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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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 students 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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Turkey? Turkey?

Nah, I’m a goose with a big butt. Now just set me down, and we’ll both have a good laugh...
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, thePhi 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 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 Whiteson, a student member of the Healthcare Awareness Committee.

Whiteson 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 Whiteson, "the lung can still heal itself."

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

Kelly Matthei, 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 Matthei. "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.pridefoundation.org

Correction

Avery 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.

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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 Rotarian members in Ethiopia who were launching a massive assault on polio.

He spent 7 days of his two week trip in Ethiopia, and that 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 7 days.

Rotary International, world wide 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 alarming dollar.

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 by 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 richest 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 vegetables by the side of the road.

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

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

"The 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 in 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-riot.org."

Work on student center and dock to begin soon

By Allison Westover & Paul Watson
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 Bill Holgersen, 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 Jonathon 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 calibrate 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 her own.

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

These machines cost any where 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, Children's, 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 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.
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 nice to take some time to think about what we are 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 happy just to walk into a classroom and not have to worry about walking a certain way. Isn't that uncomfortable?

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, and maybe even think about the person who is doing all the work to take care of them too.

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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. Steigall's third quarter theory class where they will do nothing but part write." 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 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 Steigall, Music Department Head.

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

"The goal is to help the students prepare for their theory entrance exams," Steigall 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 accompaniments.

Giving Tree brings cheer to less fortunate

BY CHRISTIN GERDES
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, 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.

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

and that lends to the hoosy of the program," said Marie Brun.

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 Nov. 25. Anyone is invited to sponsor a family or an individual.

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 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 Brun.

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 Lepale or Anh-Linh Bui at Team Highline in building 8, or call them at 206-878-3710 ext. 3903.
Stratford on 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 throughout the Western United States.

Every year during their 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 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 of America, Franklin Templeton Investments, Chevon 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.

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 Students Programs Office in Building 8. For more information contact Ruth Lepule 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.

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 chooses 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.

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.

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

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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-Seaamount League. He was also selected to the Second Team All-Seaamount League in his junior year.

“A 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 an 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 keep him out for the season in which he used a medical red shirt.

He eventually dropped out of Highline because 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 eBay 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 hella good skater. After my basketball career I am going to start because I don’t want to risk injury to my knees and red-shirt my senior year,” 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, 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. 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 haven’t really been in a game situation so I can’t make a judgment on our chemistry yet,” Cardenas said.

Cardenas says that the two new coaches, Reggie Ball and Mark Callerd, 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 Jeleani (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. One of Green River’s top players is Tre Simmons who played last year at Odessa College in Odessa, Texas. He 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
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 5'10," 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," said co-captain Danny Aldrete

Aldrete was part of the championship team and before his knee injury was averaging 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.

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

"I need to be more focused in all the aspects of his game this year," 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 even a 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 tall," 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 II 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.

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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 4 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.

Cardenas is going to rebound more this year.

"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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2002-03 T-Bird Men’s Basketball Schedule

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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 Puschenh, 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 Tucker are coming to Highline from Kent Meridian High School.

One of Highline’s three post players this year will be 6’1” Alailima and Aurelio, and have all of our players,” Olson said.

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 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 Presley-Tucker is a 5’8” forward looking to make an impact this season. Both Tuivai and Presley-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 6’0” Alailima.

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 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, Shannon 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

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By Adrienne Hughes

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

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Highline’s Women’s 2002-2003 Basketball Roster

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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, and 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.

By the end of the school year, 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.

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Top Right................Shannon Morse tries to stay inbounds, photo by Adrienne Hughes
Bottom................David Walker (right) and Joe Popich grapple, photo by Corine Fanning

The INSIDE SCOOP
By Edith Agoston

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

Photo By Adrienne Hughes
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 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.

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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 competed in, and they are the only team at Highline that does. North Idaho has come to be the dominating force in the league, and is looked at by the T-Birds as they can, says Norton.

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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.

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.
Steve Rider, sophomore from Summer High School.

Wrestling Schedule

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Teacher by day, grappler by night

By Dustin Nickerson
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Photo by Adrienne Hughes

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

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

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Scott Norton 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. Norton graduated from Steilacoom High School in Tacoma where he wrestled on the T-Birds wrestling team. He is in no way new to the sport. Muri was also completely familiar with that particular style of wrestling.

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.

"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.

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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 quarters. 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.

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

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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 said.

Highline and Spokane went on to a shootout. Spokane was first to kick and had their first shot blocked by goalkeeper Jacob Rhodes. 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 Rhodes 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 130 grueling minutes against Highline they were only able to score one goal.

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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 shoot-out resulting in a loss for the Thunderbirds.

“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.”

After the loss, the team was disappointed, but they were happy with their performance in the tournament.

“We played our asses off.”

-Marcus Noorda, middle forward

Head Coach Jason Prenovost was happy about the team’s 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 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 high schools efficiency during the game getting a 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.

"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). Their first loss late into the season in a crossover 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.
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 and quickly made things happen. 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.

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.
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 Multidimensional 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.

Chary Jose, Muhammad Nazir 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 rigid and narrow 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 they 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 Nazir lived in Pakistan and attended a private school there until he was in sixth grade. Nazir 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 Nazir.

Math, especially, was an easy subject for Nazir 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.

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

“It was able to not put forth as much effort and still get the same grade,” said Nazir.

Nazir also agreed that college is harder than high school.

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

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.”

Peace cranes fly high

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.

By Ben Johnston Staff Reporter

Americans’ civil liberties and rights are under attack due to a dramatic shift in government policy since 9/11, according to Allison Westover, 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.

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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 Admissions 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/ugatransfer/course_equiv.html. The Washington Course Applicability System (WaCAS) at www.washington.edu/students/ugatr/tr/planning/wacac

Starting in spring 2003, in addition to the students who were granted these opportunities, approximtely 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 application.

USC will also be starting a day of Fasting and Humiliation was called for. The people went to church and asked God for forgiveness and guidance. 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 Thanksgiving of his administration. In 1864, he declared a Thanksgiving for the entire nation. Hale and every November, from 1863, she wrote an editorial urging the federal government to establish Thanksgiving as a national holiday, giving it a specific date.

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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