Gone in 60 seconds at Highline

Car thefts continue on campus

BY BLOSSOM BIRKEBAK
Staff Reporter

Lynn Pierce, office assistant in the Administration Office, had her Chrysler LeBaron convertible stolen from the East parking lot on Dec. 18. Twelve days later her car was found at the "Park 'n Fly" on Pacific Highway in SeaTac. The vehicle had its door lock and its ignition popped out.

Pierce's story is an unfortunate one, but by no means an uncommon one at Highline. In the month of December alone, six vehicles were stolen and seven others were broken into. Unlike most other car theft victims on campus, Pierce was lucky: She got her car back.

Security Chief Richard Fisher said that the number of thefts and break-ins are unusually high last month, but he has a theory as to the reason. Fisher said that the number of thefts and break-ins on campus are suspected to be committed by teenagers. The theft of Pierce's car is no exception.

The car was found about five miles away with minimal damage, and nothing had been taken out of the vehicle.

"Not even the change..." said Pierce. "They just drove it from here to there."

Both Fisher and Pierce suspect teenagers.

Although many on campus are concerned about all the thefts and break-ins, Chief Fisher isn't too worried.

"I don't think it's any more of a problem here than any other large parking lot," said Fisher.

He said security patrols the parking lots and there's not much more they can do.

"There's no more that can be done," Pierce agreed.

Many students, however, do not believe that security is doing an adequate job.

"All this school cares about is getting their money," said one Highline student, expressing his frustration at the apparent lack of efficient security in the parking lots.

Some students feel that all security does is give parking tickets and that they're not doing enough to prevent thefts.

"I don't ever see them," said another student.

A couple students suggested that security hire more officers and that current officers should spend more time patrolling the parking lots. Others suggested getting cameras to watch the lots.

Although not all the students agreed on the best solution to this problem, most feel that security isn't doing enough. Chief Fisher said that security cannot watch every car in parking lots.

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Swappin' spit with salmon

The famous fish statue in Des Moines Big Catch Plaza greets drivers coming south into town.

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Man charged in murder

BY BEN JOHNSTON
Staff Reporter

The murder of 52-year-old Hyung Max Lee in the Omni Executive Center parking lot may have stemmed from a husband's jealous rage, King County prosecutors say.

Yong Jun Kim, a 54-year-old Maple Valley man, was charged on Jan. 23 with premeditated first-degree murder and being armed with a deadly weapon.

Kim pleaded innocent to the charges Tuesday morning, and is currently being held in protective custody at the King County Jail, according to his attorney, Scott Saeda.

Bail was set at $1 million, according to Dan Donohoe, spokesman for the King County prosecutors' office.

The crime occurred about 12:50 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18, just outside the Omni building, east of the college on Pacific Highway South. Highline has offices in the Omni, however, neither the victim nor the accused have direct connection to the college.

The documents detailing probable cause stated that as police arrived on the scene, witnesses pointed out an overturned Lexus SUV, belonging to Kim. Then, several witnesses saw Kim attack Lee with a machete, return to the vehicle several times, and come out again, drinking a bottle of weed killer, police said.

Des Moines Police were the first to arrive, and began questioning Kim. According to the police, Kim said he had lost his job, and became enraged at his wife, who had threatened to leave him. Kim then drove to the Omni to revenge himself.

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Bumping action
A student had his or her $85 Ford scraped from front to back on the driver's side by an unknown vehicle in the North lot, on Jan 23. The damage done to the paint was extensive.

Frank calls not for college
Someone in the Southwest corner of campus made a call to 911 and then hung up. Security was informed of the hang-up call and searched the area, but couldn't find the culprit.

Break-ins plague campus
Three vehicles were broken into over the past week. One break-in happened in the Mid-way lot. The other two, in which both vehicles were Honda Civics, happened in the East lot. One Civic had its in-dash CD stereo taken. In the other Civic, the dash was partially torn apart but the stereo was left intact.

---Compiled by Blossom Birkebak

Financial woes finally put to rest

Tony Clark, a consultant from TIAA-CREF will be on campus offering one on one financial counseling sessions on Thursday, Feb. 6.

To schedule an appointment, sign up online at www.tiaa-cref.org/mca, or call 877-209-3142, prompt 3.

You will learn about retirement income flexibilities, lifetime income vs. cash withdrawal options and effects of inflation on retirement income, just to name a few.

Learning to fight stress and fear

The Employee Advisory Services (EAS) will be presenting "Stress and Fear in Uncertain Times," today in Building 2 from noon to 1 p.m.

Students are welcome to bring their lunch to the presentation given by Jan Paul, one of the EAS professionals.

The program has recently been developed to respond to the accumulated stress factor most people are experiencing following terrorist attacks, financial uncertainty and downsizing in both the government and private sectors.

Discover secrets to acing tests

A workshop entitled "Test Taking Secrets" by Patricia Haggyer will be held on Thursday, Jan. 30 from noon to 12:50 p.m. or from 1 to 1:50 p.m.

Take tests with confidence, ease

Patricia Haggyer, counseling faculty, facilitator, will be conducting a workshop for students who suffer from anxiety in the classroom.

The workshop will be held in Building 26, room 319 on Tues. Feb. 4 from 11 to 11:50 a.m. and noon to 12:50 p.m.

See the sunshine through the gray

Patricia Haggyer, counseling faculty, facilitator, will be teaching students how to over-come Seattle's winter grayness and feel more upbeat, in a workshop being held Thursday, Feb. 6 from noon to 12:50 p.m. and 1 to 1:50 p.m.

Corrections

Kennie Pewitt's name was misspelled in the Jan. 23 issue.

Stores sells evolution at seminar

"We don't get certainty in science, if you want certainty, then you have to go to church."

- Charles Stores, Highline professor

Stores: "We must act like it doesn't exist."

Stores then said the mechanism that people are given to believe in the miracles of God is 'poof'.

"'Poof' God can do whatever He wants because He is omnipotent," said Stores.

Stores went on to explain mainstream America's views on the theory of evolution and the gravitational theory.

"Nobody doubts the gravitational theory," said Stores.

However, after more careful research is conducted it is easy to deduce that people know the mechanism for evolution but don't really know why things fall down.

People are just offended more by the theory of evolution because it conflicts with their system of religious beliefs.

Stores also mentioned that in class a student's religious preference is none of his business.

"All a student has to do in one of my classes is to demonstrate understanding of the concept of evolution," said Stores. "Believing in your business, not mine."

Lastly, Stores said that the creation myth should not be taught in science classes because every conclusion in science is tentative and every conclusion in religion is complete.

"We don't get certainty in science," said Stores. "If you want certainty then you have to go to church."

Science seminar is held every Friday at 2:10 p.m. in Building 3, room 103. Next week's seminar will be given by Chemistry professor John Pfeffer on Absolute Zero.

Campus Calendar

- Representatives from Seattle University, College of the Arts, will be here Monday, Feb. 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the lower level of Building 6.

- Representatives from the Office of Minority Affairs Admissions at UW Seattle will be here Wednesday, Feb. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Students must sign up for individual appointments in the Transfer Center, Building 6, upper level.

- Representatives from the Evening Degree Program at UW Seattle will be here Wednesday, Feb. 5 from 4 to 6:30 p.m., in the lower level of Building 6.
**Highline Santa surprises Mexico**

**By Ryan Shell**  
Staff Reporter

After finals last quarter, Highline economics instructor Phil Droke spent his winter break bringing joy to needy children in Mazatlan, Mexico. Droke and his wife hopped a plane and headed south of the border for three weeks of relaxation, warm weather, and charity. The trip has been an annual tradition for the couple for the past seven years.

The highlight of the vacation was a new shoe giveaway to some of the local children. The effort is coordinated by the “Pacific Pearl,” an English language newspaper in Mazatlan, the “Friends of Mazatlan,” a group of charitable Americans now living in the city, and a local church. Prior to leaving, Droke was able to raise close to $700 in donations from Highline faculty and staff in order to purchase shoes for the event.

For each child, an outline of his or her foot is presented so shoes can be properly fitted. At the giveaway attended by Droke, at least 150 children received a brand new pair of shoes for the holidays.

“It’s not a bunch of barefoot kids running around,” said Droke. “But boy do they love getting a new pair!”

One small girl received a pair that was too big and when an extra pair was found to be too small the Drokes went out and got a new pair just for her. Needless to say, the third pair fit just right.

“It feels good to help others less fortunate,” said Droke. “It’s part of the relaxation.”

Being an economics instructor, Droke can’t help but notice the glaring differences between the economies of the United States and Mexico.

“It’s amazing to have a neighbor that poor,” said Droke. Droke, who speaks a small amount of Spanish, liked to mingle with the children and families at the shoe giveaway as well as throughout his vacation.

“I think it’s more fun to find out where the local guys hang out,” said Droke. “You want fish, you go to the fishermen.”

“Emmanuel’s village is very isolated,” said Droke. "It’s part of the relaxation." Droke brought smiles to many children’s faces, along with a brand new pair of shoes.

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Chiabi takes Highline members home

**By Kimberly McLean**  
Staff Reporter

Christmas in Seattle is not for everyone. Over winter break, four faculty members and a friend visited the country of Cameroon for two weeks, led by instructor and native Cameroonian Emmanuel Chiabi.

The crew left Dec. 14 and stayed for two weeks, returning on Dec. 30. Chiabi led faculty members Mike Campbell, Bryan Stumpf, and Tracie Brigham, as well as Katherine Johanson, a book representative for Thomson Wadsworth Company.

“It was so exciting to take my friends down there, and act as their tour guide,” Chiabi said. “I haven’t been back to visit in over a year, and it was great being in their companionship.”

“It was great to visit that part of Africa,” said Tracie Brigham, an instructor here at Highline. “It was my first time in Cameroon, and I definitely plan on returning some time,” she said.

Since Brigham has traveled so much, she wasn’t as surprised with the culture as the others were.

Highline instructor Mike Campbell was amazed at the generosity of the Africans. “We never bought any food at all. The people fed us plenty, and provided for all our needs. They were so happy to do it too,” Campbell said.

The highlight of the group’s trip was Christmas day.

“The kids were something else,” said Campbell. “We went out to Emmanuel’s compound, and children followed us the whole way, singing. They sang to us for well over an hour, putting our names into the song as they went.”

Cambridge said, “Christmas morning, Chiabi and his visitors gave out small gifts to the children. “They were so happy just to get a few small presents,” said Brigham.

“I gave away some school supplies like pencils, rulers, pens, and erasers that some of my students had helped put together before we left.”

The travelers agree that what really made the experience great was Chiabi’s relationship with the people and the culture he grew up in.

Campbell tells of another one of his favorite experiences.

“It was really neat when we got to meet the traditional chief of Emmanuel’s village; his name was Fon. Cameroonian we spoke with didn’t understand English, so we had to bring an English-speaking tourist with us to translate. “And they’re happy,” Campbell said.

“Emmanuel instructed us about the proper way to act around Fon before we met him, so that we wouldn’t accidentally offend him,” Campbell said. When the trip came to an end, Fon asked Katherine, Chiabi’s friend, to be one of his wives.

“She politely declined, even though he offered to make her his head wife. She still had to refuse the offer,” Campbell said.

Highline members pose for a picture on Christmas day in Cameroon. A native surprised the group with authentic African outfits. From left to right: Brian Stumpf, Tracy Brigham, Emmanuel Chiabi, Katherine Johanson and Michael Campbell.

Photo courtesy of Emmanuel Chiabi
Realize and reach your full potential

Math tends to bring up a response of repulsion among Highline students the same way that the Vietnam War once did in the 1960s. Students dread going to math class, and it seems that it will always reign one of the most complained about classes of all time.

But why is it that so many Highline students hate going to math class in particular?

Many will tell you it's because they placed correctly why not retake the COMPASS after taking a weekend to brush up on their math skills? After all if the test truly did not place a student correctly wouldn't it make sense that a weekend of hitting the books would be all that it took to ensure a test score that met the minimum criteria for a credited math class.

The fact is that most students were never asked to take proper responsibility in their education while they attended public school, and in doing so they are now suffering in their pursuit of higher education.

People will argue with me that now that they are paying for their education that they should be allowed to take whatever class they want. After all it's their nickel, right?

In theory this may be true, but for the majority of cases the idea is flawed when applied.

Math skills require a strong foundation of basics (like a pyramid) to build on. If a student enters a class when their foundation is not strong enough to support the material that is placed in it, they won't do well in the class.

Now to be perfectly honest with you, I don't care how other people do in a class (unless it's graded on a curve). However, I do care, when 10 percent of a class takes up 90 percent of a teacher's time on material that they should already have a firm grasp on.

It is for this reason that I do not take physics classes, or computer science classes. I do not pay for classes so that others can waste my time, and in so doing I would appreciate it if people would return the favor.

Another piece of evidence that shows students not taking responsibilities for their own education lies in on-line help combined with computer classes. Many math and science teachers at Highline have on-line lecture notes, study guides, and potential exam questions posted on their web-sites.

The general purpose of these web-sites is to inform students of what will be coming up in the class, and for students to be active in their education by studying or asking questions in class.

You wouldn't guess that this option was wasted; I'm just asking from the reactions of most of my peers in my math and science classes when they get back their tests and quizzes.

Most don't realize the brick-in-your-stomach feeling could have been eliminated by simply investing the time to connect to the Internet and print out the study questions, and to review them more than 10 minutes before the test.

Not to mention the fact that teacher's have office hours for a reason. Even if your teacher has an office hour when you have class, there are other math faculty professors on campus that are willing to help you (provided that you make arrangements with them prior to your visit).

Honestly, students need to just ask themselves and answer honestly if they are ready to invest their time to succeed at Highline. And if the answer is no, then don't sign up for classes. Just because you are not ready right after high school does not mean that you won't ever be ready to go to college, it just means it is not the main priority of your life at the moment.

But if you answer yes, begin today by being active in your education. Take the extra time to stop by the Tutoring Center, or form a study group in your class. Just because you are not ready right after high school does not mean that you won't ever be ready to go to college, it just means it is not the main priority of your life at the moment.

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It's just a shame that the people this column is about aren't the ones who will actually read it.

Rachel took responsibility once, but then she mislabeled it.
Hashimoto wins prize for poetry

BY PATRICK WAGNER
Staff Reporter

Literary professor Sharon Hashimoto has just won the national Roerich poetry prize for her manuscript The Crane Wife alongside New York's Veronica Goles.

Hashimoto is a third generation Japanese-American who has been writing poetry all her life.

She is a light hearted and cheerful woman whose constant smile makes you feel as if you are doing something right just by talking to her.

Her charisma must be shining through into her work as a poet due to her apparent success.

"The Crane Wife is a work inspired by everyone, family, being third generation Japanese and relating to my first and second generations and Japanese mythology," said Hashimoto. "It took about 15 years to write the manuscript (The Crane Wife) it kept changing along with the years."

Hashimoto also won a $20,000 National Endowment for the arts grant in 1991, an achievement that takes at least 20 published works to be considered.

Amongst the many contests Hashimoto has entered she regularly finishes as a semi-finalist or a finalist.

Hashimoto submitted her manuscript to Storyline Press just last year and was recently notified that she will soon be announced as the winner.

"It was cool though the award itself is more prestigious than the thousand dollar prize," she said.

Hashimoto is soon expected to fly to New York to do a reading from her manuscript in the Nicholas Roerich Museum as part of the Roerich prize.

The Roerich Poetry Prize is an award in honor of Russian philosopher, poet and painter Nicholas Roerich. The award started in 1988 and is dedicated to the discovery and presentation of new poets.

A modest Hashimoto is now put into the limelight of her peers after a career in literature and a life in poetry.

"I don't know why this year I have won, but I have always felt that I have had an original voice," said Hashimoto.

By Greg Fleeheart
Staff Reporter

Don't completely rule out seeing Biker Boyz this winter.

Perhaps you have seen the advertisements and wondered how a movie starring Kid Rock could have any good qualities, but Biker Boyz is a refreshing take on the recently over-done motocycle action genre.

Some might think that this movie is going to be predictable, but it has a surprising ending as well as plot.

Derek Luke (Antwone Fisher) plays a smart-mouthed California street motorcycle racer nicknamed "Kid." He has to cope with the death of his father and the pressure to live up to the families racing reputation.

Smoke (Laurence Fishburne, The Matrix) is the reigning champion of the illegal California bike-racing scene, known as the "King Of Cali."

Kid turns his frustration and anger towards the world, and puts all of his effort into taking Smoke's throne.

Kid creates his own legitimate Biker group with Primo (Rick Gonzales), and stuntman (Brendan Fehr), calling themselves the Biker Boys.

Kid goes on to learn of a family secret that leads to the climax of the film, which is a one-on-one, high stakes race between Kid and Smoke.

The film focuses mostly on the internal struggle of both Kid and Smoke, and how they choose to face their past, present, and future.

Reggie Rock Bythewood both wrote and directed this film, helping to keep his vision true.

At times though, the film seemed to be missing key events or dialogue. This seemed to leave holes in the story. Overall there was a nice mix of the biker lifestyle and the mainstream world's pressures.

Smoke (Laurence Fishburne, right) and Dogg (Kid Rock, left) take to the streets to race for the title king of Cali in Dreamworks Pictures' actioner Biker Boyz.

Bythewood made the unique angles, speed and style of the camera work portray a fast paced lifestyle. While this film sometimes reminded me of The Fast and the Furious, and Gone in 60 Seconds, it had its own style.

Derek Luke gives a frustratingly mono-emotional performance as Kid, who is a complex and angry person.

Luke does however show just enough emotion to let you know that Kid is battling with his conscience and his emotions.

Rick Gonzales and Brendan Fehr are the primary comic relief, along with Smoke's right hand man, Soul Train (Orlando Jones, Evolution).

Laurence Fishburne gave a unique life to Smoke, letting us see the fear, concern, and swiftly fading free-spirit attitude that makes up this surprisingly sensitive character.

Sometimes hard and steadfast, a paternal side shines through, making this film a little more than the average action flick.

Sometimes the twists in the story made me want to yell, "Je-ry! Je-ry!" at the top of my lungs, but they eventually gave way to a well-written story, with plenty of room for action.

The stunts and action sequences were decent and got my adrenaline pumping.

Over all, this was a funny, emotionally engaging film with great action sequences.

Biker Boys Opens Friday, Jan. 31

 Plans for Arcturus under way

BY PATRICK WAGNER
Staff Reporter

Highline's student-run annual literary publication the Arcturus is fast under way as submissions pour in.

Sharon Hashimoto is the long time editorial adviser of the publication. Hashimoto has been in charge of the publication for six years.

Aside from Hashimoto, the Arcturus is completely student run. Everything down to the printing press is the work of students who work hard at putting out this publication.

Submissions ended on Dec 30. Now the six student editors are combing through the entries and selecting the few who will be published in this year's Arcturus.

"This year we will have a fantasy vs. reality theme," said Hashimoto.

The Arcturus features the works of various people in the
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Highline community.

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Crossword Solution
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**T-Bird men play together for victory**

**By Fario Heuring**  
**Staff Reporter**

The Highline men’s basketball team defeated Gray Harbor 97-69 this past week to improve their league record to 2-5.

"We finally played well together as a team," said Danny Aldrete.

"The only real difference is here at Highline you pretty much play by the same rules. The NCAA rules are the same as the high school rules," Coach Albrecht said.

"We worked well together and passed the ball well," Englund said.

Caine, McDonald and Jason Cardenas each had seven rebounds in the victory.

"Were continuing to get better," Coach Jeff Albrecht said.

Midway through the season the Thunderbirds are averaging 73.3 points per game while allowing 84 points per game on defense.

"We have to pick it up on defense," Rylander said.

"If the ball better and make every possession count," Coach Albrecht said.

The team’s leading scorers are Danny Aldrete, who is averaging 16.4 points per game, and Seth Caine, who is averaging 13.6 points per game.

Aldrete and Caine are also leading the team in 3-point percentage, shooting 43 percent and 40 percent beyond the arc.

Caine is seventh in the league in three pointers made with 37. The Thunderbirds have two players in the top 15 for rebounding. McDonald is sixth in rebounding at 9.4 per game.

Cardenas is averaging 8.2 rebounds per game.

The teams leading free throw shooter is Danny Aldrete who is shooting 75 percent from the line.

Aldrete is also leading the team in assists with 4.1 per game.

The Thunderbirds have lost a lot games down the stretch in the second half.

"We gotta learn how to win close games, and learn what it takes to come out on top," Matt Englund said.

"Inconsistency has been our problem. We need to play hard all 40 minutes," Coach Albrecht said.

"We don’t always come prepared to play. We need our coaches and captains to come together. We need our bench players to get hyped and to contribute," Jaland Christophe said.

Coach Albrecht has been very impressed with Christophe’s play in the first half of the season.

"Jaland has been doing great on the boards, is a great defender, plays hard all the time and is overall a great asset to our team," Coach Albrecht said.

The Thunderbirds’ strengths have been rebounding and execution.

"We have been rebounding well all year and have been executing well," Coach Albrecht said.

"We can come together when we need to and can easily execute," Christophe said.

With nine games remaining the Thunderbirds, are still in the playoff hunt.

"We need to go 6-3 in our remaining games to get into the playoffs, which is very possible," Coach Albrecht said.

"We can beat any team, any time, any day," Simon Cruz said.

"The Thunderbirds faced Centralia at home on Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 8 p.m. Results were not available at press time.

"Wednesday’s game is big for us. We get that win and we are right in the playoff hunt," Albrecht said.

The T-Birds will then play the division leadership Green River Gators on Saturday.

**Redshirts patiently play the waiting game**

**By Ross L. Timbrook**  
**Staff Reporter**

Clayton Rylander is always at practice on time, works just as hard as anyone else on the floor but will never suit up or take a shot for the team’s basketball team this season.

"This is because Rylander is a redshirt.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association defines redshirting as practicing but not playing in games for a full season while retaining the initial four years of eligibility that each student athlete is granted in their sport.

The "NWAACC rules are pretty much the same as the NCAA rules. The only real difference is here at Highline you could redshirt 27 years in a row and play when you are 50," said Highline Athletic Director John Dunn.

The decision to redshirt can come from the coach or the player, said Highline men’s basketball coach Jeff Albrecht.

"It really depends on the individual situation and the player. Everyone wants to play and play right away but sometimes it doesn’t work that way," Albrecht said.

"It is a little frustrating at times. But at the same time I realize that we can only suit 12 (players) per game and that the team is really deep at the one spot (guard). I am just hoping that it is beneficial to me," Rylander said.

"I think it is easier for me to deal with now as opposed to when I was 18 or 19," said the 5’10" Rylander, who is 23.

Highline men’s basketball co-captain Danny Aldrete can testify that a redshirt year can be helpful.

Aldrete redshirted his first season at Highline and says it helped him in a lot of ways.

"It definitely benefited me. It helps you grow up a lot and eases the transition from high school ball. I know that I was not ready for the difference in college and high school and I think that the redshirt year helped me grow up a lot," Aldrete said.

Coach Albrecht echoes the feelings of Aldrete in saying that it helps players to hone their skills and to mature.

"While most players would prefer not to take a whole year off, Rylander understands that in the long run it will be a good experience for him.

"Some people do it if they are far down on a depth chart. Others do it to focus on developing their game because the transition from high school to college can be difficult. My main reason is that coach Albrecht asked me to," Rylander said.

"High school ball is not as team-oriented as it is when you play here or at any other college," said Rylander, who played his high school ball at West Seattle.

"High school emphasizes quickness and if you have one great player you will usually do fairly well. At the college level it takes a whole team to win games," said Rylander, who plans to major in sociology with the hope of becoming a teacher.

Rylander says he chose Highline because of its good reputation academically and athletically.

Redshirt players can help a team out in a number of different ways.

Rylander stays involved with the team by warming up the players during lay-up drills and cheering the team on from the bench.

"You try to keep the bench involved by cheering the team on and being a motivator. The bench is always up when we are winning but it is hard to keep them up when we aren’t," Aldrete said.

"I think that the team currently struggling with a 2-12 record. Rylander admits that he wishes he was contributing to the team on the court.

"The biggest thing for us is to find a way to finish games off. We have had games where we start off strong but we just can’t seem to finish strong," Rylander said.
Lady T-Birds lack consistency

By Edith Agoston
Staff Reporter

The Lady T-Birds basketball team lost a tough game to Grays Harbor last Saturday, 72-69. "The loss drops Highline down to sixth place in the West Division with a league record of 3-4 and an overall record of 9-8," said Head Coach Dennis Olson.

Saturday's game was a real close one but last minute turnovers made it hard for the T-Birds to fight back. "We made mistakes at the end that cost us the game," Head Coach Dennis Olson said. "The other team (Grays Harbor) played very well, they outplayed us."

Cele White contributed 18 points and nine rebounds in the losing effort. "Cele had a pretty good game," Olson said.

Michelle Aurelio also did well with 14 points, Katie Foster and Erin Bender each had 10 points, and Ane Tuivai collected nine boards. With the season halfway over, Highline needs to work on its consistency. Only four teams out of each division make it to NWAAC's, therefore, Highline will have to move up two slots if they want to compete for a championship this year. "In order to get into the playoffs, we'll have to be much more consistent," Olson said.

Leading scorers for Highline halfway through the season are: Aurelio with 12.6 points per game, Diane Whitehead with 9.6 points per game, and Lisa Pueschner with 8.4 points per game.

Aurelio also leads the team in rebounding, with 8.3 boards per game, but Tiare Alalima is not too far behind with 6.8 boards per game. Pueschner is the only T-Bird so far who has been shooting well from the free throw line. She is currently at 78 percent. Foster has also been impressive with her three point shooting, averaging in at 43 percent. As far as the team goes, Highline averages 69.4 points per game and they allow 65.2 points per game. This puts them right in the middle of the West Division.

The T-Birds allow almost as many points per game as they score and a huge part of that is because they have a tendency to turn the ball over. Turnovers, most of them coming from bad passing, have really hurt Highline this year. "Our passing is getting a little better but it is still not there yet," Olson said.

The women have already proven that they can beat good teams by defeating one of the strongest teams in the league (Tacoma) last week, Olson is not worried about that.

He is however worried about whether his team can play intelligent basketball on a consistent basis.

Highline will have a chance to prove themselves in their next game against Clark, here at home on Feb. 1 at 3 p.m.

The T-Birds also played Centralia on Wednesday, Jan. 29, however results were unavailable at press time.

White equals wins for women's basketball

By Shauna Bjork
Staff Reporter

Cele White came back from injury to help the women's basketball team take a shot at the NWAAC's. White is a 6'1" forward/center, playing her first year of college ball here at Highline.

White was hurt in a car accident and was out of practice for two weeks. She injured her thumb, and had a stiff back and neck.

She played her first game of the season on Jan. 2 against Clark, which was a loss for Highline.

In her third game back this season against Green River, she scored 20 points and had 13 rebounds. The game was the first win for Highline in the New Year.

White played her highest scoring game this season versus Pierce where she scored 24 points and had nine rebounds, another win for Highline.

White came to Highline because she liked the women's basketball program that the school has to offer. She also liked Head Coach Dennis Olson.

White is planning on staying at Highline for the rest of this year. As for next year though, she said she was unsure if she was going to stay or transfer. Eventually, she would like to transfer to a four-year college and play basketball.

She said some of her strengths consist of posting up low, and scoring from 15 feet out. She said she still has some room to improve. "White is a tall slender young woman, who has a lot of basketball skills, but not as much strength. "I get pushed around a lot," White said. "I need to gain some strength."

Although the team looks to be getting better, there still are some things that need work. "Everyone is on a different page," White said. "We need to learn to trust each other, and play together."

"Defense is great, we communicate well and work hard," White said.

White has been playing basketball since the eighth grade. She started playing on the J.B.A select team, in Kirkland. She played for them through ninth grade. She then went off to play for Juanita High School. White played there through her senior year.

The summer between her junior and senior year she played for another select team, Emerald City Academy. She and the team still have hopes of making it to the NWAAC tournament in Pasco.

"Our goal is NWAACs, and the second seed in the playoffs," White said. "If we won all of our games from now on, we'd play the third and fourth teams from the other division."
T-Bird wrestlers continue to struggle

BY DUSTIN NICKERSON
Staff Reporter

Highline's green and white went head to head with the orange and black of Pima last Thursday. Result: the T-Birds stumbled away black and blue.

"Let's talk about another time," said Justin Binetti. Last year, the team scored two thirds of their points because of Pima forfeits, and scored the rest off of a Brad Luvaas' 9-5 victory in the 157-

point weight class. "Brad wrestled a solid match," said Head Coach Scott Norton. "It was close enough to build him some confidence."

Three weight classes below Luvaas, and coming off a recent knee injury was Jonathan Muri. Muri lost by only four points to the fourth ranked 131-pounder in the nation.

"To wrestle as well as Muri did in that situation was a pretty impressive feat," said Norton. "If he can stay healthy, things could start looking up for him." Luvaas and Muri are among the five T-Birds with a shot at nationals. And if Francisco Gonzalez at 125-pounds, Peter Puccio at 149, and Kenny Pewitt at 157 can wrestle near their capabilities, they will find longed turned the light of Highline's season off, but the possibility of these wrestlers going to nationals is a small light still shining.

"Right now we're just trying to stay focused on regionals," said Pewitt. "And the other guys are helping us where they can."

Any positive that can be pulled away from this disappointing season will just build momentum for next year, Head Coach Scott Norton adds.

Next season the T-Birds return 13 of their current 18 competitors.

For now, Highline faces off against Clackamas at home on Jan. 31. And from there they travel to Clackamas' crib, for the Region 18 Championships. Those who finish in the top three will then travel to nationals in Rochester, Minn.

Pewitt hopes to take down crime and opponents

BY DUSTIN NICKERSON
Staff Reporter

Kennie Pewitt's left leg shakes nervously, as he grips a black beanie in his hand. A few jokes are exchanged, and his leg comes to a halt. Simultaneously, his posture relaxes, and he elects to get a little more comfortable on Highline's locker room bench.

Pewitt has been caught be-between a 29-8 record, and sixth place in the NJCAA Championships this year.

"The first question is asked, and his knee starts bouncing again, very similar to that of an 8-year-old on his unsuspecting parent's bed."

"I've lived in Puyallup for 15 years," Pewitt said. "And I've wrestled for pretty much all of that time."

Now on his 11th consecutive wrestling season, Pewitt is the T-Bird's 157-pounder, and is likely taking his experience to the NJCAA Championships this year.

"My dad was my first coach, and has been a big influence in my life," Pewitt said. Whenever his dad is brought up, Pewitt's voice gets a little lower, and a lot more serious, as if he's attempting to rub his dad's influence off on everyone.

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"I want to go to Central, major in Criminal Science, and then become a cop," said Pewitt. "With a 3.0 GPA, and a dedicated attitude to work hard, Pewitt's path seems to be pretty straight.

"I just want to follow the footsteps of my dad," said Pewitt. Setting his goals high and staying focused are keys to success and qualities Pewitt carries on the mat, and in his life.

As for his future on the mat, Pewitt says he loves wrestling, and as long as he can compete he will.

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VSA to celebrate fifth Tet

BY DANNY KANG AND KELLEY RIGGIO Staff Reporters

Highline’s Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) is holding its fifth annual celebration of the Asian Lunar New Year this Friday, Jan. 31 at 12:15 p.m. in Building 8.

“Tet is a celebration of all Western holidays observed in one day,” Educational Planning and Advising Counselor Nga Pham said. She said Tet consists of elements of Western holidays such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Mother’s and Father’s day and Memorial Day.

The forty members of VSA are presenting some Tet traditions by displaying traditional and modern dress in a fashion show, a customary fan dance and singing, a tasting table that exhibits authentic Tet foods, and the very popular red envelope drawings. Trina Nguyen, vice-president of VSA and a performer in the festival said it’s going to be a great show.

“We are looking forward to showing everyone a piece of our culture,” Nguyen said.

The Lunar New Year falls on Feb. 1 this year and is celebrated for the purpose of exchanging New Year’s wishes of good fortune, longevity, happiness, and to pay respects to deceased family and friends.

Traditionally, the Tet celebration lasts for a month but because of Vietnamese people coming Westminsted it has been reduced to a few days up to several weeks, said Dennis Steussy, educational planning and advising counselor.

On the first three days of the holiday customary things are done.

The first day families go to their father’s relatives to pay their respects and give good wishes. This is done on the following days for the mother’s relatives and schoolteachers.

Once the proper respects have been paid, the elders, in return, give red envelopes containing lucky money.

Honor and acknowledging your loved ones is the meaning of the New Year, said Nga Pham.

“People should come out and share this culture and learn about this holiday,” Nga Pham.

In 2001, a group of Vietnamese-Americans celebrated Tet in song.

Bad habits possible to break

BY JAMES SCHEIDER Staff Reporter

Not only are some bad health habits irritating, they could be fatal, said Highline Professor Bob Baugher, Ph.D. here in Building 8.

Baugher delivered his Honors Colloquy on Wednesday. Baugher said that for every three people who die in this country, one dies from heart disease. One in four die from cancer and one out of 20 die from alcoholism. Most of these problems could be prevented by changing bad health habits says Baugher.

Baugher offered 12 suggestions on how to break bad health habits from alcoholism to impatience, and how to start good ones.

First, define the problem and be very specific, Baugher said. He said that it is better to start small and build on the problem from there.

Another suggestion Baugher gave was to understand the basic functions of the brain. One function he said, is that the brain tries to reduce pain and doesn’t like to change. “It is painful to break habits,” Baugher said.

Among his suggestions:

•/listing all the reasons why a behavior “absolutely must change,” then keep the list where it can be seen everyday.
• Alter your environment. “Let’s say you want to play guitar better. Put the guitar by your bed so you’re forced to step over it everyday.”
• Write out a contract. “If I eat dessert tonight, then I can’t listen to music in the car tomorrow.”

Along with this idea of a contract, Baugher said you should punish yourself for doing the habit, and reward yourself for resisting temptation.

Baugher said that friends can also play an important role in breaking a habit. He said they would be helpful if they gave encouragement, but harmful if they gave punishment.

One hardship Baugher talked about having to overcome is that of plateau problems. A plateau problem is a problem which has been steadily improving and then suddenly stops improving. He said that the best advice he could give in regards to plateau problems was to endure and not give up.

“Don’t say ‘never again,’ start small and work on your habit from there,” said Baugher.

The next Honors Colloquy will feature Tucker Meager, N.D. on Wednesday Feb. 5 at 1 p.m. in Building 7.

WAVE deadline nears

BY KIMBERLY MCLEAN Staff Reporter

The competition for the 2003 WAVE Scholarship is beginning and ending quickly. The deadline is Feb. 14.

The WAVE Scholarship provides six quarters of tuition and service fees at an accredited higher educational institution within Washington to three students from each legislative district. However, recipients of this award must maintain a 3.0 GPA in order to continue to receive funding.

This award honors students for completing at least 360 hours in an approved vocational-technical field, while completing at least one year of their education at a high school or public community or technical college. Students can pick up applications from Kathy Morgan, Highline’s WAVE Scholarship coordinator, or can download them off the Internet at www.wtb.wa.gov/wave-3.htm.

Highline students Susan Cox and Kelly Mathai won the scholarship last year.

“I had a plan to continue on to the University of Washington, but I didn’t know how it was going to become a reality without financial assistance,” Cox said. “The deadline for another really great scholarship had just passed, so I realized I had to do something quick.”

“Thank God,” was all Cox said after receiving the award.
Simmons seeks justice

BY DANNY KANG
Staff Reporter

Women played an important but overlooked role during the height of the Civil Rights Movement, said expert Zoharah Simmons, Ph.D.

"Dr. Simmons spoke last Thursday as part of the many activities Highline offered in honor of the great Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."

Dr. Simmons, assistant professor of religion at the University of Florida-Gainesville, was an active member during the 1960s Civil Rights Movement.

"It's no secret that young people and women led the Movement," Dr. Simmons said.

Simmons participated in the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s in Atlanta, Ga. and Laurel, Miss. During her time involved, she was jailed for disorderly conduct. Even though her parents discouraged her participation, she wanted to fight against the injustices of all people.

"I couldn't understand why hard work by the families never produced anything," Dr. Simmons said.

Dr. Simmons said that the goal of the Civil Rights Movement was to break the grip of white terror that made colored people less than human beings. During the struggle for justice, there were more discouraging events than triumphs. Lives were lost and spirits were trammeled but the courage and perseverance of the unsung heroes overcame the obstacle of inequality, she said.

She spoke of three volunteers in Laurel, Miss., two whites and one black, who disappeared. This seemed impossible because the black student had lived in the area his whole life.

Simmons said, Ruby Doris Robinson Smith, another woman she knew was indispensable and worked tirelessly for the cause. Eventually, the hard work for justice took a toll on her. Smith died at age 26 from the stress of the struggle.

Other women, like Carrie Clayton and Eberta Spinks, housed volunteers because of the hostile tension between the blacks and whites. Spinks told Simmons she had been waiting for Civil Rights activists her whole life.

"It was the most momentous movement of our time," said Dr. Simmons.

The Washington Award for Vocational Excellence - W.A.V.E. scholarship is awarded to students for outstanding achievement in vocational-technical education. Every year, the W.A.V.E. program gives scholarships for six quarters (four semesters) of tuition and fees at two and four-year colleges, universities and technical schools in Washington state. One W.A.V.E. recipient is chosen from each legislative district by the committee.

The applicant must be a resident of Washington state. Any student currently enrolled and completing 360 hours in a single, approved vocational program by June 30, 2003 is eligible to apply. Application forms and guidelines are available from Kathy Morgan in Building 21, 206-873-3710, ext. 3301, or at www.wtb.wa.gov

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report, Kim pointed in the direction of a black Toyota car parked next to the overturned Lexus and said, "He raped my wife."

Hye Young Kim, the defendant's wife, stated in an interview with police that in the six weeks leading up to the incident, saying that he would, "accomplish these murders by cutting up her body and Mr. Lee's body into small pieces," according to the prosecutor's papers.

Mrs. Kim said that, on or about Dec. 30, Mr. Kim became so enraged that he pulled a knife and a gun on Mrs. Kim and threatened to kill her and then himself at their family business, a gas/convenience store in the North Bend area, which they had purchased from Lee a few months prior.

The Kims' daughter witnessed this and called the King County Police.

The police arrived and arrested Kim, and he was charged with felony harassment and ordered to have no contact with his wife.

After spending several days in jail, Kim posted the $100,000 bail and returned home while police while being treated for ingestion of poison at Auburn Regional Hospital, and made one to his forearm that was delivered with such force that Mr. Lee's forearm was broken.

Kim was guarded by Kent police while being treated for ingestion of poison at Auburn Regional Hospital, and made several spontaneous admissions to police including, "I made one big mistake and I ruined the rest of my life."

Theft
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...by volunteered to do a report each of the four parking lots all at the same time.

"Just because they (students) don't see them (officers), it doesn't mean they're not there," Fisher said.

And just being there is a deterrent to thieves, he continued.

They are not going to break into a car right next to where security is standing.

Security cannot guarantee the safety of your vehicle, said Fisher.

There are, however, some things you can do. One is to get some type of anti-theft device. Two of the most common devices are steering wheel clubs and car alarms.

"It's so I don't have to go without my car for a month again," said Pierce.

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Fisher suggests using steering wheel clubs or floorboard locks as better alternatives.

He also makes these suggestions: Remove your stereo if possible, always lock your vehicle, and don't leave CDs or other valuables in open view.

After Pierce got her car back, she went out and bought a brake lock.

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