Students vote again today

BY VALERIE GOLLIER
STAFF REPORTER

Student Senator elections continue today—for a second time. Student Government officials have high hopes that the results won't again be marked by fraudulent voting.

The new election started yesterday, Wednesday at 12:01 a.m., and polls will be open until tonight, Thursday at midnight. Students can vote through www.highline.edu by clicking on student elections. New fields will also be added to the voting process for extra security of the election, and to try to prevent any fraudulent activity.

Voting links will be open during business hours from the main page, said Student Government adviser Jonathan Brown.

This time fraudulent voting will be way less accessible, Brown said last week.

"Students should vote," Brown said.

The results of the election will be posted on Friday, Nov. 21; Student Government officials are shooting for noon. Officials said that they will be doing an extremely careful verifying process this time.

The nature of the fraudulent voting from the previous election was that several students were voting on the behalf of other students. Such fraud occurred by students entering student ID numbers that were not their own to cast votes.

Student Government officials say that there is now over 60 fraudulent votes total, and these votes will be counted.

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Financial Aid staff member handles stress with laughter

BY CHANDRA SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

A student stomps out of the office, pointing a finger at her and yelling, "You ruined my life."

"Some anxious students call her three and four times a week about their checks, and burst into tears at the prospect of not being able to pay for college. Others threaten and swear at her in impromptu tantrums. She deals with it on a daily basis.

Through it all Norma Finsterbusch, program assistant for Financial Aid, says she remains young at heart.

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Parking illegally can get you towed

BY BRYAN SWANSON
STAFF REPORTER

On a typical day, Highline students fight for parking spaces. Some students turn to the Baskin Robbins parking lot, while braver students ignore the towing signs, or do not see them, and park in the empty spaces near campus anyway. The Baskin Robbins lot has been some students' secret parking lot. The adjacent lot is large, gravel, and open, but is private property. The property appears to be great for parking cars, but the lot has many signs put up warning drivers that unauthorized vehicles parked there can be towed by Special Interest Towing.

Ian Taylor parked in the gravel lot by some blackberry bushes one day this school year because he was running late. It was early in the quarter, when there are not many spaces available. He was behind schedule and did not have the time to look for a spot in the Highline lots, Taylor said.

"It was the second time I parked there. It seemed that the signs were put up when they towed my car," Taylor said.

Other cars were parked in the lot with his. When he got back there was another guy on his phone; it looked like he got his car towed too, said Taylor.

"It really pissed me off because I knew what happened. My first impulse was that it was stolen but then I realized what happened," Taylor said.

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Thanksgiving for the frugal student -see story, page 5

Women's soccer makes in finals, please and thank you -see story, page...
International culture stories astound

Visiting marriage brings hailstorm of questions from attentive crowd

By Chris Meinhardt  Staff Reporter

Instead of visiting a country, people of the Mosuo culture visit marriage. Tanyi Tang was one of three Highline teachers who shared travel and work experiences during International Week.

Tang, an ESL teacher at Highline had everyone captivated by the cultural richness she shared about China. He visited the province of Vin Nhan where over 55 ethnic groups peacefully coexist; and 26 of them are considered minorities.

Tang told a tale of the mystical Mosuo of the Dongba culture who dwell along Lugu Lake near 800 year old Lijiang. They have their own ancient pictographic language and a curious custom called "visiting marriage." Suddenly you could hear a pin drop while Tang had everyone's rapt attention.

"STD's didn't really seem to be a problem," Tang said. "AIDS is apparently a problem along the border of Thailand, where unfortunately drug distribution plays a part."

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Giving Tree seeks more kind hearts

Team Highline and Women's Programs need 30 more families sponsored in their Giving Tree program. This Friday, Professor Igor Glozman presents a Science Seminar on neutron stars. He will answer the self-posed question: What is the connection between a new star as bright as the Moon discovered 1,000 years ago and little green men discovered about 40 years ago?

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Thirty scholarships available for fall

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship Program will award approximately 30 scholarships to students planning to transfer to a four-year university in fall 2004.

The amount and duration of the individual scholarships will vary, and the maximum allowed is $30,000 per year.

Contact Jacob N. Sneva, educational planning and retention coordinator at 206-878-3710, ext. 3525.
For many students college is a grind. For Minh Ta every day is a joy.

Minh and her husband, Thoa Le, study English at Highline. Class is never a labor for them: the opportunity to study is a gift they didn't enjoy in their native Vietnam. The couple and their extended family were caught up in the aftermath of the Vietnam war, which led to restrictions on where they could live and what they could do.

Minh's father had collaborated with US forces and was a POW from the war's end in 1975 until 1982. Because of this Minh was barred from living in the city of Saigon or from holding a government job. She was only able to work for foreign-owned businesses and ostracized for her family's past. Her good friend, who lived in California, urged her to try to get out with her family many times over the years.

This was very difficult given the terms of refugee immigration. Tears well up in Minh's eyes as she retells the saddest of all details. "My father was in a POW camp for seven years. After seven years he was set free. He was only home for one month as a free man, and then he died," she said.

This meant under the law that his family was not entitled to refugee rights. Had he died in prison they would not permit me or my mother to leave in 1982," said Minh. Being married later changed that.

Her husband Thoa's father survived eight years as a POW camp. He was banished to the countryside from Da Nang and sought asylum in the United States for his whole family in 1995.

Thoa stayed behind in Vietnam to care for his ailing 91-year-old grandmother and his new young family. They exchanged last letters.

Eleven months ago Minh and her daughter Vy were quietly preparing food for a family dinner at their home in Vietnam. All of a sudden a 10-ton truck plowed right through her living room, causing the whole front of the house to collapse. Her husband was not home. She quickly called for help to get the two people who were pinned under the truck. "They were just walking by," Minh said. "Things were flying everywhere and the stench smell was very strong."

In 15 minutes her home was being steamed with police, neighbors, and family, all orchestrating the lift of what was left of the 11-ton truck to free the two trapped men. Wading through tons fish food intended for fertilizer made the task unbearable. The stench was stifling. Shortly thereafter, they moved to the US.

"We couldn't live in the house after that," Minh said. After the war, she had lived in Bien Hoa, part of Dong Nai province in Vietnam, 15 miles from Saigon. The home that was now half collapsed had been passed down from her husband Thoa's family.

Sleepless nights caused by the past have dawned into hopeful, smiling mornings.

Thoa's smile is contagious as he takes his little girl's hand. His aim is to be able to support his family. That means extended family to him, because, for now, four generations live under one roof here in Seattle.

Minh advanced quickly in English as a Second Language (ESL) classes here at Highline and finished her general office courses early, said her instructor, Monica Chung. Her husband Thoa's family also does very well in English and he's really motivated to learn, according to ESL teacher Heidi La Mare. They are glad to be reunited with family here even though they are still paying for their passage from Vietnam. By finally convincing Grandma to go to the US the whole family got to come to Seattle.

"I am so happy to be in America and learn English," Minh said. "We are very happy for our daughter Vy."

As if to punctuate her mother's sentence, 3-year-old Vy smiles generously as she gently explores the classroom where her parents take ESL. She is a beautiful child with eyes full of wonder.

"She loves her pre school and the teachers are so good, Minh continues. "In Vietnam three teachers would have to take care of 30-40 children. They just don't have time to spend with each child like here. We know education is better in the United States and we want the best for our child, and for her future," she said.
IN THE KNOW

A clean campus starts with you

Many students have complained recently about the poor levels of cleanliness at Highline’s cafeteria. And they are absolutely right. A plethora of tables can be found consumed by coffee cups, cream-cheese-smothered knives, and half-used ketchup packets lined up like wounded soldiers. As if the mere sight of them weren’t enough to make you disgusted, the first time your hand or sleeve becomes bonded to the table’s sticky surface, you will quickly agree with all the complainers. Everyone should be thankful this horrendous display of inadequacy can only be seen between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

You can also be thankful a solution has been found. After much time and research, a conclusion has been drawn that students must add one more lesson to their already full academic plates, and that lesson is how to clean up after yourselves.

While this idea may be difficult for some students to grasp you can relax in knowing those who were raised by wolves or were wealthy enough to have been constantly waited on throughout the duration of their lives are found in small numbers here at Highline.

Some of you may still be sitting, possibly in the cafeteria right now surrounded by the filth, whining that this is an impossible idea, and the real answer is to hire an efficient table cleaning task force to come in and put an end to the problem. As an endearment of its idea as it is and putting aside the location of the fines, this plan of action is highly implausible for many reasons.

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In cafeteria utopia there are self-cleaning tables; at Highline there are self-cleaning students. Secondly the cafeteria staff has done its best to keep on top of messes and spills, however if they were to wipe down every table following use, and pick up every leftover napkin, left behind food tray or muffin wrapper, there would be no one to make your food, work the register, or stock the soda fridge, all things students would surely complain about. If you find yourself sitting there, possibly in the cafeteria right now surrounded by the filth, whining that this is an impossible idea, and the real answer is to hire an efficient table cleaning task force to come in and put an end to the problem. As an endearment of its idea as it is and putting aside the location of the fines, this plan of action is highly implausible for many reasons.

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If for those of you still convinced cleaning up after yourself isn’t the solution, you should know it’s in this year, all the cool kids are doing it, and even lazy people can do it. Sure go ahead and toss that empty tray next to you. You are making everyone’s cafeteria experience better, you are a great person.

I write this column for a reason. Well three reasons actually. One because if I didn’t there would be a huge open space on this page; two it is slightly therapeutic and really entertaining to give advice; and three because for some obscure reason unknown to me. I actually believe that reading my column may have an impact on your day.

Hopefully you smirk when I attempt humor, or smile when you can relate to my column and realize that you’re not alone. However chances are, especially if you know me you probably gather more humor in my ironic statements of self proclaimed sleaziness and reformed melodrama. I am not saying that I don’t live up to the advice I preach in my column, I’m just stating those who know me may find that what I type is not always how I have been in the past.

This week I plan to confirm that I am living my advice pending that you read through the rest of my column.

So this week’s column is about giving thanks. Being that Thanksgiving is next week and many articles and columns will be written surrounding the true meaning of Thanksgiving I assumed I should cash in on the holiday moral the week before the next issue, in which far more interesting stuff will be printed.

Now after such a lengthy introduction here it is.

In my life I am very quick to let others know when they have pissed me off, and in grave detail of how they did it so it does not happen again. I am what you would call a very informative complainer. I realized that the ratio of my complaining to my praising of other people is way out of favor in my way of complaining.

It’s not that I am a completely ungrateful or unobservant person. Sometimes I just forget to extend a sincere thanks. This has been a recurring problem in my life, in fact the 15 years worth of half written thank you notes under my bed (sorry mom, I meant to mail them) tell me I have a problem.

The idea came for this column came when I was at a recent movie screening to write a review. I had forgotten the ticket and was unable to get in. At a local radio station was holding a screening of the same movie, when the radio station employee heard my dilemma she gave me two of her tickets. Afterwards I was so thankful I promised to e-mail the radio station the next day and tell them what a wonderful employee they have.

Well some how in the mix of life I completely forgot to write the radio. I actually didn’t remember until I received a letter commending me for a recent article I had written. I suddenly was over come with pride and then guilt. It felt really great to be told I had done a great job. I realized had I taken five minutes to e-mail the employee of the radio station I could have made them feel this way also.

At this point in my column I was going to take the time to personally thank people in my life that deserve and live up to my promise of proving I take my own advice, however, I am running out of room, and really during the holiday season it is the thought that counts people, think about that.

Cat wants you to know you can always send her gratitude via email: atrillo@highline.edu
Thanksgiving
on a budget

The biggest meal of the year doesn't have to break your wallet and your waistline.

Tired of talkin' turkey? Try these tasty alternatives.

**By Rachel Scanlon**
**Staff Reporter**

My sister offered to do last year's Thanksgiving for our immediate family, which includes four brothers, three sisters, Mom, Dad, aunt, uncle, six cousins, five nieces, one nephew and my brother's girlfriend.

When in the vicinity of food, my family behaves like a pack of hungry hyenas fighting over a scrap of zebra. However, my sister was not deterred by the time, energy, and quantity of food required to feed the voracious Scanlon clan. She set off about two days before Thanksgiving, clutching a generous grocery list in her hand. About an hour later, I heard her car pull up into the driveway. Pulling my two younger brothers, our mother and my brother's girlfriend, we dashed inside to help carry the bounty of food into the house. We discovered my sister sitting in her (grocery-) less car, with a forlorn expression on her face.

My sister's selfless plan to take on Thanksgiving came to a crashing halt due to something which most of us can relate to: lack of funds. I believe her desire to commandeer our Thanksgiving feast arose from a common enough trait in the world where most students are either living at home with their parents or in college, share a place with a roommate, or are Newly Moved Out and without taking out a loan. My aim in telling this story was not to discourage those of you who are Newly Moved Out of Mom and Dad's House and wish to prepare Thanksgiving dinner solo AND who are on a budget.

Many of these ingredients you can find around the house, therefore the more difficult ingredients have been added up for you.

### Stuffing

1. 1/2 cup butter
   - Medium sized onion
2. 2 celery stocks=. .79
3. 8 cups dry bread cubes=. .20
4. 2 tbsp fresh parsley
5. 2 tbsp poultry seasoning
6. 1 tsp salt
7. 1/4 tsp pepper
8. 1/2 cup chicken broth

On medium heat melt the butter, brown onion and celery until tender. Combine and mix the bread, parsley, poultry seasoning, salt and pepper. Add broth and stir until evenly moistened.

### Corn Casserole

1 package of saltine crackers (four packages come to a box) $1.50
1 tablespoon butter 4 eggs, slightly beaten 1/2 cup half and half $.99
3 cups creamed corn $2.49

Crush crackers in a bowl. Mix in softened butter. Set aside. Mix together all ingredients, except crackers and butter, in a casserole dish. Bake in a preheated oven at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Spread buttered crackers evenly over top. Return to oven for 20 more minutes.

Total out of pocket cost: $2.49.

### Green Bean Casserole

1 10 3/4 can cream of mushroom soup $.79
4 4 oz. cooked green beans $.79 a can; 1.59 frozen... .59 a pound fresh)
3/4 cup milk
1 1/3 cups fried onions $1.99

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**Thanksgiving**

November 20, 2003 The Thunderword

**By Bri Church**
**Staff Reporter**

Halloween is over, Veteran's Day is through, November is ending, but now what do you do? Next month you'll be visited by Mr. Jolly Pat you know who, but first you must give thanks for all you have—and the fact you're not a turkey... woo-hoo.

Thanksgiving is a time when friends and family come together to show their appreciation for all they have, share their cherished memories, create new ones—stuff their faces full of food, unbottle their pants and fight over which football games to watch.

"My dad is so psycho when it comes to the TV," said student Courtney Anderson, "that our family just lets him alone and we go into another room and talk."

"My dad does the same thing," agreed Collin Brock. Besides dealing with this typified male obsession with football on Thanksgiving, Highline students recall a few of their other favorite family traditions.

Student Katie Biek believes that the holiday provides a rather unique opportunity to reconnect with loved ones.

"My family plays a lot of touch football," she says. "It can get really brutal though."

"I like to play trivial pursuit, with my family," said Eric Barth. "I'm more of a backgammon girl myself," countered Sara Ball. According to Heather Lockman, Thanksgiving is a special time to get together with family and share in great food.

"I actually have to stare myself for like two days to get ready for Thanksgiving," said Krista Donohue, "otherwise I don't think I could handle all of that food."

Despite these wide ranges of differing Thanksgiving traditions, all of these college students probably have one thing in common: a lack of funds.

In a world where most students are either living at home with their parents or in college, share a place with a roommate, or are Newly Moved Out and without taking out a loan, I believe my sister's mini-flasgo last year is what prompted me to find low-budget recipes, and then share them with my (mostly) "financially challenged" peers.

I believe I have succeeded in composing a list of the cheapest, but still delectable, recipes. Most of the ingredients can be found in your pantry, spice rack, or refrigerator, and those that must be purchased at a store won't deplete your bank account.

Show Mom and Dad (and your annoying kid brother) that you can create a delicious holiday meal without any assistance, and without taking out a loan.

### Turkey

1 turkey
Salt and pepper

### Castings

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8 cups dry bread cubes=. .20
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China invites jazz band to play tunes

By Arch Higgins
Staff Reporter

The Jazz Band will be flying to China next spring. They have been invited by the Kent Sister City Association to visit a cultural business exchange in Yangzhou. They will be flying into Shanghai on April 15, 2004 and will be traveling from there to Yangzhou.

The jazz band will be spending one week in China where they will be performing several concerts including the opening ceremony in Yangzhou for a cultural and business exchange.

The band will include 11 members and Dr. Sandra Glover and Todd Zimberg as the faculty advisers of the jazz club. The 11 members to go will be selected from the current 13 members who include; Becca Back on piano, Claire Benson on trumpet, JC Hedberg on saxophone, Daniel Hunt on percussion, Michelle Searle on vocals, Mike Steele on trumpet, DJ Yingling on electric bass, Daniel Calderon on clarinet and saxophone, Jerome Gagner on alto-sax, and other band members Natalie Chine, Laura Conn, Randy Zweigle, and Brandon Smith.

The jazz band's founding members are JC Hedberg, Bo Yingling, DJ Yingling, Becca Back, and Ben Johnston. It currently welcomes new members or people who would just like to learn a little more about it, for information contact Sandra Glover at Sglover@highline.edu.

The band is expected to perform three or four times in the Yangzhou amphitheater, which seats 50,000 people. They have also been told to expect a full house and are "very excited," said Dr. Glover. Because of this the Jazz Band has increased practice sessions from once a week to twice. The band now meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays to rehearse their ever-growing repertoire.

Other than that their itinerary is still in the planning stage, but will hopefully be all set before Christmas break.

The trip to China will be paid for through fund-raisers and with the help of donations, but mostly thanks to the parents of Bo Yingling.

Yingling was one of the founding members of jazz band but died last June in a swimming accident at Lake Fenwick.

Claire Benson, Mike Steele, and JC Hedberg practice for an upcoming performance.

Recipes

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Total out of pocket cost: $2.79

Cheese Biscuit Ring
2 cans Pillsbury flaky biscuits= $5.38
5 tbsp butter melted
1 clove garlic finely minced
3/4 grated Parmesan cheese= $2.83

Heat oven to 375 degrees and spray a 12-cup fluted bundt pan with non-stick spray. Separate dough into 20 biscuits. Combine margarine and garlic in a saucepan and put the parmesan cheese in a separate bowl. Continuously dip biscuits into margarine mixture and then into cheese until thinly covered. Stand biscuits on the edge of a prepared pan, but make sure to space evenly. Bake at 375 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm.

Total out of pocket cost: $3.00

Mashed Potatoes
4 medium potatoes= $2.29
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp sugar
2 tbsp butter
3/3 tbsp milk

Peel the potatoes and cut into quarters. Place in a large bowl of lemon water, drain, and then put drained potatoes in a large pot and coat with fresh water. Cover, bring to a boil, simmer for 25 minutes and drain. In a small saucepan bring the milk, butter, salt and sugar to a light simmer. Remove from heat.

Mash the potatoes and add milk mixture. Whip until light and fluffy. Total out of pocket cost: $2.29

Pumpkin Pie
1 9-inch prepared pie crust
(You could probably make your own crust, but it's easier to just buy one)= $3.00
2 eggs
3/4 cup sugar
1 1/2 tsp cinnamon
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp ginger
1/4 tsp nutmeg
16 ounce can of cooked pumpkin= $1.83
13 ounce can of evaporated milk= $0.99

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Beat eggs slightly in a large bowl and add remaining ingredients. Beat mixture again and pour into prepared pastry. Bake at 425 degrees for 15 minutes.

Reduce the oven to 350 degrees and continue baking for 45 minutes or until a knife is inserted into the center and comes out clean.

Total out of pocket cost: $5.82

Mandarin Salad
1 head romaine lettuce= $1.99
1 cup chopped celery, carrots and pecans= $0.79

Add mandarin oranges and vinaigrette. Total out of pocket cost: $4.67

For a great homemade salad dressing:
Raspberry Vinaigrette
1/4 cup fresh/frozen unsweetened raspberries= $1.99
2 tbsp lemon juice
2 tbsp red wine vinegar
1/2 tsp sugar
6 tbsp olive oil
Salt and brown pepper

Press thawed/fresh raspberries through a fine sieve into a medium sized bowl. Discard seeds and add lemon juice, sugar, and vinegar and whisk well. In a slow stream whisk in the olive oil and store in an airtight container.

Total out of pocket cost: $1.99

Salmon
1 Salmon
1/4 cup honey, butter
2 tbsp lemon juice
2 lemons thinly sliced

Melt together the honey, butter and lemon juice for a tasty glaze.

Arrange the salmon on an oven-safe pan, brush with glaze and cover with lemon. Broil 5-6 inches away from heat for 8 minutes, flip and brush with glaze again. Broil for an additional 8 minutes, remove from heat and present with lemon slice up.

Total out of pocket cost: $4.79
Fashion do's and dont's: students decide

BY ASA HALL  STAFF REPORTER

Some students at Highline sport the latest trends, while others simply prefer comfort. No matter the style, Highline student’s opinions vary when it comes to what’s hot and what’s not.

Velour tracksuits are just one of the many trends to hit big this year. Comfortable and stylish, they come in a range of colors. With a cute hooded top and matching velvet like pants, the velour suit is a necessity for some. Celebrities such as Jennifer Lopez and Madonna can’t get enough.

Unfortunately, this crazy frenzy has reached its plateau. Out of 100 surveyed, 76 Highline students said velour tracksuits are a don’t, and only 24 said it’s a do. While some students still enjoy this trend, most of the students are sick of it.

“They are tacky, unflattering, and ill fitting,” said Jessica Moore, a Highline student. Therefore, the final verdict is velour tracksuits are overrated.

Another hot trend this year in men’s jewelry. Diamonds in the ears, bling around the neck, and flashy watches are just a few fanatics who admire this chic yet distinct accessory.

“Men’s baggy jeans. Men’s baggy jeans are an entire complexity within itself. How this trend came about remains a mystery. Between the constant fiddling of readjusting the belt and the possibility of tripping, it’s a wonder this style has not been put to an end.”

“Don’t like tight jeans,” said Lincoln Steffen, Highline student. He prefers loose fit “but not too baggy where they are about to fall off.”

While opinions vary 52 Highline students said it’s a do and 48 said it’s a don’t.

Men’s baggy jeans are hot if “not too baggy,” said another Highline student. “Don’t wanna see your butt.”

While men like to wear pants loose, some women like to wear their undies tight.

Calvin Klein invented the thong in order to prevent panty lines from being visible on the runway.

Little did he know that this strange denim floss-type underwear would be a nationwide evolution.

“They hide your panty line,” said Layla Ornbreak, Highline student. But she hates “when people’s thongs are showing.”

Fifty Highline students said it’s a do, and 50 said it’s a don’t. Therefore, wear them as you please, just keep them unseen.

When it comes to fashion, for many Highline students it’s more about comfort than about style.

“I like to be really comfortable in what I am wearing,” said Maggie Yao, “So that I am able to concentrate and perform my best.”

‘Life and Death’ takes war and peace to a different level

BY BRIG CHURCH  STAFF REPORTER

It war is hell than peace must be described as heaven—or so one might assume.

In David Campton’s The Life and Death of Almost Everybody, the fall play that began its six-day run this past weekend, a group of incocious young actors brought to the Highline stage a unique spoof on the futility of war and peace in light of freedom and thought.

However, in this theater the lights never dimmed, the curtain never lifted, the stage was never even set and at the start of the play the audience was tempted to yell “get off the stage,” when a scruffy-looking Carlos Calvo suddenly emerged from the wings with a broom in tow and began sweeping the deserted theater floor. It was then that the audience realized this act was all apart of the performance—an illusion in itself.

The vacant stage sets the scene for a world of imagination as created by Calvo’s character, Sweeper. Sweeper is dead; a dew of mindless drones—appropriately dolled up in mime-like make-up—whose incessant need to worship and follow orders dismisses the concept of free thought. Calvo’s imagination seems to take on a life of its own.

What follows is a captivating take on the concept of war and peace featuring several well-known metaphorical figures, including Calvo as a God and his two main configurations, Young Man and Young Woman, played by DJ Taylor and Sonya Harris, as Adam and Eve.

In true theatrical form a necessary antagonist also emerges out of Sweeper’s own memories, thus the scene stealing, metaphor-spouting Aunt Harriet as played by Kirsten Olds, is born.

Embodying the ideal of mankind’s inevitable desire for friction, Harriet creates a sense of anarchy amongst the impressionable drones, turning her into a modern day Hitler, and Young Man and Young Woman into subter, more power-hungry forms of Hercules and Xena Warrior Princess.

Although Taylor and Harris are superb in their individual roles as Young Man and Young Woman and carry the burden of acting out Sweeper’s personal conscience beautifully, the romantic chemistry between the two actors is slightly askew.

The overall chemistry between the entire cast, however, is quite vibrant, with the standout performances of Calvo and Olds leading the way.

Whether creating a bolt of lightning or dealing with his endless inner conflicts, Calvo brings a naturalistic quality to a character that would normally seem outlandish.

Olds, on the other hand, uses her skilful comedic timing to turn the typical “bad guy” character into someone for whom the audience is actually tempted to root.

At the end of Sweeper’s conscious-ridden battle between good and evil, the question is posed: Do people truly have free will, or are we, ourselves, simply the mindless drones of a greater power? Or is the soul of the great Aunt Harriet: “You may be writing this script, but who is writing yours?”

Bottom line: If the concept of a single war can spawn such a unique production as The Life and Death of Almost Everybody, perhaps Highline students should unite and start up WWII.
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First place season comes to an end with 1-0 lose for Thunderbirds

BY DUSTIN NICKERSON

LAKEWOOD — The women's soccer team brought their season to an end last Sunday with a 1-0 loss in the championship game versus North Idaho.

The game was played here at Harry E. Lang Stadium south of Tacoma, and as the opening kickoff occurred, the first drizzle of rain started to fall.

The rain only got heavier as the winds picked up and the temperature dropped.

The stadium, acting almost like a wind tunnel, intensified the cool temperatures throughout the game.

North Idaho's Megan Houck scored the only goal in the fifth minute, on an unassisted shot.

A ball deflected out in front of Houck, who simply tapped the ball deflected out in front of the net. "They scored one lucky goal and that's all they needed," said forward Marianna Palermo, "and we gave it all and tried our hardest in that whole time, but the ball didn't go our way."

Despite the faster and more frequent attacks on the North Idaho goal in the second half, the T-Birds just couldn't get one in between the posts. "We just stuck it through until the end like we always have," said Palermo.

In the end, that wasn't enough, and North Idaho took their second women's soccer title in just three years.

For Highline, it was their highest finish since 1996 when they won the NWAACC title.

The T-Birds had also finished second the year before. Last Saturday, Highline defeated Spokane 2-1 in the semi-finals in what they thought would be their toughest game throughout the tourney.

The T-Birds took the lead early in the second half of that game off of a picture-perfect corner kick from Palermo that was headed in by Krissi Shimp.

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For Highline, it was their second women's soccer season to an end last in the Southwest Division (which they won this year), winning just a single game on Dec. 12.

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"We had a lot of confidence going into the championships after that win," McLaughlin said.

But North Idaho's scrappy game was enough to hammer Highline's confidence and take the trophy back home. This all despite the Cardinals losing their head coach Bill Eisenwinter last spring in a car crash.

Even with Highline's disappointing finish in the North Idaho game, the season was nothing short of remarkable for the T-Birds.

Last season, the women finished dead last in the Southwest Division (which they won this year), winning just a single game.

In McLaughlin's first full year of recruitment this season, he put together a team that only started two freshmen, yet still won 11 games.

Because of this, McLaughlin was named the head coach of the year.

Palermo, who before getting injured was chasing the NWAACC scoring title, was also named the league MVP and will start in the All-star game.

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With 12 freshmen returning, freshman and McLaughlin's proven recruiting skills, things can only get better next season for the T-Birds.

"It'll be exciting to say the least," said McLaughlin.

LAKEWOOD — The Highline women's soccer team had one of the most remarkable turnaround seasons in school history this fall, but man oh man, does second place hurt.

Highline took on North Idaho last Sunday night in the NWAACC championships in what was supposed to be a tear jerking, fist pumping, rip off our jerseys because we are so excited kind of game championship win.

Yes, they were in the midst of cupping off a storybook season that would have humbled Cinderella herself, going from last to first in their division and now just one win away from the biggest prize yet.

But the Cardinals decided to spoil the party.

A single goal was all that it took to edge out the T-Birds for the title, and the 1-0 win gave Idaho their second title in just three years.

"The women were just devastated afterwards," said McLaughlin, "but there's only one champion.”

The weekend before, the women had beat up on Treasure

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T-Birds take first loss when it counts most

BY LAUREN HOWELL
STAFF REPORTER

LAKESWOOD -- Going 17-0-1 isn't what it takes to win a NWAACC Championship. It's making the right shots at the right time.

Just ask Skagit Valley, or better yet, your very own T-Birds.

"We didn't lose a single game in regulation all season," said Highline Co-Captain Matt Neubauer, "but we lost this one."

Saturday afternoon, the undefeated men's soccer team lost to Skagit Valley in the semifinals of the playoffs in a shoot-out, after putting just one of their five shots in the back of the net. Highline ended up tying for third place in the tournament with Edmonds.

"It's an unforgiving game sometimes," said Head Coach Jason Prenovost.

The T-Birds didn't play like the team they are in this very nerve racking game. Their style is normally smooth and each player has a touch of finesse that makes the game look easy. It might have been the weather, perhaps it was the pressure, or it could have possibly been that the T-Birds were over confident, but something wasn't right. Unfortunately it happens to the greatest.

Co-Captain Tony Giralmo started the game off strong with Highline's first shot on goal within the first minute.

Twenty-five minutes into the first half, Skagit Valley's Robby Curry scored. Both teams seemed to have a lack of intensity until the first goal.

As the half went on, both teams had numerous opportunities to score, but the game seemed one sided. With just 13 minutes to go, Highline's Vern Peroria got a yellow card in a controversial call from the ref. Highline's players agreed that the referees definitely had an effect on the game.

"The higher the level of play, the better the refs should be, and that just wasn't the case today," said forward Joe Patterson.

As the second half Highline had two very close calls in the last remaining minute of the game where Skagit valley came close to scoring, but goalie Zach Mourad stepped up and had two great saves.

The game ended in a tie, and both teams were to battle in two 15-minute overtimes.

With a continuation of bad calls, both teams proceeded to fight for the chance to score.

With one minute remaining in the first 15 minute overtime, off a long throw-in by Giralmo, the T-Birds crashed the Skagit Valley goal box in an attempt to get the a goal, but Skagit Valley's goalie, Robby Anderson, made the save. While in his hands, Travis Bailey kicked the ball and was given a yellow card, the second in the game.

The last 15-minute overtime came to an end and the shoot-out began.

"I was nervous because I have a bad record when it comes to shootouts," said goalie Mourad. "They shot first and that always puts more pressure on the second team."

Skagit Valley's Cam Weaver shot first and drove the ball into the right corner.

"It's hard to be so high, and the T-Birds lost in the semi-finals. It was failure, but I was happy at the same time, disappointed and angry," said goalie Mourad. "I'm still in shock, it hasn't sunk in yet."

Co-Captain Neubauer was very emotional and you could see the heart that he had for his coaches and teammates.

"Out of all the years I've played, being at Highline has been the best. The whole coaching staff has made me grow. We have a great group of guys..." Neubauer said. "I love my team, I'd do anything in the world for them and I couldn't pick a better group of guys."

On Sunday at 10 a.m. the T-Birds played a consolation game to battle for the third place position. Highline took on Edmonds in a very lax game.

"We had the attitude that whatever happens, happened," said sophomore Tony Zwink.

The game ended with a 1-1 tie; Zwink scored Highline's only goal.

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"The ball bounced loose and I just cleaned up the trash, like we've always been told to do," Zwink said.

After the game, the guys started to look at the season as a whole instead of their disappointing loss on Saturday. Not one of the guys said a bad thing about the team and how the season went.

"Over the whole season, the heart and effort put forward by everyone was a great inspiration to challenge ourselves to be better," said Co-Captain Giralmo. "I love you guys."
The Thunderbird
Men lose their game, but not their hearts

The men’s soccer team had their spirits dampened after their loss against the Skagit Valley Cardinals in the NWAAC semifinals, but they aren't completely soiled with shame.

After the game on Saturday, Nov. 15 the T-Birds came out of the lockerrooms with their heads hung low, and their hearts pierced. It was a devastating loss for the men, and no one felt like talking.

The crowd, with all of its energy, despite the bad weather, was also distraught over the loss. Everyone felt nothing but disappointment and sadness.

“I’m disappointed. They had a good season and it’s tough to come to the semi-finals and lose,” said Kyle Colbath’s father Chip Colbath.

The T-Birds went undefeated in league play and came out on the top of the Southwest Division. This is the classic story of the perfect season cut too short. Could it be a matter of bad luck? Perhaps, but the guys are getting over their loss by keeping their heads high.

Highline’s last game was a tie against Edmonds and throughout the game the people watching came to see the T-Birds that we know and love. They celebrated when Tony Zwikn scored, and they acted as if Saturday’s game hadn’t even phased them. After the game

while the Cardinals took cheap shots when the refs weren’t looking, and complained to them when they actually did call fouls.

At game’s end, it seemed to be 90 minutes of North Idaho getting away with murder, and the Thunderbirds being thrown in the pen house for petty theft. "Whenever she’d (the ref) see something, it always seemed to be the second foul,” McLaughlin said. "But I guess the guys joined together under a large tent to have a BBQ. The guys laughed and joked as they had always done.

Men’s soccer at Highline is the definition of what a good team has to be.

“Everyone clicked right away,” said freshman Brian Koo.

Co-Captains Tony Giramlo and Matt Neubauer were inspirations to their teammates.

“I felt that it was my role to make things fit together, but everyone’s awesome personalities did it on its own,” said Co-Captain Giramlo.

The guys on the team had the utmost respect for their teammates and coaches.

“I took up to all of my teammates. They were all like brothers to me,” said freshman Len Contineur. “I’ve never been on a winning team before, and it feels good to win.”

Others like freshman Ben Sturk simply said that he loved everyone.

Regardless of the how the season ended Head Coach Jason

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Highline captain Tony Giramlo (right) leaps for a ball with Skagit’s Cam Weaver.

Prenovost says that he is still very satisfied with the way the things went. "I’m proud of all these guys, they have a very special spirit about them. I’m going to miss them all," Prenovost said.

The last game in the playoffs was a tie, but that’s not how we seven players to the all-star team of the 2003. We will remember that they had the coach of the year, went 17-0-1 and sent seven players to the all-star team.

PHOTO BY MELISSA FLESCH

Forward Krissi Shinip kicks a ball towards goal.

Women

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Valley to make into the final four. And they kept the ball rolling with a win against Spokane Saturday 2-1, thus giving them the seed they needed to get into the championships.

“We thought that Spokane was going to be the toughest game,” said McLaughlin. They were the best team out of us.

After that win, the table was set for the T-Birds.

Highline came out fast and hard early, looking to sneak a quick goal early in the game. But North Idaho didn't allow much penetration, and countered with fast breaks back into T-Bird territory almost every time.

The game came down to fundamental soccer versus brute force.

Highline controlled the ball, passed, and hustled back to play defense from start to finish as though they had all season. They played the game with class

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The attitude of the players was a little less timid.

"The ref was horrible," said Marianna Palermo. "Losing to players like that just really blew.”

But it went beyond the just the players. Every Idaho affiliate there was ruthless. They’d erupt every time the whistle blew, half the time not even knowing why.

Maybe they were just getting out their frustration that I-90 was closed and they weren’t going home.

But look on the bright side, the demand for overalls and flannel is much less here, so our Wal-Mart probably has them even cheaper.

But seriously North Idaho, it’s a soccer game, you kid’s lives aren’t on the line nor are you potato chips, so calm down.

“They are a trash-talking, dirty team,” said McLaughlin. "I respect the game. We play fair, we play hard, and we’re not going to vary our game for them.”

But in the end, it wasn’t the finger jabbing to the face, the elbows to the kidneys, or the being tossed to the sharp turf that hurt, it was the fact that North Idaho won doing it.

North Idaho charged the field as the clock hit zero, and a few Highline girls could do nothing but hit their knees.

For the next half-hour, a T-Bird with her mouth open was as impossible to find as a Cardinal with her mouth shut.

The sat on their bench, all of them huddled up and doused in tears. Some were bleeding from turf burns, others hadn’t moved since halftime.

As the one team embraced in agony, the other did in bliss.

Eventually, the award ceremony came to an end T-Birds exited to the locker room.

The Cardinals preceded to unscrew their own curtain call and charged back out onto the field just one more boost as they did.

“When you get to this level, it just takes a little bit of luck to win,” McLaughlin, “and we didn’t get it.”

If there was ever a time that winning took a back seat to playing the game right, this might have been it.

Dustin got turf burns on his fingertips writing this column.
Highline to face Bellevue squad in first round

BY NATHAN BRINK
STAFF REPORTER

The Lady T-Birds won their final game of the regular season Wednesday, Nov. 12, moving them into third place in the NWAACC’s West Division.

Highline’s first game of the NWAACC Tournament at Green River is at 9 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 21 against second-place Bellevue (11-1) of the North Division.

Bellevue has had Highline’s number this season, winning all three of their contests in the Crossover Tournaments.

“Bellevue’s a very good team,” said Coach John Littleman. “But we match up with them three times this year, and took them to a fifth set twice. Each time they won.

“I don’t think anyone’s going to dominate, but if any team gets hot, they’ve got a shot at playing on Sunday.”

Littleman added that this year’s team is much more talented than they have shown during the regular season, and if all the players perform to their potential, Highline will compete.

Last year, the Lady T-Birds went undefeated in the regular season, but were sent home early in the playoffs.

This year, the team hopes the taste of defeat in the regular season will be an extra dose of energy for the postseason.

Kylene Edwards bumps during last night’s practice as Courtney Williams looks on.

Clark and Tacoma also wrapped up their seasons with a win, keeping themselves in first and second.

Highline’s final game of the regular season was a victory over 6-8 Lower Columbia, 30-28, 23-30, 15-30, 30-26, and 15-11.

Michelle Auriolo again led the team with 14 kills, and Jennifer Patnode pitched in with 10.

T-Birds head to tourney on winning note

BY NATHAN BRINK
STAFF REPORTER

The women’s volleyball NWAACC Postseason Tournament will be held at Green River Community College in Auburn Friday, Nov. 21 through Sunday, Nov. 23.

The Lady T-Birds have their first round game at 9 a.m., as they face the No. 2 seed Bellevue.

For the first time in several years, the tournament is wide open, and the consensus is that any team that gets hot has a chance at winning it all.

The last coaches’ poll of the season had the top six teams in the NWAACC as follows: 1. Clackamas (9-1), 2. Bellevue (11-1), 3. Mt. Hood (8-2), 4. Columbia Basin (10-2), 5. Whatcom (11-1), 6. Clark (13-1). Several NWAACC coaches have said that they would pick one of these six teams as a possible favorite. Of the 16 teams in the tournament, the top six are set.

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Tacoma d. Green River, 30-28, 30-20, 30-15, 28-15, 16-17 at TVCC
Treasure Valley d. Blue Mountain, 30-21, 30-20, 30-22, 16-17 at TVCC
Columbia Basin d. Big Bend, 30-17, 30-20, 30-14, at BBCC
Walla Walla d. Yakima Valley, 30-19, 30-28, 30-24, at WWCC
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Clackamas, Bellevue are favorites in field of 16

BY NATHAN BRINK
STAFF REPORTER

The women’s volleyball NWAACC Postseason Tournament will be held at Green River Community College in Auburn Friday, Nov. 21 through Sunday, Nov. 23.

The Lady T-Birds have their first round game at 9 a.m., as they face the No. 2 seed Bellevue.

For the first time in several years, the tournament is wide open, and the consensus is that any team that gets hot has a chance at winning it all.

The last coaches’ poll of the season had the top six teams in the NWAACC as follows: 1. Clackamas (9-1), 2. Bellevue (11-1), 3. Mt. Hood (8-2), 4. Columbia Basin (10-2), 5. Whatcom (11-1), 6. Clark (13-1). Several NWAACC coaches have said that they would pick one of these six teams as a possible favorite. Of the 16 teams in the tournament, the top six are set.

The middle of the pack is made up of Edmonds (8-4), Green River (9-5), Highline (11-1), Spokane (9-3), Tacoma (11-3), and Yakima Valley (9-3). It would be no surprise to see any one of these six teams playing on Sunday.

“I think Clackamas is the strong favorite,” said Patrick. “They might also be a contender, along with Mt. Hood. I think we might make it to the final four, if we can get some breaks along the way.”

The rest of the pack is hoping for those breaks as well.
The Highline wrestling team continued to push through their season with a loss to Southwestern Oregon and a decent performance at the Mike Clock Open.

Highline met Southwestern Oregon in Coos Bay on Nov. 15. Despite efforts by a full team, the T-Birds lost 29-10.

Head Coach Scott Norton said that he felt that the eight-hour drive to Coos Bay affected the team in a negative way.

"The guys were pretty tired," he said.

Sophomore Kyle McCarron started off the match at the 125-pound weight class with a loss to Josh Sampo. He fell at 3:55.

Following McCarron's defeat, Highline scored their only wins of the day. First, sophomore Francisco Gonzales defeated Brian Byrd by major decision of 14-5 at 133 pounds. Then, at 141, sophomore Jason Mendez beat Travis Osborn, 10-7. Finally, freshman Brandon Hunter defeated Phillip Lopez by a decision of 5-2 in the 149 weight class.

Highline then traveled to Forest Grove for the Mike Clock Open at Pacific University on Nov. 15. Although neither the team nor any individual placed in the meet, it was a considerably better effort than the day before.

"We wrestled better the second day," said Norton.

The Ducks of Oregon came out the champions. For Highline, several wrestlers did significantly well. McCarron won four matches and lost two, finishing well in the consolation round in the 125 weight class. He again wrestled Sampo of Southwestern Oregon and this time barely lost in a decision of 8-7. He eventually was eliminated by Joey Lucas of Oregon in a fall at 4:19 in a match for third place contention.

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Head Coach Scott Norton was not available for comment on the weekends' meets at press time.

The T-Birds will travel back to Forest Grove on Nov. 21 for a duel meet against Pacific. They then will head to Ashland, Ore, the next day for the Southwestern Oregon Open.

Highline's Brad Luvaas, right, practices with a teammate. PHOTO BY MELISSA FLESCH

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Some buildings will close over winter break

BY JESSICA BROWN
STAFF REPORTER

A consolidation of operations will take place during the upcoming break from Dec. 20 through Dec. 28. Although the campus will not be closed, many buildings will be to reduce costs.

No list is currently out of which buildings will be closed or which services will be operational, although said Laura Saunders, vice president of administration.

Most of the savings will come from gas used for heating.

Culture, Gender program finds success

BY KASEY REGA
STAFF REPORTER

Highline’s youngest department is turning 6 and walking on its own two feet.

The Culture, Gender and Global Studies Department has developed a mission and is making its presence known on campus. The department changes have included new courses and added more campus activities that examine the dynamics of culture and gender in a multicultural, global context.

"Our goal is to improve the lives of students and their communities through education," said Culture, Gender, and Global Studies Coordinator Allison Green.

"The department courses provide the opportunity for students to develop skills needed for productive living in a diverse world." CGG offers a range of courses in ethnic, women’s and global studies. The curriculum offered allows students to examine issues of culture and gender in a multicultural, global context from multiple approaches, on multiple topics and through interdisciplinary lenses.

Some courses fulfill the humanities distribution requirement and others fulfill the social science distribution requirement. All courses meet the diverse/globalism requirement. It hasn’t been all smooth sailing.

"The class was lacking in diverse forms of art," said Renee Paulsen, a student enrolled in CGG 115, Society and the Arts. "The title of the course ‘Art, Food, and Culture’ was misleading, the class at first felt like a creative writing course."

On the other side, many students have said that CGG classes are unique and a lot of fun.

Green explained that the CGG faculty all teach outside of the CGG department. She said that the biggest challenge is that all of the faculty have split appointments.

As an interdisciplinary department, CGG is open to all faculty on campus. CGG faculty have a range of degrees and have expertise in their fields, whether through undergraduate and graduate coursework or independent research. Prospective faculty can submit ideas for potential courses but will need to prove their expertise.

"Our instructors are the best on campus; they are passionate on the material they are teaching," said Green.
Students, faculty and staff from Highline joined with the Trailblazers club to help plant nearly 1,500 trees this last weekend. The group planted trees on the Eastside, including Emily Darst park and along Tibbetts Creek. The areas are part of Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, which aims to preserve greenspace along I-90.

Limited funds may close clinic

BY MISTY PHILLIPS
STAFF REPORTER

The Burien and Renton Teen Clinics will lose funding unless they are put back on the King County budget.

"Without the support of King County the clinic will not survive," said Peggy Fevaleaki, clinic manager of the Highline Youth Health Center.

The Burien and Renton health centers are school-linked and have well-formed relationships with local schools. School-linked clinics work with the school nurse but the students are seen off campus. The Burien and Renton health centers' client age range is 13 to 19.

The health centers provide primary health care, which could include treating a cold to giving a sports exam (if under 18 you need your parents' permission). The clinics also include all family planning needs, such as birth control, emergency contraception and testing for STDs. These services are confidential (you may get services without their parents' permission). Finally, the health centers provide mental-health counseling in which the clinics have a counselor at the clinic three times a week. This service is also confidential.

The proposed 2004 King County Budget does not include the two clinics, so unless it can be put back on the budget the clinics will be closed. The cost of the clinics in 2003 was $282,524. The King County Council is set to vote on the budget next Monday. The centers have been cut before and could face this problem every year.

County Councilwoman Julia Patterson, D-SeaTac, said that she supports the health clinics and is working at getting them back on the budget. Patterson feels that it is very possible that they will be funded again.

Currently the Burien Health Center is in partnership with Highline Community Hospital and King County. The employees of the health center are employees of Highline Hospital. If the health center is not put back on the budget the center will close within a few months.

"The Burien Health Center is very teen friendly, it has fun posters and teen magazines, some come to just hangout without even having an appointment. It is a safe place to be and the teens feel welcome," said Mindy Elbeum, Public Health Nurse.

These teen clinics are proven solution to reducing teen pregnancy. The teen pregnancy rates have dropped 52 percent in King County over a decade. They are used regularly; in 2003 alone more than 4,000 teenagers have used the clinics.

The Renton Health Center is closed, but if clinics can get back on the budget then it also will be a partnership with Highline Hospital and King County.

"We have the support of the community, our next step is getting the council member to put it back on the budget," said Peggy Fevaleaki, clinic manager of the Highline Youth Health Center.

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Entrepreneur finds happiness in education

By Chris Meinhart Staff Reporter

The Internet led Jeff Ward to Highline—not by getting online directions but by researching a career in the field. His quest began at Washington State University for more than nine years.

Ward is now the owner of Parvenu Inc., which is growing from a recession in the early 1990s. He says he has never taught a day in an elementary school, but he has never tried to connect with the community.

Faaren takes elementary degree to a higher level at Highline

Faaren Faaren has been all over the world and has decided that Highline seems like a good place to work.

"I have a passion for ESL and families so this job seems like a good fit," Faaren said.

Faaren started at Highline in September as a manager of English as a Second Language special projects.

Faaren helps to manage ESL grant programs around family literacy and refugee programs, creating classes and opportunities for students.

The family literacy program helps parents with children in elementary school to increase their English skills. Faaren helps set up classes in the elementary school. Both the parents and the children attend the classes.

There is a language-rich activity set up for the children and while the children are studying, a teacher from Highline teaches the parents better English skills. This helps both the children and the parent to develop better English.

The refugee program targets the refugee's need to learn English and turns it into a job. In doing so Faaren helps the refugees get in the classes that they need for the program they are going for.

Faaren said she hopes to be able to connect with the community to help students be a part of another culture, and hopes for new grants and programs.

Faaren decided that because they weren't hiring she could go overseas and teach English. Faaren got a job in Japan at a boys' junior and senior high school where she taught English for a few years.

"I have a degree in elementary education, but I have never taught a day in an elementary school," Faaren said.

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After leaving Japan, Faaren went to Minnesota to get her master's degree in counseling.

While in Minnesota she met a man who is now her husband. She has been married for 23 years.

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Tutoring Center helps students learn for free

BY ELIZABETH KEPHART
STAFF REPORTER

For students who need help in classes at Highline, the Tutoring Center is ready and waiting. Located in Building 26, room 319, the center offers help in subjects including accounting, biology, chemistry, geology, computer science, math, writing, psychology, foreign languages, physics, and oceanography. The center is open 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to noon on Friday.

"If you can take a class in it and want tutoring we try to find someone for you," said Colleen Monaco. "For a new program this has been a tremendous success. Many students have benefited from the program." The program offers tutoring in subjects including accounting, business, English, French, German, history, math, science, social science, and Spanish. Tutoring is available in both English and Spanish.

Students can also request tutoring in subjects not currently offered. "If you can take a class in it and want tutoring we try to find someone for you," said Colleen Monaco. "For a new program this has been a tremendous success. Many students have benefited from the program." The program offers tutoring in subjects including accounting, business, English, French, German, history, math, science, social science, and Spanish. Tutoring is available in both English and Spanish.

The program is designed for students to be involved with hotel management. This includes public relations, front desk services, housekeeping, and catering, said Dunn. During 1998, Chris Brandmeir took the reins as the new hotel and tourism program manager. "This program is unique to any thing west of the moun- tains" partly because the "program was built from the ground up," Brandmeir said. "For hospitality management there's nothing like this in Washington." This program offers students an associate of applied science degree and a one-year certificate of completion. To graduate with an AAS, students must complete 660 hours in internships. The internships translate into 22 credits that are applied to the student's degree.

Many students use their current jobs to fill their internship requirements, said Brandmeir. The internships are set up with the student's teacher, as well as the manager of intern- ship sites. The teacher and manager work together developing certain goals for the student. Students enrolled in this program have had successful internships in hotels such as Hotel Monaco, Mayflower Park Hotel and the Seattle Marriott. These are only a few local internships. Students have also been known to take internships out-of-state in such places as Disney World in Florida and the Hyatt in Tokyo. Most recently the students of this department were responsible for creating a theme for college President Dr. Priscilla Bell's fund-raising dinner. This program has about 60 students and "we can always pull chairs from the hallway to accommodate more students," said Brandmeir.

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Conversation pals break language barriers

BY RICHARD CHO
STAFF REPORTER

Making friends isn’t always easy to do, especially when there are language barriers. The conversation pal program provides students with the opportunity to make new friends, have fun, and learn about other cultures and customs.

The International Conversation Pal Program helps students to interact by pairing them with partners. Paired partners meet one hour per week for one quarter.

After the group is assembled, the first meeting is held at International Student Programs, so the whole group knows where to start.

All other meetings are scheduled within each individual group. Some teachers will give students credits for participating in the Conversation Pal Program, so a participation record must be completed with every meeting.

A Conversation Pal Resource Packet is provided and can be a good tool to get a conversation started.

Conversation Pal is designed for international students to meet people from other cultures and backgrounds. Many international students at Highline struggle with the English language. "It is a good way to practice English," said Asuka Okuno. Okuno is a member of the International Leadership Student Council. She participated in Conversation Pal last quarter and is currently involved in directing the program.

Okuno believes that international students tend to interact with people that can speak their native language. This is one reason why the groups are specifically designed so that students are apart from those of their native countries.

"We try to make groups where students are with people from other cultures," Okuno said.

Conversation Pal is a great way to interact and practice English, but it’s also a great way to meet new friends. "I’m still friends with my Conversation Pal from last quarter," Okuno said.

Any student from any country can participate in the program. It is not a requirement to be an international student to take part in Conversation Pal.

International Student Programs encourages anybody that is interested to contact them in the upper level of Building 6, or by phone at ext. 3384. Applications for Winter Quarter Conversation Pal are due by Jan. 9.

Highline’s Foundation aims high with million dollar goals

BY TAUREAN DAVIS
STAFF REPORTER

The Highline Community College Foundation has kicked off its Annual Campaign Fundraiser, hoping to shatter last year’s all-time record of $395,000.

With $160,000 in the pocket so far, Mark McKay, the director of resource development for the Foundation, continues to aim high and raise funds. "My goal is to have $1 million in endorsements and raise $800,000 to $1 million during a year, over the next 5 years," said McKay.

And thus, the Foundation’s Annual Campaign comes into play.

It’s a year-round fundraiser that was started in 1992. It includes events and donations that raise money throughout the year.

Take the Spring Gala, for example. Usually held on May 15, it is a dinner and auction organized by the Foundation.

Many companies, stores, and restaurants around the community sponsor this event.

McKay hopes to have at least 300 people attending and raise $100,000.

The Foundation also supports Highline clubs that have organized their own events and fundraisers, including the annual fastpitch auction, career fairs, and concerts put on by the music department.

As for donations, donors can be found on campus including teachers and college staff; while others can be found in the surrounding community like rotary clubs, restaurants, and a variety of stores.

Highline alumni are also contacted. "Anyone can donate to the Foundation...we never turn away money," said McKay, an alum himself.

So where does money from Annual Campaign go? Often enough, aid goes to individuals, clubs, programs or all three at once.

People that need emergency assistance, for example. Say you don’t have enough money for the bus fare to Highline, or you’re about to be tossed out of your apartment due to rent.

The Foundation can lend you a hand until you get back on your feet.

The money is also donated to departments around Highline. Last year, about 23 different services and departments benefited from the fundraiser.

The Foundation specializes in scholarships as well. The donors can design their own scholarships (with a $500 minimum money limit) for students to pursue.

Departments also benefit from this since they can create scholarships based on one particular study.

Overall, "It has helped our students tremendously," said McKay.

In fact, since 1991, the Foundation has received a total of about $1.7 million dollars over the years.

According to the 2003 Annual Report of last year’s campaign, $83,000 in scholarships went to 45 students. Another $29,616 was given out in emergency assistance.

"Our total has increased each year in the last four years in a row...and eight out of the last ten years," said McKay.

Each year since 1991, a new record in donations and funds has been set.

McKay said that even with the economic downturn and the aftermath of 9/11, the trend held true.

This year, the Foundation pushes its efforts to the max to find more money to help make Highline a better place.

As for Highline’s future of the Annual Campaign, McKay says, "We will determine our success by surpassing our goal."
heart by using laughter and her open personality to relieve stress at work.

"I think it's because I have a warped sense of humor," she said. "I see things not the way everybody else sees them and I just keep on a goin'."

Originally from San Francisco, she worked for a large bank from 1979-1984 before volunteering at her children's schools, eventually becoming assistant business manager for the district.

"After I got married and had kids, I decided it would be a good idea to work in schools to help out," she said.

In the late '80s, she moved north to a residence less than a mile from Highline, where she started working in August 1989 as a temporary student services employee. She helped students enroll at the registration window, posted grades and sorted transcript mailings.

"The official transcripts were handled very archaically before we had computers. They were printed out and you had to sort piles of them by zip code," she said.

The following September, she became a permanent part of student services, working with many of the military veterans on campus until she began working in the Financial Aid office in March of 1996.

"At work in here, I've got to do is file the financial aid application accurately so the student has no idea of the expectations," she said. "When they don't follow through, then that will delay their file and then they get upset because they were counting on rent and everything else."

That is where the finger-pointing comes in.

"It's your fault because they were late. That's the hard part of working here," she said. "But we have an excellent system here, I got tell ya. Everything is done by date."

Finsterbusch explained the date that all documents are received to complete the financial aid application accurately is the date the office uses for processing.

"We give them a reasonable time frame to turn all of the documents in," Finsterbusch said. "There are so many more students that get everything done in a timely manner, and they will be helped before someone else."
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...that is still to be determined, as soon as they investigation is complete. The candidates from the previous election are all still running, after some hard thought on how much work it would be this round.

- Stephanie Raghubeer said she wants to be senator to try to get more involved in school. She said she is pretty dedicated, a hard-worker, and that she works well with other people.

- Joe Tran said that he'd like to be a bigger part of the school and community. Tran says he's a people person. He listens to people, takes their words, and puts them into action.

- Allen Collier said she wants to be senator because she knows of a lot of things that she wants to get done here at Highline. Collier said she really believes these things can happen and promises to get them done.

- Eddie Dha wants to be senator because he thinks that students aren't involved in school enough, therefore he wants to help with that.

Dha said students should vote for him because he said he's the best candidate.

- He said he has good communication skills, and is a good listener.

- Reid Baughman said he'd like to be senator because he's interested in politics. Baughman said students should vote for him because he actually cares about the world and wants to make a positive change.

- Tina Higashi wants to be a senator because she is interested in making a difference. Higashi said students should vote for her because she is willing to listen.

Towed

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It took $150 and a ride from a friend for him to be able to get his car back.

Student's cars have been towed from the gravel lot this year, like Taylor, but the majority of those that have parked there have not been towed.

The absence of the business that was located by the gravel lot may have to do with the number of cars being towed this year.

"We haven't towed many cars from that lot this year at all," said a Special Interest employee.

One student says that her car was going to be towed but a friend warned her in time, so she was able to move her car before it was hauled away.

Another student says that she has never parked across from Baskin Robbins, but has seen a few cars being towed from there.

"Once I went to park at Baskin Robbins but a chain was there so I parked in the gravel. It takes too long to park in the Highline lot. It saves me 20 minutes, while it only takes 30 seconds longer to walk to Baskin Robbins," said Victor Korkov, another student.

The cost of retrieving a vehicle from Special Interest is $125 plus $31 per day, which is not free parking.

Baskin Robbins does not mind having Highline students parked in their lot.

"Some days I get to work and can't park because the employee spots are taken," said a Baskin Robbins employee. "Just do not park in the front of the store or in the employee spaces next to the store. Every two weeks we get ice cream and we need space for the truck so leave three spaces open by the back entrance."

To save trouble and worry of being towed students can come to school early in the morning. The campus parking lots generally have spaces available before 8 a.m.

A U-park lot is located off of Pacific Highway and has easy access to campus. Parking in the U-park lot costs $1 per day. This lot is open 24 hours a day every day. To park in this lot pay for a ticket. The cars without the tickets are written up, said a U-park employee.

Students can also ride the Metro buses to Highline and not have to worry about parking at all. Bus passes can be purchased in the Bookstore for half price with a student ID card, or information can be found upstairs in Building 6.