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## 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](http://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

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## Students chained to their cars



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Above: Highline students park their cars behind Baskin Robbins as an alternative to searching for a spot on campus. Below: One brave student parks right in front of a towing sign.

## 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 antsy 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

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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 at 23627 Pacific Highway S. has been some students'

secret parking lot. The adjacent lot is large, graveled, 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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## Crime Blotter

for  
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### Data projector stolen

A data projector was stolen from Building 26, room 120 on Nov. 18. The projector was dropped off for an instructor's use at 9:45 p.m. the night before it was needed. The instructor that used the projector was finished with it at 9:50 a.m. on Nov. 18. Nobody was sent to pick it up until 4:40 p.m. By this time the projector had already been stolen.

### Student throws tantrum, boxes

A student Building 16 on Nov. 17, began throwing a tantrum. He started kicking boxes and running up and down the hall. He did not respond to staff and continued to kick boxes and run the hall. He was then asked to go home for the day and responded that he would.

This student has been observed doing other odd things this week. He also went to the child care facility and into a classroom that day. While he was in the classroom he turned the lights off. He then went out into the playground area. He was later taken to the security office.

### Two women attacked in car

A man smashed a vehicle's passenger side window while two women were inside. At 9 a.m. the male suspect broke the window and the victims sustained injuries to their mouths.

The Kent Police Department shortly after took the suspect into custody. The weapon to break the window has not been identified. A friend took the two women to the hospital to receive medical attention.

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# International culture stories astound

Visiting marriage brings hailstorm of questions from attentive crowd

By CHRIS MEINHART  
STAFF REPORTER

Instead of visiting a country, people of the Mosuo culture visit marriage.

Tianyi 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 he shared about China.

He visited the province of Yunnan 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. "These descendants of the nomadic Tibetans have a classic matriarchal society where the women make money through building construction and farming. The men make crafts and care for the children," he said. "There is no official marriage

and there is no jealousy."

Questions normally saved for the conclusion could not be contained.

"Are they happy with this arrangement?"

"How long do they stay together?" "Are married outsiders ever allowed in?"

"What about the children?"

"Are STD's a concern?" various participants chimed in.

Tang explained that the couples stayed together for long periods of time and when they felt that love had fled they parted peacefully and took up with someone else. He had never heard of anyone outside entering their community.

"Children are well cared for by the wife's extended family," he explained. "A man might have more influence on his sisters' children than his own."

"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."

Like the majestic mountain on the Lijiang horizon that has never been scaled, the Mosuo remain elusive to the outside world and exclusive to their own community, if not to one mate, said Tang.

Speaking of visiting: foreign countries, that is, Monica Luce of Highline's library department said she enjoyed becoming part of a group of researchers searching for evidence of ancient cures.



Tang

As a visiting volunteer at the National Library in Rome she worked under a researcher along with nine other volunteers.

"I got to study ancient Greek and Latin manuscripts to find medicinal uses of plants. There are supposedly hundreds of herbal uses, 'cures' and applications from which they formed their database," she said.

In checking some of the oldest known printed manuscripts dating from 1472 one of their tasks was to compare texts and note whether herbal remedies had been handed down previously from Arabic or Greek or whether the origin of other handwritten manuscripts was somewhere else completely.

When she wasn't pouring over Arabic or Latin writings she took some fabulous shots of archeological finds. She showed great photos of central heating circa 500 AD designed by the Romans as well as an an-

cient mosaic and functional aqueduct.

Research is not the only kind of work teachers do abroad. Kory Marquez of Highline's ESL department explained that she taught English in Slovakia for a year while building a personal travel database of fond memories. Marquez went on to say, "Going to Budapest or Prague for the weekend was so accessible. In an hour or two I'd be in a whole different culture. I went to London on Spring Break and saw parts of Poland, Italy, Austria and The Ukraine during my time off," she said.

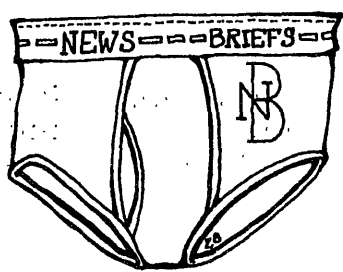
She had gotten a taste of teaching abroad through a fellowship and then taught at City University in Trencin, Slovakia, just 30 minutes from Vienna.

Marquez expounded on the untouched natural beauty with old castles and many woods. She loved the many paths and trails around lakes and throughout Slovakia.

Yet food supplies that we normally take for granted like peanut butter or broccoli were often scarce or nonexistent in the stores in 1996 and 1997. She attributed this to the transition from Communism to a free economy.

Marquez encourages people to do an exchange.

"Even a few weeks of being in a different culture gives you a whole different perspective," she said.



### Giving Tree seeks more kind hearts

Team Highline and Women's Programs need 30 more families sponsored in their Giving Tree program.

So far, 23 families have been sponsored.

Sponsors can support a family or an individual. Clubs, departments, or individual students, staff or faculty can sponsor a family.

Families with low incomes have signed up with Women's Programs to receive support.

In order to participate or to acquire more information, interested parties can reach Hai Ton at hton@highline.edu or by calling 206-878-3710, ext. 3903, or by stopping by Student Programs in Building 16, room 101.

### Neutron star discussion Friday

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?

Science Seminar takes place this and every Friday from 2:10 p.m.-3 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.

### 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.

### Campus calendar

• International Education Week events continue through tomorrow.

#### Today

• From 10-11 a.m. in Building 3, room 102, there will be a Somali Rights Network discussion panel.

Somali Americans as well as aides from two local legislative offices will be on hand for the discussion.

• From noon-1 p.m. on the sixth floor of the Library, Highline World Travelers, Part 2 will take place. Attendees are encouraged to bring a sack lunch to hear stories about where their colleagues have been throughout the world.

• From 1-2:30 p.m. in Building 2, Cultural Cafe will meet.

Students are encouraged to come enjoy snacks and conversation with other students from around the world.

• From 2-3 p.m., Understanding Media Bias will take place on the sixth floor of the Library.

Reference Librarian Catherine Haras will present on how to identify and analyze media perspectives. Faculty and staff are especially encouraged to attend.

#### Friday

• From noon-1 p.m. in Building 7, International Students Speak Out.

To close International Education Week activities, the voice of Highline's international students will be highlighted in a series of speeches.

A reception for the speakers will be held directly afterward in Building 2.

#### Other events

• Career Connections today from 12:10-1 p.m. in Building 23, room 111: Create positive first impressions at your new job.

This workshop will address what you can do to make yourself look good to your supervisor and co-workers on the first day, week and couple of months of a new job.

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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.

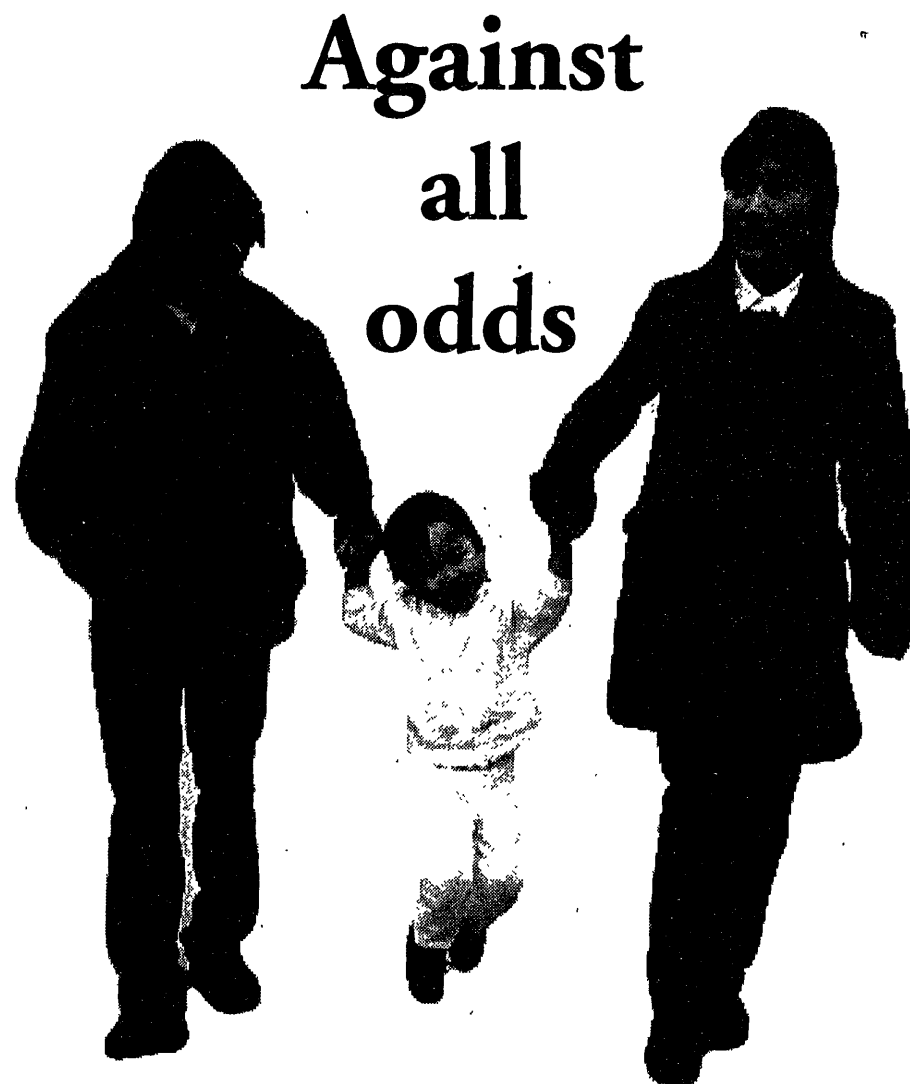
This was very difficult given the terms of refugee immigration. Tears well up in Minh's eyes as she retells the saddest of all details. "My father was in a POW camp for seven years. After seven years he was set free. He was only home for one month as a free man, and then he died," she said.

This meant under the law that his family was not entitled to refugee rights. Had he died in prison they would have been able to go. "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 in 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. Then came the last straw.

Eleven months ago Minh and her daughter Vy were quietly preparing food for the family dinner at their home in Vietnam. All of a sudden a loud crackling slamming noise startled them.



## Against all odds

### Saigon to Seattle, Da Nang to Des Moines, generations of repression end in joy

It was unlike anything she'd ever heard. A large truck full of pulverized fish guts 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 fish smell was very strong."

In 15 minutes her home was teeming 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 feed 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, Monika Chung. Her husband Thoa 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.



PHOTOS BY CHUCK CORTES

Minh Ta, Vy, and Thoa Le (from left) are all smiles after emigrating from Vietnam less than a year ago.

## Honors seminar instructs students to strive for success

**By DONNIE MELDRUM**  
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In a moment between classes, a student gets one-on-one help on a job resume. The instructor compliments the student's personal statement and makes suggestions to give it even more impact. The student, Donnie Schwendeman, is enrolled in the Honors Seminar class and has received help in not only writing his resume but applying to a four-year college.

The Honors 100 class serves as a workshop to help students learn to compose the documents that will help them get a job or get accepted into a university or degree program. Rather than a lecture course, students will actually write resumes and essays that they can personally use.

Dr. Barbara Clinton, program coordi-

nator of the Speech Department at Highline, teaches Honors 100 and spends time both in and out of class to help students such as Schwendeman with their various assignments.

"I've already applied for a job with what I've learned in this class," said Schwendeman, who is now applying for a leadership position within his union at work. "Even outside the class, she [Clinton] is an awesome resource to have."

Clinton said that she has helped literally hundreds of students with building resumes and personal essays.

She wants students to know that Honors 100 can be a benefit for students with all different types of goals. Even stu-

dents automatically transferring to the University of Washington will find the class useful.

"For almost any school you transfer to you have to apply for a major," said Clinton.

Students will not find themselves doing demanding assignments that have no relevance to their plans, but will have an opportunity to get professional instruction on documents required to meet their goals.

"There is absolutely nothing extra in this class," said Clinton. "This is all stuff that you have to do."

Those who are interested in taking the class are encouraged to take it early.

"The sooner they start the more opportunity they have to build the kind of resume and record they'll need," Clinton said.

The seminar class is offered twice a week, 1:15-3 p.m. on Mondays and 5-



Clinton

6:45 p.m. on Tuesdays. Students have opportunities to search the internet and apply for scholarships, write drafts and final copies of resumes and application essays and work in groups to improve each others' work.

Students who successfully complete the course will leave with a personal portfolio, including several versions of a resume, two versions of a personal statement, at least one scholarship essay, and at least one letter of recommendation.

Clinton's concern for helping student's advancement in schooling is well illustrated by a quote by William Butler Yeats that appears on the door of her office: Education is not the filling of a pail; it is the lighting of a fire.

"I think oftentimes that students come to Highline thinking that education is a series of hoops to through," commented Clinton. "Education is a matter of discovering and owning what you discover."



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## editorial

A clean campus  
starts with you

• 11,250: the total number of staff, faculty, and students who populate Highline's campus.

• 1.4: the percent of the campus population that can be in the cafeteria at one time.

• \$22,700: how much Highline spends annually on garbage refuse for the entire campus.

• \$25,430: the national average annual income for refuse and recyclable material collectors.

• 1,250: how many packets of ketchup the cafeteria uses each week.

• 400: the number of transactions made each day by the cafeteria cashier.

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 abandoned coffee cups, cream cheese-smothered knives, and half-used ketchup packets lined up like wounded soldiers. As if the mere sight of this 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 endearing of an idea as it is and putting aside the local economic benefits, this plan of action is highly implausible for multiple reasons.

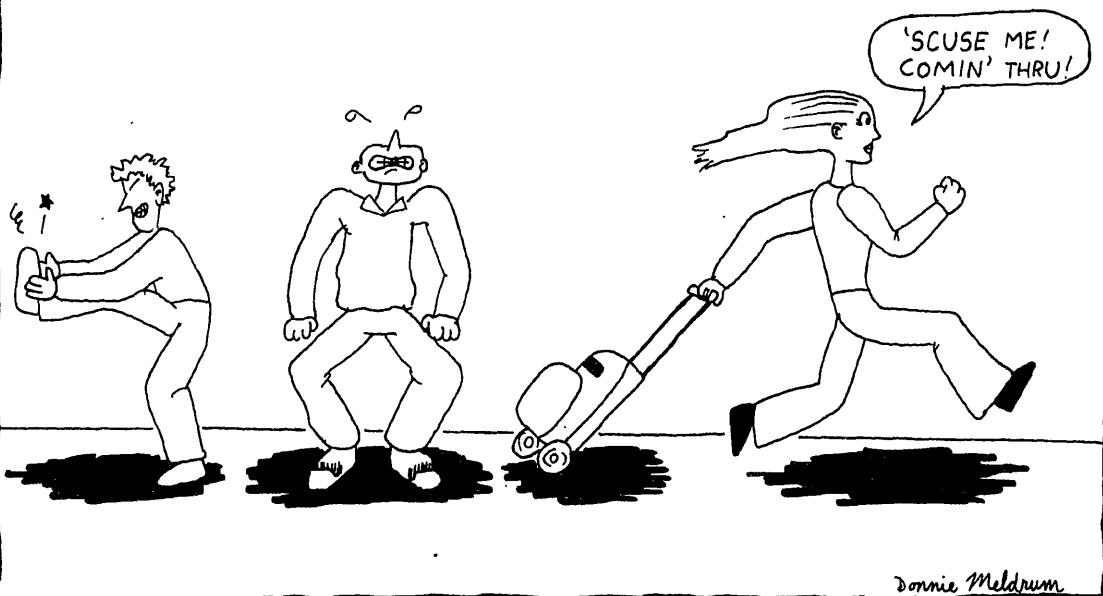
First off and foremost, it is the sole responsibility of the cafeteria patrons to clean up after themselves. Don't let the flashy plastic exterior of the cafeteria fool you, you are not in a five star restaurant and no one is going to bus your table in exchange for monetary favors.

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.

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.

## LET THE RACES BEGIN!



## Cat's corner: How to say thanks

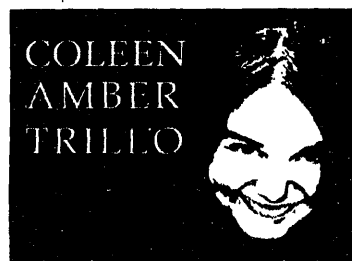
I write this column for a reason. Well three reasons actually. One because if I didn't there would be a huge open space on this page; two it is slightly therapeutic and really entertaining to give advice; and three because for some obscure reason unknown to me I actually believe that reading my column 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 high, especially if you know me you probably gather more humor in my ironic statements of self proclaimed selflessness 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 you read throughout 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 outnumbered in favor 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 reoccurring 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 re-

cent movie screening to write a review. I had forgotten the tickets and was unable to get in. 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 realize 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

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Halloween is over, Veteran's Day is through, November is ending, so now what do you do? Next month you'll be visited by Mr. Jolly Fat 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, unbutton 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 starve myself for like two days to get ready for Thanksgiving," said Krista Donohue, "otherwise I don't think I could handle all of

# Thanksgiving



## on a budget

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

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 feasting on water and Ramen, many are looking for Thanksgiving reci-

pes that will not break their already shrinking bank accounts.

It's time for Thanksgiving on a dime! Perhaps you too can find a recipe for which you cannot help but give thanks.

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



**Turkey**

1 turkey  
Salt and pepper

**Margarine**

Take out packets of turkey innards and then wash and pat dry turkey inside and out. Sprinkle with salt and pepper if desired. Rub turkey with margarine and stuff loosely with turkey stuffing already prepared. Tuck wing tips between the wing and the body and then tie the wings and legs to the body with a strong string. Place in dry shallow pan and roast in a preheated oven at 325 degrees for 2-3 hours or until the leg joint can move easily. Baste every half hour with pan juices and allow turkey to stand. Cover loosely with oil for at least 20 minutes before carving. Total out of pocket cost: varies.



**Stuffing**

1/2 cup butter  
Medium sized onion  
2 celery stocks= .79  
8 cups dry bread cubes= \$2.00  
2 tbsp fresh parsley  
2 tbsp poultry seasoning  
1 tsp salt  
1/4 tsp pepper  
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.

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## Tired of talkin' turkey? Try these tasty alternatives

**BY RACHEL SCANLON**  
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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 to the store 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 broth-

ers with me, I rushed outside 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 Newly Moved Out of Mom and Dad's house: proving that she CAN do it, and do it all on her own, without mommy or daddy's help. (This, I'm sure, is the reason why she declined my parents' offer to pay for the fixings.)

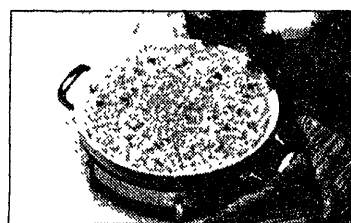
My aim in telling this story was not to discourage those of

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. My aim was in fact the opposite; witnessing my sister's mini-fiasco 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 assis-

tance, and without taking out a loan.



**Corn Casserole**

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

Crush crackers in a bowl. Mix in softened butter. Set aside. Mix together all ingre-

dients, except crackers and butter, in a casserole dish. Bake in a preheated oven at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Spread buttered cracker crumbs 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 cups 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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# China invites jazz band to play tunes

By ARON 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 ceremonies 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 Cline, 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



PHOTO BY JANIE LARSON

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

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.

His parents have set up a memorial fund to honor his memory and a large portion of the Jazz Band's trip will be paid for by this fund.

"It will serve as a living memorial to Bo and the music and musicians he so loved," said Sydney Stegall, chairman of Highline's Music Department.

## Recipes

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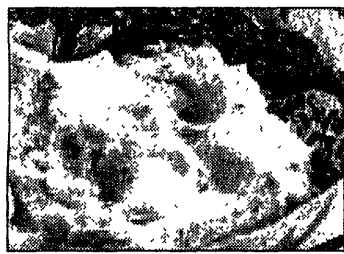
Total out of pocket cost: \$2.79

### 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: \$8.21



### Mashed Potatoes

4 medium potatoes= \$2.29  
1/2 tsp salt  
1/2 tsp sugar  
2 tbsp butter  
2-3 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 the 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  
1/2 tsp cloves  
1/4 tsp nutmeg  
16 ounce can of cooked pumpkin= \$1.83  
13 ounce can of evaporated milk= .99

Heat oven to 425 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= .99

1 cup chopped celery, pecans and carrots= .79 (you can buy a bag of random salad mix for \$1.29, but this way is cheaper)

1 can mandarin oranges= .89

Vinaigrette= \$2.50

Tear romaine lettuce into bite-sized pieces. Mix together the chopped celery, carrots and pecans. 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 rasp-

berries 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

Not in the mood for the traditional turkey? Mix it up with a meal featuring everyone's favorite fish:

### 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 side up.

Total out of pocket cost: varies.



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## Fashion do's and don'ts: 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.

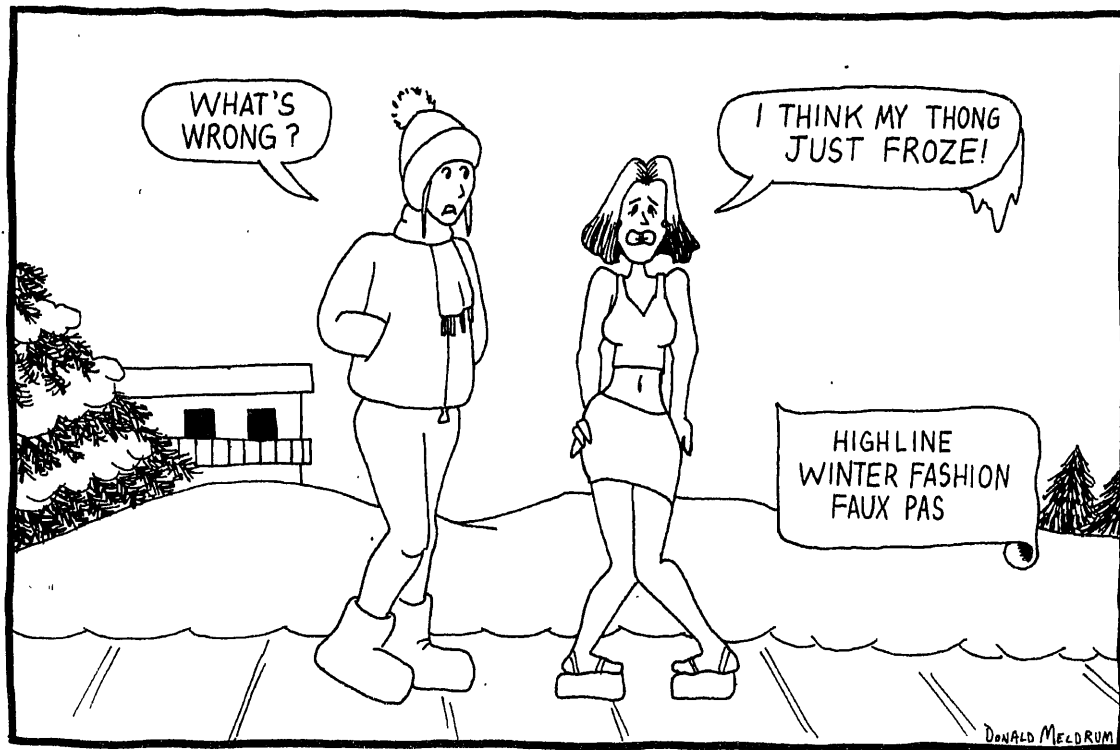
Velour tracksuits are just one of the many trends to hit big this year. Comfortable and stylish, they come in a range of colors. With a cute hooded top and matching velvet like pants, the velour suit is a necessity for some. Celebrities such as Jennifer Lopez and Madonna can't get enough.

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 is men's jewelry. Diamonds in the ears, bling around the neck, and flashy watches are just a few



accessories that men are sporting. Fifty-four Highline students said it's a do and 46 said it's a don't.

"But not too much," said one Highline student.

The final decision is somewhat split, therefore a little jewelry is OK, just don't over indulge.

With jewelry being ideal for men, women needed something to call their own. The French designer Louis Vuitton has updated his very expensive

women's handbag. Prices range from \$300 minimum to \$1,500 plus.

"The purse I have is about \$800, but it's worth it," said Tien Tran, Highline student. If a Louis Vuitton purchase was damaged "you can bring it to any of their stores and they will repair it or replace it."

Celebrities such as Jessica Simpson, Sarah Michelle Gellar, and Mandy Moore are just a few fanatics who admire this chic yet distinct accessory.

Whether you are carrying a knock off or the real thing, remember the initials LV because Louis Vuitton is here to stay.

Bags are in, and so are 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.

"I 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 pants 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 dental floss-type underwear would be a nationwide evolution.

"They hide your panty line," said Layla Ormbrek, 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 Maeghan Yapp. "So that I am able to concentrate and perform my best."

## 'Life and Death' takes war and peace to a different level

By BRI CHURCH  
STAFF REPORTER

If 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 tenacious young actors brought to the Highline stage a unique spoof on the futility of war, peace and freedom of 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. Bringing to life a slew of mindless drones- appropriately dolled up in mime-like make-up- whose incessant need

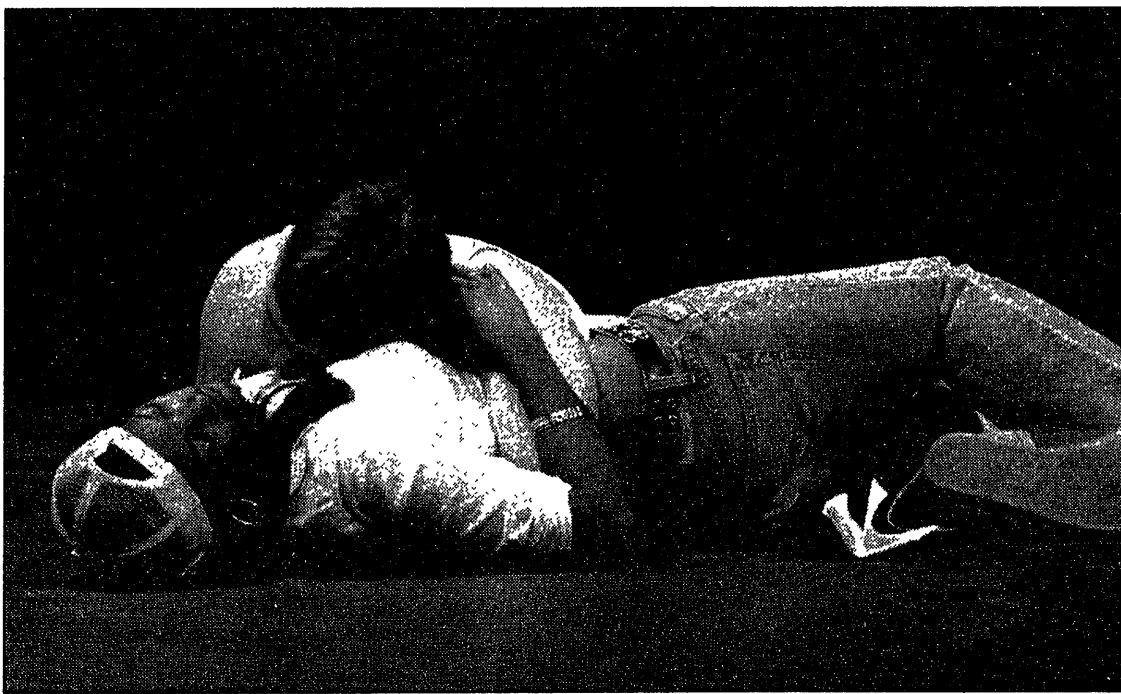


PHOTO BY JANIE LARSON

DJ Taylor and Sonya Harris rehearsing a scene for *The Life and Death of Almost Everybody*. Taylor and Harris are two of the main characters in the play.

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 subtler, 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 skillful 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? In the words 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.

# Arts Calendar

• On Dec. 20, The University Christian Church celebrates its 15th annual "Duke Ellington's Sacred Music" concert, featuring Seattle Repertory Jazz Orchestra. The concert will also feature soloist Dee Daniels and tap dancer Tim Hickey. Tickets range from \$19-\$26. For more information, call 206-547-6763.

• Painter d'Elaine Johnson's art show at Auburn Commision's City Hall continues through Nov. 28. Auburn City Hall is located at 25 West Main St., Auburn. The hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For in-

formation, call 253-931-3043.

• The 7th annual WPEA Craft Bazaar will be held Nov. 24 and 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Building 2. There will be raffles and gift baskets, as well as furniture and baked goods. For more information, or if you would like to participate, please contact Lauri Spivey at 206-878-3710, ext. 3445.

• On Sunday Dec. 7, Nancy Warren and Dr. Sandra Glover will be putting on a holiday concert in Building 7 at 2 p.m. The concert will benefit the HCC

Foundation scholarships. Classic voice and piano literature will be performed.

• Tickets are now on sale for *Grape Expectations*, presented by Breeders Theater at E.B. Foote Winery in Burien. The show runs Jan. 16, 17, 19, 23, 24, 30 and 31 at 7 p.m., and Jan. 18, 25 and Feb. 1 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and include wine tasting. Proceeds from the Jan. 19 show go to support the Highline Foundation. Tickets are available at the winery. Call 206-242-3852 or 206-824-9462 for details.

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Mix soup and milk in 1 1/4 quart casserole dish. Stir in beans and 2/3 cup onions. Bake for 25 minutes at 350 degrees (preheated oven). Top with remaining 2/3 cup of onions. Bake for 5 minutes, or until onions are lightly browned.

Total out of pocket cost: \$3.37.

### Pumpkin Squares

1 1/4 cups unsifted flour  
1/3 cup sugar  
1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
3/4 cup butter  
1 15 ounce can pumpkin  
\$1.83  
1 14 ounce can sweetened evaporated milk \$ .99  
2 eggs, beaten  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon allspice  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 cup chopped walnuts  
\$2.00  
1 tablespoon unsifted flour  
1 package Cool-Whip  
\$1.79

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Crust: combine 1 1/4 cups flour and sugars. Cut in butter until crumbly. Set aside 1 cup of mixture. Pat the rest on bottom of ungreased 13x9 inch baking pan. Bake 15 minutes. Meanwhile, combine evaporated milk, pumpkin, eggs, cinnamon, allspice, and salt. When crust is out of oven, spread pumpkin mix evenly over it. Bake 15 minutes. Stir nuts and one tablespoon flour into reserved crumb mixture. When squares come out of oven, sprinkle the mixture on top. Bake 15-20 minutes (check with toothpick). Serve warm. Garnish individual pieces with cool whip.

Total out of pocket cost: \$6.61.

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## Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

### Golden Handshake

#### Across

- 1 Wisconsin's Feingold
- 5 Word before printer
- 10 Gas station sign
- 14 Small case
- 15 Solitary
- 16 Mater lead in
- 17 Motion-picture producer
- 19 Walter \_\_\_\_\_
- 20 Flipflop
- 21 Outside
- 23 Fraternal brothers
- 26 Bird sanctuary
- 27 Marquette players
- 32 Lawyer's org.
- 33 Oarsman
- 34 Lt.Col. Oliver \_\_\_\_\_
- 38 Soft drink
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- 43 Equals
- 45 Cambodian moola
- 47 Treat skins
- 48 Currency backup?
- 51 Ripe
- 54 Successful thespian
- 55 Ingredients
- 58 Chart again
- 62 Sup
- 63 Olympian quests
- 66 Mouse target
- 67 Judge
- 68 Volleyball locales
- 69 Sure thing: Slang
- 70 Heard in church
- 71 Orient

#### Down

- 1 Catch one's breath
- 2 Beehive State
- 3 Tokyo wrestler
- 4 Autographed
- 5 Orioles Ripken
- 6 Lead in for boy or girl
- 7 Actor Rob
- 8 Gemstone

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- 24 Recognize
- 25 Alaska bargain hunter
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- 28 Wind in a pit
- 29 Dish out
- 30 Sponsorship
- 31 Addresses
- 35 Pro \_\_\_\_\_
- 36 Russian monarch
- 37 Applause
- 39 Debate
- 41 Lath piece
- 44 Mad
- 46 Drum type
- 49 Linear measurement
- 50 Remove river waste

- 51 Army first aid person
- 52 Lewis Carroll heroine
- 53 Ronan Tynan, e.g.
- 56 British supporter in 1776
- 57 Slender
- 59 Guatemala resident
- 60 Charitable contributions
- 61 Attention getter
- 64 Hideaway
- 65 Married woman: Abbrev.

#### Quotable Quote

Silence is golden  
when you can't think  
of a good answer.

... Muhammad Ali



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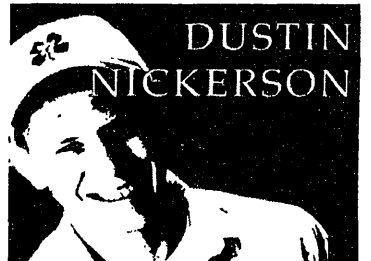
# T-Birds fall short



PHOTOS BY MELISSA FLECH

Above: Krissi Shimp knocks a ball upfield. Below: Marianna Palermo chases after a Cardinal defender.

## Second painful for Highline women



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 capping 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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# Women lose to Idaho in finals

## First place season comes to an end with 1-0 lose for Thunderbirds

BY DUSTIN NICKERSON  
STAFF REPORTER

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 the 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 on Houck, who simply tapped into the back of the net.

"They scored one lucky goal and that's all they needed," said Head Coach Jaimy McLaughlin. "But when you get to this level, you need a little bit of luck."

Houck was also named the tournament MVP.

All 90 minutes was a battle for both teams, with neither ever dominating the other.

"It was a very even game," said McLaughlin. "It was hard

fought by both teams."

Though Highline, a notoriously tough team late in the game, played a different game in the last 45 minutes.

"We're a second half team," 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.

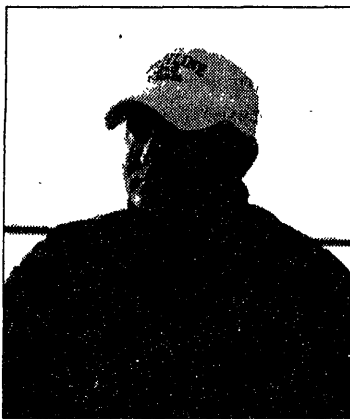
Last Saturday, Highline defeated Spokane 2-1 in the semifinals in what they thought would be their toughest game throughout the tourney.

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.

Though 10 minutes later, Morgan Shank tied it up for Spokane on an unassisted goal.

The game clocked down to the final six minutes before Highline took the lead again.

Palermo, sprinting down the sideline, found Kenzie Anderson in the middle of the field who was able to knock it by the



Jaimy McLaughlin

Sasquatch keeper.

The T-Birds felt they had beaten the best team in the tournament other than themselves.

"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.

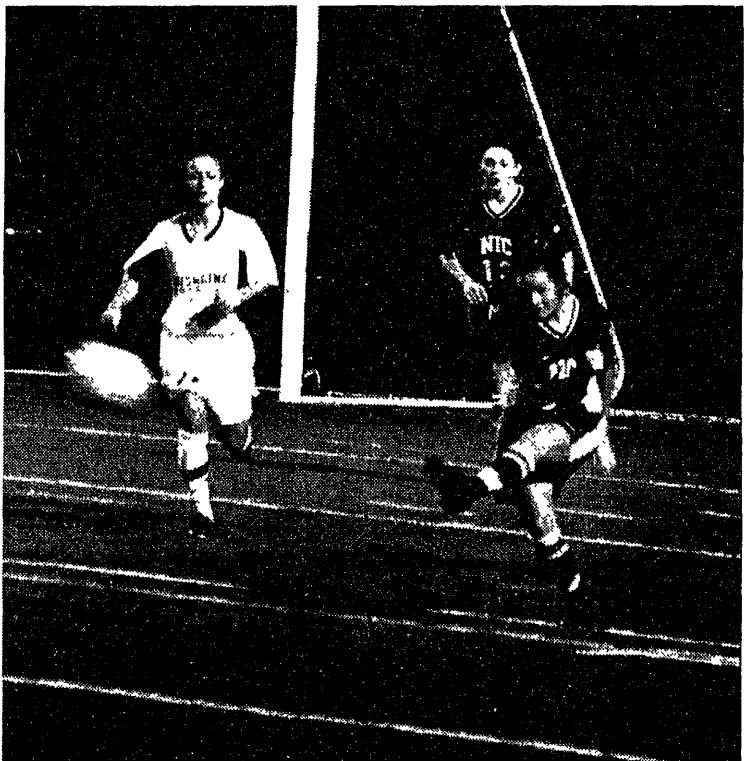
Palermo, who before getting injured was chasing the NWAACC scoring title, was also named the league MVP and will start in the All-star game.

Kody Downey, Lisa Groce, Alicia Wolfskill, and Tonya McLaughlin (all freshmen) will also be joining her at the game on Dec. 12.

"The season was a success," said McLaughlin. "I'm pleased."

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.



# T-Birds take first loss when it counts most

By LAUREN HOWELL  
STAFF REPORTER

LAKEWOOD --- 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 semi-finals 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 inten-



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Above: Matt Neubauer fights along the sideline for a loose ball. Below left: Defender Vern Peroria attempts to steal the ball from a Skagit forward. Below right: Kyle Colbath battles for a header.

sity until the first goal.

Thirteen minutes after Skagit Valley scored Highline put one in. Giralmo crossed the ball into the mouth of the goal and Ben Bailey jammed it into the back of the net.

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 Peoria 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.

At the end of 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.

Co-Captain Matt Neubauer was the first to shoot for Highline, and put it in the net.

Next, the Cardinal's Russell Anderson shot and scored.

Freshman Brian Koo shot next, and the ball hit the left goal post but didn't go in.

"I let my team down and the tears came out," Koo said.

Adam Schwind and Joel Grossman of Skagit Valley put in both of their shots in the net, while Kyle Colbath missed his shot, and Paul Lower's shot was saved to end the game.

"It's hard to be so high, and suddenly be so low," Colbath said. "It kind of sucks to lose in PKs like that, but that's the game."

The guys came out of the locker room with their heads

down, this was the second year in a row that the T-Birds lost in the semi-finals.

"It was a 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 happened, happened," said sophomore Tony Zwink.

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

"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."



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The Thunderword

# 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 NWAACC semi-finals, but they aren't completely soaked 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 in 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 Zwink scored, and they acted as if Saturday's game hadn't even phased them. After the game



Lauren Howell

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 Giralmo 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 Giralmo.

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

"I look up to all of my teammates. They were all like brothers to me," said freshman Lem Connineur. "I've never been on a winning team before, and it feels good to win."

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

Regardless of the how the season ended Head Coach Jason



PHOTO BY MELISSA FLESCH

Highline captain Tony Giralmo (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 will remember the T-Birds 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.

## 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 their bracket."

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 they had all season. They played the game with class



PHOTO BY MELISSA FLESCH

Forward Krissi Shimp kicks a ball towards goal.

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

she was just trying to let them play."

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 flannels 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 on not on the line nor are you potato crops, 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 bundled 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 answered their own curtain call and charged back out onto the field for just one more boast 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.*



## T-Birds head to tourney on winning note

### 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 pretty well against them. We played them three times this year, and took them to a fifth set twice. Each time they won 18-16. It was just a case of missed opportunities."

"All the coaches seem to think it's a bit more wide open this year. Clackamas and Columbia Basin both won real tough divisions though, and could be looked to as favorites to win it all," Littleman said. "Personally, 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 tal-

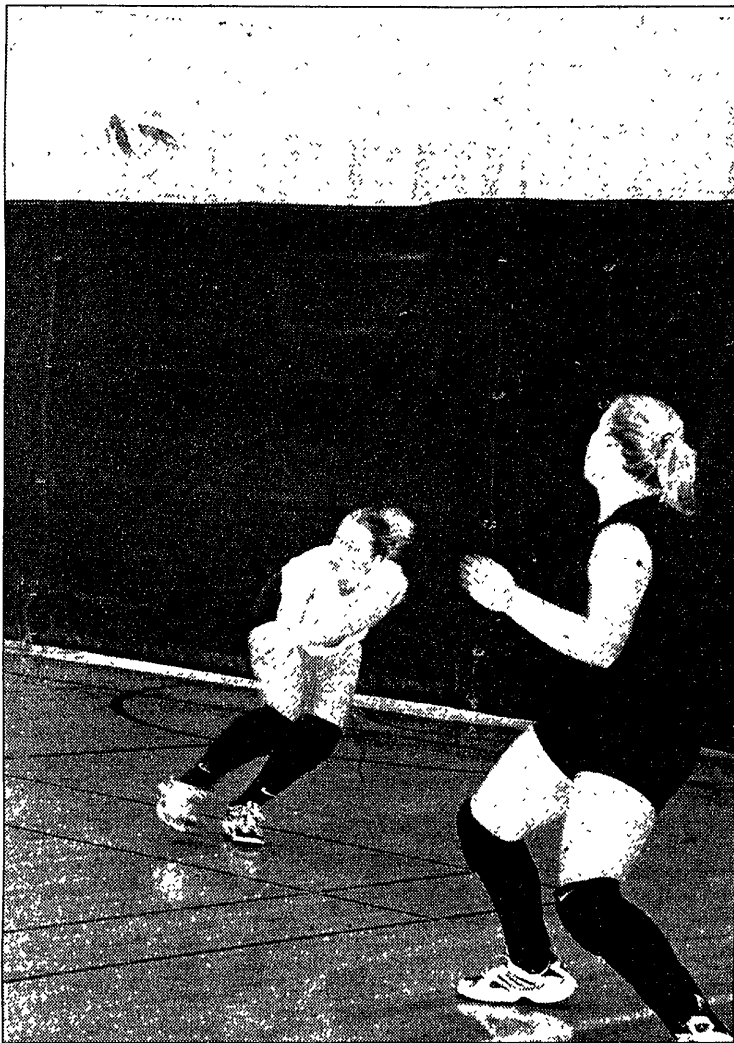


PHOTO BY MELISSA FLESCH  
Kylee Edwards bumps during last night's practice as Courtney Williams looks on.

ented 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.

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

### 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 (11-3), 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 it will come down to Clackamas and Clark possibly,"

said Green River Head Coach Cathy Stansell. "It would nice to see the West Division do well for a change- it has been a while."

Both Tacoma Coach Paula Schwan and Yakima Valley Coach Al Rogers said they could see their team winning it all.

"The team I expect to win the tournament is us of course," said Schwan. "This tournament is good competition."

"We should do very well," said Rogers. "I'm anticipating that we have a good chance to win it all."

Despite being the East Division champion and one of the favorites to win the tournament, Columbia Basin Head Coach John Patrick downplayed his team's abilities, and was quick to praise others.

"I think Clackamas is the strong favorite," said Patrick. "Bellevue 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.

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## Scoreboard

### NWAACC SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### Men's

**Semifinals**  
Skagit Valley 2, Highline 1 OT  
North Idaho 1, Edmonds 0  
**Consolation**  
Edmonds 1, Highline 1  
**Championship**  
Skagit Valley 1, North Idaho 0

#### Women's

**Semifinals**  
Highline 2, Spokane 1  
North Idaho 1, Walla Walla 0  
**Consolation**  
Walla Walla 1, Spokane 1  
**Championship**  
North Idaho 1, Highline 0

### VOLLEYBALL Final Standings

NORTH		W-L
Whatcom	11-1	
Bellevue	11-1	
Edmonds	8-4	
Everett	5-7	
Shoreline	5-7	
Skagit Valley	2-10	
Olympic	0-12	
SOUTH		W-L
Clackamas	9-1	
Mt. Hood	8-2	
Chemeketa	5-5	
Lane	4-6	
SW Oregon	3-7	
Linn-Benton	1-9	
EAST		W-L
Columbia Basin	10-2	
Yakima Valley	9-3	
Spokane	9-3	
Walla Walla	6-6	

Treasure Valley	5-7
Big Bend	2-10
Blue Mountain	1-11

WEST	W-L
Clark	13-1
Tacoma	11-3
Highline	11-3
Green River	9-5
Lower Columbia	6-8
Pierce	4-10
Centralia	1-13
Grays Harbor	1-13

#### NWAACC Coaches Poll

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Clackamas	9-1	82	1
2. Bellevue	11-1	62	5
3. Mt. Hood	8-2	56	6
4. Col. Basin	10-2	40	7
5. Whatcom	11-1	34	2
6. Clark	13-1	14	nr
7. Yakima Vly.	9-3	10	4
8. Spokane	9-3	9	3

#### Scores

Clark d. Grays Harbor, 30-

19,30-23,30-16. at GHC  
Highline d. Lower Columbia, 30-28,23-30,15-30,30-26,15-11. at LCC  
Pierce d. Centralia, 30-24,30-23,30-18. at CenC  
Tacoma d. Green River, 30-26,30-13,30-28. at GRCC  
Treasure Valley d. Blue Mountain, 30-21,21-30,21-30,30-22,18-16. at TVCC  
Columbia Basin d. Big Bend, 30-17,30-26,30-14. at BBCC  
Walla Walla d. Yakima Valley, 30-19,30-28,30-24. at WWCC  
Clackamas d. Linn-Benton, 30-20,30-28,30-17. at LBCC  
Chemeketa d. Lane, 26-30,30-18,30-24,30-22. at ChCC  
Spokane d. North Idaho

30-28,26-30,28-30,30-20,15-13. at CCS  
North Division playoff  
Everett d. Shoreline  
24-30,30-20,30-22  
30-15-12. at EvCC

### NWAACC TOURNAMENT at Green River

Friday, Nov. 21  
Columbia Basin-Lane, 9 a.m.  
Bellevue-Highline, 9 a.m.  
Clark-Everett, 11:30 a.m.  
Mt. Hood-Spokane 11:30 a.m.  
Whatcom-Green River, 2 p.m.  
Y. Valley-Chemeketa, 2 p.m.  
Clackamas-Walla Walla, 4:30 p.m.  
Tacoma v. Edmonds, 4:30 p.m.  
Play continues Saturday and Sunday at GRCC.

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The Thunderword

# Highline wrestlers stumble on Oregon trail

By **SHELBY LANCASTER**  
STAFF REPORTER

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

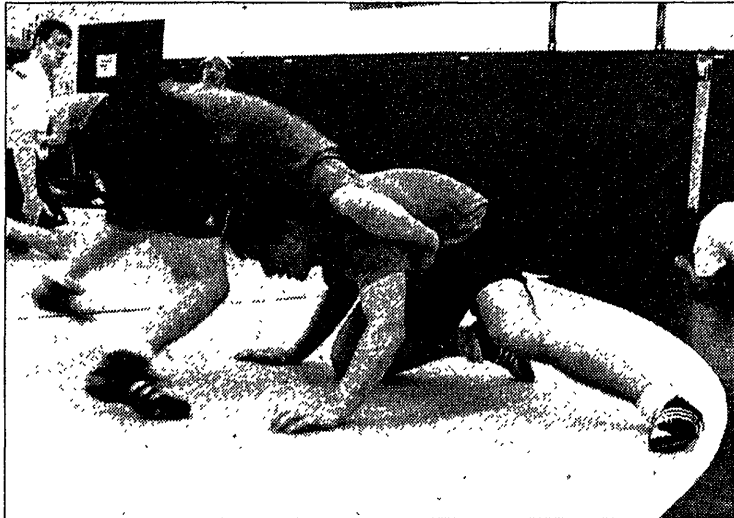


PHOTO BY MELISSA FLESCH

Highline's Brad Luvaas, right, practices with a teammate.

by a decision of 5-2 in the 149 weight class.

Highline then went on to lose the remaining six matches of the meet.

At 157, freshman Skyler Marler lost to Joe Casey by decision of 15-9. Sophomore Brad Luvaas was defeated by Nick Ammermab at 165 by a major decision of 19-8. Also defeated by major decision was freshman Steve Hoyt, losing by

16-3 in the 174 weight class. At 184, Freshman Pat Bradley then lost to Trey Lusk in a decision of 11-5.

In the only pin of the meet, freshman Don Rupe lost to James Gourley at 4:55 in the 197 weight class.

Finally, in the closest match in the meet, freshman Kyle Cleget was barely defeated by Aaron Bales by a decision of 2-1 in the 285 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.

"Kyle wrestled really well. He has some confidence issues, but he has some of the best technique on the team," said Norton.

At 149, Hunter won one three matches and lost two. Most significantly, he lost to Alexis Roumanis of San Fran-

cisco in a match for third place contention. The final score was unavailable at press time.

"Brandon Hunter did a great job," said Norton.

Although Marler lost his first match, he came back to win the next four. He finally was defeated again by Casey of Southwestern Oregon in a decision of 8-6 in the 157 weight class. This defeat came far into consolation round competition.

Freshman Pat Bradley also had a tournament in the 197 weight class. He won three matches and lost two, the final one being a loss to Clackamas' Bridger Sacher. The final score was unavailable at press time, but the match was for third place contention.

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.

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# Framework is going up for Student Union

By JESSICA BROWN  
STAFF REPORTER

The Student Union site's sudden transformation from a barren pile of dirt to the intricate maze of beams is a new attraction on campus. As a crane lifts huge beams into place and construction workers weld with ease at unnerving heights, many students find themselves staring between classes as the building comes up from the ground.

The basic steel structure for the Student Union is going in now and should be complete by Nov. 25.

In the upcoming months of construction the exterior walls will be put into place.

"These are metal studs and exterior gypsum sheathing covered by either composite panels or metal siding," said Mike McDonald, superintendent of the Student Union site for Lumpkin General Contractors.

This week the metal floor and roof decking will begin being installed in the south portion of the building, working its way north.

After these decks are in place, the contractor will begin installing the metal stud exterior walls and interior piping and some electrical work for the building.

One of the problems while doing a job like this is trying to store the steel that is required, said McDonald. There is only room for about two truckloads of steel, when about 25 truckloads are needed. Some of these



PHOTO BY CHUCK CORTES

The skeleton for the new Student Union Building, opening Fall 2004, is starting to show some backbone.

columns can weigh up to 4,000 pounds, but generally range from 1,000 to 1,200 pounds.

Although students may find themselves watching the construction process as beams go up, it is important not to look at an arc weld in progress.

"While they are most likely too far away, eye damage could occur. It's the same principle as not looking directly into the sun," said McDonald.

#### Loose Bricks:

Soon the Child Care Center should start its framing and

should start looking much like the Student Union site does now.

"Stinky waterproofing is being applied to the dirt-side of the Higher Education Center's foundation walls," said Pete Babington, director of facilities.

All three construction projects remain on time and within budget.

"We are a little over-budget in one area, but under-budget in another. So far, it always balances out. Things are going remarkably well," said Babington.

## 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 security will definitely be operational 24 hours a day.

"Since lots of people go on vacation during Christmas, we're seeing if we can close buildings and asking people to review their staffing schedules," said Laura Saunders, vice president of administration.

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

Last year the school spent approximately \$172,000 on gas which is mostly for hot water heating, said Saunders.

Gas prices are expected to rise about 16 percent for natural gas users this winter if the weather is colder than normal.

The buildings that are closed will be brought down to nighttime heating during the break, which is about 55 degrees, just enough to keep the pipes from freezing.

"If we do consolidate, it will make serving the public more difficult because a couple days we just might not be open or have only curtailed services. Communication and notification will be a problem," said Saunders.

Normal operations will resume Dec. 29; Winter Quarter starts on Jan. 5.

## 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 diversity/globalism requirement.

It hasn't been all smooth sailing. Certain courses in the department have come across concerns from students.

"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

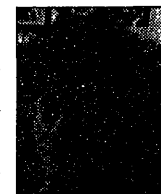
classes are unique and a lot of fun.

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, w h e t h e r

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.



Green



## Planters go out on a limb



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 (youth can 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 cen-



PHOTO BY JANIE LARSON

Sara Small, left, and Tanja Revellie, right, work in the Burien Teen Clinic, which might lose funding soon.

ters 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 appoint-

ment. It is a safe place to be and the teens feel welcome," said Mindy Elbaum, 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.

## Students encouraged to take charge of life

By MISTY PHILLIPS  
STAFF REPORTER

A program available to Highline students will help them take charge of planning their futures.

Take Charge provides family planning for men and women. With Take Charge the following is offered and is free; annual exam, all prescription birth control methods, (emergency contraception, evra patch, birth control pills, nuva-ring, depo shot) medications related to a birth control method, permanent birth control (tubal ligation and vasectomy) sexually transmitted disease testing and over the counter contraceptive (cream, film, foam, gel).

"Take Charge has been a really wonderful thing for me. It pays for all my birth control needs," said a 23-year-old full-time Highline student who wishes to remain anonymous. "I live at home and only work part-time but I still qualify for the program."

Take Charge is an effective way at lowering pregnancy rates.

"Before Take Charge, 55 percent of all pregnancies in King County were unintended. We know that women on Take Charge are showing a lowered birth rate, 3.9 per 1,000 compared to 61.2 per 1,000 of all child-birth aged women in Washington," said Carole Mullin, a family planning specialist at Public Health- Seattle and King County.

Students can apply at any of the Public Health Clinics or teen clinics at the time of their appointment. Take Charge will be billed retroactively so students can be approved immediately.

"I had made an appointment at Planned Parenthood and the nurse informed me that I was

eligible for Take Charge. All I had to do was fill out one sheet of paper work and I was done, the visit was paid for by Take Charge," said the Highline student.

Students with income at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level are eligible. A single student earning up to \$1,432 per month will qualify.

"Remember, for students, what is counted is your income and your family may include you, unless you are married or have children," said Mullin, the family planning specialist.

In some cases even if you have insurance you are still eligible for Take Charge.

"Sometimes students have insurance which may not cover all birth control services. In this case, a person can apply for Take Charge and if the insurance does not cover the clinic visit, Take Charge will. If students have insurance but do not want it billed for reasons of confidentiality then Take Charge will cover the visit," said Mullin.

An application is effective for 12 months from the date of eligibility, so each year the client must reapply. The Take Charge program has been running since July 2001, and has helped more than 100,000 clients. Currently the enrollment is about 93,000.

Every dollar spent on Take Charge services is saving the state \$3.30 in future medical and social service costs, according to the state Department of Social and Health Services. Take Charge has been funded for five years and will run through July 2006.

"Take Charge is a really wonderful program and I would recommend it to anyone and everyone who qualifies," said the Highline student who uses it.

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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 etching out a career that took him in a whole new direction.

His quest began at Washington State University where he completed his undergraduate studies. This led to a career in banking at Seafirst (now Bank of America) and Security Pacific, where he flourished.

He met his wife while they were both completing their MBAs at the University of Washington in Seattle in 1982. He got the girl and the MBA in 1983.

Ward was drawn into the entrepreneurial world through his wife, who started a gift business selling handcrafted gifts and accessories in 1986.

"She was doing so well, after the first year I joined her and quit my traditional job," he said. Their business, "Parvenu Inc." grew very well from 1986 -

1991. So well that the rapid growth called for more investment capital.

Ward describes the experience of being at the helm of his own company as one of the most exhilarating, liberating and demanding times of his life. Like most entrepreneurs he wasn't afraid to take a risk and he learned to ride out the highs and lows in income that go with the territory.

After all, he was in good company. Besides his wife, people like Jeff Bezos of Amazon.com and Howard Schwartz had started with an idea and became very successful.

"The typical entrepreneur has an area of extreme interest that helps fuel the passion required to weather the ups and downs of small business ownership," Ward said.

While they were looking for investors to help them grow some more, they got an offer to sell the business, so they did.

That fire in the belly to man-

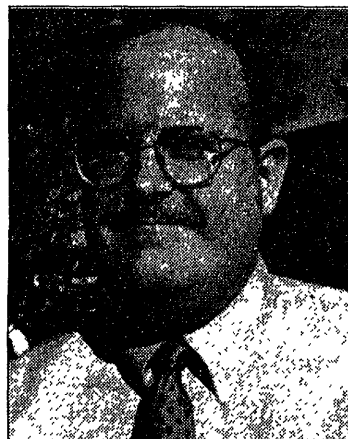
age and run a business was still there and they found themselves opening another business soon after. This was pre-Internet so he used tried and true marketing strategies and eventually reverted to selling wholesale and not retail.

As exhilarating as it was to be his own boss and see his ideas reach fruition, Ward experienced the wonders of small business ownership as well.

"It's two in the morning and I wonder how I'm going to make payroll," he mused.

Invited as a guest speaker to a Seattle Central Community College business class, Ward became hooked on education. He enjoyed the students and teaching. He taught there from 1996 until 2000 and also at Edmonds Community College before coming here.

As he was waiting for a full-time teaching position to open up, he continued as an entrepreneur at Ramsay Studio, where he worked on a web store for them. While teaching part-time



Jeff Ward

at Seattle Central he landed a job as program manager for Bensussen Deutsch & Associates. It was there that he honed his e-commerce skills of creating, developing and managing web stores for Intel and Eli Lilly, that eventually landed him the position at Highline.

Ward shares his firsthand experiences with students in courses such as E-Commerce, E-Commerce Management and Human Relations.

He cautions his aspiring busi-

ness moguls to avoid the pitfalls of poor customer relations, failure to globalize and being under financed. Planning is crucial to a successful business and he tries to help students anticipate issues he has already dealt with.

With 64 million people going online every month, Ward said there's still potential for growing Internet businesses in the 21st century. Some 56 percent of US companies will sell online by the end of this year, which reflects a 24 percent growth from 1998. Retail Internet sales were up 27.8 percent; representing \$12.5 billion in revenue.

"I'm excited to teach e-commerce because it is the part of business that is exploding in growth. Many new jobs are being created too," Ward said.

"I hope to be able to help prepare students for exciting careers even perhaps in their own entrepreneurial e-commerce ventures. All businesses must consider e-commerce or they will be out-competed by those who embrace it."

## Faaren takes elementary degree to a higher level at Highline

By MISTY PHILLIPS  
STAFF REPORTER

Linda 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 in turn get 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



Linda Faaren

able to connect with the community to help students be a part of another culture, and hopes for

new grants and programs.

Faaren is a soft-spoken woman and seems to have a real passion for helping others. After graduating from college, Faaren's jobs have been geared towards doing that.

Faaren grew up in Olympia and earned her bachelor's degree from Pacific Lutheran University.

However, during the time Faaren graduated from school there was a recession going on and Tacoma was laying off teachers.

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

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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.

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.

Faaren and her husband went

to Cameroon in West Africa to direct a literacy program.

They helped people to read and write in Gbaya.

Currently Faaren can speak four languages; French, Gbaya, a little bit of Japanese and English.

Faaren worked at Grays Harbor College and Washington State University for more than nine years.

In her time there she worked in literacy projects, WorkFirst and the WSU Learning Center.

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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 Milton. Milton is the lead writing consultant in the Writing Center, which is part of the Tutoring Center.

Tutoring provides a comfortable learning environment and a resource for students on campus, Milton said. The tutoring is a free service to students who attend school at Highline.

There are usually about 50 tutors in the tutoring center, but it varies from quarter to quarter, Milton said.

The tutoring center uses only student tutors, so students can relate to the tutors, said Milton.

To be a tutor it takes someone who is excelled in a subject



PHOTO BY JANIE LARSON

Dan Cummins helps Oudom Dan at the Tutoring Center.

and have a recommendation from an instructor in that department and each subject has different requirements, Milton said.

"I hope to see more students using the Tutoring Center," said Oudom Dan.

Dan is a student at Highline who has been using the Tutoring Center this quarter to help him with his writing. He uses the

Tutoring Center three to four days a week for two hours each time.

"Tutoring is like a second teacher to me," Dan said.

Dan moved here from Cambodia. He can speak English, however he sometimes needs help with some words but mostly slang terms, said Dan.

In Cambodia not as many people have computers and

Internet service compared to America, said Dan.

In America researching is different than in Cambodia, because more people use the Internet, Dan said.

The Tutoring Center has computers to help Dan and many other students learn how to use Microsoft word and the Internet.

"There is more opportunity here than in Cambodia," Dan said.

Also in America one may qualify for financial aide and grants, however in Cambodia those services are not offered to students, Dan said.

"I like attending Highline, because the teachers care and are helpful," said Dan.

Tutoring is beneficial to students who are learning English as a second language, said Dan.

Being tutored helps to understand what the instructor wants, Dan said.

"The tutors are very helpful, and even though they have their own homework they are willing to help other students with their homework," Dan said.

## Hotel and Tourism students hope to join the inn crowd

By DAVID PORADA  
STAFF REPORTER

The Hotel and Tourism Program have been preparing students for entry-level management positions in the tourism industry since its creation in 1996.

Before 1996, Highline only had sporadic programs that loosely dealt with the subject of tourism.

Kathy Dunn was a key player in starting the hotel and tourism management program. Dunn among others felt that it was important to create a program that would help students succeed in the tourism industry.

One of the problems with starting a new program in colleges is money needed for funding. To cope with this problem, Dunn took a critical role in writing a grant for the hotel and tourism program.

"This program did not use any school money," said Dunn.

The seed money for this program came from the grant that Dunn more than helped write, said the current program manager, Chris Brandmeir.

During the first two years of the hotel and tourism management program, Kathy Dunn took on the responsibilities of



Chris Brandmeir

the program manager.

"For a new program this has been one of the more successful ones at Highline," Dunn said. The program is designed for stu-

dents 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 mountains" 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 internship hours 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 internship 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.



Hitomi Fukuchi and Jessica Graybill (from left) are conversation pals.

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 nine 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."

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## Norma

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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-go-in'."

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 1990 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 then 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.

"Working in here, I've got to tell you, can be the hardest, most challenging place to work," she said.

Finsterbusch said things can get very emotional inside the walls of the Financial Aid office because students don't always



PHOTO BY CHUCK CORTES

**Kim Wasierski in financial aid helps student David Luke with his loan.**

understand what's going on.

"It can be extremely tense in here, because you are dealing with their money, and things don't always run smoothly because 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 gotta 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."

Finsterbusch said a common scenario is when the student updates his or her address with registration, but not with Financial Aid. Important mailings from the Financial Aid office get returned, further delaying an application.

She also said some students don't fill in the forms correctly, obtain an application from somewhere else that has a different due date than Highline, or count on money that they are not eligible for.

"You really want to think before you register, 'What if financial aid is not in place?' You might need to think if you finan-

cially can't afford

to do something you might have to forego going for a quarter until your eligibility comes in," she said.

Finsterbusch stressed that financial aid eligibility is determined by the federal processor and is not subjective.

"By the way you answered the questions, you are treated exactly the same way someone else is with the same family size and income, whether it is taxed or untaxed income, male or female," she said.

She said the students still take bad news personally sometimes.

"There's great demand in here to try to remain calm and patient, have empathy and sympathy, but at the same time give it professionally even if it might be bad news," she said. Finsterbusch said that she knows what it feels like to be up against a wall. "When we had to go on welfare years ago, my husband was lying in a coma in the hospital, I had no income and I had little kids," she said. "I felt very picked on because they said we weren't destitute enough for food stamps."

Finsterbusch has three grown children and she credits her seven grandchildren with relieving her stress.

In spite of the stressful workplace, Finsterbusch had nothing but good things to say about her work and colleagues.

"For all the grumbling that I might do, it's a rewarding place to work because most people are successful," she said. "Countless times you have the students come back and you see them grow. Not that you had anything to do with it, you just work at a job that you have the advantage of seeing that."

Finsterbusch said one thing students can do to be successful is to come in the Financial Aid office and ask questions, especially when they hear of other students receiving checks.

"It could be something that might pertain to you, that you will be officially notified, and it could also be specific only to the person and doesn't apply to you," she said. "All you need to do is come here and we can sit down and explain one-on-one how the application is completed."

Another thing students can do is file the financial aid application as soon as possible after the due date of Jan. 1.

"The reason for filing early is state need grants and other funding can run out," she said.

"You can still be eligible for that, but you won't get it because it's gone. The early bird gets the worm."

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fraudulent votes did favor a particular candidate/candidates. Officials are still doing a thorough investigation to catch the person/persons responsible for the fraud.

They will fully disclose all remaining information that is still to be determined, as soon as they investigation is complete.

The candidates from the pre-

vious election are all still running, after some hard thought on how much work it would be this time around.

• 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 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.

• Alien 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 is a good representative for the students.

• Christopher Monfort said he's running to make the student body more aware of the civil liberties lost under the Patriot Act and the current political administration (Bush).

Monfort 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 senator because she is interested in making a difference at Highline. Higashi said students should vote for her because she is willing to listen.

"If you want something done, then you want me in Student Government," said Higashi.

• Mark Thomas said he wants to be senator because he wants to make a difference.

Thomas said students should vote for him because he said he's just an average student, on the same level as everyone else.

"Monaka White is iffy," said Vice President of Legislation Michelle Kolpack as of Nov. 10. Monaka White was on the ballot of the previous election, but as of the candidates meeting on Nov. 10, there was no information available for her.

## 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.

"One time 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 Kurkov, 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."

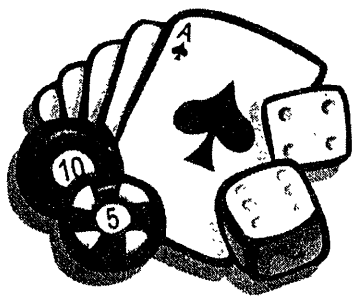
To save trouble and worry of being towed students can come to school early in the morning. The campus parking lots generally have spaces available before 8 a.m.

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 drivers 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.

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