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## Olympia takes a look at tuition, enrollment

By BEN JOHNSTON  
STAFF REPORTER

Changes in the way tuition levels are set and efforts to expand enrollment are on the bill for state Legislators this session in Olympia.

These concerns have already been addressed by two propositions this month.

The proposed Master Plan from the Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) and Gov. Gary Locke's proposed supplemental budget will address tuition control and enrollment, respectively.

The HECB's Master Plan looks to increase enrollment capabilities by 20 percent, increase high-demand programs, and consolidate the HECB, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges and the Washington Training and Education Coordinating Board into one state governing board for higher education, all by the year 2010.

As a part of this plan, the HECB wants to shift tuition-setting authority from the State Legislature to the state colleges directly. Currently, the Legislature sets a cap on tuition, which is handed down to the SBCTC, which puts another cap on tuition. Then, this figure is handed down to the institutions like Highline, which then are free to set tuition under those parameters.

"Our biggest concern comes back to affordability," said Lisa Skari, Highline's Executive Director of Institutional Advance-

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## Up in smoke

### New smoking policy fires up largely positive student reaction

By ROBERT EVERHART  
& JOHN MONTENEGRO  
STAFF REPORTERS

The long smoldering issue of what to do about smoking on campus may have finally caught fire.

Highline President Dr. Priscilla Bell announced Monday that a new smoking policy will be enacted here.

"I am adopting a college policy that bans smoking on campus except in designated smoking areas," Dr. Bell said.

The smoking areas, what they will consist of and where they will be placed has not yet been identified. To help figure out where these smoking shelters will be placed on campus, Dr. Bell

has formed a committee that will explore all aspects of the smoking policy.

Until the committee sorts out these problems the policy will not be put in place.

"This policy will become effective once a number of these areas are identified and designated," said Dr. Bell.

The new policy stemmed from a massive amount of campus support from students and staff alike.

"Students really precipitated the issue," said Ivan Gorne, vice president of Student Services.

Highline administrators

have been aware of the students' and staff's concerns about smoking on campus. Students have mentioned their alarm at the smokers on campus. Highest on the complaint list is the frequent large group of smokers in front of the ventilation shafts of many buildings. When a person smokes in front of the shaft the smoke leads straight inside the buildings, many complain.

"They (the students) really came at it as a health issue," said Gorne.

Students, smokers and non-smokers alike have shown a lot of support for the issue

But many are concerned about how new restrictions on where they can smoke will affect their ability to light up.

Restrictions aimed at protecting non-smokers from secondhand smoke are a good idea, said Lani Barrera. Her sentiments are widely echoed.

"I respect the rights of non-smokers," said smoker Nori Hiko. The new policy will not be a problem for him, nor does he think the new policy will affect him much.

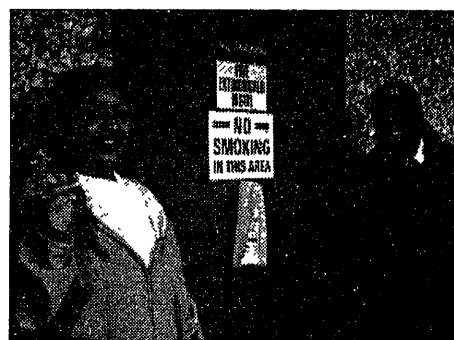
Others are concerned that restricted smoking areas will affect them. Their ways of dealing with the change

differ.

"I'll probably smoke less," said student Jennifer Thompson. "The less smoke the better."

Kim Heinrich agreed that if smoking areas were too far from her classrooms, she probably wouldn't light up after class.

Many who still want to partake are concerned that smoking areas may be too



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Highline students "Cecilia G." and "Charles" coyly enjoy their smokes next to a no-smoking sign.

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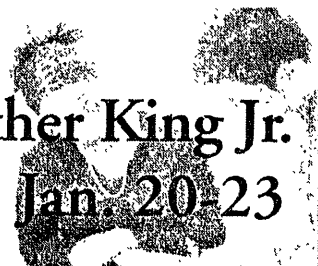
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## Enrollment is down despite long lines

By DEREK MARKLAND  
STAFF REPORTER

Enrollment at Highline is down this quarter. There are 7,852 students enrolled as of Jan. 9, 2004. This number is a slight decline from last quarter which is a common trend as the year goes on.

The amount of students enrolled is down from the same quarter last year, when 8,988 students were enrolled by Jan. 13, 2003.

"This seems to be a trend for most community colleges [this year]," said Becky Riverman, registrar for Highline. "I think we'll see enrollment come up somewhat. We're still playing catch up from the two days we were closed."

The long lines on Thursday and Friday were the result of the closure the two prior days.

"It's really busy for a Friday, we're usually calm by now," said Riverman, who was busy trying to finish her work this week in order to leave for vacation.

The lines in the foyer below her office were long. They moved at a decent pace. Students were backed up from the cashier's window to the parking permit office where the line curved and went back to the bookstore. The line stayed at this length nearly all morning

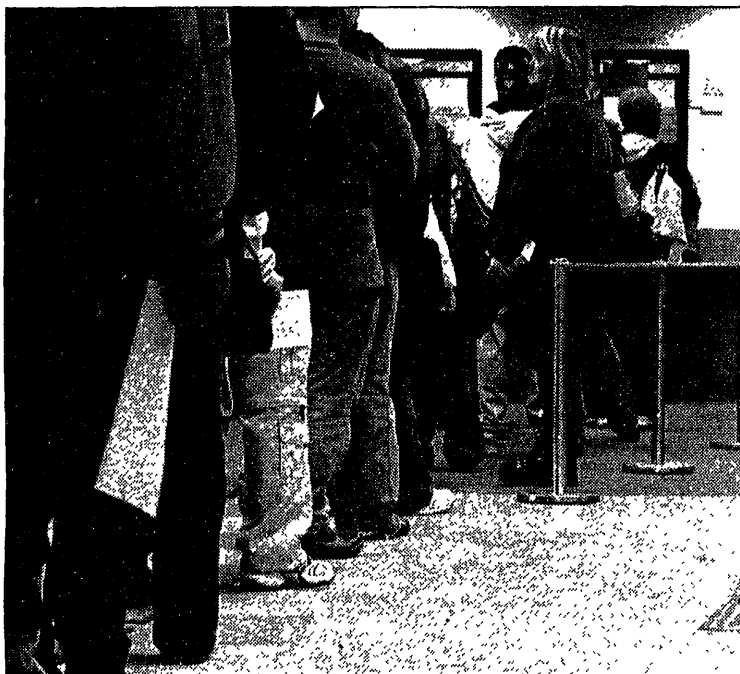


PHOTO BY KYLE DROSDICK

Due to two snow days, lines were very long in Building 6 last Thursday and Friday for registering and paying tuition.

Friday as students entered the line just as fast as cashiers could help them.

The students who waited with friends, paired with the traffic into the bookstore, gave the line a much more intimidating appearance to people contemplating waiting in it. Many students opted to come back in the late afternoon, expecting things to die down.

The students who were signing up for classes were forgiving of the long lines. Youa Kong, who's in her second quarter at Highline, had no

trouble getting the classes she wanted.

"The lines are long, [there's] a lot of people, but you just have to be patient," said Kong. This attitude was reflected by many students.

"There's no reason to complain about lines," said student Jenny Clark. Clark, who was standing in the back of the line to see the cashier, had a 15-minute wait ahead of her, but was in high spirits, happy to get into the classes that she did.

Other new quarter statistics:  
•While only 43 percent of the

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-Becky Riverman,  
registrar

current students were here a year ago, 76 percent are back from Fall Quarter.

•Of the total student population, 45 percent are listed as non-white, making Highline one of the most diverse campus populations in the state. Only 37 percent of students are male.

•The student body includes 706 Running Start students, 215 international students, 407 Worker Retraining students, and 188 WorkFirst students.

•Some 49 percent of students attend full time, and 48 percent work while going to school.

Riverman had some registration advice for students for next quarter. She recommends that students should meet with their advisers prior to registration, enroll as early as possible, and to pay their tuition on time to ensure they aren't dropped from classes.



### Crime Blotter

for  
Dec. 15-Jan. 14

#### Man caught tampering

A man was found in the lockerroom by the basketball coach on Dec. 28. He appeared to be tampering with the door, as if he was attempting to break the lock.

When asked to exit the building, the mystery man complied.

#### Homeless man finds warmth in library

The cold weather over break seemed as if it was enough for a homeless man to make his way to the bathroom on the fourth floor of the library. A faculty member sighted the individual on Dec. 16, and immediately called for campus security around 10:30 a.m. As soon as security arrived on the scene by 10:45 a.m., the homeless man had exited the restroom, leaving behind only his belongings.

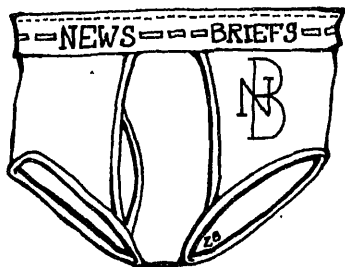
#### Woman disturbed by young man

A woman was on her way to Building 25, when she was disturbed by a young male at around 10:33 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 29. The male made negative comments toward the woman, leaving her feeling threatened. She reported the incident to Security, but by the time action was made the man left the campus.

#### Vehicle stolen

A professor and resident of the area reported a stolen car from his home on Dec. 15. His two female friends, who are also among the Highline faculty, had parked their vehicles at his home for the weekend.

The two-door, green Toyota truck, which belonged to one of the women, was reported stolen and reported stolen at 4:40 p.m.



#### Academic scholarship deadline approaches

The Academic Achievement Scholarship deadline for Spring 2004 is Friday, Feb. 6 at 5 p.m. in the Student Development Center in Building 6.

Fifteen applicants will receive a 15-credit tuition waiver for Spring Quarter only. Students have to be a full time student and have a high school or college GPA of 3.5.

Previous recipients can apply, but greater consideration will be towards new applicants. Running Start, non-resident, and international students are not eligible.

For more information and/or application, please call Jake Sneva at 206-878-3710, ext. 3525.

#### New workshops for Career Connections

The Career Center has new workshops for Winter Quarter. Workshops take place every Thursday at 12:10 - 1 p.m. The first is called "Choosing a Career," in which participants will use internet sources to explore different careers. It will take place today in Building 30, room 318. Workshops are free and open to the public.

#### Campus Calendar

•There will be two free workshops on "Testing tips for math and science" on Wednesday, Jan. 21 noon-12:50 p.m. or 1-1:50 p.m. It will focus on ways to become more confident in taking math, science and accounting tests.

•International Club is having an orientation on Friday, Jan. 16 in Building 10, room 103 at noon-1 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join. For more information please contact the club president at bye@highline.edu.

•Free flyers will be passed out from alcohol awareness workshops, "Denial is not a river in Egypt" in the lower lobby of Building 6 on Thursday Jan. 22 from 9-noon. A college counselor will be present to answer questions and concerns about drinking. Referrals and alcohol screening will be available.

#### Correction

In the Dec. 4, 2003 issue, there was a mistake in the Scottish Shortbread recipe. The ingredients should have included:

2 sticks of real butter  
1/2 cup of sugar  
2 cups of flour

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## Science seminar heats up audience

By COLETTE WOODS  
STAFF REPORTER

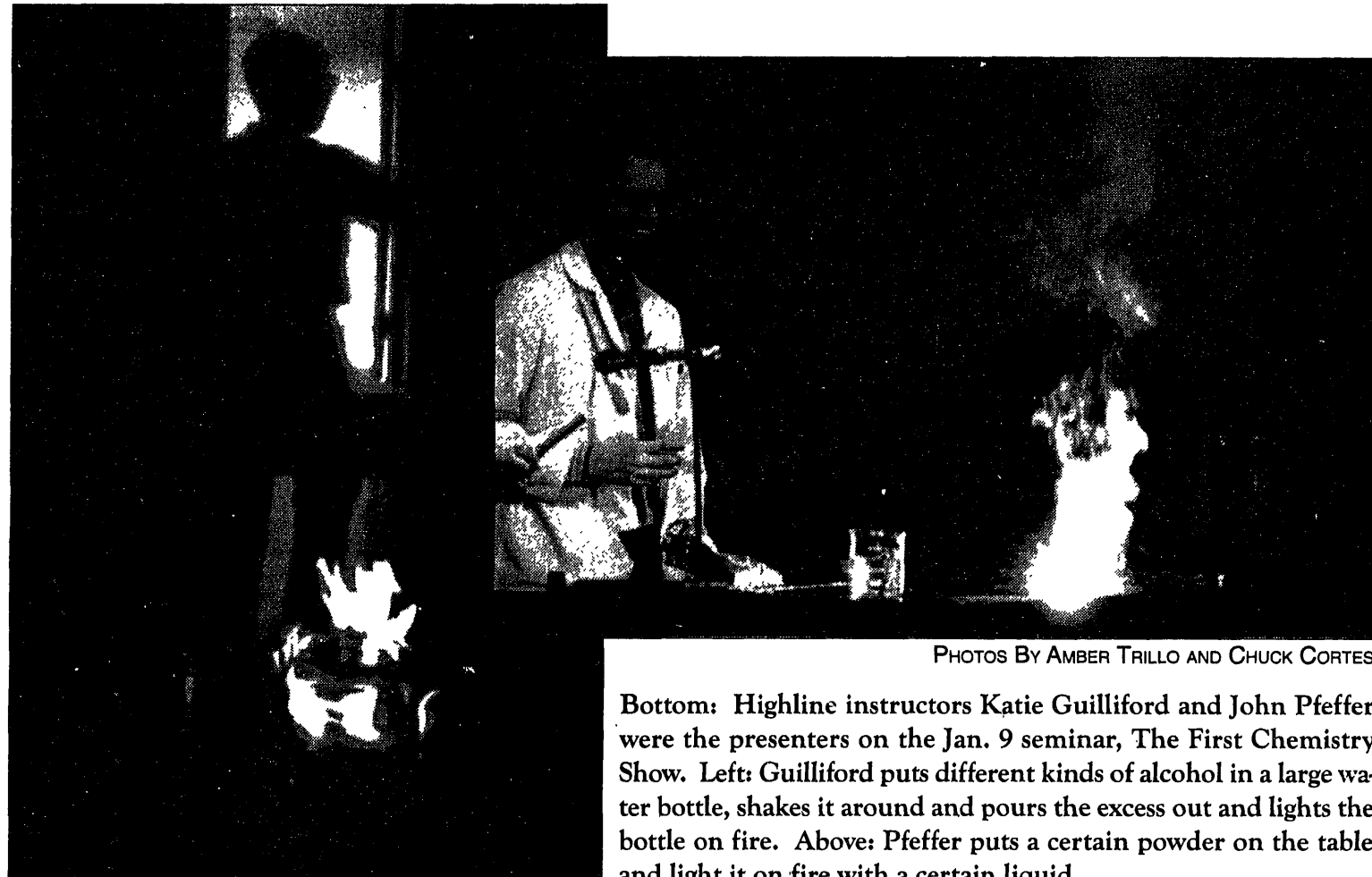
If you love the world of biology, chemistry, and the earth, or just science in general, then Science Seminar is the place for you.

Science Seminar is weekly series of topics presented by faculty on a science-related topic of their choice. The seminars take place every Friday from 2:10-3p.m. in Building 3 room 102.

"Science Seminar is great for people want to learn something new," said Eric Baer, coordinator of the seminars. "It's also great for people that know they like science, just not which one, and these seminars cover many different ones."

Science Seminar is also a 1-credit course that you can register for. It is attendance based, so attendance is required and only one absence is allowed.

"The credits go towards science requirements, so it's good for students that need them, and if you come for 5 quarters, you have a science done, so that's cool too." Said Baer.



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Bottom: Highline instructors Katie Guilliford and John Pfeffer were the presenters on the Jan. 9 seminar, The First Chemistry Show. Left: Guilliford puts different kinds of alcohol in a large water bottle, shakes it around and pours the excess out and lights the bottle on fire. Above: Pfeffer puts a certain powder on the table and light it on fire with a certain liquid.

Besides learning new things about science, Baer says Science Seminar just plain fun.

"Watching faculty talk about

something they are excited about and watching experiments is a wonderful thing," said Baer. "It's also cool to see all the faculty members get so passionate about what they are talking about. It just highlights how good our faculty members are and how much people love science."

The seminars are also taped and are available in the library.

The seminars get a pretty good turnout, with about 40-80 people attending each week. The seminars are open to the public and are free.

The first seminar was 'The

First Chemistry Show' with Katie Gulliford and John Pfeffer on Friday Jan. 9.

"This seminar was terrific," said Baer. "It had lots of blasts, fires and bangs. The audience was into it. It was just a great show."

For more information. Please contact Eric Baer at 206-878-3710, ext. 3513.

The schedule for this quarter's seminars are as follows:

- Jan. 16 - Eric Baer  
Mountains, how do they get there? Why wont they go away?
- Jan.27-Timothy McMannon

- The Poison Squad
- Jan. 30 - Ruth Frickle  
Lost or Missing in America:Sleep
- Feb. 6 - Parker MacReady  
Drifting about the Three tree Point
- Feb. 13 - Donna Rydberg  
Leeches in Medicine
- Feb. 20 - Sue Frantz  
The Science of Persuasion
- Feb. 27 - Bob Baugher  
AIDS: an update
- March 5 - Thor Johansen  
Why Hollywood Doesn't Know Movie Math
- March 12-Carla Whittington  
Tsunami



## Martin Luther King's legacy will be celebrated next week

By LINDSAY CLARK  
STAFF REPORTER

Highline will honor Dr. Martin Luther King with events ranging from film discussions to lectures beginning on Tuesday, Jan. 20. The theme this year is "Combating the Three Evils: Racism, Poverty, and Militarism," subjects which King often discussed in his speeches.

"This year, the theme ties all of the programs together," said Natasha Burrowes, multi cultural and student programs adviser, whom is organizing the events.

"He impacted me because he believed in something greater than himself and he died for it," said Burrowes of Dr. King. "I know that his courage and tenacity has made an impact on

me."

The 14th annual Martin Luther King celebration at Highline will take place until Friday, Jan. 23, completely free of charge to students and staff. Here's the schedule of events:

Tuesday, Jan. 20:

Begins with a film discussion of the Academy Award winning "Bowling for Columbine" in the sixth floor, area A of the library (building 25) from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Opening Ceremony follows and features speaker Reverend Dr. Leslie Braxton, a civil rights advocate, in Building 7 at 11 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 21:

- Dustin Washington, from the American Friends Service Committee, will speak about militarism in America. The committee works with youth to

help social change establish within their communities. The lecture, entitled

"Military Spending," takes place in Building 7 at 10 a.m.

- Carlotta Walls LaNier, one of the Little Rock Nine, America's first African American students to integrate into white schools in 1957, will lecture on her experience during the period of the civil rights movement. Located in Building 7 at noon and 1:10 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 22:



- Burrowes

- Real Change, an organization for homeless people to receive income through the sales of the newspaper Real Change, will take part in a panel discussion on homelessness. It features former and current members as speakers in Building 7 at 9 a.m.

-Soup for Service, a Highline service project, will sell soup to students. Donations can be made then and the money will be donated to local organizations that support poverty stricken families. Located in the Highline cafeteria (white tent north of Building 2) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

-Film discussion for "Bowling for Columbine" will also take place from 1 to 3 p.m. in the library (Building 25), sixth floor, area A.

Friday, Jan. 23:

-N-ger: The Power of Language, Part Two," discusses racial slurs with a societal and historical context. The forum will continue from last quarter's discussion in Building 7 from 10 a.m. to noon.

-If you want to learn Luther's methods of nonviolence used during the civil rights movement, this workshop is for you. First Fridays Leadership Institute, an affiliate of Highline, will help put the strategies and philosophies of Dr. Martin Luther King. Located in Building 10, room 203 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Students should come to help promote King's work, organizers say. "We still want to promote equity on our campus," said Burrowes.



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## editorial

Grounds crew 1,  
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to spend a  
snowday

- Lounging by the fire sipping hot chocolate

- Sledding down a hill in your neighborhood on a garbage can lid

- Ice skating on the local pond—and hoping it doesn't melt

- Taking your friends to a cabin in the mountains and skiing all day long

- For women: watching soap operas and eating hot chicken-noodle soup

- For men: watching sports and eating hot chicken-noodle soup

- Sitting in bed reading the Thunderword cover to cover

Everyone knows that aside from Santa and his eight tiny reindeer, the winter season also brings winter weather. In Washington, however, this usually just means rain – and a lot of it.

More than anything, local citizens have become experts at preparing themselves for such common, not to mention wet, occurrences. But this year they have been forced to deal with something a bit more white.

Ready and willing to conquer this winter wonderland was the Highline grounds crew.

For years the crew has been faced with the challenge of keeping the Highline campus looking clean and pristine. Even without the luxury of certain mechanics and deserved recognition, the Highline campus has been looking better than ever and the recent winter storm has not made any difference.

With snow continuing to fall Monday night through Tuesday afternoon, the Highline grounds crew were faced with the problem of ridding the parking lots and sidewalks of the six inches of snow that appeared overnight.

This task was certainly not an easy one.

Sudden rainfall on Monday night, mixed with the already-fallen snow of that morning, only added to the grounds crew troubles as the campus soon became a veritable ice rink. And to make matters worse, tree branches still frozen from the rain began crashing onto the site.

Eventually all was cleared away and no damage was reported, but the crew is still hard at work checking over the campus.

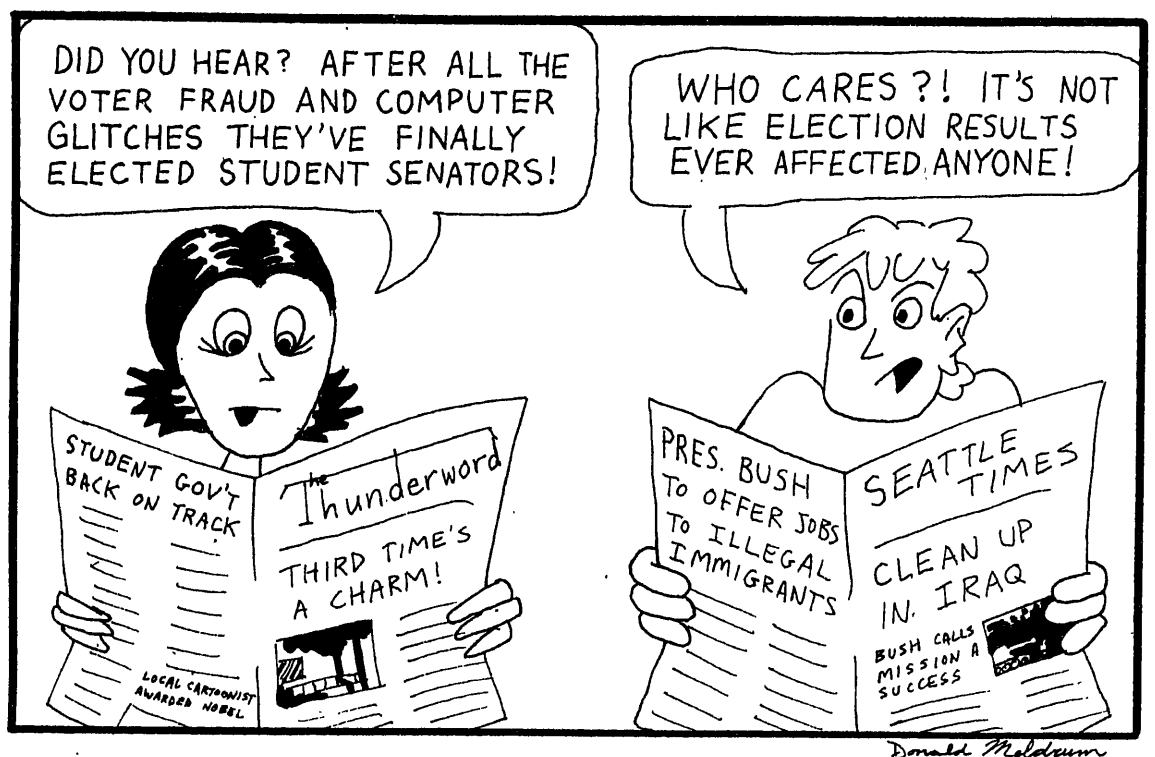
All in all, after two days of snow and rain, the Highline grounds crew performed an admirable job of clearing away the parking lots and walkways in time for returning students.

Without the perseverance of these people, the already-stressful parking lots and cramped walkways could have been that much worse.

## The opinion page

Editorials are the opinion of the management of the newspaper. Columns represent the opinions of the individual authors. Letters to the editor represent the opinions of the readers.

Letters to the editor are more than welcome and encouraged. Letters should be no more than 300 words long, and they are also subject to editing for style and length. Please send any and all submissions to the Thunderword@highline.edu or deliver in person to Building 10, room 106.



## Resolve to make it to class this year

Attention all Highline students: Once again it's time for school, time for classes, time for books and parking passes.

Admit it, Dr. Seuss could not have put it better.

Well Highliners, it is well into the month of January which can only mean the start of yet another fun-filled quarter.

Normally, the beginning of a new quarter sparks both a hint of excitement over the possibility of fresh experiences, as well as a twinge of fear over the possibility of freshly improved homework.

This quarter, however, the reigning emotion for many classmates is every professor's nightmare: laziness.

After a month-long vacation from sleep-inducing early morning courses, heavy schoolwork, and annoyingly tedious lectures, students are finding it a bit difficult getting back into that good ol' back-to-school feeling. Add on another snow-induced two-day break and students are finding it a bit difficult making their way into class at all.

"It's not that I don't want to go to class, it's just that it doesn't feel like I have to. It feels like I'm still on break," said student Courtney Anderson.



Any desire for a congratulatory pat on the back in honor of enduring one more quarter here at Highline is extinguished, as this particular feeling spreads across campus like a diseased growth.

In addition to the basic inherent laziness that comes with a new quarter, students are also adopting the 6-year-old "I-don't-want-to-go-to-class-so-why-should-I" mentality.

"I have already dropped one of my earlier classes because, quite simply, I just don't want to go," said one Highline student.

While these sentiments are understandable – after all, getting back into a responsible daily routine after a carefree winter break is never easy – they don't exactly make the best start to a new quarter.

A difficult class or an unsympathetic teacher is not something that anyone wants to deal with, but unfortunately those situations are part and par-

cel of being a student.

Dropping a class for the arbitrary reason of simply "not wanting to be there" is a bit extreme.

While pondering the ridiculousness of this lazy-student-syndrome, a realization dawned upon me.

With a new quarter under way, not to mention a new year, it is high time to make that wonderful New Years resolution – and make one that sticks.

Is it any wonder that most resolutions wind up lasting anywhere from one week to one month?

Common vows such as "I am going to lose 50 pounds by summer" end up dying simply due to lack of imagination.

Instead of resolving to make it into the gym for at least one hour a day, or to not beat-up on your little sister and/or brother, why not make a New Year's resolution that could have a positive impact on your education?

Resolve to get back on the right track by actually going to class... whether you want to or not.

Your parents and teachers may even thank you later.

*Bri has only dropped one class this quarter.*

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## ASIAN ESCAPE

Chinese artist Wenjuan Gu takes viewers across the sea in library gallery show

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STAFF REPORTER

With minimal colors and insightful brush strokes, the simplistic paintings transform into complex works of art.

Wenjuan Gu's collection of Chinese landscapes is showing all this month at Highline's fourth floor art gallery.

Gu brings to Highline an amazing glimpse into the age-old art of Chinese painting with brilliant examples of finger painting, and pictographic calligraphy.

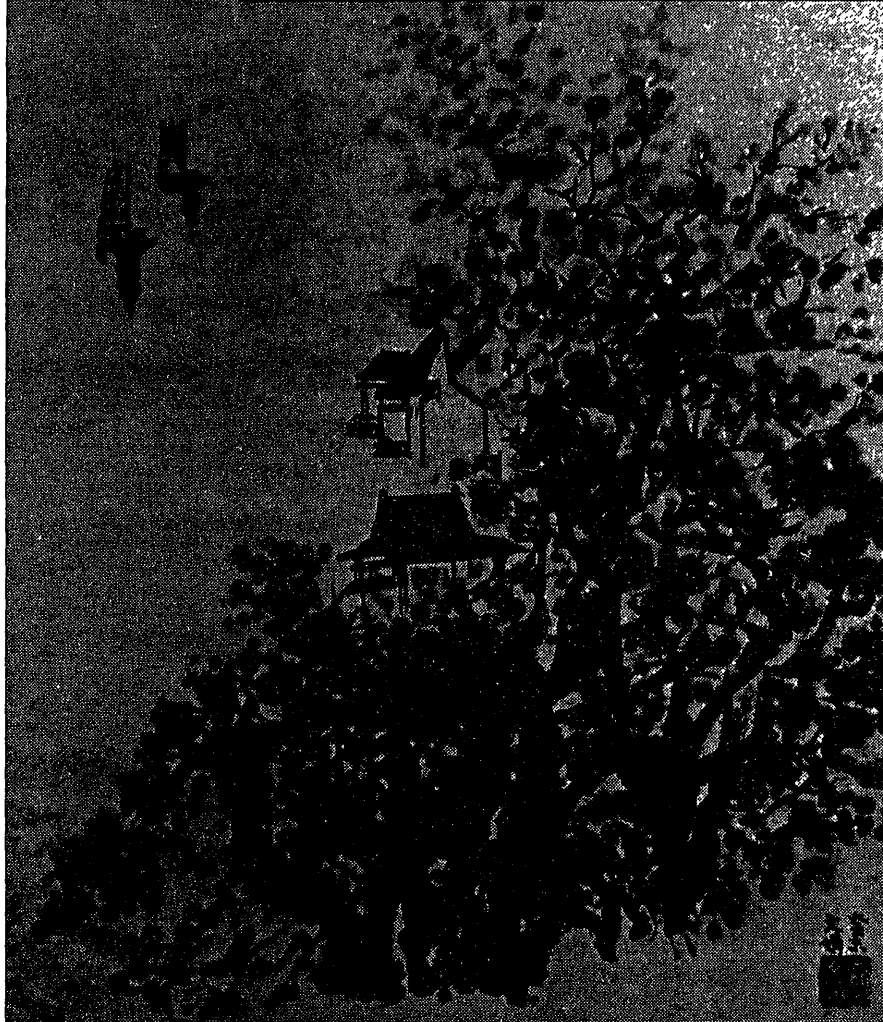
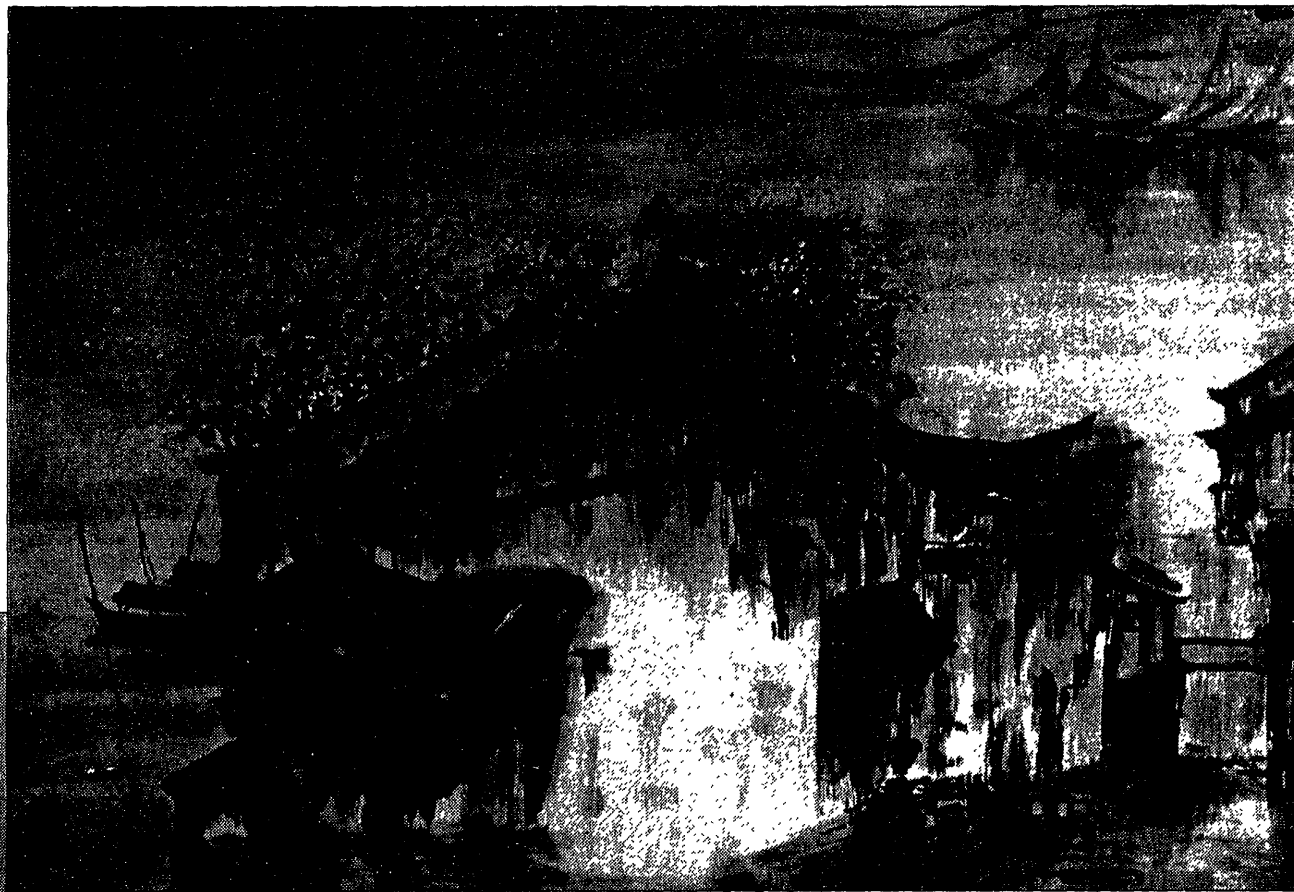
The focus of Wenjuan Gu's work is everyday landscapes that can be found throughout China.

This stems from her apparent love of nature and its simplistic beauty. Visions of enchanting mountains and small coastal villages that surround China can be found in her work.

Most notably is her ability to depict trees, villages, and fishing boats in the traditional Chinese style.

Gu has much interest in the art of finger painting, which dates back to the Qing Dynasty (17th century). Gu's tools for finger painting are of course her fingers, knuckle, palm and nails, which creates an amazing effect quite different from the conven-

Wenjuan Gu works on a fingerpainting. She specializes in Chinese landscapes, and her work has gained recognition around the world.



Simple brush strokes and forms create a harmonious balance between manmade and natural elements in these paintings. Gu paints on rice paper which is later mounted on silk scrolls.

China Central Television (CCTV) and she has won several awards for her work.

"Seattle is a beautiful city where I once had a few days short stay, and the impression of it often brings back happy memories in my heart," Gu said.

"It is a great pleasure for me to have my paintings displayed here. I am grateful to my daughter Duo Gao Hier who made the effort to organize this art show, and I am especially grateful to Highline Community College who has provided me with this good opportunity of East-West culture exchange," Gu said.

"I hope visitors to the exhibit find it interesting and feel it helpful for understanding China, Chinese art and Chinese Culture," Gu said.

Duo Gao Hier is responsible for bringing this enriching look at Chinese culture through art. Hier feels a close connection to this exhibit for the artist featured is her mother.

"I feel extremely proud to have my mother's work on display here at Highline, and look forward to bringing more of the Chinese culture to Highline community," Hier says.

Not only does Hier bring this breathtaking example of ancient Chinese painting to Highline; starting this quarter Hier will be offering through the Extended Learning Center in Building 9.

Chinese language classes as well as a brand new Practical Chinese Travel class for those seeking to explore the wonderfully rich culture of China.

The exhibit is located in the Highline library on the 4th floor. It will run through to the end of January. Library hours are, Monday -Thursday, 7-10 p.m., Friday, 7-5 p.m., Saturday, 12-4 p.m. and Sunday, 2-10 p.m.

tional method of using various brushes. The colors used for finger painting are organic in material the same process used in ancient China.

Gu also uses pictographic calligraphy to express her work. Pictographic calligraphy is an ancient form of writing using symbols to express meaning. Usually found on scrolls these pieces are said to bring wisdom and luck to those who read them.

Gu's inspiration comes from many things one being the works of ancient master artists who help her enrich her expression, composition style and taste. Almost everything about Gu's work is traditional from the specially made rice paper to the way in which pieces are

mounted.

Wenjuan Gu currently lives in Shanghai, China. Gu graduated from the department of Chinese Literature of Fudan University in 1952 and began working at Radio Beijing and later she became a chief of the Art and Literature division of Radio Beijing.

After her retirement in the late 1980s she had more time to study traditional Chinese art. Her husband is a noted scholar and professor at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

Gu eventually went with her husband to the University of Notre Dame where she began studying in the School of Arts and Letters at the university. Her work has been displayed on

# 'Grape Expectations' is a Dickens' tale anew

## Winery's tasty play has perks

BY LINDA SEWERKER

STAFF REPORTER

While laughter feeds the soul, pressed grapes replenish the human heart. This is at least what Breeders Theater productions hopes to convey to audiences. *Grape Expectations*, an adult comedy, will be performed at the E.B. Foote Winery located at 127-B SW 153rd St. Burien.

The production was created and performed by Breeders Theater, a professional non-union theater company including Highline's Dr. T.M. Sell and an assortment of graduates who enjoy presenting drama in a small intimate setting.

This show runs Jan. 16, 17, 19, 23, 24, 30, and 31 from 7 p.m. to about 9:30 p.m. There will also be day performances; Jan. 18, 25, and Feb 1 at 2 p.m. Tickets costs are \$20 per person and include wine tasting and hors d'ouerves. Show seats are available by calling Corky Cellars, Des Moines at



Eric Hartley and Linda Mathews as Slop and Mummy.

206-824-9462 or the E.B. Foote Winery at 206 242-3852.

The performance on Jan. 19 will benefit Highline Performing Arts scholarship fund. Highline drama student Sharon Kibbe is this year's recipient. Kibbe and Highline student Kim Elenich are working in the current Breeders Theater production, performing in the chorus of *Grape Expectations*.

The performance features Eric Hartley as Slop, the hero, as well as the talents of Jim Cooper, Kirsten Olds, Carlos Calvo, Martin J. Mackenzie, Linda Mathews, Julie Haakenson, Kurt Lutterman Doup Knoop and Wally Mon-

roe. J Howard Boyd directs this parody of Dickens classic *Great Expectations*.

Dr. Sell wrote the script in this performance, and Dr. Sell's wife, Nancy Warren wrote the musical score. Patricia Britton is the choreographer and Elisabeth Morgan is the costume designer for the production.

Winemakers Sherrill Miller, Highline alumnus and, Rich Higginbotham will be donating the food and wine for the Jan. 19 performance.

"The theater generally sells out," Sell said.

This is the company's fifth production at the winery. The

company has experimented with traveling to other areas but prefers to perform at the winery for the present time.

British author Charles Dickens inspires this year's production. Dr. Sell penned *Grape Expectations* to parody the intriguing characters and plots of a modern-day Dickens. Slop reminds the audience of all Dickens heroes, Oliver Twist and Pip, because both stay hopefully optimistic while facing unusual circumstances in life, said Sell.

"This is about the story of Young Slop, who is sent off to boarding school, sold to the poorhouse, [becomes a ] boy-toy to the immovable Miss Havittall ...and discovers the

joys and challenges of romance, wine and being followed around by a chorus of Geeks," said Dr. Sell.

Instead of *Great Expectations* the audience can certainly expect grapes.

E.B. Foote's wines are award-winners and audiences will surely feel toastier while sipping. Since the stage is in the cooler space of the Winery's warehouse, warmer attire is advisable.

The evening though not as long as a Dickens book should be entertaining. Both Dickens and Dr. Sell love a good dialogue.

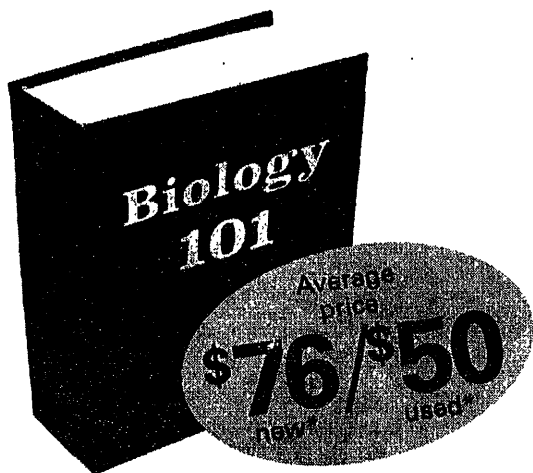
"A good plot and dialogue does not rely on profanity to be entertaining," said Dr. Sell.



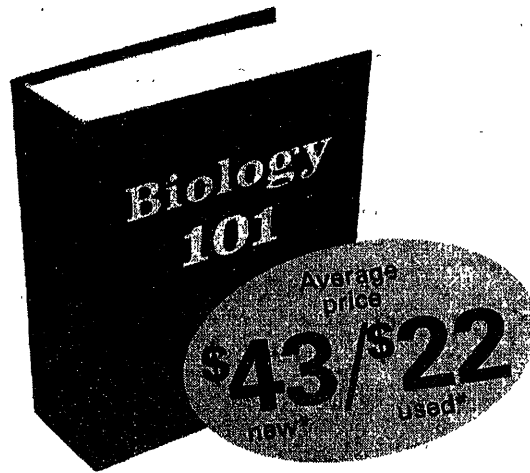
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Jim Cooper and Kirstin Olds as Lord and Lady Variant

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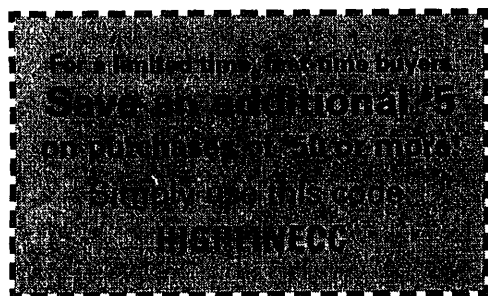


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# Drama Department launches 'Lysistrata'

By JESSIE ELLIOTT  
STAFF REPORTER

As seems to happen so often, the men are going off into battle. This time however, the circumstances have changed drastically on the home front. The women have decided to deprive the men of sex until they come to their senses and end the war.

This is a fictional story, a story that the Drama Department will be acting out in their winter production of *Lysistrata*. *Lysistrata* is a Greek comedy that was written by Aristophanes. Aristophanes was a political playwright who made statements with many of his plays.

The Drama Department will be showing us some differences this quarter, including a guest director, Dora Lanier. "She's great - very energetic," said Sharon Kibbie, a theater student. Lanier is also teaching

Acting 121 this quarter.

The production is already in full swing, with auditions that were held Jan. 8 through Jan. 12. The cast rehearses Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. with extra rehearsals on the weekends as the director sees fit.

Roughly 25 people will be involved in this quarter's production, including 15 actors, the director, and many people behind the scenes. Tech people, designers, light and sound people are also included in the list.

Craig Wollam, who has done the lights for 10 to 15 productions at Highline, returns along with Sarah Moser, who will be in charge of the costumes for the third time at Highline.

There will be differences in the way this play is presented as opposed to the fall play. In the fall, the play had a serious theme with moments of comic relief. The set consisted of actors and



PHOTO BY YOUNG CHUN

Highline students audition for Greek Comedy *Lysistrata*

minimal props, asking the audience to stretch the imagination.

*Lysistrata* will differ from the Fall Quarter production in other ways as well. "(It's) more of a comic play with a serious mes-

sage," Rick Lorig said. Lorig is the stage manager as well as a teacher at Highline. He will also be designing the set for the play.

As for any similarities, the

"[It's] more of a comedy with a serious message."

-Rick Lorig, Stage Manager

fall and winter quarter plays both can be related quite easily to the present situation in the world and the issues that the country is facing. The political events illustrated in both productions show that the struggles we are having now have been seen before throughout time.

Even with this serious message, the audience can expect to see more scenery this time. *Lysistrata* has been said to be more audience accessible and quite a lot of fun.

*Lysistrata* will be running for six nights, on Feb. 26 through Feb. 28, and the next weekend on March 4 through March 6.

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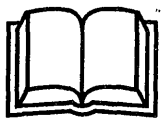
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## Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

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### Quotable Quote

*I have a new philosophy.  
I'm only going to dread  
one day at a time.*

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Charlie Brown

# Hard work starting to pay off for wrestlers

BY JESSE NORDSTROM  
STAFF REPORTER

Things just kept getting better for the Highline wrestling team as they came out on top with a narrow 20-16 victory over Southwest Oregon CC this past Saturday at home.

Since mid-December, the Highline wrestling team has improved drastically.

They have had five straight wins including the win against SW Oregon CC on Saturday.

On Dec. 19, Highline destroyed both Clackamas and Yakima Valley College in a tri-meet at home, winning by margins of 41 and 28 points, largely due to excessive opponent forfeits.

Also, only 4 of the 16 points scored by Highline opponents on Dec. 19 were from actual decisions, the rest coming by Highline forfeits, both at the 184-pound weight class.

On Jan. 2, Highline had another tri-meet at home.

They beat Simon Fraser University, and has a significant 30-7 win over Douglas.

The winning continued on Saturday over SW Oregon, and the victory then pushed the T-Birds' overall record to 8-3 on the year.

But beating SW Oregon was no piece of cake.

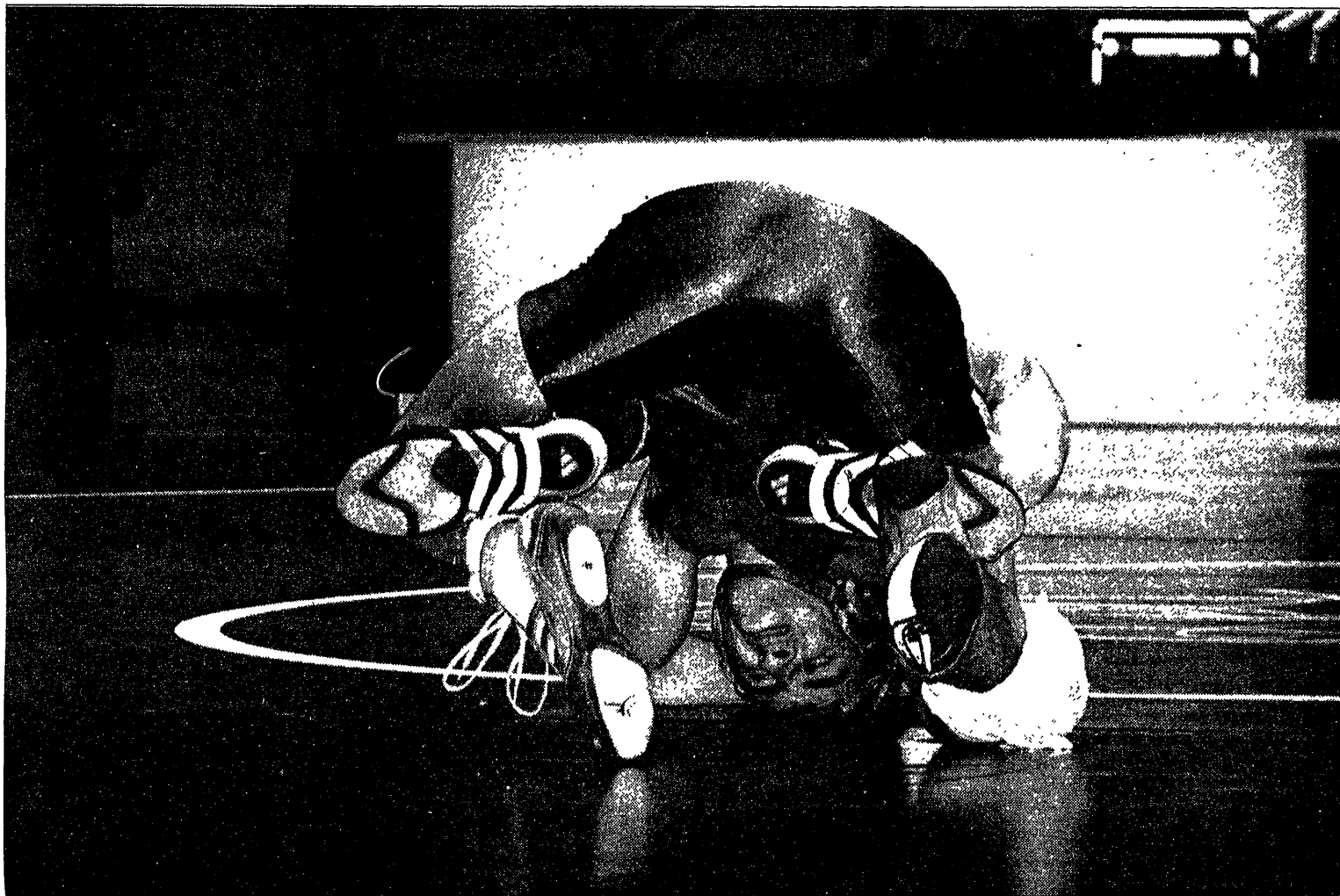
Both teams were separated by only one point going into the final match of the night, making it alone worth all the chips on the table.

Everyone had done their very best up to that point, keeping Highline in contention.

Heavyweight Jacob Peterson then crouched into position and shook hands with his opponent, Aaron Bales, and the match began.

Right away a noticeably different style of wrestling took place.

It was a fierce takedown



PHOTOS BY AMBER TRILLO

Above: Kyle McCarron performs the double leg ride on Southwest Oregon opponent on Saturday.

Below: Francisco "Chico" Gonzalez takes his opponent to the mat on Saturday.

battle that went on through the first three periods of regulation leaving the score tied, 8-8, heading into a sudden death overtime period for not only the match, but for the meet as well.

Not too far into the overtime, Peterson took a shot on his opponent's right leg but didn't get good position and it looked like it was just a matter of time before he would be taken down.

Somehow, he pulled himself together and waited for his body weight to shift a little and then slowly muscled Bales over onto his back for the winning takedown and two extra nearfall points just for good measure.

"I went in for a shot and I was scared when Bales got a leg in and I thought I was done. But

I was just really relieved when I got the points," Peterson said.

Peterson also added that he didn't know for sure that he was going to win until the very last second when he turned Bales over.

His match capped a night of great performances, almost all of them improvements from previous meets by the rest of the Highline squad.

Starting off the night at 125-pound weight class was Kyle McCarron who struggled through a tough match for a loss by major decision.

After that, the next four matches were won by the T-Birds for 14 unanswered team points.

Francisco Gonzalez dominated at 133 for a 10-1 major decision followed by two more decision wins by Jason Mendez and Brandon Hunter at their respective 141 and 149-pound weight classes.

Then the fourth-straight victory occurred at 157 when Skyler Marler made himself look good by just coming up short of a technical fall, but still

achieving a 17-7 major decision. Things were looking smooth for Highline at this time.

But SW Oregon wasn't about ready to just lay down and roll over.

They fought hard and answered back with 12 straight points of their own to take a two point lead, 16-14, going into the final two matches of the meet.

For Highline, Marcus Garthe at 165 lost by technical fall at 6:40, Kennie Pewitt lost at 174 by major decision, and Steve Hoyt, wrestling up a weight class at 184, lost a close battle by an 8-4 decision in which he almost won in the final seconds but fell short.

After a well-wrestled and close match won by Pat Bradley at 197 by a 5-2 decision, the meet was left into the hands of freshman heavyweight wrestler and Renton native Jacob Peterson.

Peterson stood firm and met his given challenge with a crowd-pleasing overtime-victory that had everybody in the bleachers standing up and cheering like maniacs.

It also gave the T-Birds a vengeful 20-16 victory over a wrestling team that had clobbered them earlier in the season, 29-10, on SW Oregon's home mat in Coos Bay, Ore.

"I was really pleased with the way that the guys wrestled on Saturday just because we got beat by 20 or so points last

time," said Head Coach Scott Norton.

"SW Oregon is ranked in the top 10 schools in the country and this victory shows me that we're right on track for the season. We're trying to peak for nationals because everything matters at the end of the year," said Norton.

Assistant Coach Kirk White also felt the same way about the team's ongoing transformation.

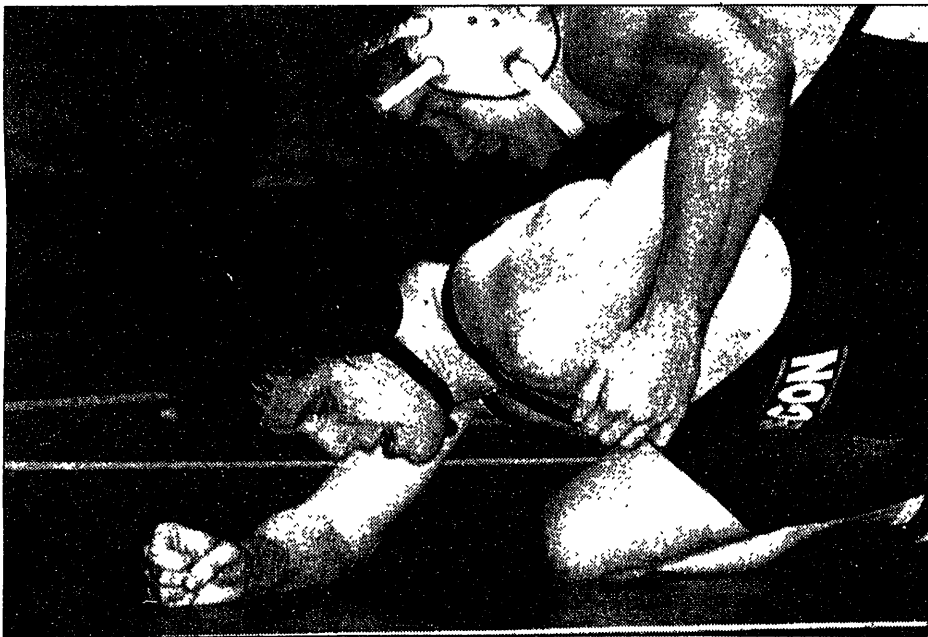
"We're working really hard this year," White said. "Most of these guys are straight out of high school and are having to make the change into college-level wrestling. But we have a quality coaching staff and the more time we spend working hard, the better we get."

He also added that Highline is going to win tight matches because the T-Birds are better from the bottom position than ever before and they don't give up pins.

Next up for Highline, North Idaho College visits tonight at 7 p.m.

Highline will then travel to Oregon City, Ore for a duel meet against Clackamas CC Friday, and stay overnight for the Clackamas CC Open on Saturday.

Looking ahead to next week, the T-Birds host a tri-meet here at Highline against Pima CC and Clackamas CC on Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 5 p.m.





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# Women's basketball team turns a corner

By **BOBBY LEMMON**  
STAFF REPORTER

The Highline's women's basketball team has its sights on postseason play, as the team is building confidence and momentum going into the second half of the season.

In her first season as Head Coach, Amber Rowe set the goals for the Thunderbirds high, to reach the NWAACC tournament. This would prove to be a challenge for a team that just barely had enough players to play at the beginning of the season.

On Jan. 13 Highline played its sixth league game of the season against Grays Harbor, needing a win to stay in the race for the postseason. Highline came away with a decisive win, 79-57. The win moved Highline to an even 3-3 in league, a game behind the final postseason seed.

Michelle Aurelio led Highline with 21 points and 15 rebounds. Kelli Marcus and Rebekah Proctor had 16 and 14 points, respectively.

Although Highline has been able to turn their season around, winning three of their last four, the season did not start out that way. With just nine players, the women went into the Shoreline Community College Tournament on Nov. 21 to see what they were made of.

In their first game of the season, the Thunderbirds lost to Everett 82-68. Although they started the season off with a loss, Rebekah Proctor scored 19 points, while Kelli Marcus was able to score 17 points.

The following day, Highline faced off with Lady Express, where they earned their first victory of the season, 79-75. Proctor again led Highline in scoring with 30 points.

Highline lost the final game



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Above: Tymmony Keegan reacting to a play in the loss versus Centralia Jan. 10.

Below: Michelle Aurelio waits for the ball in the game versus Centralia.

of the tournament, getting blown out by Whatcom 92-65. For a third straight game, Proctor led the team in scoring, with 25 points.

After starting out with a 1-2 record, Highline went on to lose four straight games. Going into their first league game of the season with a 1-6 record, Highline went up against a talented Lower Columbia team. Highline lost the game, 76-49. The bright spot of the game was freshman forward Nina Kupu who had 16 points and 7 rebounds.

With a 1-7 record, Highline closed out the 2003 year losing four in a row, dropping their overall record to 1-11.

The Thunderbirds were desperate for a fresh start, they hoped to turn things around if they were going to fulfill their goal of making it to the NWAACC tournament.

Highline began the new year on Jan. 2 with a game against league opponent Pierce. It wasn't even a challenge for Highline as they beat Pierce 90-61. The win gave Highline its first league victory of the season, moving to 1-2 in league.

Twin sisters Kelli and Bree Marcus both had huge games. Kelli Marcus had 16 points, 9 rebounds and 6 assists. Bree Marcus put up similar numbers with 15 points, 9 rebounds, and 6 steals.

The next day, Highline played another league match against Tacoma. For a second straight game, Highline was able to earn a victory, winning the game 80-72. Kelli Marcus had another great game, leading Highline in scoring with 21 points.

Coming off of two straight league victories, Highline's next game was against Centralia, on Jan. 10. With a 3-1 league record (12-3), Centralia was going to be one of the best teams Highline had faced all year.

ing out to an early 22-10 lead. Everything seemed to be going the Centralia's way as they were able to finish strong in the paint while being fouled, resulting in 3-point plays that really hurt Highline.

Highline players didn't agree with the way the game was being officiated. "We got no love from the refs," said Michelle Aurelio.

Highline found themselves losing by 13 points going into halftime, desperately needing something to ignite the team for a second half run.

"I told my girls at halftime that they can either give up or step it up in the second half, and they all believed that they could make a late back," said Coach Rowe.

It was crucial that Highline got off to a hot start if they were going to have a chance to win the game, but they came out flatfooted, as they did at the beginning of the game. Centralia capitalized on Highline's lack of intensity, as they continued to pound the ball inside. But Highline wasn't going to go out without a fight. With consistent play throughout the second half from sophomore Rebekah Proctor and freshman Kelli Marcus,

things sparked for Highline and they were able to stage a late comeback.

"My girls really stepped up the defense, and that's what got us back in the game," said Coach Rowe.

Highline rallied from as much as 13 points back until they were finally in striking distance. With the game tied at 68, and under 1 minute to go, Centralia was able to take a 70-68 lead, putting the pressure back on Highline. Highline couldn't answer back as they missed key free throws after being fouled on its next possession, leaving them no choice but to foul Katie Swan of Centralia, as time was running out.

Highline needed Swan to miss either one or both of the free throws in order to have a chance to tie or win the game. However Swan was able to convert both free throws, giving Centralia a four-point lead with only seconds remaining, leaving Highline no way of coming back.

As time expired, the scoreboard read: Centralia 72, Highline 68.

Although they didn't come out with the victory, Highline realized that they are never out of any games and that they can play with anyone in the league.

"After this game, we have turned a corner as a team," said Rebekah Proctor. "This game gives experience and momentum for the rest of the season."

"Every game we play gives us confidence, especially games like this one," said Coach Rowe.

With a 3-3 league record Highline has a great shot at making it into the postseason, as they are only one game back from the fourth and final seed.

"Heading into the new year, we knew that league was all that mattered, and with a 3-3 record, we have a great chance," said Coach Rowe.

Highline has confidence and momentum going into the 10 remaining league games.

Highline plays Clark at home on Jan. 17 at 1 p.m. Admission is free to all home games with student ID. South Puget Sound will host Highline on Jan. 21 at 6 p.m..



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# Men's hoops shoot their way to better start

By JORDAN GODDARD  
STAFF REPORTER

The 2004 Thunderbird men's basketball team isn't where they want to be, but they have already surpassed last year's wins with a 7-9 record overall.

Coming off a 6-18 season, the worst in school history, Highline's young squad has shown marked improvement after a rough season start.

The T-Birds' 2-4 league record, while not impressive, has featured several close games.

The league opener against league-favorite Lower Columbia brought Highline its only decisive defeat. Controlling the Dec. 17 game from tip-off, the Lower Columbia Red Devils handed Highline an 89-55 loss on the road.

Highline's next league game came three days later against rival Green River. Losing by a score of 74-71 on the road, the Thunderbirds showed tremendous improvement over their previous performance. Thunderbird forward Kellen Williams had an impressive 34 points and 14 rebounds.

"Kellen gets everything done that a true center does," new Head Coach Che Dawson said of the energetic 6'4" forward.

The new year was not much better for the T-Birds. The Highline men led in the Jan. 2 road game against Pierce College with only four minutes remaining. The Thunderbirds' inability to score in the final minutes cost Highline its first league win, despite 26 points, 13 rebounds, and 3 blocks from Kellen Williams.

The next night, Highline dominated Tacoma in its first league win of the season. The Thunderbirds' unselfish play on the road brought them a 71-59 victory.

Guard Sean Gearin had 15



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Above: Zenrique Tellez lays in the ball as Grays Harbor players look on.

Below: Kellen Williams looks for a teammate in the game versus Centralia.

points, and Kellen Williams put up 23 points and 12 rebounds.

Highline played its first home game against a league opponent Jan. 10. The Thunderbirds hosted Centralia in an 80-74 loss.

After giving up a large lead early in the contest, Highline battled back in the second half with strong perimeter shooting and energetic defense. The Thunderbird men pulled to within three points with less than a minute on the clock, but Centralia held on to its lead.

Freshman point guard Zenrique Tellez led the comeback with 18 points off the bench, most of them from behind the three-point line.

Highline faced Grays Harbor at home on Jan. 12 after their originally scheduled game was postponed due to snow. The Thunderbird's defensive intensity frustrated Grays Harbor, eventually resulting in two technical fouls and a player ejected

for the Grays Harbor Chokers. The T-Bird's came away with an 87-67 victory.

Kellen Williams dominated the boards, grabbing 17 rebounds.

Guards Zenrique Tellez and Brett Wusterbarth each contributed 15 points in the win.

"If we work hard on defense, things happen on offense. My teammates start to find me, and I just start knocking them down," Tellez said after the game.

The Thunderbirds have also played two non-league games this season, both against Everett. The Nov. 25 matchup at Everett ended in a 90-84 overtime win for the Thunderbirds. The Dec. 6 game at home brought Highline a 72-61 victory.

In tournament play this year the Thunderbirds have posted a modest 3-5 record.

The Edmonds Tournament, held Nov. 28-30, resulted in a

success. After a 79-69 loss to Walla Walla, Highline defeated Shoreline 81-77 and Oregon's Blue Mountain 82-80.

The T-Birds started off strong in the Dec. 27-29 Shoreline Tournament, defeating British Columbia's Capilano College 86-77.

Subsequent games against Spokane and Green River ended in disappointment, with 86-62 and 83-73 losses respectively.

"There are no clear cut favorites in our division," Coach Dawson said.

Coach Dawson acknowledges that the Thunderbirds do not have the size of other teams in the division, preferring versatile, athletic players over big men.

"Inside play hasn't been a big problem. Our issues have revolved around perimeter decision making," Coach Dawson said.

Freshman guard Sean Gearin has helped the T-Birds perimeter game by surprising the coaching staff and earning a starting role.

Originally coming to the team as a utility man, Gearin has quickly adapted his game to focus on distribution.

"Sean Gearin has done a very good job adjusting to being more of a ballhandler than he's used to," Coach Dawson said.

The Thunderbirds have also benefited from recruiting five players out of state champion Franklin High School.

"This team is becoming a lot more unselfish and bringing the intensity everyday," Tellez said after Tuesday night's victory over Grays Harbor.

The Thunderbirds' face Clark College this Saturday at home. Tip-off is at 3 p.m. Jan. 21 at 8 p.m. the T-Birds go on the road against the South Puget Sound Clippers.



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## Fastpitch team gets ready early

By DESIREE LEWIS  
STAFF REPORTER

The Highline's women's softball team has just begun practicing for their upcoming season. Last year these ladies finished up as the Northern Division Champions and won a trip to the NWAACC tournament in Portland.

Taking over as head coach this season will be Anne Schmidt, who has been assistant coach for the Lady T-Birds for the past two years. Schmidt will be taking over for Kirsten Jensen, who took a job offer at a four-year college in California to coach.

Every morning these ladies are up practicing in the Highline Pavilion from 7-9 a.m.

"I think were going to have a really good season we do have a lot of freshman and eight returning sophomores that will add to this seasons success," said Schmidt.

The eight returning players are Lacey Walters, Amanda Richardson, Casey Henriksen, Emma Hinckley, Andra Hinckley, Jen Macoubrie, Shelby Giovannini, and Danae Munsell. Last season the Lady T-Birds MVP was Erin Johnson who is still attending Highline but not currently playing.

"Our strengths for the season are definitely going to be our pitching, we have three sophomores and one freshman pitcher and the outfield will be strong they are all returning sophomores. Also we have our returning catcher Casey Henriksen who is going to be a strong asset to the team as well," said Schmidt.

Last season the in-league record for these ladies was 31-1 and they're hoping for another winning season. Their first in-league game is on April 3.

During spring break the women are planning on going on a tournament in Arizona to prepare for the season.

"Our whole NWAACC division is going to be tough this season. Due to all of the new coaching staff it's hard to say how each team will play until the season starts," said assistant coach Mark Hall.

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## Scoreboard

### NWAACC Men's Basketball Standings (As of 1/12/04)

North	League	Over-
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Edmonds	3-0	11-2
Seattle	4-1	10-5
Peninsula	3-1	9-5
Everett	2-2	5-8
Skagit Valley	2-2	5-9
Whatcom	2-3	4-9
Olympic	1-2	3-9
Shoreline	1-3	4-9
Bellevue	1-4	3-12

West	League	Over-
all		
Centralia	4-1	9-6
L. Columbia	4-1	13-3
Green River	3-1	8-3
Clark	2-2	8-6
Tacoma	2-2	4-11
S. Puget	2-3	4-10
Pierce	2-4	9-6
G. Harbor	1-3	5-8
Highline	2-4	7-9

East	League	Over-
all		
G. Basin	1-0	6-5
Spokane	1-0	9-5
Walla Walla	1-0	10-2
Wenatchee	1-0	11-4
T. Valley	0-0	4-5
Big Bend	0-1	8-5
Yakima	0-1	9-3
Blue Mtn	0-2	4-9

South	League	Overall
Chemeketa	2-0	13-2
Umpqua	2-0	7-5
Lane	1-0	4-7
Mt. Hood	1-0	6-6
SW Oregon	1-1	6-7
Clackamas	0-2	9-5
Linn-Benton	0-2	5-8
Portland	0-2	6-7

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Highline 87, G. Harbor 67

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Centralia 80, at Highline 74

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Highline 71, at Tacoma 59

1/2  
at Pierce 68, Highline 63

12/29  
Shoreline Tournament

Shoreline 88, Cariboo (BC) 79

Green River 83, Highline 73

Yakima Valley 90, Spokane 80 (Championship)

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Shoreline Tournament

Shoreline 112, Capilano (BC) 74

Yakima Valley 90, Green River 69

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at L. Columbia 89, Highline 55

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Pierce Tournament  
Highline 82, Blue Mtn. 60  
Pierce 66, Mt. Hood 65  
Walla Walla 91, Peninsula 79

### Women's Basketball Scores NWAACC Women's Basketball Standings (As of 1/12/04)

North	League	Overall
Shoreline	3-1	11-3
Everett	3-1	7-8
Skagit Valley	3-1	9-3
Edmonds	2-1	5-9
Whatcom	3-2	8-8
Olympic	2-2	6-6
Peninsula	1-3	6-7
Bellevue	1-4	6-9
Seattle	1-4	1-11

West	League	Overall
Green River	4-0	7-7
L. Columbia	4-1	11-3
Centralia	4-1	13-3
S. Puget	3-2	7-7
Tacoma	2-2	7-7
Highline	3-3	4-12
Clark	1-3	6-7
Pierce	1-5	3-11
G. Harbor	0-4	0-12

East	League	Overall
C. Basin	1-0	9-4
Walla Walla	1-0	9-3
Wenatchee	1-0	9-5
Yakima	1-0	12-2
T. Valley	0-0	2-5
Big Bend	0-1	8-5
Spokane	0-1	8-3
B. Mountain	0-2	4-8

South	League	Overall
Chemeketa	2-0	11-3
Umpqua	2-0	14-1
Lane	1-0	10-3
Clackamas	1-1	11-3
Linn-Benton	1-1	9-5
Mt. Hood	0-1	4-9
Portland	0-2	0-11
SW Oregon	0-2	1-11

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Centralia 75, L-Benton 71

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## Classes Begin 01•05•2004



# Winter blast freezes first week of classes

By TAUREAN DAVIS  
STAFF REPORTER

Though snowstorms have cancelled two days of classes, Highline students and staff have managed to bounce back and continue on with business as usual.

Some Highline students said that the positives of the snowstorm were worth enjoying.

One such student, Maja H., says that while she loved the family time she spent having snowball fights and building snowmen, she had one gripe about it.

"You couldn't get out of the house," said Maja. Travel was a problem and it wasn't just Maja's place.

In fact, with six inches of snow burying the sidewalks and parking lots at Highline, chances are you couldn't maneuver around campus (much less reach it) without a snow shovel.

Thus, there is a downside to a winter wonderland.

The Highline grounds crew had the time of their lives removing slush, snow, and ice from the campus walkways. "It [the snowfall] covered whatever we cleared and then the rain turned everything into a sheet of ice," said Dave Kress, a member of the grounds crew.

The snow continued to fall Monday night through Tuesday, and while it did rain, the water only served to freeze things over.

In fact, the ice was probably worse than the snowstorm as all parking lots magically transformed into ice skating rinks. Kress and his compatriots had to soften the ice up so they could clear it.

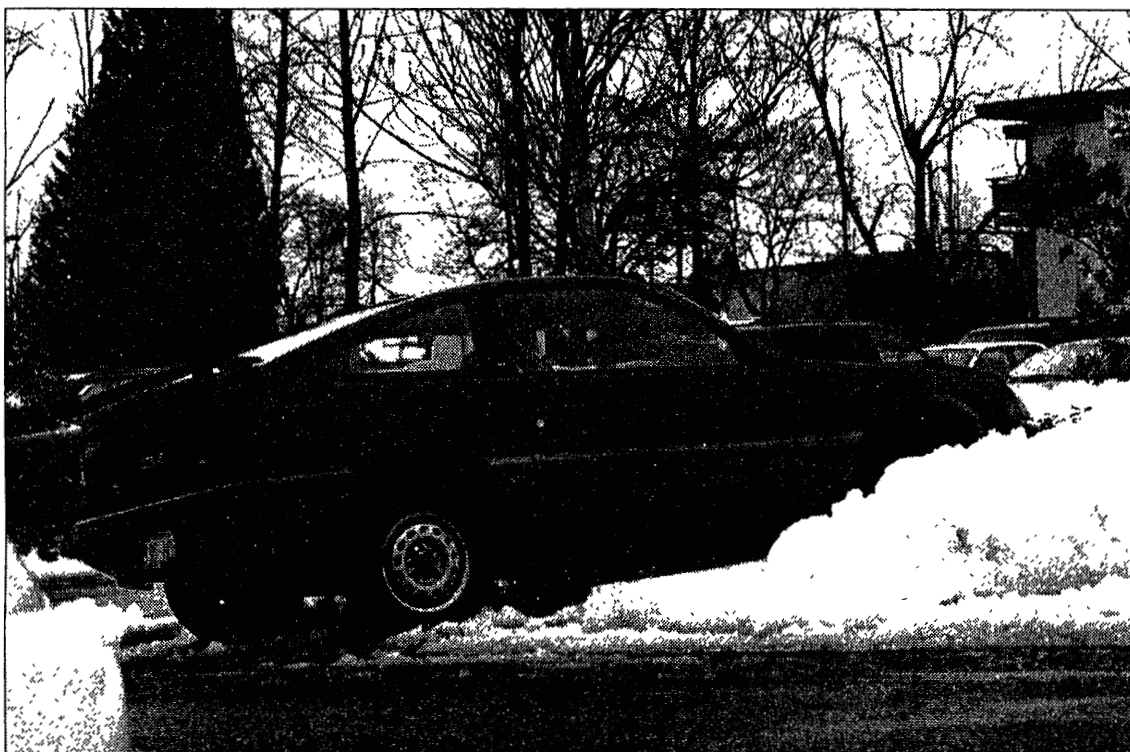
The battle continued as a new hazard appeared. Tree branches, frozen from the rain, began splitting and cracking, crashing to the ground like icicles.

"Everywhere was tough because of the ice," said Kress.

By Thursday, the campus was (relatively) back to normal. During the cleanup crew's efforts, there were no accidents and all the damage seemed to be confined to the trees. However, Kress says they are still assessing damage and the grounds crew is still checking the campus.

The snow days not only wrecked havoc on campus, but also threatened to frost the lessons of some of the teachers.

"Winter Quarter is the shortest quarter and we have fewer days. I think everyone is concerned," said Dr. Paul Mori, a music professor here at



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Whether you were trying to shoot hoops or just get around, you probably ran into some difficulty last week. The snow, ice and freezing temperatures brought Highline and much of the region to a standstill Monday and Tuesday.



Rebecca Sliger, an engineering instructor, gave students an option governing when to take a test, the original date or later. The students opted for the earlier time.

Lopez.

Coming back to school posed a problem for a few students though. Thursday's high slush factor was good reason to make anyone nervous.

"One of my students waited until Friday to show up," said speech instructor Rolita Ezeonu.

On the whole, most students made it back to school in one piece and were actually able to walk around Highline, thanks to the grounds crew. Back in the classroom, both teacher and student seem to be able to compromise and get work done.

"The teachers really didn't overwhelm students with the assignments," said Garasimchuk.

Highline.

For some, rescheduling lesson plans and familiarizing the students with the material can be a real pain.

Speech instructor Rolita Ezeonu summed up the situation. "It was a whole new start again."

Some teachers had to speed up a bit to keep everyone on track.

"It's caused me to combine some lessons," said math instructor Dusty Wilson. Wilson worries about his lessons being effective since students have to learn the same amount of material with less time to do it.

Jon Jahns, who teaches respiratory care, echoed Wilson's concern saying students may be overwhelmed.

"It'll be a little more work in the future in a less amount of time," said Jahns.

Other faculty members don't have to dash as much. Marie Nguyen, a chemistry professor, said. "It's not a mad rush for most of my classes." Luckily, since a majority of Nguyen's classes are year-round (201 in fall to 203 in spring) a couple of missed days won't have much effect in the long run.

Most teachers seem to be pretty fair about assignments.

"They didn't feel as nervous because they knew what was going to be happening," said Sliger.

Sliger's students can find assignments on a webpage and, so far, no one has fallen behind.

Japanese teacher Midori Kunitsugu reported that her students have adjusted after coming back Thursday, but she would feel a little more comfortable having extra time at the end of the quarter, just to make sure her students understood everything.

In reference to the snow days, Cheryl Dunlop, who instructs writing, said, "You just have to work around that."

She believes it was wise to cancel classes (whether anyone could make it from Tacoma to Highline on I-5 was pretty dubious that day).

"They [the students] seem to be fine. In fact, I think everyone enjoyed having a three-day week," said Dunlop.

Many students did enjoy the extra days off.

"I was able to sleep in," said Highline student Zori Garasimchuk.

To others, the snow days were a gift from above.

"I was really sick so I needed the two days off," said Jesse

Student Brenda Lindy said she enjoyed the break but was worried about homework.

Luckily, her class syllabus told her what assignments were due, though Lindy's fears turned out to be unfounded. "It was kinda cool. A teacher dropped one of the assignments," said Lindy.

Turned out some people didn't appear Monday and never received the syllabus. To keep things fair, some assignments were taken out. "That was cool. I was surprised," said Lindy.

Jesse Ferguson, a student, also enjoyed the break but was worried about the impact it would have on his classes. Coming back Thursday, everything turned out to be okay.

"Basically, my teachers were understanding," said Ferguson.

Before students enjoy a snow day, they have to find out for sure that school is cancelled first. Some teachers have an online page that allows students to check for bulletins.

In addition, all (if not most) of the teachers also have an e-mail address, so there are ways to find out if classes are snowed out and if a homework assignment is due.

Lorna Ovena, the executive director of Human Resources, says tuning into news stations on TV (KIRO, KOMO, etc.) and listening to the radio is a good way to find out information as well.

While everyone settles back into the groove of community college life, there are still a few students, like Ufas Nu'u, who wish the snowflakes would never stop falling. "I want more snow," said Nu'u.

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## Despite unsupportive parents Villegas succeeds

BY SARA LOKEN  
STAFF REPORTER

Julie Villegas opened doors for herself and created a better life.

Living by her own recipe for success, she's learned to dream big and achieve those dreams.

"I can be honest, I can be myself and succeed," Villegas said.

Julie Villegas, the acting director of the Honors Program for the University of Washington was the first speaker for this year's Honors Colloquy series titled "opening doors" yesterday at 1 p.m.

She is a first generation college student from a family unsupportive of her academic career. Her mother came from Mexico at the age of 17 to marry her father.

"I was raised in a non-traditional family with no real academic support, financial help or understanding," Villegas said.

Pushing past her barriers, she attended the University of New Mexico before transferring to the University of Washington where she earned her bachelors degree.

Villegas then went on to earn her doctorate in English from the University of Wash-

ington.

Julie Villegas's primary focus of her talk was her recipe for success. Included in her recipe was the ability to dream, take action, and to know yourself.

"Dream those big dreams...take step by step action," Villegas said.

Listing her faults and her ability to overcome them was a key point in her speech. "The challenges are what's going to make you grow," Villegas said.

Encouraging students to face their fears and strive for academic excellence she also focused on the Honors Program at the University of Washington. Many of the honors classes offered here at Highline are transferable into the Honors Program at the UW.

Contact Barbara Clinton for more information.

These series of speeches is ideal for transferring students, honors students, and anyone learning to break through their own barriers, said Barbara Clinton, speech professor at Highline and director of the Honors Program.

Honors Colloquy meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Building 7. The theme for the year is "opening doors."

"It's to help you see the doors in the walls of your existence and know how to get them open," Clinton said.

## Exciting quarter for colloquy

BY DANA HAMMOND  
STAFF REPORTER

Highline's Honors Colloquy hopes to open doors for Highline students.

"Opening doors" is the theme of this year's Contemporary Voices, hoping to show different opportunities that will be helpful to get you where you want to be in future education and life. From transferring to a four-year institution, to finding information about in-state programs, the honors colloquy has something to offer. Even if you are a student who is not planning to transfer, the speeches will provide information and inspiration for your future.

"In addition to our fabulous MLK week speaker, we will have representatives from many of the four-year colleges and universities in the state, as well as returning HCC students, all talking about how education has "opened doors" for them (and how their particular institutions could open doors for HCC students)," said

Barbara Clinton, head of Highline honors programs and instructor of the course.

Although the first meeting was cancelled because of the snow, the line up is promising for the quarter.

Speakers lined up so far include:

\* Carlotta Walls Lanier, Jan. 21, sharing the struggle to integrate Little Rock's Central High School.

\* Perry Higman, Jan. 28, director of the Eastern Washington University honors program.

\* Speech Slam, March 10, which is a student public speaking contest on "opening doors."

Other speakers have yet to be announced.

You do not have to be enrolled to attend and all students are welcomed. The colloquy in Building 7, every Wednesday from 1:10-2 p.m.

If you wish to get credit for the class (one credit), it is not too late to sign up for Honors 101. Talk to Barbara Clinton or for more information go to <http://flightline.highline.edu/honors/colloquyW04.htm>

## Flying high

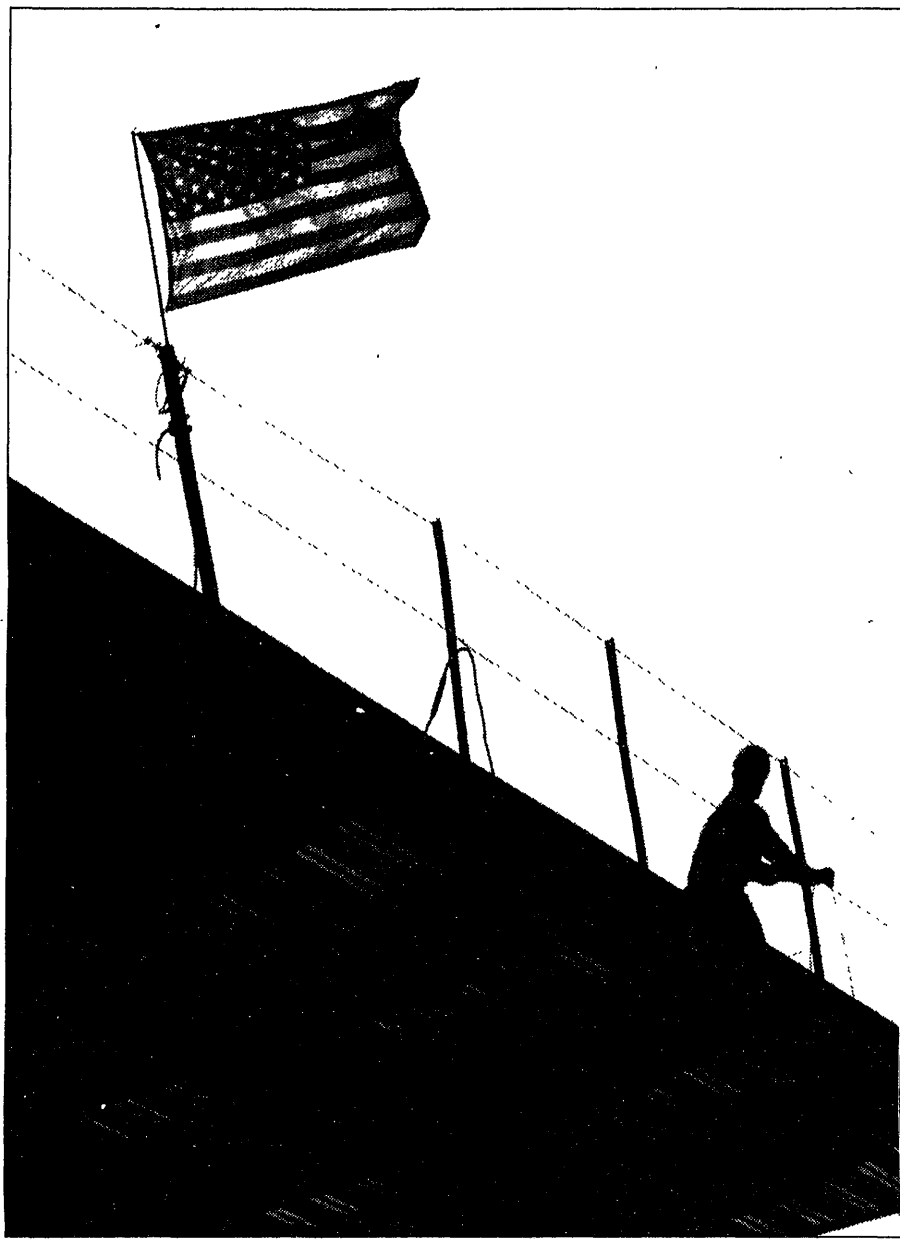


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Constuction resumed after last weeks snowy weather.

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# Snow blankets construction on campus

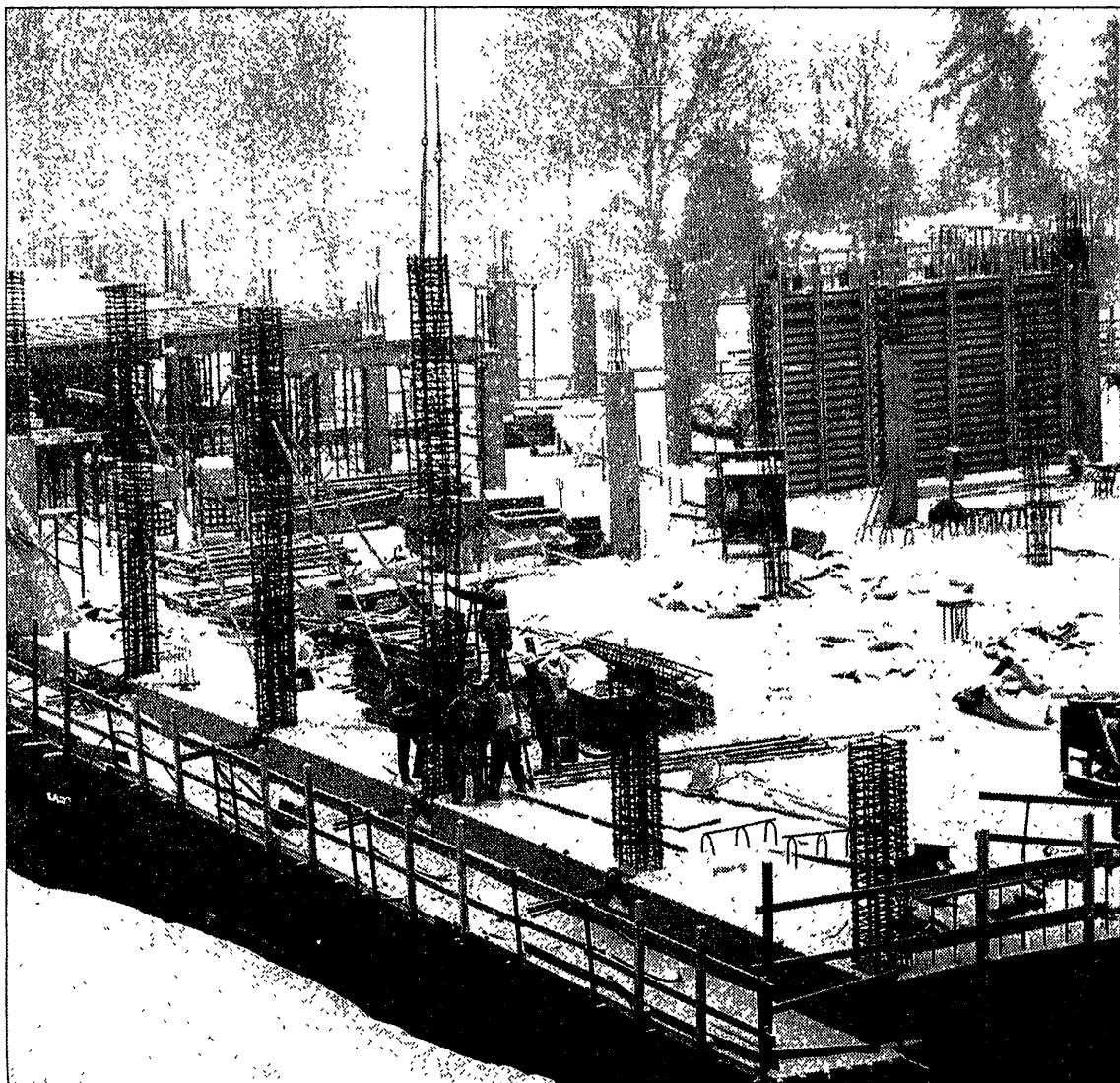


PHOTO BY KYLE DROSDICK

The snow storm that hit the Highline campus not only halted all classes but also delayed all the construction on campus, including on the new student center.

By SARA LOKEN  
STAFF REPORTER

The winter storm last week halted construction on the student union for two days.

While students were out of school, the construction crew was not on site.

On Tuesday and Wednesday the crew was informed not to show up.

"I was here," said Mike McDonald superintendent of the Highline student union for Lumpkin General Contractors. "But we couldn't do any work."

The storm did cause a delay in pouring the concrete. Since Dec. 22, pouring concrete has been on the schedule.

Because of rain, the scheduled date was pushed back until after the first of the year. With the snow and ice it was delayed once again until Jan. 13, weather permitting.

"It's impossible to pour concrete on a wet ground," said McDonald. Because it is the holiday season, the crew has accounted for lost time.

"It's always slow around the holidays," McDonald said. "Our concrete supplier was closed for Christmas and New

Year."

Once work resumed on Jan. 8, crewmen were left with a mess.

Using an air compressor, they were able to blow the ice, slush and snow off most of the site. Thursday proved to be better working conditions than the day before. "Four inches of snow and a layer of ice. It was fun," McDonald said.

With improving weather conditions and the holiday season over, workers are hoping to pour the concrete that's been on the schedule since December.

## Loose Bricks:

Mike McDonald asks that students parking in the North parking lot would follow the barricades.

Students have been seen by workers moving the barricades and parking in the off limit spaces.

With cars in these spots it makes it hard for workers to maneuver their equipment and machinery around.

Should students park in these spaces, a fork lift may be seen moving the cars into more appropriate locations, McDonald said.

## New student senators elected after months of controversy

By NOELLANI BACNIS  
STAFF REPORTER

After two elections brimming with uncertainty and mayhem the results of the third election for student senator are in.

Highline students Tina Higashi, Christopher Monfort and Stephanie Raghubeer were elected Student Senator in the Dec. 4, 2003 election.

Both Higashi and Monfort led the voting with 56 votes followed by Raghubeer with 48 votes. Alicen Collier received 39 votes, Eddie Dha 22, Reid Baughman 17, Joe Tran 16, and Mark Thomas finished with 12 votes.

The first election of three for Student Senator was on Oct. 22 and 23, 2003.

The first election, conducted on-line, was invalidated due to voter fraud, resulting in a re-election. One or more students allegedly used other students' ID numbers to vote for a certain candidate.

The second election, as the first was done via Highline's website on Nov. 19 and 20, 2003.

Although no traces of voter fraud were present, the November election ended early due to computer coding errors changing the ballot data, making the

votes unreadable.

Paper ballots replaced the online voting for the third and final election.

Vice President of Legislation Michelle Kolpack is confident of the new student senators.

With the Winter Quarter kicking off the Student Government has focused on ideas they feel are important to address.

Areas that Student Government is pursuing this year include the Service and Activity Budget, recycling, Student Rights and Responsibilities, smoking in designated areas, student book exchange, and safety and security.

The ball is definitely rolling for the proposal of designated smoking areas around Highline's campus.

The Highline Health Committee is finalizing the project that was started last year. The final touches include finding areas to locate smoking sheds, or butt huts.

Student Government is helping to produce a newsletter, The Guardian, regarding improved safety on and off campus designed by the Safety and Security Committee. It will hopefully be made available to faculty and staff, which then will be handed down to the students, James Howell, vice president of

administration said about The Guardian.

Students are welcomed and

encouraged to aid in any of these committees as much as possible, Student Government

officials say. "It helps reflect desires and needs of the students," Kolpack said.

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## Club warfare

Winter quarter club fair lets student and staff alike see the various groups that Highline students can attend

By AMY XAYARATH  
STAFF REPORTER

More than 300 Highline students and staff members represented 22 clubs at this week Club Fair

Many students and staff members had the opportunity to attend the Clubs Fair exhibiting which clubs were available on campus. This quarter's Club Fair was held Tuesday, Jan. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 2.

About 22 official clubs were represented, giving Highline students and staff members opportunities to get involved and get information about the clubs. Food and raffle tickets were provided at the Club Fair as well as live music. Approximately 300 Highline students and staff members attended the Winter Quarter Club Fair.

•One of the largest clubs at Highline attending the fair was the Vietnamese Student Association (VSA). VSA has been at Highline for over 5 years. There are now 30 to 50 members who are involved in this club.

"The Vietnamese Student Association connects Vietnamese students at Highline Community College; assists in tutoring and wishes to preserve Vietnamese culture and traditions; and have others learn as well," according to the VSA guidelines.

The VSA coordinates a lot of outside activities such as camping, bowling, and skating. "We also throw birthday parties for our (fellow) members," said Thien Tran, one of the members for VSA.

All Highline students are welcome to join the VSA. The VSA conducts meetings every other week in Building 10 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. or noon to 1 p.m. General meetings may vary; feel free to email Ann Thach, the president of VSA for further information at [atandpt@yahoo.com](mailto:atandpt@yahoo.com).

•Another club that attended is Khmer Student Association (KSA). KSA became part of Highline Clubs over two years ago.

"The KSA shows people what our culture is about and (illustrating) the differences of Cambodia and the United States

[chanthasonn@yahoo.com](mailto:chanthasonn@yahoo.com).

•The Black Student Union (BSU) offers Highline students "a sense of knowing that after all of the hard work, you can give back," said Tomeaka Trahan, junior vice president of BSU.

"Also a way to make diverse friends. It is not just for black students, but it is for everyone," said Krystinna Williams, vice president of BSU.

"The purpose of BSU is to reach out to our community, especially to our babies of America," said Trahan.

"As well as our self-gain and self-improvement," said Williams.

The BSU is planning an upcoming event called, Jersey Jams. They hope to raise

money for the community by conducting talent shows, games and other activities.

Becoming a member with BSU is fairly easily; no application is required. Highline students are welcome to attend their meetings, which is every Friday at 1 p.m. in Building 10, room 207. "For those who cannot make it to our meeting, we can always contact you by e-mail or phone to give an update," said Williams. For further information, e-mail BSU at

[BSU20032004@yahoo.com](mailto:BSU20032004@yahoo.com).

•Teachers of Tomorrow (TOT) at Highline "brings future teachers together and help support them through their degrees," said Cara Schletzbaum, president of TOT.

In order to become a member of TOT, students need to achieve an Associate of Arts degree and is required to take the WEST-B test with a satisfactory score.

According to Schletzbaum, TOT is planning an event called Teacher of the Quarter Award for next quarter.

"This event is to nominate teachers who work with the community," said Schletzbaum.

TOT is conducting a meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 20, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For further information, e-mail Schletzbaum at [teacheroftomorrow@hotmail.com](mailto:teacheroftomorrow@hotmail.com).

"I think this quarter's Club

Fair went very well. We enjoyed the clubs' participation. Everyone enjoyed the raffle," said Rebekah Palmer, club diplomat of student government.

"The setting was good as well since each clubs had their own table and plenty of spaces without having to block the doorway. Next quarter we will have some vegetarian options."

Other clubs that attended were The American Sign Language, Deaf Club, Rainbow Pride Club, Afghan, Arabic, Indian, Pakistani Student Association, Muslim Student Association (Somali Student Union), National Student Nurses, Respiratory Care, Science Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Jazz Band, Highline College Paralegal Club, International Affairs Club, Graphic Arts Club, Environmental Club, Trailblazers, and Campus Crusade for Christ.



PHOTO BY YOUNG CHUN

22 clubs were represented at the Winter Quarter club fair, each with its own table. Here a student bends to get info on a club.

economy," said Chantha Sonn, secretary and treasurer of KSA.

The KSA is currently planning an upcoming event which will be the Khmer New Year next quarter in April. There will be traditional dancing, fashion show, and plays.

"We are still working on the event; still unsure about everything right now, but will keep everyone posted," said Sonn.

Those who are interested in becoming a member with KSA, feel free to e-mail Sonn at

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ment. "If there's local control... it could end up on the backs of the students.

Local state Rep. Dave Upthegrove, D-Des Moines, feels uneasy about unrestricted tuition control being handed to the colleges.

"Elected officials should be in control (of tuition setting)," Upthegrove said.

He pointed out that there would be little recourse for students or voters if individual institutions controlled tuition increases.

The other goals of the HECB's Master Plan involve increasing enrollment and improving efficiency.

"(They are) vague in addressing how they will improve efficiency," Upthegrove said.

The means of improving efficiency as evidenced from legislation last session seems to point toward tuition surcharges.

Under this proposal, a student exceeding a certain percentage of the credits they need to graduate could pay up to two and a half times the usual cost of tuition.

Another way the HECB wants to increase efficiency is by conglomerating the state's three higher education governing boards.

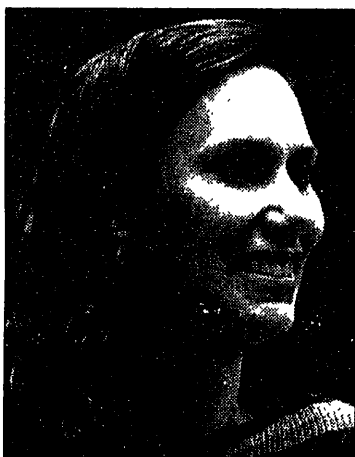
"Currently we (Highline) have a voice," said Skari. "Where would we fall within this super board. We have proven ourselves to the SBCTC, and I'm concerned that we would not have our own voice

With the lukewarm news of the HECB's Master Plan comes a supplemental budget from Gov. Gary Locke that may ease some of Highline's enrollment woes.

However, some eyebrows are raised as to whether the capacity increase will stretch financial aid too thin.

Gov. Locke's proposed supplemental budget allocates \$15 million to the SBCTC to distribute amongst the state's 33 community and technical colleges.

Of this, \$5 million will be attributed toward general enrollment, and the remaining \$10 million will go toward increasing enrollment in high-demand programs, which will, the governor hopes, spur the state's economy as well as facilitate college classrooms for wanting



Lisa Skari



Dave Upthegrove

college students.

This translates to about 50 full-time equivalent students added to Highline's capacity.

The SBCTC's portion of Locke's \$192.7 million supplemental budget "opens classroom doors to thousands more college students..." according to the website for the Office of Financial Management for the State of Washington.

"We don't have a lot of money," said Upthegrove. "We'll be using some of what we have to fund enrollments, (as) most colleges are over-enrolled."

Once again, Upthegrove is concerned.

"(This allocation) increases

enrollment, but there will not be an adequate increase in financial aid," Upthegrove said. "That means we'll have to spread it (financial aid) thinner."

In answer to some of the doubts Upthegrove has, he said that he is co-sponsoring a bill that will force four-year institutions to accept community college students as juniors.

"I don't think it will pass," Upthegrove said. "Right now, even if you do get accepted (to a four-year school), there is a question as to what credits they'll accept."

"With institutions (raising tuition) at different rates, access can be limited from one school to another," Upthegrove said.

## Ban

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far away to visit in the limited time between classes. They want smoking areas close enough to classrooms for a few between-class puffs.

That's why Kristin Murdoch finds the new restrictions annoying. She's concerned that trips to smoking areas may interfere with her schedule.

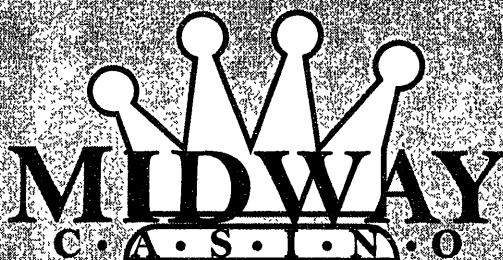
Murdoch and others say that the current policy of restricting smoking to the outdoors is adequate.

"We try not to be rude," said Liana Spencer. She and friend Eva Fernley say they make an effort to keep from sending smoke the way of non-smokers.

Elaine Read goes further. "What about smoker's rights?" she asked. She'll comply with the new policy, but fears that the only approved smoking areas may soon be off-campus. Her concern is shared by former Boeing employee Herbert Stephens who says he witnessed similar phased restrictions on smoking there. Boeing's policy culminated in a total ban.

The new smoking policy is scheduled to take effect in March.

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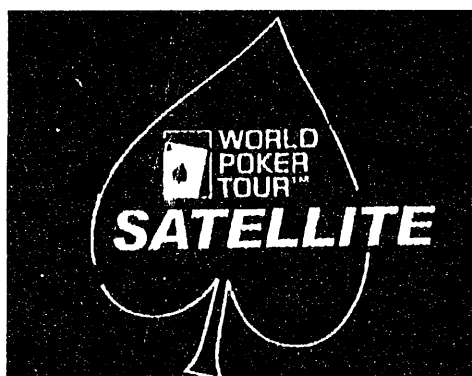
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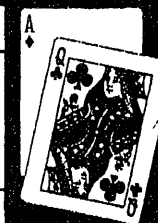
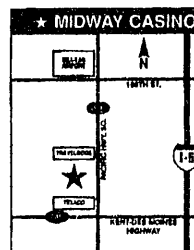
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