Hearty few brave bad weather to make point

By Ryan Shell
Staff Reporter

High winds and bone-chilling temperatures were not enough to discourage protesters from gathering outside Building 7 yesterday, March 5, to voice their opposition of President Bush's policy toward Iraq.

Red and yellow signs lined the grass where the protesters stood, proclaiming the area a makeshift “no war zone.”

The protest was put on by members of the HCC Human Rights Club.

As many as 15 students braved the harsh weather in an attempt to spread hopes of peace to passersby.

“Support your country— not the war!” was one of the shouts that rose above the wind’s volume on campus.

Dozens of other colleges nationwide planned similar protests for Wednesday under the slogan of “books not bombs” and many more were expected to unofficially take up the cause.

“Only that money every day on the war, then we can afford to educate our people,” said Erika Savoy, president of the club.

Savoy said the club hosts 15-20 members on a consistent basis and aims to address three issues each quarter.

Daniela Hansen, one of the club members, said she strongly opposes the war.

“You can’t support the war and really care for people’s lives,” she said.

Photos by Adrienne Hughes and Christina Remper.

The next event planned for the Human Rights Club is March 7.

The club will have a display set up in Building 18 addressing women’s issues.

New bill grants college new hope

By Jason L. Gay
Staff Reporter

A Federal Way legislator wants to see action, not more studies.

First-term state Rep. Skip Priest, R-30th District, is sponsoring a bill that would create a legislative committee to draft a plan to meet the growing needs of the state’s colleges.

House Bill 2111 takes a different approach than several study bills currently in the Higher Education Committee.

“Science is a legislative approach as opposed to a study,” Rep. Priest said. “Strategic plans don’t spark much interest; we are trying to accomplish something.”

Priest said while there is a whole of trouble on the horizon, there is no future strategic plan for higher education.

“Forecasts indicate that in the next six to eight weeks we will see the baby-boom echo,” Priest said. “There will be thousands of students looking for higher education opportunities and we can’t accommodate what we have now.”

Priest’s bill would establish a strictly legislative oversight committee comprising six representatives from the Higher Education, Capital Budget, and Appropriations committees and six senators from the Higher Education and Ways & Means committee.

Priest said it was important to include members from all the major committees dealing with higher education issues in both the House and the Senate.

The committee would have six months to prepare a resolution for the 2004 session that would establish clear goals and objectives for higher education.

By Scott Baldwin
Staff Reporter

The Highline Foundation scholarship packet is now available for students interested in getting some assistance to pay for tuition.

According to Mark McKay, the director of Resource Development, 57 scholarships are available for students that totaling over $85,000.

Ranging from $500 to $4,000, scholarships will be offered in many departments such as business, health and physical education.

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Gulliford: dealer of drug facts

By Mike Alton
Staff Reporter

Katie Gulliford could drone on talking about everything there is to know about aspirin, but you might get a headache.

That’s why she delivers her dose of wisdom straight to the brain.

Gulliford, Highline chemistry instructor, sees the history of aspirin as an intriguing story of the first designer drug, and the first drug of choice in minor pain relief.

Aspirin has a long history in the making. A history that is marked by trial and error, brewing and ingesting, chemistry and isolation.

The basic ingredient of aspirin has been in use for thousands of years. In 460 BC Hippocrates worked with Acetylsalicylic Acid to ease the aches and pains of pregnant women. By brewing the bark of Cinchona trees, Hippocrates had created a miracle tea that the headaches and other ailments associated with pregnancy. Although the tea was potent, it had a bitter taste and was very acidic in the stomach.

Known for its pain relieving properties, the amount of aspirin ingested correlates with fewer heart problems and keeps blood from clotting. It is for this reason that Bayeyer was able to prevent heart attacks.

The British discovered the powers of Acetylsalicylic Acid in 1762 while colonizing Peru. Needing a solution to the rampant sickness amongst the new colonists, the colonists turned to the natives for help.

Given the bark of the Cinchona tree, a bitter brew was created, and the sickness simmered down.

The Cinchona tree does not stand alone in its prized possession. Reverend Edmund Stone made it his mission to test tree bark from around the world, and breed his fair share of tea.

In 1762, he decided on the willow tree as the reigning champion.

French chemist Henri Leroux isolated the factor Salicin in 1829, and created a powdered form that he peddled to pain-plagued people across France.

"I call him the drug dealer of the 1800s," said Gulliford.

Today’s aspirin was found by a German chemist working for Bayeyer Chemical, in 1897. Felix Hoffmann created the aspirin by testing over 100 derivatives of salicylic acid on his father.

"It’s kind of like 100 bottles of beer next to the wall except with aspirin," joked Gulliford.

Two weeks after finding the solution to his father’s rheumatoid arthritis, Hoffmann synthesized heroin.

Now the FDA subjects new medications to years of studies on both sexes, ranging in age to monitor the medicines effects. It seems funny that a drug that is taken in such volume was basically made in Hoffmann’s basement and given to one person, his dad, said Gulliford.

Here’s a fun fact: the name Aspirin is actually derived from a combination of its main ingredient, and the genus name for shrubs associated with it.

Aspirin comes from acetyl and spirin from the word Spirea. Spirea is the genus name for plants that contain salicylic acid.

Though some factors complicates the affects of aspirin such as ingesting other medications, Gulliford pondered the issue of aspirin’s association with Reye’s Syndrome deaths.

She said that often after a death, parents look back at medications given to the child and remember administering aspirin.

Aspirin’s affect on pain was so popular, that the company Bayeyer, today known as Bayer, had no trouble creating a monopoly in the United States, after its patent.

Each year 20 billion aspirin tablets are taken in the United States alone, accounting for half of the intake worldwide.

Feeling a hankering to discover new pain relieving remedies? Gulliford has an idea for you.

"You could go and chew on trees if you want," Gulliford suggested.

Charlie Rasco will be talking about Schrodinger’s Cat at this Friday’s Science Seminar in Building 2 at 2:10 p.m.

All proceeds go to the emergency fund to help Highline students, as this year is difficult for many financially.

Donation ideas include: gift baskets, gift certificates, arts and crafts, services, books, nice clothing and jewelry. Everything you donate can be deducted from your taxes.

If you have any questions or comments, contact Jean Munro at ext. 3365.

Students discuss campus smoking

Students will be given the opportunity to discuss the campus smoking policy at Friday’s Cultural Cafe in the upper level of Building 8 at 11 a.m.

Complimentary drinks and cookies will be available at the meeting. This is the last Cultural Cafe for Winter Quarter.

Debate on war in Iraq to continue

Students will debate the war with Iraq today, March 6, at noon in Building 7.

The debate has been put together by students and both sides will be represented by students. Emmanuwal Chizbi, Highline instructor will serve as moderator. There will also be time for comments and questions from the audience.

Congratulations are in order

Please congratulate the winners of the Academic Achievement Scholarship for Spring Quarter:

Garett Curtiss
Diana Diaz
Tami Gookstetter
Darylynn Harris
Ricky Heaston
Cossia Jasper
Sanyang Khaddajtou
Tam Lam
Erika Savoy
Matthew Schuurub
Stephan Alana
Gunnur Argo
Leah Ismael
Robert Christian
Gorell Uault

Donate goods to Silent Auction

Women’s Programs is looking for people who are willing to donate to their Silent Auction, to be held Wednesday, May 7.

Register in advance through the Center for Extended Learning at 206-870-3785 or at the door.

Be prepared for emergencies

Red Cross will be conducting a community emergency preparedness event at the Federal Way Library, on Monday, March 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. The event is free. See the Red Cross website for more information at www.seattle.redcross.org.

Campus Calendar

• A representative from Hawaii Pacific University will be here on Wednesday, March 12 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the info table in the lower level of Building 6.

• A representative from The School of Social Work at UW Seattle will be here on Monday, March 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students must sign up for individual appointments in the Transfer Center, Building 6, upper level.
The science department is taking geology to new levels

By Colette Woods
Staff Reporter

You don’t have to sit in class and read out of a textbook in geology anymore.

With three new field trip classes offered Spring Quarter, students can get hands-on experience in the world of rocks.

Carla Whittington is teaching two of the three field trips, Puget Sound Geology and an all-day trip to Mt. St. Helens.

Eric Baer is teaching the third trip, which is Pacific Northwest Geology.

Whittington meets one time with the Puget Sound Geology class on May 3 at 9 a.m. to assign readings and go over plans for the field trip.

“We will go to the Port Townsend area. There is a geology museum with a display glacier during the last ice age,” Whittington said.

The class meets on campus at 6:45 a.m. on May 10 and gets back around 8 p.m. This is a one-credit class with a $25 fee, and no prerequisites.

“I advise students to wear hiking boots and to layer up on clothing in case the weather acts up, because you can always take clothes off,” Whittington said.

The second trip is to Mt. St. Helens on May 17. The class will leave campus at 7 a.m. to arrive at the mountain by 8:30 a.m. The scheduled return is for 8 p.m.

“This trip is my favorite because there are so many things to see, even when you’re not at the top,” Whittington said. “I like to see the changes from year to year.”

Weather is not a concern for Whittington.

“I have been really lucky on the Mt. St. Helens trip,” Whittington said. “Even if the weather did want to mess with us, we would still go. The only problem is when you get to the top and the clouds are sitting really low, you can’t see anything.”

The trip to Mt. St. Helens is a one-credit class and has a $25 fee. Anyone can register for this class, as there are no prerequisites.

“I hope that they (students) become more aware and familiar with their environment and more aware with the geology around them that they see every day,” said Whittington.

Since these classes are both one credit, grading can be a little tricky.

“Part of their grade will be on showing up, and the other will be actually participating once we are on Mt. St. Helens,” said Whittington. “It’s not pass or fail, they will get a decimal grade.”

The third class, taught by Eric Baer, is called Pacific Northwest Geology.

This class requires a prerequisite of either Geology 101 or 105.

The class is five credits and requires a $139 fee for vans, ferry trips and food.

The class includes six trips, and five are mandatory: Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Rainer, Westport, Vantage (eastern Washington), Seattle, and San Juan Island.

All of these trips take place on the weekends.

This class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 4 to 5:15 p.m. to go over material.

At the end of the quarter students will be required to write a paper.

Exams will be given periodically throughout the quarter.

Some of the trips, such as Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Rainer, will require some moderate hiking, about 2.5 hours per hike.

“It seems long, but we will be stopping and talking about things along the way, so it’s not so bad,” said Baer.

Students are asked to bring rain gear and to dress warm.

Baer expects for students to get many things out of this course.

“We live in one of the most interesting places in the world when it comes to geology,” said Baer.

“I want them to look at this area in a completely different way than before, and change their perspective everywhere they go.”

In Summer Quarter, Baer is also teaching a class that is going to Hawaii for 12 days.

The prerequisite for this class is Geology 101 or 107.

This class is more expensive with a fee of $1,375, however, that includes airfare, housing, food and transportation for 12 days.

“By the end of the quarter students will have traveled to all of the islands of Hawaii and Oahu, from Aug. 16-27,” said Baer.

They will be studying volcanoes and their eruptions.

“Since these classes are both one credit, grading can be a little tricky.”

“In my opinion, that is a very good deal,” said Baer. “Going to Hawaii on your own would almost cost twice as much.”

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While studying in Hawaii, Highline students experienced the awesome effects of mother nature.
editorial

Highline: good, bad and even some of the ugly

With spring approaching, our beautiful campus is teeming with new life, new projects and a new quarter. And in addition to all the usual happenings Highline is undergoing the process of accreditation, which is basically just a review of how good or bad our school is. Here’s our review of the campus, elements that make us great and some things that aren’t so great.

No one can deny that we have a stunning campus. Our incredible view of the water is a plus that many have to pay thousands of dollars for, and yet we get it as a bonus with our tuition costs.

Unfortunately, the area around Highline isn’t the nicest, especially if you’re attending night class and have to walk to your car. Keep in mind though, if it’s late and you’re feeling nervous, give Security a call and they are usually happy to escort you to your vehicle. And speaking of cars, parking is one area that Highline could stand to see some improvement. Most of us are affected in some way by the parking issues on campus and it can get frustrating, but a solution is in process and we just have to make the best of it.

Highline’s classes and teachers are outstanding; go ahead faculty and staff, give yourselves a pat on the back. Our small classes mean personal attention from the instructor and (for the most part) teaching assistants in process and we just have to make the best of it.

From March 10 -15 participating instructors will be handing out voter registration forms in class. All you’ve have to do is fill out the form, pass it back and you’re done. Student Government will take it from there. They will be sending the forms to the Secretary of State. The only requirements to register are you must be 18 by the election date, be a citizen of America and a resident of Washington.

With the senators and representatives in Olympia industriously hacking expenditures, your Student Government decided it would be prudent to make a trip to our capital to put a good word for higher education. We ate lunch with eight legislative representatives, and discussed how the cuts would likely affect our funding. Currently, there is no real consensus on how much of what programs are to be cut, but we can be sure there will be cuts to all areas of the state’s budget. One senator said the resulting package of cuts would be like a sausage, good, but you wouldn’t want to know what’s in it!

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, we’re hard at work on our various projects. Stefan Alano and I are working on developing a smoking policy and smoking cessation activities for Highline. Phi Theta Kappa is helping us put a kiosk with information on cessation in Building 6, and I am working to get brochures in the racks in Buildings 5-6. Some colleges, such as Bellevue Community College, have banned smoking on their main campus. Others, such as Lake Washington and Shoreline, have erected smoking shelters on their campuses. We are currently exploring both of these options.

D.J. Taylor and Stefan are busily stockpiling on voter registration forms. There will be a voter registration drive during the week of March 10 -14 and several instructors will be handing out voter registration forms in class.

If you have not registered to vote, Student Government encourages you to do so when your instructor hands out the forms. A democracy is dependent upon its citizens voting!

Eric Blanchard is a senator for Student Government.

Have you got something to say? The Thunderword accepts letters to the editor as well as guest commentaries. So speak up! Send letters to: thunderword@highline.edu

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Team Highline brings Mardi Gras spirit to campus

BY RACHEL PLA~
Staff Reporter

Highline students made sure to let loose before Lent at Team Highline's Mardi Gras celebration last Tuesday.

Team Highline, the college's student-led activities coordinating group, sponsored the event which showcased a typical Mardi Gras ambiance featuring loud music, spam carving, mask decorating and a Kool Aid making contest.

Southern style food was also served consisting of fried catfish, gumbo, rice, and hushpuppies.

"Hushpuppies are like yellow, cornmeal fried stuff," said Team Highline member, Syreeta Bernal, who coordinated the event.

The most popular contest to watch, but least popular to join in, was the Hot Sauce Shot contest.

Participants in the contests were each given a Dixie cup filled to the brim with Louisiana hot sauce and had to swallow all of the cup's contents without spitting it back up.

"That's not hot enough," Jonathan Brown, student programs associatedean, said referring to the hot sauce while planning the event. The walls were even dressed to the nines with blue construction paper contrasting with yellow stars strewn across a replica of Bourbon Street.

Students seemed to be enjoying themselves, however, one student voiced her concern about the lack of Mardi Gras beads.

"I came because I wanted beads, and it sucks because there weren't any," Highline student Hannahbeth Phillips said.

Team Highline decided to plan the Mardi Gras celebration due to the event's success in the past, said Bernal.

Photo by Adrienne Hughes

Photo by Melissa Flesch

A Highline student enjoys her newly made mask.

No detail was overlooked while planning the event. The students have a knack for sewing and making clothes.

"Through seeing the success of the Mardi Gras events in the past, Team Highline saw this event as being a perfect opportunity to show off their event coordinating talents by adding a new flare to the Mardi Gras celebration at Highline."

Only one more Team Highline event is planned for Winter Quarter.

The Fashion Show will be held in Building 8 on March 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

During the fashion show, students from around campus will be given a shot to adorn their cultural threads providing they meet their cultural dress code.

The second hour of the fashion show will feature students from campus with an knack for sewing and making clothes.

Students will be given the opportunity to show off their creative edge by showcasing their homemade clothing designs.

Events that have been planned for Spring Quarter are tentative, but as of now, a Kick Butts Day has been planned for April 3.

"It's an information day to make Highline students aware of the hazards of smoking," said Bernal.

Team Highline is also planning the annual Boat Cruise which is set to occur May 16 from 8-11 p.m.

Team Highline appreciates all feedback from students.

If any students have ideas for future events or are interested in volunteering at future events contact Team Highline in their office located at the top of Building 8 or call them at 206-878-3710 ext. 3903.
Pianists deliver enchanting performance

By Nathan Birkebak
Staff Reporter

Bach, Beethoven, and Chopin filled the air in Building 7 as five of Highline’s music students performed amazing piano pieces.

Hau-wei Chang, Sharon Kibbie, Valéry Dzyubak, Viktosiya Udut, and Jessica Graybill starred in Highline’s annual Outstanding Pianist Concert on Tuesday, March 4.

The formal attire highlighted by delicate stage lighting provided a soft and elegant ambient for the pianists’ performance.

The crowd was pulled into the music as the musicians’ fingers danced up and down the keys of Highline’s Estonia concert grand piano.

“The Estonia is my dream. I love that piano,” said pianist Sharon Kibbie.

But it was obviously more than the piano that made this concert an enchanting experience.

Raw talent shaped through professional training enabled these musicians to paint a grand picture with every note they played.

The event was coordinated by Highline music instructor Sandra Glover.

“These are students that we are thrilled to have here at Highline,” said Glover.

Her enthusiasm is easily understood when looking at the complexity and intensity of the pieces selected by the performers.

Highline’s Estonia grand piano was played last night in the annual young pianist concert in Building 7.

The winter play, Blood Wedding, written by Federico Garcia Lorca, is intended to be a poignant performance.

The idea of the story is simple. Two young lovers, the bride (Ana Marie Versoza) and the bridegroom (Patrick Allcorn) are to be married, but the bride runs off on her wedding night before they sneak away to-wards the end of my second Fugue, and I had a great experience,” Dzyubak said. Other pieces were softer and more delicate, like Clair de Lane written by Debussy and played by Hau-wei Chang.

“It went excellent. I’m very proud of all our students—very proud. Excellent turnout,” said music instructor Sydney Stegall, referring to the audience of nearly 80 people.

At the close of the concert the pianists received a standing ovation and flowers were awarded to them by Highline’s music instructors.

The event was not a competition, but rather a fund-raising event.

The event was presented by Highline’s Music Department and Foundation.

During the concert donations were accepted toward a musical scholarship fund.

Blood Wedding has good acting, lack of passion

By Chelsea Ramsay
Staff Reporter

It is supposedly a tragedy. The winter play, Blood Wed-ding, written by Federico Garcia Lorca, is intended to be a poignant performance.

No fewer, the script works in a different direction.

The idea of the story is simple. Two young lovers, the bride (Ana Marie Versoza) and the bridegroom (Patrick Allcorn) were to be married, but the bride runs off on her wedding night with her first love, the married Leonardo (Avory Melini).

The acting was fairly impressive; in the cast, the lead character, Leonardo, was played by Hau-wei Chang, with an ovation and flowers being awarded to them by Highline’s music instructors.

The tragic nature of the play all boils down to the end, when more fatal decisions are implied, but the light dims before anything lacrimose is acted out.

As all of this seems sad, it is only tragic to a certain degree.

There is little interaction between the bride and Leonardo before they sneak away together.

Also, in the scenes when they were with one another, there lacked romance and chemistry. They didn’t appear as if they were in love at all, so when they fled the wedding party together, it wasn’t a decision to be excited or happy about.

Really, the bride’s character was a bit flaky.

She didn’t love the husband she left, and it didn’t appear that she had passionate feelings for Leonardo either.

And as for Leonardo, his death wasn’t a big upset.

He left his son and his pregnant wife for the flaky bride; his fate could have been rightfully attributed to karma.

While the script had some holes in it, the Highline actors worked well with what they had.

Only one character out of 18 had a name, and the rest had titles. This could have been confusing, but the actors did a wonderful job of distinguishing the characters from one another and it was always perfectly clear to follow the play.

The acting was fairly impressive as well.

It seemed that some of the strongest performances came from the smaller parts. Sarah Conder, who played the servant, did an exceptional job with her character. She nailed all of her lines and couldn’t have portrayed her role any better.

Another striking actor was Carlos Calvo, playing the bride’s father. Calvo displayed much diversity in his performing skills, as he was capable of going through a range of different emotions. He also brought a comic relief to the play, which was gratefully accepted by the audience.

However, the lead character, Versoza, seemed a little unpolished on stage.

She memorized all of her lines, which is good, but at times she spoke too fast and difficult to understand. These instances usually occurred when she was yelling, which she also

See Wedding page 7
Feeling like a first-hand spectator is due to the acting, but also in the way the play was directed. The actors often come from various parts around the theater to take the stage, and exit from various spots as well. And because the seating is so close to the stage, the actors walk right past the audience, creating a more personal experience. The set is simple; nothing more than a giant piece of wood on the floor.

Under different circumstances, this may be frowned upon. But it was all the play required. It isn’t overly gaudy so that it takes away from the acting but it wasn’t pathetically noticeable either. The props were similarly bland, but again it was fine.

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**Crossword 101**

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- **ITEM SIT DOWN**
- **BUCKS AISLE VIE**
- **ACHE ANTIS BENS**
- **ALEGBS BRET**
- **AVANNA ISLE**
- **ROCOGO TURRET**
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- **HALT MITSUBUSHI**
- **AREA ATILT FEEL**
- **GETS LOCOS OWLS**

**Highline Choir plans performances**

Highline’s choir is planning some upcoming concerts that are open to all students. The scheduled performances for the rest of the quarter are a formal concert on Wednesday, March 12 at 7:30 in Building 2. There will be a roaming concert on campus which will involve the choir students walking around campus while singing. There will also be a performance at a local senior home on Wednesday, March 19. Choir is taught by Dr. Paul Morii and is a two-credit class open to all Highline students. Students who are interested in participating in choir need only to sign up for Music 134, College Choir.

**Quote of the Week**

In a few years there will be only five kings in the world—the King of England and the four kings in a pack of cards.

***King Farouk***
The Lady T-Birds basketball team had their playoff hopes crushed last Saturday as they were defeated by the Centralia Trailblazers, 59-56.

If Highline had won the game, they would be going to Pasco this weekend to compete for the NWAACC championship. However, only the top four teams out of each division are invited to the post season competition and the Lady T-Birds fell to a disappointing fifth place finish with a 9-7 league record and a 15-11 overall mark.

With the win, Centralia clinched their playoff birth and the No. 3 seed in the West Division with an 11-5 league record and a 16-8 overall record.

Saturday's game had do or die written all over it. Both teams came out pumped up and ready to go at it. The action took place on Centralia's home court with a crowd of about 150 people, which was larger than what the T-Birds were used to.

The first half went very well for Highline. They kept Centralia under control and managed to keep about a five point cushion the entire time. T-Bird Head Coach Dennis Olson had his team playing smart basketball. The women were passing the ball inside and then swinging it back out for the open shot as soon as the defense shifted.

Centralia managed to hang around though. They never fell back more than 10 points which enabled them to stay in it. Perhaps that was their strategy, because by halftime they came back to within five points, 34-29.

Highline seemed confident and at ease as if they already had the game in the bag. The Trailblazers knew better. They came back from the break even more energized than they were in the beginning. The team huddled together closely on the court for one more cheer to get themselves psyched up for the remainder of the game.

As the second half began, the T-Birds tried to run the same offense that worked so well for them in the first half but the Trailblazers were determined to stop them. They shot the T-Bird offense down.

"We got out of rhythm and weren't hitting our shots," Assistant Coach Denise Dollar said.

Despite Centralia's increase in intensity, the score stayed pretty even for the first part of the second half because they weren't hitting their shots either. Then about halfway through the second half, the Trailblazers put on a run to force a T-Bird timeout.

The crowd started to get into it and Centralia fed off of their energy. They took the lead from Highline, 52-51, with five and a half minutes left to play.

"They adjusted to our offense really well, they were clamping down on Cele (White) and double teaming me," T-Bird guard Katie Foster said.

T-Bird point guard Lisa Pueschner tried to make something happen for her team by penetrating through the defense but officials called her for an offensive foul. She tried to play tight defense herself to regain possession of the ball but was called for another foul.

Olson, dumbered by the questionable calls, jumped up and pulled the women together to adjust to a new situation.

"We were hitting our shots in the first half, not in the second," Olson said.

"We just didn't execute our offense, especially at the end," Dollar said.

With 30 seconds left in the game, Olson found his team down three, 59-56. He called for a timeout and set up a play for a three-pointer, Foster being the preferred shooter.

As play resumed, Highline scrambled to get an open look but couldn't find one. Pueschner attempted a contested three but it was no good. White grabbed the rebound and was called for a travelling violation and that was the end of it. The end of the game, the end of the season, and the end of Olson's record of advancing to the post season. Olson hasn't missed the playoffs since his first season of coaching, which was back in 1973.

The loss left the Lady T-Birds upset and brought tears of frustration and disappointment to their eyes.

"It's definitely a hard loss, it's hard to play a good a game and then lose the lead in last two minutes," Dollar said.

Foster agreed with Dollar. "I think it's hard but we played a good game. If I have to go out I want to go out like this, we played hard," Foster said.

Olson wasn't happy with the outcome but he was happy with his team, or at least what was left of it.

"We played pretty well it's a tough place to play (Centralia)," he said.

As for the season, it was clearly a disappointment. Highline has placed at the top of the West Division ever since Olson has been here. This year, they barely managed to keep a winning streak.

"We were just so inconsistent," Olson said. "We just didn't play well on the road."

Another obstacle the team had to overcome was each other. The women didn't seem to be on the same page at some points of the season.

T-Birds Connie Rasmussen and Alie Tuivai quit the team midseason for unknown reasons. Highline's coaching staff was reluctant to release any information on the women's departure. Tuivai did return a few weeks later but wasn't a factor in the second half of the season and spent most of her time on the bench.

Then of course there was the not so quiet departure of co-captain Diane Whitehead one week before the Centralia game. Whitehead stormed off the court after having a difference of opinion with Olson during a game against Grays Harbor.

"They were just things that happened that made it tough for the continuity of the team," Olson said.

The loss also took Olson's coaching record to 1973. Olson has been here. This year, Olson found his team, or at least what was left of it.
T-Birds tee-off

Lady T-Bird Erin Johnson swings away during batting practice last Monday, Highline fastpitch is prepping up for their trip to Hawaii for two preseasons games on March 24.

T-Bird wrestler gets cold shoulder at nationals

Well, now I can officially say that I participated in the national championships of NJCAA wrestling. This is something I have wanted to experience for almost my whole life.

Although I was very upset at the fact that I didn't place, I'm making the choice not to let that keep me down. At this point, I'm trying to focus on the positive aspect of going to nationals. I have found it to be true that when you go through life with a negative attitude, no matter what positive things you may accomplish, you will be forever disappointed at what you didn't accomplish. No matter how good you are at something, there is always going to be someone that is better.

For this very reason, I try to work as hard as I possibly can to further enhance my God-given talent. If I know in my heart that I'm giving 100 percent in practice and in matches, there's not much more I can do. There are many different levels of talent out there, but without a good work ethic, talent can easily be wasted. Some people that I have competed with that have more talent than anybody on the team, but they just don't have the right mental attitude or work ethic.

My experience competing at nationals was in a way frustrating, because going into it I was not 100 percent.

My junior year in high school I suffered an injury to my shoulder that almost cost me the whole season. At the national qualifying tournament I irritated the same shoulder re-injuring it. The only thing I could do was nurse the injury as much as I could, try to forget about it and go out on the mat and go for it.

I can honestly say that I did this to the best of my ability. Although I know I will miss wrestling, I am very relieved that my season has come to an end. Though this feeling of relief usually only lasts for a couple months, and I then get the urge to throw someone around on a wrestling mat once again.

Peter Puccio is a Highline wrestler and Thunderword Staff Reporter.

T-Bird competes with the elite

BY DUSTIN NICKERSON
Staff Reporter

Junior college juggernauts from around the nation hit the mat for the NJCAA National Championships last weekend, and Highline wrestler Peter Puccio was among the elite group.

With him in Rochester, Minn. were 200 other wrestlers from 22 different schools, representing 11 different states, and not to mention the 10,000 lakes of Minnesota.

Every grappler there, including Puccio, had the same dream of being the nation's best. Puccio competed through a shoulder injury he suffered in the regional tourney, and knew he wasn't full strength going in the tournament.

"It was tough going into it knowing I was hurt," Puccio said.

Still, joined by his coaches, some of his teammates, and his dad, Puccio hopped on a plane last Wednesday with the same goal as everyone else.

"If I was healthy I think I could have placed," Puccio said.

In his first match, Puccio faced off against Mike Dickman of Meremac College, who would eventually take second in the tournament. Puccio lost 14-0.

"My shoulder caused a lot of hesitation," said Puccio. "A lot was thrown off in how I wrestle."

In his second match, he ran into the same barriers he did in the first, in a 6-7 loss to Jacob Fatherree of Waldorf College. Fatherree fell one win short of placing in the top eight and earning the title of an all-American.

"You try not to let it affect your performance," Puccio said about his injury, "but it does."

Putting out the strongest team performance was Highline's league nemesis North Idaho. The Cardinals wrapped up their 14-1 season by winning the national championship.

Keri Stanley in the 149 pound weight class with Puccio, won an individual title for North Idaho, as well as 141-pounder Chris Nedens. Head Coach Pat Whitcomb said the reason that his team was able to beat league favorite Colby, came from his lower placers.

"We had our work cut out for us," said Whitcomb, "but the guys that needed to stepped up."

In the end, North Idaho placed eight all-Americans over Colby's five, and won with a total of 140 points over Colby's 135. Last year's champ, Iowa Central, finishes a distant fourth with 79 points.

Puccio was unable to bring home any points for the T-Birds, but his disappointment is minimal.

"This was my goal the entire season," Puccio said. "I went out there and gave it my best. What more can I do."
T-Bird men end disappointing season

By Ross L. Timbrook
Staff Reporter

With their disappointing season drawing to a close, the Highline men’s basketball coaching staff is already looking forward to next year.

On Saturday night the Thunderbirds traveled to Centralia to take on the Trailblazers and came away on the short end of a 94-83 final score leaving them with a final record of 6-18 overall and 5-11 in league, which is the worst in school history.

“I thought we played pretty well against Centralia. We were tied with four minutes to go but in the last part of the game we just weren’t hitting our shots,” Head Coach Jeff Albrecht said.

McDonald who led the team all league by the NWAACC coaches and will be one of the top players this season, said Albrecht looking for reasons to talk about what went wrong this season.

“Jeelani has been the best player this season,” Albrecht said.

McDonald was voted second team all league by the NWAACC coaches and will also compete in the NWAACC All-Star game on March 16 at Mt. Hood College.

By Shaun Bjork
Staff Reporter

Highline’s men and women’s track and field teams are off and running, as they started the outdoor season last weekend at Linfield College.

“We did excellent,” said Head Coach Robert Yates. “So much better than we did last year at this time.”

The whole team had great times, and competed well in their events.

“Clay Hemlock probably had the best performance of the day,” said Yates.

Hemlock’s time of 31:28.70 in the 10,000 meters was the fourth best time in school history and placed him second in the entire meet, said Yates.

“It was the fastest time in our league in the last four years,” said Yates.

Malcolm McLemore won the 400-meter dash just breaking 50 seconds with a time of 49.96 which was his personal record.

McLemore was trying to break 50 seconds all year which he did in the first meet of the season, said Yates. McLemore also placed third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.51 seconds.

Jerome Sirmons placed third in the 400-meter dash with a time of 51 seconds flat and also placed sixth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.75 seconds.

Sirmons ran in his first outdoor meet in two years.

On the record many of the players on the team do not want to talk about what went wrong this season. Off the record, however, a picture emerges of a team that lacked heart and desire and many times gave up on themselves during games.

Some of the players on the team feel that team chemistry was never a problem like it sometimes is when a team does not play well.

“We all trust each other on the court and we hang out together now. When you develop a relationship with your teammates off the court you start to play better as a team,” T-Bird guard Seth Caine said.

“In the beginning of the season we did not have any unity but as the season went on we started to develop better relationships,” said forward Dwayne Grant.

Statistically there are several numbers that Albrecht cites as reasons for the team not playing up to their potential this season.

“We only shot 38 percent for the year and our opponents shot 46. Our defense was not what it usually is and we did not take care of the ball as well as we should have. Those are the things that really jump out at me when I look at the stat sheet for the season,” Albrecht said.

In many of the games that the T-Birds lost, they had leads but just lacked the killer instinct to put their opponents away.

“A lot of the games we were in, but we started to hang our heads when the other guys would get a lead on us,” Caine said.

Even though the T-Birds had a disappointing season there were some bright spots as four sophomores on the roster have a chance to continue their basketball careers at four-year programs.

“Jeelani, Seth, Danny (Aldrete) and Jason (Cardenas) have all received looks from four-year schools ranging from Division II to NAIA,” Albrecht said.

Now that the T-Birds have finished their season Albrecht has to turn his focus to next year.

The T-Birds could return as many as nine players if all the freshmen and the redshirts from this season decide to come back next season.

The T-Birds will be solid at the guard spot with as many as six players who could compete for time at the two starting spots.

“I am going to be looking for everything in recruiting this year,” Albrecht said.

The T-Birds will also have to fill the hole left in the middle by the departure of the 6’7” Gerald.

“Recruiting can be difficult when you don’t have a successful season. Winning does tend to cure a lot of things,” Albrecht said.

Thunderbirds soar in Linfield track meet

By Shauna Bjork
Staff Reporter

Aaron Fullwider competes in the Steeplechase during Saturday’s meet at Linfield

Pat McGuire and Aaron Sather set personal bests in the 10,000-meter run, qualifying for league championships.

Jerushon Foyston finished fifth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 16.06 seconds.

Olivia Palermo won the 400-meter dash with a time of 58.57. Palermo placed third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.80.

“She expects to win every race she’s in,” said Yates. “She is very capable of doing it.”

Arleicer West got a personal best in the shot put, throwing 38’ 2”.

West also threw the hammer for the first time in competition. Afterwards, coaches came up to her and patted her on the back, said Yates.

Nate Carter finished second in the shot put for the men with a throw of 48’ 4 1/2” which was six inches shy of his personal best.

“We were very competitive in every race we were in,” said Yates.

The track team is off to Mt. Hood, Saturday, March 8.

“There has been a renewed spirit in practice this week,” said Yates. “You always learn things about yourself when you compete.”
Highline kids get new place to play

By JOY PRADHAN
Staff Reporter

The ground breaking for Highline’s new Child Care/Development Center takes place in summer of 2000 and it will be occupied in the fall of 2004. The Child Care/Development Center, Building 18 A, is currently located next to the Instrucional Computing Center. The new center will be built in the southeast corner of the campus. It will be 4,000 square feet.

“Right now we have 70 children per hour, and in the new building we will have 115 children per hour, plus we will be taking infants which we don’t take now,” said Joyce Riley, the program director of Child Care/Development Center. Riley said that the new building will be funded through State budget.

“The proposed budget is over $5 million,” said Riley.

Lots of new things are added to the new building. Riley said that there is going to be a room for children whose parent are not registered at Highline, but they are here to register for classes or take an ASSET test. “It is a whole new service that we have not been able to offer before,” Riley said.

There will also be a break room and a staff room, a reception area, a teacher prep area and a nurse’s station which the old Child Care/Development Center doesn’t have.

Judy Somerville, Child Care specialist and Head Start teacher said that the new building will be much larger than the current one and have smaller, separate classrooms for different age groups.

Childcare kids Ray Taylor, Osmat Shamideen, Wyatt Stewart, and Hunter Kelly set the newest winter trend for Highline big kids to follow.

“In this old building, children from 3-5 years are in the same classroom,” said Somerville. “In the new building we will have a 3-year-old classroom, a 4-year-old classroom, and a 5-year-old classroom.”

Highline’s Childcare/Development Center was established in 1976 and was one of the first on-campus child care centers in Washington. “Parents register their children for the quarter just like the students register for their classes,” said Somerville.

“Parents must be associated with Highline as registered students, faculty, staff, or state employees to register their child.”

“Some parents come from Kent, some from Des Moines. Geographically they are spread out,” Somerville said. “We have a nursing student that comes as far as from Gig Harbor.”

“The hours of the center vary from quarter to quarter. The Center is open on all days the Highline classes are in session. For Winter Quarter, the center is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday thru Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. Fees are based on a sliding scale.”

“The fee ranges from $2.50 to $3.75 per hour,” Somerville said.

The Center offers variety of activities to the children like arts and crafts, story time, circle time and group time. The Center has a staff of 20.

“In this building we have four child care specialists,” said Somerville. “Each child, when they come here, is assigned to one childcare specialist, so they can work more essentially with that person but the children do get to know all the staff.”

Children can be challenging and they like to test limits. Somerville said that the children cry especially when it is their first child care experience. “We allow them to cry because they are entitled to their feelings,” Somerville said. “And we help them through it and let them know that parents always come back for their children.”

The Center has an open house before the children’s first day of school. Children can come with their parents and look around and meet the teachers and know where their cubby is and where to put their coat.

Somerville said that generally the children don’t cry after a week or two.

“If it was a long-long term, and the child was so very devastated and not able to work through it, we would see if we could help the family,” Somerville said.

Although the children typically get use to the center, there are some kids that just don’t like the setting. “Sometimes it is not just a good match and they need to have children in a smaller setting,” Somerville said.

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CPR class breathes new life

By ANESSA SCHLYER
Staff Reporter

Awakened in the early morn- ing by your mother’s scream, you rush to your parents’ bed- room. There you find your fa- ther lying motionless on the floor. Your mother tells you that he had been feeling ill for sev- eral hours and had vomited. She says that he emerged from the bathroom clutching his chest and in obvious pain. He sud- denly collapsed to the floor.

You want to help, but what do you do?

“I use this scenario with my students and discuss how they should respond,” said Robert Yates, a CPR instructor at Highline.

On Saturday, March 22 be- tween 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., the Highline campus will be hosting the American Red Cross as they strive to achieve their goal of training and certifying 500 citi- zens in CPR for free.

When someone stops breath- ing, or their heart stops beating, it takes a mere four to six min- utes before the lack of oxygen will cause brain damage.

Waiting for 911 emergency crews to arrive isn’t enough, knowing Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) can be the difference of life and death.

Highline CPR instructor Robert Nick Tolkmits.

"CPR is such a basic essen- tial skill, if one person in every family is certified it provides a safety net for everyone," said Don Shaw of the American Red

Cross, "The Northwest is one of the safest places because of CPR skills so many people already posses." More than 1.5 million heart

attacks occur each year, and about 350,000 of those people die before ever reaching a hos- pital.

That’s why the Red Cross is providing free CPR certification and training in March.

The Red Cross has set up an easy four-step process that lasts two and one half hours.

The four process steps start with signing in and if you not pre-registered, you may register now via the phone at 206-726- 3534 or in Building 3.

After the election day is over, with the fun, begins.

In Building 7 you start the introductory CPR video then you will proceed to be involved it for some hands on action packed training and practice with Rescue Annie one of the CPR manikins.

Finally all participants will head up to the back half of Building 3 for testing and pre- sentation of the certificates along with additional handouts.

“How many times are you out at a Sonics game or some- thing and someone is choking or has a heart attack and somebody asks, ‘Is there a Doctor in the house?’” Shaw asked.

The free CPR class at Highline in March will provide you with the necessary skills to respond in crucial moments such as that.

Photo by Mike Alton

if you need an extra $25 to $50 and you can give a mean speech, you need to register for the Speech Slam by Friday, March 7. The Speech Slam is a campus-wide competition open to all students, staff, and teach- ers sponsored by Pi Sigma, a chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa.

“Speech Slam is such a neat event – it’s yet another opportu- nity for students on campus to have their voices heard. And that’s al- ways a good thing,” said speech teacher Laura Man- nning. “People should come to the event if they can support their classmates, they’ll get to vote for the winner!”

The Speech Slam competi- tors will have the opportunity to present an informative or a per- suasive speech on “Healthcare: Choices in the Maze.” The speeches should address con- cerns surrounding personal health choices, local/world health related politics, health technology, funding, ethical is- sues, and other topics that can be found on the Honors Colloq- uy website.

Competitors will have the opportunity to present their speeches at the first session of the Honors Colloquy on Wednesday, March 12. The speeches should be no longer than 10 minutes, should have appropriate source citations, and memorization will not be pre- ferred or required.

First place winner will take home $50, second prize, $35 and third place will walk away with $25. For more information visit: http://flight-line.highl- ine.ctu.edu/colloquy/index.htm on the web.

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By INNA DENCHIK
Staff Reporter

Student government sponsors voter drive

By JYOTI PRADHAN
Staff Reporter

Student Government wants Highline students to register to vote.

A voter registration drive will be held in the classrooms from March 10-14.

“The voter registration drive is a part of the effort to increase legislative awareness and par- ticipation,” said Highline Stu- dent Government President Stefan Alano.

“This is the first time Highline is conducting voter registration drive in partnership with the faculty.”

Alano said that Student Gov- ernment didn’t have the capac- ity to reach all the Highline stu- dents.

“There is no way to get all the students to come in for one particular event,” said Alano.

“Students who have much more access to the student body, Student Gov- ernment is trying to make the voter registration drive success- ful.”

Alano’s first move was to approach the Faculty Senate. “That went pretty well and then I drafted the information and sent it via e-mail to the facul- ty list to see if I could get any responses,” Alano said. “I got few responses.”

It wasn’t the response that Student Government had set in order to reach the goal.

Alano then made one-on-one appointments with different facul- ty members to see if they were interested in making voter registration successful and get- ting the faculty to sign for it.

“First we will collect the names of all the interested facul- ty members, their class infor- mation and how many students are in their class. So, we can get the materials ready for the drive,” said Alano.

“So far we have had great faculty support.”

Student Government will provide the interested faculty members with forms, instruc- tions on how to fill out the form, sign-up sheets for students who are interested in getting more information about legislative is- sues, and sign-up sheets to col- lect names of students who are already registered to vote.

The voter registration form will be given to the students by the faculty during the class time.

“It will take 5-10 minutes to fill out the form,” said Alano.

However, Alano realizes that taking class time is one of the major drawbacks of their goal.

“When one student registers to vote during one class and another teacher does it in another class, then we are taking double their time,” said Alano.

At the same time, I feel the benefits strongly outweigh all those negative effects that will have on class time.”

Alano said that class time is extremely important but it is also extremely important to try to get Highline students and our community involved in this leg- islative process.

He also said that students need to voice their opinion through voting which is one more opportunity for them to make an impact in the world around them.

“Especially, with the things that are going on with federal is- sues, government and war which is controversial,” Alano said.

To register to vote, the stu- dent must be a citizen of the United States of America, a le- gal resident of the State of Washington and at least 18 years old.

“Even if a small percentage of students signed up for voter registration, I feel that it has en- couraged them to be involved in the legislative process,” said Alano.

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Highline’s community becomes a vision

BY RYAN SHELL  Staff Reporter

Pacific Highway is getting a facelift of drastic proportions, as is much of the area surrounding Highline.

City planners from Kent and Des Moines are working closely with University of Washington graduate students to develop a vision for the future of the community. Key members from the planning group met at Highline on Saturday to hear from local residents and business owners who expressed both excitement and concern for the project.

Gloria Gould-Wessen, lead planner from the city of Kent, said the purpose of the three-hour workshop was “to find out what this area could be like in the future.”

The cities have chosen to utilize the talents of the UW’s Urban Design and Planning students to help form the plan.

“The UW students are going to be instrumental in this project,” said Gould-Wessen.

In general, the plan is a laundry list of improvements to the area between Kent-Des Moines Road and 272nd Street. Much of the area of development is planned along Pacific Highway South although the boundaries include the entire space between I-5 and 20th Ave South to the east and west of Pacific Highway.

Some developments are already in the works, including the road construction on Pacific Highway that many students struggle through on their way to class each morning. Similar construction is occurring along the highway in Federal Way and is going to incorporate not only wider lanes, but a raised median and u-turns each quarter-mile. Aesthetic changes are also planned, including trees, grass and lighting improvements.

All of the proposals, one in particular may have a shockingly large impact on the area, and Highline as well. The Seattle Sounders soccer team is moving closer to securing financing for a new soccer stadium and practice complex.

The proposed site for the facility is the closed King County landfill located just south of the Midway swap-meet.

Nathan Torgelson, economic development manager for the city of Kent, said the facility will include six practice fields open to the public as well as the stadium that can seat as many as 10,000 fans.

Members of the community expressed major concerns about sending their children to play soccer on a landfill.

Torgelson answered their concerns saying, “The cap will not be permeated by construction.”

The graduate students played a large role in the workshop, facilitating small group discussions with members of the community.

“This is an opportunity for us to learn,” said Andrew Brand, one of the UW students. “We can look at books and charts all we want, but until we talk to actual people who live and work in the area we can’t get an idea of how to move forward.”

The students stressed that this is the beginning of the program. Their intention was to hear what the community wanted to see preserved and what they would like to see eliminated or added to the area.

From here the planners intend to incorporate what they heard from the residents into a draft for the plan as a whole, bringing the different developments into synchronization. Implementation will not occur until both Kent and Des Moines’ city councils approve the planning commission’s recommendation.

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Time is Running Out

BASTYR UNIVERSITY
Students become one with computers

BY INNA DENCHIK
Staff Reporter

The Business Technology Lab is preparing for another successful quarter at Highline.

"We were surprised at how quickly our classes filled last quarter," said Jessica Gilmore, instructor in the Business Technology Department.

The Business Technology Lab has existed for two or three years, but the modularized continuous enrollment class first became available for students this Winter Quarter.

"I'm very conscious because the lab has flexible hours and the instructors are always available if I need help," said student Lang Tang. "I am signing up for another B-Tech class next quarter!"

The B-Tech program consists of five modularized classes, which teach and help students improve their skills in a variety of different computer subjects, starting from Beginning Keyboarding and down to Corel WordPerfect.

The lab is attached to the Business Technology Program but is available to students across campus. According to Gilmore, the lab is a benefit to any student in any major.

"I would encourage people from other departments to utilize the B-Tech Program," said Gilmore.

Advanced Keyboarding is one example of the five classes available to students, staff, and even faculty.

This class is set up to improve speed and accuracy in students who already know how to keyboard.

"It can help a student type their Writing 101 papers faster," said Gilmore.

Like the other four B-Tech lab classes, Microsoft Windows, Beginning Keyboarding, Microsoft Word, and Corel WordPerfect, Advanced Keyboarding are conveniently available every hour of the school day.

The B-Tech lab is a continuous enrollment program that gives students the opportunity to add and drop credits of the lab class throughout the quarter.

Events being planned for unity week

BY DANNY KANG
Staff Reporter

Highline will be celebrating its sixth annual Unity Through Diversity Week April 28 through May 2.

"I am enthusiastic about the upcoming program," said Lisa Bernhagen, Unity Through Diversity Week committee member.

The committee plans are to cover issues that will emphasize race, gender, class, sexual orientation and disability issues that keep us from understanding and from communicating with each other.

Also the committee plans on having programs implemented so that students on campus have the opportunity to get exposed to different cultures outside their own. This will give people appreciation of others.

The Unity Through Diversity Committee is working with Team Highline and other clubs and organizations to come up with a number of events to fulfill the goal of trying to promote awareness for students, faculty and staff about the diversity around us.

At a later time, dates will be provided for events such as speakers, workshops, and art displays and different themes.

Teaching positions to open in next decade

BY KELLEY RIGGIO
Staff Reporter

Future teachers are invited to an Education Transfer Fair this Friday, March 7.

The fair will be in Building 2 from 9 a.m. to noon.

In the next 10 years, Washington state will be in need of 2.2 million teachers.

Highline's professors and advisors recognize this opportunity and are ready and willing to help students be prepared to fill the void.

"Highline has a very good future preparation program. This is just one resource available for students," education professor Joan Graham said.

Representatives from 13 Washington four-year schools will be available to provide information and answer questions. They will be able to shed some light on the requirements needed to transfer into the teaching programs at their respective schools.

Some of the schools that will be represented are: Pacific Lutheran, Washington State, Eastern Washington, Central Washington, and Northwest College.

Many students are clueless when it comes to transferring to a four-year school, Graham said.

This fair is designed to give them the knowledge they need to make the transition as smooth as possible.

"We are hoping to encourage people to go into teaching and want to help them transfer successfully," Graham said.
Hammerin' Jack

A construction worker from AA Asphalting hammers away at Pacific Highway. The asphalt restoration project is scheduled to be done in May.

Photo by Adrienne Hughes

Concurrent enrollment ends

BY JYOTI PRADHAN
Staff Reporter

Highline is not offering concurrent enrollment any more due to the new tuition structure. Concurrent enrollment allowed students to take classes simultaneously at different community colleges without having the students pay more than they would have to pay for 10 credits.

Last year when the tuition from 10 to 18 credits were the same, concurrent enrollment helped students save money. Students who took 10 credits at one community college could take up to eight credits at another community college and they would not have to pay more tuition except for incidental fees.

"The mother school, which is the school that the student is taking 10 credits at, would fill out a form," said Associate Dean for Enrollment Services Becky Riverman. "And the student would have to take the form to the host school, the school where the student decided to take the rest of the eight credits."

Most schools have stopped doing concurrent enrollment due to the new tuition structure. Last year, prior to the new tuition structure, 18 students from Highline used concurrent enrollment, said Riverman.

"What we found out through our finance system is that it was difficult to calculate those fees," Riverman said.

Highline is moving into tuition increase. Currently tuition for 1-10 credits is at $63.05 per credit and from 11-18 credits is at $6.10 per credit.

"We don't know what the new tuition structure is going to look like next year. It is going to increase," Riverman said. When the registrars met last year, they decided that Highline no longer offer concurrent enrollment for a couple of reasons.

"First of all, the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges were there and they said that throughout the 34 community colleges in the state of Washington, only 60-70 students used concurrent enrollment," Riverman said. "So, it was not really something that was being used."

According to Riverman, the second reason that Highline is not offering concurrent enrollment is that the financial officers and the computer software could not calculate the tuition correctly.

"I don't think concurrent enrollment will be offered in the future because we are moving towards the per credit system and there would be no benefit," said Riverman. "Basically concurrent enrollment is something that we can no longer manage; that is why we don't offer it."

The Patriot Act finds disagreement at Highline

BY GREG FLEETHART
Staff Reporter

The USA Patriot Act violates our rights guaranteed to us through the U.S. Constitution, a student said at a forum here last week.

The H.C.C. 4 Human Rights club held a forum on Thursday, Feb. 27, in building 7, entitled, "Know your Homeland Security."

The H.C.C. 4 Human Rights President Erika Savoy started off the forum by reading a letter that she has written to her congress people. Savoy expressed her deep pride in being an American citizen, but said she believes that the Patriot Act violates the constitution, which makes America great.

Savoy asked in her letter, "Do I live in a new America? An America where I need to be fearful, where I need to be paranoid, where I can no longer exercise my rights guaranteed to me through the Constitution of the United States?"

The audience was given the opportunity to see how much they know about Homeland Security before the Patriot Act was explained to them. A 10 question online survey was shown to the audience and the majority answer was chosen. The end result was 90 percent accuracy.

Christopher Monfort presented his point of view about America's foreign policy and where exactly our tax money goes.

Monfort gave an example of what he said are misused tax dollars. "The King of Saudi Arabia, all of his children and relatives, and an entourage of more than 3,000 people have been vacationing on Spain's coast in Del Sol since August 14," said Monfort.

This activity is spending approximately 185 million of American taxpayers' dollars. This is just one of many examples of misuse of our money that was presented by Monfort.

"We are supposed to be the people that dictate what fairness is, truth, honesty, and justice." Yet according to Monfort, people in Saudi Arabia are being mistreated and abused, and we are supporting their government.

"I don't have a problem with helping people," said Monfort. "But if we are going to help people, we have to distribute funds equally.

America supports their military activities with up to 825 million dollars for things such as troop and equipment relocation.

ACLU attorney Mariam J. Naini has worked for many companies such as Amazon.com and Microsoft and has looked at the 342 page Patriot Act with scrutiny.

She discussed parts of the act that concerned her the most, including that people in America are being mistreated and abused, and we that we can no longer manage; that is why we don't offer it."

The police must present the warrant eventually, but it could be years before a warrant is actually shown.

"I have nothing to hide, but the fact that this can happen to me is scary," said Naini.

Naini hopes that America will keep security tight, while still respecting and preserving our rights.

The Foundation Scholarship

Packets Available $83,000 for Students

The Foundation at Highline Community College is pleased to announce that the Scholarship Application packets for the 2003-2004 academic year are available for students to pick-up. Through the efforts of the Board of Directors of the Foundation there are 57 scholarships totaling over $83,000 available to students. This is the greatest number and the largest total dollar amount in the Foundation's history. Applications can be picked up in Building 9 (Resource Development Office), Building 8 (Student Program's Office) and Building 6 (Financial Aid Office).

We will also mail over 800 applications to surrounding high schools, as some scholarships are available to entering students.

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One goal includes negotiated performance contracts referred to as compacts that would establish direct accountability between higher education institutions and the Legislature. Guidelines and standards would range from student retention and graduation rates to faculty productivity and fiscal responsibility.

Priest said that the idea behind the bill is to truly develop a working relationship with higher education institutions and the Legislature with clearly stated goals and accountability to ensure the institutions meet these goals.

"The focus is not on performance audits, but really is on the job of the Legislature to meet the funding needs to reach these goals," Priest said.

Priest said the bill forces the Legislature to make realistic goals that deal with policy and funding. He said that most of the time these studies end up getting filed away, waiting for better economic times that never come.

This bill deals with the situation at hand, Priest said. He wrote the legislation after sitting in committee hearings for five weeks and hearing all doom and gloom.

He said he asked if the outlook was really as bad as it sounded and was met with a distinct "yes."

"It became clear we needed to take real measures and not just budget for budget's sake," Priest said. So he began working on his bill and heard testimony from various representatives of higher education this last week.

Priest said he doesn't think we have time for countless studies that don't produce results.

"We really only have a five- or six-year window of opportunity," Priest said. Priest said he could not support proposals to start spending current and future resources without a legitimate plan now.

State Rep. Dave Upthegrove, D-33rd District, said he thinks Priest is on the right track and that will be good for Highline.

"Priest is a good addition for the Legislature to make realistic goals that deal with policy and funding," the Des Moines Democrat said. "It is nice to have an 'R' to rally the Republican side."

Priest and Upthegrove also discussed their work on ensuring Highline's capital budget request for the joint center with Central Washington University.

"We will do what we can to make sure that the collaboration is successful and that it is in the budget," Priest said.

Upthegrove said he met with Highline President Priscilla Bell as well as the lobbyist for CWU and he is going through the necessary motions to keep things moving.

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