one or more children, with a part time job, and who are trying to go to school full time, who is just trying to make a good Christmas for their families.

The recipients usually put down necessities and some toys, and typically the recipients requests are practical.

If you are unable to give presents to an entire family there is also a food drive going on right now for the Des Moines food bank on campus.

The food will be given to families who cannot get the things they need. Barrels are placed in most major buildings for students to place donations.

If you are interested in sponsoring a family contact Ruth Lepule or Anh-Linh Bui at Team Highline in building 8, or call them at 206-878-3710, ext. 3903.

Stratford on Highline Petrov finds home at Team Highline

Oregon Shakespeare actors to be on campus

By CHRISTIN GEERDES
Staff Reporter

Hear ye, hear ye all come forth to see the Oregon Shakespeare festival.

The Oregon Shakespeare Festival will be two programs. Each program is a 40-minute, two person adaptation. A play by William Shakespeare.

The Oregon Shakespeare Festival is on Dec. 3; the first event will take place at 9 a.m., the second event starts at 11 a.m.

Since 1971 the Oregon Shakespeare Festival actors have visited hundreds of schools through out the Western United States.

Every year during there off-season the Oregon Shakespeare Festival sends out up to eight teams of two actors who visit schools in many western states. The teams will spend between one to five days at each school.

The Oregon Shakespeare Festival's founder Angus Bowmer created the School Visit Program. The purpose of



Kal Poole

the School Visit Program is to grab the attention of young people about live theatre, the works of William Shakespeare and classic and contemporary literature.

Anh-Linh Bui said, its like going to a theatre only it comes to campus

The School Visit Program is part of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival's commitment to bringing theatre to young people and young people to theatre.

After the Festival closed its doors in the 2000 season, teams of actors went to 221 schools and organizations, reaching over 124,000 students in five states including Nevada and Kansas.

The 2001 to 2002 school visit program is funded in part by generous grants from the Bank



G. Valmont Thomas

of America, Franklin Templeton Investments, Chevron and the support of many members of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

For many students, the performances for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival are their first experiences with live theatre.

The two actors that will be here for the festival are G. Valmont Thomas and Kal Poole. Thomas is native to the Seattle area. He worked as an actor and teacher through out the Northwest. Poole grew up in Montana and went to school in Idaho.

"The purpose and goal of these events are to entertain and educate students and faculty," said Anh-Linh Bui.

Petrov finds home at Team Highline

By CHRISTIN GEERDES
Staff Reporter

Helen Petrov is very excited to be a part of Team Highline, and she is always willing to work.

"Helen is awesome, she is always on top of her events. She is a very friendly person," said Syreeta Bernal, a fellow Team Highline member.

Petrov first got involved in Team Highline by simply applying.

The main reason that she got involved was to be more involved in college.

"From the first time I met her we clicked like sisters, she is a great person to know," said Ruth Lepule, a fellow Team Highline member.

Petrov was born in the Ukraine. She moved to America six years ago.

"A challenge for me was to learn English and to readjust to a new environment," said Petrov.

Petrov is a second year Running Start student from Fife High School.

Petrov choose to come to Highline because she wanted to take a bigger step in education.

After this year Petrov is planning on applying to the University of Washington. Currently Petrov is planning on going to medical school to become an anesthesiologist just like her mother who is also in medicine.

"I was raised around it, I can't see myself doing anything else," said Petrov.

When not at school, Petrov goes to church and likes to socialize with her friends.

When Petrov has some free



Helen Petrov

time she likes to play the piano and read.

"Mainly I go to church, go to school, and work," said Petrov.

The past events that Petrov has worked, include, the International Student outing and J Freedman's presentation on Sex. She is now working on Stress Relief Week. Stress Relief Week will be from Dec. 3-Dec. 5. Stress relief week was organized to help the students to relax during the time of their finals.

Petrov said, that one of the most challenging things about working on events for Team Highline is just trying to figure out what the students and faculty want.

Petrov said she is hoping to have as many students come to stress week as possible. Also hoping to get students to relax and do well on their finals.

However hectic Petrov's schedule may be she still puts her heart into Team Highline and her events.

"Past events as looked back on turned out successfully. For future events we would like more people to show up," said Petrov.

Something for everyone

Team Highline plans events for the whole family to enjoy

By CHRISTIN GEERDES
Staff Reporter

Team Highline will be closing out the quarter with a bang.

Team Highline has put together Tickle Tune Typhoon and Stress-Relief Week.

Tickle Tune Typhoon is an act of people who come sing, dance and perform shows for children. The event will be on Dec. 13 from 11 a.m.- noon in Building 7. The price for this event is \$5 per person.

Students can purchase tickets at the Sudents Programs Office in Building 8. For more infor-

mation contact Ruth Lepule in the Team Highline office in Building 8 or call 206-878-3710 ext. 3903.

Stress Relief Week sponsored by Team Highline will be offering a number of stress relieving themes.

Massages, and music will be offered every day and everything offered will be free.

Stress relief week starts 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Dec. 3, 4 and 5.

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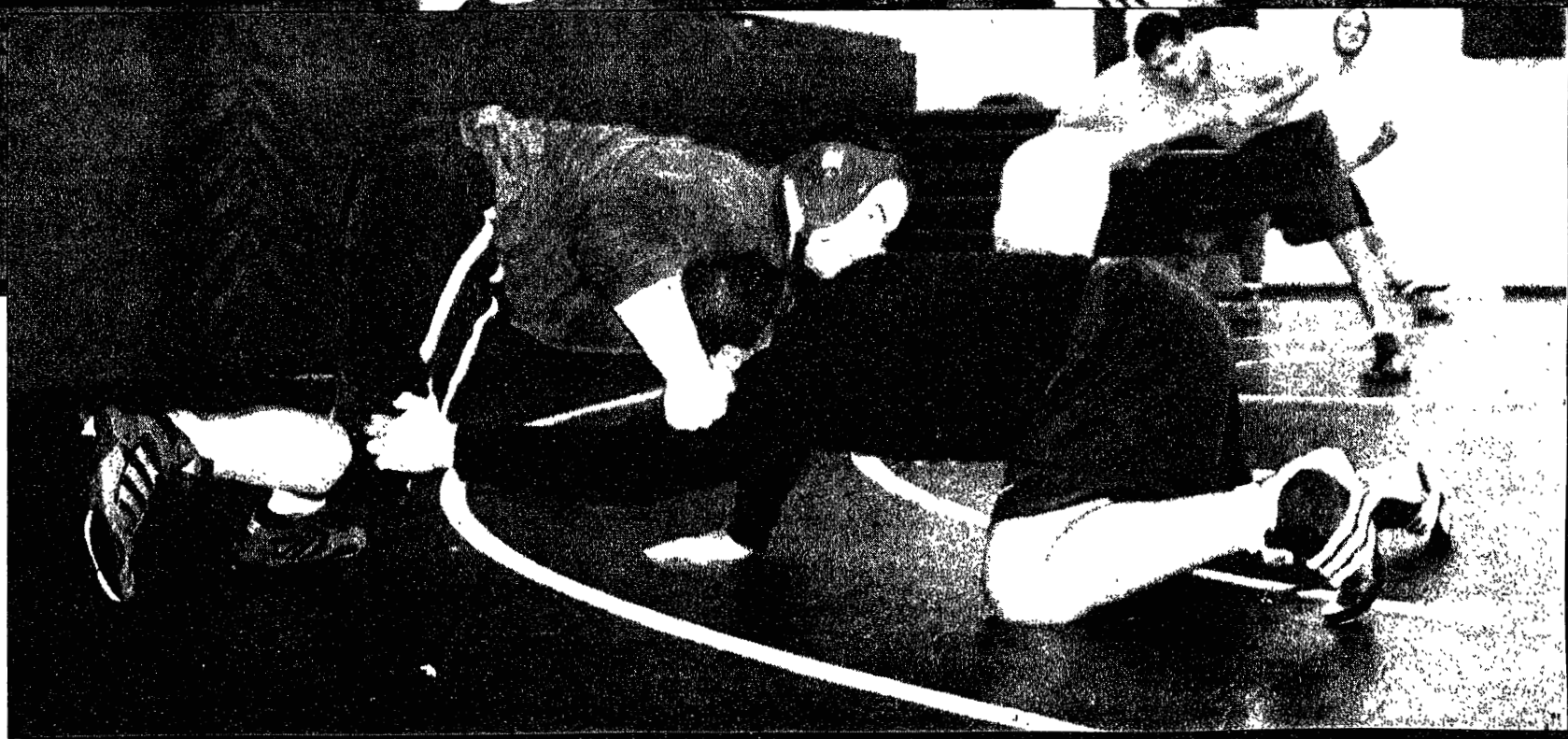
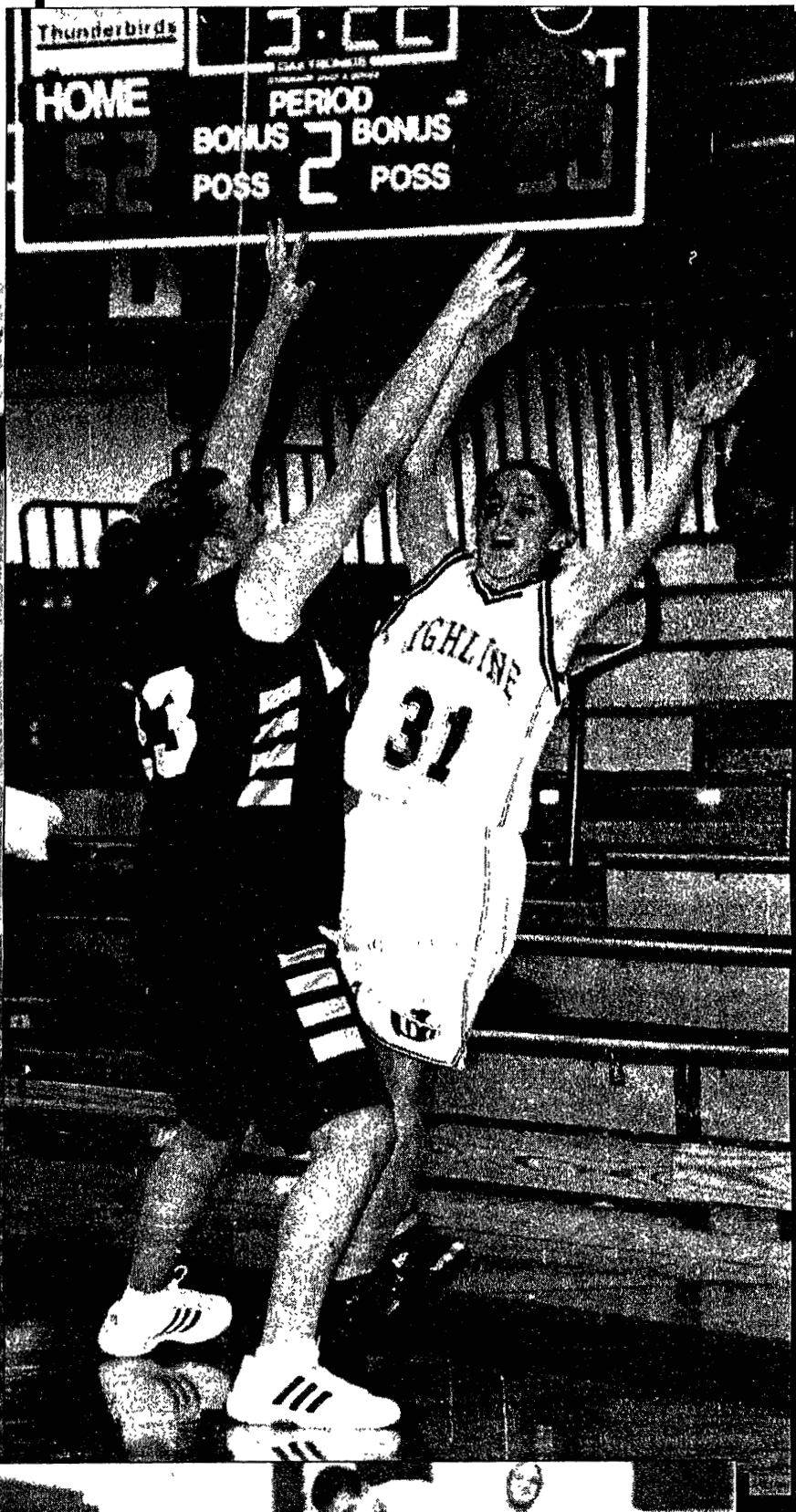
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Dead-eye Daniel

T-Bird guard hopes his fourth season at Highline is like his second

By C.J. ALVAREZ
Staff Reporter

Danny Aldrete, co-captain of Highline's men's basketball team, does not fit the profile of a basketball player.

"I'm 5'10" and I have a small body structure," Aldrete said.

With his long curly hair and baggy jeans Aldrete fits the typical stereotype of a young skateboarder.

"People think I'm weak at basketball because of my long hair...little do they know," Aldrete said.

Aldrete has been playing basketball since he was in seventh grade.

"Basketball came naturally to me. I wasn't really good at any other sports," Aldrete said.

Before coming to Highline, Aldrete attended Mt. Rainier High School where he was on the varsity team for all four years.

During his senior year, Aldrete averaged 19 points and was selected to the Second Team All-Seamount League.

He was also selected to the

Second Team All-Seamount League in his junior year.

"Basketball was so fun during high school...I remember hitting a game winning shot versus our rival school Highline High School. That was my most memorable game back when I was at the mountain," Aldrete said.

Aldrete had dreams of going to Gonzaga University where he had hoped to play with his all-time role model Dan Dickau, starting point guard for Gonzaga during the time. Instead Eastern Washington University offered him the opportunity to play for their school.

Aldrete was all set to go to Eastern until he came upon a fork in the road.

Brian Johnson, a former Highline student and friend of Aldrete's, talked to him about how he wouldn't be able to achieve anything at the Division II level.

Johnson gave Aldrete advice about going to Highline to play basketball, so he could improve his game and be experienced at the college level.

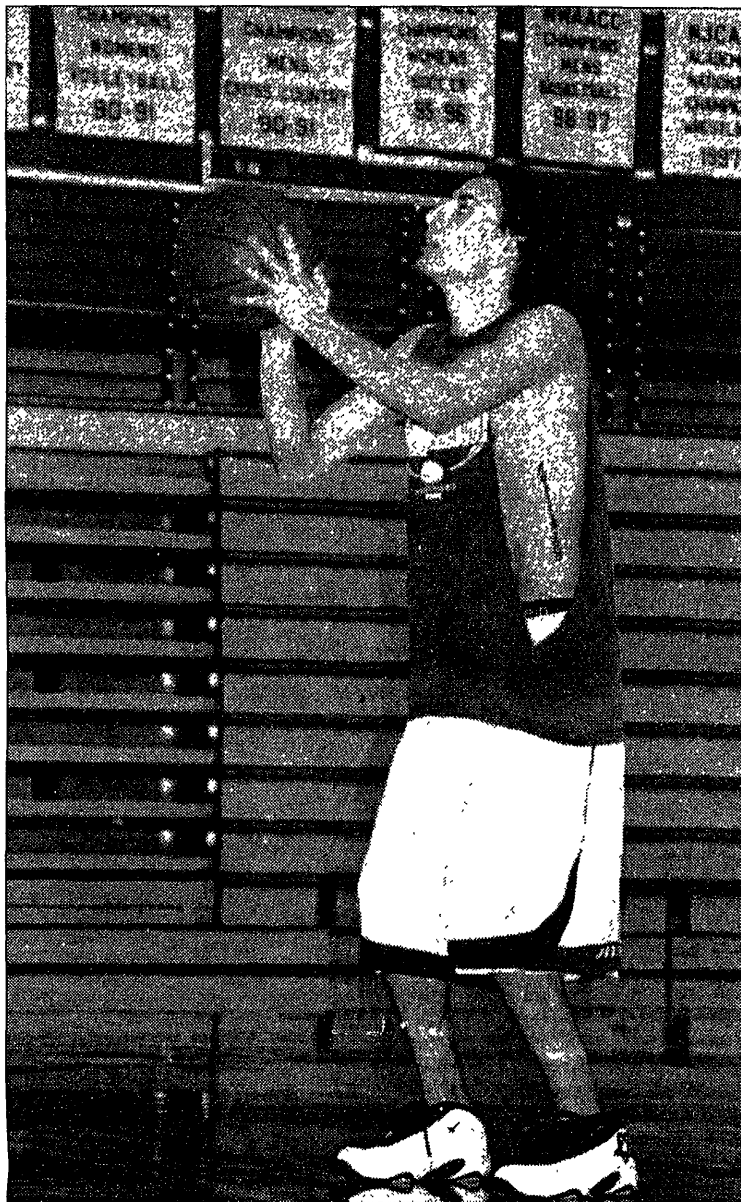


Photo by Corine Fanning

Danny Aldrete, co-captain of the men's basketball team practices his shooting at a recent practice.

Aldrete took Johnson's advice and is now in his fourth year at Highline.

"I've been here so long," Aldrete said.

During Aldrete's first year at Highline, he opted to redshirt and not play basketball. (In a

redshirt year a player can practice with the team but not suit up for the games.) In his second year Aldrete led Highline to victory in the 2000-01 NWAACC championship tournament.

"Winning the championship was my greatest achievement in

my basketball career. It's a indescribable feeling," Aldrete said.

When his third year came around tragedy hit. During a preseason game at the Skagit Valley Tournament, Aldrete was going for a lay-up then all of a sudden he heard a pop. Aldrete tore the meniscus in his knee an injury that would put him out for the season in which he used a medical red shirt.

He eventually dropped out of Highline. Before the injury Aldrete was averaging 25 points per game.

"My injury was heart-breaking. I was doing so well," Aldrete said.

Aldrete decided to come back for his fourth year and play basketball because of his close relationships with his coaches, and his knowledge of Highline's B-Ball program.

"I'm very close with the coaches. They're the reason why I am going to stay and play another year," Aldrete said.

After Aldrete finishes his schooling at Highline, he plans to take a year off and then move to San Diego to pursue his newfound interest in filmmaking.

"Filming videos and shopping on e-Bay is what I do for fun," Aldrete said.

Looking like a skateboarder and wanting to be like Bam Margera (Jack Ass star), Aldrete wishes he could skateboard.

"Skateboarding is a sick sport and Bam is a hell a good skater. After my basketball career I am going to start because I don't want to risk injury to my knee during the season," Aldrete said.

Cardenas ready to take his game to the next level

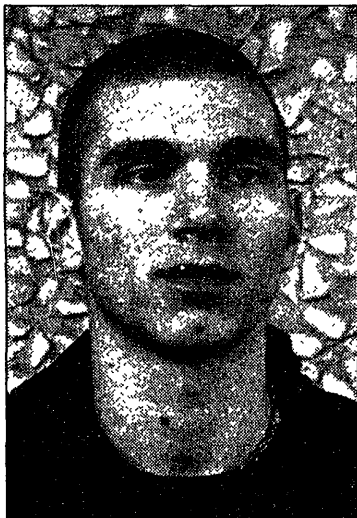
By R.L. TIMBROOK
Staff Reporter

Jason Cardenas is ready to take on a bigger role for the Highline men's basketball team. Which is good, because he is the biggest player on the team.

Last year Cardenas started 26 games and averaged 10 points per game and 7 rebounds per game.

"I am excited about having a bigger role this year. Even though I am not a captain I realize that I have to be a leader because there are guys under me that if they see me not performing at a high level in games and practice they think that it is acceptable," the 6'7" Cardenas said.

The T-Birds finished last season with a 16-12 record, one game out of the final playoff spot in the NWAACC West Division.



vision.

Optimism is high for the T-Birds this year based on the fact that they have nine returning players.

"Our core group of players have very good chemistry, so far, based on the practices. We

"I need to be more focused from the time the ball goes up and not just wait for something in the course of the game to make me mad."

-Jason Cardenas,
T-Bird center

haven't really been in a game situation so I can't make a judgment on our game chemistry yet," Cardenas said.

Cardenas says that the two new coaches, Reggie Ball and Mark Callero, have been a great asset to the team and that they

are especially good at teaching the team how to play a full-court game.

Having a team that has so many good shooters and will play with a smaller lineup this year is exciting to Cardenas but it could also pose problems when the team plays schools with more big men.

"The shooters that we have this year are really good players. Danny (Aldrete) and Seth (Caine) are really good at moving the ball around and should be a great help to the team and Chris (Meads) is a really good point guard," Cardenas said.

"It will also open up the middle for Jeelani (McDonald) and I to get what we can," Cardenas said.

As for the rest of the league, Cardenas feels that the favorites are Tacoma and Green River.

"Green River got a really

good group of all-around players," Cardenas said.

One of Green River's top players is Tre Simmons who played last year at Odessa College in Odessa, Texas. Simmons just recently signed a letter of intent to play next season at the University of Washington.

Tacoma's most heralded newcomer is Justin Holt who was one of the top players in the state last year. Holt was supposed to go to Oregon State but he did not meet the admission standards.

"I can't wait to play against Justin. He and I are probably the top two big men in the league," Cardenas said.

Cardenas admits that he has not played up to his potential

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Men to focus on little things Cardenas

By C.J. ALVAREZ
Staff Reporter

Coaches and players say that Highline men's basketball team has the potential to contend for a playoff spot this year, with nine returning players from the previous season.

Highline is an experienced team and is ranked seventh in the Western Division by the coaches poll.

"We have the potential to do better than last years squad just as long as we stay healthy," coach Jeff Albrecht said.

Highline lacks the size and strength compared to other teams in the division.

"Our tallest player is 6'7" and our shortest is 5'7"," Albrecht said.

Some tactics Highline is going to focus on this year is to change it up defensively and control the tempo of the game. If the T-Birds can do that, they will be successful.

"We may have a smaller team than some of the other teams in the league but we are going to be really quick this season," said center Jason Cardenas

"Basketball is a game of mismatches I like to see the other team try to control my guards," Albrecht said.

During the preseason Highline played schools that posed a strong threat and had more experience. They played University of Puget Sound and Seattle University, losing both games.

"It was an experience that will make the team grow stronger," said co-captain Danny Aldrete.

Aldrete suffered a knee injury that put him out all of last year.

He is healthy again and is one of the key players on the team this season.

Aldrete was part of the

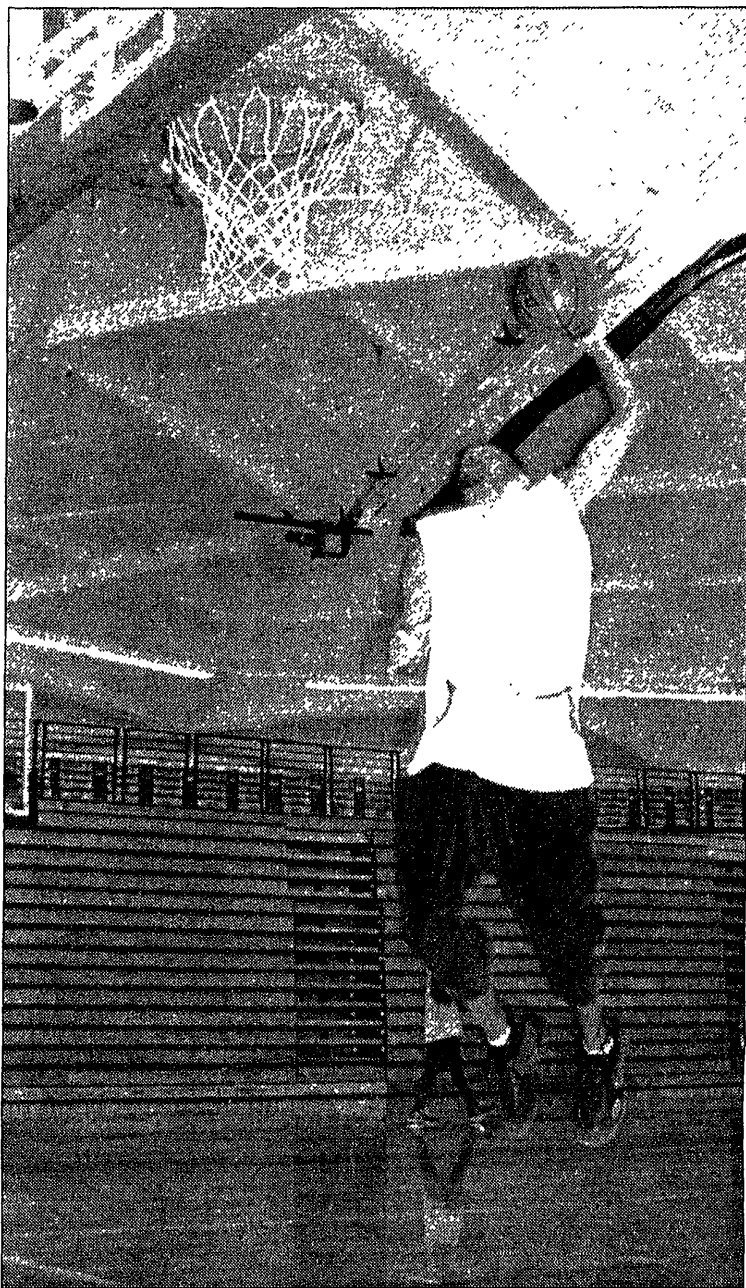


Photo by Corine Fanning

T-Bird sophomore guard Aziz Messiah takes to the air during a recent men's basketball practice.

Highline's 2000-01 NWAACC championship team and before his knee injury was averaging 25-points-per-game, which accounted for 30 percent of the T-Birds offense. Aldrete will play at the shooting guard position to minimize wear and tear on his legs.

"It's hard to come back from that type of injury. Danny is doing a great job," Albrecht said.

The aforementioned Cardenas

will play the center position for the T-Birds. He averaged 10 points and 7 rebounds last year.

Cardenas will help out the team because he is an offensive threat and a great rebounder and is also the tallest player on the team at 6-foot-7 and 215 pounds.

Even though Cardenas is tall he can play various positions.

"Very versatile, he can do some moves that a lot of NWAACC guards can't do,"

Aldrete said.

Seth Caine is a returner from last year's. Caine averaged 10 points and 4 rebounds a game and is one of the better three-point shooters on the team.

"Caine is one of the best overall shooters in the league," Aldrete said.

Jeelani McDonald is Highline's best defender and a great rebounder.

"He is the garbage man," Albrecht said.

McDonald also shoots a good percentage around the court and is a team leader.

"He's the glue of the team," Aldrete said.

Simon Cruz is another returner from last year's squad. Cruz is an all-around player.

This year Highline received two players that will be a force to be reckoned with, Matt England, from Thomas Jefferson High School, and Chris Meeds, from West Seattle High School.

England is a scorer. In the preseason games that Highline played Seattle University and University of Puget Sound, England averaged 16 points a game.

"He's a smooth player that scores," Aldrete said.

Meeds is Highline's starting point guard and also the shortest player on the team, at 5'7".

"He is as good as a point guard can get. He can shoot. He can pass and if you leave him open he will hit the shot," Aldrete said.

Coach Albrecht said Highline's men's basketball team will be a contender in the division and if people go to the games it will be fun to watch.

The T-Birds open their season on Friday Nov. 29 at 8 p.m. at the Edmonds Turkey Shoot Tournament with six other teams at Edmonds Community College.

Highline's first league game is Jan. 2, 2003 at Clark.

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and if he wants to take his game to the next level he needs to be more focused.

"I need to be more focused from the time the ball goes up and not just wait for something in the course of the game to make me mad," Cardenas said.

"Jason needs to be more consistent in all the aspects of his game this year," Head Basketball Coach Jeff Albrecht said.

He says his rebounding and his quickness are the strengths of his game and that rebounding will be a big part of how he plays this year.

Albrecht agrees that Cardenas is going to rebound more this year.

"He was second on the team last year in rebounding. Because we have a smaller team we are going to need him to do an even better job than he did last year," Albrecht said.

"I know that if I am not shooting or scoring the way that I am capable of every game I can always contribute by staying under the boards. The coaches all tell me that I just need to let the game come to me," Cardenas said.

Cardenas does not give the outward appearance of a star basketball player, except for the fact that he is 6'7". His demeanor off the court is somewhat reserved, almost shy.

On the court is a different story according to one of his teammates.

"He brings us intimidation. Cardenas looks mean," Team Captain Danny Aldrete said.

After finishing this season at Highline, Cardenas said that he wants to continue to play basketball, hopefully, at a Division I school.

"I want to continue to play, maybe somewhere warm and sunny," said Cardenas with a laugh.

Although he will be playing center for the T-Birds this year, Cardenas admits that if he were to go to Division I, school he would, most likely, be a small forward.

"I would need to add more weight and I have to be more demanding with the way that I play," Cardenas, who weighs a little over 210 pounds, said.

Cardenas said that he would love to play at Gonzaga University in Spokane but he admits that this is not exactly a warm climate.

"It is not the warmest place but their team is really good," Cardenas said.

2002-03 T-Bird Men's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time			
Nov. 29-				Jan. 22	Grays Harbor	Away 8 p.m.
Dec. 1	Edmonds Tourney	Edmonds	TBA	Jan. 29	Centralia	Home 8 p.m.
Dec. 6	Bellevue CC	Away	7 p.m.	Feb. 1	Clark College	Home 5 p.m.
Dec. 13	Columbia Basin CC	Away	8 p.m.	Feb. 5	S. Puget Sound	Away 8 p.m.
Dec. 20-22	SPuget Crossover	Lacey	1 p.m.	Feb. 8	Green River	Home 5 p.m.
Dec. 27-29	Dolphin Classic	Shoreline	TBA	Feb. 12	Lower Columbia	Home 8 p.m.
Jan. 2	Clark College	Away	8 p.m.	Feb. 15	Pierce College	Away 5 p.m.
Jan. 4	S. Puget Sound	Home	5 p.m.	Feb. 19	Tacoma CC	Away 8 p.m.
Jan. 8	Green River	Away	8 p.m.	Feb. 22	Grays Harbor	Home 8 p.m.
Jan. 11	Lower Columbia	Away	5 p.m.	March 1	Centralia	Away 5 p.m.
Jan. 15	Pierce College	Home	8 p.m.		NWAACC	
Jan. 18	Tacoma CC	Home	5 p.m.	March 7-10	Championships	Pasco TBA

Women's basketball has potential

By EDITH AGOSTON
Staff Reporter

Highline's women's basketball team is reloading and getting ready for the start of the new season. With only two returning players, Head Coach Dennis Olson has his hands full this year.

The preseason has gotten off to a rough start, with players involved with other teams, players being ineligible, and an injury.

"Right now we just don't have all of our players," Olson said.

Tiare Alailima and Michelle Aurelio have been involved with Highline's volleyball team and have been unable to practice much with the team.

"It's a pretty equal team so far a lot of kids are going to be able to contribute," Olson said.

The team consists mostly of freshmen, but there are a few transfer students who will bring some experience to the table. One of them is Connie Rasmussen, a 5'7" guard out of Kent Meridian High School, who played her first year of college ball at a community college in Utah.

Another transfer student this year is Katie Foster, a 5'8" guard out of Ferris High School. She is transferring here from Pacific Lutheran University.

Lisa Pueschner, a 5'6" point guard out of Mt. Rainier High School is also a transfer student from Edmonds. The two returning players this year are sophomores Erin Bender and Diane Whitehead. Both players will lead the team as captains this year.

"The rest of the girls are pretty much out of high school," Olson said.

Rebekah Proctor, a 5'6" guard out of South Kitsap will

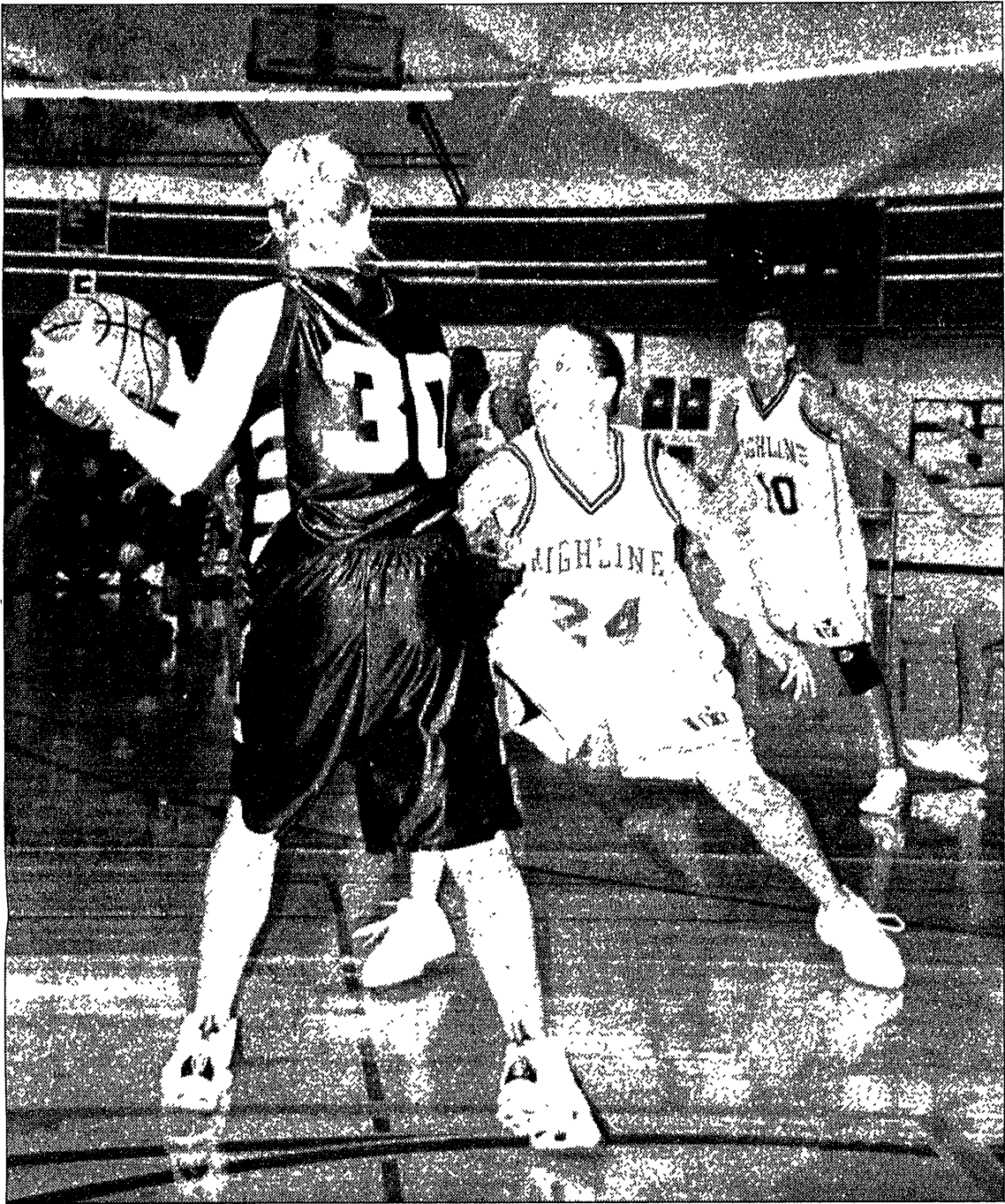


Photo By Adrienne Hughes

Katie Foster keeps her eyes on the ball as she plays tough defense against Linn-Benton.

be one of the 10 freshmen joining the T-Birds this year. Ane Tuivai will add some much needed height to the team with her 6'0" frame.

Freshman Sierra Pressley-Tucker is a 5'8" forward looking to make an impact this season. Both Tuivai and Pressley-Tucker are coming to Highline from Kent Meridian High

School.

Shimara Harrison, a 5'5" guard, is another freshman out of Pasco High School.

A 5'6" guard, Shannon Morse, is coming to Highline from Thomas Jefferson High School. Another new face on this year's team will be Tricia Small, a 5'9" forward, out of Kennedy High School. Small is

currently out with a knee injury. If she gets off of the injured list, she will be joined down low by freshman Tiffany Berry a 5'8" forward from Juanita High School.

One of Highline's three post players this year will be 6'1" Cele White, out of Juanita High School. The two volleyball players, Aurelio and Alailima,

are two more tall and athletic players on the team this season.

Aurelio is 6'1" and comes from Kennedy High School, while 6'0" Alailima is out of Interlake High School.

"We have a really exceptionally nice group of kids," Olson said.

The only problem might be that with so many guards, Olson might have to red-shirt a couple of the players.

The team has a pretty good mix of talent on the roster. The transfers and the two captains are going to have to step up this season to help the 10 freshmen get accustomed to playing at the college level.

"We have a little bit of experience, but we have to learn a whole new system," Olson said.

Olson hasn't heard much about how the other teams in the league are doing, but he is planning on attending a few non-league games this week to check out the competition.

Last year the Lady T-Birds were at the top of their league as they won their division and went on to the playoffs.

"That's always our goal, but it might be a little tougher this year," Olson said.

Olson has had many years of experience as a coach. He began his coaching career at Auburn High School, where he spent 18 years. Then Olson retired for five years before coming back to coach one year at Bothell High School. He then came to Highline in 1998.

This year Olson got the opportunity to teach his former player, Shalynn Leonard, how to be a coach herself. Leonard is currently one of the assistant coaches for the Lady T-Birds. The season will officially kick off at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 2 at Clark and the first home game will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4 against South Puget Sound.

Lady T-Bird League Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Results				Jan. 2	Clark College	Away	6 p.m.	Feb. 8	Green River	Home	3 p.m.
Nov. 23	Linn-Benton	Home	5 p.m.	Jan. 4	S. Puget Sound	Home	3 p.m.	Feb. 12	Lower Columbia	Home	6 p.m.
Highline 65, Linn-Benton 60				Jan. 8	Green River	Away	6 p.m.	Feb. 15	Pierce College	Away	3 p.m.
Nov. 26	Pacific U	Forest Grove	5 p.m.	Jan. 11	Lower Columbia	Away	3 p.m.	Feb. 19	Tacoma	Away	6 p.m.
Nov. 29-	Everett	Away	TBA	Jan. 15	Pierce College	Home	6 p.m.	Feb. 22	Grays Harbor	Home	6 p.m.
Dec. 1	Tournament			Jan. 18	Tacoma	Home	3 p.m.	Mar. 1	Centralia	Away	3 p.m.
Dec. 4	Bellevue	Home	7 p.m.	Jan. 22	Grays Harbor	Away	6 p.m.	NWAACC Championships			
Dec. 14	Whatcom	Away	6 p.m.	Jan. 29	Centralia	Home	6 p.m.	Mar. 7-10	TBA	Pasco	TBA
Dec. 19-21	Big Bend	Away	TBA	Feb. 1	Clark College	Home	3 p.m.				
				Feb. 5	S. Puget Sound	Away	6 p.m.				

Shalynn Leonard: player, coach, student

By EDITH AGOSTON
Staff Reporter

For the first time in her 11-year basketball career, Shalynn Leonard is not a player, but an assistant coach for Highline's women's basketball team.

Ever since the first year she began playing basketball, she knew that's what she wanted to do with her life. Leonard went to Rainier Beach High School, where she played the power forward position as she led her team to districts.

She then played for North Seattle Community College her freshmen year before coming over to Highline. North Seattle didn't have a very strong team that year so Leonard decided to transfer.

She played for the Lady T-Birds last year when Head Coach Dennis Olson led the team to the NWAACC tournament. Leonard averaged 13.1 points per game and the team won their division with a 15-1 league record and a 25-7 record overall.

"I liked Highline a lot better. Dennis Olson is a pretty good coach," Leonard said.

Her hard work paid off as she found herself being recruited by a number of teams. The only problem was that Leonard had not yet earned her Associates of Arts Degree.

She was supposed to attend the Northwest Nazarene University of Idaho, a Division II school this year, but the requirement of credits were too high so she thought she might as well stay here at Highline.

"I decided to come back here and get my AA," she said.

As for next year, Leonard plans to attend Florida A & M University and pursue a business degree while playing for

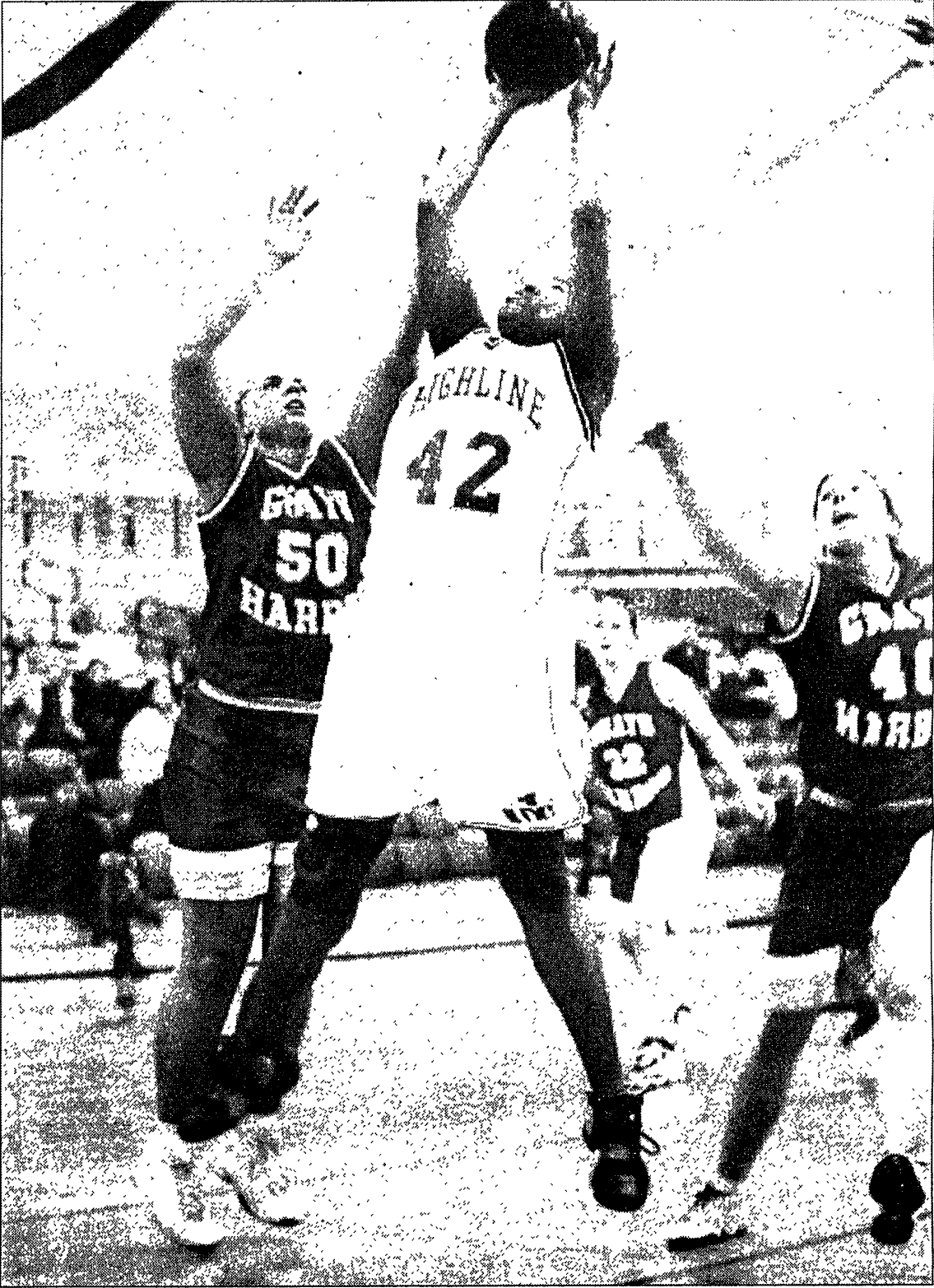


Photo By Joe Walker

Shalynn Leonard plays above the rim in a game last season against Grays Harbor.

their basketball team.

"I've always lived on the West Coast. I want to go down

south to get that experience," she said.

Florida A & M University

has been trying to recruit Leonard since last season. It looks like they are finally going



Leonard

"We are a really young team, all the girls have potential and we know how to play the game."

- Shalynn Leonard,
assistant coach

to get their wish. Her hard work ethic and muscular physique will surely benefit the Rattlerettes next year.

For now, Leonard is just enjoying her time watching the game from the outside next to Olson and the other assistant coach, Denise Dollar.

Leonard said that she has learned so much more about the game of basketball as she looks at the game from the outside as opposed to playing in it herself.

This experience and the knowledge she will acquire throughout the season will only help enhance her skills and add to her overall game. Leonard actually wasn't planning on coaching this season. She contacted Olson to see if she could work out with the team so that she could stay in shape.

Olson agreed, but said that he was looking for another assistant coach and asked Leonard if she was interested. She of course accepted and has been working out with the team ever since.

"We are a really young team, all the girls have potential and we know how to play the game," Leonard said. "We might be looking at a rough start, but we'll be all right."

She believes that the two volleyball players joining the team this year will be a real asset. "T (Alailima) and Michelle (Aurelio) will contribute a lot. They'll get some rebounds and be really helpful to our team," she said.

Highline's Women's 2002-2003 Basketball Roster

Number	Name	High School	Position	Height	Year
10	Lisa Pueschner	Mt. Rainier	Guard	5'6"	Sophomore
12	Erin Bender	Auburn	Guard	5'7"	Sophomore
20	Diane Whitehead	Franklin Pierce	Guard	5'8"	Sophomore
22	Connie Rasmussen	Kent Meridian	Guard	5'7"	Sophomore
24	Katie Foster	Ferris	Guard	5'8"	Sophomore
30	Shimara Harrison	Pasco	Guard	5'5"	Freshman
31	Shannon Morse	Thomas Jefferson	Guard	5'6"	Freshman
32	Tricia Small	Kennedy	Forward	5'9"	Freshman
40	Sierra Pressley-Tucker	Kent Meridian	Forward	5'8"	Freshman
42	Tiare Alailima	Interlake	Forward	5'10"	Freshman
44	Rebekah Proctor	South Kitsap	Guard	5'6"	Freshman
45	Ane Tuivai	Kent Meridian	Post	6'0"	Freshman
50	Michelle Aurelio	Kennedy	Post	6'1"	Freshman
52	Cele White	Juanita	Post	6'1"	Freshman
54	Tiffany Berry	Kentridge	Forward	5'8"	Freshman

Pueschner commands the court

By EDITH AGOSTON
Staff Reporter

Sophomore Lisa Pueschner is one of the 13 new players to join the Lady T-Birds Basketball team this year. She is a 5' 6" point guard out of Mt. Rainier High School.

Pueschner has a small frame and is one of the shortest players on the team, but she is in excellent shape and will use that to her advantage as she directs traffic on the basketball court.

"I like being a point guard, it's like being an extension of the coach," she said.

Pueschner has played basketball since the fourth grade, but has been interested in the game for even longer than that.

"It's always been my favorite sport," she said.

She comes from an athletic family, who has always been supportive of her as an athlete.

"They come to all the games," she said.

Pueschner suffered a few injuries throughout her high school career, including a badly sprained ankle, which left her sidelined for the remainder of her senior year at Mt. Rainier.

She spent the rest of that year recuperating and then decided to move up to Edmonds to go to school and play basketball. She thought it would be fun to move away from home and have the real college experience. So she packed her bags and moved into an apartment with three other girls on Edmonds' basketball

team.

"I thought they would have a good team, but the coach didn't work out and a few people ended up quitting the team," Pueschner said.

This of course didn't make for a very successful season, and Pueschner decided to transfer to Highline.

"It was fun, but I didn't have that good of a season and I wanted to come home," she said.

Over the summer, Pueschner injured herself again, fracturing a bone in her foot. She had surgery on it and she is now back and in full strength. Highline has been a really positive experience for her this quarter.

"I like it here, coach is really good, he knows what he is talking about. He does all of the little things," Pueschner said.

In the past, she has had coaches who took their frustrations out on the players, which made her nervous to play. Olson has been a breath of fresh air for her this year. He'll correct you, but he'll do it in a way that makes you want to go out there and try harder not to make the same mistakes, she said.

"I've learned so much in the little time I've been here," Pueschner said.

She wants to work hard and make up for last year's not so good season, she is very excited to start playing for the Lady T-Birds.

Her face lights up as she begins to talk about the team. Everybody on the team can shoot,

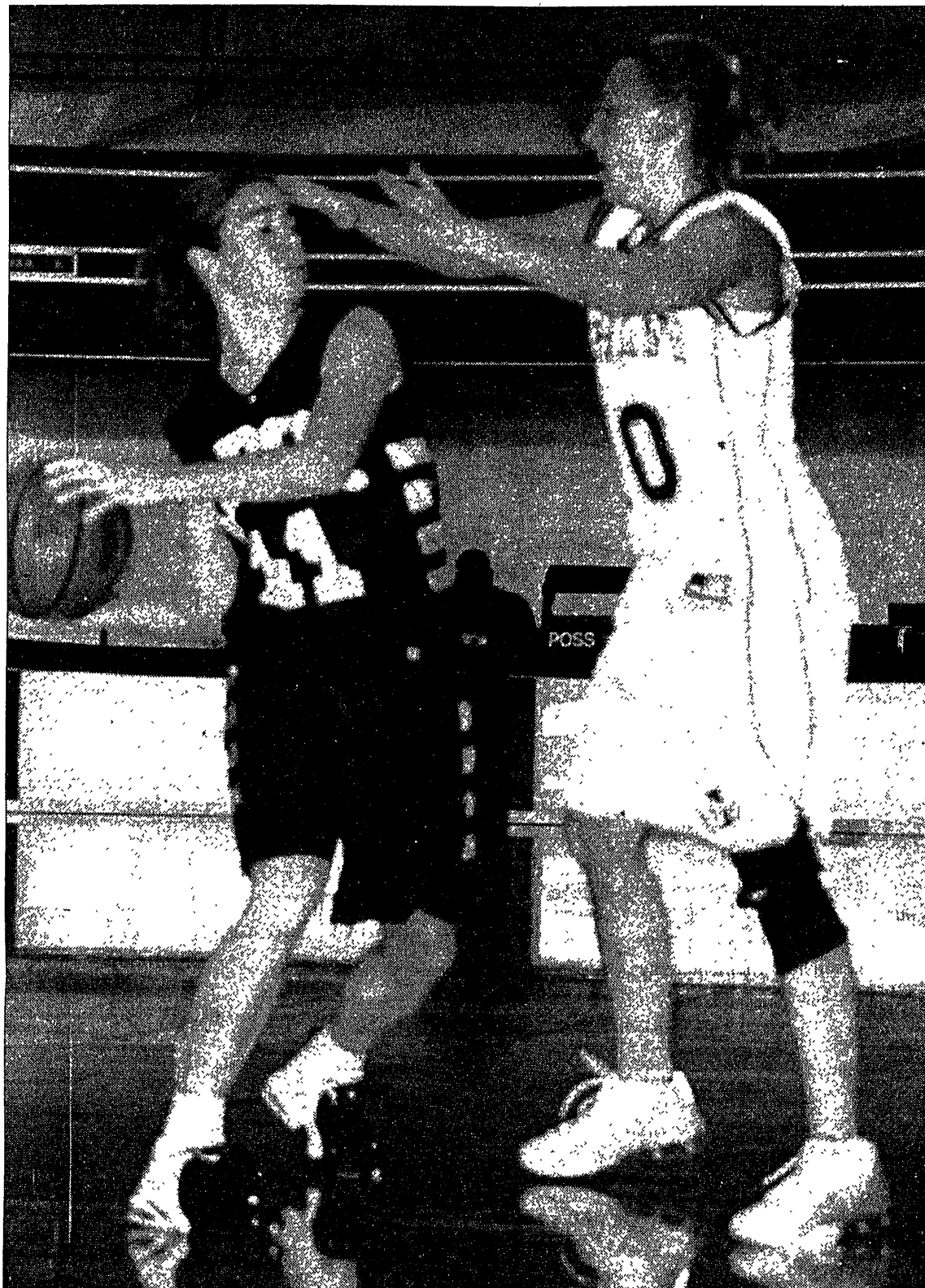


Photo By Adrienne Hughes

Sophomore Lisa Pueschner plays tight defense against Linn Benton at last week's game.

there isn't anybody on the team who doesn't have a shot, she said.

"I think we look really good, we are young, but we have chemistry. There's a lot of potential on our team," she said.

By the end of the school year, Pueschner will have her Associates of Arts degree and will be planning to transfer to a four-year university.

She hopes to continue her basketball career after she is

done here at Highline. Her play this season and whether or not she can stay off of the injured list will determine if that is a possibility or not.

"I want to go somewhere in California," she said.

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T-Birds prepare for knock down drag out

BY DUSTIN NICKERSON
Staff Reporter

Highline wrestling has rolled out the mats, strapped on the headgear, and gotten the season under way.

The team has had two dual meets already, a loss to league powerhouse North Idaho and a victory over Pacific Lutheran, and competed in two tournaments as well. In these tournaments, heavyweight David Walker has been the standout for Highline, placing third in both.

"Dave is a heavyweight who wrestles like 150 pounder," says Head Coach Scott Norton. "He's got all the tools it takes to be a pretty good wrestler."

Francisco Gonzalez, Highline's wrestler in the 125 pound division, has also had some early season success, placing fourth in the first of the two tournaments.

"I think he'll probably place in the national tournament at the end of the season," said Norton. "And chances are he'll be an all-American as well."

Jon Murray at 133 pounds, and Pete Puccio at 149, both have legitimate shots at being all-Americans themselves.

"Typically, to place in the top 10 at nationals it takes four all-Americans," says Norton, "and with Muri and Puccio wrestling like they can, we've got a shot at it."

Currently on their roster, Highline has five wrestlers who finished in the top three in the state while in high school. They're tough in the classroom as well with one high school Academic all-American, and one NJCAA Academic all-American.

The NJCAA is the league that Highline wrestling com-

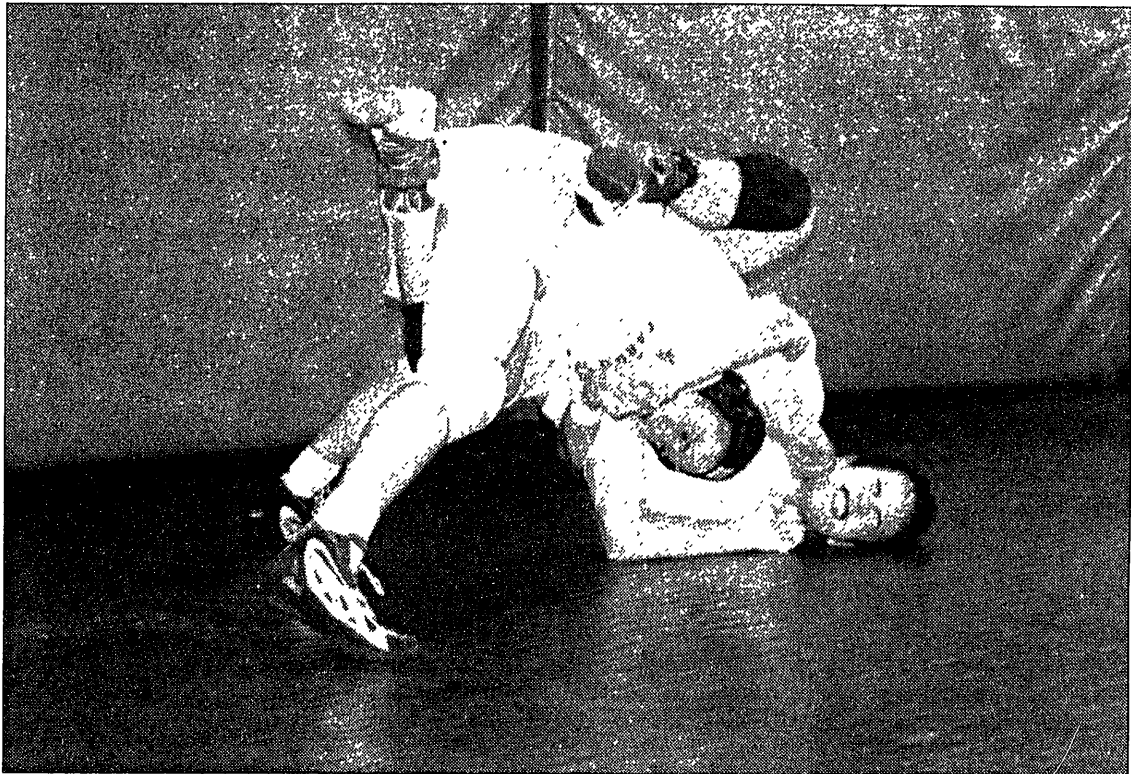


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Top: John Muri grabs Jason Mendez in an attempt to take him out at a recent wrestling practice. Bottom Left: Justin Binetti and Craig Winona use each other at practice to make their moves improve. Bottom Right: Steve Rider and David Walker prepare to go at it.



Photo by Adrienne Hughes

petes in, and they are the only team at Highline that does. North Idaho has come to be known as the top team in the

league, and is looked at by Norton as a Division I school with lower grade requirements. Highline isn't looking to be a



Photo by Adrienne Hughes

dominating force in the league, but is hoping to get as many all-Americans as they can, says Norton.

"Typically to place in the top 10 at nationals, it takes four all-Americans, and with Muri and Puccio wrestling like they can, we've got a shot at it."

**-Scott Norton,
head wrestling
coach**

"This team is starting from scratch, so for a few individuals to have great seasons is the goal I'm shooting for," said Norton.

It's early in the season and hard for Norton to say exactly where the T-Birds stand in the league. But the one thing he does know is that their work ethic sets them apart from most of the league.

"I've been in a lot of practice rooms," says Norton, "and these guys practice a lot like some of the bigger schools in the nation."

Next to Norton in command is Carlos Adamy, who wrestled for Highline last year and finished third in nationals. In that tournament, Highline finished seventh among 23 schools to end their season.

Highline's next meet is on Dec. 7, in Westminster, B.C. against Simon Fraser University and Douglass College. It is still early in the season, but Norton and the T-Birds are looking to put as many shoulders on the mat as they can.

Wrestling Roster

- 125 lb. - Sean Duffy, freshman from Kent Meridian High School.
Francisco Gonzalez, freshman from Hanford High School.
Kyle McCarron, freshman from Juanita High School.
- 133 lb. - Jonathan Muri, freshman from Steilacoom High School.
- 141 lb. - Jason Mendez, freshman from Central Kitsap High School.
Justin Reich, freshman

- from Rogers High School.
Shay Scribner, sophomore from Kentridge High School.
- 149 lb. - Peter Puccio, sophomore from Eastlake High School.
Sean Walsh, sophomore from Tahoma High School.
- 157 lb. - Kennie Pewitt, sophomore from Rogers High School.
- 165 lb. - Joe Popich, freshman from Tyee High School.
- 174/184 lb. - Craig

- Winona, freshman from Moses Lake High School.
- 184/197 lb. - Justin Binetti, freshman from Auburn High School.
- 197 lb. - Conrad Marchant, freshman from Juanita High School.
- 285 lb. - John-Charles B. Carr, freshman from White River High School.
Steve Rider, sophomore from Sumner High School.
David Walker, freshman from Foss High School.

Wrestling Schedule

Date	Event	Location	Time
Dec. 7	SFU and Douglas	Westminster, BC	TBA
Dec. 14	Yakima Valley	Yakima, WA	11 a.m.
Dec. 20	Quad Meet	Home	5 p.m.
Jan. 3	SFU and Douglas	Home	7 p.m.
Jan. 4	PLU Open	Parkland, WA	9 a.m.
Jan. 11	SW Oregon	Home	7 p.m.
Jan. 16	North Idaho	Home	7 p.m.
Jan. 17	Clackamas	Portland, OR	7 p.m.
Jan. 18	Clackamas Open	Portland, OR	9 a.m.
Jan. 22	Pima and Clackamas	Home	5 p.m.
Jan. 31	Clackamas	Home	7 p.m.
Feb. 15	Region 18 Championships	Clackamas CC	9 a.m.
Feb. 28/ March 1	NJCAA National Championships	Rochester, MN	9 a.m.

Teacher by day, grappler by night

BY DUSTIN NICKERSON
Staff Reporter

He was raised in Alaska, schooled in Oregon, and he coached in Indiana and Ohio. Now, Scott Norton has found his way to Highline as the head coach of the T-Birds wrestling squad.

Norton is currently a fifth grade teacher at Renton Elementary School, and after each day of long division and state capitals with his students, he makes his way to the Highline practice room. Norton says that he recognizes a lot of similarities between Highline's practice room, and those of the larger schools he has been a part of.

In 1997, Norton graduated from the University of Oregon and was hired on as an assistant coach at the University of Indiana. While he was coaching, he also continued wrestling as he trained for the 2000 Summer Olympics. He wasn't fully healthy at the time, and not completely familiar with that particular style of wrestling. Norton's Olympic dreams were cut short.

He decided to head back to school and to Oregon. Norton proceeded to receive his master's degree at Pacific Uni-

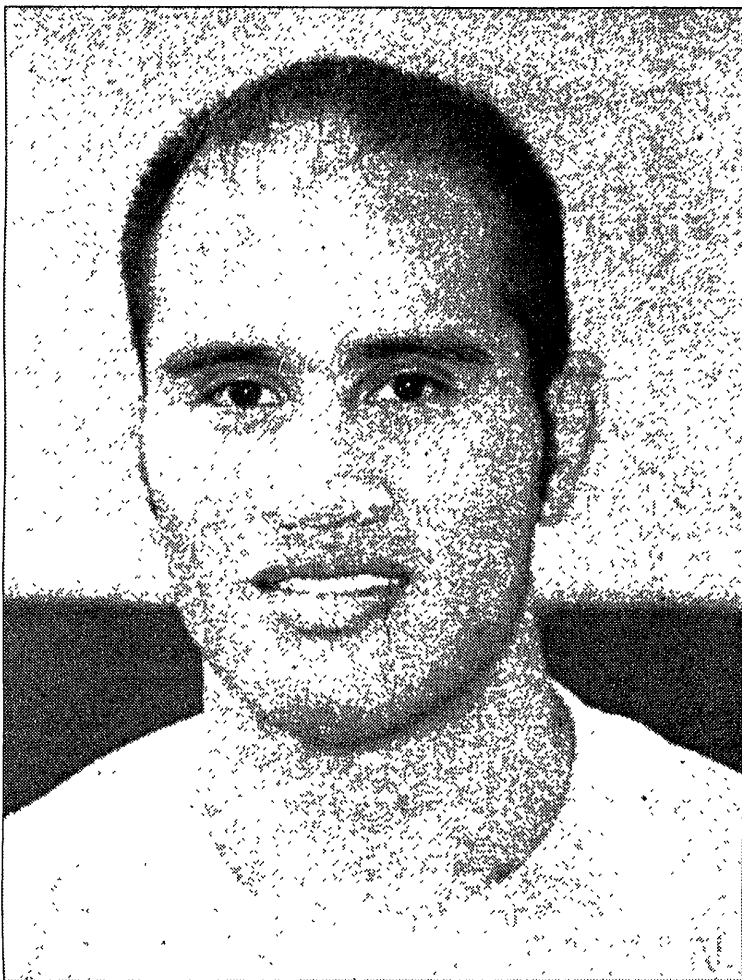


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Scott Norton, head wrestling coach, came to Highline with years of experience, including time spent training for the 2000 Summer Olympics.

versity. Coaching and teaching opportunities brought him north to Washington, and Norton was

able to land his first head coach job at Lindbergh High School.

"There was a huge difference

between Lindbergh and the schools I had been a part of before," said Norton.

He had gone from a premier university in Indiana, to a mediocre high school in Renton.

"They didn't have much for feeder schools, and the kids didn't really want to be there," says Norton.

After a single losing season at Lindbergh, Norton was ready to move on.

Shortly after, he became aware of an opening as head coach at Highline last April. After speaking with Athletic Director John Dunn a few times, and Norton making his credentials known, the job was his.

"Everything was good from that point on," says Norton.

Coach Norton says that he brings technique to Highline that most of the wrestlers probably haven't experienced before. Also, he brings practices that rival those he was once part of.

"A lot of the kids were pretty unhappy with how hard they were being worked," says Norton, "but as the season goes on, that'll change."

The season has just begun, and Norton struggles to say exactly where his team ranks in the NJCAA. But as long as they are improving everyday, he says

"A lot of the kids were pretty unhappy with how hard they were being worked, but as the season goes on, that'll change."

**-Scott Norton,
head wrestling
coach**

that he can't ask for anymore.

The way the NJCAA season is setup, only the national tournament truly matters. Whatever place a team gets at that tourney, is the place they get for the season.

"I hope they remember how insignificant right now is when we are battling at nationals," says Norton.

Norton is also known for stressing that the classroom comes before the mat, and holds his students up to that standard.

"Winning is important," says Norton, "but it only takes you so far."

Winning and losing is what brought Norton to Highline, and how far he will go from here, time will tell.

Muri brings a winning attitude to team

BY MATT BARBEE
Staff Reporter

Jonathan Muri wrestled his way through high school and is now here at Highline to continue.

This is Muri's first year here at Highline on the wrestling team. He is in no way new to the sport, however. Muri was born here in Washington and graduated from Steilacoom High School in Tacoma where he did very well on the wrestling team.

"My overall record in high school was 109 and 14," said Muri.

Along with a great record, Muri also received several awards and went to state three times in high school.

"I took sixth in state my sophomore year, third my junior year, and second my senior year," said Muri.

Muri wrestled at several weights in high school. This year at Highline he will be wrestling in the 133-pound weight



Photo by Adrienne Hughes

Freshman wrestler Jonathan Muri uses a late afternoon practice to perfect his craft, positioning his opponent for an eventual take down.

class.

"Practice is going very well this year so far," said Muri.

The team is excited for the season and has very strong dedication and goals.

Last year the team took sev-

enth in the nation. Muri and several teammates hope to place in the top five this year.

"We are a very young team this year," Muri said.

Many of the wrestlers this season will be wrestling for

Highline for the first time in college just like Muri.

The team has a lot of talent this year, said Muri.

Muri plans to continue wrestling for Highline for the next two or three years. After these

"To me wrestling is a great sport because of the type of commitment it takes."

**-Jonathan Muri,
Highline wrestler**

few years he plans to move on to a university and hopefully keep wrestling.

Muri has a strong dedication to the sport.

"To me wrestling is a great sport because of the type of commitment it takes," said Muri.

Personal dedication and hard work are also key aspects to becoming a good wrestler.

"It's just you and no one else out there," said Muri.

It is you that has to perform once you are out there, the team can inspire you, but you must do the work.

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BY TOM DESLONGCHAMP
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Arts Calendar

• Highline will be sponsoring the art of Steven Naccarato in the Fourth Floor Gallery during the month of November. Everyone is welcome to attend the gallery. Naccarato is a visual artist who has an intense interest in the "limitless approach the individual arts can take toward the human figure." The mixed-media pieces may include poster paint, felt pen, and crayons.

• Highline's Music Department students will offer a day of music from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 9 in Building 7. Beginning and advanced students will participate in one of four recitals throughout the day, showcasing their work for fall quarter. All recitals are free and open to the public.

• Auburn's own Bobby Medina and The Red Hot Band will be getting audiences into the holiday spirit at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8 at the Auburn Performing Arts Center,

700 East Main St. Tickets range from \$6 to \$10. To purchase tickets call 253-931-3043, or purchase tickets at the Auburn Parks Department, 25 West Main St.

• Highline's Class Voice and Piano students will be performing at the Wesley Gardens for its residents on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 5:30 p.m.

• Team Highline will be sponsoring the Oregon Shakespeare Festival on Dec. 3 at 9 a.m. in Building 7. The Oregon Shakespeare Festival will also feature a workshop for drama students in Building 4 from 11 a.m. to noon.

• There will be a Vocal Arts Concert featuring the College Choir, Madrigals and soloists. The concert will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Building 7 The Artist Lecture Hall. Admission will be free. For more information contact Dr. Paul Morri at 206-878-3710 ext. 6075.

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Crossword 101

Goody Two Shoes

By Ed Canty

Across

- 1 Opera stars
- 6 Plays a role
- 10 Laundry choice
- 14 Growing outward
- 15 Half of a S. Pacific island
- 16 First garden
- 17 *Two shoes*
- 19 Requirement
- 20 Apprehensive
- 21 Farm sight
- 22 Short sleeps
- 23 Understands
- 24 Pressure meas.
- 26 A Whitney
- 28 "___ showtime!"
- 29 Verb in a Ziploc ad
- 33 PC keys
- 37 Bolts counterparts
- 39 Like a gymnast
- 40 Charge
- 42 Guarantees
- 44 They can be squandered
- 45 Yahtzee or Chess
- 47 Precedes up or around
- 48 One in a menorah
- 50 Drunkard
- 51 Allow
- 52 Buchanan or Riley
- 53 Pierce with a point
- 57 Drive forward
- 60 Greek letter
- 62 Scenic Alberta Lake
- 64 "... ___ my own horn."
- 65 *Two shoes*
- 67 Off the shore
- 68 1920s actor Jannings
- 69 White heron
- 70 Metal fastener
- 71 Refuse to believe
- 72 Age counters

Down

- 1 Use a pesticide
- 2 Lacking sense

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- 3 Car parker
- 4 "___ Shrugged"
- 5 Perceives
- 6 They're below the pecs
- 7 Made up (of)
- 8 Horse's pace
- 9 "Tom ___"
- 10 *Two shoes*
- 11 Concept
- 12 Not shallow
- 13 Pass catchers
- 18 Pressing letters
- 25 Ouch, that ___!
- 27 Open fields
- 30 Emerald Isle
- 31 Tavern orders
- 32 Sometimes it's more?
- 33 Powder mineral
- 34 Region
- 35 Cereal ingredient
- 36 *Two shoes*
- 38 South Pacific island group
- 41 ___ of Man
- 43 Precedes down or on
- 46 Cure for an ache

- 49 Cut into the surface
- 53 Sudden increase
- 54 Jeweled crown
- 55 Questioner
- 56 Red roots
- 57 45th state
- 58 Ms. Parks
- 59 Travels away
- 61 Website option
- 63 Listen to
- 66 Rocky actor for short

Quotable Quote

It usually takes more than three weeks to prepare a good impromptu speech.

... Mark Twain

T-Birds came up short in tourney

BY FABIO HEURING
Staff Reporter

TACOMA - The Highline men's soccer team finished the year tied for third place after they lost in a shootout to Spokane and then tied North Idaho in a consolation game.

It was just one of those days where you're the better team but things don't go your way," sweeper Ben Calvin said about their loss to Spokane.

"Our team was very aggressive against Spokane, laying it all out on the line. It wasn't our best-played game of the year, but I was very proud of our guys. There wasn't one player on the field that I was disappointed with," Coach Jason Prenovost said.

Fanah Mansary scored first for the Thunderbirds in the 43rd minute off a lob from Ross Mansell. Spokane responded to that goal immediately with a goal of their own in the 44th minute.

"When they came right back and scored, they took the momentum into halftime. They had the momentum working for them in the second half," Coach Jason Prenovost said.

The second half was scoreless for both teams as were the two 15 minute overtimes.

Highline switched their strategy in the second half to put more pressure to score a goal.

"We moved to three forwards in the second half. We had a lot of confidence in our defense and goalkeeping in the overtime we were there we had plenty of opportunities to win," Prenovost



Photo by Adrienne Hughes

John Berg, Highline freshman, shoves an opponent from North Idaho out of the way to get to the ball during the consolation game in which they tied for third.

said.

Highline and Spokane went on to a shootout. Spokane was first to kick and had their first shot blocked by goalkeeper Jacob Rhoads. Nathan Louvier was the first to kick for Highline

and had his shot bounce off the post and go in.

Spokane then made their next shot, as did Highline with Ross Mansell. Spokane then made their next two shots and Highline missed their next two

after the keeper guessed right on Fanah Mansary and Brian Davis's shots.

Spokane now had a chance to put it away with a make but was denied when Keeper Jacob Rhoads dove to the left side to

make the save. Highline then made its next shot with an unblockable kick by Ben Calvin that hit the upper left corner. Highline and Spokane were now tied 3-3 after five shot and headed into a sudden-death situation.

Spokane then kept the pressure on in the sudden death with a goal. Highline's championship dreams were shattered when the keeper guessed right and blocked a shot by Joe Patterson.

"It's the worst way to loose a game, and the worst way to win a game," forward Scott Baldwin said.

Highline was defeated 4-3 in the shootout.

"When you lose in a shootout it's frustrating. When you win you don't think much of it. Its all about guess, momentum and fortune. Jacob made some great saves their," Coach Prenovost said.

Going into the game Spokane was the leading scoring team in the Northeast Division with 56 goals. In 130 gruelling minutes against Highline they were only able to score one goal.

"We gotta great defense with great leadership back their. Jacob made some big saves and our defense did a great job accounting for their forwards," Coach Prenovost said.

Highline then had a consolation game for third place in which they tied North Idaho 0-0. The game was full of intensity with both teams at the top of their defensive game. Bellevue defeated Spokane 3-1 for the championship.

Men's soccer tied for third in consolation game

BY SHAUNA BJORK
Staff Reporter

TACOMA - In very intense games this weekend, the men's soccer team ended the season tied with a third place finish in the NWAACC tournament.

The team played hard Sunday night in a game versus Spokane.

The game ended in a shootout resulting in a loss for the T-Birds.

"Penalty kick shoot-outs are the luck of the draw," middle forward Marcus Noorda said.

"You don't like soccer to end in shoot-outs," defender Ben Calvin said.

The team left it all out on the field giving it their all Sunday

night.

"We showed up to play," co-captain Tony Giralmo said. "We played well as a team."

"It was fun, we played aggressive," Calvin said.

"We play with heart, leaving it all out on the field, said Calvin

"We played our asses off," Noorda said.

The team left the field Sunday night knowing they tried their hardest.

They played a great game and had fun playing.

"It was a good game, fun," Calvin said. "Players look forward to games with lots of intensity."

"We tried our best," Noorda said. "Luck wasn't with us."



Photo by Adrienne Hughes

"Game was going our way," Giralmo said. "We kept them in the game, we didn't capitalize

on our chances."

Even though the team did not take home the championship

"We played our asses off."

-Marcus Noorda,
middle forward

Head Coach Jason Prenovost was happy about the teams performance this season.

"I expected us to do well this year. We have a strong program every year and always seem to recruit good players," Prenovost said.

V-ball out of NWAACC

By JOHN MONTENEGRO
Staff Reporter

SPOKANE - There was lots of cake but no frosting for the Lady T-Birds volleyball team at the NWAACC tournament here last week.

The women's volleyball team lost both of their matches last week in the tournament, dicing any hopes of capping off a stellar undefeated season with a bid to the championship title.

Although the Lady T-Birds failed to place in the tournament here, Mt. Hood Saints went on to win the championships on Saturdays championship game. The Saints beat the Shoreline Dolphins in four games 30-28, 30-25, 22-30 and 30-21.

The women's first match on Thursday was against the Linn-Benton Roadrunners (7-5).

Highline defeated Linn-Benton easily 30-15 in the first game.

The second game however was a different story. Highline had a total of 17 kills and eight errors versus Linn-Benton's 15 kills and only six errors.

Eventually Linn-Benton got the upper hand and won the game 30-28.

The third game was much of the same with Highline losing the game 30-27.

In the fourth game the T-Birds offense finally woke up and showed it's efficiency.

Highline made 18 kills and dropped their errors to eight.

Highline showed its resiliency during the game getting a game point but Whatcom still managed to get two points. On the next play Highline won the fourth game 30-25.

Tied at two games a piece the match went to a fifth game tiebreak to 15.

The two teams traded off points. Every time Highline scored a point Linn Benton was there to score a counterpoint.

The game stayed close throughout, one team never getting more than a four-point lead.

"It all comes down to a couple of plays," said Highline Assistant Coach John Wilson.

The next match was against the Whatcom Orcas (9-3). In the first of three matches

Highline came up with an early lead but that quickly disappears and the game is tied up.

But the Highline defense proved to be too strong for the ailing Orcas and Highline won the game at 30-28.

"It's nice to have a good start," Coach John Littleman said. "It's good to be aggressive."

Violations and service errors proved to be the deciding factor in the game with Whatcom coming up the victor and winning the game 31-29.

The match then went to a third game tiebreak to 15.

The Orcas won the match at 15-9 and ended all hopes for a title for Highline.

It was a good season, Littleman said.

The T-Birds went undefeated all season long in their division (14-0) suffering their first loss late into the season in a cross-over tournament. The Lady T-Birds won the West Division title this year.

"We already got our cake, we just didn't get any frosting," said Littleman.

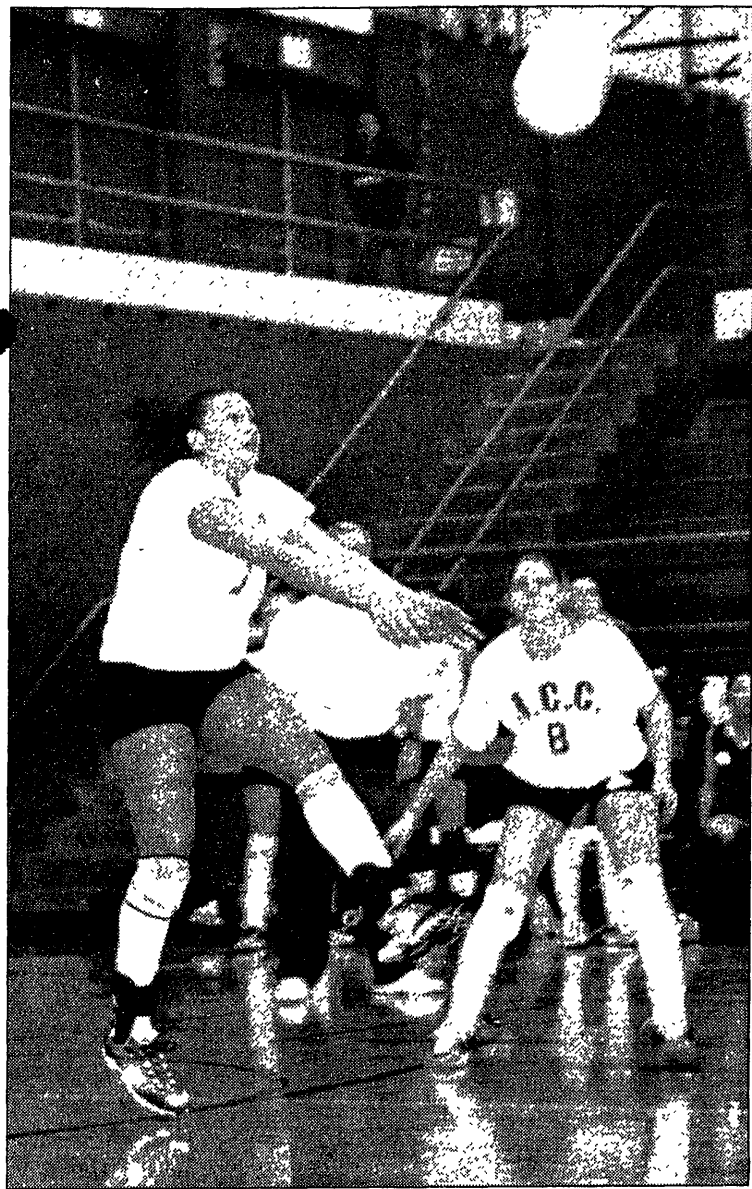


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Highline player Tiare Alailima sets up a kill.

Playoff diary: disappointing end

By MARGARET HAGEN
Staff Reporter

SPOKANE — Highline's volleyball season didn't quite end with the bang we were hoping for.

Our league games seemed to fly by with ease and without high amounts of struggling.

Lower Columbia Community College was our best challenge and we beat them twice in League and two other times at tournaments.

So once we went to NWAACC the games were long and produced a lot of competition that our league games didn't get us ready for.

I feel that we were successful in the fact that we played the best we have all season. We passed great and served really well but we just didn't come through at the end of the two games we played.

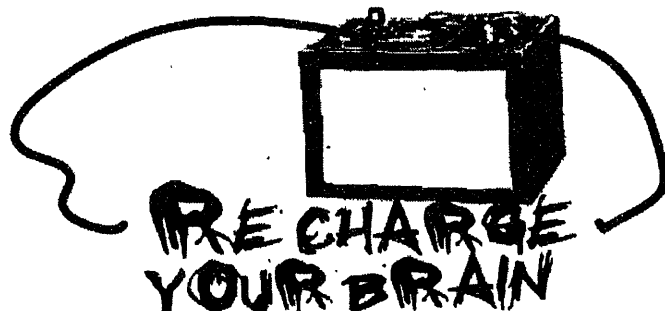
Our overall season was very successful if you compare it to last years season. Last year we came close to going to NWAACC, but we never dreamed of having a 14-0 record and taking league champions.

It is ironic that last year was a

big let down, because we would play really good and hang with most the tough teams that we played, but we were never able to pull through in the end. This year we had the skills and the ability to keep winning but then when it came down to it, we didn't pull through.

There are always things that you think about doing differently or wish you did differently

once you have finished something. If I could go back to the middle of the season and change one thing, I would have tried much harder to show the coaches what I was capable of. I felt like that is what I was doing during the time, but now that I look back, I realize that I let my anger get the best of me and it held me back from being the best I could be.



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Lady T-Birds win first game of season

By EDITH AGOSTON
Staff Reporter

Highline's women's basketball team won their first game of the year in a non-league match-up against Linn-Benton 65-60.

The game started out with high intensity as sophomore Katie Foster hit a three pointer seconds after tip off.

Highline had an early lead, but the Roadrunners were only a few points behind. Both teams played real ragged basketball, turning the ball over just about every other possession. Post player Anne Tuivai nailed a couple of close shots to give the T-Birds a slight edge early on.

"I thought Anne did a really good job," Head Coach Dennis Olson said.

Highline's press forced quite a few turnovers but they were unable to capitalize on them. This game just had preseason written all over it. A combination of bad passing and too many outside shots got both coaches very frustrated in the first half.

The T-Birds tried to play a fast-paced game as they pushed the ball up court every chance they had. Tiare Alailima led a fast break of her own when she intercepted the ball and got herself an easy lay-up.

"She did really good for not practicing with us," Olson said.

Alailima was still playing volleyball for the T-Birds when practice began. The game started to look up late in the first half when Olson put some subs into the game.

Sophomore Lisa Pueschner gave her team a boost of energy and quickly made things happen with her speed and excellent ball handling. She hit a couple of threes and got herself to the line to help give Highline a four-point lead going into halftime 29-25.

The Roadrunners came back after halftime and ended up taking the lead for a few minutes with some three-point shooting of their own. Linn Benton's scoring was pretty much split between two of their players, their point guard and their 6'3" post player. For Highline, it was more of a team effort, with many players stepping up.

"We worked as a team, everybody contributed," Foster said.

The second half was still pretty messy ball playing, with both teams trying to force passes that just weren't there.



Photo by Adrienne Hughes

Tiare Alailima is in defense mode at the first game of the season against Linn Benton.

The Lady T-Birds did play pretty good defense, though, forcing the Roadrunners into two shot clock violations, making for a very angry Anjonette Dionne, Linn-Benton's head coach.

The game stayed really close every time one team got ahead, the other one answered. It looked like Highline was in trouble late in the second half when they found themselves down four points with only a couple minutes remaining.

Key baskets by Rebekah Proctor, Alailima, Foster, and Pueschner, brought the T-Birds back and gave them a three-point lead with 34 seconds left in the game.

Linn Benton's coach quickly called a time out to set up a play. The Roadrunners worked to get their point guard open, they set a screen on her defender and she was able to break loose at the top of the key.

She drilled another three pointer as if she were at practice to tie the game at 60-60. Linn Benton's bench jumped up with excitement.

Highline didn't waste any time, Foster got the ball, got

fouled, and put in two shots at the line to give her team a two-point edge.

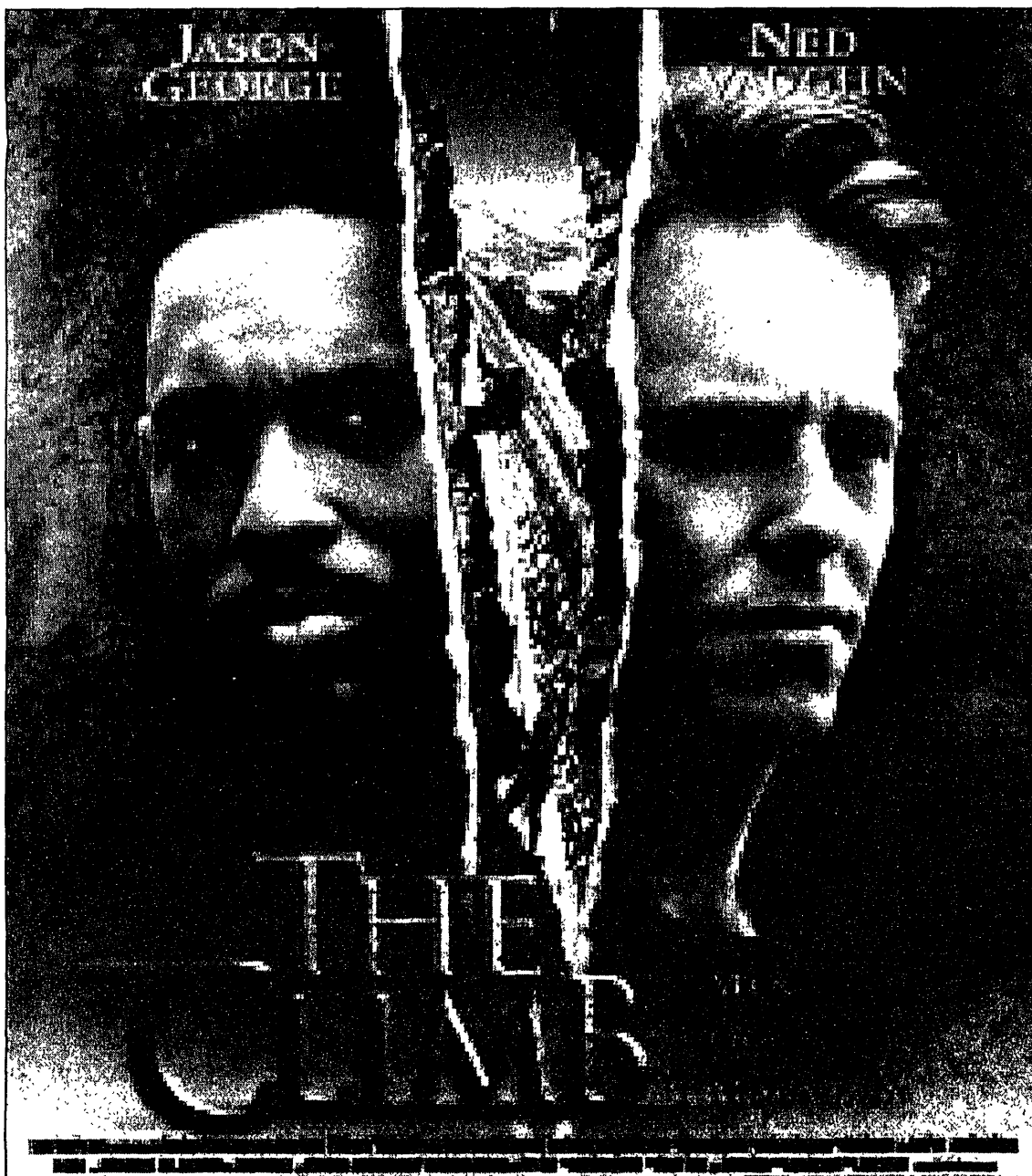
Linn Benton missed their next shot and were forced to foul.

Highline sent Pueschner to the line and she hit one of two. The Roadrunners had one last chance, but failed to score. They had to foul again, sending Foster to the line once more. Again, she hit both shots.

The Roadrunners were barely able to bring the ball up court before time expired and the first game of the season was in the books. Coach Olson had mixed emotions about the game.

"We played pretty ragged and had lots of turnovers," he said. "But I'm happy with the win." The players felt the same way. "It's good to have a win under our belt, it gives us confidence," Foster said.

Highline's first league game will be at 6 p.m. on Jan. 2 at Clark and their first home game will be at 3 p.m. on Jan. 4 against South Puget Sound.



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Foreign students find American education easier

By ALLISON WESTOVER
Staff Reporter

Those who have attended Highline know that it is one of Washington's most diverse schools.

Diversity, however, can be more than simply ethnicity and this was the subject of a recent faculty discussion led by professor Davidson Dodd titled, "Meeting the Needs of a Multi-dimensional Classroom."

"Highline has a very diverse population in many different ways," said Dodd.

Three students, all from different backgrounds, were asked to share their insights about the educational system in the United States.

Charly Jose, Muhammad Nuzir and Zlatka Velagic were the student representatives in the discussion.

Jose lived in India 10 years before his family moved to the United States and he says the educational system is much more lax here than in India.

"Education was hard in India, so when I came here school was not a challenge," said Jose.

The most challenging thing for Jose was speaking English.

"When I was younger I learned how to read and write, but not speak English," said Jose. Most Indians that Jose has met here were born here so they know English better. Writing essays is difficult said Jose but his professor, Dodd, said that Jose is an exceptional writer.

Jose also pointed out some of the differences between high school in the United States and college.

In high school there is not much homework, said Jose; it is fairly easy and the people don't care about school. In college it is more challenging and the people are paying to be there so they care a lot more. However, they do not prepare you enough in high school for college, said Jose.

Muhammad Nuzir lived in Pakistan and attended a private school there until he was in sixth grade. Nuzir then came to the United States.

In Pakistan students have to pass the entire quarter by an exam in order to move on rather than receiving separate grades for each class.

"You had to retain everything. There was an end of the year exam also," said Nuzir.

Math, especially, was an easy subject for Nuzir once he came to the United States. The math he saw in seventh and eighth grade here in the United States he had already seen in fifth and sixth grade in Pakistan.

Nuzir came to the United States with a strong work ethic but got lazier here after getting to know the system.

"I was able to not put forth as much effort and still get the same grade," said Nuzir.

Nuzir also agreed that college is harder than high school.

"You have to keep up more in order to not fall behind. I

Peace cranes fly high



Photo by Orion Robinette

Yoshi Suzuki folds a crane for the crane peace project in honor of International Education Week. 1,000 of the cranes will be displayed at a local park in downtown Seattle and the other 1,000 cranes will be sent to a college in Hachinohe, Japan as a form of respect.

don't think students are too prepared [in high school for college]. It is not emphasized how much you can achieve while in high school," said Nuzir.

Zlatka Velagic lived in Bosnia until she was in ninth grade and says the biggest difference in the educational system here is the workload.

"High school is harder there," said Velagic, "There are more subjects and you have a different schedule every day. Math has to be taken every year and you learn two to three languages, usually English, French

and German, all at the same time."

English was a challenge for Velagic also.

"I couldn't speak or understand English well at first," said Velagic, but once she could she realized "school is easier here."

Velagic also agrees that college is harder than high school.

"There is much more responsibility," said Velagic. "In high school the teachers tell you everything. Here (in college) you have to know, for example, when things are due - it's up to you."

Ed Morris, one of Highline's math professors, pointed out that college is more than just work, it is other experiences as well.

"You will find out," Morris told the students, "that the effort you put in to accomplish what you want will help you too."

Morris also said that a difference between countries is the pride they take in their teachers.

"America does not have the pride that other countries do in their educators. If that changed then so would what happens inside the classroom," said Morris.

Allison Green leads discussion on post 9/11 discrimination

By BEN JOHNSTON
Staff Reporter

Americans' civil liberties and rights are under attack due to a dramatic shift in governmental policy since 9/11, according to Allison Green, coordinator of the cultural, gender and global studies department at Highline.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, about 12 reported murders of Arab and Muslim Americans and thousands of acts of violence have occurred.

In the first six months after the attacks, there were 1,717 recorded reports of harassment towards Muslim Americans, and, despite a dramatic drop to 325 reports in the following six months, this second number is still 30 percent higher than those figures reported before 9/11.

Green spoke at a seminar dealing with discrimination and prejudice against Arab and Muslim Americans since 9/11 on Thursday, Nov. 21.

The seminar detailed some of the legislation that the Bush administration has passed since 9/11, and how these laws change the fundamental legal rights of Americans.

Green prefaced her list with the Government's policy on discrimination, that federal laws prohibit discrimination based on national origin, birthplace, ancestry, culture or language. However, "The government argues that it is appropriate to discriminate when safety is at stake," Green said.

Sept. 20, 2001, a law was passed allowing the federal government to detain suspected terror suspects indefinitely, with-

out filing charges. This has resulted in the arrest and detention of 1,200 people, mostly Arab and Muslim men.

"As of September 2002, 127 remained in custody," Green said. "None had been found guilty of terrorist activity."

Dec. 12, 2001, congress held hearings for the detainees, and U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft was quoted as saying that those who resist and question his policies "are aiding and abetting terrorism."

Oct. 26, 2001, the USA Patriot Act was passed, and, according to the Associated Press, the government can: monitor religious and political institutions, hold closed immigration hearings, prosecute librarians or other information keepers if they tell anyone that the government subpoenaed terror related

information, monitor conversations between attorneys and terror suspects, deny lawyers to Americans accused of crimes and seize Americans' personal effects without probable cause.

Safiya Lee, president of the Muslim Student Association, spoke of a fellow Muslim American woman's experiences with discrimination.

"Her friend said, 'You know, I hate Muslims. I wish we could kill them all,'" Lee said.

When asked why, the girl responded, "Because they are all terrorists."

Lee said, that when the Muslim girl told her classmate that she was Muslim, the classmate said, "Oh, I don't mean you."

Lee prefaced her anecdote with her cause. "Examine your own mind. Make sure you're educated, because if you're not,

you're just ignorant," Lee said.

During the audience response part of the seminar, a few people gave their experience as well.

"I wake up and I look outside to see if anyone is out there to get me," said Amal Mahmoud, coordinator of pre-college studies at Highline.

Most of Mahmoud's experience with prejudice comes from strangers.

One week after the attacks, the Hate-Free Zone, an organization to address prejudice and discrimination was formed. Over 300 people, mostly non-Muslims, congregated at the Seattle Center to support Arab and Muslim Americans shortly after the attacks as well.

Governor Gary Locke and other elected officials joined in showing solidarity with Muslim and Arab Americans.

Policy

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Students who do use these alternatives, however, will lose their direct transfer priority. Therefore, only students who intend to finish a bachelor's degree in those programs should choose one of the alternative options.

UW will also be starting a

new deal, where a student can defer their admissions for one quarter, while taking another quarter at the community college level.

Deferred applicants will not need to reapply or pay any additional fees for the following quarter, they will, however, be given priority over any new applicants.

However, upon mailed notification of this deferral, a student will need to act quickly and return a card to the Office of Ad-

missions to confirm that they are accepting the deferral.

Students who accept the deferral option will be given the opportunity to transfer and apply to a UW bachelor's degree up to 15 additional community college credits for the work that they do during winter 2003.

"We are encouraging students to use the resources on our website as they plan their course of action for winter 2003," Washburn said. The UW Course Equivalency guide at:

www.washington.edu/students/uga/transfer/course_equiv.html

The Washington Course Applicability System (WaCAS) at: www.washington.edu/students/uga/tr/planning/wacas

Starting in spring 2003, in addition to the students who used the deferral option, approximately 100 more direct transfer students for a total of 400 or so direct transfer students will be admitted.

Priority for these 100 spaces will be based on date of applica-

tion.

"To help accommodate the students over the 100 allowed, the deferral process will be repeated, and students can either defer either summer or autumn 2003," said Washburn. "These students will also be given the opportunity to transfer up to 105 credits as well."

No further plans have been finalized as of yet as to how to handle autumn 2003 admissions.

Turkey

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a day of Fasting and Humiliation was called for. The people went to church and asked God for forgiveness and guidance.

Although the holidays could be declared at any time by individual churches, towns or the colonial governments, fast days usually occurred in the spring when there wasn't much to eat anyway, and Thanksgiving was normally held in the autumn.

This meant there could be more than one in a year, or none at all. As unorganized as they may seem, the people were sure to never let a day of Thanksgiving or a Fast Day fall on a Sunday, because then it would conflict with the day of Sabbath.

The custom of annually occurring Thanksgivings was established throughout New England by the mid-17th century. However, at first, the southern states did not like the idea of the government pushing a Yankee holiday on them, and refused to participate.

Finally someone had enough

of the Thanksgiving confusion; who wanted to celebrate and how many times a year they would celebrate.

Her name was Sarah Josepha Hale and every November, from 1846 until 1863, she wrote an editorial urging the federal government to establish Thanksgiving as a national holiday, giving it a specific date.

After nearly 20 years of begging, Hale was gratified. In 1863, Abraham Lincoln declared the first of our modern series of annual Thanksgivings for the last Thursday in November. But this was only after he

had declared one for April in 1862 and another only a few months before in August of 1863. Then came Andrew Johnson who had Thanksgiving on Dec. 7 in 1865 and then Nov. 18 in 1869. In 1939 Franklin D. Roosevelt declared Nov. 23, the second to last Thursday that year, as Thanksgiving, also known as "Franksgiving."

It wasn't until 1941 when Roosevelt admitted that the earlier date was a mistake, and signed a bill that established the fourth Thursday in November as the national Thanksgiving holiday. And thankfully, it has been

ever since.

Many people on Highline's campus plan to do the traditional turkey dinner this year.

Jim Glennon, history instructor, remembers Thanksgiving from when he was growing up. His mom did all the cooking and he just expected it, without realizing how much time or money it took. Looking back now, Glennon regrets taking his mom for granted.

"If they are in a position I was in, I just wish the students here would stop and at least say thank you for all that they take for granted," Glennon said. After all, it is a day for giving thanks.

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