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 priority.

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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 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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New painter's work unveiled in fourth floor gallery

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Men lose both games at tourney

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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 Hightline 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 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 environment 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 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 case 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 Ililakis at sililakis@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 hanging 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 responsibility 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 61.
- Grammar Workshops is offering Focusing 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.
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 wearing a condom took on a new meaning as many students around campus were wearing them around their necks. The presentation was part of the observation of World AIDS Day.

Banners were posted and placed on the walls and around the seating area of Building 9, 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 also threatened this time that 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 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.

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 Internet is 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 planted 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, 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.

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

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 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.
Love your family all year long

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 aunties 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 got 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 do they complain. Maybe if they had the chance cut 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 seems 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 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 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 for-getful 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 Long’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 shadows during the first scene. The placement of the actors around the reign of four Caesars 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 shivering, nervously shaking Caesar stands quivering at the threshold of his palace. Augustus, 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 the ruler, but as the plot thickens, her conniving nature becomes evident.

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Actor Avery Jackson falls victim to the treachery that ensues in the plot of The Golden Six.

“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.

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Bard’s players perform on campus

BY CHRISTIN GERDES
Staff Reporter

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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 up on stage.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.

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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 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 guitarist 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.

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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 among 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 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 Langes 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 reflected on the road behind them, telling of a rain that recently occurred. The bright vivid colors of the fields are in deep contrast to the dreary gray road they walk down that'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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sorbed Caesar flings himself across the stage, gesticulating on woman and man-slave alike, lamentering of his boredom of sex - with slaves, slaves' wives, coastins 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 bosoms across the stage yet again, nearly disembowling 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."

Show will continue Thursdays, 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.

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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 produc-
tion of songs from the holidays such as Christmas, and Hanukkah.

Tickle Tune Typhoon pro-
duction has educated thousands of children, parents and teachers through their performances over the years they've been perform-

ing.

Tickle Tune Typhoon con-
ists 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 fami-
lies since 1980.

Tickle Tune Typhoon has been awarded numerous Par-
ents' Choice and Notable Children's Recording Awards.

Tickle Tune Typhoon will be at Highline on Dec. 3 in Build-

ing 7.

Tickets can be purchased for $5 in the Student Programs of-
ce located in Building 8. They can also be purchased in the Parent Education office located in Building 18-la.

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 pro-
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Women improve at tournament

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

The Lady T-Birds lost to Spoke 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.

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

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.

Wrestlers take break to conserve energy

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The Highline men's wrestling team is gearing up for the quarter's end by fluffing their pillows, preheating their electric blankets, and taking some well deserved rest. After this weekend's tournament, 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 Teammates Jon Muri and Josh Gilmore wrestle each other at a recent practice.

Simon Fraser, and then Douglas College.

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

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

The Lady T-Birds lost to Spoke 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.

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

The third game was much 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, 76-45.

"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 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.

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Highline students share Christmas wishes

BY THUNDERWORD STAFF

Not even college students have given up on Christmas wishes or forgotten about special holiday memories. In an unscientific survey given to Highline students and staff, many people said they are looking forward to spending time with their families over the break, both immediate and extended.

"So far my plans for the holidays are to spend as much time with my family as possible," said Jill Whitney, an 18-year-old student. "I'm looking forward to getting some extra little rest and relaxation."

Several students are looking forward to getting some extra z's, while others, like Jessica Baguley, have extreme vacations planned.

Baguley said she is planning on spending time with his family in the Bahamas. And while he is there, student Irina Romewwskyi will be enjoying herself in Italy.

Another student, Amber, who chose to withhold her last name, has plans to attend Six Flags and the Rose Bowl in California.

Both Gentry, will be going to Vancouver over New Year's Eve with Campus Crusade for Christ.

Others, such as Miles Hutchinson, who will be staying in Seattle for the holidays, don't have much planned other than a little rest and relaxation. Student Jilliana D'Angelo, said her plans for the upcoming holiday are, "just to stay home and spend Christmas day with family, which of course includes relaxing."

And some who may want to relax, Peak might be busy working in retail.

"I work at Target, so I'll be busy cashing in all the crazy, hectic, last minute shoppers," said Tina Davis.

About 10 years ago most wish lists probably consisted of model airplanes, Barbie dreamhouses, legos and snack bracelets. Now as college student, most of the wish lists consist of new cars, DVD players, houses, jewelry and digital cameras.

Not only have tastes changed, but so has the importance of life. Many students are taking less for granted and making an extra effort to do something for others. Along with the new electronics, many people wish for things that are intangible.

Thor Johansen, math instructor, said if money were no object, he'd like to see world hunger come to an end. Another student, Christopher, who wanted to remain anonymous, said he wished his parents would get back together.

A 21-year-old student named Bobby, is wishing for a new girlfriend.

Day, kupu said he is wishing for "peace on earth and for family members to talk to each other."

While many people have hopes and dreams they would like to come true on this magical holiday, others are asking for more materialistic items.

"I am asking for a new snowboard and a DVD player for my car," said Anthony Melchor.

Nearly half of the people surveyed are asking for money.

Kelli Crozier, a 19-year-old, is asking for, "turntables, new b.o.a.r.d.g.i.n.g gear and cold hard cash."

Patrick McGuire said he wants his parents to pay for him to run in China next summer.

17-year-old Cathlyn Nguyen said she is wishing for "a 4.0 in Chemistry or a trip to Hawaii so I could stay on the beach in 80 degree weather while everyone is freezing in Seattle."

Many people ask for things on their wish list, but know they won't get it because it costs too much. It's always nice to imagine what life would be like if money weren't an object.

"If money were no object I would be asking for a 2003 Cadillac with 32 inch wheels," said Island Christopher.

Miles Hutchinson said if money were no object, "I would ask for a private jet, so I could travel the world in style."

Rahulio Petrie has fun on his agenda for the upcoming holiday. He said if money were not an object, he'd be asking for, "a night to rent out an entire Fred Meyer with my friends so we can drink, eat, dress up and play with anything we want. I would make a yogurt, cheese, hot dog wrestling pit to fight in. Think about it!"

Irina Romewwskyi, 18 year old, said if money were no object she would be asking for a Ferrari and a mansion, but since money is limited, she is instead asking for a Mercedes Benz.

Peer the fact everyone has a favorite holiday memory, like the time it snowed three feet and school was closed for a week, after the already scheduled long winter break. Or the time Aunt Gladys had a little too much wine with the turkey dinner and sang karaoke to Gloria Gaynor's, "I will Survive... in front of everyone."

Christina Bulson said her favorite holiday memory comes from a time when her family flew tradition out the window.

"Every Christmas Eve my family used to make a big dinner. About five years ago, something went terribly wrong with the dinner. I don't even remember what, maybe something burned or the oven broke. Anyway, we ended up going out to eat at our favorite Chinese restaurant," Bulson said.

Despite a lack of desire for certain gifts, we still can appreciate the thought behind the gift. "When my little brother was like five he gave me a little clay pot he had made. It was so ugly, but I knew that it was made and given with love," Cathlyn Nguyen said.

And along with the gifts people desired, but much appreciated gifts, come the best presents, the ones you never forget.

"The best gift I got was a trip to Disneyland," said Tawnisha Gregory.

Sitha Ngy, an 18-year-old student, said the best gift he has ever gotten was a calendar that his girlfriend made for him. It listed special events that happened each month of last year, and each month had a different theme relating to them.

Chris Shannon said the best gift he ever got was nothing at all, and it made him appreciate everything a little bit more. When he was 9, his dad's car was stolen and all of his Christmas gifts were inside.

Some people get more joy out of giving than they do from receiving. These people put a lot of thought and love into what they do for others, and it shows.

Thao Tran said the best gift she ever gave someone was the floor Sonic tickets that she surprised her boyfriend with. He loves the Sonic's, but had never had the chance to see them play.

"The best gift I have given is a Christmas dinner for a poor family and presents for all of their children," said Inna Denchik.

The winter holidays are a time for special things to happen. Deserted families come together for a big meal, children sit down and listen to their grandparents share stories. Some students will even volunteer in homeless shelters, and many organizations on campus have adopted a needy family.

The holiday spirit has officially seeped into the Highline campus.
People have been celebrating winter holidays since before dirt, probably even before rock. Some holidays people from Europe 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); Ujima (working together); Ujamaa (cooperative economics); Nia (purposes); 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 represents black people all over the world, red represents their struggle and green represents hope and the future.

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 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 seven and final day of Kwanzaa is also known as the Day of Meditation. It is a day for African Americans to think about their lives and families and how they can be improved.

People who celebrate Kwanzaa may also celebrate Christmas, since Kwanzaa is not a substitute 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 Zagraku. 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.

In Scandinavian 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 joyful 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.

On Dec. 25 started in 350 AD, when Julius I, the Bishop of Rome declared it a very important symbol of Christmas in 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 Klises," which crudely translated turns into Santa Claus.

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

Hanukkah commemorates the re-taking 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.

Behind the scenes of winter holidays

By Victoria Anthony AND John Montenegro

Staff Reporters
**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 salable height; my grandparents Adele and Durrell Westover of Maple Valley have been growing and selling Christmas trees for 20 years. Adele and Durrell have 10 acres full of Christmas trees. What people enjoy once a year is a year-round process for them.

Seeds, 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 300 seedlings during this period of time. Because they have been working with the nursery in Oregon for many years they are able to order fairly close to what they actually need.

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

In 1999's *Analyze That* by director Harold Ramis and star Robert De Niro, the character of Fred Schimdt (played by De Niro) won't take no as an anchologist whose patient (Robert Crystal) reprises his role in *Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps*. Rene Schmidt's eccentric behavior was due to his personal problems: his ex-wife is meteorologist Alex (played by Bridget Fonda), his son is Janie (played by Maguire), and his daughter is Jean (played by Sofia and in *Empire: Star Trek: Nemesis*), which is worth and he will do anything to get it back. The doc has to cure DeNiro before his enemies do them both in.

*Empire: Star Trek: Nemesis:* After making fun of a gothic classmate in her history class, the hottest but cruellest girl in school gets a spell cast on her that turns her into a middle aged man.

The Hot Chick: After making fun of a gothic classmate in 1840-1860 New York, Leonardo DiCaprio stars as Amsterdam Vallon. Vallon seeks to avenge 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. Though the tree is harvested early, it continues to grow to a sellable height. Adele Westover explains the process.

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 fills your system as you walk into their store. The thought of a new, 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**

Lights, camera, Boredom! The winter movie season has begun along with Highline's winter break. To help pass the 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 perfect romance?

*A B O U T S c h m i d t:* After his wife's unexpected death Warner Schmidt travels across country to attend his daughter's wedding. Fearing he will die a failure, Schmidt unexpectedly discovers letters he writes to a child he is sponsoring in Tanzania for 73 cents a day.

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**Holiday Event Guide**

With Christmas just around the corner people get their once a year chance to see every event and show that the city has 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 $51.25 to $101.50. For information call 206-441-9411.

*Over 400 lighted boats will cruise Lake Union* during the Festival of Lights, and the cruise will take place on Dec. 8 from 6 p.m. to 7:30. For more information contact Bryan Ingalls at 206-722-0123. The Festival of Lights will be put on by Zoolleins. Tickets are $4 and for more information call 253-591-5379.

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Linking friends in time of loneliness

By C.J. Alvarez
Staff Reporter

Marilyn Soderquist, former Highline student, said she 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 people develop 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 volunteers," 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 website, 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 struggling 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 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 increase 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.

Bui.

"We would love to get books and other things 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 during the holiday season.

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 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 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 Tukwila Children's Foundation.

"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 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.

To her, stew sauce is "Here's one for folks who like things during the holidays is stomach friendly. "Here's one for folks who like food."

**ZUCCHINI-SAUSAGE PIE**  By Melissa 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, cheese pastry for single crust pie
4. Line 9 inch pie plate with 1 tsp. pepper.
5. Let candy sit to cool.
6. Pour batter into buttered pan and fill 2/3 of the way.
7. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes in a bundt pan or 25-30 minutes in a 9 inch round pan.
8. Egg whites.
9. Salt and pepper.
10. Melt butter in small pot on medium heat, until it turns a golden brown color.
11. Remove from heat and transfer the butter to a bowl to cool to room temperature.
12. While the butter cools, sift 2 cups confectioners sugar, 1/4 cup brown sugar, 2 tbsp. ground cinnamon, 1 tsp. salt.

**BROWN BUTTER PUMPKIN ALMOND CAKE**

Ingredients
- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 3/4 cup flour
- 2 cups confectioners sugar
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup almond flour/meal
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 2 tbsp. ground almonds.

1. In separate bowl, whip 8 egg whites, until peaks form. Mix half of the egg whites into pumpkin mixture until combined, and gently fold in the other half.
2. Pour batter into buttered pan and bake 23 minutes.
3. Baking依靠pan size, all of the batter may not be used.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes in a bundt pan or 25-30 minutes in a 9 inch round pan.
5. Mix, add a little water and butter and spices. Mix ingredients using a mixer with a paddle attachment, until combined; set aside.
6. In a separate bowl, whip the egg whites, using a whisk until stiff peaks form. Mix half of the egg whites into pumpkin mixture until combined, and gently fold in the other half.

**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 slowik stick)
- 1500 ml rotwein (red wine)
- Zitron: schale und saft (juice and peel of one lemon)
- Nelken (cloves)
- 1 zimtstange (cinnamon stick)
- 2 tsp. ground ginger
- 1 tsp. salt
- 8 egg whites

1. Boil the meat to your liking. Remove from the heat. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.
2. In bowl, combine eggs, cheese pastry for single crust pie
3. While the butter cools, sift 1/4 cup brown sugar and almond extract.
4. Add pumpkin, brown sugar and almonds into a bowl.
5. Melt butter in small pot on medium heat, until it turns a golden brown color.
6. Remove from heat and transfer the butter to a bowl to cool to room temperature.
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12. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes in a bundt pan or 25-30 minutes in a 9 inch round pan.
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 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 store with the dog that always 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 your invited you to eat Christmas dinner with them. Or your grandmother with 12 cats (which you are deceptively 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 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 completely fool proof considering that many 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 Thrillagy 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 down 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.
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.

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Peeling yourself away from the TV can get pretty tricky during those long marathons of prime time must see TV. 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.

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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 showing 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.
- Funny and unique t-shirts from www.tshirking.com, $14.95.
- 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 hat or 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.
- Care Bear Beanie Dolls at Hot Topic, $8.99 each.

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Men come up short at tourney

BY C.J. ALVAREZ
Staff Reporter

Highline's men's 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 met at Edmonds, including Highline, Edmonds, Everett, Seattle, Tacoma, Centralia, Chemeketa, and fifth ranked in the nation Southern Idaho.

Highlines 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. "( 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.

"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.
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 spent 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 to travel the world. He has traveled 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 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 in informed,” said Savoy.

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

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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" program, have come together and called 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.

The class, like 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 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 to "at-risk" classrooms and assist as mentors for the high school students.

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 to 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 marginalized 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 do that 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 inanimate 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.

Glenon 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.”

Glenon says that due to his physical therapy and slower pace, he must work weekends.

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Competitive majors require planning

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' coi uerties, is very difficult. Requirements are gen-

erally more stringent with com-

petitive fields due to the number of people who want to get in every year.

In Washington state, the University of Washington is one of the hardest schools to get into of 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 prereq-

uities. 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 im-

portant. 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 direc-
tor 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 to is the best way to en-

sure that you are on track to get into the program," Miller said.

Your GPA is the biggest fac-
tor 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 al-

ways 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-
p lied 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 stu-

dent into a major, but for some students, it is a make or break point for admission.

Attending info sessions ei-

ther at the school or at local community colleges is also a great source of information," said Dagmar Schmidt, the assis-
tant 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 fur-

ther inquiry. The UW website lets a student look up a major and see what classes are re-

quired for admission, approxi-
mately 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 TOLOA
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 101 and Writing 101 and 105 coordinated study en-
titled 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 it together. They showed 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 comprehen-
sion. They are:

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

"To use mathematical ideas to formulate and analyze logical arguments involving math or other quantitative information." And to recognize the ben-

efits of learning to identify pat-
ings and pay close attention to detail.

Caster and Scott would like to address the somewhat nega-
tive stigma that are attached to subjects such as math and sci-
ence.

"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 re-
form current approaches to mathematics may cause resis-
tance from students and col-
leagues.

"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, create 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.

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

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 of their house races and almost 95 percent of the Senate races.

For example, in the 30th district race for the Senate, Tracey Eide, the incumbent, won her race against Tony Moore 54 to 46 percent. She also raised just over $130,000 while Moore only raised nearly $100,000.

Also in the race for position one of the House of Representative for the 30th district, Mark Miloscia, also the incumbent, raised just over $120,000 and won 85.71 percent.

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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 go 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 it.
A typical day in Kerry Woodward's life went like this: she would wake up at 8 a.m. to take her kids to school, then she would go to Highline and drop off Bryna at day care here on campus. She then begins 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, family, kids, after that I am too tired to do anything else," said Woodward.
TANF is a block grant that provides assistance and work opportunities to needy families by granting states the option to develop their own welfare programs.
However, with the state's economic downturn, surplus is being diverted to community colleges to help local entrepreneurs make their dreams a reality," said Woodward.
Highline said she is happier off welfare.
"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 Bucky's Radiator and Muller and is scheduled to be up and running in March 2003.

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ory. "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

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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.

1-776, 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 1-776. 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. 1-790 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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