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 becoming more and more animated as she described 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 test.

"I felt like maybe I should have studied," she said. "But I feel no guilt. It's survival of the fittest." She related her tale in a half-full classroom, taking no pains to lower her voice or hide what she had done.

The students and faculty have spoken: cheating is not the problem that inadvertent plagiarism is, several students said in the anonymous survey. "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 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
Neutron stars spin fast in their graves

BY KASEY REGA
STAFF REPORTER

Little green men, crabs and a star as bright as the Moon dis- covered in China 1,000 years ago all have something in com- mon, 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 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 rem- nant of a supernova observed in A.D. 1054," said Glozman. He went on to explain that the Chi- nese 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 known in the universe. He explained that when the pulsar is discovered it is researched for new discoveries. He said that the pulsar's preci- sion 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 af- ter all these years" will be from 1:10-3 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.

Vehicular vandalism and car crime

A student reported that his car was broken into, Nov. 19. Her (in the passenger seat) player was stolen along with the contents of a forced entry into the ve- hicle.

A student's vehicle was stolen from the Midway lot between 8 a.m. and 8:15 a.m., Nov. 20. The vehicle was a brown 1989 GMC Jimmy.

Another Highline stu- dent had her vehicle broken into on Nov. 21. She did not have anything stolen from the vehicle. Her vehicle was parked in the Midway park- ing lot.

One student had her ve- hicle broken into on Nov. 22. 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.

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 9-9:30 a.m. and at 10-10:30 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.
BY DONNIE MEDRUM 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 honor of her.

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 an wrongful death suit against the victim of an auto-pedestrian accident. J. Bell, right away. "by the American Bar Association."

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"International students made me feel at home and helped me grow up, they were my second family," 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.

"I 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.

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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 emotions and some humor.

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IN THE KNOW

More than just the turkey

All my life, Thanksgiving has been my favorite holiday, but until this year, I didn’t realize 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 turkey, stuffing, and potatoes decreases exponentially as the feeling of heaviness and regret arise. 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 merely a reflection of the joy radiating off the people around me. Everyone is happy to see each other, friends, family, or who haven’t seen each other since last year. 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 before 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-eaten jelly donut without our filling.

And now finally, they’re home; and I finally understand why readers of the Sunday newspaper bopping off all humanity like a pinball game of colossal proportions. It’s about being together again. And even though it’s for one long weekend, we’ll make it last.

Melissa says, “…don’t question the moon.”

Gifs come in all sizes; this one is 5’2”

Each year I strive to find every gift everyone knows the best gift. I used to think I had gifted giving down to a science and had to be existing, 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 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 begged my dad to give me his bonus dollars. I even tried 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 sister’s 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 about how she had something ready but didn’t think she’d had time to make.

When my boss called last week to see if I wanted to work I knew I 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 like for everything from my sisters gymnastics meets to holiday dinners. I even plan to spend quality time with Bailey, puppy, Sweaters and CDs have a shelf life. Memories on the other hand last forever.

Cats actually hates shopping.
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 sassy, carry a colorful purse that's fun yet stylish. If you're a trendsetter, carry the ever-popular monogram purse. They're chic, simple and too cute to pass up. They come in a variety of sizes making them versatile and easy to carry.

"The last shipment sold in one day," said Tara Blalock, Nordstrom Rack sales associate.

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.

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

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

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

"The Haunted Mansion" is Murphy's comedic comeback

BY RACHEL SCALON
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 people who has lost faith in Eddie Murphy. 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 Bob 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 handle the weight of them on your ears. To add some spice to your wardrobe, purchase a colorful coat or jacket. Custom monogram purses 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 "heights 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 overpower 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.

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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 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.

Eggers says she loves color and is drawn to nature as an inspiration for her work.

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

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Kirsner played with the technique and began taking her friends at the Mountaineers club.

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

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

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"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.

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

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

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WINTER SPORTS
Brooks saves his passion and intensity for the court

BY LAUREN HOWELL
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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. "I want to put myself in the best position possible to be successful," he said. "We have to prove it," Brooks said. "It's all on us, not the coaches, we have to prove that we are capable.?'

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 prove 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."

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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. "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.

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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 I can be myself," Brooks said.

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

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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.
The Highline’s young guns get set to take on league

By FARID HEURING
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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.

“We 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 known for his 3-point shooting and ball distribution.

Jeff Ray is a versatile 6’5” big man who will bring his leadership skills to the team.

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 open shot.

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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The 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 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 court for their own success,” Dawson said.

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...
Doctor Proctor returns to aid wounded T-Birds

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 three-point 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 Mickie, who played at the University of Idaho last season, Emily Jenkins from Centralia placed third in the west
Women's Basketball

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

BY DUSTIN NICKERSON
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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 off 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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last season and had a league record of 11-5, earning third place in the division.

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 Jan 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-year-old 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 171-pound weight class and a second place finish at 197 at the state tournament.

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."

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

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

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 out 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
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 whole.

"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 and in the Southwestern Oregon-Elighline dual meet.

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 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.

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.

"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 197-pound weight class.

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.

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

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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.
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 Everett Green 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 stand out.

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.

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 Cliff 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 Swerzbim 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 press time.

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 6'7" 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 weaknesses, " 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.

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 that 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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By Ed Canty

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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 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.

Sophomore Michelle Aurelio blows through two Walla Walla defenders.

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.
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; Flintstone-style, he smashes down all the pins with his 14-pound boulder. Marc Courtmanch is a 19-year-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 had a knack for bowling," Courtmanch said.

When Courtmanch first began, he was a straight-bowler. This is where people just swing the ball back, aim, and throw it in a straight line to the pins. Now he is a curve-bowler; 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 frontals 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.

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

"Sky scrapers is the name of the league. He plays on a five-man 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 LaPierre, 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.

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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. "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 contractors 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 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 six-month work. Despite the uncomfortable construction conditions on campus, the projects are going well. From an outsider's 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.

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Two construction workers weld beams on the Student Union building.

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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.

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"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 about 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 something unusual that they call the greatest lesson,” he said.

The people who are authorized to move the media equipment are the most significant.

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Theft of these expensive items is occurring in classrooms on campus. The equipment being stolen includes data projectors, computers, TVs, VCRs, and camcorders. Of the items being stolen, Pollard says that many things have been done to try to stop these frequent cases of stolen equipment.

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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 around."

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

"He was in class the next day," she said. "His same old loud, obvious 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, however, 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 Hatley hands out multiple versions of a test and reduces the test, he said, "very much dislikes."

If he catches a student cheating, 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 have gotten worse at Highline, "so 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 an obvious solution, many students polled felt cheaters and plagiarists are here to stay.

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

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Michelle Klop 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 problems.

Apparently the main problem that invalidated the election was from a data security measure that had changed the computer's voting. With that change, the ballot database could not read the votes correctly.

Student Government officials have not detected any new vote fraud in this second election. Brown said that his goal is to fully disclose information about the previous fraudulent invalid data.

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 continuing student ID.

They also will be continuing 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.