

Highline wireless

Students spill truth about cell phones on campus

BY INNA DENCHIK
AND KELLEY RIGGIO
Staff Reporters

She makes her way across campus babbling away on her phone like a squawking parrot making its first appearance on Animal Planet. Running into others and passing by good friends without so much as a glance, she remains oblivious to all but the nameless person on the other end of the line. Cell phones are the culprit.

In an unscientific survey of 111 students on campus, 82 said they own a cell phone, or 74 percent.

Students use cell phones for a number of different things.

"I have to keep in touch with my daughter and her day care," said student Iesha Laurencio.

Sixty-one percent of students said that the primary use of their cell phone is for personal reasons.

"I am rarely home and I like being able to reach anyone or have anyone reach me any time," said Brandon O'Malley.

But not all students use their cell phones just to chat or keep in touch with people.

"No. 1 on my speed dial is Pizza Hut," said student Kiera Sutton.

Of the 82 students who own a cell phone, 50 said their cell phone was for personal use; another 15 said that they owned a cell phone for emergency purposes; one student said that he uses his phone strictly for business; and 16 others said that their cell phones served a combination of purposes.

"We don't have long distance at home," said student Casey McGrath.



Photos By Nick Trullench

Highline students around campus are rarely without their cell phones.

The survey also uncovered that women have higher ownership of cell phones than men. Eighty-four percent of the 56 women and 64 percent of the 55 men own cell phones.

According to the survey, women have a higher rate of parent-paid cell phone bills.

Nine women and only one man said that his/her parents paid the bill. Another 12 women, and only three men said that the only reason for their cell phone was for emergencies.

The price some starving college students are willing to pay for their phones have left others

in awe.

"I can't believe other people at Highline pay so much for their phone. I can barely get by paying \$35 a month," said student Ashley Young.

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Des Moines politics in turmoil

BY JASON LEGGETT
Staff Reporter

The pro-business majority on the Des Moines City Council may have brought the city bad publicity instead of more business.

Critics of the council majority regularly pack City Council meetings, and daily newspapers in Seattle and Tacoma are finding great sport in the battle of Des Moines.

Citizen groups are trying to recall at least four of the council members, and the city's mayor recently resigned in the wake of a state investigation of possible campaign finance violations.

"There won't be any increase in business as long as there is infighting," said Councilmember Bob Sheckler. "No one will be attracted to the city as long as this is going on."

"The whole town is a political hot bed right now," said Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Clarice James.

"It has been on the front page of all the regional papers," former council member Dan Sherman said. "People are beginning to pay attention, especially when it happens in front of them."

The divided City Council had been tense since the new majority was elected in November 2001. The disputes started making the news when the state Public Disclosure Commission issued preliminary findings against Don Wasson for campaign finance violations in January.

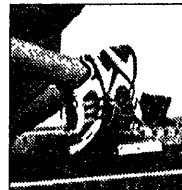
The charges range from Wasson failing to report a \$1,000 contribution, which was used to hire a political consultant to aid three 2001 candidates

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Gabby students make man angry

A man was ordered to stay off campus for three weeks, following an incident in the library last Thursday, Jan. 30.

He became irritable when some Vietnamese students were talking too loudly. When he began swearing at the students, library staff called security, who then escorted the man off campus.

Vandals leave evidence behind

Someone attempted to break into a Highline staff member's car on Friday, Jan. 31. The victim parked on the east side of Building 4, and returned later in the day to find a metal object lying next to his car, that appeared to have been used to break off the driver's side lock.

Invisible man breaks in window

A broken window and damaged automated teller machine were the result of a malicious act on Sunday, Feb. 2. Des Moines Police were called to do a building check, but nobody was found inside.

The motion sensor was found on the floor by the vending machine, and there was evidence that the cash machine had been tampered with. The suspect did not get away with any money, but the machine is currently out of service. Des Moines Police collected prints at the scene of the crime.

Thieves hover in Highline lots

Four pop-on hubcaps were stolen from a student's car on Monday, Feb. 3. The student parked his vehicle in the south parking lot around 11 p.m. When he returned to it at 3:30 p.m., the hubcaps were gone.

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Blossom Birkebak

Foundation turns tears into smiles

By BLOSSOM BIRKEBAK
Staff Reporter

A Highline student, and young single mother, came to Executive Director of Foundation and Resource Development Mark McKay's office on Jan. 15 in tears.

She and her 7-year-old son were going to be evicted from their apartment in three days.

The Foundation was able to assist the woman with financial aid, "turning tears into smiles," as McKay put it.

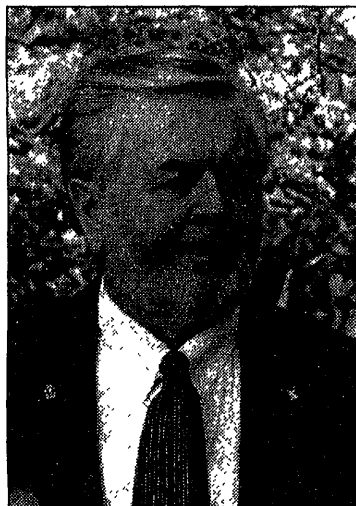
"It's a great feeling to come back and help students," said McKay, who was once himself a student at Highline. "I couldn't think of a better job," he continued.

The story of the young woman is just one example of the ways the Highline Foundation has been able to fulfill its mission statement of "...raising funds that help provide quality education at Highline Community College."

The mission statement goes on to say, "and strengthen the relationship between the college and the community, developing resources for students, programs, faculty and capital projects."

The Foundation, a private non-profit organization, affiliated with Highline, was established in 1972 with a volunteer Board of Directors.

The Foundation raised \$284,000 two years ago and



\$385,000 last year.

Half way through its fundraising year, it has already raised \$228,000. And it recently reached a milestone in fundraising.

"Since 1991, the Foundation has received contributions totaling \$2.2 million and \$1.7 million of that total has been distributed to students and programs," said McKay.

The Foundation's goals have been to increase the amount of money raised each year, especially in scholarships.

In 1994, the scholarship fund contained around \$10,000. Its goal this year is to raise \$100,000 for scholarships. So far it has obtained a little more than \$82,000.

McKay said that the majority of the funds come from individuals' contributions.

Next would be organizations in the community, like the Rotary Club, and then businesses.

"It's a great feeling to come back and help students... I couldn't think of a better job."

-Mark McKay,
executive director

"Our most successful way to raise funds is our annual direct mail appeal, which goes on throughout the year and then next would be our annual Spring Gala," said McKay.

The money the Foundation raises goes into various funds including special campus projects, scholarships, emergency assistance, and others.

Highline faculty and staff can "authorize the college to take deductions from their payroll check each month (and have it) donated to the Foundation to a fund designated by the individual," said McKay.

The Foundation also accepts donations for other clubs, organizations, and programs on campus such as the Child Care Center, Outreach Services, Women's Programs, and the Tutoring Program.

This money is distributed on a request basis. By donating through the non-profit organiza-

tion, groups can decrease the amount of paperwork required.

The Foundation will be holding a fundraising event, the 2003 Spring Gala, on April 12, at Emerald Downs.

Not only is the event a fundraiser, but also a "friendraiser" to raise the awareness of the organization, the college, and the needs of students.

The event will feature magicians, musicians, a live auction and more.

McKay said that the thing he wants students to know the most is that the Foundation is here to assist them.

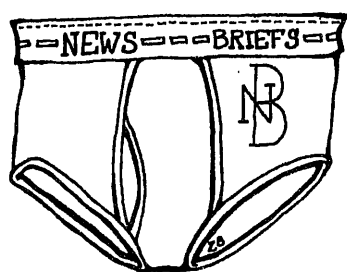
By mid-February, a new scholarship packet will be released, and McKay encourages students to pick one up from either Building 9 or Building 6 (at Student Services).

Some of these scholarships don't require any specific GPA, and some don't require any financial need.

McKay said that sometimes there are scholarships that don't receive any applicants.

"A call to the Foundation service is not exclusively about giving money. Most importantly, being a board member is about giving time to help the Foundation in fulfilling the dreams of students and to assist the College in accomplishing its mission," said McKay.

For more information on the Foundation go to www.funds-4highline.org.



Get your passport to technology

The Highline Technology Passport group will be holding a workshop on Wednesday, Feb. 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Building 30, room 318. Staff and faculty are encouraged to come learn about Outlook in some hands-on activities.

Make decisions with confidence

Students will learn a quick approach to identifying factors critical to career decision making in a workshop led by Dr.

Lance Gibson, counseling faculty facilitator, on Tuesday, Feb. 11 from noon to 12:50 p.m.

Auction sends women to Hawaii

The Highline women's fastpitch team will be hosting their third annual Diamond Bash, Friday Feb. 7 in the upper level of Building 8. Proceeds from the auction will go toward funds to help the team compete in Hawaii.

The schedule of events are as follows: Silent Auction from noon to 6 p.m., food and beverage from 5 to 6 p.m. and the Live Auction from 6 to 8 p.m. Please RSVP to Kirsten Jensen.

Pump it up: Your attitude

Thressa Alston, counseling faculty facilitator, will be leading a workshop entitled "Inter-

personal Skills: Your Winning Attitude." The workshop will be held in Building 26, room 319 on Thursday, Feb. 13 from noon to 12:50 p.m.

Students discuss war with Iraq

Jennifer Jones, geography and CGG instructor at Highline, will be speaking at the Cultural Cafe sponsored by the International Student Program.

The topic of discussion will be, "What do you think of USA bombing Iraq?"

The Cultural Cafe will be held Feb. 7 at 11 a.m. in the upper level of Building 8.

Overcome the Seattle grayness

Patricia Haggerty, counseling faculty facilitator, will be teaching students how to overcome Seattle's winter grayness and feel more upbeat, in an upcoming

workshop. The workshop is today from noon to 12:50 p.m. and 1 to 1:50 p.m. in Building 26, room 319.

Campus Calendar

•An Associate of Science transfer degree workshop is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 6, from 1:15 to 2 p.m. in Building 19, room 203.

Direct questions to Laquita Fields, 206-878-3710, ext. 3195.

•A representative from UW Tacoma will be here Tuesday, Feb. 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lower level of Building 6.

Corrections

A quote from T-Bird basketball player Simon Cruz in last week's paper should have said, "Other than Tacoma and Green River, we can beat any team, any time, anywhere."

Students take Highline overseas

By Mike Alton
Staff Reporter

Now is your chance to learn culture and study in Italy. Spring Quarter students have



around. You could learn this city in a week," Iliakas said. The stu-

Workshop offers help for stressed

By Ryan Shell
Staff Reporter

editorial

Security works hard to keep Highline safe

Highline has been through a lot over its 41 years, from its birth in 1961 to the day that you are reading this paper.

And over those years Highline has also seen a lot of crime, everything from arson to burglary to car theft. Over this time, Campus Security has always been watching out for us.

Whether they are putting out fires, patrolling parking lots, or escorting a student to their car after a night class, Highline's Campus Security is top notch.

Recently, Highline has seen a high number of car thefts, and as a result, security is taking a lot of unwarranted heat.

Students resent Campus Security for not being there when a car is stolen or broken into, or for when they receive a costly parking ticket. In general the cry from Highline students is that security spends too much time passing out tickets.

The fact that security officers are passing out tickets means that they are patrolling the parking lot, which means they are acting as a powerful deterrent to car thieves, and doing the best they can to keep your car safe.

And in the words of Security Chief Richard Fisher, "Security can't be everywhere at once."

Another thing Fisher pointed out is that students need to learn to take responsibility for their possessions. It's a major drag if your car is broken into or stolen, none of us want that to happen to us. So accept responsibility and take the necessary precautions and deter your chances of becoming a victim.

Anti-theft devices are a must, especially if you own a Honda. If you don't bother to get the Club (and put it on your vehicle every day), if you advertise your nice stereo system by leaving CDs all over your car and if you don't bother to take your faceplate with you when you leave, then don't even start complaining about what security is doing wrong.

With four massive parking lots to patrol and only six full time security officers, Highline security has their work cut out for them, and yet they provide 24 hour a day, 365 days a year service.

Keep that in mind the next time you or someone you know is complaining about security.

And next week, when you lock your keys in your car, or when your battery is dead and you need a jump, give security a call and they'll be there to save the day.

Attention cartoonists!

The Thunderword is looking for an editorial cartoonist.

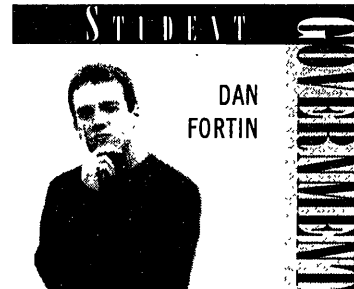
Sound interesting?

Call us at 206-878-3710 ext. 3317

Government keeps busy

My name is Dan Fortin, and I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the newest member of your Student Government. I was a member of Student Government last year, and I am happy to be back working for the student body again. Student Government writes this weekly article to update you on projects we are working on as well as information that we feel is important for you to know.

Some projects that we are focusing on this quarter include a health committee, which is focused on tobacco prevention and awareness for both smokers and nonsmokers.



We have also allocated funds to purchase a defibrillator to be housed in the Campus Security office in case of any sudden heart complications on campus.

Another project that has been in the works for the last few years is the new Student Union Building. The funding plan for the new building was approved

at the last Student Government Session, and tentative construction dates have been set. The current Student Union Building is scheduled to be closed on May 9, and the new building is scheduled to open in Fall 2004.

These are just a few of the student issues that we are working on, so I would encourage you to come talk to us if you want to find out more information. Also feel free to come to us with any ideas or concerns of your own that we could address. Student Government offices are located upstairs in Building 8.

Dan Fortin is a student senator for Student Government.

Letter to the Editor

Staff not receiving annual raises

Dear Editor:

This is in reference to your editorial on page 4 of the January 30 issue of the Thunderword.

The second to last paragraph refers to state employees' annual raises, and states in part,

"...maybe public employees should have to face adjustments as well." Please be aware that although the legislature can (and has) voted pay raises for themselves, the classified and professional staff at all the community colleges have not received raises for the past two years, and likely will not next year either.

This includes all employees

at Highline except faculty and student workers. Meanwhile health care coverage has risen in price, resulting in a net pay cut in our salaries. We are not able to give ourselves a raise in either good or bad economic times — the legislature makes that decision. Please research your facts better in the future.

Ann Bekins

It's not about the dance steps

I love weddings, and recently attended one. But not just your typical run of the mill wedding, at least, not from my perspective. The wedding was between a beautiful young Somali couple and the event was like nothing I had ever experienced before.

My friend Amina invited me, and to my nervous reaction she was nothing but encouraging.

"It's OK, you won't be the only white girl," she reassured me. Despite her comforting words I was filled with misgivings. What should I wear?



Should I bring a gift? When the night finally came I was really nervous, but right away I was warmly welcomed. The room was like a rainbow of color, full of voices and laughter. Despite

the fact that I did end up being the only white girl, never for a moment did I feel out of place.

I lied: I was extremely embarrassed when eight Somali women dragged me onto the dance floor. They looked sexy, I just looked awkward. My point to all of this is simply that cultural experiences (outside your own) bring you into a new realm of understanding people. All opportunities for these experiences should be taken, even at the cost of your dancing reputation.

J-Flesch got game.

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Sizzle up a night of romance

BY PATRICK WAGNER
Staff Reporter

Valentine's Day is coming around the corner, and if you are thinking of going out to dinner, think again.

Valentine's Day is the worst holiday to go out to eat.

This year instead of going out so you can wait two hours for the table you didn't reserve and spend \$50-\$75 (depending on where you go, you cheap-skates) on the dinner you didn't enjoy. Take some advice from the professionals, stay at home.

Dani Colby has been in the restaurant business for 10 years as a chef, server, bartender, manager and anything else you can think of.

"Valentine's Day is a nightmare. If you are without reservations or car plugs, you are out of luck" said Colby. "Every restaurant save Taco-Bell is going to have at least an hour wait."

Colby went on to explain that it's not every restaurant that will have screaming children and long waits; you will have to pay for it though.

These recipes will hopefully keep you out of the restaurants and safely at home.

Keep in mind that these are recipes for entrées only. To make this special you need to do it yourself. A good idea to pursue is Italian bread to go with the pasta, you can find several versions of them in the bakery section of grocery stores (a good pick is Italian peasant bread).

Mixed green salad is also good bonus or if you are (or some one you know is) old enough, get some red wine



(wine makes a huge difference).

These recipes are cheaper than going out (up to \$55 if you need every ingredient, no romance without finance). But if you have ever gone out to a restaurant on Valentine's Day you'll know that you will be saving a little more than just a couple bucks.

Why not just stay at home and impress your partner with one of these two recipes for two.

Mixed green salad Serves 2

You will need:
A bag of mixed green

salad - available at most grocery stores

1 lemon
1 bag of croutons
1 bottle of salad dressing (your choice)
.5 ounces of Parmesan cheese

First put all mixed greens into a large bowl. Second cut lemon into quarters and squeeze lemon juice into bowl. Third, put as much salad dressing as desired into bowl, now toss salad. Finally garnish with croutons and top with Parmesan cheese.

Tortellini Pesto Serves 2

First you will need:
1 small bottle of olive oil
At least 3 ounces of fresh basil
At least 3 ounces of parsley
1 small bottle of chopped garlic
At least 2 ounces of pine nuts
10 ounces of Parmesan cheese
1 quart heavy whipping cream
At least 3 ounces sun

dried tomatoes(optional)
1 small container of pesto sauce (if you are not going to make it)

1 small bottle of sherry wine (kids have your parents permission)
1 package of tortellini for 2

If you are not Italian you will probably need to go to your local grocer but no need to worry these ingredients are not too expensive (about \$55 if you need everything on the list).

Fill a pot with enough water to cover the tortellini. Set the stove on high, when the pasta is soft and/or floating at the top of the water the tortellini is done.

Pesto:

3 ounces Basil
3 ounces parsley
.5 ounces minced Garlic

2ounces pine nuts
1 ounce Parmesan cheese

Making pesto is optional because you can buy it at any grocery store but it will

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cost you. Blend the above ingredients with a little olive oil until it becomes a really thick lumpy green sauce. That's how you make pesto.

Sauté 1 oz of garlic with olive oil at medium-high heat and then add sherry wine and let sit for about 30 seconds. Pour about 6 ounces of the heavy whipping cream into the pan. Add salt and pepper to your own content and let the sauce boil and reduce to half its size.

After sauce reduces add 4 tablespoons of the pesto mix into the pan and mix, the sauce should become thick and green. Add the cooked tortellini to the mix and garnish with sun-dried tomatoes and more pine nuts.

Fettuccini Alfredo Serves 2

This one is a little easier and cheaper to make first you will need the following:

2ounces of butter
pinch of salt
pinch of pepper
pinch of nutmeg
.5ounces minced garlic
.5 ounces of chopped parsley
2 tablespoons of virgin olive oil
8ounces of heavy whipping cream
enough fettuccini to feed the both of you

First start off by boiling a pot with enough water to easily cover the fettuccini to the desired softness. Then sauté the .5 ounces of garlic with olive oil and the 2 ounces of butter on medium high heat, then add the 8 ounces of heavy whipping cream to the pan. While the sauce boils and reduces stir in the pinches of salt, pepper and nutmeg. After the sauce reduces to half its size add the fettuccini and garnish with parsley and parmesan.

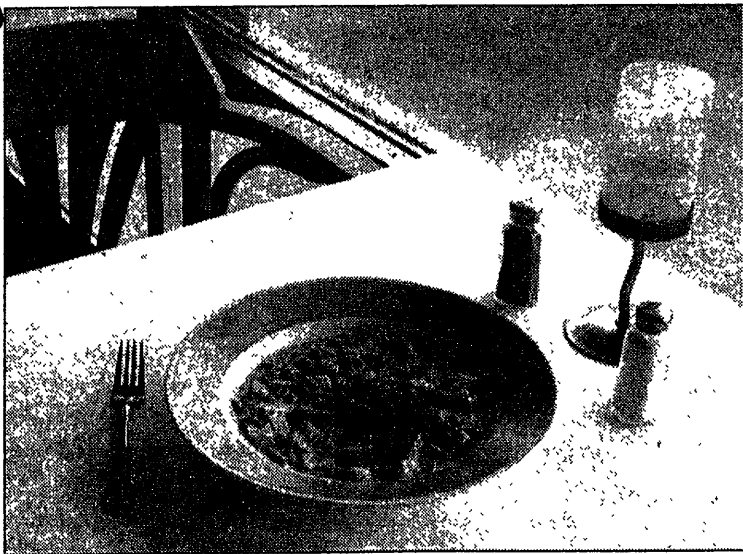


Photo by Adrienne Hughes

Pesto is a perfect compliment to Valentine's night, and it won't bust your budget.

Students jazz to Latin music

BY INNA DENCHIK
Staff Reporter

Students stopped to listen as the sound of exotic Latin music made its way through the cafeteria.

Grupo Son, a Latin jazz band, entertained students in the cafeteria on Wednesday, Feb. 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. as students studied, ate lunch, or just sat back to listen.

According to the band's website "Son is the acoustic music from the Cuban countryside that is considered to be one of the primary roots of modern salsa.

"It is typically played on the tres, bass, bongo, clave, maracas, trumpet, and vocals."

"I like it, it's something different," said student Stephanie Nelson.

Helen Petrov, member of Team Highline, said that the band was discovered by Student Programs Advisor Fred Capestany, who heard the band playing at the fair and gave the idea of hiring the band.

The idea was adopted and the Grupo Son was hired to play at Highline for two hours at \$1000.

"I think it's bad ass that they



Grupo Son, a Latin jazz band performed here Wednesday, Feb. 5 in the lower level of Building 8.

play jazz in the cafeteria," said student Jonas G. Gushurst while consuming his pizza. Other students had similar responses to the unique style of the music.

"They sound professional and it's a change of pace around here," said onlooker Steven Taub.

According to band member Chris Stover the band has existed for at least 10 years.

"I am the newest member of

the band," said Stover "I have only been playing with them for about a year."

Stover is one of the five members of the Grupo Son. He plays the trombone and does back-up vocals as well.

Leader of the group is Fred Hoadley who plays the tres guitar (a guitar with three pairs of strings, the design gives the music its provocative sound).

According to the Grupo Son

website, Hoadley is originally from New England and has not only been playing with various bands for nearly two decades but has organized a few Latin bands of his own.

The other band members include Elspeth Macdonald, main singer as well as maraca, clave, and guiro player; Barney Brazitis bass and marimbula player; and Tom Bergesen, the bongo player.

Photo by Mike Alton

Revolution to come to Seattle

BY NATHAN BIRKEBAK
Staff Reporter

World music group Children of the Revolution has something for any music lover with their eclectic mix of different sounds and styles.

Children of the Revolution is coming to Federal Way on Saturday, Feb. 8. The concert will be at the Knutzen Family Theater in Federal Way, with shows at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Children of the Revolution consists of 11 members from many different cultural backgrounds. These members combine the musical styles of their native cultures to form a truly unique sound that has been described as a "Mediterranean Riverdance" with elements of Gypsy and Santana.

"They are going to hit it bigtime soon," said Highline instructor Jennifer Jones, who has been to some of their performances, including one here at Highline.

To order tickets to their concert call 253-835-2020, or you can buy them at the box office, open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Highline student wins in local competition

BY PATRICK WAGNER
Staff Reporter

New and old Highline students competed in a classical singing competition in Building 7 last Sunday for the experience and prize money.

The competition also allowed advanced music students the chance to receive constructive critiquing from professional singers and teachers.

The competition had several students in preparation for as much as three to four months to meet the high expectations of the three adjudicators.

Highline singing instructor and private tutor Sandra Glover watched several of her private and Highline students compete this last Sunday's competition.

"The purpose of this competition was for the education and experience of performing, to develop the skill and confidence needed for professional work," said Glover.

Glover is an enthusiast for classical singing. She can understand the great commitment that these singers make.



Glover

Singers require one to two hours a day of practice in separate sessions. Separate sessions are needed so that the singer does not damage his or her own voice.

These sessions are necessary for various reasons. They need this practice so they can get the exact notes, rhythms and factors needed to perform one of their selected songs for that competition.

"Ideally a singer should know the music six months beforehand, and then spend the next six months refining for artistry," said Glover.

The competition itself was divided into eight different groups: high-school classical I&II, musical theater I&II, college classical I&II, avocational I&II and advanced I.

Competitors were divided into these groups by years of singing experience, much like how boxers are divided by weight class.

After the competition the judges then decided on winners from the categories.

One of the winners at the competition is a student at Highline.

Faina Morozov won her division of classical I.

Other winners include Heidi Kohler for college classical II; private student

Helen McNab won in avocational II; Natalie Cline and David Foss both won in avocational I; and in advanced I was Maria Meyer.

The winners of these events were awarded a cash prize of \$50 and were invited to sing again in the winners' recital that took place shortly after the contest.

Students who entered the

competition at a college level or above are required to have at least five years of singing experience.

Out of the many who had entered the competition, seven Highline students were in attendance.

Sophomore Faina Morozov won her division in college classical I. Morozov was also asked to come back and sing as a finalist in the recital.

"This is my first competition and a good way to get the experience needed to break into the business," said Morozov.

Morozov is a Russian immigrant who arrived in America a little more than eight years ago.

"I am very fortunate to have a chance to make a living doing something I feel so passionate about," said Morozov.

Morozov now spends most of her time here at Highline studying and rehearsing.

Competitors were allowed 15 minutes to perform three to four songs of their own choice.

The songs had to be from acceptable sources, no pop or Broadway because they do not meet the physical singing re-

quirements that the adjudicators need to hear in order to properly judge.

The three judges of this event are able to pick as many finalists (they can also pick none if they feel that none deserve it) as they want from each category.

They judge on a number of things including: quality of voice, vocal technique, intonation, artistic impression, musicianship, diction, stage presence and deportment.

In each of the categories the judges are allowed to award a 10-point maximum for a possible total of 70 points.

The three women judging this event were Deanna Reitan from Edgewood, Darcie Fulkerson of Covington and professional opera singer Marlette Buchanan.

Buchanan, who is also the Pierce County AASP Cultural Service manager, was surprised at the level of performance that she judged.

"They were all very good," said Buchanan. "You could really hear the variances in their voices."

Nelson uses unconventional canvas

By RATTREASMEY
SOCHENDA
Staff Reporter

Breathtaking scenes from awe-inspiring and towering mountains to the serene tranquility of the blue ocean shores are among the subjects that Gary Nelson paints.

The fourth floor of the library is where these paintings can be found. Students can come here to wonder off into the paintings to relax.

Gary Nelson, who is the coordinator for the Production Illustration program, is the featured artist for this month.

"Art Adventure" is what he

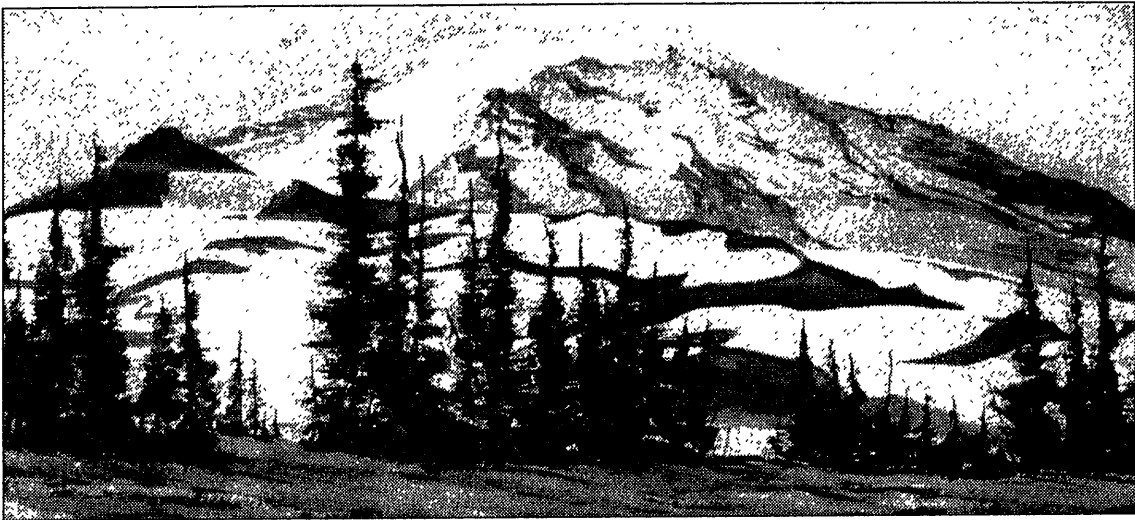


Photo by Christina Remter

called the exhibit and fits the displays perfectly.

Nelson says the exhibit is

about an adventure in learning and about personal growth. He wants to show how art has to do

more with hard work than talent. In the paintings he uses bright, translucent watercolors

and oils as well. The artwork comes in different sizes from notebook size to displays large enough to see from five feet away. The displays located in the middle of the gallery show Nelson's early work.

One of the paintings is even drawn on an unusual item such as a napkin. While another painting, of a Target food service worker, is done on a job application. If interested, some of the work is for sale ranging from \$80-\$1,385.

To meet Nelson in person and to learn more about him and his artwork there will be a reception held on Feb. 10 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on the fourth floor of the library.

Arts Calendar

- The Wing Luke Asian Museum will be opening their exhibition, The First 100 Years: Reflections of Seattle's Chinese Americans. The exhibition examines stories of Seattle's first second and third generations of Chinese Americans and includes artifacts, personal belongings and oral histories. Museum hours are Tuesday-Friday 11-4:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday noon-4 p.m. Adults cost \$4, students \$3 and children \$2.
- The Fourth Floor Art Gallery presents the work of Gary Nelson throughout the month of February. There will also be a reception held to showcase this work on Feb. 10 from 5:30-9 p.m. in Building 25, fourth floor.
- The Freighthouse Art Gallery presents Tails of the

- Northwest. Northwest artists will be showcasing their animal tail art. There will be a preview party on Feb. 6 from 6:30-9 p.m. and an open house Feb. 8 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. The Freighthouse Art Gallery is located at 440 East 25th Suite 60, Entrance 7 in Tacoma. For more information contact the gallery at 253-383-9765. All events are free and open to the public.
- Auburn Arts Commission hosts Ballet Folklorico Mexico on Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. The performance is part of Auburn Arts Commission's Bravo! series. The performance will take place at Auburn Performing arts Center. Tickets cost between \$6 to \$10 and can be charged by phone at 253-931-3043 or bought in person at the Auburn Parks and Recreation Department at 910 9th St. SE.

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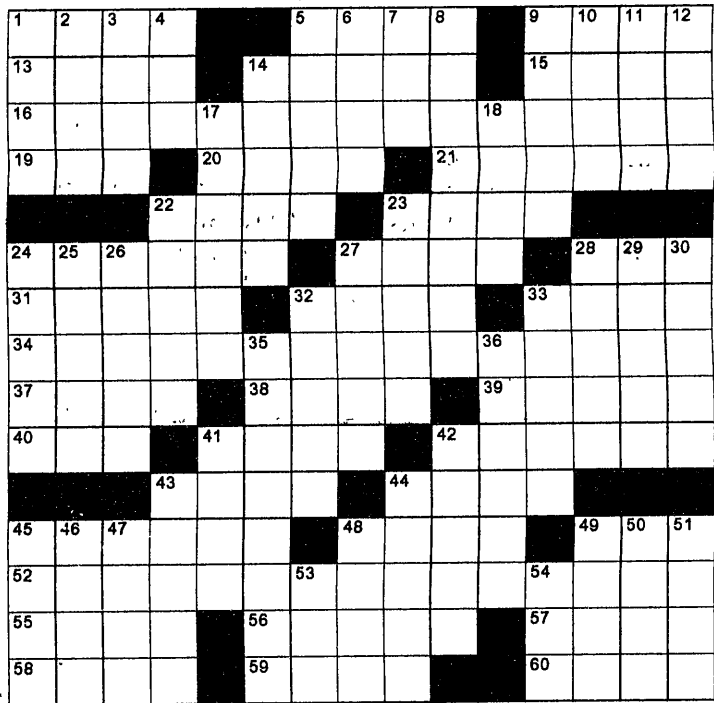
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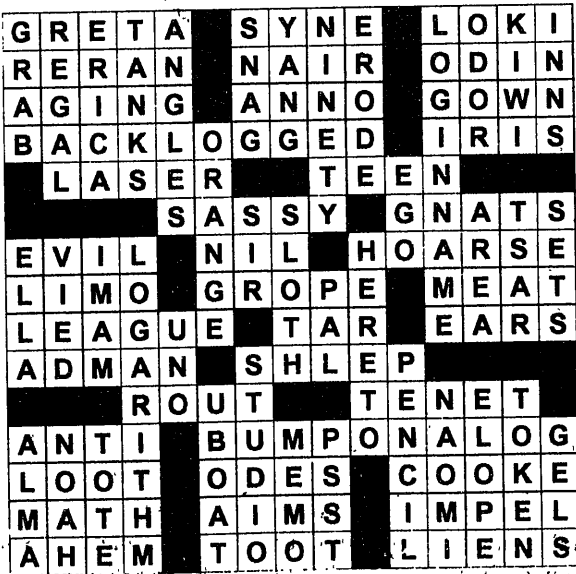
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"IF A TREE FALLS..."



Quotable Quote

Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil, and you're a thousand miles from the corn field.

... Dwight D. Eisenhower

T-Bird men take two

Aldrete scores 40 vs. Clark in 106-101 OT win

By ROSS L. TIMBROOK
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's basketball team won two games this week to improve their league record to 4-5, one game out of the final playoff spot in the NWAACC East Division.

Highline beat Centralia on Wednesday night by a final score of 87-78 then beat the visiting Clark Penguins on Saturday by a score of 106-101 in overtime.

On Wednesday night the Centralia Trailblazers came to Highline to take on the Thunderbird men.

The T-Birds held the lead for much of the first half until Centralia took their first lead of the game with 2:43 left to play in the first half.

Both teams traded baskets for the rest of the first half and went into the locker room at the half with the score tied up at 39-39.

"We knew we had to play well in the second half to come up with a win," said guard Seth Caine, who finished the game with 17 points and 7 rebounds.

Both teams played evenly in the second half. Midway through the half Highline held a

slight advantage at 61-59.

With 4:08 to go in the half and the score tied at 70-70 Lawrence Brooks nailed a three-pointer to give the T-Birds a lead they would not relinquish.

The T-Birds scored 13 unanswered points in a span of two minutes and led 83-70 with two minutes to go.

Centralia managed one more run to close out the game but time ran out on the Trailblazers.

The T-Birds held on to win by a final score of 87-78 to improve their league record to three wins and five losses.

"We finished the game really well. This was exactly what we needed," Jason Cardenas said after the game.

The leading scorer for Highline was Jeelani McDonald who contributed 28 points and 13 rebounds. Matt Englund was the leading scorer off the bench for the T-Birds with 21 points, including three three-point baskets, and dished out a team-high five assists.

"Jeelani was awesome tonight. He played one of the best games that I have ever seen him play," said Cardenas, who chipped in nine points and 20 rebounds. "If my shots had been falling I could have had 20 and

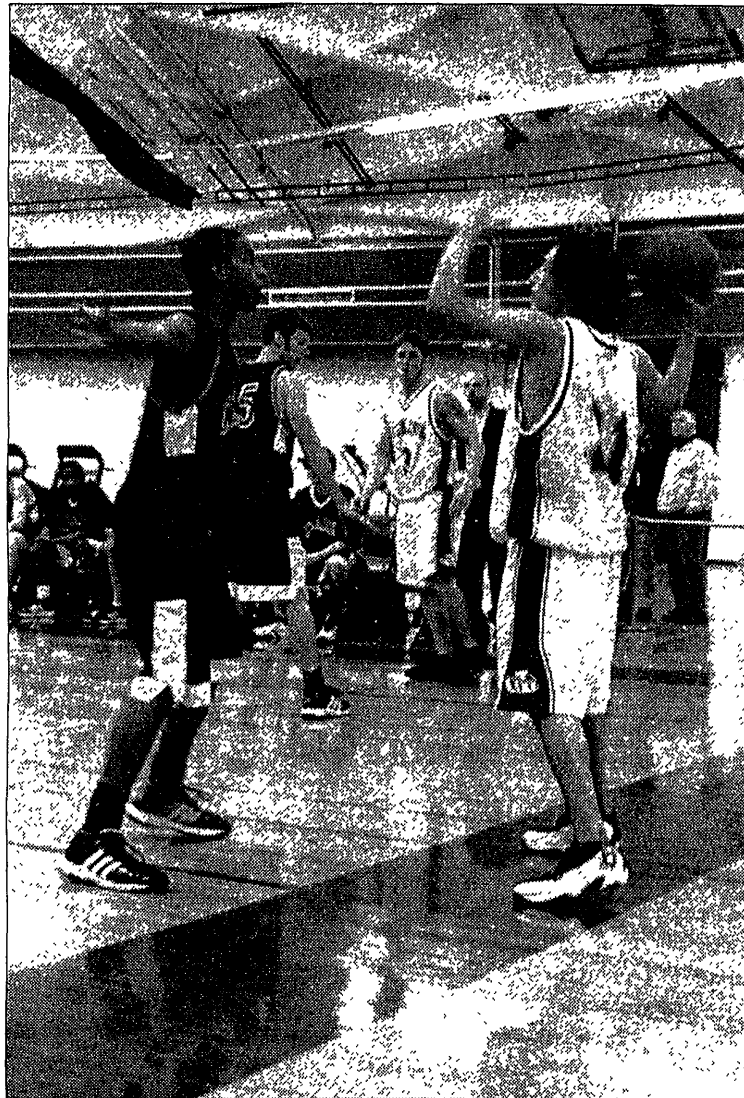


Photo by Mike Alton

Highline co-captain Danny Aldrete inboundes the ball during Saturday's 106-101 overtime win vs. Clark.

20 tonight."

The T-Birds outrebounded the Trailblazers 54-38, which Caine said was one of the keys to the game.

"We have been rebounding really well lately," Caine said.

Next up for the T-Birds was a home game against the Clark Penguins on Saturday evening.

"We knew the Clark game was huge and that we had to get a win," guard Danny Aldrete said.

The T-Birds held the lead for much of the first half and took a 45-39 lead into the locker room at halftime in the process outshooting the Penguins 42 percent to 30 percent.

In the second half the T-Birds were outscored by the Penguins 52-46 leaving the game tied at 91-91 at the end of regulation.

In the overtime period Highline used stifling defense and good shooting to freeze out the Penguins 15-10, winning the

game by a final score of 106-101.

Highline was led by a career-high 40-point effort from Danny Aldrete. Aldrete became the first Highline player to score 40 points in a game since Quincy Wilder had 45 on Dec. 27, 1997 in a tournament against Big Bend.

Aldrete did not know that he had scored 40 until someone told him after the game.

"I knew I was hitting my three's and that I was getting great looks at the basket. The shots kept falling for me. I had no idea that I had 40 until after the game," said Aldrete, who hit seven of the 10 three-point shots attempted.

"I got to the free-throw line a lot and managed to make my shots from there," said Aldrete of his 13 for 15 night from the line.

Jeelani McDonald contributed to the victory with 16 points and 18 rebounds. Seth Caine also had 18 points on four for nine three-point shooting.

Jason Cardenas had another great night under the boards pulling down 11 rebounds.

"We have been doing a great job of finishing the game as a team lately. Hopefully we can keep it up for the rest of the year," forward Dwayne Grant said.

The T-Birds next played on Wednesday against the South Puget Sound Clippers. Results were not available at press time.

On Saturday, Feb. 8 the second place Green River Gators come to Highline to take on the T-Birds.

"We need to play our game against Green River. If we get into a running game they will probably beat us," Caine said.

Ball bounces back to Highline as coach

By MIKE AMMENWERTH
Staff Reporter

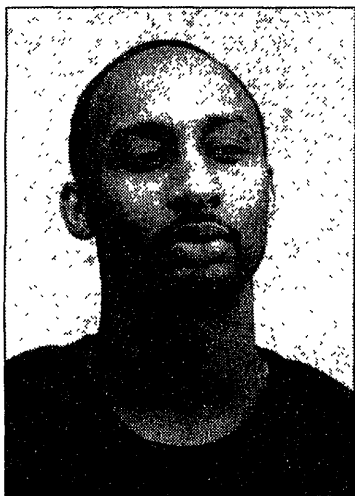
Reggie Ball was magic on the basketball court.

He was quick, relentless, creative - a sharp-eyed point guard who punished defenders with a mean jumper and embarrassed them with stifling defense.

Ball's Highline Thunderbird's team won back-to-back conference championships in 1997 and 1998.

Now Ball has a new challenge, getting players to the level he played at. As an assistant coach for the T-Birds, Ball is aiding the team during their 5-12 season.

"It's frustrating to give a



Ball

player the game plan and watch them foul it up. All you really want is to become that player and execute it yourself. But you

can't," Ball said.

Ball is always striving to get better, first on the floor and now on the sidelines.

Patience is the biggest leap for Ball in his transition from player to coach. He said he is beginning to understand that his players won't automatically adhere to the concepts he teaches, but it takes time to learn and change.

Coaching to Ball is like being a parent of 15-plus players. Like a father, Ball's greatest feelings come when his players show signs of growth and maturity.

Ball's father handed Reggie a basketball at the youthful age of 6 and he never let go. From

there he grew into a Second Team all-league point guard averaging nine points and five assists and earning a full ride to Portland State. He accomplished these feats during his college career playing for Highline ('97-'98), Central Washington ('99-'00), and for a European team in Wuppertal, Germany (2001).

His playing overseas was cut short however when his girlfriend broke the news of being pregnant with his twin girls.

Ball came to the conclusion that maybe it was time to retire from competitive basketball, however he did not want to distance himself from the sport completely.

In 2002 Ball took an assistant coaching position at Green River College and helped guide the team to a 14-13 overall record.

Now Ball is back at Highline and more excited than ever. After a year with Green River, Ball has found coaching to be his passion.

"Ten years down the road I see myself as a head coach for a D2 maybe even D1 program," Ball said.

At the prime age of 25 Ball has quite a career ahead of him and could make some big leaps.

Along with his coaching aspirations Ball plans on pursuing a master's degree in either social work or administration.

Women cling to playoff hopes

By EDITH AGOSTON
Staff Reporter

The Lady T-Birds basketball team won four out of their last five games, bringing their league record up to 5-4 and their overall record to 11-8.

Highline beat Centralia 73-70 in overtime on Jan. 29 and destroyed Clark 90-44 on Feb. 1. Despite the two wins, Highline remains in fifth place, one game behind South Puget Sound.

Highline played a tough game against Centralia on Wednesday. The two teams played pretty equally for most of the game, keeping the score close at all times. Both teams shot 40 percent from the field for the entire game, which made every free throw and three-pointer count. Every time one team had a short lead, the other had an answer. Finally, the game was nearing its end and the two teams were tied at 65, with 25.6 seconds remaining.

Both the Trailblazers and the T-Birds had an opportunity to win the game, but it didn't happen and the game went into overtime. Highline's strategy was simple going into overtime.

"We wanted to stay calm, make good passes and execute," T-Bird guard, Katie Foster said.

Head Coach Dennis Olson knew exactly what he wanted his team to do: get the ball to



Photo By Adrienne Hughes

Katie Foster gets the ball on the wing at last Wednesday's game against Centralia.

Cele White and let her go to work down low.

Sure enough, White came up with four quick points to give Highline the edge. Diane Whitehead also came out with a much needed bucket and Lisa Pueschner made two free throws to keep Highline on top.

White finished the game with 28 points, eight rebounds, three

blocked shots and three steals. Foster also put in 14 points, collected seven rebounds, and dished out nine assists.

"The kids played very well," Olson said.

This was another game that proved the T-Birds can play with anyone, Centralia is currently in third place in the West Division with a 6-3 league

record.

"I think we've had our bad moments, we are doing better and definitely coming together as a team," Foster said.

A great game like this can really give a team some momentum. "We've got to build on it, we can't lose it," Olson said.

And build on it they did,

Highline finally got their revenge on Clark in Saturday's game. The Penguins beat the T-Birds in their first meeting earlier this season by 25. Highline nearly doubled that this time around, stomping on Clark by 46 points. The Lady T-Birds came out strong right from the tip off. They held the Penguins scoreless for the first five minutes of play.

"They (Clark) got discouraged early on," Olson said.

Highline shot 58 percent from the field and 62 percent from the three-point line.

Their tough defense held Clark to 23 percent from the field and seven percent from the three-point line.

The T-Birds couldn't do anything wrong, they forced 28 turnovers from steals, shot clock violations, and traveling violations. Foster had a huge night with 25 points, hitting seven out of eight threes in the blowout.

White contributed 17 points, Pueschner had 12 points, and Michelle Aurelio was also in double figures with 11 points.

"It felt really good," Olson said. "It was the kind of game we were hoping we would have defensively."

The Lady T-Birds will play Green River next, here at home on Feb. 8 at 3 p.m. They also played at South Puget Sound on Wednesday, Feb. 5, however results were unavailable at press time.

Wrestlers suffer let down in season ender

By DUSTIN NICKERSON
Staff Reporter

It was the end of a disappointing regular season for the T-Bird's wrestling squad last Friday.

The T-Birds suffered, as they have since the winter break, from forfeits due to academic ineligibility and lost to Clackamas 37-17 in a match that earlier in the season they could have won.

Now, those individuals with shots at going to nationals are gearing up for the Region 18 Championships next weekend.

"It's pretty much every man for himself from here on out," said 149-pounder Peter Puccio.

Puccio, along with Francisco Gonzalez at 125 pounds and Jon Muri at 133, are the three wrestlers that Head Coach Scott

Norton feels have legitimate shots at finishing in the top three in regionals, and making their ways to Minnesota for the NJCAA Championships.

"These three are definitely wrestling real well," Norton said.

Those three also did their parts in trying to bring home a win against Clackamas. Puccio and Muri both walked away victorious, and Gonzalez lost by just two points.

"The ref cost Francisco his match for sure," said Norton. "It was just bad luck."

Muri found himself a little luckier in his 14-4 win against an opponent that beat him earlier this season.

"I felt real good about it," Muri said. "I just changed my mindset and it seemed to make the difference."

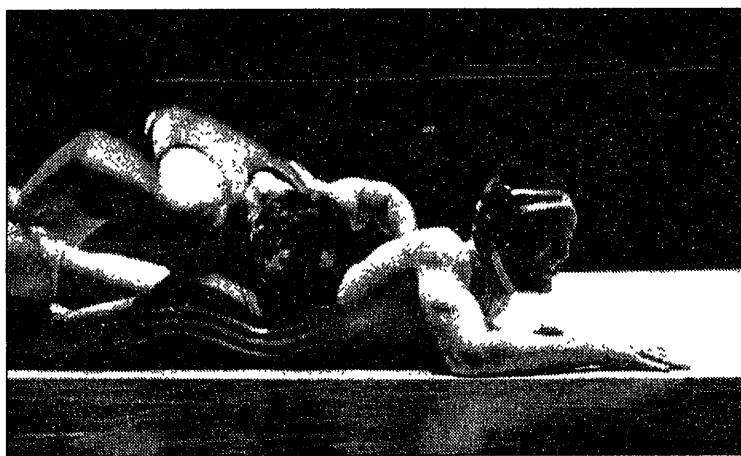


Photo by Mike Alton

Jonathan Muri feels the pain in his match against Clackamas last Friday. Muri won his watch 14-4.

Two weight classes later, Puccio broke out in his match with three consecutive takedowns. Then, in attempt for a fourth, he collided heads his opponent and Clackamas's 149-

pounder was unable to go on, causing Puccio to win by forfeit.

"That guy might not have really been hurt," Puccio said. "He just thought he was going to lose anyway."

But 157-pounder Kennie Pewitt and Brad Luvaas, at 165 pounds, had no excuses for their losses.

"Those two are going to have to look a lot better than that to get where they want to be," Norton said.

The T-Birds lost every other weight class by forfeit or pin, and any chance of pulling off a team victory disappeared.

But the season isn't over for those ineligible wrestlers just yet.

"We can only work as hard as our wrestling partners," Muri said. "So they have got to keep showing up and help us stay focused for the tourneys."

The T-Birds take this weekend off from competition to get ready for the Region 18 Championships in Oregon next weekend.

Highline competes with Pac-10

By SHAUNA BJORK
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's and women's track teams went up against Olympians and some of the nation's best teams this past weekend in the Husky Invitational.

The team did not have as many participants as they had hoped because there were so many teams competing.

"We couldn't get a full squad to compete, because the meet was so big," Head Coach Robert Yates said.

"It was a good opportunity for those who participated," said Yates. "It was one of the biggest and most competitive meets in the country."

The team was very excited to be competing against some of the nation's best- you could see it in the smiles on their faces, Yates said.

The team learned a lot of things from watching the higher ranked athletes warm up and prepare for the meet.

Nate Carter went up against two-time Olympic medallist John Godina in the men's shot put.

Carter didn't throw as well as he did in the last meet, but it was a good experience for him, said

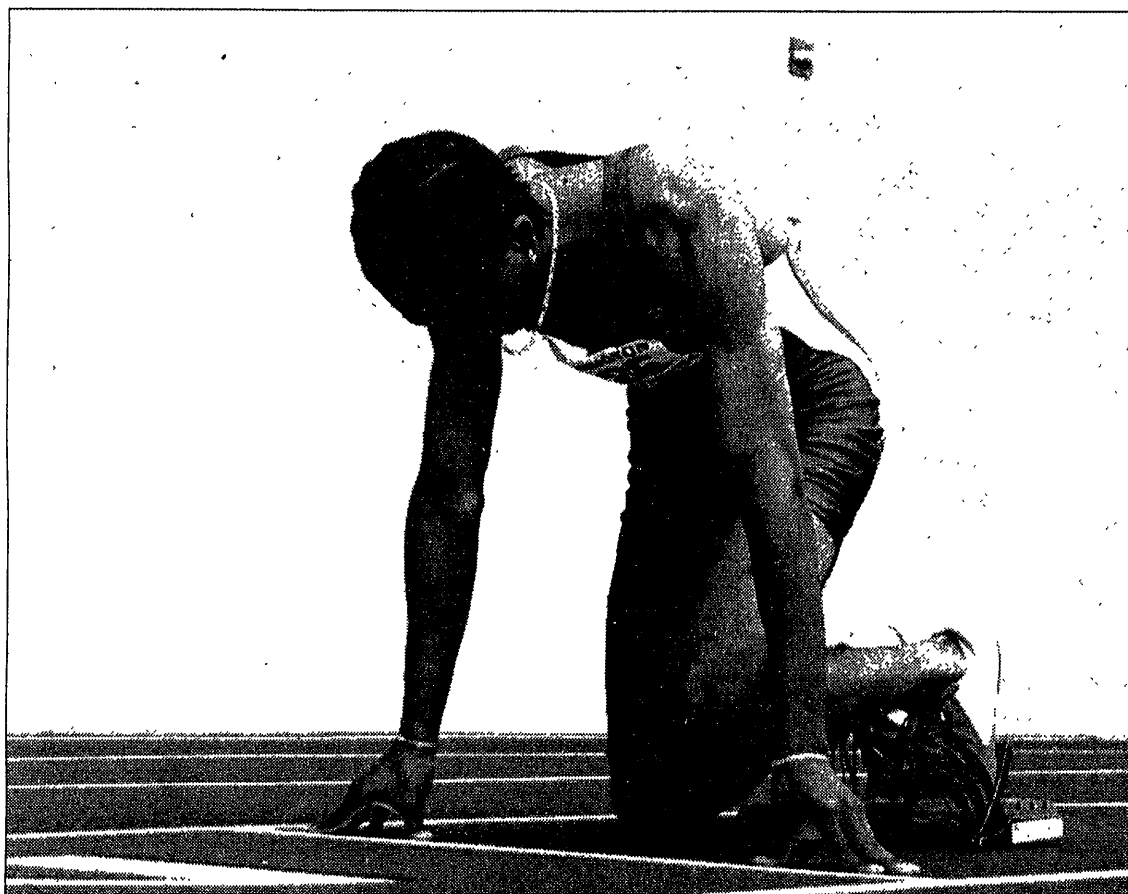


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Malcolm McLemore waits for the gun during the 200 meter race at the Dempsey Indoor.

Yates.

In the shot put, Arleceir West competed as the only participant from two-year colleges.

It was a great atmosphere for her, going up against the best. It was a good start for her, said

Yates.

Jershon Foyston ran in the men's 60-meter hurdles and looked better than in previous meet with a time of 8.65, tying him for 18th place.

Malcolm McLemore ran in

the 60-meter dash and finished with a time of 7.25, and Jeremiah Armstead ran in the same event and received a time of 7.57.

Foyston and Matt Ludwigson both competed in the 400-meter

dash. Foyston finished with a time of 51.73, and Ludwigson had a time of 52.14.

"It was a chance for them to compete," Yates said. "Times were fast for this time of year."

In the women's 400-meter dash, Olivia Palermo didn't have as good of a time as at the last meet.

"She went off too hard in the 400-meter dash," Yates said.

Palermo came back to run one of the best times in the women's 200-meter dash later that afternoon. She got eighth place out of 38 runners.

McLemore ran again in the 200-meter dash and almost matched his best time from last year, said Yates.

"McLemore is running tougher, stronger and more consistent this season and he is one of the teams top-returning runners," Yates said.

Overall, the meet was a learning experience for the participants, and all of them competed well, Yates said.

"It was an honor," said Yates. "They were all pumped to be there."

The team competes again Feb. 15 at the Dempsey Indoor at UW. Some of the team will also be headed to the Vandal Indoor to compete in Idaho.

Scoreboard

NWAACC Men's Basketball Standings (as of Feb. 4)

NORTH

	League	Season
Whatcom	9-0	17-2
Bellevue	7-1	14-3
Edmonds	6-3	15-5
Skag. Valley	5-4	8-10
Olympic	5-4	8-10
Shoreline	4-5	6-12
Everett	2-7	5-12
Seattle	2-7	7-12
Peninsula	0-9	0-17

WEST

	League	Season
Tacoma	8-1	18-2
Green River	7-2	13-6
S. P. Sound	5-3	11-7
Clark	5-4	10-9
L. Columbia	4-5	11-9
Highline	4-5	5-12
Centralia	4-5	6-12
Pierce	3-6	8-9
Gr. Harbor	0-9	1-16

EAST

	League	Season
Yakima Valley	6-1	17-2
Treasure Valley	5-2	10-9

Walla Walla	5-2	11-7
Big Bend	4-3	13-6
Columbia Basin	3-4	6-13
Wenatchee Vly	3-4	8-11
Spokane	2-5	7-11
Blue Mountain	0-7	6-14

SOUTH

	League	Season
Lane	6-2	16-4
Mt. Hood	6-2	9-9
Clackamas	5-3	14-7
Umpqua	4-4	10-10
SW Oregon	4-4	12-8
Linn-Benton	3-5	8-12
Chemeketa	3-5	9-11
Portland	1-7	7-12

NWAACC Women's Basketball Standings (as of Feb. 4)

NORTH

	League	Season
Skagit Valley	8-1	12-6
Everett	7-2	14-6
Seattle	7-2	12-6
Whatcom	4-5	6-12
Olympic	4-5	8-10
Shoreline	4-5	8-10
Bellevue	3-5	6-11
Peninsula	3-6	4-13
Edmonds	0-9	3-15

WEST

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	League	Season
Lower Columbia	9-0	15-3
Tacoma	7-2	13-5
S Puget Sound	5-3	7-9
Centralia	6-3	11-6
Highline	5-4	11-8
Clark	4-5	7-11
Grays Harbor	3-6	9-9
Green River	1-8	2-15
Pierce	0-9	1-16

EAST

	League	Season
Wenatchee	7-0	16-2
Big Bend	6-1	18-2
Col. Basin	4-3	8-11
Walla Walla	4-3	13-5
Yakima Valley	3-4	11-9
Spokane	2-5	11-8
Treasure Val.	2-5	5-11
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Umpqua	6-2	15-6
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SW Oregon	3-5	8-12
Linn-Benton	3-5	7-12
Mt. Hood	1-7	2-17
Portland	0-8	1-17

NWAACC Men's scoring leaders (as of Jan. 11)

	AVG.
Simmons, GRCC	26.6
Perkins, SWOC	26.1
Rostvold, SWOC	23.8
Jingles, MHCC	22.9
Hoover, GHC	22.6
Holt, TCC	21.6
Pete, PCC	21.5
Nicholas, ShCC	20.5
Nicholson, WWCC	20.3
Lynn, UCC	20.3
Jones, ShCC	20.0
McJimson, PiC	19.9
Fitts, BMCC	19.7
Ditomassi, EvCC	19.5
Cimic, SVC	19.2
Aldrete, HCC	16.9
Caine, HCC	13.6

NWAACC Women's scoring leaders (as of Jan. 11)

	AVG
Ross, GHC	24.9

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Burrowes digs into student programs

BY INNA DENCHIK
Staff Reporter

One of Highline's newest additions, Natasha Burrowes, was hired on as the Multicultural and Student Programs adviser.

Burrowes' first day at Highline was Jan. 2.

She joined students and staff for the annual winter leadership retreat.

Burrowes moved to Washington this past September from Brooklyn, NY.

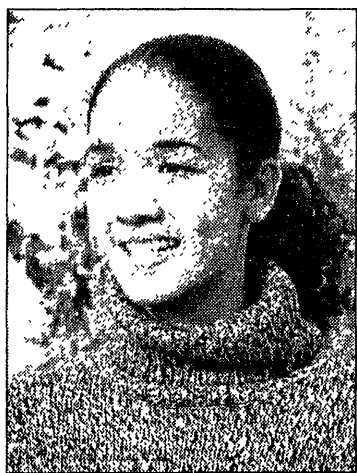
In New York, she worked as an instructional contractor for the Brooklyn Center for the Urban Environment.

In 2000 Burrowes graduated from Macalester College where she received a self-designed degree in comparative North American Studies and a minor in African American studies.

"One of my greatest accomplishments was graduating from college," said Burrowes.

In addition to her education on various cultures, Burrowes studied abroad in South Africa.

There she studied racism within the African culture.



Burrowes

After graduating college, Burrowes traveled to South America to visit her roots and learn about a piece of her own cultural background.

"I wanted to see where I was from," said Burrowes.

While in South America, Burrowes learned more about her race.

It is this knowledge and traveling experience, that helped shape who Burrowes is today, and makes her a qualified candidate to take on the job of Multicultural and Student Programs adviser.

Burrowes will deal directly

with the student workers who improve campus programs and college life for other students.

In addition to advising, Burrowes plans on building new programs that will benefit the students at Highline.

Beginning a program that has an emphasis on social justice is just one example of Burrowes' goals.

"One of my long-term goals is to begin a non-profit organization that focuses on building leadership in young people," said Burrowes.

Burrowes would like to see young people pay more attention to their community.

In addition to helping college students thrive, she also enjoys other various activities during her free time.

She plays the guitar and loves to write music.

Students and staff that have associated with Burrowes couldn't be happier with the benefits that she will bring to Highline.

"She's outgoing, friendly, and nice," said DJ Taylor, vice president of Legislation at Highline.

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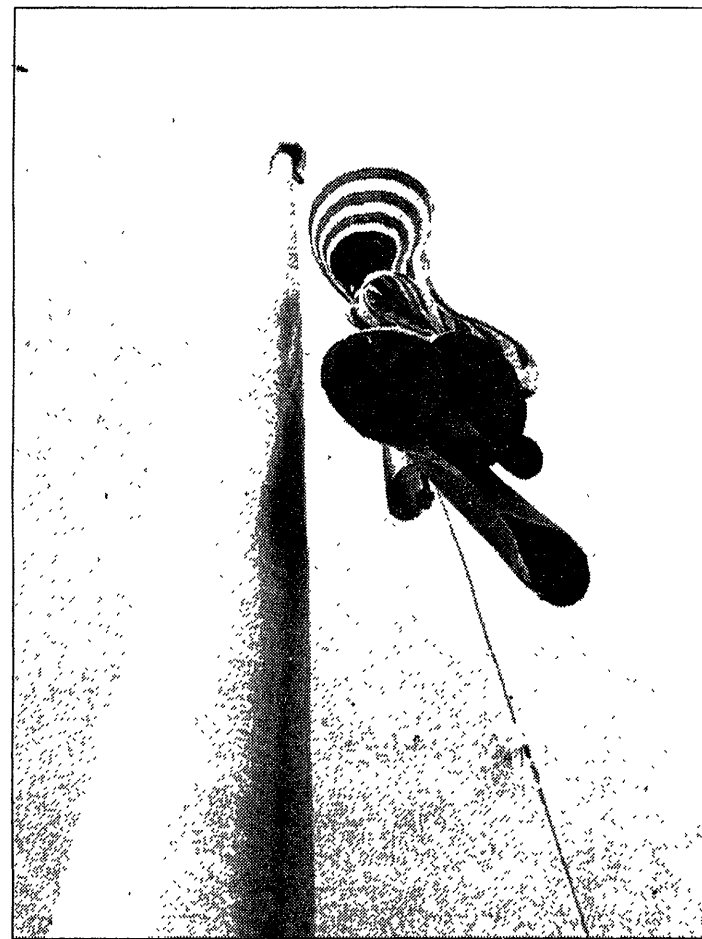


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The flag on Highline's campus waved at half mast due to governor's orders, in remembrance of the seven lives lost in Saturday's space shuttle tragedy.

Tenure committee picks cream of the crop

BY JENNIFER VILLARUZ
Staff Reporter

The Tenure Review Committee is finishing the process of reviewing numerous teacher evaluations.

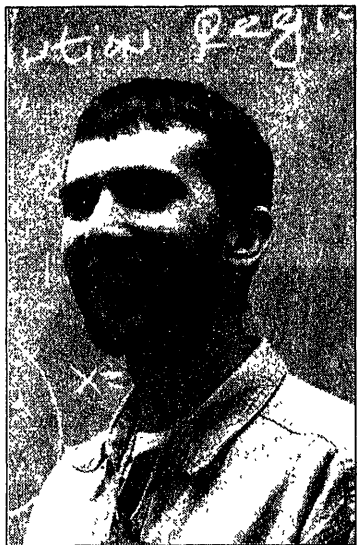
This committee is in charge of going through the evaluations of roughly 38 teachers who are in the probational process.

Diana Lee, a math professor at Highline and chairman of the Tenure Review Committee, explained that a probational tenure is a seven-quarter process which an instructor gets evaluated after they start working full-time. After this, they become full-time tenured faculty.

For professors going through probation, a Working Committee observes and records them periodically during a class.

They also aid teachers in improving their skills, preparation, and performance by providing teaching strategies if needed. Their documented observations then go to the Tenure Review Committee.

This committee currently holds five members -one faculty member from each division, Diana Lee, chairman of the committee, one Administrative



Wilson

Representative, Laura Sanders, the vice president of administration, one non-voting member, Jack Bermingham, and one student, DJ Taylor.

Dusty Wilson, a math professor at Highline, is going through the probational process. He explained that the Tenure Review Committee gather the evaluations from students, the self evaluations of professors, and the observations recorded by the Working Committee. After they go through the documents, they interview the probational and determine whether or not they

will suggest the completion of his or her tenure.

The evaluations and suggestions then go to Bermingham, the vice president of academic affairs.

After he evaluates these, he makes his own suggestions to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees are to complete the decision of giving the probationer the tenure.

"The Working Committee, the Tenure Review Committee, and Jack Bermingham have significant input into the situation," said Wilson.

"If any one of these groups decided 'no, we don't want to give this guy tenure', then it probably wouldn't happen."

If any teacher feels as though they have been evaluated unfairly, they would go to the Highline College Education Association (HCEA).

The HCEA is a union, that serves as a defense for teachers who feel they have been slandered or evaluated poorly based on unrelated merits.

This whole process serves effective for students but can put restrictions on the teachers' control of the course material.

"The advantage is that I've

learned a lot and have grown a lot," said Wilson. "The disadvantage is that it can be stressful. If I think my students aren't going to like something, I'm less likely to try it even if I think it might be better for the long run. But I still have a lot of freedom."

There are roughly one-third of the full-time faculty currently going through tenure.

"It requires a lot of effort on the part of the tenure faculty. They're constantly having to observe us, write about us, and be on our committees," said Wilson. "They do an excellent job."

DJ Taylor explains that he must go through roughly 3,000 pages of documents but is able to accomplish it within a few hours.

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Black Student Union draws members

By MALCOLM
McLEMORE
Staff Reporter

The Black Student Union (BSU) opens with new members and a unique outlook for the winter quarter. With 30-40 members, the union still has room for more.

"Anyone and everyone is invited and encouraged to participate," said Club President Kolesta L. Moore.

Posters of past endeavors can be seen on the walls in Building 8, with an invitation to students to come see what BSU is about. BSU kicked off two major functions during the fall: Sponsoring a family for Christmas in joint participation



Photo by Malcolm McLemore

Students gather at a BSU meeting discussing plans for community involvement.

with Team Highline and a cabana party, which served as an end-of-the-quarter fundraiser.

Winter Quarter BSU intends to become more of a factor in the surrounding community.

Goals this quarter include reaching out to more students, fundraising, and organizing functions that include other clubs.

"BSU gives us a platform to discuss the serious issues on our minds and still be able to have fun afterwards," said a current BSU member.

One of the oldest student organizations on campus, BSU reintroduced itself to Highline in Fall Quarter.

"I didn't have a Black Student Union at my school so I want to see what its all about," said Navarious Reed as he stood in front of BSU's station during the club fair two weeks ago in Building 8. BSU was one of the many Highline clubs on campus that participated in the club fair,

actively bringing in new members for Winter quarter.

"The opportunity to be involved in something positive that represents the Black culture on campus is what draws people into joining this club," Moore said.

BSU is holding a celebration party in honor of Black History Month at the end of February. The event is scheduled to have speakers, performances, and refreshments.

BSU gives students a chance to discuss common interest and concerns in a constructive manner, that promotes communication rather than chaos, club officials say.

The meetings will be held every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in Building 19, room 109.

Higher enrollment gives S & A budget more funding

By COLETTE WOOD
Staff Reporter

The S & A committee has a little more money to spare this year with a \$114,000 increase from last year.

With a budget around \$839,000, and with over 40 clubs and activities that are funded by the budget, everyone will be asking for a piece of the pie, committee members say. Last year's budget was approximately \$725,000.

"Last year, almost everyone got what they wanted, if not more," said Jonathan Brown, associate dean of Student Programs.

This year, the extra money comes from higher enrollment and revenue from programs such as the Childcare Center.

"More people enrolling increases our budget funds and more available money to programs," said Brown.

The Services and Activities committee consists of six students and three faculty or staff members. The budget money comes from tuition and fees and covers programs from Team Highline to sports and the Thunderword. Meetings are open and students are encouraged to attend. For more information, go to Student Programs in Building 8.

"We won't know what people are asking for until we get the budget requests in," said Steven Carroll, chairman of the

S & A Budget Committee.

Budget forms are due Feb. 7, and the process for approving the budget and requests will not be done until early May.

Although the college faces operating budget cuts, the Services and Activities committee is not worried. "The school's budget cuts will not affect us directly, since our budget money comes from tuition and fees," said Brown. "However, if the college's budget affects enrollment, then it will affect the (S & A) budget."

In their December meeting, The S & A committee voted for a 20-year, \$300,000 a year commitment for the new student building.

In exchange, the college has taken over \$300,000 worth of salaries, stipends, and benefits that the S & A budget was paying for, so the S & A budget can pay for the new student building. Some \$125,000 worth of salaries and stipends are transferred over right now, and the other \$125,000 will not be transferred over until 2004.

"We anticipate that once the salaries and stipends are transferred over to the college, that they will leave the affected positions as they are," said Brown.

The construction of the new building which will replace Building 8 will start in May. The last day for the existing Building 8 will be May 9 and it is scheduled to reopen in fall 2004.

VSA celebrates the new year

By DANNY KANG
Staff Reporter

Highline's Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) celebrated the Asian Lunar New Year this past Friday, Jan. 31 in Building 8.

The Tet festival did not go according to plan because of the inattentive and seemingly quite disruptive audience, participants said. The ethnically diverse audience seemed to be concerned with their own agendas, while acting unruly.

The participants expressed frustration over the behavior of the crowd.

"It's time to find what it means to be a good audience," said Denny Steussy, co-adviser of VSA.

Tien Vo, the emcee, said the audience made it hard for her because she wasn't getting any positive feedback. She also said that the lack of audience feedback gave her a sad and ugly feeling. The depressing thing is that she reiterated that the feeling worsened as the festival went on.

"I was disappointed that halfway through the show that half the audience was gone," said Anh-Linh Bui, one of the many performers and internal vice president of VSA.

Due to the dispersing of the crowd, Bui said that she thought that they were putting on a bad presentation.

Denny Steussy advised that the next time you want to be a disrespectful audience member, have the courtesy of leaving.

The VSA members unanimously agreed that the Tet festival wasn't a total failure because they had fun and utilized team-

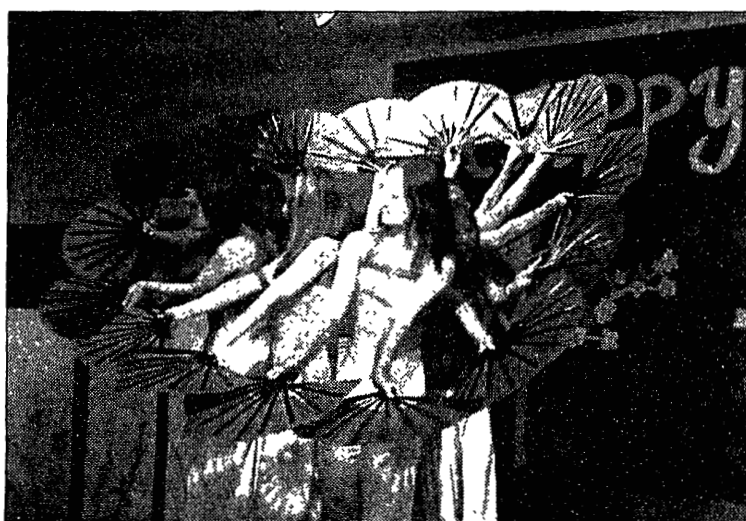


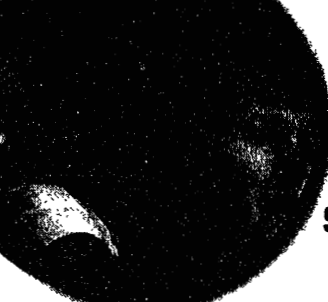
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Dancers perform at the celebration for Asian Lunar Year

work and cooperation to organize the event. They also confirmed that the journey of putting on the event meant a lot to

them.

VSA would like to thank all who came out and helped put on the Tet festival.




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Adang reaps fruits of learning

By ANESSA SCHLYER
Staff Reporter

Moving up to Washington from Senoma, California would seem like a rather unappealing choice to someone who received her bachelor's degree from California State University, but Rosemary Adang was smitten with the romantic writers appeal of Seattle.

Large class sizes and less individual attention at California State University was just what Adang had in mind for her bachelor's degree, however, she was looking for just the opposite for her master's degree and the University of Washington seemed like the perfect place for her. After she finished her master's at UW, Adang received several teaching offers from a variety of community colleges, but chose to stay in Seattle and teach at Highline.

The two staff members who had interviewed Adang sparked her interest in Highline because they appeared creative and intelligent, something she truly wanted to be a part of. During her college years she took part in the tutoring facilities and helped fellow students as a writing tutor. Once she became a teacher at Highline the flair to help students with writing came out again and she became the coordinator for the Writing Center.

"It's fascinating to work with people and to understand the process of learning," said Adang.

Now as a coordinator of the Writing Center, she enjoys watching the tutors go through the same process she did in college, helping people learn and grow as writers. Along with teaching at Highline, Adang is the department coordinator for Humanities, Literature, and Philosophy. She teaches Literature of the Novel, Culture, Gender and Geography, and Writing 101. Adang also teaches several creative writing classes, and a women's studies class. Adang's work in her Women's Studies class is greatly influenced by her trip to China through a faculty exchange program from

"It's fascinating to work with people and to understand the process of learning,"
-Rosemary Adang,
Highline instructor



Photo By Melissa Flesch

Highline instructor Rosemary Adang teaches several classes around the campus, including writing and women's studies.

1998 to 1999.

"I learned many interesting things about their collectivistic culture," said Adang.

Taishan is one of Adang's favorite places she visited. Adang stopped in each temple on Taishan Mountain. As Adang came to the temple for a female goddess a few local women visiting the temples showered her with praise because women don't often travel alone in China. Adang learned that the women of China all live very mixed lives and like most American women are able to work without sexism.

"The one child law has often

been helpful because it allows the women time to work and further their education," said Adang.

Several students from one of Adang's women's studies classes asked her to start up a group where they are able to discuss social problems, life issues, and personal strife. Adang is still in the process of putting together a women's group. She says she always hopes that her students will walk away from her class with a better appreciation of themselves as individuals and as a group and be able to apply the things they learn in their own ways to life.

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Human rights means food, clothes and love

By GREG FLEECHART
Staff Reporter

If you want to make a difference in Human Rights, start with yourself.

Two Highline instructors talked about making a difference in Human Rights, and how Highline can get involved on Thursday, Jan. 30. The forum was hosted by the H.C.C. 4 Human Rights in Building 7.

Tracy Brigham, the faculty adviser for H.C.C. 4 Human Rights club, said students can get involved in human rights through Amnesty International. The focus of her presentation was the exhibition of the Amnesty International website, www.amnesty.org, which, "gives you ways to get involved without leaving your desk," said Brigham. The site includes ways to appeal international decisions, join Amnesty International, make donations, and lobby for human rights.

Brigham also explained that the goal of Amnesty International is to make a difference in both international issues as well as local ones.

Manning opened up her presentation by asking the audience, "What are the top five things that you need in your life?"

After a few minutes to gather their thoughts, the audience shared their findings. The ma-

ajority of responses included the necessities for life- such as water, food, shelter, clothing, and sleep.

Manning added love, freedom, privacy, power, individualism, the ability to create, and fun. She said that if any of these rights are being violated in your life, you must take action.

"If you are not defending your own rights, you are in no position to defend others' rights," said Manning. "Start where you are, then it spreads."

After the scheduled presentations, Jennifer Jones, a geography teacher at Highline, said, "the information that you are getting through the mainstream media is not what you need to know." She also said that society is being distracted by the media, and society needs to look deeper into issues, beyond what we hear in the newspaper, television, and radio. Jones emphasized research before action in all human rights issues.

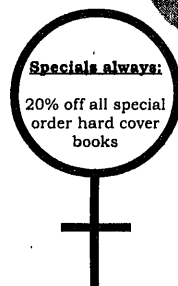
Highline student Christopher Monfort shared his concern with the proposed P.A.T.R.I.O.T. act, which he feels violates some of the rights that are guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

He addressed many of the points of the act, showing the injustices of each one, and what amendment it violates.

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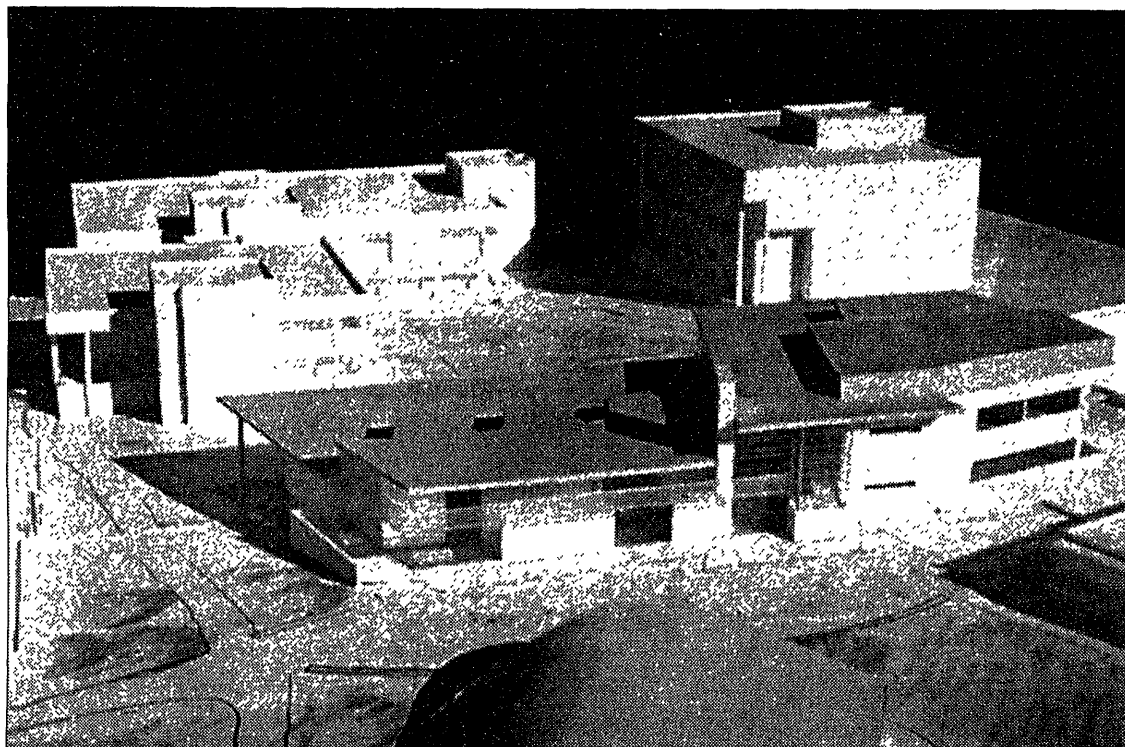
BY RACHEL PLATT
AND PETER PUCCIO
Staff Reporters

The old Student Center will survive until the end of May.

College officials hope that Building 8 will be a piece of history by then, on the way to a new student building to be open by fall 2004.

Plans were to knock down the old building earlier in Spring Quarter. Construction on the new Student Center is expecting to begin as early as one month later. The schedule remains tentative because of contractors' schedules.

Jonathan Brown, associate dean for Student Programs, said some of the expanded services that the new Student Center will offer include a more adequate bookstore, more student lounge space, expanded kitchen and dining space, designated club space, as well as offices for Student Programs and related student services. The \$13 million center will be 44,500 square feet, which will be more than



File Photo

Above is the architect's model of the new student center.

twice the size of the current, 17,000-square-foot facility.

Students are paying for most of the cost, through a \$2.50 per credit surcharge and through up \$300,000 a year from the Services & Activities Budget,

which students also pay for. Students voted to approve the fee in 1999. Last year, students rejected an additional fee to meet rising costs. After that vote, college officials pared 3,000 square feet from the de-

sign to lower the cost.

The new cafeteria also will have a new vendor. Food Management, which has managed the cafeteria for several years, recently was purchased by Aramark. Aramark, based in

Philadelphia, is a \$300 million a year company which manages food services for a variety of institutional clients, such as colleges, airports and prisons.

"No staffing changes are expected to be made," as a result of the sale, said Carol Helgersen, conference and event services manager for the college.

While the new center is being built, the cafeteria will be relocated to a temporary structure attached to Building 2. Food service offerings will be limited while the new student center is being built. The kitchen will be in a portable next to Building 2, with dining under a tent on a raised platform.

Plans for the center continue to be drawn. Schematic designs of the building have been put together by Opsis Architecture and Northwest Architectural Company. The schematic plans are not detailed enough to start the actual ground breaking construction of the building, but blueprints are in the process of being completed, Brown said.

Clinton lends a hand to transferring students

BY SCOTT BALDWIN
Staff Reporter

Barbara Clinton, Highline instructor, will be teaching a three credit class in Winter and Spring Quarter, with the intent of helping students put together a portfolio before transferring.

Humanities 100 is a normally a two-credit class but ends up being three due to weekly guest speakers.

Many times students wait until the last second to start applying to universities or colleges



Clinton

and don't get done in time for the deadline.

This class will get students more than ready for getting accepted to the higher level.

Humanities 100 is part of the honors program, and all students must have a GPA of 3.2 or higher, unless permission from Dr. Clinton is given.

The class benefits include

learning how to write a good admittance paper, what to put in personal statements, and essays for specific majors.

This class is a great opportunity for students to get individual advising from the instructors, Clinton said.

"Taking this class allows you to gain credit for something that would cost in the long run," said

Dr. Clinton.

The class will also provide students with the knowledge to piece together a strong portfolio and be one step ahead of others without assistance.

Dr. Clinton is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, which is the academic honorary for four-year schools.

Clinton is also on the advisory board at M.I.T. in Boston,

Clinton also has a Ph.D. in Instructional Communications.

This class is not just for students planning on transferring this year. It can also be for anyone that is planning on transferring in the future.

For further information contact Dr. Barbara Clinton at bclinton@highline.edu.

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Mayor

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for the city council, as well as failing to set up a political committee needed to report additional donations of \$49,000 given by Wescot President Hank Hopkins, also used to assist the same council candidates.

Wasson resigned as mayor two weeks ago but remains on the council. Last Thursday, the council majority, including Wasson, elected Councilwoman Maggie Steenrod as mayor.

The PDC report cites a meeting that took place in September of 2001 where sitting councilman Wasson met with Wescot President Hank Hopkins to discuss the future makeup of the council. Hopkins has been lobbying the council since 1997 to build a conveyer system that would carry necessary materials for construction of a third runway at the Sea-Tac Airport.

At that time the council was comprised of a majority of members that opposed the construction of a third runway and even financially supported an anti-third runway citizen group.

Councilman Wasson, who has served three separate terms from 1989-1993, 1995-1999, and is currently serving a term that expires in 2003, said he was tired of being on the losing end of 6-1 votes and felt the council needed "like-minded" members that would support new business ventures similar, and allegedly specific to Hopkins' conveyer system proposal.

According to PDC reports, Hopkins did not agree to donate to any specific candidate but agreed to assist Councilman Wasson's "cause." Wasson admits to receiving a \$1,000 check from Hopkins that was then paid to a political consultant, Tom Hujar, to assist council candidates Steenrod, Richard Benjamin, and Gary Petersen, who are all local business people.

According to PDC reports, Steenrod declined any assistance from Hujar. The donation was reported by Benjamin and Petersen as in-kind contributions for consulting services, but according to PDC regulations Wasson needed to officially register a political committee within two weeks of receiving donations intended for campaign purposes.

Hujar and Wasson organized a telephone campaign on behalf of Petersen, Benjamin and Steenrod. The calls were paid for, in the amount of \$29,000, by Hopkins and were not reported by the candidates, Hopkins or Wasson. The candi-



Maggie Steenrod

dates claim they were unaware of the calls and were not responsible for filing. Hopkins claimed he wanted to keep a "low profile" and did not want to form a political committee fearing bad publicity for his company and the candidates. According to Wasson's PDC interview, he admitted that he feared public knowledge of the funding would hurt the candidate's chances of success.

Hujar stated in his PDC interview that of the \$20,000 donated, \$14,800 benefited Benjamin, \$3,500 benefited Petersen, and \$1,000 benefited Steenrod. Hujar also stated that he warned Wasson and Hopkins that either a political committee needed to be formed or the candidates would need to report the funds as in-kind donations. Wasson and Hopkins claim that it was decided that the candidates would report the funds. The candidates claim that they were never notified of the expenditures.

The effect of the calls on the candidates can't be determined; however, all three candidates defeated incumbent council members in close election. After the election, Wasson finally had the 4-3 majority he had told many people he had dreamed of. This group, often referred to as "the coalition," is comprised of Steenrod, Benjamin, and Petersen. The coalition elected Wasson mayor and Benjamin mayor pro-Tem in March.

The recent PDC charges only add fuel to a very large fire of discontent toward Wasson and his three "like-minded" council members. Since last November's election, two separate citizen groups have been calling for the resignation of the foursome.

A recall petition was filed against the four for holding an illegal secret meeting where the city manager and attorney were fired without the other three council members present. The case was dismissed by the King County Superior court but is awaiting appeal to the State Supreme Court.

Some citizens were further outraged when the council ma-



Don Wasson

jority voted in December to not contribute \$150,000 to an anti-third runway campaign funded by local cities.

Now the groups are pushing for another recall effort fueled by the latest PDC allegations of misconduct by the same four council members.

But the "coalition" has not backed down. Although Wasson resigned as mayor, he chose to retain his council seat, ensuring the majority and securing the votes needed to elect Steenrod.

Councilwoman Susan White stated her disgust with the decision. "If any city official abuses the trust of the public he should step down," she said last Thursday at the council meeting.

"It is a disappointment that they elected one of their own," Councilman Bob Sheckler said.

Citizens for Des Moines, one of the opposition groups, is not happy either.

"We don't see that there is any change in the political climate in Des Moines," Stan Scarvie said.

Some try to stay neutral on the issue. Dianne Jacobson owns a wine store in Des Moines called Corky Cellars and is a member of the Des Moines Business Boosters, another city business group.

"We all try to stay as positive as we can, most of us kind of

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Highline hosts financial aid night

By NATHAN BIRKEBAK
Staff Reporter

If you want to find about financing your education, come to Highline's free Financial Aid Night.

The event will be held on Feb. 13 in Building 7 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Highline is hosting this event in conjunction with N.E.L.A. (Northwest Education Loan Association).

N.E.L.A. is a non-profit agency that works with schools to help students continue into

higher education.

Financial Aid Night is designed to help students and parents understand their options and opportunities for financing their education.

Speakers from N.E.L.A. will discuss a number of topics including applying for scholarships, financial aid, grants, loans, costs of education, work study options.

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Students reported paying between \$19 and \$81 a month with the average amount at \$49.

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Of these students, 15 reported talking for six or more hours a week on their cell phones, while 29 students said

they talked one to three hours a week.

Teachers have varied opinions on cell phones in class.

Ron Sabado, accounting teacher at Highline, said that his policy in class is that all cell phones be turned off because it is disrespectful to others when a cell phone rings in the middle of class. He also said that he understands when a student forgets to turn his/her cell phone off, since he also forgets to turn his own off occasionally.

Other instructors such as speech instructor Rod Mattson have a strict "no cell phone in

classroom" policy. "Except if you have young children at home... or you're on a list for a heart transplant," said Mattson jokingly.

Dr. Bob Baugher, psychology instructor, deducts a participation point every time a student's cell phone rings.

Cell phones have raised controversy on the road. Laws have been passed in 16 states banning driving and talking on a cellular device simultaneously (unless you are using a hands-free set) because it can be distracting.

In the King County area however, no such laws exist and

more than 50 percent of the students surveyed said that they do talk on their phone while driving.

"Talking and driving isn't hard at all. When you add a latte and having to shift it gets a little more difficult, but I am multi-talented," said student Geoff Klerekopper.

Some people on the other hand, while not opposed to talking and driving, have doubts that it can even be done by a certain group.

"Only men can drive and talk on the phone at the same time," said Brandon Boshers.

A select few still refuse to get a phone.

"I think a lot of the people that have cell phones don't really need them," said student Yuriy Kochubey.

"Cell phones are a waste of time and money and they create bad habits in kids," student Theresa Brown added.

Another student had quite an interesting outlook.

Student Mason B. Debato, who doesn't own a cell phone and is against them altogether. "Women like to buy me cell phones and pagers to keep me

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watch it from a distance and hope it doesn't affect us," Jacobson said. "It is sad to see that the council has to deal with so much negativity; a lot of the real issues are getting tabled."

Others defend Wasson and his coalition members.

"It is refreshing to have a majority on the council that are business people and understand the importance of economic development to our city," said Des Moines Chamber of Commerce President Henry Foote. "I have found in my short involvement in politics that making a mistake in your reporting is easy to do, and I believe that is what happened here."

"It is interesting that the

same political group that lost the election of 2002 are the engine behind the year long campaign of destruction that this newly elected council and myself have been subjected to," Foote said.

Former Councilman Dan Sherman doesn't buy that.

"Obvious deceit and vote buying is not a democratic procedure," Sherman said. "I find it hard to believe the candidates didn't know."

Sherman believes that this example sends a negative message to everyone including Highline students.

"They have stolen democracy and idealism from under us, and they are not sorry," Sherman said. "They are still sitting there making laws."

"If recalls don't go through, I think you will see a very different council next election," Councilman Bob Sheckler said.

Appeals to the Supreme Court could be heard in the next few months.

In addition, the PDC is expected to rule on the allegations against Wasson in March. The charges could be dismissed, fines as great as \$2,500 could be assessed, or the case could be forwarded to the state Attorney General's office.

Reporter Danny Bergman contributed to this story.

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