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
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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 adminis-
trators 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
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 the 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.

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 sit 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 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.

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

Thinking about your future?

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Bldg 19 Room 107
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 2:10-3 p.m. in Building 3 room 102.

"Science Seminar is great for people who 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 attended by students, 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.

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.

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- Why Hollywood Doesn't Know Movin 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 discussed in his speeches.

Reverend Dr. Leslie Braxton, a civil rights advocate, in Building 6, area A of the library (building 25) from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Opening Ceremony will take place 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.
- "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:
- 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-gat: 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.
IN THE KNOW

Grounds crew 1, snowstorm 0

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—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 clearing all 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-troublesome parking lots and cramped walkways could have been that much worse.

Resolves 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.

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.

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—no one exactly makes 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 parcel 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 Year’s 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.
Chinese artist Wenjuan Gu takes viewers across the sea in library gallery show

**By Chad Martinez**
**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 has won several awards for her work.

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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 conventional 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.

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'Grape Expectations' is a Dickens' tale anew

Winery's tasty play has perks

BY LINDA SEWERKER

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 12 p.m. to about 2 p.m. Tickets costs are $20 per person and include wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres. Show seats are available by calling Corky Cellars, Des Moines at 206-824-9462 or the E.B. Foote Winery at 206-242-3852.

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 Luttermann, Doug Knoop and Wally Mon. J Howard Boyd directs this parody of Dickens classic Great Expectations.

The performance revolves around Young Slop, who is sent off to boarding school, sold to the poorhouse, 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.

Eric Hartley and Linda Mathews as Slop and Mummy.
Drama Department launches ‘Lysistrata’

By Jessie Elliott
Staff Reporter

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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 4-3 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 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 but fell short.

Starting at 165-pound weight class was Kyle McCarron who struggled through a tough match for a loss by major decision. Things were looking good 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 Garth was 145 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 avengeful 20-16 victory over a wrestling team that had cobbled 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 looking 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 dual 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.
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 their first game of the season against Grays Harbor, Highline got off to a hot start if they were able to turn there 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, Rebakah 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. 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.

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.

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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, scoring 19 points, while Kelli Marcus was able to score 17 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. This would prove to be a key game for Highline’s chances of qualifying for the NWAACC tournament.

Highline got off to a slow start, dropping early signs of a blow out, with Centralia jumping out to an early 22-10 lead. Everything seemed to be going Highline’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. “This game was going to be a nightmare for the rest of the season,” said Coach Rowe.

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 Rebakah Proctor and freshman Kelli Marcus, Highline rallied from as much as a 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 his game, we have turned a corner as a team,” said Rebakah Proctor. “This game gives experience and momentum for the rest of the year.”

“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 6-16 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 Tacomia 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 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 Thunderbirds’ 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 the South Puget Sound Clippers. They won 87-67 and 92-77 losses respectively.

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 acknowledged 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.

"I’m more unselfish and bringing the technical fouls and an ejected player..." Tellez 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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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.

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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 a.m.

"I think we're going to have a really good season we do have a lot of freshman and eight returners that will add to this season's success," said Schmidt.

The eight returning players are Lacey Walters, Amanda Richardson, Casey Henrikson, Jen Macouria, 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 Henrikson 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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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 enduring.

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 companions 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 splintering 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 lenses 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 Highline.

For some, rescheduling lessons 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.

Dr. Johns, 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 Johns.

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.

Some teachers, like Ufas Nuu', who was coming back to school posed worries about his lessons being taught to the region to a standstill Monday and Tuesday.

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

Sliger's students can find assignments online. "They didn't feel as nervous because they knew what was going to be happening," said Sliger.

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.

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.

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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 fear 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 or if a homework assignment is due.

Lorna Ovens, the executive director of Human Resources, stays tuned 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 here and there (like Ufas Nuu'), who wish the snowflakes would never stop falling. "I want more snow," said Nuu'.

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The Thunderword
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Exciting quarter for colloquy

BY DANA HAMMOND
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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 all students are welcomed. The colloquy in Building 7, every Wednesday from 10:10-2 p.m.

If you wish to get credit for the class (one credit), it is 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

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

New student senators elected after months of controversy

BY NOELLANI BACNIS
STAFF REPORTER

After two elections brimming with uncertainty andmayhem, 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 bill 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 said. "It helps reflect desires and needs of the students," Kolpack said.

Snow blankets construction on campus

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, slash 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.
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 stu-
dents and staff members repre-
sented 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 Build-
ing 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,” said Thien Tran, one of the members for VSA.

“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.

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 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 chanthaonoin@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 Tomeaga 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 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 Jerseymas. The BSU is conducting a meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 20, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. For further information, e-mail Schlzetbaum at teachermorrows@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 dip-

lord 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 Lan-
guage, Deaf Club, Rainbow Pride Club, Afghan, Arabic, Indian, Pakistani Student Association, Muslim Student Associa-
tion (Somali Student Union), National Student Nurses, Respira-
tory Care, Science Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Jazz Band, Highline College Paralegal Club, International Affairs Club, Graphic Arts Club, Envi-
rionmental Club, Trailblazers, and Campus Crusade for Christ.
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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.

"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.