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Highline Community College

New majority in Senate may stir pot

By JASON LEGGETT
Staff Reporter

New leadership in the state Legislature brings an uncertain future for Higher Education but politicians say they will do the best they can.

Republicans took control of

the Senate while Democrats picked up seats in the House despite national trends of Republican gains this last election.

The state Legislature has to fill a \$2 billion budget gap in the upcoming session.

The new Senate majority leader, Jim West, R-Spokane,

says the economy is the focus of the caucus.

"Senate Republicans are committed to pursuing legislation and budget priorities that will help improve our economy and get people back to work," West said.

West says that it is not likely

that taxes will be raised to increase revenue, instead cuts will be inevitable including those in higher education.

"What needs to be done is a direct line approach- cutting overhead and preserving essential services," West said.

This leaves much yet to be

determined regarding funding for colleges.

Newly appointed Higher Education Committee Chair Don Carlson, R-Vancouver, said education would still be a high

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Welfare warfare

Student finds price of public assistance is too high to pay

By JAMIE TOLUA
AND MARGARET HAGEN
Staff Reporters

Kerry Woodward plays many roles. She is a single mother of three, a grandmother, a student, and works 20 hours a week, and she was becoming exhausted.

She is not any longer, because she isn't on welfare any more. The benefits just didn't seem to be outweighing the hassle. Plus, it was hard for her to work full-time, go to school full-time and be a full-time single parent.

Her oldest daughter, Stephanie, is 19 years old, and has a 4-month-old baby. Daughter Haley is 5 years old, and Bryna is 3 years old.

Woodward split up from their father four years ago, because he has drug problems. He now has no job and doesn't support the kids in any way.

So, even though Woodward was working in the medical field and earning \$14 an hour, she didn't have enough to support her family.

She turned to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Work First for help. She applied, made an appointment



Woodward

with a caseworker, and then they authorized her.

TANF helped her with her rent. They gave her \$540 a month and her rent was \$545.

Unfortunately, there is a negative side to TANF. A large portion of the population not on welfare has different views about welfare. Some believe that it is helpful for families in need, some believe that people have a way around it, and some are in the middle.

Woodward said that from her experience as a TANF recipient she has seen many expressions of disgust towards welfare. She will enter a check out line at the grocery store and while she hands the clerk her food stamps,

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Winter Lights!



Photo by Adrienne Hughes

The community tree lights up the Des Moines Big Catch Plaza. The tree lighting ceremony took place the day after Thanksgiving on Friday, Nov. 29. To see more holiday fun take a look at the Inside Scoop starting on page B1.

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Crime Blotter for Nov. 28- Dec. 5

Campus is closed

Four people in a white Cherokee were found parked in the East lot on Nov. 28 at 11 p.m.

When they were approached by the security officer on duty, they started asking "where the party was" and whether or not it was "at the day care."

The officer told them there was no party and that the campus was closed. Fifteen minutes later the Cherokee came back and was then escorted off campus.

Get a room

Two individuals, one male and one female, in a four-door gray Volvo were found parked in the Administration lot on Nov. 29 at 12:27 a.m.

When the couple was approached and questioned, they admitted that they had been having sex, but had already finished and fell asleep.

They were then asked to leave campus.

Smokin' in the South lot

A suspicious Ford pickup was found parked in the South lot on Nov. 29 at 1:30 a.m.

The security officer on duty witnessed the passengers of the vehicle lighting lighters and smoking something.

When the pickup was approached, the driver blacked out his lights and sped onto South 240th. Using both lanes, the pickup then turned right onto 20th south.

The Des Moines Police were called and recovered the vehicle at a 7-Eleven on Kent-Des Moines road.

The driver was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence, possession of illegal substances, and reckless driving.

-Compiled by
Harman Dhami

Naughty or nice? Castro knows

BY HARMAN DHAMI
Staff Reporter

Student Judicial Affairs is the law of the land on Highline's campus.

Good boys and girls rarely have to worry about stumbling upon the offices of the discipline committee, but for the misguided few who decide to take the law into their own hands prepare to meet the system.

Toni Castro, associate dean of multicultural services, is the smiling face of the Student Rights and Responsibilities Code.

For the past three years she has made part of her living solving problems; problems that can range from minor disorderly conduct and cheating to unauthorized alteration of official

Highline documents.

Although Castro's job is to consider the possibility of punishing students, she does it in a manner that is as fair for all parties involved.

"I believe in progressive discipline," said Castro. "The goal is to ground it in student development. Basically, when a student has a violation the goal is to learn from it."

When a student violates the Student Rights and Responsibilities Code, it's Castro's job to meet with the parties involved and act as a mediator for the situation.

"Every case is different and every student is treated as an individual," said Castro. "There's no clear-cut violation."

The majority of the cases she deals with are small disorderly



Toni Castro

conduct cases, said Castro.

According to the Student Rights and Responsibilities Code, disorderly conduct is considered to be any sort of behavior that disrupts the learning experience for other students.

The Majority of the students

in those cases are simply given a verbal or written warning.

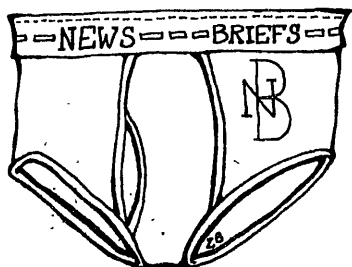
"It's not the criminal justice system," said Castro. "We all have the responsibility to treat one another with respect."

In the event of an extreme case, such as unlawful use of Highline property for personal gain or unauthorized alteration of official Highline documents, students can potentially be put on disciplinary probation.

This means that any further violation by the student can result in dismissal from Highline.

"My goal in working with a student is that they leave my office with integrity," said Castro.

Students have the right to appeal any decision made by Student Judicial Affairs, in which the decision will then be passed on to the discipline committee.



Applications still being taken

There is still time to get an application in to study in Florence, Italy during Spring Quarter. For more information contact International Student Programs at 206-878-3710, ext. 3374 or e-mail Sophia Iliakis at siliakis@highline.edu.

Hours for winter break are set

Student Services and the cashier's offices will be open over winter break.

The hours for Student Services and the Cashier's office

are as follows:

•Dec. 23, 2002 through Jan. 3, 2003, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

•Dec. 24, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

•Saturday, Jan. 4, 2003, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Learn about immigration

If you want to learn about immigration then there is a coordinated study that is being offered winter quarter that might interest you.

Dr. Jean Harris, Dana Franks and Hui Ming Huo are teaching the class called So Far From Home, which consists of Anthropology 120, item 1205; Sociology 130, item 1271; and Library Technician 105, item 5357.

Still time to help those in need

There is still one week left

for the bookstore food drive.

Just bring in your canned food items to the bookstore and give them to any of the cashiers who will give you an entry slip, up to five a day, for a drawing to win one of the three prizes: either a new microwave, binoculars, or a telephone.

Winners for the drawing will be selected on Friday, Dec. 13.

First aid class for faculty and staff

As part of Highline's ongoing effort for emergency planning there is a first aid class offered for staff and faculty.

The classes will provide certification in Adult and Infant CPR and first aid and is required for those who attend to be there for the entire eight hours.

The class will be held on campus and is free. Class times are Tuesday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4

p.m.

Campus Calendar

•Pacific Lutheran University will have a representative here on Monday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the information table downstairs in Building 6.

•Grammar Workshops is offering Punctuation That Comes in Pairs, on Friday, Dec. 6 from 3 to 4 p.m., Building 26, room 319-d.

•Career Development Workshop Series is offering What's Shaking in Puget Sound.

Come get the lowdown on the job market, today, noon to 1:30 p.m. in Building 30, room 111.

•Career Development Workshop series, Making First Impressions Count, in Building 23, room 111, from noon to 1:30 p.m.

•Science Seminar, "The Science Behind the Core," Friday at 2:10 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.

Lucky Dollar



\$ Dollar Items

\$ Gift Items

\$ Toys

\$ Gift Bags

\$ Picture Frames

Grand
Opening!

Save time and money on this
year's Christmas shopping!

26114 Pacific Hwy So
(253) 529-0829
next to Albertson's

Free Gift
with purchase
(while supplies last)



Asian Wok

Restaurant & Lounge

Original Asian & Chinese Cuisine

Free Delivery

\$10 Minimum Order

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Des Moines
(206) 592-0984

Karaoke
Fri & Sat nights!

\$4.00 OFF
dinner purchase
min. \$20 purchase

Please Mention Coupon When Ordering * Not Valid with any other offers * One coupon per party

Lunch Special
Buy 1 Lunch at reg. price & Get
the 2nd Lunch
1/2 OFF
Of Equal or Lesser Value

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Campus projects continue

By PAUL WALSTON
Staff Reporter

Four trees from Highline have been removed outside of the Student Center to put in a hub shack and the Redondo pier is soon to be fixed.

A hub shack is a place where data connections and inlets are stored.

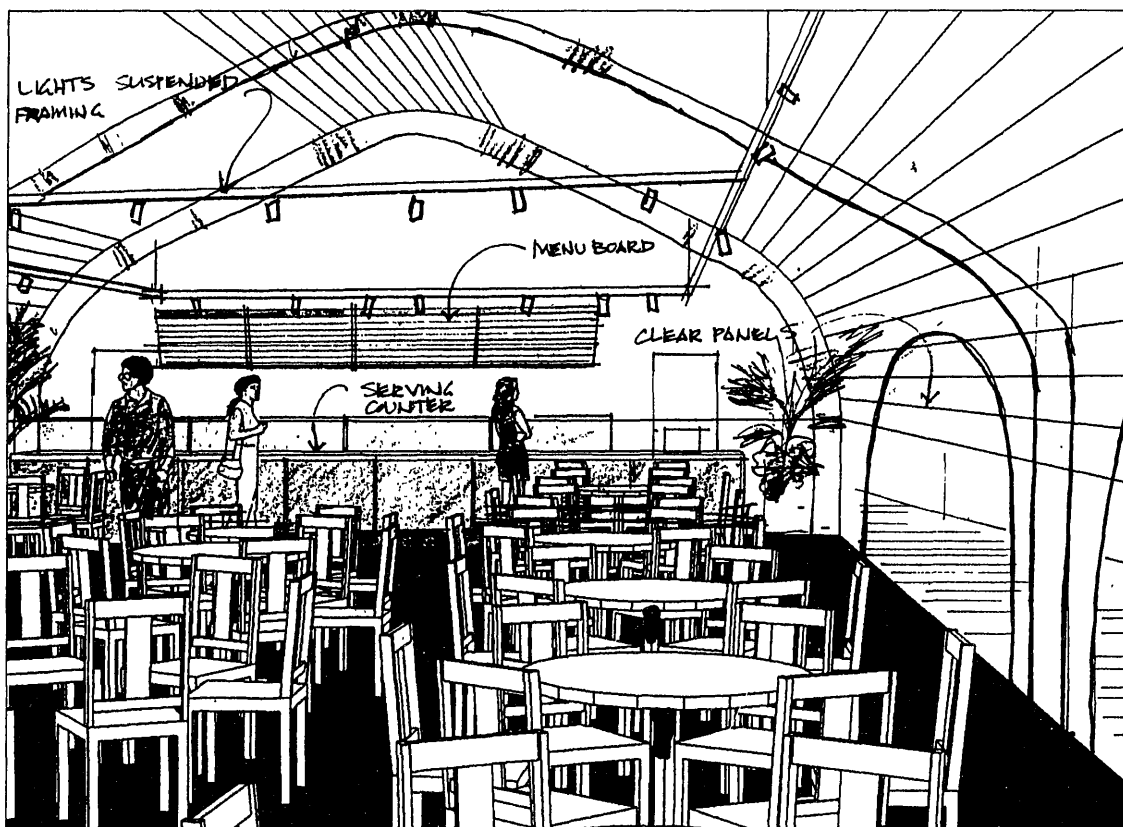
The student center is being torn down in spring to make way for a new facility. However the building will still be used as a temporary hub shack.

So the construction workers are going to build a temporarily hub shack where the four trees have been torn down outside of the student center.

Yellow caution tape has been put in place not because of hazards but because new seeds have been placed in those areas to grow new grass and college officials don't want the students to walk in those areas destroying the new grass that's trying to grow.

As trees have gone down, little pink flags have gone up in front of Building 22 and behind Building 9 and 10.

"Those pink flags are where construction workers took core samples in preparation of the utility tunnel to be put in place for the new higher education building that is soon to be built," said Suzy Holmes, the

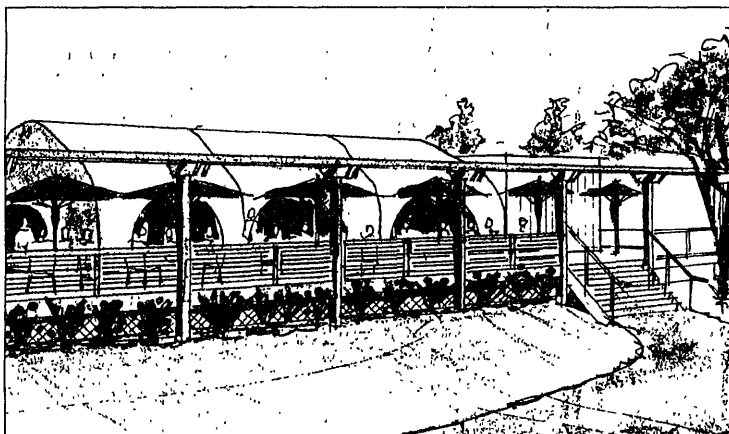


Artist's conception of the interior of the temporary food service facilities (above). The outside of the same facility (below).

assistant facilities director.

Meanwhile, the Redondo pier will not be ready the first week of December for classes.

"The bid will go out for the construction of the pier the first week of December and construction should probably start around the end of January or the first week of February 2003, and classes should be able to go back to the pier by Fall Quarter," said Holmes.



AIDS day hopes to raise awareness

By JASON BENTON
Staff Reporter

Too many people see aids as someone else's disease, an expert said here on Nov. 26.

Even weaing a condom took on a new meaning as many students around campus were wearing them around their necks. The presentation was a part of the observation of World AIDS Day.

Banners were posted and placed on the walls and around the seating area of Building 7, marking the grim statistics that show the epidemic is outpacing efforts to control it. Estimates released by the Center for Disease Control show that 8,000 people die from HIV/AIDS every day.

"That's scary man, that's why everyone needs to wrap it up," student Loyal Allen said.

A mock experiment engaged the audience from the onset. The spectators were handed an M&M and told to trade the candy with others. When individuals who held a "purple" M&M were asked to stand, two-thirds rose to their feet. Murmurs filled the room as students discovered that a simple experiment displayed the rapid spread of the virus.

Student Ira Paligutan was a participant who stood holding a purple M&M. "I was shocked. I didn't know how to react even though it wasn't true that I had HIV."

Many people still believe the disease won't touch them. AIDS educator Pat Migliore was just one of these people. Diagnosed in 1986, she contracted the deadly disease from her husband, who eventually succumbed to the opportunistic

disease in 1989.

"It was a very long and difficult illness for him. I learned an awful lot by doing home health care," Migliore said.

She said at that time she feared the stigma that came with the illness.

Migliore has battled with the disease for 16 years, taking 20 pills a day and changing the cocktail of drugs when the virus becomes immune. Because of the elusive nature of the disease she said medication must be taken on schedule.

"I am very lucky. You might be fooled by the disease because I'm walking around. Most of the people in the world don't have insurance or access to the medication," Migliore said.

As she received hugs and words of encouragement after she spoke, Migliore said she hopes testimonials like hers will



Migliore

educate the students. "I was a teacher and now I'm teaching AIDS education."

The paralyzing fear surrounding the disease was the central theme of last week's presentation, organized by Tracy Brigham and Susan Rich's coordinated study class.

Foundation starts new fund drive

By ROBBIE HICKS
Staff Reporter

The Highline Foundation is asking you for help.

The Foundation was originally founded in 1972 but never really got going until 1991 when some federal grant money was received.

"As a foundation, we are still in our infancy, but this does not change our importance to the campus," said Mark McKay, the director of the Foundation.

Since 1991, they have been actively supporting students by providing money for scholarships, student emergencies, and money for programs.

The Foundation has provided money for everything from athletic championship travel to new equipment for the printing program. This year, the Foundation gave out scholarships to 34 students.

Since 1999, the Foundation has raised \$2 million and distributed \$1.5 million. Gifts of any size are welcome, however gifts of \$500 or more allow for the naming of the scholarship or memorial to which the funds will be applied.

The annual fund drive begins a direct mail campaign to advertise the cause in the community. As of now, about 3,000 letters have been mailed to community members, with 2,800 letters being mailed to alumni over the next two weeks. Approximately 700 letters will be sent to staff and faculty.

"Active donation by the members of the community and members of the staff and faculty is vital for the Foundation to exist," McKay said. Over the last three years, more than \$100,000 has been received from the staff and faculty alone.

"The Foundation appreciates the support from the school community greatly," McKay said.

Faculty and staff have the option of donating to the Foundation through a payroll deduction program. "If each member of the staff and faculty gave a contribution of \$10 per pay period, that would calculate to over \$100,000 for the year," McKay said.

Altogether, staff, faculty and community members account for 80 percent of the funds the foundation receives. The other 20 percent comes mostly from large corporate entities.

editorial

Love your family all year long

End of the year cheers and jeers for Highline

As the end of a quarter comes again at Highline, so does the end of a year. Many things have happened at Highline over the past year, some good and some bad, but either way Highline continues to do its job and work hard while trying to make the campus and curriculum good for anyone who wants to further their education.

Cheers to women's volleyball and men's soccer for going so far. Cheers to women's soccer for trying so hard and always getting out and doing their best.

Cheers to Duke for always doing....something and to all the other grounds keepers working to help keep Highline a beautiful campus and safe environment for students.

Cheers to the Drama Department for their hard work and wonderful performances in *The Golden Six*.

Jeers to the kidnappers who invaded Highline's campus while trying to harm a student. Cheers to the unknown student who risked his life to save hers.

Jeers for not having more lighting on campus so students will be safer.

Cheers to Highline for letting students pay their tuition in monthly installment so even those who cannot pay in full can go to school. Jeers for making those students sign up again every quarter and pay the enrollment fee of \$35.

Jeers to smokers for standing so close to buildings and ventilations while blowing their secondhand smoke into classrooms where people are trying to learn, even though there are clear signs warning smokers to stay away.

Jeers to the cafeteria for running out of food and starving many Highline students of their French fries and chicken strips. And to the Rice Krispy treats.

Jeers to Highline's parking situation and being late to class every day while waiting for a parking space.

Cheers to Highline for dealing with the budget and not putting the building fee up to a re-vote.

Whether the outcome is a success or failure, it is good to know that the faculty and staff at Highline are always making their decisions with the best interest of the students in mind.

the opinion page

Editorials are the opinion of the management of the newspaper. Columns represent the opinions of the individual authors. Letters to the editor represent the opinions of the readers.

Letters to the editor are welcome and are subject to editing for length and style by the Thunderword staff. Letters should be no more than 300 words long. Please send submissions to Thunderword@highline.edu or deliver to Building 10, room 106.

It's about that time of year when families start coming together a little more than usual.

This doesn't go for all families but a lot of families don't spend the time together during the year that they do during the holidays.

Why is this? Are Christmas and the holidays like a subconscious mandatory meeting for families?

If your family means that much to you, then you should be spending little more time with them throughout the year.

They aren't around forever and when they do leave, you find yourself wondering why you didn't spend more time with them and give them the time when they had it.

My immediate family is close but my extended family, such as my aunts and uncles, is not. In the past few years my dad has started talking with his side of the family a little more.

There were times when I wondered if my dad would ever talk to his parents again. I always enjoyed seeing my dad with his father and brothers. None of them ever get to see each other unless that once-a-year dinner comes along when they have to be there.

If you have trouble getting along with your parents perhaps its because all they do is complain. Maybe if they had the chance sit down with you and find out what's going on in your life the complaining might turn into a normal conversation.

In the past I really haven't given my parents the chance to be a part of my life.

I had a really good childhood relationship with my parents, as most kids do, but it starts to diminish when you hit puberty.

Now I can say that there are more negative conversations than positive. I don't put them



at fault at all. If anything it is my fault because I'm the one who hasn't tried harder to put them back in my life.

For the younger generation, family seem to be a little more family disoriented than oriented. When your parents grew up family was probably more important than it is now to your generation.

As you get older you notice you start to value things a lot more such as family and other things that you have taken for granted.

This is why your grandparents love seeing you so much. A family is something that is created by two people. These two people want nothing more than to see what they have made and given so many sacrifices for, recognized and appreciated.

I try to talk to my grandparents as much as I can but it's still not enough. When they are gone I know I'll be kicking myself in the ass for not making the time.

Parents and grandparents are some of the very few people who will never stop caring and loving you no matter how bad you screw up.

You can make them angry and disappointed but you always know that they love you and they will always be there for you.

Look at relationships that you've had where you've lied, cheated or stolen and tell me how much more understanding your parents were then people

who were unrelated to you. Your parents are the two people who know you have flaws and can still see right through it to the good parts about you.

How many friends do you have that are as loyal as your family? Probably not too many. But yet friends come first in a lot of situations.

A majority of parents pay your way through school. Do you think they expect to be paid back? I doubt it.

I know that my parents expect nothing more from me than for me to be successful and happy. All they want is to give you that jump start into adulthood and in return they want nothing more than to look back and say wow, we created this. You will have the same feeling someday.

I'm not saying go hang out with your parents every night but just let them know you're there. Maybe this school break will give you the chance to do this.

Take a step back and realize how you place your family on your list of priorities. If you realize that you haven't made them a priority then think of how excited they'll be when you do.

Everyone knows when your parents are gone that you'll be regretful of things that you wish you would have done or that you should have done. But imagine looking back and knowing that you made them feel the love that they showed you.

This year show your family that you care.

As a great man once said, "When you love someone, it's your obligation to make them feel loved."

Danny Bergman became forgetful after being dropped on his head as a baby.

All Hail The Golden Six

By BEN JOHNSTON
Staff Reporter

The Roman values of incest, betrayal, repression and rebellion are all key ingredients of the Drama Department's current production, *The Golden Six*.

The Drama Department has put forth a spirited effort in all aspects of this politically charged tragedy by Maxwell Anderson, and have brought these traditions back to life.

Rick Lorig's set is spectacular, a Roman imperial palace with marble and gold from floor to ceiling. Hundreds of hours were put in on this set, and it shows.

The lighting accentuates the grandiosity of this set, casting apropos shadows during the darker portions of the plot. Set

changes in between scenes are particularly alluring as moonlight is feigned, and black-clad stagehands adjust props and mop up the miscellany of the previous scene's carnage.

The play itself, directed by Dr. Christiana Taylor, centers around the reign of four Caesars in imperial Rome, and the conniving wench who has shaped the empire to her canon.

The placement of the actors greatly accentuates the script delivery, and complements the overall demeanor of the work.

The first scene opens as light falls on the current emperor, Claudius, who is played by DJ Taylor.

The stuttering, nervously shaking Caesar stands quivering at the threshold of his palace and laments in soliloquy over his empire. He wishes Rome

was still a republic, democratically run by the will of the people rather than by a single corrupt man.

The plot then travels back to the reign of his grandfather, Augustus Caesar. Augustus is played by Jim Cooper, and is a once great ruler, but is now



Photo by Rachel Platt

Actor Avory Jackson falls victim to the treachery that engulfs the plot of *The Golden Six*.

suffering from old age and must pick a successor from the fruit of his seed.

Cooper is the quintessential grandfatherly ruler, thinking his particular version of justice is the only way for his kingdom.

"When we're young, we rebel, and when we're old, we repress," philosophizes Augustus.

Cooper is a great pick for the role of the weak yet headstrong ruler.

"I do look at them, but sometimes at this time of the morning I prefer two boiled eggs," says Augustus, with the lethargic conviction of a tired ruler as he reluctantly takes notice of three virgins that have been laid before him by his wife Livia.

Livia, played by Kirsten Olds, acts the part of the conniving grandmother to the golden six, Augustus' six grandsons. Olds begins as a placating wife to Augustus, reassuring a doubt-

ful Augustus that he is a superb ruler, but as the plot thickens, her conniving nature becomes evident.

Olds is the constant throughout the entire work, appearing sporadically from start to finish, yet she is the suture that holds the plot together.

Olds' performance is nearly overpowering compared to her

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Photo by Rachel Platt

Jim Cooper and Kirsten Olds rehearsing.

Bard's players perform on campus

By CHRISTIN GEERDES
Staff Reporter

With limited props, G. Valmont Thomas and Kal Poole set the stage for the imagination and painted a perfect picture.

On Dec. 3 at 9 a.m. in Building 7, Thomas and Poole with the help of a Highline student went through *Romeo and Juliet*. Poole played the part of Romeo, Juliet was played by Kirsten Olds, and Thomas played all the parts in between.

Kirsten Olds is a student at Highline who is currently involved in Highline's production of *The Golden Six*.

Poole first got interested in Shakespeare when he was

young and actors would come to his high school and play scenes from Shakespeare.

Poole graduated from the University of Idaho with a bachelor's degree in fine arts.

"I was very lucky to get into the Oregon Shakespeare Festival," said Poole.

Thomas is native of the Seattle area. He was a teacher and actor in the Northwest.

Thomas auditioned in 1997 for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and began performing in the company in 1998.

Next season Thomas will be acting in a number of different plays.

He will be playing Sooth Sayer in *Antony and Cleopatra*,

and Boy Willy in *The Piano Lesson*.

The Oregon Shakespeare Festival's school visit program has been sending groups of actors to schools region wide for 35 years.

This play lasted 50 minutes and for those 50 minutes these three actors, with limited props, transported the audience to Verona to make them believe they were there.

"Ashland is a wonderful place to spend time in during the summer. One of the best times to come see one of our plays is during early spring or in September or October," said Thomas.



Photo by Corine Fanning

G. Valmont Thomas and Kal Poole entertain the audience.

Austin America rocks their way to the big time

By BEN JOHNSTON
Staff Reporter

Perhaps the Mountain Brothers said it best; "This biz is more than just grabbin' mikes and getting applause/It's hiring legal teams and managers for deciphering clauses."

Austin America is a New Classic rock band that rocks it old school, but with a new twist on lyrical greatness. All they want to do is rock, as front man Chris Flanders reluctantly croons in one song, and the paychecks they rake in (or more precisely, pick out with a fine-tooth comb) is testament to that.

"We don't really care about the money, we don't even think about it," Flanders said.

One of the most troublesome obstacles that the group has faced has been acquiring good gigs.

"Mostly we just play bars, like the Ballard Firehouse," said Mike Steele, Highline student and bassist for the band. Steele said they also play for private parties.

The group as it exists today was formed in May 2001, comprising vocals, two guitars, bass and drums.

Chris Flanders sings and plays rhythm guitar. His inspiration is derived from the Beatles and Pearl Jam.

His brother, Andrew Flanders, plays lead guitar. His guitar riffs and solos evoke memories of the sounds of the guitar gods of the '70s.

Bassist Mike Steele gets his style from a collage of blues, jazz and funk, and it bleeds through during a show.

Drummer Robbie Armijo collects from drummers of such renown as the Red Hot Chili Peppers' Chad Smith and 311's Chad Sexton.

"All of our songs have a good guitar solo, some have bass solos, and some have drum solos," Steele said.

"It's like we started out not knowing how to walk, and now we're running like a track star," said Steele of the band's improvement over the last 18 months.



Austin America members Chris Flanders, Andrew Flanders, Mike Steele and Robbie Armijo.

The lifestyle of an about-to-be rock star is elusive for Austin America, as they sit with a

group of friends arranged in a semi-circle around a television in the attic of Chris' rental house on a Sunday night, after work.

The air is thick with smoke, and also with talk of real life matters.

Flanders discusses payment of rent and utilities, and intermittently answers questions about his music.

Flanders, besides being a former Highline student, a vocalist and guitar player for his opus, works as an operator of the First Avenue bridge, raising and lowering the road for passage of commercial and pleasure water craft.

"The toughest thing besides getting gigs is writing songs between the four of us," Flanders

said.

He theorizes about being in another time "I think we'd make that kind of music if we were around back then," referring to the era of the Eagles and the Rolling Stones.

The band's crowning moment came late last spring, when they recorded an LP at Bob Lang's famous recording studio in North Seattle, which has been home to names such as Nirvana, the Foo Fighters, Hole and even Boyz II Men.

"We learned much from the experience," Flanders said.

The band banged out a nine-track CD in four days, and then signed their name amongst the autographs of past and present rock giants.

Since the release of their album, the band has acquired gigs with more frequency, and are starting to take off.

"It's a whole new world since we started," Steele said.

Austin America's music can be downloaded off their website at www.austinamerica.com.

Simplicity becomes art

By KYLE TURRELL
Staff Reporter

The brush strokes and and water marks of Harry Langan on display at Highline.

Langan, a local artist, uses a mixture of watercolors, pastels and paper collages to illustrate a simplistic view of the world around him.

In one water color titled *Forgotten* Langan shows a scenic view of an old barn in the shadow of a mountain. The dark blue sky and another barn far off in the distance shows the loneliness of how barn feels. The barn itself is overgrown with moss and the wood has faded, hinting at how old the barn truly is.

In another pastel titled *Heading Home* the painting follows two young children and their mother on their journey home surrounded by crop fields. The children's bright orange hats are



Langen's piece *Lake Curlew* will be on display throughout the month of December.

reflected on the road behind them, telling of a rain that recently occurred. The bright vibrant colors of the fields are in deep contrast to the dreary gray road they walk down that T's off in the distance eluding to the long walk the trio has ahead of them.

Langan's art will be on display in the Fourth Floor Art Gallery located in the Library for the month of December.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend during library hours.

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co-stars. Olds' facial contortions throughout the play exemplify the vigor with which she pursues the attainment of an empire that she can call her own.

Tiberius, Livia's son, played by Patrick Allcorn, succeeds Augustus after his death, becoming the second ill-fated emperor under Livia's thumb.

Allcorn, towering over the rest of the cast, is the supreme presence in the first act, bloodying his sword twice before intermission.

The second act is truly where the play comes to life with the appearance of the third emperor, Caligula, played by Carlos Calvo.

This flamboyant, self-ab-

sorbed Caesar flings himself across the stage, gesticulating on woman and man-slave alike, lamenting of his boredom of sex - with slaves, slaves' wives, cousins and sisters.

"When a man's wife is also his sister, his affection for her should be increased," rationalizes Caligula. As he says this, he flounces across the stage yet again, nearly disrobing himself with the energy of his movements.

Altogether, this play is a solid effort. Many of the performers can mark this as their best work to date-a must-see for theater enthusiasts.

Shows will continue Thursday, Dec. 5, and will run through Saturday, Dec. 7.

All shows begin at 8 p.m. and run for approximately two hours. Tickets are \$6 for students and seniors and \$7 for non-students.

Tickle time at Highline

By CHRISTIN GEERDES
Staff Reporter

Light up the eyes of your youngsters this holiday season.

Team Highline is sponsoring their annual event Keep the Spirit, a production from Tickle Tune Typhoon.

The Keep the Spirit holiday concert is an hour-long production of songs from the holidays such as Christmas, and Hanukkah.

Tickle Tune Typhoon production has educated thousands of children, parents and teachers through their performances over the years they've been performing.

Tickle Tune Typhoon consists of the founding directors, songwriters and performers of

highly acclaimed children's groups.

Tickle Tune Typhoon has been creating and performing concerts for children and families since 1980.

Tickle Tune typhoon has been awarded numerous Parents' Choice and Notable Children's Recording Awards.

Tickle Tune Typhoon will be at Highline on Dec. 3 in Building 7.

Tickets can be purchased for \$5 in the Student Programs office located in Building 8. They can also be purchased in the Parent Education office located in Building 18-1a.

The show is an hour long and will be at 11 a.m.

"Tickle Tune Typhoon is a lot of fun. I took my son last year

and he loved it," said Fred Capestany the student programs multicultural advisor.

Keep the Spirit is not the only production performed by Tickle Tune Typhoon. However, it is the only show that has been performed at Highline.

Team Highline's motivation for brining Tickle Tune Typhoon is to reach a population of students, typically families that are not typically reached throughout the school year.

Team Highline encourages student involvement. To contact Team Highline with questions or event ideas call them at 206-878-3710, ext. 3903.

Arts Calendar

•Highline's 4th Floor Art Gallery is currently sponsoring the artwork of Harry Langen. Langen's work consists in paintings ranging from watercolor, pastel, mixed media, colored pencil, and charcoal. Admission to the gallery is free and open to the public.

•Highline's Music Department students will offer a day of music from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again 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. 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.

•Team Highline is currently selling tickets for the showing of Tickle Toon Typhoon. The annual child geared event will take place on Dec. 13 from 11 a.m. until noon in Building 7. Tickets are being sold in Building 8 in the Student Programs Office for \$5 a person. For more information about tickets contact Ruth Lepule at 206-878-3710, ext. 3903.

•The Auburn Arts Commission will present a joint exhibition of the works by water color artists James Sheasley and Shane Reiswig, Dec. 6 through Jan. 3. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Admission is free. The exhibit will consist of Reiswig's paintings of fish and Sheasley's watercolors of ships, seascapes, and lighthouses.

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By Ed Canty

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- Garfield's hello
- Dog command
- Answer a summons
- Badminton need
- "____ up and go!"
- Computer command
- Long skirt
- Rise up
- Salad bar offering
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- Small amount
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- Salad bar offering
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- Strong winds
- Protestor's prefix
- Simple
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- Blunder

Down

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- Probability

- Prevent
- Chair lead in
- Analyze
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Quotable Quote

Children today are tyrants. They contradict their parents, gobble their food, and tyrannize their teachers.

... Socrates
(469 BC - 399 BC)

Women improve at tournament

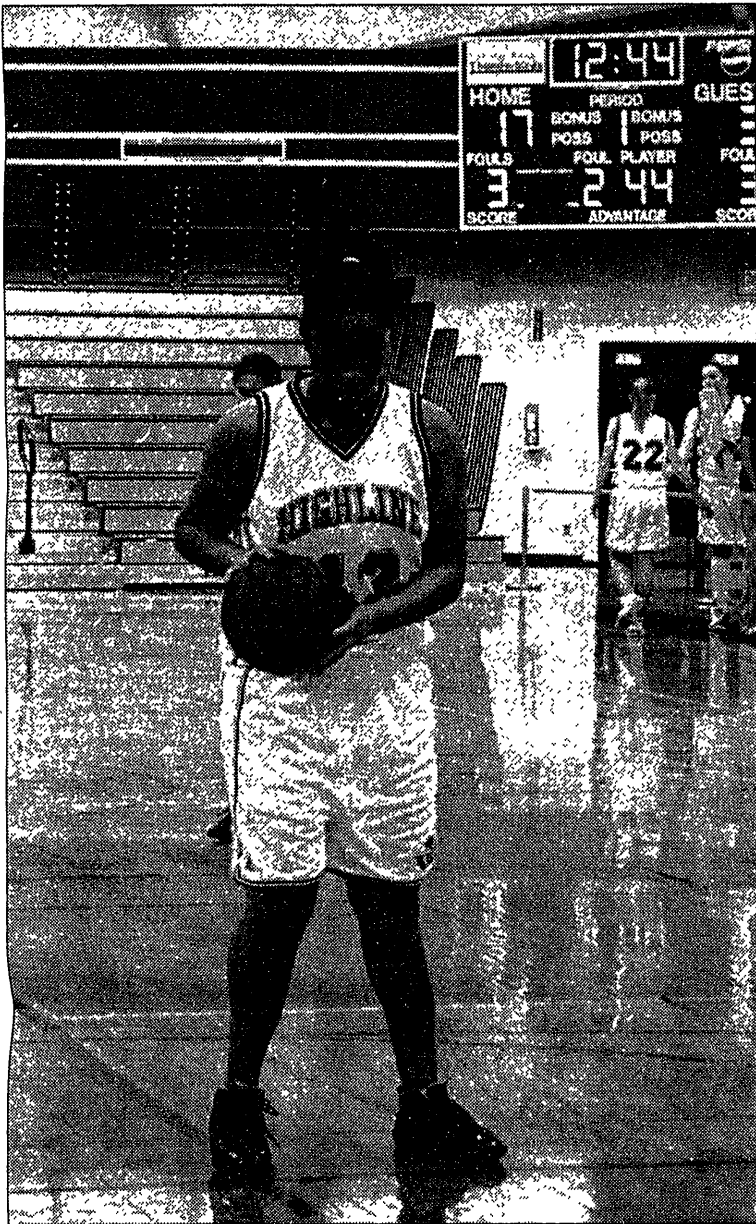


Photo by Adrienne Hughes

Ane Tuivai prepares to shoot a free throw in Wednesday night's game against Bellevue. Results were unavailable at press time.

By EDITH AGOSTON
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's basketball team won one out of three games at last weekend's Everett Tournament.

The Lady T-Birds lost to Spokane 60-74 in the first game of the tournament, which was held Nov. 29 through Dec. 1.

"We played well in the first half, but they pulled away in the second half," Head Coach Dennis Olson said.

"The score was real close at halftime, we got a little tired in the second half."

Lisa Pueschner led the team with 11 points and Tiare Alailima grabbed 7 rebounds. In the second game, Highline beat Edmonds, 77-59. This game was the opposite of the first game, Olson said.

"It was a close game and then we pulled away in the second half," he said.

Quite a few women contributed in the victory for Highline.

Michelle Aurelio led the way with 16 points and 11 rebounds, Diane Whitehead put in 12 points, Erin Bender had 11 points, and Pueschner was in double figures again with 10 points.

"A lot of kids played well and I thought Erin Bender played a great game," Olson said.

The third game was much



Dennis Olson

like the first game of the weekend. Highline played a good strong first half, but let it slip away in the end. They lost to Yakima Valley, 76-85.

"They (Yakima) really shot well," Olson said. Every time Highline would double on their post, Yakima would kick it out to their open shooters. Then if the T-Birds stayed on the shooters, Yakima got them down low, he said.

Aurelio came out with a team high 20 points, while Whitehead contributed 14, and Pueschner put in another 12 points.

"Michelle played a really good ball game for us," Olson said.

Aurelio hasn't practiced much with the team so far and this weekend was her first game of the season. But she didn't let that hold her back as she led the

team in scoring in two out of the three games of the tournament.

Aurelio and Alailima have been busy up until now with the volleyball season. It's been hard with the volleyball players not knowing all of the plays yet, Olson said.

"We have been limited because of it." Overall, Olson seemed pretty happy with the team's performance in

the tournament. "It went OK, we made lots of improvement," he said.

A combination of good shooting and passing really helped the T-Birds get their one win in the tournament. The team had a mix of scoring from up top and from down low, that will be key when the league games begin.

"We played a lot better than we have, it was really encouraging knowing that we could get better in a short amount of time," Bender said.

Highline played Bellevue here at home on Wednesday, Dec. 4, however the results were unavailable at press time. Their next game will be at Whatcom on Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. The T-Birds travel to Big Bend for the Crossover Tournament. Their first league game will be played Jan. 2 at Clark at 6 p.m.

Wrestlers take break to conserve energy

By DUSTIN NICKERSON
Staff Reporter

Highline's wrestling team is gearing up for the quarter's end by fluffing their pillows, pre-heating their electric blankets, and taking some well deserved rest. After this weekend's tourney, Coach Scott Norton said that the team is going to get a little time off.

"I want the guys to peak in February, when it matters," said Norton. "They won't lose that much by taking a break right now."

Many of the wrestlers aren't used to the longer, collegiate seasons, and rest is critical to them making it through, said Norton.

Two weekends ago, the T-Birds wrestled a tournament in Oregon that was dominated by nearby Oregon State and North

Idaho. Even with the presence of several D-I schools, Highline walked away with two placers in David Walker and Steve Rider.

Walker, the team's heavyweight, finished third and his only loss came to the tournament champion. Teammate and fellow heavyweight Steve Rider placed fifth for Highline.

In the 125-pound bracket, Francisco Gonzalez was one match from placing, and Brad Luvas was just two matches away for the T-Birds. On average, each bracket had about 30 wrestlers competing.

"Most of the finals were between Oregon State and North Idaho wrestlers," said Norton. "Both schools are notoriously strong schools."

As for next weekend, the team travels to Westminster, BC to wrestle head to head with



Photo by Adrienne Hughes

Teammates Jon Muri and Josh Gilmore wrestle each other at a recent practice.

Simon Fraser, and then Douglass College.

"Simon Fraser has some wrestlers that are at whole other levels," Norton said. "And

Douglass isn't far behind them."

Norton knows that the competition will be tough, but feels that Highline is up and ready for

"I want the guys to peak in February, when it matters."

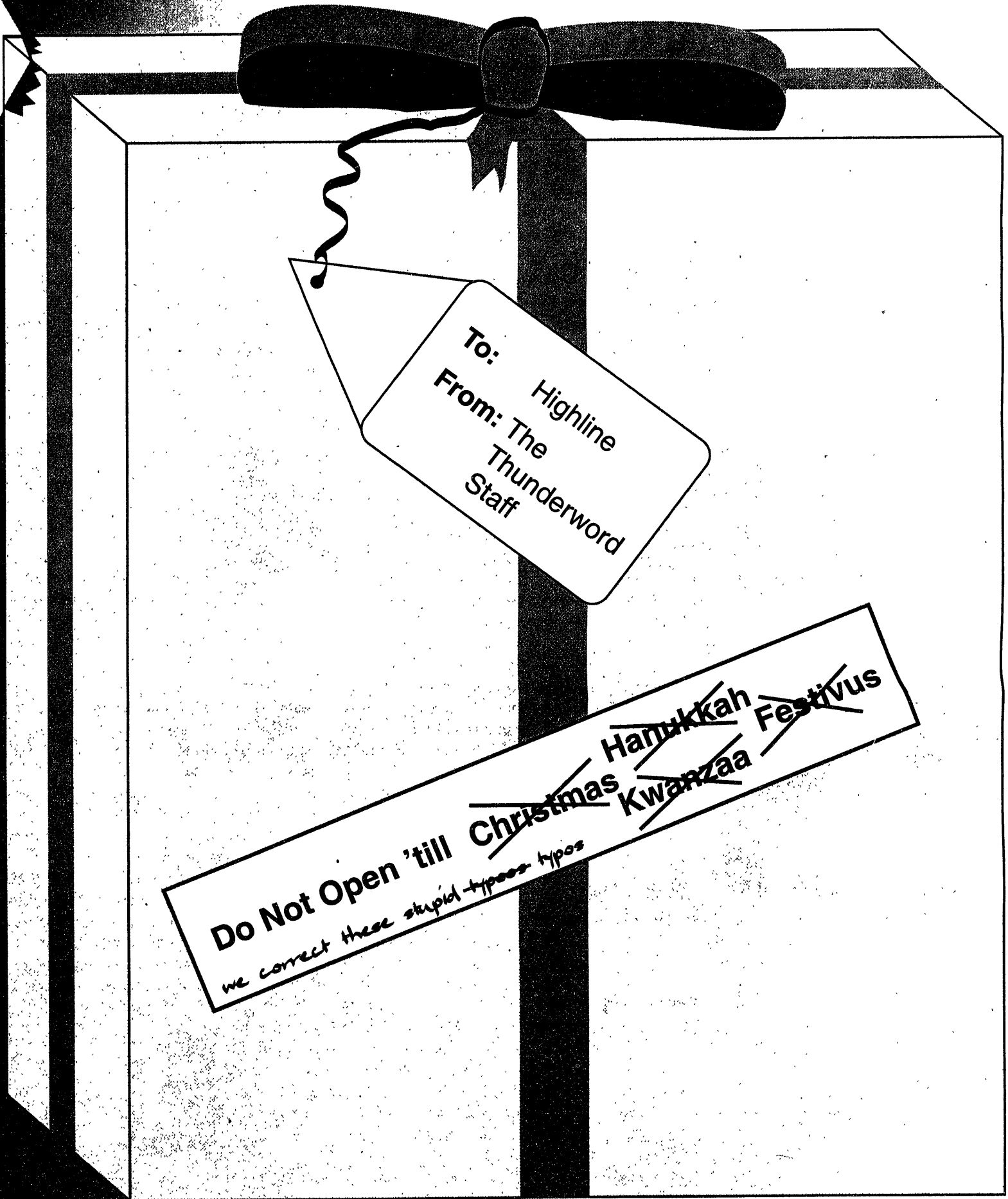
-Scott Norton,
wrestling coach

the challenge.

"We want to win," said Norton, "but we're gearing into different things for nationals in February."

Since the start, Norton has been viewing the finish, and is still hoping to be in the top 10 for the season. He feels it's a definite possibility, and that some relaxation now, is a step the T-Birds need to take to be their best when it counts.

The Inside Scoop



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Behind the scenes of winter holidays

BY VICTORIA ANTHONY
AND
JOHN MONTENEGRO
Staff Reporters

People have been celebrating winter holidays since before dirt, probably even before rock.

Some holidays people from Highline might celebrate include Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. Unlike Christmas and Hanukkah, Kwanzaa is not a religious holiday.

Kwanzaa is an African American holiday that celebrates family, community and culture.

It allows African American families the opportunity to gather together and celebrate who they are and all their accomplishments of the past year. They also use this time to plan for the upcoming year.

Dr. Maulana Karenga, an activist and a teacher, created Kwanzaa in 1966. He believed African Americans needed a special time to honor their culture, by learning about their ancestors and customs.

Kwanzaa lasts seven days, starting on Dec. 26 and ending Jan. 1. Dr. Karenga developed seven rules, one for each day, for African Americans to abide by.

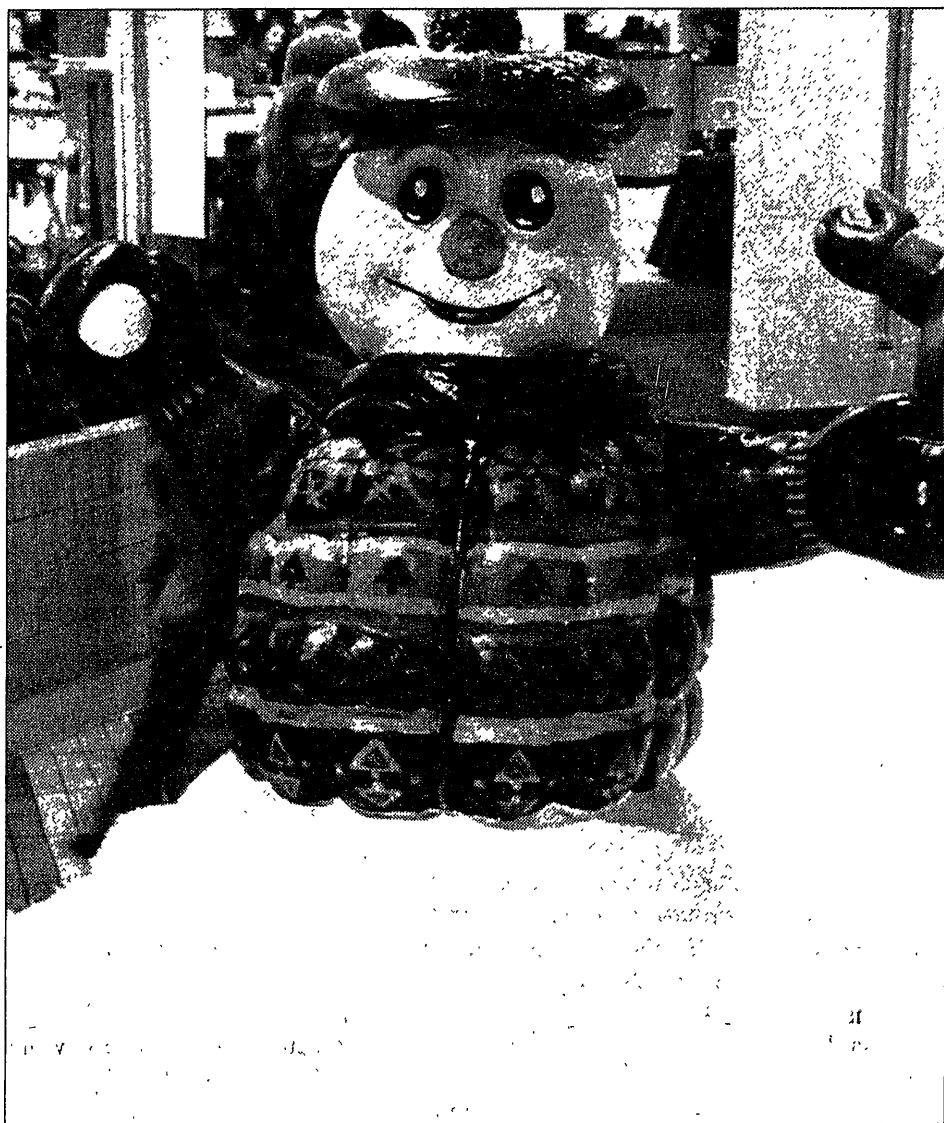
He said these principles were "ways that black people must live to build better lives for themselves and their families."

The principles, called the Nguzo Saba, are: Umoja (unity); Kujichagulia (self-determination); Ujima (working together); Ujamaa (sharing);

Nia (purpose); Kuumba (creativity); and Imani (Faith). Symbols of the holiday, such as the mishumaa saba and the kinara, are important to those who celebrate Kwanzaa.

The mishumaa saba are candles that represent each of the seven rules of Kwanzaa. Three are red, three are green and one is black.

Red, black and green are the symbolic colors of Kwanzaa. Black represent black people all over the world, red represents their struggle and green represents hope and the future.



Photos by Corine Fanning

This cheerful snowman greets the crazed holiday shoppers at Seatac Mall.

In Scandinavia during winter the sun would disappear for many days. If the sun did not rise after several days people would be sent out to go to the mountaintops to look for the first sign of light.

After the first light was seen the people would return to the village to tell of the joyous news. A festival would then take place.

Laura Manning, Highline speech instructor, said each culture has a winter solstice celebration to celebrate the end of the shortest day and the coming of light.

"It's a great reason to celebrate," Manning said.

The Romans also celebrated a festival.

Their festival is -

Dec. 25 started in 350 AD, when Julius I, the Bishop of Rome declared it.

A very important symbol of Christmas is Santa Claus.

Many believe that St. Nicholas, also known as the Bishop of Myra, was the true Santa Claus. St. Nicholas was believed to have been born in Patara in Lycia, a province of Asia Minor.

Nicholas was known for his generosity. For example a man in his town lost all his money, the man was the father of three daughters. Nicholas then threw small bags of gold through the windows of the daughters of the man.

On the last night the father stayed up to find out who was giving them the money, when the father found out the identity of the giver he thanked Nicholas graciously.

In later years St. Nicholas was known to give generously to children. Because of this he was named the Patron Saint of Children.

St. Nicholas was then given the name Santa Claus.

Because of his love of children, he was given the name of a Nordic magician, "Sint Klaes," which crudely translated turns into Santa Claus.

Although Christmas only lasts for one night, in the Jewish religion the winter holiday lasts for eight, fun-filled nights.

Hanukkah commemorates the re-seizing of the holy temple in Jerusalem after the Greeks had pillaged it.

In 168 B.C.E., the temple was seized and dedicated to worship the god Zeus. The Greeks and the Jews battled for many years and finally the Jews defeated the Greeks.

When the Jews returned to the holy temple they found that many things were either missing or broken.

After they repaired the temple they held a celebration in dedication to the holy temple, for the celebration they wanted to light the golden menorah but they only found enough oil to light the menorah for one day. Miraculously the oil lasted for eight days.

Today the Jewish people light one candle on the menorah for eight days, commemorating the eight-day miracle.

The seven candles are put in a candleholder called the kinara, with the black in the middle, the red to the left and the green to the right. The kinara stands for the African Americans' ancestors and all those who came before them.

On Dec. 31, people celebrating

about their lives and families and how they can be improved.

People who celebrate Kwanzaa may also celebrate Christmas, since Kwanzaa is not a substitution for the religious holiday.

Christmas history can be traced back as far as 4000 years. Many of the customs can be traced back to the Mesopotamians. They believed in many gods and their chief god was named Marduk.

When winter approached Marduk was believed to do battle with the monsters of chaos. So to help Marduk win the battle, the Mesopotamians held a festival.

The festival was called Zagmuk. The festival lasted for 12 days, hence the 12 days of Christmas.

Early Europeans believed in many things including evil spirits coming to haunt them.

When winter approached and nights would become longer and days shorter they feared that the sun would not return.

So the early Europeans started having celebrations to bring back the sun.

cluded masquerades in the streets, and large meals were served where people would exchange gifts called "Stranea" or lucky gifts.

The Romans also "decked their halls" with laurel, and trees were lit with candles.

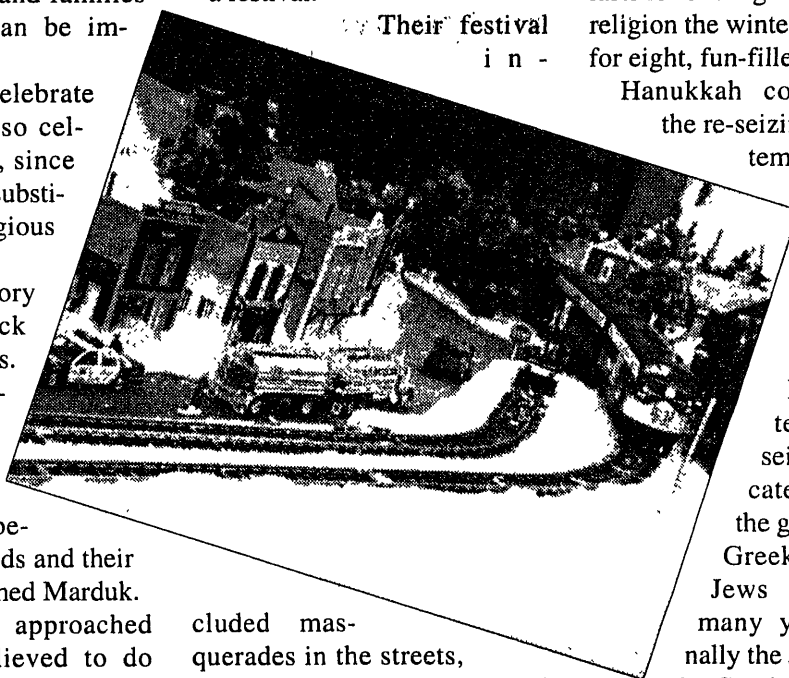
The modern Christmas was started because the Catholic Church wanted a Christian holiday to compete with those of the pagan religions.

Eventually the Catholic Church gave in and had a celebration fit for the son of God. The exact day of Christ's birth is still unknown but the tradition of celebrating Christ's birth on



Kwanzaa hold a special feast called the karamu. Friends and family get together bringing all different kinds of African food to share. They might sing, dance or play games together. The purpose of this feast is to celebrate the good things in life.

The seventh and final day of Kwanzaa is also known as the Day of Meditation. It is a day for African Americans to think



Christmas farm grows memories

BY ALLISON WESTOVER
Staff Reporter

Grand, Silver, Noble and Fir. They come in many different sizes, shapes and price tags. What a Christmas tree is for may be well known but where a Christmas tree comes from is usually not thought about.

It takes many years for a tree to reach a sellable height; my grandparents Adele and Darrell Westover of Maple Valley have been growing and selling Christmas trees for 20 years.

Adele and Darrell have 10 acres full of Christmas trees. What people enjoy once a year is a year-round process for them.

Seedlings, which are trees that are between one and two years of age, grow in a nursery in Oregon before they reach my grandparent's farm.

An order is put into the nursery eight months prior to when the farm is going to need to receive the trees. The Westovers usually plant up to 500 seedlings each spring during planting season. Because they have been working with the nursery in Oregon for many years they are able to order pretty close to



Photo By Corine Fanning

A nicely decorated Christmas tree lights up Seatac Mall.

what they actually need.

In every spot where a tree was harvested during the Christmas season, a new seedling is planted.

Next, a six-inch auger is used to drill a planting hole. The hole is dug 10 to 12 inches away from the old stump.

"This is so that the seedlings

do not have to fight through the old tree's roots as they grow," said Adele.

"Eventually there will be no more rocks that I have to auger through [by planting next to the old stump]," said Darrell.

"It takes a crew of five, four to five days, to plant all of the trees," said Adele. "The planting can be done over a longer period of time but you definitely want the seedlings in the ground by May 1."

New growth occurs after May 1, which is why the seedlings need to be planted prior. Planting the trees is the easiest part of the process, assuming the rain doesn't fill the holes.

During the summertime we do our best to keep the weeds and grass cut around the seedlings so that they do not have to fight for nutrients in the soil.

The Westovers are able to be environmentally friendly because they carry only Nobles and Grands in their fields.

"We are lucky. The two trees we carry are reasonably pest-free so we don't have to spray any chemicals," said Adele.

Every couple of years we find a bird nest amongst the branches of a tree. Even though

it is usually empty, it is always a special reminder that trees serve a purpose other than holding ornaments.

The Westovers decided to start a Christmas tree farm because they had the acreage and wanted to put it to a use that would generate some income, said Adele.

The choose-and-cut Christmas tree farm allows for a nice family outing as well as creating great holiday memories and traditions for the families when they get their tree, said Adele. Some of our customers have been coming to us for many years. They tell us of past experiences when their kids were only infants and now they are big enough to do the honor of sawing down the tree.

Though we all do our best, some of the trees do not grow to be beautiful. My grandma uses the branches from these trees to make homemade wreaths.

The smell of trees and hot apple cider fill your system as you walk into their store. The slicing of a saw, the wonderful smells in the store and the beauty of the perfect tree are the memories of Christmas for our family.

Winter movie preview

BY KYLE TURRELL
Staff Reporter

Lights, camera, Boredom! The winter movie season has begun along with Highline's winter break. To help pass your time wisely this holiday season on the cold boring nights here is a preview of some of the movies being released during winter break.

Maid in Manhattan: Jennifer Lopez stars as a maid in a hotel in Upper Manhattan. By a twist of fate Lopez is mistaken for a patron of the hotel by a wealthy playboy and the couple falls in love.

But will the truth about Lopez shatter their picture perfect romance?

Analyze That: In this sequel to 1999's *Analyze This* Billy Crystal reprises his role as the reluctant psychologist whose patient (Robert DeNiro) won't take no as an an-



Gangs of New York

swer.

This time DeNiro gets put in Crystal's care after being declared insane.

The doc has to cure DeNiro before his enemies do them both in.

Aboult Schmidt: After his wife's unexpected death Warren Schmidt travels across country to attend his daughter's wedding.

Fearing he will die a failure, Schmidt unexpectedly discovers himself through letters he writes to a child he is sponsoring in Tanzania for 73 cents a day.

Gangs of New York: Based

in 1840s-1860s New York, Leonardo DiCaprio stars as Amsterdam Vallon. Vallon seeks to revenge his father's death at the hands of Bill "The Butcher" Poole. But for Vallon to have his revenge he must unite the gangs of New York.

Empire: John Leguizamo plays a New York street pharmacist who teams up with a Wall Street hot shot to make some clean money. But Leguizamo gets taken for all he is worth and he will do he can anything to get it back.

The Hot Chick: After making fun of a gothic classmate in her history class, the hottest but cruelest girl in school gets a spell cast on her that turns her into a middle aged man.

Now she must find a way to change back before her life and razorblades are ruined.

Star Trek: Nemesis: Follow the crew of the Enterprise as they deliver a peace treaty to the Romulans.

Their mission is interrupted though by a new enemy who if not stopped will have the power to destroy the earth.

Holiday Event Guide

With Christmas just around the corner people get their once a year chance to see all the events and shows that go hand in hand with the holidays. Here's a list to help you along your way.

•The Pacific Northwest Ballet will be showing its annual Nutcracker performance. The show opened Nov. 30 and will be running through Dec. 30 at the Paramount Theatre. Tickets range from \$21-201.50. For information call 206-441-9411.

•Over 400 lighted boats will cruise Lake Union displaying their lights. The cruise will take place on Dec. 8 from 3:30 to 5:30. For more information contact Ryan Ingalls at 206-728-0123.

•Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium will put on Zoolights. Tickets are \$4 and for more information call 253-591-5337.



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Linking friends in time of loneliness

By C.J. ALVAREZ
Staff Reporter

Marilyn Soderquist, former Highline student, said she has found out what she was put on earth for.



Soderquist attended Highline about 30 years ago, and is now the program director for Friend-to-Friend.

Friend-to-Friend matches volunteers to visit one-on-one with residents in nursing homes, assisted living, and retirement homes for the purpose of friendships at a time when it is greatly needed.

"While I was at Highline I took random classes to fulfill my requirements," Soderquist said.

It was then that Soderquist realized she had a passion for helping, and developing relationships with other people.

"I've been helping out the elderly since I was 17 years old. I loved it," Soderquist

said.

Friend-to-Friend was officially established in 1974 by Joe Rust, Soderquist's father.

"My father was shot in the Korean War, and was in the hospital for a year. He was very lonely and wanted a visitor. That is how FTF basically got started," Soderquist said.

When Soderquist's father died she took over the program. She later became the program director.

"Picture a person in a nursing home or assisted living facility in our community whose family may live in another country or state. Seldom does anyone from the outside stop by to visit them," Soderquist said.

Friend-to-Friend is the only program that provides this type of service to the Puget Sound area. Friend-to-Friend works with over 250 homes in five counties.

The staff of nursing homes is usually unable to spend quality time, each day, with residents.

"The staff tell us their greatest need are one-on-one visits for their residents and they rely on FTF to provide them with



Michelle Wallace, left, spends her free time visiting the elderly, such as Oralie McCabe, right.

volunteers," Soderquist said.

"The need for one-on-one visits is beginning to swell as baby boomers come of age and the elderly continue to live into their 100s," Soderquist said.

Friend-to-Friend currently has about 500 members, but is always looking for new members of any age.

"Friend-to-Friend is a great learning experience, easy to do,

and all about conversation," Soderquist said.

For more information contact Soderquist at 206-246-5150 or visit Friend-to-Friend's web site, web.imajis.com/ftf.

Help make the holidays better for the less fortunate

By R. L. TIMBROOK
Staff Reporter

Imagine having to go through the holidays with nothing under the tree and nothing on the table.

Now more than ever, due to the slumping economy in the area, more charities are in need of donations.

"As a whole, the donations for the King County division are down this year," said Jena Hubbard community relations director for the Salvation Army of King County.

Hubbard said that the Salvation Army was hurt last year during the holiday season because some of the money that they had collected was designated to go to the East Coast as part of the 9-11 relief effort.

"Holidays are our bread and butter as far as the financial contributions that we get. People are generally really focused on giving during the holidays," Hubbard said.

Some local charities are optimistic that the holidays will bring an increase in donations as they have in the years past.

"The holidays are the time of year when people do the most giving. We always see an in-



Photo by Corine Fanning

The Team Highline giving tree upstairs in Building 8.

crease in giving during this time of year so much so that some of the donations that we get during the holidays can sustain us for some months afterward," said Executive Director of the Des Moines Food Bank, Kris Van Gasken.

Giving goes up during the holidays for a number of reasons.

Food banks are just one of the organizations that a person can donate to. "We can also use personal care items, like soap and shampoo and things like that. We also have a lot of people that come here that have children so baby care items are always welcome," Van Gasken said.

Organizations, like food banks, that have been around for a while know what to expect

One is that it is publicized a lot more during this time of year. Another reason is that some of the people that are more fortunate tend to want to give more because they see how other people live, Van Gasken said.

"We have a lot of people that donate all year but the number seems to go up this time of year," Van Gasken said.

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Some charitable organizations that are fairly new do not know what to expect for the holidays.

One such outfit is the Tukwila Children's Foundation.

"We are a new nonprofit organization that was established to meet the unmet needs of children in the Tukwila area. Because Tukwila is a very diverse area, both economically and ethnically, there are quite a few children that could use our help," said Katrina Dohn, who is the vice president of the foundation.

"We would love to get books from people and monetary contributions always help. But the biggest thing that people could donate to us now is time," Dohn said.

Because of the interest in the charity, so far, Dohn is optimistic about the upcoming holiday season.

"We have had a car dealer that agreed to do a book drive for us and the article that was in the Seattle Times should help. The support that we have received so far has been great," Dohn said.

Other than charitable donations of time or money, there are many other ways that people

can make a difference in the lives of those that are less fortunate during the holidays.

Team Highline is sponsoring a giving tree on campus for the campus community to do its part.

"The way that the giving tree works is that we found families here on campus that are in need of financial support and then found sponsors for some of them. The ones who did not get sponsors their names go on ornaments that get put on the tree and people use the ornaments to get gifts for," Team Highline member Anh-Linh Bui said.

Bui also said that she liked the idea of a giving tree because "it is a great way to help people in the Highline community."

"It is still possible for people to donate to the giving tree but the people would have to buy their gift wrap it and bring it back to the Student Programs office by this Friday," said Bui.

For information on the Tukwila Children's Foundation contact Katrina Dohn at 206-901-7543. To donate to the Des Moines Food Bank call 206-878-2660. For information on how to donate to the Salvation Army go to www.salvationarmy.org.

Holidays stomach homemade food

By VICTORIA ANTHONY
Staff Reporter

One of the most important things during the holidays is food.

Many people use the holidays as an excuse to cook up their favorite meals, even if it means spending hours in the hot kitchen.

A few Highline employees fall into this category, and they submitted their tasty recipes to share.

Melissa Sell, the assistant to the executive director of institutional advancement, sent in a recipe for zucchini sausage pie.

Erik Tingelstad, in career and employment services, sent in an almond roca candy recipe.

Emmanuel Chiabi, history professor, sent in a recipe native

to his culture, called stew sauce.

And last, but not least, good holiday food goes well with a distinct wine.

Sabine Slowik sent in a recipe for Gluewein, a spiced red wine from Germany.

You might want to try a tasty alteration to your routine holiday meal by using one of these scrumptious recipes sent in by Highline's finest.

Or add a twist to the traditional pumpkin dessert with the brown butter pumpkin almond cake.

Whether you try these new recipes or not, keep in mind it isn't a holiday meal without the extra effort.

If you don't understand, ask speech instructor, Shannon Proctor, who said, "Some people may say it's about the family, but not for me. It's all about the pickles and olives. That makes it so fancy."

ZUCCHINI-SAUSAGE PIE

By Melissa Sell

Ingredients

1 lb. Italian sausage
1 cup shredded swiss cheese
1 1/2 cups shredded zucchini
1 tsp. salt
4 beaten eggs
1 tsp. pepper
1 cup ricotta or cottage cheese
pastry for single crust pie



Sell

1. In skillet, brown sausage; drain off fat.
2. Press liquid from zucchini between a double layer of paper towels.
3. In bowl, combine eggs, sausage, zucchini, cheeses, salt and pepper.
4. Line 9 inch pie plate with

pastry; fill with egg mixture.
5. Bake in 375 degree oven 45 to 50 minutes or till knife inserted near center comes out clean. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

"This makes a nice Christmas morning breakfast." - Sell

ALMOND ROCA CANDY

By Erik Tingelstad

Ingredients

1 lb. butter
2 cups 4 tbsp. sugar
2 tbsp. water
2 tsp. pure almond extract
2 cups white chocolate chips
2 cups semi sweet chocolate chips
1/4-1/2 cup chopped almonds



Tingelstad

1. Mix butter, sugar, water and almond extract in a saucepan on medium-high heat, stirring constantly to 301 degrees.
2. Put newspaper and then foil on top of a cookie sheet, then pour the candy mixture onto the foil.
3. Sprinkle with white choco-

late chips, then semi-sweet chocolate chips.

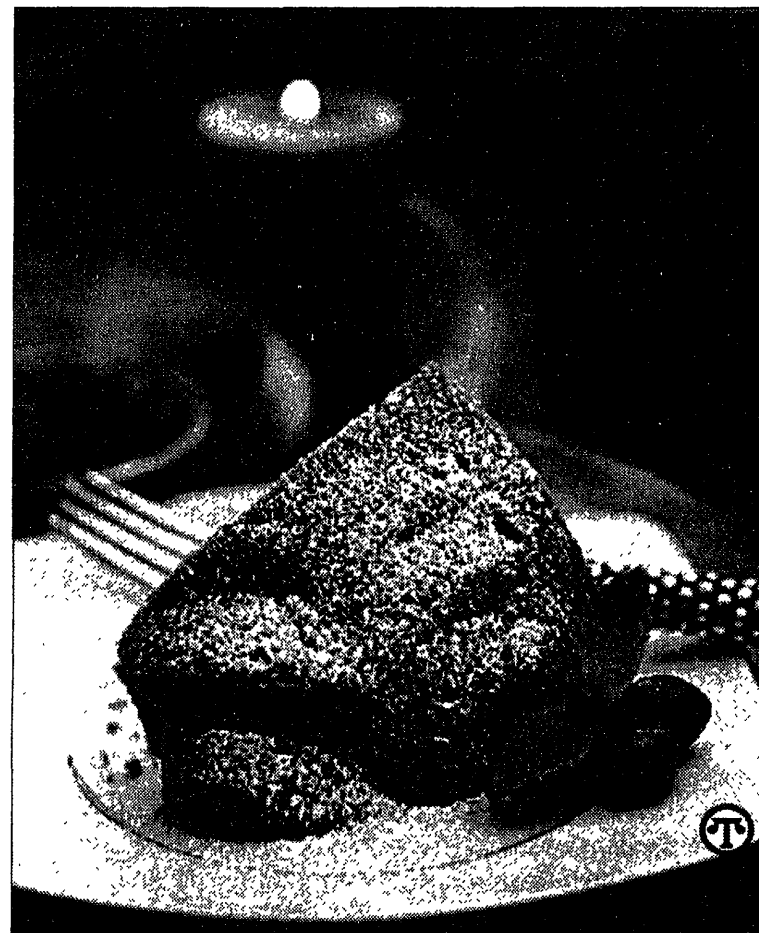
4. Let begin to melt, then spread smooth.
5. Sprinkle with chopped almonds.
6. Let candy sit to cool.
7. Break or cut into pieces.

"Here's one for folks who like sweets."
- Tingelstad

BROWN BUTTER PUMPKIN ALMOND CAKE

1 cup unsalted butter
3/4 cup flour
2 cups confectioners sugar
1/4 cup brown sugar
1 cup almond flour/meal
3/4 cup canned pumpkin
2 tbsp. ground cinnamon
2 tsp. ground ginger
1 tsp. salt
8 egg whites

1. Melt butter in small pot on medium heat, until it turns a golden brown color.
2. Remove from heat and transfer the butter to a bowl to cool to room temperature.
3. While the butter cools, sift flour, confectioners sugar, brown sugar and almond meal into a bowl.
4. Add pumpkin, brown butter and spices. Mix ingredients using a mixer with a paddle attachment, until combined; set aside.
5. In a separate bowl, whip the egg whites, using a whisk until soft peaks form. Mix half of the egg whites into pumpkin mixture until combined, and gently fold in the other half.
6. Pour batter into buttered



Brown Butter Pumpkin Almond Cake adds the perfect twist to the traditional pumpkin dessert at holiday meals.

pan and fill 2/3 of the way. Depending on pan size, all of the batter may not be used.

7. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes in a bundt pan

or 25-30 minutes in a 9 inch round pan.

For variety, dot batter with cranberries or desired fruit before baking.

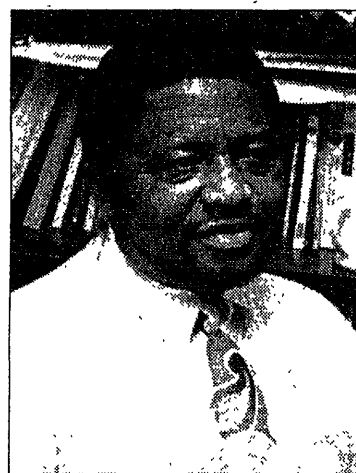
STEW SAUCE

By Emmanuel Chiabi

Ingredients

Beef
8 oz. tomato paste
sliced onions, divided
leeks
salt
dried-ground shrimp
vegetable oil
magi cube (hard to find and not necessary since you will use salt)

1. Boil the meat to your softness. Remove from the heat.
2. Put a dry pot on the fire and add oil (depending on the



Chiabi

amount of sauce) and let simmer for 3-5 minutes.

3. Add a pinch of salt.
4. Add half of the sliced onions.

5. Put in tomato paste.
6. Mix, add a little water and the meat, and let simmer for about 5-8 minutes.
7. Add the rest of the onions, the dried ground shrimp, the leeks, and half-to-one magi cube. Taste to make sure it isn't too salty, and let simmer for another five minutes or so.

"Now you are ready to enjoy your delicious stew sauce, or 'soup' as we call it in West Africa. Put 'enough' over your boiled rice, or even spaghetti and only your fear of calories will stop you from having second, third and more helpings."
-Chiabi

GLUEWEIN

By Sabine Slowik

Ingredients

4 tbsp. zucker (sugar)
1500 ml rotwein (red wine)
1 zitron: schale und saft (juice and peel of one lemon)
1 zimststange (cinnamon stick)
1 tsp. zimtpulver (Cinnamon powder)
3 nelken (cloves)

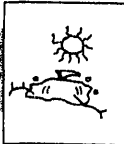


Slowik

zucker nach belieben (sugar to taste)

1. Place all ingredients into a crock-pot and simmer for about seven hours.

"This is a spiced, heated red wine that reminds me of cold afternoons at the skating rink in Wiesbaden, Germany."
- Slowik



Scrooge had it right: A mall employee's story

Call me a scrooge but if there is any time of the year that I hate the most it's Christmas.

Now don't get me wrong I love over eating, spending time with family and all that other good stuff. It's not the idea of good cheer that I hate, it's the shopping.

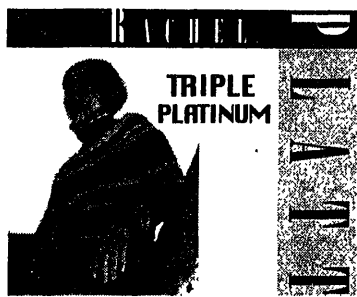
Every year it's the same old story. The day of Thanksgiving I can never really enjoy my turkey and cranberry sauce because all the while I've got a cloud looming above my head. Tomorrow is the biggest shopping day of the year.

Why do I hate holiday shopping so much?

I work retail.

While anxious men and women over America wake before their alarms with excitement for all the big sales, I'm the one stumbling into my clothes to accommodate the shoppers by being at work two hours earlier than usual.

I try to remind myself that I'm getting paid to work which is more than some families, and that I shouldn't complain about how busy the store will get. But



it's not the store getting busy that makes me so frustrated. It's that during the happiest time of the year customers seem to be more rude, less patient, and thoughtless.

The holidays are supposed to be a time of love, joy, peace and good will toward men, but by the rush-rush attitude that I get from most shoppers joy would be the last thing that anyone thinks about.

It's frustrating when customers take out holiday frustrations on those who are paid minimum wage.

My co-workers and I are working to put ourselves through school, support families and buy presents for loved ones.

Shoppers seem to constantly forget that while they are in any

given store for typically no more than thirty minutes (because we don't want you there just as bad as you don't want to be there) employees are there for sometimes more than eight hours.

And whatever happened to The Golden Rule? I suppose treating others the way that we want to be treated has just gone out of style like my Vanilla Ice *To The Extreme* album.

I don't even know how many times I've been asked by shoppers "Are you stupid?"

No, in fact I'm not stupid, but the customers who say these things to me are certainly rude.

Also remember that the customer isn't always right. Mall employees just make them think that they are. And when a customer says rude remarks all they end up doing is making themselves sound like a jerk.

Also bear in mind that we as mall employees are trying to cater to shoppers. We re-merchandise in order to make your stay in our stores as brief and painless as possible.

And we mall employees also

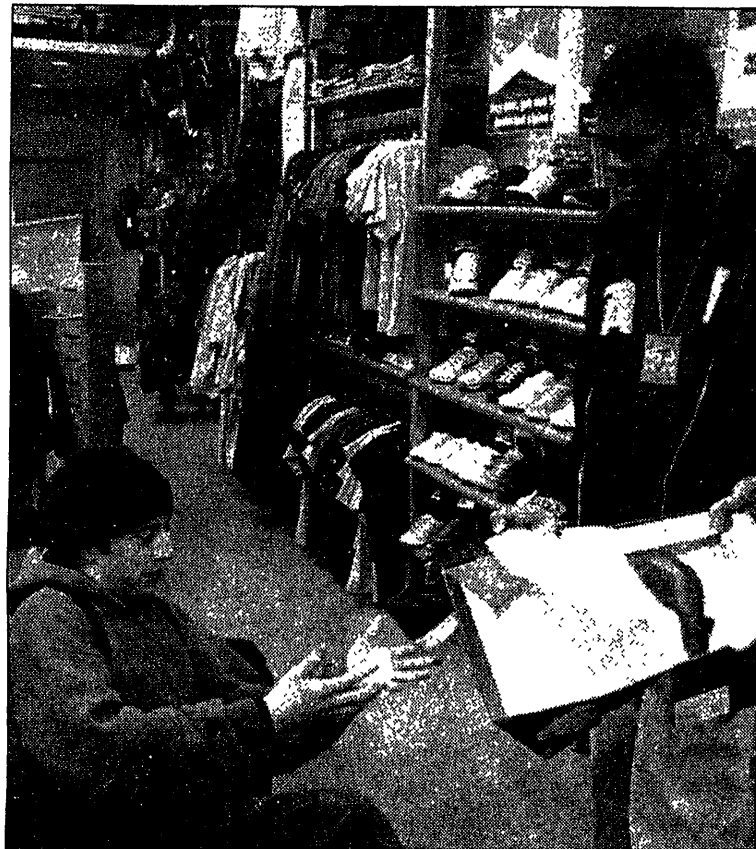


Photo by Rachel Platt

A mall employee caters to the needs of an anxious shopper.

have a well kept secret that I'd like to reveal to the masses.

Gift cards.

Not only do your loved ones get to choose their gift, but you as the customer get to leave the store in a speedy fashion. Gift cards also leave you, as the buyer, to be able to set aside a specific Christmas budget and

stick to it.

So the next time you find yourself getting frustrated with a sales associate this holiday season just remember that we store employees have friends. And those friends will be making your lunch in the food court.

Allow me to excuse myself from the table

Holiday excuses to get you out of any situation

By RACHEL PLATT
Staff Reporter

The holidays can be a terrific time of the year.

After all, how often are we allowed to eat as much as we want to (and have no one be able to say anything about it), spend more money than we should (and have no one be able to say anything about it), and spend time with the ones that we love (which we should be doing more anyway)?

Unfortunately, as the holidays creep up on us, so do people whose company we'd rather not keep.

In the mad dash to enjoy the three weekends before Christmas, many students are bombarded with invitations to events that they wouldn't want to attend any time of the year, let alone Christmas.

For example your boyfriend's or girlfriend's family with the dog that always pees

on you has invited you to eat Christmas dinner with them. Or your grandmother with 12 cats (which you are deathly allergic to) wants too spend a quality Saturday evening patching that quilt together you promised her you'd do when you were 12 years-old.

So how do you save yourself from the Christmas from Hell?

The answer is to plan ahead with fail proof excuses.

Excuses that are short and sweet are typically best. They allow less room for error in case the host asks questions.

Such excuses include but are not limited to:

•I'm getting a kidney dialysis.

•That's fine, providing I can smoke. I get cranky if I don't have a few cigars an hour.

•I have to put my cat to sleep.

Everyone feels pity for cats and will understand. Except dog people, in this case substitute dog for cat.

•You mean this year?

With an excuse like this the host will think that you're such a jerk that they'll never talk to you again.

•I've got a paper due the next day. That's what I get for putting things off to the last minute.

No college student can argue back to this one, and no parent would dare (especially if they're paying for your schooling).

•No can do. I'd miss *Cops*, and this week is the one when my brother gets bit by the police dog.

•I'm donating plasma.

This one is almost com-

pletely fool proof considering that most people are only familiar with plasma from the movie *Ghostbusters*.

•I'm allergic to all holiday food.

Be wary when using this excuse because there will be memorization required afterwards. You will never be able to eat holiday food around the person who invited you ever again.

•I'm taking my mom out for her birthday that night.

No one dares to question the mother excuse. If you've already used mom as an excuse, substitute with grandmother.


•I'm having a *Star Wars* Thrilliggy Trilogy marathon that night.

People will think you're such a nerd after use of this excuse that you'll never have to worry about being invited to a social event again. Ever.

•I'll have to get permission from my parole officer first.

•I just had my numbers done for that day and they turned out to be very bad.

By simply practicing these excuses students can both appease those they love, and still make it to Christmas with their sanity in tact.



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If money weren't a thing I'd wish for...

By KYLE TURRELL
Staff Reporter

As you grow older Christmas loses its magic so to speak. You find yourself no longer waking up to search for toys under the tree but rather to get a mocha at the nearest Starbucks. But inside everyone there is still the heart of a child, the toys they crave have just changed along with the prices. So here is a list of Toys big people would want if money wasn't an object.

The Roomba Vac Robot

Most college students are tired of cleaning up after themselves. With The Roomba Floor Vac Robot they don't have too. The Roomba vacuums while you're asleep, out of the house or watching TV.

Guided by its infrared sensors the Roomba navigates the house searching for dust, dirt, or fallen pine needles sucking them off the floor and out of your sight.

When the bag is full just empty Roomba and let it loose again to wreak havoc on your dust. Available from Sharper Image for only \$199.95, the Roomba can maneuver a variety of obstacles. Except of course those ever-tricky stairs.

Aquos Televisions

Peeling yourself away from the TV can get pretty tricky during those long marathons of *Friends* but with Sharp's Aquos line of televisions you won't have to.

Coming in a variety of sizes these LCD TVs are no thicker than 3" deep they easily replace the boring family photos or awards that litter the walls of your house and replace them with prime time must see TV.

The kitchen, the bathroom or the closet, no place is too good for an Aquos, except the shower.

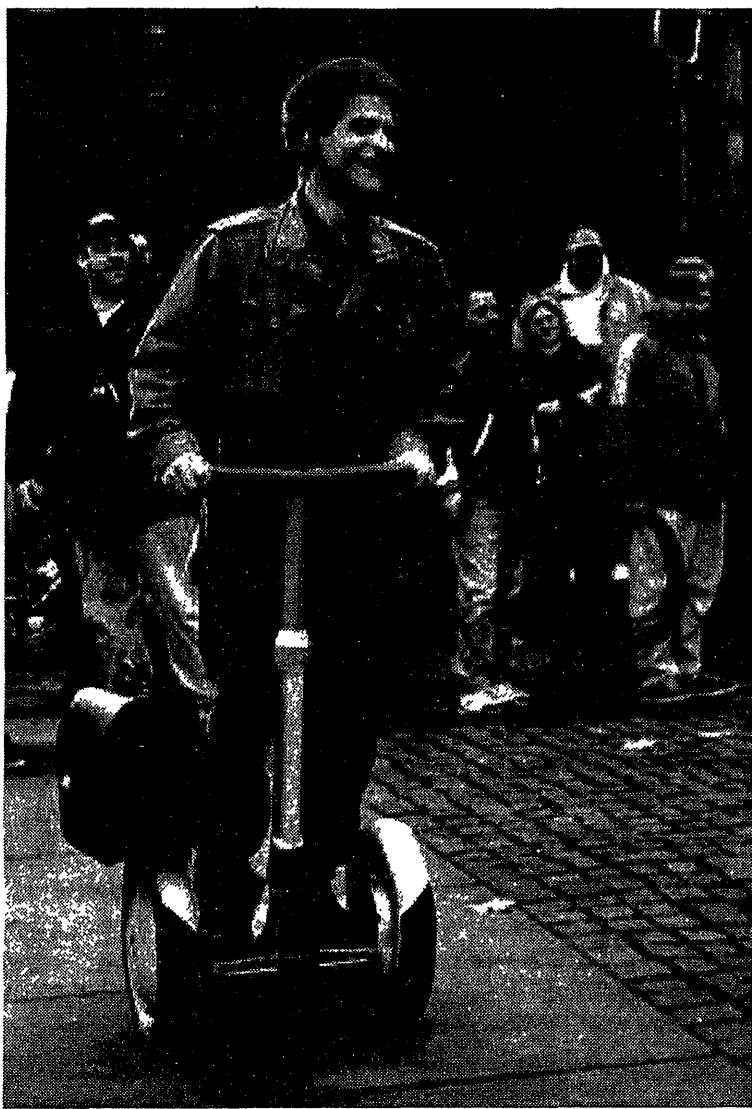
Starting at \$699.99 and topping off at \$1,899.99, it's amazing that they didn't make them waterproof.

Segway human transporter

Gas prices keep skyrocketing and this new two-wheeled fury of the sidewalk, the Segway, is here to help.

At first the Segway appears to be a somewhat odd looking scooter but it's actually the first vehicle to be controlled by the human body's natural movement.

The Segway can detect its driver's weight shifting, eliminating the need for a brake or a



Inventor Dean Kamen merrily rides a Segway.

gas pedal. If the driver leans forward, the Segway goes forward. If the driver leans back, it goes backwards.

The Segway is powered by rechargeable batteries and can travel as far as 15 miles going at a top speed of 12.5 m.p.h. under optimum conditions.

The Segway is currently only available from amazon.com for \$4,995, plus shipping and handling of course.

Endless Pool

Who wouldn't want an Olympic size pool to wake up to in the morning, but in reality most don't have the room for

one. Now that's not a problem thanks to The Endless pool.

The Endless pool is a company out of Pennsylvania that created a pool the size of a king size bed that creates a counter current of water to go against the swimmer.

The swimmer can paddle all day and go and stay in the same room. The current is fully adjustable so that little jimmy doesn't get hurt and when you are done just flip the switch and it turns into a relaxing hot tub.

For only \$17,900 Endless Pools are practically giving them away.

Gift ideas for frugal shoppers

By VICTORIA ANTHONY
AND RACHEL PLATT
Staff Reporters

It's time to hit the crowded stores again, in search of the perfect gifts.

The only problem? Tuition just went up, it's time to buy books again, and you've been so busy with school you haven't been able to put in a full week's worth of work.

So how are you supposed to afford presents for your entire family, your close friends and that special someone?

Look no further. We have put together a list of cheap gift ideas that are bound to be perfect for somebody on your list.

You're still dreading shoving your way through the crazy overcrowded stores? Well we also included several gifts that can be purchased with just a click of the mouse, and a credit card.

•Personalized Name Certificates from www.creativethoughts.net \$7.95.

•Letter from Santa for child at www.personallyyourbooks.com, \$3.95.

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•Funny and unique t-shirts from www.tshirtking.com, \$14.95.

•LittleWhizz-er from www.wonderfullywacky.com, \$14.95.

•CD Holder Wallpaper from www.wonderfullywacky.com, \$9.95.

•Bin Laden Stress Doll from www.wonderfullywacky.com, \$9.95.

•Personalized photo mouse pad at Wal-Mart, \$8.96.

•Bath shower gel at Bath and Body Works, \$9.00.

•Instant fire place or aquarium at Urban Outfitters, \$10 each.

•Mullet head Randy or Kelly at Urban Outfitters, \$12.50 each.

•Fleece gloves at Old Navy, \$7.50.

•Simply White perfume gift set at Gap, \$8.50.

•Tazo Ceramic Tea Caddy at Starbucks, \$7.50.

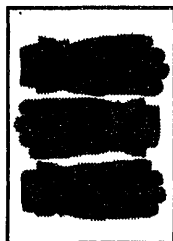
•Skull canvas belt at Vans, \$9.99.

•Mens Hanes Classic Lounge Pants, \$9.99.

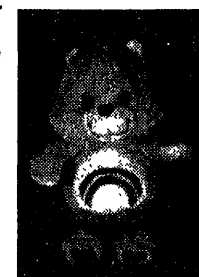
•Care Bear Beanie Dolls at Hot Topic, \$8.99 each.



Bin Laden stress doll



Fleece gloves



Care Bear

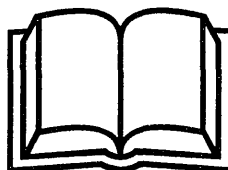
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Ben Calvin plays for fun

BY BILLY PENNOCK
Staff Reporter

Ben Calvin one year ago was a head coach for the women's soccer team here at Highline. But this year, he took a different route with the sport he loves. Calvin became a player for the men's soccer team and led them to third place in the NWAACC championships two weeks ago.

Coming out of Mt. Rainier High School, Calvin was a solid player. But he decided to go into the military for a couple of years. During this time he got married and had a baby girl. After the military Calvin enrolled at ITT Tech. and got his associate degree in electrical engineering and worked in that field for a while.

When his marriage didn't work out, Calvin decided to try something new. He got hired on as the women's soccer coach, but he wanted to be a student too. Calvin helped coach the women to a solid fifth place last year, but he realized that he really wanted to play.

"Coaching was a stressful time," said Calvin. "Playing is funner." At the age of 27, the year for Calvin has been good. Being the sweeper on the team, he's really stepped up and became the leader to his teammates. "Ben is a great leader," said Head Coach Jason Prenovost. "Having experience with coaching has really helped him being a good leader."

With playing here at Highline, Calvin has asked a lot from his teammates, and really enjoys being one of the guys, Prenovost said. "I really didn't like it at first," said teammate Ross Mansell. "It felt weird." But now he really enjoys playing with Calvin. "He's one of the guys," said Mansell. "I love it when he yells."

The year was awesome, said Calvin. As the year comes to an end Calvin transferring to Seattle University to become a lawyer. "I'll probably try out for the team," said Calvin. "But I'm not worried if I make it or not. Soccer is more for fun."

Men come up short at tourney

BY C.J. ALVAREZ
Staff Reporter

Highline's mens basketball team lost both games in the Edmonds Turkey Tournament, last weekend.

"We didn't play very well. We didn't play good defense and grab the rebounds," Coach Jeff Albrecht said.

The tournament was held at Edmonds Community College, from Friday, Nov. 29 to Sunday, Dec. 1.

Eight teams from around the Northwest region meet at Edmonds, including Highline, Edmonds, Everett, Seattle, Tacoma, Centralia, Chemeketa, and fifth ranked in the nation Southern Idaho.

Highline's first game was against third ranked Edmonds, the T-Birds lost 90 to 64.

"Edmonds is a good team," Albrecht said.

On the plus side Highline's Seth Cain scored 20 points and collected 8 rebounds.

"He (Cain) played very well," Albrecht said.

Other players who helped out Highline versus Edmonds were Jeelani McDonald and Jason Cardenas. McDonald scored 10 points and had 8 rebounds, and Cardenas scored 8 points and grabbed 8 rebounds, in the losing effort.

Cardenas has been bothered with a bone contusion in his right arm. He reinjured that arm versus Edmonds and could miss the next game versus Bellevue.

The second game Highline fell to Chemeketa, 78-58. Some key players who helped out Highline versus Chemeketa were Matt England and Jeelani McDonald. England scored 15 points, while McDonald scored 11 points, grabbed 7 rebounds, and blocked 3 shots.



Photo by Adrienne Hughes

Jaland Christophe works hard at a recent practice to prepare for Highline's next game.

"McDonald had two solid games. He played good," Albrecht said.

Even though Highline lost both games they have now grown stronger as a team.

"We have figured out where we are as a team. We need to improve in specific aspects in our game, and even if we lose all our games in the preseason it won't matter, as long as we win in the regular season," Albrecht said.

"Overall we showed improvement, but we still have a long way to go," Albrecht added.

With two losses Highline was out of the tourney, and they could only sit and watch the

championship game. The championship game consisted of Southern Idaho and the team that beat Highline in the first game, Edmonds.

Southern Idaho stomped on Edmonds in the final game, 98-64.

"Southern Idaho is a great team. They went undefeated in

the tournament and they are ranked fifth in the nation," Albrecht said.

Highline's next game will be at Bellevue on Friday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m.

Their first league game will not be played until the team heads to Clark on Jan. 2 at 8 p.m.



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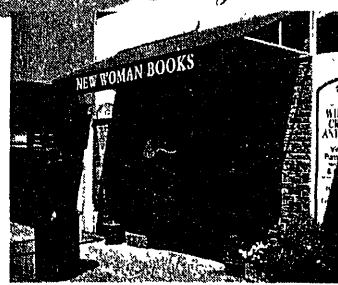
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Chiabi takes faculty back to his home

By KELLY FISCHBACH
Staff Reporter

While you are enjoying your winter break at home nestled by a cozy fire, sipping hot cocoa, three highline professors will be half way around the world.

Professors Bryan Stumpf, Tracy Brigham, and Emmanuel Chiabi, along with a few other friends leave for Cameroon, Africa on Dec 14 and come home just in time to celebrate the New Year. They will travel throughout the country, spending time in the city as well as the village where Chiabi grew up. The trio often hangs out on Friday afternoons. The trip was actually hatched a few years back, but it took until now to get everyone's schedules together.

All three are very excited.

Emmanuel Chiabi wants to slow the pace of his life right now. He said he is really looking forward to getting away from his hectic teaching schedule.

"I am really looking forward to taking my colleagues and friends to where I was born and spend time where I grew up," said Chiabi.

Born in Cameroon, Chiabi lived in the village until he had the opportunity to come to the U.S. for college. He did all off his college years in California, and then moved back to Cameroon to teach for 13 years. In 1997 he came back to the states and when a position at Highline opened he took it.

He is excited to return home again, this time with his friends and colleagues.

"I want to expose them to the real Africa," Chiabi said.

Bryan Stumpf, a writing professor, thoroughly enjoys being exposed to different cultures. He said he loves traveling and expanding his world knowledge. A life goal of Stumpf's is world travel. He has traveled



Brigham

extensively through Europe and Mexico and hopes to visit China one day.

"In order to develop my own global perspective, I have taken Chinese language classes and since teaching here I have befriended the Chinese faculty exchange instructors to learn more about the Chinese culture," said Stumpf.

He is amazed by the diversity of the Highline faculty.

"There is a rich array of global perspectives among the Highline faculty," said Stumpf. "Being around the Highline faculty nurtures an interest in global travel."

Stumpf enjoys the company and experience of his colleagues.

"Having those two people as friends has made me really interested in traveling to Africa," said Stumpf.

One of the highlights of his trip will be climbing Mount Cameroon with Professor Brigham.

Tracy Brigham refers to herself as a free spirit. She grew up in a little town in Colorado and loved the idea of traveling to faraway lands that are different from the U.S.

Her childhood dreams have some true. Through research and volunteer work, Brigham has traveled to more than 90 countries, including trekking



Stumpf

through Eastern Africa. Brigham teaches P.E. and health, and through her work in Africa she has developed a course called P.E. 101 Global Health Issues, which she will teach this winter.

"The class comes out of a lot of my traveling and volunteer work," said Brigham.

It will cover issues such as aids awareness, and students will enjoy learning from such an experienced teacher.

She will have many stories, just returning from her trip. The class is offered Monday through Thursday from noon until 1:03 p.m.

Highline students start human rights club

By GINO CLICK
Staff Reporter

In light of controversial human rights issues, students have started a human rights club here at Highline. The starting of this club comes as a surprise to some students, as they believe there should have already been one long ago. "I thought Highline already had a Human Rights club," said student Paul Pacampara.

The issue was first brought up following an Iraq situation symposium through an email from student Amanda Dowda to Tracy Brigham, a speaker at the symposium and faculty member. Dowda's email asked if there was a human rights club on campus. "I basically responded sarcastically and said, 'no, want to start one?' and that's how it started," said Brigham. She added, "It's great to see students take this initiative."

The club, which as of now consists of around 15 regular members, elected student Erika Savoy as their president. Savoy said that "The Human Rights Club is devoted to bringing campus awareness to human rights

issues locally, nationally, and globally. We propose to do this through bringing speakers to campus, letter writing campaigns, petitions and other peaceful activities." Rich said that she is "Ecstatic that students are interested in the global and local aspects of human rights."

Some possible causes that the club discussed concentrating on this year include AIDS relief, charity, famine relief, war relief, oppressive government policies, homelessness, and refugee relief through letter writing campaigns, year round food and clothing drives, petitions, and bringing speakers to campus. However their main focus right now is to raise campus awareness of human rights issues and to grow as a club.

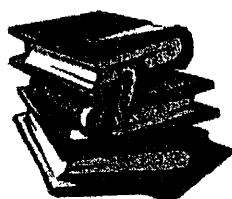
The Highline Human Rights Club will be meeting every Tuesday at 1:00pm upstairs in building 8 for the remainder of the fall quarter.

"All students and students ideas are welcome. If you can't make it to the meetings email us and we'll keep you informed," said Savoy.

The Human Rights Club email address is hcc4humanrights@hotmail.com.

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Students and staff reach out to kids

By KRISTEN WALLACE
Staff Reporter

The Highline Speech Department is currently involved in a very innovative project.

Three classes in the department, including Interpersonal Communication, Public Speaking and Intercultural Communication, participate in a nationwide program called "Communicating Common Ground." This program is a service learning initiative that brings college students together with K-12 students to help encourage appreciation of diversity in schools.

The three classes, which are certified in the national "Communicating Common Ground"



Proctor

program, have come together and call themselves Opening Doors within Highline. Two main goals of the Opening Doors Program are to focus on diversity and to show students that higher education is a viable option for them.

"College is for everyone. Just because a student hasn't done very well so far, doesn't mean they won't in a college setting," said Shannon Proctor, a Highline speech instructor, who teaches the public speaking class.

The three speech classes that are involved in the project have common goals, but use different ways to accomplish them.

The interpersonal communication class is taught by Dr. Barbara Clinton. This class teaches students how to work and interact on personal levels. It gives the student the tools to communicate in the most effective and sincere ways.

The class then puts the college students into high school settings so they can put their new skills to work.

"There is real service learning because students take information from the book and then



Highline student, Mary Buchan counsels a Federal Way High school student.

actually have to put that information to work," said Dr. Clinton.

Some students go to classrooms in order to help average students with homework or basic questions. Others go in to

'at-risk' classrooms and assist as mentors for the high schools student. In this class, where the college student is placed does not

matter; the basic goals are the same.

"We want to show high school students that effective communication skills can help them to succeed and show them that there is a place for them at community college," said Dr. Clinton.

The public speaking class is also a Highline course that is

part of the Opening Doors program.

"This is the public speaking version of Communicating Common Ground," said instructor, Shannon Proctor.

In this class, students are assigned speeches about college success to give to high school classes.

These presentations revolve around general things such as why go to college and how to make college work for you. The speeches are designed to speak to high school students who plan on going to college as well as to persuade those who aren't. In addition to being a positive experience for high school students, it can be very beneficial to those in college as well.

"This class gives college students the opportunity to speak to people other than just their classmates. This is real world application, and it gives students

the opportunity to work in groups," said Proctor.

The third class that makes up Opening Doors is intercultural communication. This class is taught by Laura Manning and participates through a project they call Diversity Day.

"Our focus is to go to marginalized groups in the high school. We spend one day there and talk to students about the research we have done on specific stereotyped groups," said Manning.

The students spend weeks before Diversity Day choosing and researching specific marginalized groups. Manning even gives her students a chance to really understand these marginalized groups by suggesting they dress up or act for a day the way they perceive members of the group would.

"I call it participant observation. I ask my students to dress

up like the marginalized group members they chose in order to become them. It helps students to really see what it is like to be stereotyped," said Manning.

It can sometimes be hard for high school students to see the big picture, but they usually do come away with something from their interactions with the college students.

"Even if the high school students didn't remember everything we said, they do remember seeing college students having fun. This makes it easier for them to see themselves as college students and to make the choice to go to college an easier one," said Manning.

Using the interactions between high school and college students can also be helpful because the students are usually closer in age to each other.

"It's hard to listen to a teacher and believe what they say. They haven't been where we are for awhile. When I hear someone in college telling me I could be there too I believe them more because they were in my place not too long ago," said a Highline High School student who participated in the program.

Highline's Opening Doors project is working hard to meet their goals of bringing high school and college students together and bringing a greater sense of community to schools in general.

"This is one of the coolest things I've ever done. Thanks so much for making me do this. I didn't want to. I didn't think I could perform in front of the high school students, but I did and they really responded. I felt so good to know I could do it and that we could be making a big difference," said a Highline student, who wished to remain anonymous.

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Surgery can't set Glennon back

By JASON LEGGETT
Staff Reporter

Despite a double knee replacement surgery, Highline instructor Jim Glennon has not slowed down in the classroom.

Just in case you didn't know, the man walking with the help of two metal sticks, isn't used to the painfully slow pace he must now move at, while recovering from surgery last summer.

Glennon says that he wore out the cartilage in his knees playing catcher for years of baseball and fast-pitch softball. Doctors replaced both knees and now Glennon must strengthen his legs in order to walk without assistance.

This is something he has never been accustomed to. Glennon, a former multi-sport athlete, has a hurried manner that is prevalent in his classes.

"This has been the most frustrating thing in my life," Glennon said. "Patience is not a virtue for me."

Glennon says that due to his physical therapy and slower pace, he must work weekends and stay late after teaching his classes in order to keep ahead of his students.

"I felt like I might not do a good enough job for the students, so I have to do more than usual," Glennon said.

Glennon says that students and faculty have treated him wonderfully while he has tried to work around the disability.

"They open doors, help with my bags, and the kids have been very understanding," Glennon said.

Glennon's success, despite the surgery, can be linked to his optimistic attitude toward teaching and life.

"I am doing exactly what I want to do," Glennon said.

"Teaching is what I love the most." Glennon has been teaching for 42 years. This is his eighth year at Highline.

"I really hope to get to 50 years, that has always been a goal of mine," Glennon said.

Glennon says he is determined to give his students the best possible education.

This is apparent in his work ethic and teaching style.

His office is littered with spiral notebooks, news magazines, videos, and textbooks. He seems to be a human encyclopedia, reciting countless historical facts and trivia.

He commands the attention of his class with his bellowing voice, which is often heard in neighboring classrooms, and his apparent passion for history.

He goes beyond instructing his students in particular subjects, by teaching them how to learn and be successful.

"I try to identify the student's need," Glennon said. "I try to show them that if they work harder than they are used to, they will do better."

He says the students often go beyond learning for learning's sake but rather learn to please him and ultimately themselves.

Glennon says he does this by making a direct and personal connection with the student.

Sometimes a well-placed compliment or joke does the trick, but most often he makes the connection through games he has invented.

He has several tricks to grab a student's attention, in particular a game that involves daring the student to grab a penny from the back of his outstretched hand. The roles are then reversed and Glennon attempts to steal the penny. Glennon always wins the penny game.

From that point on, Glennon



Photo by Corine Fanning

Despite surgery, history Professor Jim Glennon continues his treks across campus.

begins a personal relationship with the student, even if the student wishes only to defeat his

but Glennon continues to teach with the same intense determi-

new penny game rival.

This connection leads the student to feel he has a personal investment in the class and in Glennon.

"It's challenging and touching in a non-offensive way," Glennon said.

His games and teaching style help students find something they can relate to.

His knees have made this a little more difficult

nation.

Despite the surgery, he has remained optimistic and his passion for working with the students remains true.

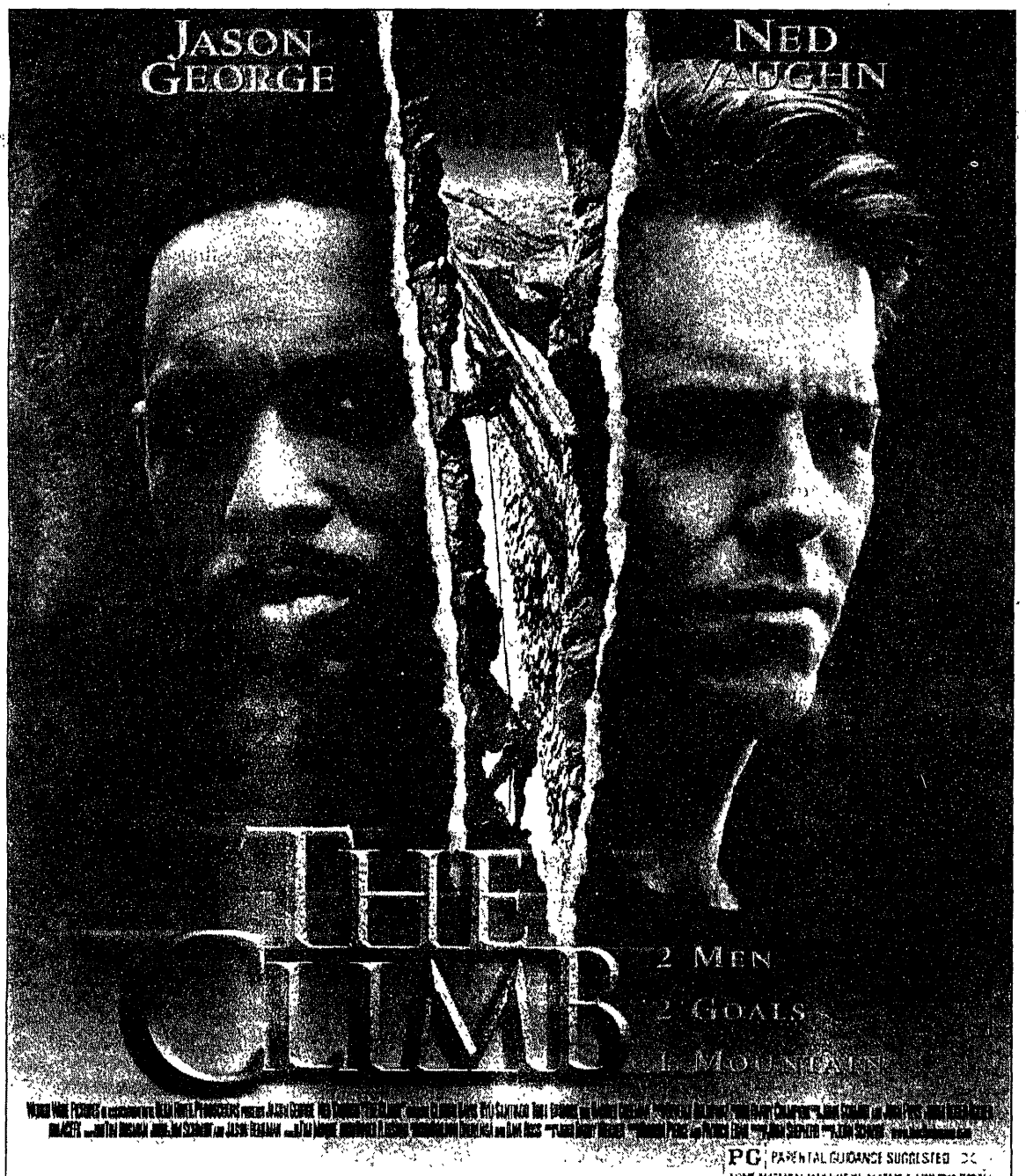
"You have to do more than you think you can do," Glennon said.

Glennon will be teaching American History and Current World Problems winter quarter.

He anticipates walking without the sticks sometime next quarter but has experienced some problems with tearing in the scar tissue and has a lot of physical therapy ahead.

Even at a slower pace, Glennon maintains his fervor for teaching history. He says he will continue to serve the students no matter what complications life throws at him.

"There is only one thing that matters- I am here and upright," Glennon said.



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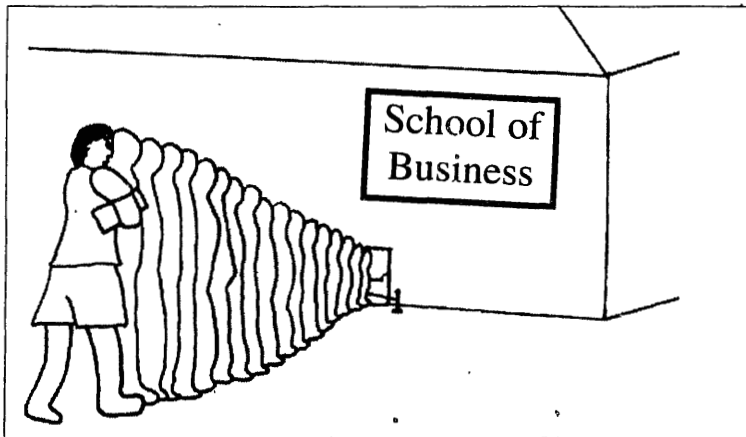
By **ROBBIE HICKS**
Staff Reporter

Early planning is a must to have any hope of getting into a competitive major, college officials say.

Competitive majors are that way because of popularity, and because of this caps are often put on enrollment. For example, the UW School of Business admits 80 students a year. The UW School of Nursing also admits only 80 students year. Other schools cap enrollment by requiring extra classes to be taken prior to enrollment.

Four of the most competitive majors are nursing, business, computer science, and engineering. These are red hot due to the end result, a fat paycheck. Most people in the engineering field are pulling between \$40-50,000 a year at the entry level. Business majors can make upwards of \$75,000 a year depending where they work.

Getting into these majors, even at instate colleges, is very difficult. Requirements are gen-



erally more stringent with competitive fields due to the number of people who attempt to get in every year.

In Washington state, the University of Washington is one of the hardest schools to get into any of the popular majors. A student first has to fill out an application for the major that they want to apply for, and generally they can only apply at one time of the year. At Pacific Lutheran University (PLU), a student only needs to finish the core requirements for the program they are trying to get into. Upon finishing these classes, a

student can start the very next semester. Washington State University (WSU) uses a different process altogether. When a student applies for the major, they are evaluated based on their overall Grade Point Average (GPA) and grades in prerequisites. If they meet the going standard, which is always more than the posted requirements when dealing with a competitive major, then they will be certified in the major.

"Contacting the department at the school of interest is important. This allows a student to make sure they are taking the

right classes and have a good GPA making it quite simple to certify into the major of choice," said Susan Poch, assistant director of admissions at Washington State University. This opinion is echoed by Brian Miller, an admissions adviser at PLU.

"Working with admission counselors at the school you want to go is the best way to ensure that you are on track to get into the program," Miller said.

Your GPA is the biggest factor for getting into a competitive major. This last academic year, the UW average GPA for students who were admitted to the nursing program was 3.3, which is well over the posted minimum GPA of a 2.0. The same is true for PLU, where the posted minimum for nursing is 2.7, yet students need to have at least a 3.0 to even have a chance of getting in. Exceptions are always present though. A student should not let the fact that they are meeting the bare minimums for a major stop them from applying.

"I only had a 2.4 when I ap-

plied for the school of nursing at PLU, but the fact that I had maintained a full-time job in a clinical environment at the same time gave me an in," said Michelle Lewis, a student at PLU. Generally, extenuating circumstances do not have that big of a weight in getting a student into a major, but for some students, it is a make or break point for admission.

"Attending info sessions either at the school or at local community colleges is also a great source of information," said Dagmar Schmidt, the assistant director of student services for the UW School of Nursing.

Information on the school's web page often can answer a lot of students' questions and also provide links to advisers' e-mail and/or phone numbers for further inquiry. The UW website lets a student look up a major and see what classes are required for admission, approximately how many students are admitted annually, and what courses are required to complete the program.

Together again, united in love: It's math and writing!

By **JAMIE TOLUA**
Staff Reporter

Angi Caster of the Writing Department and Erik Scott of the Math Department say math and writing make more sense together than apart.

Caster and Scott together have been teaching an integrated Math 97 and Writing 101 and 105 coordinated study entitled Math: Cult or Culture? this Fall Quarter, a collaboration designed to enhance and strengthen students math and writing endeavors.

This coordinated study has provoked skepticism among many students, including some enrolled in the class.

"I was a bit apprehensive, because I didn't know how math and writing was going to work," said student Stephanie Pott.

Caster and Scott brought their subjects together knowing they both shared the same focus on communication. Scott also broke down the three principal objectives for Math: Cult or Culture? so that people in general may have some comprehension. They are:

- To use writing as a way to confront fear/frustration related to mathematics to articulate mathematical ideas, and to identify aspects of the mathematical culture.

- To use mathematical ideas to formulate and analyze logical arguments involving statistics or other quantitative information.

- And to recognize the benefits of learning to identify patterns and pay close attention to detail.

Caster and Scott would like to address the somewhat nega-

tive stigmas that are attached to subjects such as math and science.

"The biggest problem is that a person's understanding of mathematics is very closely linked with feelings of self-worth and being smart or dumb," Scott said.

Some students have made

impressive achievements in the class. Student Matt Butalep has had great success in the class.

"Now I have a 4.0 in math," said Butalep.

Caster says teaching this class has allowed her to achieve things on two levels. She has been able to get a better grasp on students' understanding of

content, and has been able to better reflect on the way she teaches. Scott's efforts to reform current approaches to mathematics may cause resistance from students and colleagues.

"My attitude is, even if it's pissing into the wind I have to try. It seems fundamentally wrong not to," Scott said.



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Dr. Bell has plans to improve Highline

BY JASON LEGGETT
Staff Reporter

Highline President Dr. Priscilla Bell wants this to be a better college.

Her strategic vision, outlined in her presidential goals, will bring new construction to enhance the educational experience, initiate a climate that embraces diversity and global perspectives, and strengthen the college's role in the community.

Goals are released annually, describing needs for the next year.

The presidential goals were approved as strategic initiatives by the Board of Trustees in October and were released this last month.

Bell feels good about Highline's achievements over the past two years and praises faculty, staff, and the student body for their contribution to making Highline as great as it is.

But there is still need for improvement, the college president said.

Dr. Bell said she has a full plate with many different issues and in order to get some of the goals accomplished there will



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**-Dr. Bell,
Highline President**

need to be continuing efforts.

"It is a mixed bunch," Dr. Bell said.

"Many of these are ongoing goals for many years."

Included are efforts to enhance the overall college experience for students, faculty, and staff.

This comes in the form of new construction and improvements to existing buildings, as well as improving communication methods among administrative branches.

Dr. Bell has secured funding for construction of the computer center addition and necessary repairs needed after the earthquake.

She has also been successful working with students and the Legislature during the process

of securing funds for the designs and now upcoming construction of the new Student Union Building.

"I have continued to work with student leadership to stay on track with the project — we plan to tear down the existing building in a few months," Dr. Bell said.

Dr. Bell is currently working on funding for construction of the Higher Education Center and the Early Childhood Learning Center.

"I am working diligently and enthusiastically with the Legislature to ensure their support," Dr. Bell said.

"In addition, I am working to secure funds to ensure facilities are up to date and to increase

student capacity."

Dr. Bell said she is actively supporting efforts to increase capital funding for higher education and hopes to start work on enhancing the Allied Health classroom facility as well as the Marine Science Technical Center at the Redondo pier.

Furthermore, Dr. Bell said she has implemented new strategies in personnel communications by refocusing and redirecting human resources.

Dr. Bell has also been directly involved with implementing new intercultural focused curriculum and established an instructor development program, which she says is very important to the college and gives instructors the confidence they need.

"Faculty know that they can be creative and innovative," Bell said.

Dr. Bell has made promotion of diversity a high priority on the list of goals as well.

She said she hopes to achieve this by continuing to build a positive college climate with assistance from faculty, staff, and students to retain a quality and diverse workforce.

She said she was impressed with the efforts after the terrorist

attack.

"They undertook a great task after Sept. 11 and have successfully implemented recognition of diversity as a part of our culture into the Highline curriculum."

A final goal is to establish and strengthen ties with local businesses and community organizations.

Bell said she is focused on increasing familiarity of the college within the community.

She has been working on efforts to develop a small business assistance system with local businesses and hopes to implement a program next spring.

In addition, she meets regularly with community groups and organizations to build support and establish a positive presence in the area.

Additional tasks include maintaining fiscal responsibility and keeping a solid financial foundation for the college.

Though questions of legislative funding are still unanswered, Bell is optimistic about Highline's future.

"Highline has done well to manage through last year's budget cuts and we are well positioned to face any possible cuts in the future," Dr. Bell said.

Incumbents, big spenders win the elections

BY PHILLIP USSERY
Staff Reporter

The candidate with the most money won more than 85 percent of Washington state legislative races this year.

Statistics indicate that the candidate with the most money won 85.71 percent of House races and 87.5 percent of Senate races.

"Money always has been and always will be very important to the outcome of an election, and this year was no exception," said Chris Vance, chairman of the Washington State Republican Party.

But is money the most important factor?

"The power of being an incumbent is often stronger than the power of money," said Paul Berendt, chairman of the Washington State Democratic Party.

It is hard to tell whether money played a bigger role than the name recognition that is associated with being an incumbent.

Statistics show that incumbents won more than 96 percent their house races and almost 95 percent of the Senate races.

For example, in the 30th dis-

trict race for the Senate, Tracey Eide, the incumbent, won her race against Tony Moore 54 to 46 percent. She also raised just over \$150,000 while Moore only raised nearly \$100,000.

Also in the race for position

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she hears people in line snicker and make comments and then the clerk gives her a dirty look.

"They don't know how my life is, and I am automatically judged," said Woodward.

Woodward is a woman who tries to defeat the societal stereotypes, regardless of what people think.

For WorkFirst she had to be going to school for 16 hours a week, and since she was receiving child care for \$25 a month, she had to work 16 hours a week on top of that.

A typical day in Kerry Woodward's life went like this: she would wake up at 8 a.m. to take Haley to Kindergarten, then she would come to Highline and drop off Bryna at day care here on campus. She then began her classes, starting at 9 a.m. and ending at 11:50 p.m. She begins her actual job at noon. She works here in the Women's Program as an office assistant, and is off at 5 or 6 p.m.

Then she gets Bryna, leaves Highline to get Haley from day care, where she has been spending the remainder of her day after kindergarten. They live in Tacoma, so by the time they get home they only have enough time to visit for a while, have dinner, and do any homework Haley might have. They are all in bed by 9 p.m. Then Woodward gets up around 3 a.m. to do homework and to study.

Then she does this all over again.

"That's my life, school, work, and then my kids, after that I am too tired to do anything else," said Woodward.

TANF, the program that Woodward left, is a welfare program that provides assistance and work opportunities to needy families by granting states the federal funds and wide flexibility to develop and implement their own welfare programs.

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Woodward said she is happier off welfare.

they can adequately support themselves.

TANF is a block grant that was created in August 1996 and was scheduled to proceed until Sept. 30, 2002. In order for it to continue, Congress had to pass legislation to reauthorize the program prior to Sept. 30, it was reauthorized Aug. 1, 2002 for another five years. Between last summer's guidelines and the new guidelines, Highline has seen various changes.

In previous years the TANF caseloads have been decreasing, so there was a surplus in the budget, which created something called diversion. Money left over was diverted to community and technical colleges. However, with the state's economic downturn caused high unemployment, and the TANF caseload has increased. And less surplus is being diverted to community and technical colleges.

Women's Programs budget has seen a 27 percent decrease from last year. And because of

this, and new guidelines, on campus participants enrolled in the TANF/Workfirst program has gone from the 2001-2002 number of 156 to this year's number of 73.

Therefore, Women's Program has had to turn down an estimated 100 people.

"This certainly effects who walks through the door, and has significantly impacted who we have the capability of serving," said Marie Bruin, interim director of Women's Programs.

TANF and Workfirst's primary intentions are to get people off welfare. Statistics show that this program has been successful, but it seems the facts tend to obscure certain issues.

Woodward said that being on TANF was not always an easy process and sometimes was a hassle. You have to see your caseworker every three months for a review. You have to have statements from your landlord, bank statements, statements from your children's school say-

ing if they are attending or not, and they check and see how many people live with you. All of these things did not bother her. It was the fact that they were very strict about the appointments and it was hard to reschedule. She couldn't make it to an appointment, because of finals, so she called three days before trying to let them know but because of how busy they are she had to leave a message. They didn't try to reach her, instead they cut off a week's worth of money. So she had to fax all of her paperwork to them in order to get any money.

Besides the confusion and frustration that seemed to be part of the process, she would also get ridiculed and belittled by the caseworkers.

"Case managers make you feel totally inferior, almost like you are begging," said Woodward.

They were mean and would yell at her, she said, but luckily she doesn't have to go see them anymore. She still has to do the review because she is receiving food stamps and her children will be receiving medical aid until they are 18, but she can just send them the paperwork.

Another problem that she had while on TANF was that she felt she would have been more effective and productive in school if she didn't have to work.

"I think it is really hard for me to work, because I would have been done with my prerequisites a year ago. If they could make it easier for someone to go back to school and get a good education as quickly as possible, then in the long run it would be more efficient for them," said Woodward.

Woodward does not think that TANF is a bad program, she would recommend it to anybody in need because it helped her in her time of need.

Woodward is close to completing her AA here at Highline and she plans on transferring to a nursing program.

"I just want to make enough money to own my own house and send my kids to a good school. I tell myself that the struggle will be worth it in the end and hopefully when I'm done I'll be able to give back in some way," said Woodward.

Highline takes care of business

By KYLE TURRELL
Staff Reporter

Early next year Highline will offer more to the community than just an education.

Starting in March, Highline will become home to a Small Business Development Center for King County.

Earlier this year a committee of about 80 representatives from cities in King County met to discuss alternative uses for a \$90,000 grant that the county had received. The discussion centered on economic growth and small business development.

The representatives created a much smaller executive committee who then decided they would put the grant towards a Small Business Development Center.

"The purpose of this endeavor is to help local entrepreneurs make their dreams a reality," said Dr. Priscilla Bell, president of Highline. Bell was a member of the executive committee that decided the final use of the grant.

The decision to make Highline the location of the center was due to its neutral location in King County.

The center will act as place where small business owners can go for counseling and resources that will help them build solid business models.

Since \$90,000 isn't enough for a full staff of employees, the center will also rely on business interns, giving students an opportunity to gain real-world business experience while still in college.

The center is currently planned to be located in the Omni Building located across Pacific Highway next to Buckey's Radiator and Muffler and is scheduled to be up and running in March 2003.

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Majority

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"Higher education is crucial to the development of economic development as we look at the 21st Century," Carlson said.

"We have a challenge before us, but training and development keeps us competitive with the rim countries and other U.S. states."

Carlson warned that there are unanswered questions regarding

funding due to the economic shortfalls from last session but hopes they can find solutions.

"Republicans and Democrats need to work effectively with the Community College and Tech Board, the Council of Presidents, and faculty and students to overcome these dilemmas," Carlson said.

"But we can't spend money we don't have and we can't overburden the taxpayers."

We have to take a more balanced approach including more personal responsibility instead of thinking the government has all the answers."

Democrat Senator Karen Keiser, who represents Des Moines, said that Carlson is a moderate Republican and that would be helpful to the college.

"Carlson is very supportive of higher education," Keiser said.

Speaker of the House Frank Chopp, D-Seattle said despite the small majority in the House and loss of the Senate, Democrats would have a positive agenda to put forth.

"I am optimistic that we will have the same size capital budget, if not a little more," Chopp said.

"The operating budget is where there will be cuts. I am not sure how higher education will turn out."

Chopp said they would know more after Governor Locke's budget proposal comes out in mid-December.

Because the majorities are so small in the House and Senate, the Republicans and Democrats will have to work together as in past sessions to get legislation passed. This means Senator West, as the highest-ranking Republican, will have to lead the way to keep destructive partisan politics out that dominated

the campaign trail this last year.

"Anything we do is not one party's agenda. It is the people's agenda. It is important to work together," West said.

With new leadership in both parties, there is a good chance that this will be the case.

Republicans and Democrats both give assurance that higher education is still a top priority.

The Legislature begins the session in January and will immediately begin working on finalizing the budget. Although knowone knows the impact that the deficit will create for higher education.

Money

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outspent his opponent, Jim Ferrell, by well over \$40,000. Mark Miloscia won this race 56 to 44 percent.

Position two of the 30th district broke the mold of he who has the most money wins, when Greg Markley outspent Skip

Priest by nearly \$10,000 yet lost the election 51 to 49 percent. This race however, did not include an incumbent

"Money is very important in politics," said Davidson Dodd, professor of political science at Highline. "It is hard to differentiate between money and incumbents because they are usually one and the same."

He also said that money is very dangerous to a fair open election because a candidate can

sometimes buy an election through radio and TV advertisements, as well as campaign mailings.

I-776, a proposition that would cut car tabs down to \$30, generated more than \$200,000 in opposition and more than \$400,000 spent in support, once again the investment of the supporters paid off as it passed with a vote of 51 to 48 percent.

The top contributor statewide was Boeing, which spent almost

\$400,000 mostly in support of R-51 but also supporting R-53 and opposing I-776. The next highest contributors were, the Building Industry Association of Washington, with just over \$350,000, and Microsoft, with \$300,000. Both spent the majority of these funds in support of R-51. Among the rest of the top contributors were Weyerhaeuser with nearly \$150,000, Bill Gates with \$100,000, the Seattle Mariners

with \$100,000, Alaska Airlines with more than \$50,000.

I-790 was another measure on the ballot that generated a generous amount of money. Financial support of this initiative was heavily donated by various police and firefighter organizations.

This year it appears that money had little impact on the results of ballot issues. "Usually money plays a big role in ballot issues," said Dodd.

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