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### Many Highline students aren't above breaking the rules

BY RACHEL SCANLON STAFF REPORTER

A Highline student said she had a "major exam in a history class" that she didn't have time to study for, so she cheated. The student, who wished to remain anonymous, offered up her story readily, boisterously giggling and becom-

more and more animated as described what she had done, seemingly proud and happy to share her accomplishments someone with

She related her tale in a half-full

classroom, taking no pains to lower her voice or hide what she had done.

"I wore a mini-skirt to school that day," she said. "I wrote all the answers on my thigh. I crossed my legs and lifted up my skirt when I needed an answer."

She received a B+ on the

"I felt like maybe I should have studied," she said. "But I feel no guilt. It's survival of the fittest."

This was not the only time she has cheated while at Highline, she said. She sat next to a friend during a

test, and the two of them "traded off scantrons" when one of them needed an answer.

"The teacher was in the front of the room during the test," she said. "But it's harder to do it now. Some teachers just know (when students) are cheating."

Although this may seem like an extreme case, the unfortunate truth is that students at Highline are cheating, whether it be on tests, assignments, or essays, and most are getting away with it.

The students and faculty have spoken: cheating on campus has become a problem.

An anonymous poll of 100 Highline students found that 39 percent admitted to cheating and 45 percent admitted to committing plagiarism while attending Highline.

Some 81 percent have witnessed another Highline student cheating; however, only 7 percent have actually turned a cheater in.

Seventy-one percent have had another student ask them for help cheating, and of those, 49 percent did it.

Forty-eight percent know someone who has been caught cheating or plagiarizing at Highline; the punishment doled out to the cheater ranged

from a zero on the test, course failure, a warning, and nothing at all.

Despite these numbers, only 34 percent of the respondents felt that cheating and plagiarism are problems on campus.

> Blatant plagiarism is not the problem that inadvertent plagiarism is, several students said in the anonymous sur-

vey. "Students plagiarize without knowing they are doing it," one student said.

One student admitted to plagiarizing, but said: "It wasn't

on purpose!"

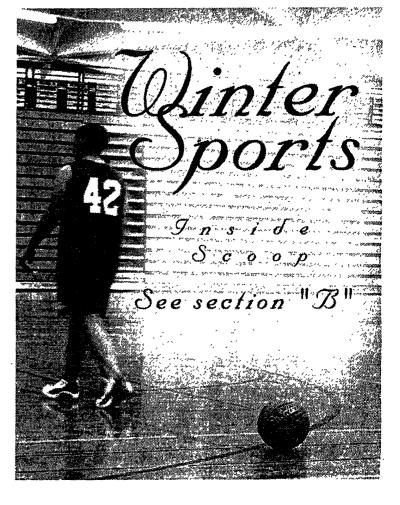
Several students voiced similar opinions in the survey, stating that plagiarism is rarely malicious, but experienced faculty feel otherwise.

"The other day, I overheard a student saying she had been paid \$12 for writing a paper for a fellow student," writing instructor Susan Landgraf said. "I almost stopped her and read her the riot act."

One student, who wished to remain anonymous, said he earned \$50 to write a paper for a fellow student.

"The money wasn't really worth the risk," he said. "But what would be the risk? To get caught, there has to be proof. Even if the (other student) said I did it, as long as I don't admit to anything, I can't get into trouble."

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### Second election to be invalidated this quarter

By VALERIE GOLLIER STAFF REPORTER

Students will be asked to vote one more time after database errors invalidated last week's student senator elections.

Student Government officials called the election off last Thursday, Nov. 20 at 2:30 p.m. because of a coding error in the web scripting.

"When we switched to new security, we failed to notice a change in the code that writes the votes to the ballot," said Student Government adviser Jonathan

Brown.

The security measures were added after apparent vote fraud invalidated the first election lat October. One or more students apparently were using other students' ID numbers to vote for a particular candidate. That incident remains under investiga-

Student Government also tested the voting process before the elections dates numerous, times with the new security added, and this error did not show up. They tested it with fake student I.D. numbers, and with real ones, but still no errors were found.

The third student senator election will be held in the first week of December. Student Government does not have specific dates yet, as of Monday, Nov. 24, but they considered a Monday-Tuesday election in that week. When they talked about holding it on those days, Vice President of Legislation

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# SECULIA

# Crime Blotter

for Nov. 19-Nov. 24

#### Computerstolen

A computer was stolen from Building 30 on Nov. 20. The computer was removed from its location under a desk in room 101. The thief carried it up to the third floor and walked out of the main entrance with the computer.

The staff at the front desk in Building 30 did not see anyone. The computers in the building were not secured to the desks. The estimated amount of property loss is \$1,280.

#### Vehicular vandalisms and car crimes

•A student reported that her car was broken into Nov. 19. Her in dash stereo/CD player was stolen from her vehicle. There were no signs of a forced entry into the vehicle.

A student's vehicle was stolen from the Midway lot between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m on Nov. 20. The vehicle stolen was a brown 1989 GMC limmy.

•Another Highline student had her vehicle broken into on Nov. 20. She did not have anything stolen from the vehicle. Her vehicle was parked in the Midway parking lot.

One student had her vehicle broken into on Nov. 23. She was only away from her vehicle for 55 minutes.

She had her car parked in the North Lot. The people that broke into her car took some items that were in the vehicle.

Compiled by Bryan Swanson

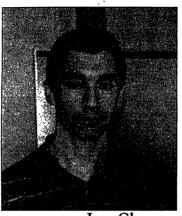
# Neutron stars spin fast in their graves

#### By Kasey Rega Staff Reporter

Little green men, crabs and a star as bright as the Moon discovered in China 1,000 years ago all have something in common, said Highline Physics instructor Igor Glozman at last Friday's Science Seminar. The seminar was entitled "Neutron Star."

"It all started with a Big Bang," said Glozman. He explained that stars form out of the molecular gas and assemble into molecular clouds. He said that all stars follow the same basic series of steps in their lives.

Glozman said that while a star is burning, the heat in the star pushes out and balances the force of gravity. He explained that the Sun is a middle-aged star. When the star's fuel is spent and it stops burning the material left over collapses in on



Igor Glozman

itself. "Heavy stars die more dramatically than smaller ones," said Glozman. He explained that a dead star is called a white dwarf, a neutron star, or a black hole depending on the size of its mass.

Glozman said that neutron stars have about three times the mass of the Sun but are only roughly the size of a city. He said that the Sun rotates around the Earth once every 25 days whereas a collapsed star spins 1,000 times a second. He explained that a magnetic field around the neutron star creates this rotation.

"Neutron stars rotate like a lighthouse," said Glozman. "Good things happen at the poles."

Glozman explained that the neutron stars radiate beams of radiation at its two poles. He said that this was first detected by a large radio telescope the size of 57 tennis courts.

"Jocelyn Bell first detected these pulsars and said they were from little green men," said Glozman. He explained that not long after, a theory surfaced that pulsars are neutron stars.

"The Crab Nebula is the remnant of a supernova observed in A.D. 1054," said Glozman. He went on to explain that the Chinese reported a "guest star" in constellation Taurus in A.D.

1054. He said that the recorded collapse shined visible by day for 23 days and by night for 653 days.

"The theory was clinched with the discovery of the Crab pulsar," said Glozman. He said that astronomers found a pulsar in the Crab Nebula that flashed on and off proving the rotation of the neutron star.

Glozman said that pulsars are the most natural clocks know in the universe. He explained that when the pulsar is disrupted it is researched for new discoveries. He said that the pulsar's precision helps astronomers discover new planets.

There will not be a Science Seminar this week. The next Science Seminar will be on Dec. 5, with Bob Maplestone. The lecture entitled "Steel Crazy after all these years" will be from 2:10-3 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.

## Cooke scholarship offered for first time at Highline

### By ELIZABETH KEPHART STAFF REPORTER

A new scholarship is now available to students in need of financial assistance.

Students who receive the scholarship will get funding for tuition, living expenses, required fees, and books, according to Highline's website.

The scholarship money comes from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. The foundation is a private, independent firm, established by its namesake.

Born Oct. 25, 1912, Cooke accrued holdings including, but not limited to: the L.A. Lakers,

the Washington Redskins, the Chrysler Building in New York, and some various television and radio stations. Upon his death in early April, 1997, most of his assets were to be used for the foundation.

Founded in 2000, the foundation hopes to help 600 students per year, but has only reached 110 undergraduates to date, according to the website.

The scholarship will be awarded to 30 students who are attending community colleges.

Two students will be nominated at Highline for the scholarship, Jacob Sneva of the counseling center said.

This is the first year Highline has been able to par-

ticipate. However, many four year institutions have offered the scholarship for several years, said Sneva. In order to qualify, a student must complete her or his freshmen credits for 2003 or be a graduate of a two year institution or community college, according to Highline's website.

The student also needs a GPA of 3.5 or higher and plan on transferring to a four-year college or university.

A student may be awarded up to \$30,000 a year depending on the institution the student chooses to attend classes at, Sneva said.

The deadline for this scholarship is Dec. 1, so students who meet the criteria and are interested need to apply before it is too late.

"Don't wait till the last minute," Sneva said.

"Students need to realize that when the opportunity is they need to grab it, and the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is one of those opportunities," Sneva said.

"I encourage students to apply for any and all scholarships, if they qualify," said Sneva.

The easiest way to get a scholarship is to get ones GPA up, Sneva said.

Students interested in the scholarship may visit http://www.highline.ctc.edu/stuserv/clubs/PTK/scholarships.html.



# AIDS Day campus presentation today

AIDS' impact worldwide is slated as the topic for today's presentation.

Two presentations will be given in Building 7 today, at 9-9:50 a.m. and at 10-10:50 a.m.

Students from the Global Health Issues class will speak, recite and sing, using posters, poetry, guest speakers, and song. Contact Tracy Brigham at 206-878-3710, ext. 3449

# Forum to discuss racial slurs Tuesday

Facilitated by Derek Greenfield and Darryl Brice of the Sociology Department, "N-ger: The Power of Language" will take place Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 11 a.m. in Building 7.

The event will be sponsored by Student Programs, Multicultural Services and the Sociology Department.

For more information, contact Natasha Burrowes at 206-878-3710, ext. 3256, or Yoshiko Harden-Abe at ext. 3041.

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# Endowment honors fallen Highline alum

#### By Donnie Meldrum STAFF REPORTER

She was a woman who had improved her own life and found success and happiness, often giving credit to the institution that gave her a start. Ruth Marie Germoulas Reilly was always thankful for the help that Highline gave her in life.

Reilly died in a car accident last winter at age 49 and is now being honored by her husband, John Reilly, with a \$75,000 endowment given to the school in her name.

The check for the amount was presented to the Highline Foundation president Doug Myers after a private luncheon on Nov. 18. Mr. Reilly, who presented the check, also spoke about his gratitude for how Highline changed his wife's life.

"You opened the door of knowledge for Ruth and she never shut it," said Reilly. "I choose to honor Highline's Paralegal Program, because of what it did for Ruth and her achievements. I watched her grow both intellectually and professionally."

The amount comes from



awarded to John Reilly after winning wrongful death suit from the accident that took Reilly his wife's life. She was the

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victim of an auto-pedestrian accident while walking in a crosswalk in downtown Seattle.

The Ruth Marie Germoulas Reilly Memorial Endowment will fund scholarships for single mothers in the Paralegal Program. Rather than a temporary gift, the endowment will enable the college to award these scholarships perpetually.

"An endowment is where the. principal part is invested and the scholarships are awarded from the earnings," said Mark McKay, director of the Foundation.

Richard Adler, Ruth and John Reilly's attorney, read from Ruth's resume, in which Ruth gave credit to Highline for her getting her professional start in

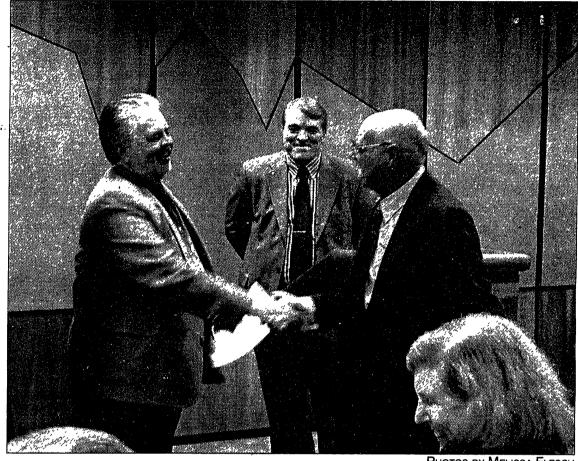
Highline helped Ruth to light a fire, Adler said. "It is John's wish that that light continues and burns for others."

A former student in the Paralegal Program and part-time faculty member, Mrs. Reilly kept returning to help the school helped her start her legal career.

"I recall many times Ruth telling me that she got a phone call or a note from an intern she had helped get their first job," said Reilly. "Her internship friends would call asking her for help in grant writing. Ruth told me that she was batting 100 percent on grants she helped write."

As grateful as Reilly's comments were about Highline, college officials expressed the utmost gratitude to him during their remarks.

"We feel so grateful that you are joining our campus community in such a positive way," said College President Priscilla J. Bell.



Foundation Director Mark McKay accepts the \$75,000 check from donor John Reilly at a luncheon on Nov. 18. The money is to honor Reilly's late wife who got her start here.

"It is our goal to make good use of our funds," said Foundation President Myers. "We will be able to harvest the fruit from this tree season after season."

In an effort to allow scholarships to be awarded by Spring Quarter, Reilly donated an additional \$2,000 to the Paralegal Program, an amount that was matched by the Foundation.

"My desire for the success of this fund is strong as it is urgent," said Reilly. "I want to see this money make a difference right away."

One of the conditions that Reilly gave to the faculty was that he would be allowed to meet with the single mothers accepted for the scholarship and give them a "Ruth Pep Talk."

"Moms who truly want to better their lives need the extra help," he said. "This is what this fund is about. I truly believe that education is the path of independence for them."

Highline's Paralegal Program is one of four of its kind in Washington state. It is approved by the American Bar Associa-

tion, which distinguishes the program and gives it credibility, said Bobby Wheeler, program coordinator.

"Our Paralegal Program is highly respected not only in this area but in downtown Seattle," said Wheeler.

The Reillys' gift to the Paralegal Program is the second largest donation in Highline's history.

"Paralegal professionals I know seem very eager to give back to that program," said Wheeler.

### Highline's international students speak up at ILSC Speak Out

By RICHARD CHO STAFF REPORTER

Coming to America isn't always easy, explained some international students at last Friday's International Student Speak Out.

A panel of seven students shared the experiences that led them to Highline, showing great emotion and some humor.

The International Student Speak Out was first developed at Seattle University and has been a part of Highline since 1993.

It allows for international students to share their stories and the role Highline has played in their lives.

The panel included members of the International Leadership Student Council and other students that were nominated.

The students came from various countries including Japan, Africa, Thailand, Russia and Vietnam. They all shared their



Buamanee

came to America and what they experienced during their journeys. "I actually

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didn't want

to come to America," said Lucky Buamanee. Buamanee was speaker on the panel and she is also a member of the International Leadership Student Council.

She explained that she might not have come to America if it hadn't been for her husband's encouragement. However, looking back on the experience she is glad she came.

"American teachers have been very helpful and patient," said Buamanee. She said that she is greatful to Highline for all that she's learned and the opportunities she's been given.

Some of the panel members had powerful stories that showed how hard it could be growing up in other countries. A couple of the speakers grew up in countries that had been affected by war.

"Things happen for a reason," one student said. He was referring to the pain and suffering he endured while growing ար in Somalia.

"I had to leave my mother at age 9 due to war and saw many bad things," he said.

He explained how his painful upbringing molded is personality and has made him want to make a difference in the world. He believes that Highline will

give him the opportunity to make a change.

Not all students were from outside the United States; one panel mem-

ber grew.up in America.

"I'm not an international student in the normal sense," said Mikey Hood.



Hood is a member of the International Leadership Student Council. He understands what it's like living in a foreign country since he was an exchange student in Japan.

Hood

"I've had one of the most embarrassing experiences of my life as an international student," said Hood.

He was referring to a mistake

he made while speaking in front of students at a Japanese private school. He wasn't familiar yet with the Japanese language but wanted to say something in Japanese.

"I wanted to as a joke say I liked Japanese women, but instead I said that I liked Japanese virgins," said Hood.

He also spoke a lot about how the International Program at Highline has been like a second family to him.

"International students made me feel at home and helped me through a hard time in my life," said Hood.

The panel of seven came from various different backgrounds, yet their stories were very similar to one another. The circumstances involved with why they left their home countries varied and the things they experienced were different.

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### IN THE KNOW

#### • 8.8 million: The number of unemployed persons in the U.S. in the month of October 2003.

• 23: The percent of the nations unemployed persons who have been looking for work for 27 weeks or longer in the month of October 2003.

• 7,588: The combined number of children on welfare in the Burien, Federal Way, Auburn area of King County.

• 43: The percent increase of sales in department stores between the months of November and December in 2001.

• \$671.89: How much the average shopper will spend this year according to a national survey

## editorial

# Making a holiday dream come true

Have you thought about the holidays yet? It's pretty hard not to; already an abundance of commercialized holiday merchandise surrounds your every move. At the grocery stores, gas stations, and libraries, on televisions, billboards, and radios. You don't have to look hard to find the constant array of streaming holiday images attempting to bombard your conscious with the materialistic sentiments of the season.

The chaotic swirl of advertisements can be a stress-inducing reminder of how behind you are on you holiday shopping and the mere sight or sound of them can turns you into a quivering flanlike substance. These ads are also very effective at reminding you how insignificant your life would be without a new flashy snowboard or Prada purse and diamond earrings. There is nothing wrong with a little self indulgance, but going without a new Prada purse for Christmas is nothing to call an injustice.

However, before entering a Zen-like state of consciousness and mastering the art of dodging the commercialism of the holidays, take a closer look at what is around you. Hidden amidst the endless queue of profit-seeking ads lies the true meaning of the holidays.

It's better to give than to receive.

Instead of being receptive to incoming messages of merchandise desire, seek out the not-sorare but highly overlooked charity foundation advertisements, and chances are you will discover firsthand the real meaning of the holiday.

To find a good start look right here on campus. You can support a less fortunate family or individual through the Giving Tree program put on by Team Highline and Women's Programs. For more than five years Highline has put on the program, which consists of volunteers purchasing gifts for families who would have nothing this holiday season if it were not for the kindness of others. This year Team Highline has 53 families in the Giving Tree program and 26 of them still need sponsors. Instead of wondering what will be under your tree this year, make sure there are gifts under someone else's. Without your help, those 26 families will wake up to nothing this Christmas.

Anyone in the community can help. If you want you can join together with co-workers, friends, classes, or even your own family to help purchase the gifts. You will receive a wish list of gift ideas. Then you purchase the gifts and return them to Team Highline by Dec. 10. Most of us have more than we will ever need, so this year volunteer to adopt a family and while you're shopping for gifts you may actually find the meaning of the season at the store.

# More than just the turkey

All my life, Thanksgiving has been my favorite holiday, but until this year I hadn't realized why. As a kid, I just assumed it had something to do with the food— mountains of food, and the fact that my cousins and I drew names for our Kris Kringle gifts. But as I'm getting older, the draw of unlimited stuffing, turkey, and potatoes decreases exponentially as the feeling of heaviness and regret rise. And although the anticipation of Christmas is still here, I'm much less excited about gift giving (buying!) and receiving (returning!).

Regardless, Thanksgiving has meant more to me this year than ever before. And this year, it's all about my friends.

I realize that the warm, cozy



feeling I always get around Thanksgiving is merely a reflection of the joy radiating off the people around me. Everyone is happy to see each other, friends and family who they haven't seen forever.

Since last June (high school graduation), three of my closest friends have moved away for college in the Great Post-High School Exodus. My twin sister went to WWU, a girlfriend moved to Oregon, and a guy

I've known for years is attending the Rhode Island School of Design.

This is a new experience for me entirely. I've never had someone I'm close to move away the way these three did. It changed the dynamics of my group of friends, and in an odd way they left us feeling lonely... like a half-dozen jelly donuts without our filling.

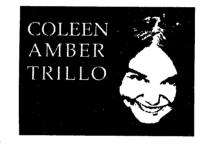
And now finally, they're home; and I finally understand the reason behind the happiness bouncing off all humanity like a pinball game of colossal proportions. It's about being together again. And even though it's just for one long weekend, we'll make it last.

Melissa says, "... don't question the moon."

### Gifts come in all sizes; this one is 5'2"

Each year I strive to find everyone I know the best gift.

I used to think I had gift-giving down to a science: it had to be exciting, useful, surprising, and unique as the person I bought it for. This obsession began in the second grade. There used to be a store some of you may remember called Six Star. It was a glorified dollar store to be completely honest, but to a 7-year-old it was an entire shopping mall. My dad took me there and I found the perfect gift for my mother, it was a fabric covered photo album, with a hideous late '80s floral motif, but I adored it. The only problem was that I didn't have enough money. The store gave out bonus dollars every time you made a purchase, so when we went there I would beg my dad to give me his bonus dollars. I even talked my mom into giving me hers telling her I was saving them for a gift for my grandma. When the time came I was a little short but I made a small transaction from little sister's piggy bank and was able to purchase it, I even put my little sister's name on the



card since she helped. My mom, like any good mother, gushed over and to this day still has it on a shelf on her nightstand.

The point is I would have done anything to get her that gift because I knew she would love it. Today I am unfortunately the same way.

Last Christmas around this time of year, I already had my list of what to get everyone, I also had my first job, well three actually. Because I had a steady income I had planned on really amazing and slightly more expensive gifts than I had given before. However the only way to keep my steady income was to work at least 10 hours a day. Just like in second grade I would do anything to get those gifts, even if it meant working instead of going to my sisters

last grade school Christmas recital, skipping the traditional holiday cookie evening with my mom and sister, and Christmas dinner with my boyfriend's family, but in the name of gift giving I didn't mind.

By the time Christmas came along last year I realized I did mind. Especially when my sister called me at work just to talk because she hadn't seen'me for a while.

When my boss called last week to see if I wanted to work I knew it might mean more money for holiday shopping. I also knew it might mean missing my little sisters volleyball awards ceremony. As my sister accepted her most improved award, she rolled her eyes in my direction as I cheered loudly.

This year my gifts will finally be the best: I am promising myself to be there for my family for everything from my sisters gymnastics meets to holiday dinners. I even plan to spend quality time with my puppy. Sweaters and CDs have a shelf life. Memories on the other hand last forever.

Cat actually hates shopping.

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"You guys are just jealous because I have superior taste buds..."

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# Walking in your winter wonder wear

Fall into fresh fashions; color, style brightens dark days

#### By Asa Hall Staff Reporter

Winter is almost here and with a few added accessories, your wardrobe will be set.

Handbags are fresh and more vibrant than ever this winter. Adding a stylish flare to any outfit, it's the perfect accessory to make your look complete. If your style is somewhat conservative, carry a neutral purse made out of leather, or suede.

A neutral color won't distract or take attention away from your outfit. And if you're feeling upbeat, carry a colorful purse that's fun yet stylish.

If you're a trendsetter, carry the everpopular monogram purse. They're chic, simple and too cute to pass up. They come in a variety of sizes making them

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To add some spice to your wardrobe, purchase a colorful coat or jacket.

for accessories.

But hurry because these purses are selling quick. "I called a lot of stores and they were all sold out pretty much. Just a few letters left," Blalock said.

In other words get them while they're



PHOTO BY MELISSA FLESCH

New fashion trends include monogram purses and colorful, warm jackets.

hot.

Another trend you will see a lot of this winter is the chandelier earning. Varying in size and length, this dazzling duo will compliment even the most casual attire.

"We just received our second shipment and they're selling pretty well," Blalock said.

Celebrities such as Nicole Kidman, Beyonce Knowles, and Alicia Silverstone wear their chandelier earrings on the red carpet and for a night on the town.

For a sophisticated look, try a delicate earring, wearing your hair up, leaving a few soft tendrils loose to soften your face. On the other hand, for a more casual look, wear your hair down, allowing the gems to peak through.

Most importantly when deciding on a pair of chandeliers, make sure you can

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handle the weight of them on your ears.

your ears.

To add some spice to your wardrobe, purchase a colorful coat or jacket.

trendsetter, carry the everpopular monogram purse.

Customers "usually

get the black coats or the brown ones," said Lee Ann Anchilo, Nordstrom Rack sales associate for the women's department.

Just because winter is almost here, does not mean you should shy away from color. Instead, wear bold but sleek brights to cheer up a dreary day.

One coat to try on for size is the quilted jacket. Stylish and comfy, they come in a variety of colors and lengths. Try a long quilted jacket if you want to accentuate your height. If you have a small build, go for a waist length one that does not over power your frame.

Although they did not do well at first, due to starting price, of \$39.97 to \$150 max, "when they went on sale they sold quick," Anchilo said.

Another stylish jacket is the blazer. Blazers are not just for the office any more, now you can get them in every material imagined. They're fun, cute, and easy to wear. Throw one over a basic tee, or pair it with a skirt or jeans. No matter the style, the blazer gives a modern day twist to almost any ensemble.

## 'The Haunted Mansion' is Murphy's comedic comeback

By RACHEL SCANLON
STAFF REPORTER

I am one of a growing number of people who has lost faith in Eddie Murphy. Movies such as *Dr. Doolittle 2*, *Holy Man, and Pluto Nash* have left a lasting impression on me, and that impression is not positive. Ironically, I believe Eddie Murphy to be among the funniest, most talented stand-up comics in the history of stand-up comedy, but I have come to the conclusion that comedies are not for him.

I am happy to report that Eddie Murphy proved me wrong in Disney's *The Haunted Mansion*. Although the plot was simple, the laughs, scares and visually stunning effects were in abundant supply.

Murphy plays cutthroat real estate agent Jim Evers, co-owner of Evers & Evers (his wife Sarah, played by beautiful Marsha Thomason, is the other owner). The couple has two precocious children: 8-year-old Michael (Marc John Jeffries) and 13-year-old Megan (Aree Davis). Jim is a workaholic, always putting off previous commitments with his family to close real estate deals. ("I am the breadwinner in this family!" Jim retorts throughout the flick.)

To make up for missing his wedding anniversary, Jim promises to take his family away for a special weekend, that is, until Evers & Evers receives a phone call from Edward Gracey (Nathaniel Parker), a mansion owner looking to sell.

Evers promises his family a quick twenty minute detour, but when a thunderstorm floods the only road out, the family is trapped for the evening, in what, they soon discover, is a haunted mansion.

The family encounters creepy butler Ramsley (played to perfection by Terence Stamp), good-hearted maid Emma (Dina Waters), Ezra (played by character actor Wallace Shawn; a downfall of the movie: there weren't enough scenes with him in them), and Madame Leota, the mysterious entity in a crystal ball; Jennifer Tilly was perfectly cast for this part.

Eddie Murphy displayed the style of humor which made his stand-up specials "Raw" and "Delirious" the two single funniest performances I have ever witnessed in my young life.

The comic timing was brilliant; Murphy's facial expressions, sardonic smile, and rapid-fire one-liners were hilarious both in their timing and unpredictability.

Director Rob Minkoff, whose directing credits include *Stuart Little 1* and 2 and *The Lion King*, seemed dead set on showcasing a plethora of visually breathtaking scenes.

My only complaint was Nathaniel Parker's portrayal of Master Edward Gracey; when he was in a scene, I didn't pay him much attention, even if he had most of the lines. Parker, pardon the pun, gave a dead performance, with lackluster inflection and an almost bored attitude. In addition, the plot was as thin as an almond sliver, but of course, this is a family movie, and children are the target audience.

My 8-year-old niece, Desiree, liked that the plot was easy to follow; she enjoyed the jokes, mainly because they weren't aimed just at adults.

Her favorite part of the movie was the performances by Jeffries and Davis as Murphy's wisecracking son and daughter, respectively.

There were some scary scenes in the movie (zombies rise from the grave and chase the Evers family, a spirit is dragged into the pits of hell) and she admitted she was "a little scared" during these scenes, recommending that children younger than her should not see it.

Eddie Murphy, welcome back.

# Mushing drives photography to new heights

Photographers create alternate reality at Kent Arts Gallery

By Linda Sewerker Staff Reporter.

The name of an innovative photography technique is the same thing as to what happens when a peanut butter sandwich gets flattened. One is called mushing the image and the other is called mushing food.

Mushing is the adopted nickname for photographic manipulation of an image. Mushing is the technique used by four photography artists who are displaying their vision of a southern town called "Four Women's Vision Images of Savannah and Charleston."

Their works are currently on display at the Kent Bicentennial Art Gallery through Feb. 27.

The four artists represented are Deborah Kirsner, Julie Eggers, Joan Loeken, and Elaine McEnery. The artists are using film as a painterly medium.

This technique has surprising results. The exhibit displays interesting ways to manipulate a Polaroid photograph or 35 millimeter photo altering the image.

Last spring all four artists traveled to Savannah, Ga. for a two-week period to create their vision of manipulated photographs.

The focus or theme of the group was to collectively present photos of Savannah's southern romantic architecture and gardens using the light and colors of the countryside.

"We never stopped shooting or got tired. We went non-stop from early morning to late at night," said Eggers.

All four women have varied experience in photography.



Deborah Kirsner's *Lucas Theater, Savannah* photo on SX-70 film in a technique called mushing.

They later learned mushing by coincidentally joining the Seattle Mountaineers club and meeting Kirsner.

Kirsner moved to Seattle from New York in the early '90s. She joined the Mountaineers and began taking the club's workshop in photography.

"I became very good at taking pictures," she said.

Kirsner discovered mushing by signing up with National Geographic Photographer DeWitt Jones, who taught a course in painterly photography.

"He turned me on to it and I was hooked," she said.

Kirsner played with the technique and began showing her friends at the Mountaineers club. Eggers, Loeken, and McEnery each began experimenting with the process.

Of the four artists, Eggers is the only one who has lived in the Northwest all her life. For the past couple of years, she has been selling the manipulated Polaroid images to New York. Eggers says she loves color and is drawn to nature as an inspiration for her work.

Loeken does professional photography as a second career. She is self-employed, and spends a good amount of time traveling the world, taking photographs.

The distinguishing aspect of her work in the Kent exhibit is expressed by her photo montage pieces.

For example, Loeken's Bonaverdise Cemetery images on 9 by 14 inch format, is a natural place one may overlook, as beautiful and restful.

"In photo montage, the subject is shot twice with a 35 mm camera. One shot has a sharp focus and is overexposed two fstops," she explained.

"The second shot is out of focus and spliced onto the first image. This creates a surreal quality and softer edge to the photograph," she added

McEnery became interested in Polaroid manipulated art through her association with Kirsner. McEnery does photography as a second business. works best by placing the photograph on a warm surface such as a heating pad.

The emulsion, the layer on the film that chemically recaptures the image taken by the camera, becomes the artist's palette.

A blunt object such as a stylus, is used like a paintbrush for the artist to distort the image, by moving the emulsion before it sets.

The process can take anywhere from 15 minutes to a half hour per photo. As long as the emulsion doesn't dry, the photo can be frozen and reheated and reworked many times until the artist likes the manipulated effect.

The SX-70 film is the key element to this process. Once considered a failed technology because of its slow drying time, it is now the only way to do mushed art.

"Some artists use anything to heat their photos. I have used hairdryers and the hood of my car," said Loeken.

"One time I was in the Yukon and took a hot water bottle to dothe mushing," she added.

The effect is quite stunning. Another challenge with this technique is finding a stock of Polaroid cameras, which the artists need for this process.

Each of the artists combs through E-bay, garage sales, or any resale resource to find the old Polaroid cameras which are no longer in production.

Only the SX-70 film is still sold by Polaroid because of the demand by artists.

The exhibit is interesting because it demonstrates a new technique that has great effects with an outdated camera.

Those interested can visit the Kent gallery at 400 West Gowe St. Kent or check the images and artists on line at www.ci.kent.wa.us/arts

She says she likes the medium because it helps her capture the feminine, beautiful romantic subjects in the altering of images.

ltering a Polaroid

Gingerbread House in Savannah depicts a front porch in Savannah architecture, with romantic arches and lattice work.

All the photos have a realism and surrealist quality. Many of them look like they're melting. The melting is because of mushing.

Mushing with SX-70 film must be done within the first 12 hours after the Polaroid camera produces a photo. The process

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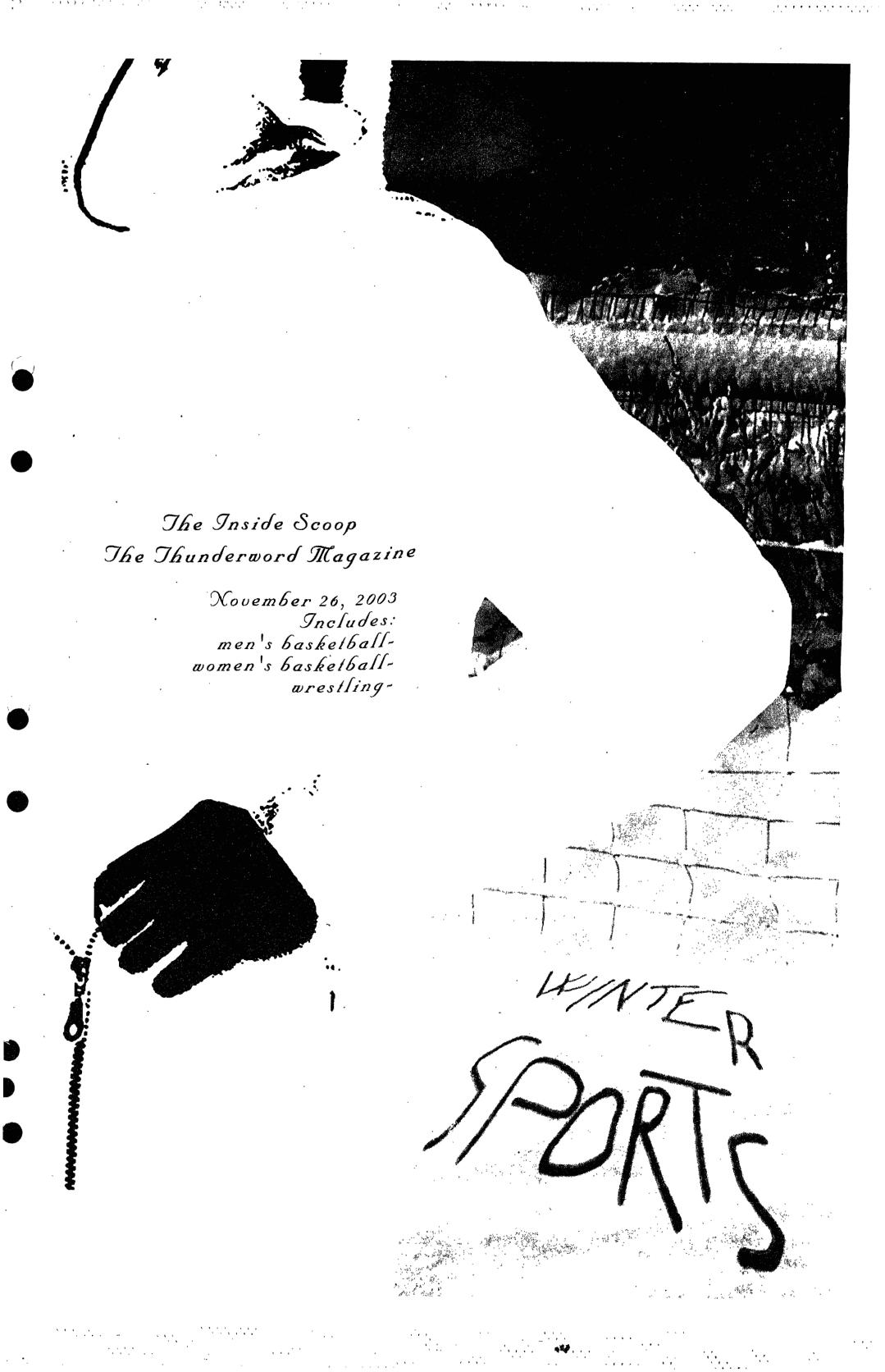
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Elaine McEnrey's Bonaventure Cemetary, Savannah uses mushing to alter the image.





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# November 26, 2003 Brooks saves his passion and intensity for the court

By Lauren Howell STAFF REPORTER

Lawrence Brooks is two totally different people on and off the court.

"I'm laid back, calm and quiet," Brooks said. "I don't get mad about too much."

Brooks, 6'2", normally doesn't say much, but when it comes to something he cares about, like basketball, he has a lot to say. And he says that on the basketball court he is a completely different person.

"I have a competitive spirit that comes through and I turn into an animal," Brooks said.

Brooks is one of two returning players for the men's basketball team.

He was born on Dec. 5, 1982 in Colorado Springs, Colo. From there his family moved to Memphis, Tenn. When he turned 13 they moved again. His father, Charles Brooks, was manager of a moving company that brought the family to Washington.

"After we moved people would make fun of me because I had a really deep accent," Brooks said. "I changed that real quick." Brooks says that when you're that young you just want to fit in, and now that he is older, he wouldn't have tried to adjust.

Brooks adds that his family instilled hard work and respect into his personality.

"I had to have good grades. If I didn't, I couldn't do the things I wanted to," Brooks said.

Brooks started playing basketball when he was 12, but didn't get serious about it until he went to high school.

Brooks attended Renton High School and was offered a scholarship to Georgia State, but was dropped because of a miscommunication concerning a math class. Brooks was then on the path to enroll at Arizona State, but couldn't because of a financial aid mishap.

Brooks ended up at Highline by chance. The coaches spotted him at a game and asked him and his friends to come check out the program here at Highline. Needless to say, he showed up and decided to play here.

Brooks plans to get his A.A. degree and transfer to a four-year college. He is thinking about going to Georgia State, or San Diego State. "I want to go somewhere where I can be myself," Brooks said.

Brooks says that he wants to continue his education. "I want to put myself in the best position possible to be successful," he said. "School is the best way to do that."

Brooks wants to continue playing basketball and perhaps be in the NBA, but he wants to have a degree in either criminal psychology or sports medicine to fall back on.

Brooks is satisfied with his new coach, Che Dawson, as well.

"Che is one of the few coaches that

actually is here to help people," Brooks said. "I really like that about him."

Brooks has a better outlook on this year, compared to last.

"Last year we had bad chemistry and it was easy to point the finger," Brooks said. "A lot of teams think we won't be good because of last year, but we're ready to kick that label."

Brooks says that a lot of teams disrespect Highline, but he says that it just motivates them to do better.

Brooks says that many of the players this year have been in successful programs for a long time, and they are not here just to be here, they are here to win.

"Before the season is over, people will know who Highline is," Brooks said.

The team has all new players except Brooks and redshirt Clayton Rylander, and a new coaching staff. Brooks says that the new staff and players motivates him:

"I plan on being better than last year because I think my talents were overlooked," Brooks said. "We have a fair coach who will put the people who will get the job in, and I can get the job done."

As a team, Brooks says that their goal is to win the championship.

"We have four guys from Franklin High School who were successful," Brooks said. "We all come from winning programs and it's very contagious."

The Highline men's basketball team was picked to be fourth in the league behind Tacoma, Green River and South Puget Sound. Brooks says that they will be ready to play those teams and knows that T-Birds can do better than fourth place.

"We have to prove it," Brooks said. "It's all on us, not the coaches, we have to prove that we are capable."

Through the leadership of Brooks and the hard work and cooperation of the team and coaches a championship is always possible. Coach Dawson says that Brooks is a leader by action.

"He exemplifies what it is to be a student-athlete," Dawson said. "He has a good G.P.A. and he is interested in doing better in class. He seeks outside help from instructors, and at the same time he gets the job done on the basketball court."

Dawson says that he is not a vocal leader but he consistently does what he is supposed to do. In that sense, Brooks is a big leader for the T-Birds.

As for Brooks, he says that the leadership roles on the team are still up in the air. Being one of two returners, Brooks says he feels like an outsider.

"I am the only one 'left over' and I feel as if there is a lot of pressure," Brooks

Brooks will continue to be quiet and studious outside of the court, but on the court Brooks says that he is working hard every day to do something to better himself.

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## Highline's young guns get set to take on league

By Fabio Heuring STAFF REPORTER

The Highline men's basketball team kicked off the 2003-2004 season in Everett on Nov. 25. Results were unavailable at press time.

It should be an interesting year for the 'Birds. The team is loaded with 12 freshmen and only two sophomores who were with the team last year.

Clayton Rylander, a sophomore guard from West Seattle, redshirted last year.

"I need to grow as a player and help lead the team," Rylander said. Lawrence Brooks, the other sophomore, is the only player on the team who saw action last year.

To top off the new look of players the team also has a new coach. Che Dawson coached Chef Sealth for six seasons. His time there included four playoff trips, two district titles, and one trip to the state tournament.

So what will be the key for a team with only one returnee from last year? For starters five of the 12 new freshmen all played for a Franklin team that won the 4A state championship last season.

"Were a fast team we gotta get out and run other teams," forward Lucas Eaton said.

The five former Franklin players include Zenrique Tellez, a quick and strong point guard; Tavar Proctor, a 6'6" fundamental big man; Lucas Eaton, a 6'6" shooter; Aaron White, a 6'2" explosive guard; and Kellen Williams, a talented 6'4" rebounder and a powerful dunker.

The rest of the team are all from different high school programs and will face the challenge of coming together and playing as a team.

"We all gotta get on the same page. Everyone is coming from different programs and philosophies," Tellez said.

"We gotta play within ourselves and do what we been practicing," Proctor said.

Sean Gearin, a 6'3" guard from Mountlake Terrace, is knows for his 3point shooting and ball distribution.

Jeff Ray is a versatile 6'5" big man who will bring his leadership skills

Rashad Hatchett is a 6'4", 210-pound forward out of Garfield. Despite his large frame, his biggest strength is coming off screens and hitting the

Brett Wusterbath is a 5'11" point guard who will get his teammates involved and is able to hit the outside shot.

"We just gotta come together as a team. We got guys that can do so many different things. We can go inside and outside," Wusterbath said.

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# Men's basketball roster

No. Name	<b>Position</b>	Height Year	High School
0 Sean Gearin	Guard	6'3" Fr	Mountlake T.
1 Lawrence Brooks	Guard	6'2 <sup>"</sup> So	Renton
2 Jeff Ray	Forward	6'5" Fr	Foss
3 Zenrique Tellez	Guard	5'10" Fr	Franklin
10 Rashad Hatchett	Forward	6'4" Fr	Garfield .
11 Tavar Proctor	Forward	6'6" Fr	Franklin
13 Brett Wusterbarth	Guard	5'11" Fr	Steilacoom
15 Jacob Manning	Forward	6'6" Fr	Bellarmine
20 Clayton Rylander	Guard	5'10" So	West Seattle
21 Lucas Eaton	Forward	6'5" Fr	Franklin
23 Devon Hall	Forward	6'2" Fr	Chief Sealth
24 Ben Wade	G/F	6'5" Fr	Ingraham
31 Aaron White	Guard	6'2" Fr	Franklin

### Schedule

Franklin

34 Kellen Williams

,	Nov. 28-30 Dec. 6 Dec. 12-14 Dec. 17 Dec. 20 Dec. 27-29 2004	Edmonds Tourney Everett Pierce Crossover *Lower Columbia *Green River CC Shoreline Tourney	Away Home Away Away Away	6 p.m. 3 p.m. 4 p.m. 8 p.m. 7 p.m. TBD
)	Jan. 2	*Pierce College	Away	8 p.m.
	Jan. 3	*Tacoma CC	Away	5 p.m.
	Jan. 7	*Grays Harbor	Home	8 p.m.
	Jan. 10	*Centralia	Home	3 p.m.
	Jan. 17	*Clark College	Home	3 p.m.
_	Jan. 21	*South Puget	Away ·	8 p.m.
	Jan. 24	*L. Columbia	Home	3 p.m.
	Jan. 28	*Green River	Home	8 p.m.
	Jan. 31	*Pierce College	Home	3 p.m.
	Feb. 4	*Tacoma CC	Home	8 p.m.
	Feb. 7	*Grays Harbor	Away	7 p.m.
	Feb. 11	*Centralia	Away	8 p.m.
	Feb. 18	*Clark College	Away	8 p.m.
	Feb. 21	*South Puget	Home	3 p.m.
	Feb. 27 - Marc			Pasco TBD
	*Contests mai	rked with an asterisk a	re league gam	es.

### Thunderbirds in the midst of fierce West Division

By Lauren Howell STAFF REPORTER

The Highline's men's basketball team has high hopes as this season court for their own success," Dawson said. kicks off, but their West Division looks as tough as ever and other teams in the NWAACC are sure to be promising competition.

Highline's Head Coach Che Dawson is excited about this season. He says that their team is a really good group of young men who are inexperienced and have room for growth and improvement.

Coming into a new team as a new coach isn't easy. but Dawson has

the experience. This season will be Dawson's ninth year of coaching and his seventh year of being head coach. Dawson says he is tough on the guys.

"I like to think the guys understand I'm tough on and off the basketball

Dawson hopes to maximize the teams potential, which he says is at a pretty high level. Highline has many strengths as a team.

"The guys really enjoy being around each other," Dawson said. "We

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By Shauna Bjork and Victoria Anthony Staff Reporters

Rebekah Proctor, 5'6" point guard, is one of only two returning basketball-players this season but that doesn't bother her.

"I have more responsibility and I'm looked at as a leader," Proctor said.

Michelle Aurelio is the other returning player, however she just recently joined the team due to her volleyball schedule.

Proctor said she wished more of last year's players would come back, but even if they don't, the season will go on.

"I think we'll do well. Everyone is working hard and I think we have good unity. Our team is more like a family this year," Proctor said.

Being one of two sophomores on the team isn't the only thing that makes Proctor a leader. Being the point guard automatically comes with leadership duties, she said.

"I have to lead by example," Proctor said.

Being a valuable team player and leader shouldn't be hard for Proctor, as she

has several years of experience, including playing competitively in Mongolia.

Proctor began playing competitive basketball when she was just 9 years old and continued to play throughout junior high and high school. She played one year of junior varsity and two years of varsity at John Sedgwick Junior High and three years of varsity at South Kitsap High School.

When Proctor was 13 years old, she went on a mission trip to Mongolia, where basketball is a favorite sport. She enjoyed herself so much, she returned to the country when she was 14 and again when she was 16.

Although basketball has been Proctor's passion for the last several years, this will more than likely be her last year to play competitively. Once she graduates from Highline, she has plans to transfer to Bethel School of Ministry in Redding, Calif.

Proctor has high hopes of going out with a bang this year, ultimately making it to the playoffs.

"I think that we have a lot of potential. We have an excellent coaching staff and high expectations for ourselves," Proctor said.

### NWAACC women's title up for grabs

By Shauna Bjork Staff Reporter

The NWAACC title race should be a good one this year, with new coaches and new players all over the league. Top teams from last season may not be top contenders this season.

Last season Big Bend was 28-3. They were the favorite going into the playoffs, however they lost to Chemeketa in the championship game.

This season Big Bend has a new coach, and has lost a lot of players who made them so great last season.

Head Coach Craig Randall was hired mid-August, giving him little time to prepare.

Big Bend's strengths lie in their shooters and eagerness to get better.

"Strengths are we have three good shooters, play solid defense and are willing to learn and get better," said Randall.

The Vikings' weaknesses lie in their inexperience.

"Weaknesses are we are young, learning a new system and not very deep," said Randall.

Big Bend's top returner is sophomore Jesi Metz. She led the NWAACC in threepoint accuracy last season at 52 percent.

Randall said that the top six players from last year's team have left.

Big Bend's top recruits are Michelle Mickle, who played at the University of Idaho last season, Emily Jenkins from

Kamiak High School, and Karisa Mummert from Kennedy High School.

Randall said that since he is new to NWAACC it's hard for him to know who will be top contenders this season.

In an early coaches' poll Centralia, Lower Columbia and Tacoma were voted the top three, according to South Puget Sound Head Coach Timothy Malroy.

South Puget Sound came in fourth last season in the West Division. They had a 10-6 league record.

This off-season, the Clippers got most of their recruiting done early and spent most of their time in the weight room and getting acquainted, said Malroy.

The Clippers' strengths lie in their height — four girls 6'0" or taller, depth with 13 players, and experience with six players returning from last season, said Malroy.

Top returners include Brianne Carras, Chelsea Buol, and Sara Mednick.

Malroy recruited Mandie Solverson of Mossyrock High School, Rachel Craig of Yelm High School, Karissa Paulson from Mary M. Knight High School, and Ashley Ellsworth, a transfer from PLU.

Malroy said that even though there are favorites, nothing is certain.

"The league is tough top to bottom and there are no gimmes," said Malroy. Centralia placed third in the west

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# New coach, new players, new season for T-Birds

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By Dustin Nickerson STAFF REPORTER

No.	Name	<b>Position</b>	Heigh	ntYear	<b>High School</b>
10	Ida Sagote	Guard	5'5"	Fr	Leone, Samoa
20	Taryn Plypick	Guard	5'7"	Fr	Sumner
22	Bethany Cree	<b>Forward</b>	5'11"	Fr	Decatur
24	Jenessa Pettit	Guard	5'6"	Fr	Tyee
40	Kelli Marcus	Guard	5'5"	Fr	Lindbergh
42	Bree Marcus	Guard	5'5"	Fr	Lindbergh
44	Rebekah Procto	orGuard	5'6"	So	South Kitsap
52	Jen Patnode	Forward	5'11"	Fr	Kennedy

### **Schedule**

Nov. 21-23	Shoreline Tourney	Away	6 p.m.
Dec. 3	Bellevue	Home	7 p.m
Dec. 4	Yakima Valley	Away	6 p.m.
Dec. 12-14	Centralia Crossover	Away	1 p.m.
Dec. 17	*Lower Columbia	Away	6 p.m.
Dec. 20	*Green River	Away	5 p.m.
Dec. 22	Peninsula College	Home	5:30 p.m
Dec. 27-29	Edmonds Shootout	Away	4 p.m.
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Jan. 2 *	Pierce College	Away	6 p.m.
Jan. 3 *	Tacoma	Away	3 p.m.
Jan. 7 *	Grays Harbor	Home	6 p.m.
Jan. 10	*Centralia College	Home	1 p.m.
Jan. 17	*Clark College	Home	1 p.m.
Jan. 21	*South Puget Sound	Away	6 p.m.
Jan. 24	*Lower Columbia	Home	1 p.m.
Jan. 28	*Green River	Home	6 p.m.
Jan. 31	*Pierce College	Home	1 p.m.
Feb. 4 *	Tacoma	Home	6 p.m.
Feb. 7*	Grays Harbor	Away	5 p.m.
Feb. 11	*Centralia College	Away	6 p.m.
Feb. 18	*Clark College	Away	6 p.m.
Feb. 21	*South Puget Sound	Home	1 p.m.
TBD	NWAACC Championships	Pasco	TBD
*Contest ma	rked with an asterisk are lea	ague games.	

The Highline women's basketball team has been short in size and numbers all season, but they are finally about to grow.

With volleyball players Michelle Aurelio, Tymmony Keegan, and Jen Patnode recently finishing their seasons and now joining the T-Birds on the court, the ladies are at 10 strong and have their largest team thus far.

It was just less than a month ago that the T-Birds were practicing with only five women. And in the ladies' first three games this past weekend, they were forced to pick up two girls who hadn't practiced with the team at all in order to fill their final roster spots.

In the season opener on Friday, Highline took on a tough Everett team, and walked away with a 68-82 loss.

The T-Birds' lack of size prevented them from stopping Everett's 6'1" Hilary Wick. Wick was the high scorer of the game with 38 points,

"We are out there playing with a bunch of guards," said Head Coach Amber Rowe. "That makes things tough."

For Highline, the sole sophomore in the game, Rebecca Proctor, led the way with 19 points. Bree Marcus chipped in 10 rebounds.

"I thought we played pretty well," said Rowe, whose tenure with the T-Birds got started with her hiring last spring. "Considering the circumstances, I was happy."

On Saturday, the team then faced off against a combined team of players whose schools weren't in the tourney, called the Lady Express.

Highline took home their first win with a 79-75 victory.

Proctor had 30 points. Bree Marcus added 21 points and Kelli Marcus grabbed 11 rebounds.

Everyone who played in the game scored at least a single basket, and five players were in double figures.

On Sunday, the T-Birds stumbled again while taking a 92-65 pounding from Whatcom.

Fatigue overwhelmed any amount of talent in the game, as the team was playing their third game in three days, and most of Highline's starters were playing 30-plus minutes each game.

"Depth is essential," Rowe said.

Proctor topped of an impressive weekend in the game with 25 points, making her total 74 points in three games.

Though the weekend was a disappointment, Coach Rowe said that the team is only going to head in the opposite direction as time goes on.

"We can be a playoff team," Rowe said. "We no doubt have a shot at being one of the top four teams in the league."

The top four teams in each division go onto the playoffs, so reaching that point guarantees postseason play.

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### League

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last season and had a league record of 11-5, earning third place in the

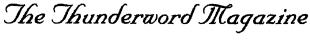
Centralia lost its first two NWAACC games shattering their playoff title hopes.

In the off-season they added three quality players and participated in a summer league, said Head Coach Gary Viggers.

"Our top returners include last year's co-MVP Jen Solberg, honorable mention Erica Miskar and Janice Spencer, and starting point guard Katie Swan," said Viggers.

Viggers has added to the team 2A all state player Nikki Johnson from Tenino High School and Tacoma all-area Jasmine Yeldon of Washington High School, and transfer Cristy Cooper from Clark.

"We have the talent to go far this year, but it will come down to whether or not we have the toughness and work ethic to push ourselves beyond our comfort zone," said Viggers.



# Freshman Pat Bradley brings experience to Highline mats

By Shelby Lancaster Staff Reporter

Pat Bradley may be new to Highline, but he is no stranger to competitive wrestling. He has been active in the sport since the fifth grade and has two top-five Washington state high school finishes under his belt.

Although a newcomer to the team, Bradley is already proving to be one of the T-Birds' top wrestlers. He has wrestled well in meets so far and finished in the top five at the Mike Clock Open at Pacific on Nov. 16.

Bradley is a tall, well-built, 20-yearold from Spokane who has blond hair and boyish good looks. His cheeks are red, his cheerful smile radiates as he speaks, and there is a carefree air about him.

He graduated from Gonzaga Prep High School and had a brief stint at Gonzaga University before he came to Highline. While at Gonzaga Prep, he achieved a fifth place finish in the 171pound weight class and a second place finish at 189 at the state tournament.

At Highline, however, Bradley will wrestle at 197. It will be a challenge to gain that much weight in muscle, he said.

There are other adjustments besides

gaining weight that he will have to make.

"It's a step up," said Bradley. "Longer matches and harder competition."

Bradley's biggest competition this year may be Bridger Sacher of Clackamas, to whom he lost twice at the Mike Clock Open.

Bradley chose Highline for its coaching staff. He was looking to transfer from Gonzaga, which does not have a wrestling program, and his high school coaches suggested Highline Head Coach Scott Norton.

Norton is also thrilled to have Bradley on the team.

"He's extremely coachable and an extremely hard worker. He gets good, solid grades. Look for good things from him," said Norton.

Despite transferring and moving 300 miles, for Bradley, the transition to a new team has been smooth.

"It's going good," he said. "I like Seattle. It's new and fun. It's a good program with good teammates."

Bradley has been healthy, both this season and in his entire career. He also has set high goals for himself.

"I want to make it to nationals," he said.

At the rate that he is going he definitely has a chance.

### NJCAA as tough as always for Highline

By Shelby Lancaster Staff Reporter

The Highline wrestling team will compete in one of the toughest regions in the nation this season and will have to step up their game if they want to do well.

"This is the best region in the nation, and this year will be a very exciting and competitive one for the individuals and teams that compete," said Southwest Oregon Coach Adam Whitlatch.

NJCAA Region 18 will be led by defending national champions North Idaho, which has started off the season with three wins and one loss. However, that one loss to Utah Valley State College equals the one total loss that they had all season last year.

North Idaho has many returning wrestlers, including three All-Americans who won the Regional championships in their respective weight classes.

Their most successful returning wrestler is Israel Silva, who weighs in at 238 pounds and took third place at nationals last year.

Justin Pearch will also return in the 133-pound weight class. Last year, he won the Cowboy Open and took fifth in nationals.

Also taking fifth last year and returning is Blair Alderman in the 184-pound

weight class.

Adding significant competition to the league will be Lassen, which is located about 90 miles west of Reno, in Susanville, CA. They are a new addition to the region and took eighth at nationals last year. They are also former national champs, winning the title in 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998.

Lassen Head Coach Rex Branum is more than excited about the move.

"I have great respect for anyone in the Northwest. We've been fighting North Idaho for years," said Branum.

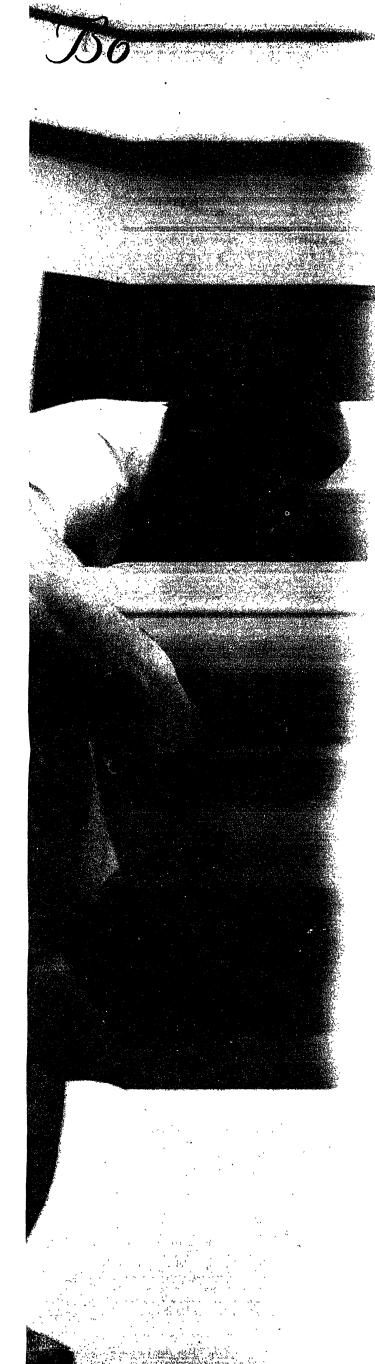
Lassen will be led by Anthony
Johnson, who took third place in nationals
last year in the 184-pound weight class.
Also, they have a large number of sophomores who sat out last year. They will be
the nucleus of the team and fill eight of the
10 weight classes, said Branum.

Although North Idaho and Lassen will likely duke it our for first and second place, there is much speculation on how the remaining four teams will do.

Highline would like to take advantage of the opportunity to do well.

"We have a pretty solid team," said Head Coach Scott Norton. "We've got quite a bit of potential and a lot of talent on

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## **Young T-Bird wrestlers face** stiff competition in league

By SHELBY LANCASTER STAFF REPORTER

The Highline wrestling team will have win key matches if they want to have regional success this season. Highline competes in NJCAA Region 18, which is one of the toughest in the nation. It is home to defending national champions North Idaho. Also, this year eighth place finisher Lassen was added to the region.

"Lassen is another team that makes our region extremely tough," said Highline Head Coach Scott Norton.

The real question may not be whether they can beat North Idaho or Lassen, but how they will fare against the other teams for a possible third place spot. So far, the T-Birds have a record of one win against Yakima Valley and losses against North Idaho and Southwestern Oregon. They have also wrestled in a non-league match against Pacific, with results unavailable at press time, and in two tournaments.

In order to have any hopes of placing, they must step up their game and wrestle well in key meets against Southwestern Oregon, Yakima Valley, and Clackamas.

The Highline coaching staff seems to be more focused on the performances of individual wrestlers, rather than the standing of the team as a

"We want to get as many guys back to nationals and get a few guys to place," said Norton.

Individually, Highline has several potentially successful wrestlers, both returning sophomores and newcomers.

Leading the team is sophomore Kyle McCarron, who wrestles in the 125-pound weight class. He wrestled extremely well at the Mike Clock Open at Pacific, finishing in the top five. His toughest competition so far has been Josh Sampo of Southwest Oregon, who he has lost both in the Mike Clock Open and in the Southwestern Oregon-Highline dual meet.

"Kyle has some of the best technique on the team," said Norton. Highline also has three freshmen who have stood out in the league.

The first is Marcus Garthe who wrestles at 149 pounds and graduated from Lake Washington High School. Last year, he was the third place finisher in his weight class at the Washington State Tournament. Garthe led the team in meets against Yakima Valley and North Idaho.

"Marcus Garthe wrestled the best out of both meets," said Norton.

Garthe faces competition at 149 from teammate Brandon Hunter, who graduated from Kentwood High School and is a two-time Washington state champion. The third freshman to watch out for this season is Pat Bradley who comes from Gonzaga Prep High School in Spokane where he was a Washington state finalist. He usually wrestles in the 184pound weight class, but this season will step up to 197.

Highline's regular season will continue through Jan. 30.

# Men's wrestling roster

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Name	Weight	Year	High School
Jeremi Brooks	125 lb.	FR	Steilacoom **
Chris Edgerton	125 lb.	FR	Steilacoom
Kyle McCarron	125 lb.	SO	Juanita
Francisco Gonzalez	133 lb.	SO	Hanford
Darren DeBoer	141 lb.	FR <sup>.</sup>	Cedar Crest
Jason Mendez	141 lb.	SO	Central Kitsap
Jonathan Muri	141 lb.	SO	Steilacoom
Marcus Garthe	149 lb.	FR	Lake Washington
Brandon Hunter	149 lb.	FR	Kentwood
Ja.m.es Barr-Finch	157 lb.	FR	Auburn Riverside
Skyler Marler	157 lb.	FR	White River
Kennie Pewitt	157 lb.	SO	Rogers
Brad Luvaas	165 lb.	SO	Port Angeles
Steve Hoyt	174 lb.	FR	North Mason
Patrick Bradley	184 lb.	FR	Gonzaga Prep
Justin Binetti	197 lb.	SO	Auburn
Don Rupe	197 lb.	FR	Kent Meridian
John-Charles Carr	285 lb.	SO	White River
Kyle Clerget	, 285, Jb.	FR	Enumclaw.
Jacob Peterson	285 lb.	FR	Lindbergh

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Nov. 16	Pacific University Open	Forest Grove	1 p.m.
Nov. 21	Pacific University	Forest Grove	1 p.m.
Nov. 22	Southern Oregon Open	Ashland	9 a.m.
Dec. 6	Simon Frasier & Douglas	B.C.	3 p.m.
Dec. 19	Tri-Meet: Clackamas,		
Simon	Frasier, Yakima	Home	5 p.m.
Dec. 20	High School Tourney	Home	9 a.m.
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Jan. 2	Simon Frasier & Douglas	Home	2 p.m.
Jan. 3	Portland State Univ. Open	Portland	9 a.m.
Jan. 10	SW Oregon CC	Home ~ .	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	North Idaho College	Home	7 p.m.
Jan. 16	Clacka.m.as CC	Portland	7 p.m.
Jan. 17	Clacka.m.as CC Open	Portland	9 a.m.
Jan. 21	Pima CC	Home	7 p.m.
Jan. 30	Clackamas & CWU	Home	5 p.m.
Feb. 14	Region 18 Championships	North Idaho	9 a.m.
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our team."

However, Highline will have to step it up if they want to contend for third place. They have won one match and lost two so far this season. However, they did wrestle better at the Mike Clock Open at Pacific University on Nov. 16 than they have previously this season.

The T-Birds will rely on newcomers this year. Brandon Hunter, at 149, is a two-time Washington state champion. Washington state placers Pat Bradley at 149 and Marcus Garthe at 149 will also bring strength to the young team.

Other contenders to place well will be Yakima Valley, Southwestern Oregon, and Clackamas.

Southwestern Oregon seems to be doing the best out of the four teams, starting the season with three wins and no losses. Those wins include one against both Yakima Valley and Highline.

Clackamas has a young team that can do well if they can adjust to collegiate competition.

"We have a good team of hard working kids," said Clackamas Head Coach Mike Haluska. "They are really young, and it depends on how much they can improve."

Clackamas' only returning wrestling is Bridger Sacher in the 197pound weight class.

He did well at the Mike Clock Open, and will be an individual to watch when it comes time for regionals.

## ·NWAACC

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have a deep team. There is not a huge disparity from the top player to the bottom, which will give everyone the opportunity to play."

The T-Birds have two returners on the team including Lawrence Brooks and Clayton Rylander. Playing time and roles are up in the air and no captains have been chosen.

Dawson says that there are a number of guys on the team who have the right priorities.

"They know the importance of hard work, discipline, and are very unselfish," Dawson said.

So far, practices have been going well. Highline scrimmaged the Evergreen State College and had a competitive game, but their lack of experience was apparent.

"The guys aren't very tall and we only have one guy who has college basketball experience," Dawson said.

Dawson says that it is all about experience and knowing how to use your body, negating height with quickness and effort.

Lower Columbia was picked by all of the coaches to be No. 1.

"Our goal for the season is to be league champs and have a chance to play our best in the playoffs," Head Coach Jim Rossler said.

Returning for the Devils, Chris Bannish is a solid guard who averaged 20 points per game last year. Bannish also had the third most votes for the first team in the Western Division last year.

Among other key players Bryan Freshwater and Mario Kralj are two that standout.

Freshwater is a returning post for Lower Columbia and at 6'8" he was able to average 5.3 rebounds per game in last season.

Another key player is Mario Kralj, who comes from Croatia and is known as the "Croatian Sensation." Kralj was on the Croatian junior National team and seems to be a promising player for the Devils.

Rossler says his team has good balance.

"We have a good combination of guards and posts," Rossler said. "Our inside and outside game are our strengths."

Overall, Rossler says that the Devils must have good defense to be effective because they have a lack of quick players.

Rossler says that there are going to be a few good teams to beat this season.

"Besides us, Tacoma, Highline, and Green River are going to be the competition," Rossler said.

Tacoma placed first last year with a record of 30-3.

The Titans have a new coach this year.

Head Coach A.C. Mosley Jr. is starting off this season with five returners including guard Robert Crawford, wing Patrick Names, wing Marcus Whitaker, wing Nick Moore, and guard Barry Jones.

"Crawford is our vocal leader and we will go as far as his leadership allows," Mosley said. "He sets the tone on offense and defense."

Mosley says that the team's defense is one of their key strengths, however since the team is not very big he says that that may be one of their weaknesses.

One specific goal the Titans have is to lead the league in the defensive rebound margin and to of course win a championship.

Mosley says that it is important to continue the tradition of moving people to the next level.

He says that the teams to beat this year will be Lower Columbia, and Clark, both of which have experienced coaching staffs, as well as Highline.

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The Clackamas Cougars placed third last year with a record of 27-6. This year they hope to win the South Division and place high at the NWAACC tournament.

Head Coach Clif Wegner says that they have great guards and a nice blend of youth and experience.

"Brandon Bill is the best guard in the South, possibly the NWAACC," Wegner said. "Alex Swerzbin is the best point guard in the South and one of the best in the NWAACC and Steve Lemma is also a top notch guard."

Wegner also says that Ammon Bemis has a lot of talent in the wing position as well as Garrett Johnson who is also a post player.

Wegner says that Lower Columbia should be very good this year and Big Bend and Yakima from the east and Bellevue from the North are going to be the teams to beat this season.

Green River is said to be a promising team this year and with eight sophomores the team looks pretty solid.

This is Head Coach Travis DeCuire's third season coaching and the Gators seem to be in good shape for the season.

There is tough competition going into the season and it will be interesting to see how things play out.

Highline played Everett on Tuesday, Nov. 25 with results unavailable at presstime.

### Men

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Jacob Manning is an aggressive 6'6" forward that will bring his inside outside game to the team.

Devon Hall is a 6'2" strong and athletic guard out of Chief Sealth. He plays well on both ends of the floor and is a good perimeter shooter.

Ben Wade, a 6'5" guard-forward, is a good all around player and is extremely good at finding the basket.

The players are confident the talent is there.

"We'll do good if we play together. We have a lot of individual talent and we gotta bring it together as a team," Eaton said.

The team knows its strengths and weaknesses.

"Our offense is good. But we gotta learn to distribute the ball and manage the clock," Tellez said.

"We are really deep on the bench and versatile," Wusterbarth said. He said intensity may be the team's weakenss, "but we have been working on it."

They know that in order for any team to succeed teamwork is a must.

"We gotta play together 110 percent for all 40 minutes," Rylander said.

### Women

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In the preseason poll, Highline was ranked sixth in its division. Last year's T-Birds finished fifth, being just a single game short of the tourney. Legendary high school coach Dennis Olson was at the helm of that team, but resigned a few months after the end of the season.

The lack of numbers has been somewhat discouraging for the team, but Rowe is pleased how her team has reacted.

"I think they have responded almost better than I have," said Rowe.

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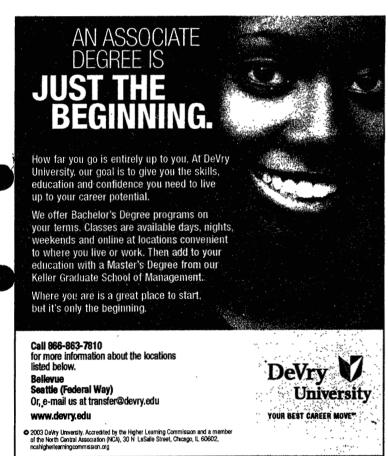
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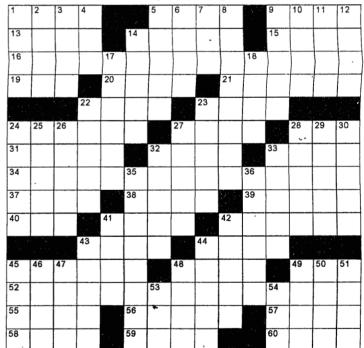
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# T-Birds battle at NWAACCs

By Nathan Brink
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's volleyball team went 2-2 in the NWAACC Tournament. This was a better postseason performance than they have had in recent years, despite not placing in the top four.

The Lady T-Birds were able to exorcise a demon in their first game on Friday, Nov. 21 by beating Bellevue (11-1) in four sets. Bellevue beat Highline all three times they met during the regular season.

The win set up their second game for Saturday morning at 10 a.m. against Lane (4-6). Despite Lane's poor regular season record, they proved to be a very athletic and hard-working team, finishing the tournament in third place.

Highline started off the game by winning the first match, but lost the next three straight. Highline had a number of opportunities to take control of the match, but failed to capitalize on them. This game was filled with extended rallies, but the Lady T-Birds committed several unforced errors...

The loss to Lane sent Highline to the loser's bracket of the tournament, meaning their next game was against Walla Walla (6-6) at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

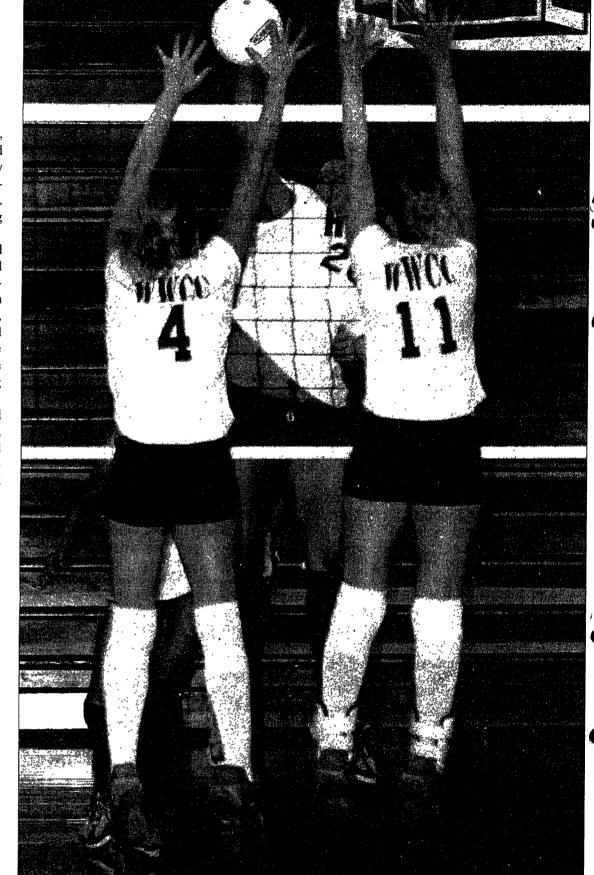
Although it took five sets, Highline beat Walla Walla, and set themselves up for a Sunday morning game against West Division champion Clark (13-1). Clark wasted no time, defeating Highline in three straight sets.

The Lady T-Birds finished the season with an overall record of 16-7, including tournament play. Although the team played well in the tournament, no Highline players were placed on the all-tournament team. The highlight for Highline had to be the breakthrough of beating Bellevue.

Spokane went undefeated through all five of their matches, beating Clackamas twice and winning the tournament. Spokane was led by tournament MVP Courtenay Kiebert and three all-tournament selections Natalie Danielson, Orejeona LaFever and Sybresha Branch.

Clackamas placed second overall, Lane third, and Whatcom fourth.

Lane Head Coach Dale Weigandt was named all-tournament coach, as he took his 4-6 regular season team to its highest finish in school history. Lane may well have been playing inspired ball due to the fact that volleyball is being dropped from their athletic program after this season.

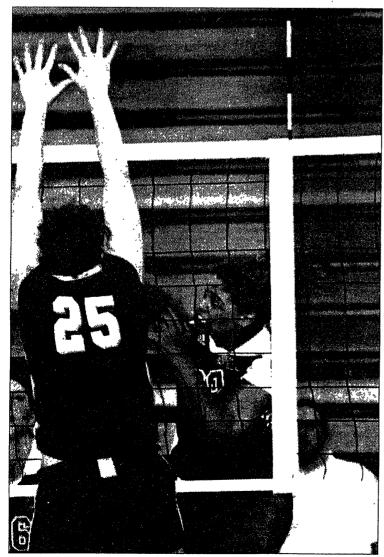


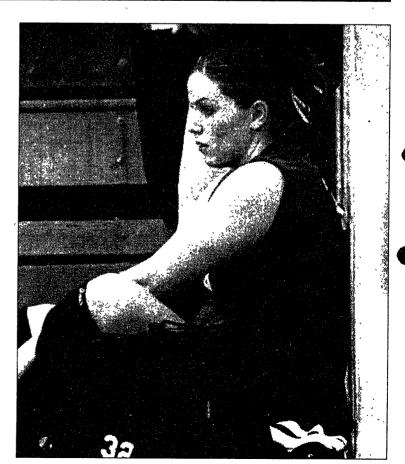


Above: Sophomore Michelle Aurelio blows through two Walla Walla defenders.

Right: The loss sets in with Aurelio after the T-Birds were eliminated. That game was the last game that Aurelio will play as a Highline Thunderbird.

Left: Blythe Howard spikes against Bellevue in Friday's first-round victory. The match was one of two won by Highline.





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# **BOWLING IN THE FAST LANE**

Mark Courtmanch is quickly bowling his way to the top

BY VALERIE GOLLIER STAFF REPORTER

He cups the ball like a rock from the Stone Age; Flintstonestyle, he smashes down all the pins with his 14-pound boulder.

Marc Courtmanch is a 19year-old bowler with poise, persistence, and style. He is a freshman here at Highline. He has been bowling for five years as of last month.

Courtmanch bowls at Skyway Park Bowl in Renton. Skyway has also been his workplace for over a year now.

"It's an advantage working at Skyway because I receive free bowling which gives me an opportunity to enhance my skills," said Courtmanch.

Courtmanch started out in junior leagues when he was 14. Two friends of his needed a third man for a team, so he decided to give bowling a shot.

"Bowling for juniors for nine seasons really got me off to a great start. This is when I realized that I did have a knack for bowling," Courtmanch said.



Courtmanch

When Courtmanch first began, he was a straightbowler. This is where people just swing the ball back, aim, and throw it in a straight line

to the pins. Now he is a curvebowler: he made this transition about two years after he started bowling. Curve-bowling is a lot more complicated than straight.

Bowlers basically have to swing the ball backward, cup the ball within the hand with the wrist bent, powerfully throw it down the lane at an angle, and release by snapping the wrist to put curve on the ball.

When bowlers curve-bowl, they aim for the area known as the pocket.

The pocket is the two frontal pins to the right, also known as the one and three pins.

Now that Courtmanch is a curve-bowler, he can improve his game by far, considering most can't excel past a certain point as a straight-bowler. He started out in his first season with a 135 average.

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PHOTO BY VALERIE GOLLIER

Highline freshman Mark Courtmanch works on his game at Skyway Park Bowl.

As of Wednesday, Nov. 19, he has a 187 average, from the adult league that he bowls in.

Skyscrapers is the name of the league. He plays on a fiveman team named LXG. This is Courtmanch's first adult league following nine seasons of junior leagues.

"For a young bowler he shows excellent poise, and he makes a fine teammate because he does what he has to do for the team," said teammate Bill Olson, who has a 202 average.

"He is fairly unemotional; he's not too upset if he throws a bad ball. And he could be better if he threw the ball with more power and speed. He can do that because he's young," said teammate Brian Laquerre, 214 average.

"Marc is a young bowler with a lot of talent. What I admire most about him is his composure. ... Strike or split, he always wears the same expression. Once he averages over a 200 I'll call him 'The Ice Man,' for now I will call him 'The Snow Man," said teammate Eric Anderson, 213 average.

"I respect him because of his ability to showup every week and because he's a consistent bowler," said teammate Corey del Fierro, 233 average.

"I decided to join adults because I needed a new challenge," said Courtmanch.

Courtmanch was the top

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Courtmanch's highest game ever was a 290. He hasn't gotten a perfect score of a 300 yet, but his goal is to obtain one before he is 21. He just turned 19 this month.

For his 290, which was in a

season of juniors, he received a plaque for bowling 11 strikes on a row out of 12 possible in a game.

In Skyscrapers, he has had 11 200 or above games, about 45 in juniors, and around 130 in practice. The top three scores that he has ever bowled are: the 290, a 278 and a 266; all which happened to occur in a league.

His lowest game in adults was a 128.

Courtmanch has recently received a \$160 Scholarship from Grand Prix Scholars for his nine seasons of juniors. He received it in August 2003 and used it towards tuition at Highline.

Courtmanch wants to major in business technology and minor in accounting. He also wants to join the PBA Tour.

"To join, I plan to practice and get my average up, then apply to join the PBA Tour. That will probably take about three years," said Courtmanch.

To get onto the PBA Tour, bowlers have to maintain an average in a league of 200 or above for at least 66 games.

"Even if I do make it to the PBA, I will still pursue my bachelor's degree and after that, continue to pursue my path into business tech," Courtmanch said.

He graduated from Lindbergh High School in June 2003, and is at Highline to get his AA by June of 2005.

Then he plans to transfer to Western Washington University to obtain his bachelor's. Courtmanch aspires to attain his masters soon after.

"I'd like to do more adult leagues, but I still need to focus on school, work, and my social life," said Courtmanch.

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# Construction on track despite distractions

By Jessica Brown
Staff Reporter

Through rain and snow, contractors on campus have been working to build up the campus without any major hitches.

Although there is a long time left before the Higher Education Center, the Student Union, and new Child Care Center are done, progress is looking good so far.

Construction projects typically have tasks that project managers identify as imperative to project completion. Things like this are on the critical path. Things on this path have to be completed on time in order to complete the project on time. Pouring foundations, steel erection, and mass excavation of the site are a few on the critical path, said Pete Babington, Highline's director of facilities.

"Ours is not an easy environment for construction. This is an operating campus of 8,100 students and 2,000 cars, with occasional rains of biblical proportions, with an inflexible schedule, without appropriate site space for construction equipment and material laydown areas," said Babington.

Some of the contributing factors to the current success of the projects are preparation, the proper architects, and communication with contractors, said Babington.

Highline was also able to change architects when current ones did not work out. Both the Child Care Center and the Student Union are under different architectural firms than they started with.

Choosing the right people for the job is an important aspect of construction. Highline had problems with the contractors for Building 30 and the city of



PHOTO BY MELISSA FLESCH

Two construction workers weld beams on the Student Union building

Des Moines had to put an official halt to the construction. The contractor excavated a deep hole without an engineered, city-approved plan, said Babington.

The contractor was terminated after six weeks of the sixmonth work.

Despite the uncomfortable construction conditions on campus, the projects are going well.

From an outsiders perspective it may seem amazing that workers are not falling from the steel beams every day, but big mishaps are fairly uncommon, said Mike McDonald, superintendent of the Student Union project for Lumpkin General Contractors.

Most contractors working with Highline agree that with proper planning and quality crews, there need not be any catastrophic accidents.

"There are typically no problems in construction. I spend enough time planning! You've just got to anticipate problems," said McDonald.

One of the biggest problems encountered during the construction process is the weather.

Safety is the biggest priority on all the construction sites and the snow made for uncomfortable conditions.

Despite the difficulties, faculty, staff, and students have been cooperative working around the construction.

#### Loose Bricks:

•On Saturday Nov. 29, the south parking lot will be closed all day except to Metro buses so the Higher Education Center contractors can install light poles and fixtures.

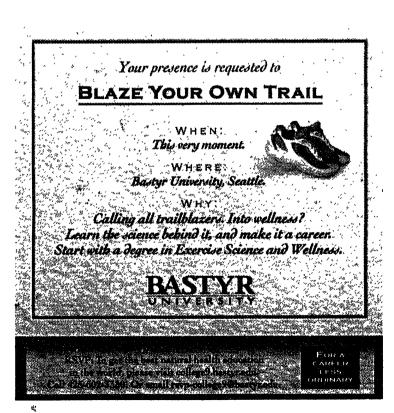
•On the day after Thanksgiving, Highline's electrical power will be shut off all day.

Another outage is scheduled for three days during the winter break; no exact dates are determined yet. These two power outages were split up to decrease the chances of causing harm to the over-burdened high-voltage system. If the system is over-stressed it could prevent re-energizing some or all of the campus for an extended period of time.

•There was an electrical problem with the crane on the Student Union site on Friday, Nov. 21. It would not go around sideways due to a problem with the circuit.

All the projects are on schedule and within budget.

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# Muslim students show faith during Ramadan

#### BY CHRIS MEINHART

STAFF REPORTER

Muslims' daylight fasting during Ramadan helps them focus on spiritual things, a noted Muslim author said here last week.

Ramadan is the ninth lunar month of the Muslim calendar. During this month, Muslims all over the world fast from sunrise to sunset. Ramadan began on Oct. 27 and ended Nov. 25.

To celebrate Ramadan, an evening meal was hosted by the Muslim Student Association last Thursday. The event drew 100 people. Organizers said 150 signed up to fast for the Fast-a-thon to help raise money to feed the homeless.

Najma Jeylani, a Highline student who helped organize the event explained that during the 30 days of Ramadan fasting entails not eating from sunrise to sunset.

"At this time of year that is from 5:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.," she said. "That means no water or even gum. Each evening food is eaten."

She went on to explain that young children under 10 years old, pregnant or nursing mothers or those who are ill are ex-

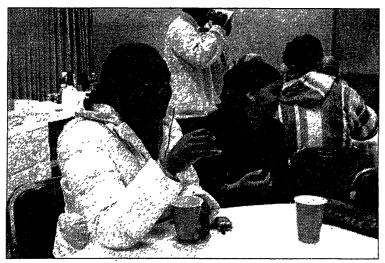


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Nansare Consolata breaks her Ramadan fast on Nov. 20.

empt from fasting.

On each table before the meal commenced, dates and milk were served which are said to soothe the digestion after a fast.

After everyone broke his or her fast with the dates, a generous spread of aromatic meat, rice and vegetable dishes were served along with sweets and soft drinks. There were about 30 non-Muslims who shared in the event.

Local author Ali Salaam explained the meaning of Ramadan at the gathering. He had gifts for the non-Muslim guests who could answer ques-

tions about the Muslim religion. The other guest speaker, Rachel Meyer of Real Change, received a gift of \$300 from the group to help feed the hungry of Seattle.

"Ramadan is one million push ups for the soul," Salaam said.

"It is not merely going without food that teaches us the greatest lesson," he said.

"Although it bears mentioning that in a country like our USA we don't really experience hunger as many in the world do," he said.

"It is a time to reflect, uplift and show self-control; to focus on spiritual things rather than the mundane."

Salaam said that through fasting Muslims learn: self-control in saying no to food and drink and self-regulation by refraining from sexual intimacy. They are admonished to guard the tongue- speak more quietly and stop nagging speech and refrain from smoking. They improve mental capacity by turning off the TV, and reading more, and use Siam, or prayer, to connect with Allah/God.

"All these things build fortitude of character," he said.

"Ramadan is the only act prescribed that we do exclusively for Allah. Our five-times-a-day prayers are really for us to connect with the original source. To, leave off from prayer is one step from disbelief," he said.

Salaam recalled his best character building experience. He had been chosen to attend football camp on the East Coast where he grew up - a pretty regular American kid. It was during Ramadan and since puberty is the age of discretion, he was faced with a choice.

His mother said, "You do have to fast, but you don't have to go to football camp if you think it will make it too difficult."

"I really liked football, there was no way I wanted to miss that. I found I was able to resist food and drink during the day and gained confidence and self-discipline. I made sure I drank plenty of liquids the night before and I was fine," he said.

Salaam drew some surprised looks from when he clarified that Muslims acknowledge Jesus from the Bible and claim Abraham as their father through Ishmael by Hagar. He went on to stress that although Mohammed was a great prophet, only Allah is worshiped.

Another feature of Ramadan, as outlined in the Koran, (the Muslim holy book) is to feed persons in need. This was certainly evident from Abdulkadir Farah of the MSA whose efforts along with other members helped raise money to feed the poor here in Seattle.

"We asked local businesses to pledge donations to help feed the hungry for every student who signed up to fast," Farah said. "In exchange we show the brochures of the businesses and the people who fast experience one small atom of what a truly hungry person goes through."

## Tech equipment theft on the rise; campus asked to take action

#### By Bryan Swanson Staff Reporter

They are small, high-tech, expensive, and being swiped from Highline. Media equipment is being taken from campus at a very frequent rate this

"Years ago we never had problems; it was rare to have things stolen," said Tom Pollard, director of Media Services and Library Automation.

Theft of these expensive items is occuring in classrooms on campus. The equipment being stolen includes data projectors, computers, TVs, VCRs, and camcorders. Of the items being stolen, Pollard says the data projectors are the most significant.

"It hasn't been campus practice to lock doors. I think until

that changes we will continue to be a target," said Pollard.

Faculty and staff have been asked to lock classroom doors if the room contains any valuable equipment, and not to leave those items unattended.

Instructors have also been told to ask any remaining students to leave and then lock the door behind them if the instructor for the next course has not arrived when equipment is in-

side of the room.

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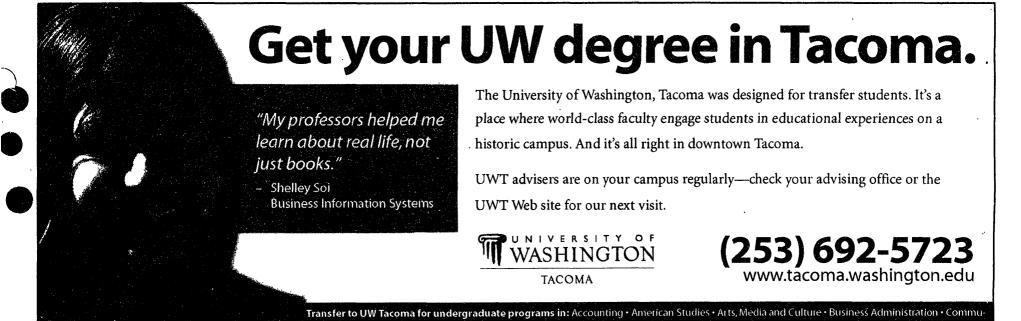
Pollard says that many things have been done to try to stop these frequent cases of stolen equipment.

"The equipment has gotten smaller, more expensive, and a demand for equipment has increased. This kind of equipment has reached the point that people can use it in their own homes or sell them. They are small and easy to steal," Pollard

said.

The people who are authorized to move the media equipment wear a visible campus ID badge. The equipment has stainless steel cables and locks for security. Even with these current security features in place, equipment is still being ripped off.

"We are asking if people see something unusual that they call campus security," said Pollard.



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### Cheaters

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A student, who wished to remain anonymous, echoed these sentiments; she said that cheating is only punished if the cheater is caught in the act.

"I overheard (a student in my class) talking with someone else about how he had cheated (on the test we had just taken)," she said. "He was talking loudly

and there were other people

She said she became angry and she "decided to say something." She told the teacher about it, but she doesn't believe any action was taken.

"He was in class the next day" she said. "His same old foud, obnoxious self."

She believes that since the cheater wasn't caught in the act, there was nothing the teacher could do. There is only one teacher, she said, and 30 students in the class.

Members of the faculty, how-

ever, had a different view. Of those questioned, all believed cheating and plagiarism are major problems at Highline.

"I spend more time in class covering plagiarism, up to two days," said speech instructor Shannon Proctor. "I used to assume students knew not to plagiarize and what it consisted of. Now, I don't know."

To combat cheating, Gerry Barelay hands out multiple versions of a test and patrols the room, which, he said, he "very much dislikes."

If he catches a student cheat-

ing, the student will receive a zero on the test the first time, and a 0.0 for the class the second time.

Susan Landgraf said that cheating and plagiarism has gotten worse at Highline, "or we have become more aware of it."

Suggestions from students to combat cheating and plagiarism ranged from immediate expulsion for a first offense and installing video cameras in each classroom. Other suggestions were: handing out multiple versions of the same test, more instruction by teachers on how to

properly cite sources and give credit, and that Highline students "grow some morals."

"It is up to the students to know the difference between right and wrong, and cheating and plagiarism is wrong," said the student.

While prevention may seem like the obvious solution, many students polled felt cheating and plagiarism are here to stay.

"There is nothing you can do to stop (cheating and plagiarism)," one student said. "People are going to do what s they are going to do regardless.

### Invalid

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Michelle Kolpack said that that might be a bit too early.

When the second election was conducted on Nov. 19 and 20, the registration database was running well, but when they checked on the second day, they noticed that the vote and ballot database was running with problems.

Apparently the main problem

that invalidated the election was from adding new security measures that had changed the computer's coding. With that change, the ballot database could not read the votes correctly.

Student Government officials have not detected any new voter fraud in this second election.

Brown said that his goal is to fully disclose information about the previous fraudulent invalidated election by next week. He is still waiting on one more big chunk of information, which will be available to him soon, before he can say what happened with the October vote.

The Student Government team met yesterday, Nov. 25 to take another look at the elections processes. Brown said that they are anticipating making further changes to the voting process.

Student Government officials are considering paper ballot voting as an alternative. But they also had to consider that changing the voting process could decrease access to voting for the student body.

"It's a credibility issue. We need to be balanced with staff and resources to vote in person,"

said Brown.

During all of this, Student Government officials say they want to maintain their integrity of the voting process. They want to entice the student body to the polls, where turnout typically is 200-300 students out of 8,000-9,000 on campus.

In the third election, officials will again be collecting information and confirming student I.D.

They also will be confirming ballot selection from individuals, and will combine data on the voters with their ballots.

All of the candidates were

informed via e mail about the second invalidation, and many of them have been coming down to the Student Government offices to talk.

Almost everyone, students, candidates, and Student Government officials are obviously showing frustration.

"This is unfortunate and frustrating," said Brown.

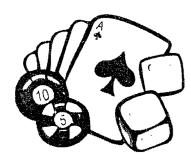
Most people just want the elections to be over with already, said Brown. Although Student Government wants the elections completed as soon as possible, they still want the whole process done well.

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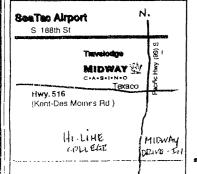


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