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Traffic

Continuing road construction ties up Highline drivers

By Robert Everhart
STAFF REPORTER

It's Tuesday and traffic is backed up for a half-mile where southbound Pacific Highway South narrows to one lane at the Kent-Des Moines Road. On 240th, the west-bound lane is blocked by a Des Moines police car, so utility crews can get to a manhole in the middle of the street. The line of cars in the eastbound lane extends west to Highline's tennis courts. Tomorrow these backups may be gone, but it's likely others will take their place on the roads around Highline.

Construction on Pacific Highway South and adjacent streets has been making Highline commuters miserable for two years. Frequent lane closures, diversions and detours make getting to Highline a challenge. It's a challenge that changes every day. "You never know where it's going to be," said Mindy DeCastro, who drives in from SeaTac. She gets stuck in construction-related traffic a couple of days a week, she said. Today she got stuck in both backups. "I leave about an hour early every day," DeCastro said. Sometimes that's not enough. "It makes me late for class," said Jennifer Feuling. Today Feuling left early, but still arrived late for a midterm exam. Sometimes she makes the long detour through the Des Moines business district to avoid Pacific Highway South, she said.

Despite its negative effects on traffic now, the Pacific Highway South improvement project should make the road a better, safer place to travel when it's completed in 2005. The project will upgrade the highway and establish a consistent thoroughfare from Highline to 599 in Tukwila to Federal Way, said Tim Laporte, design engineer manager for the City of Kent.

"The overall goal is to improve mobility and make it safe for pedestrians," Laporte said. The construction will widen the highway from five to seven lanes, adding two HOV lanes for buses and carpools.

Road construction won't start until April, when warmer weather will allow paving to begin, Laporte said. Today's traffic mess actually started beside the road. "Most of the work is on the shoulders," Laporte said. Utility companies such as Qwest, ATT and Puget Sound Energy that have equipment in the highway's right-of-way are being required to move cables and power lines to make way for the new lanes. Old equipment must be dug up and new equipment must be buried outside the new, wider roadway.

Construction workers dig a trench in what used to be a sidewalk at the corner of Pacific Highway South and Kent-Des Moines Road.

Student Bookstore soon to change credit card receipts

By John Montenegro
STAFF REPORTER

Despite recent high trends in fraud and identity theft, Highline's bookstore still leaves the entire credit card number on the receipt.

You're walking out of the bookstore having just loaded up on your daily craving for fat and complex carbohydrates, a big gust of wind hits, you notice that your receipt goes flying out of your bag, you consider picking it up, but don't, you think you just lost a silly old receipt. But little do you know that you may have just lost your identity.

Because of consumer interest in credit card safety the U.S. government has passed recent legislation that states that all retail outlets should have software in place that protects cardholder information. Highline's bookstore is one of the only facilities on campus that still prints the entire credit card number on receipts.

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Transfer fair brings universities to Highline

By Derek Markland

The Winter 2004 College Transfer Fair will be held today from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Building 2. The Transfer Fair is an opportunity for students to gather information on colleges they’re interested in. They will also be able to speak with representatives from those schools.

The Transfer Fair is open to all students. Students do not need to make appointments to speak with the representatives. More than 15 schools from UW Tacoma will be represented, from the Art Institute of Seattle to Western Washington University, including multiple programs from WSU and UW. There will also be a few out of state colleges including Portland State University.

 UW will have officials from Bothell, Seattle, and Tacoma campuses. UW will also have representatives from their Evening Degree, Environmental Studies, and School of Social Work programs. WSU will offer information for their main campus in Pullman, as well as information on their Distance Degree Programs.

All of the schools will offer application packets and information on the degrees and programs their schools offer. Students will be able to learn the different requirements for various schools. Information regarding application deadlines, fees, and G.P.A. requirements will be available.

General information about tuition, school size, diversity, and financial aid and scholarship information will be available as well.

The Transfer Fair is a yearly event at Highline and has met with much success in the past. Siew Lai Lilley, director of the Transfer Center says she has been working hard to provide as much information to students as she can.

“Students should start early,” Lilley said of planning to transfer. Lilley often stresses the importance of researching the schools that students are interested in transferring to.

Highline. The three 8-year-old boys were on top of the pipe hitting it with softball bats when security arrived on the scene. A verbal warning was given and the children were told to depart the area. The children complied, leaving no damage to the pipe.

Don’t forget to register for classes

You can now register for classes for Spring Quarter ’04. Registration on the web is available daily from 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. at www.Highline.edu. Click on “Admissions, Registration and Records”, then click on “Web Registration”. The last day to register is April 9. For questions, visit Registration in the bottom of Building 6 or call 206-878-3710, ext. 3242.

Correction

In the Feb. 12 issue of the Thunderword, The Arts Calendar stated Nancy Warren will be playing in a concert on March 11 from 7:9 p.m. Warren will not be in the concert, but she will be with the masters class before the concert from 4-6 p.m.

 UW Tacoma offers scholarship

The University of Washington, Tacoma is offering a one-year Phi Theta Kappa scholarship for incoming students.

The deadline to apply for this scholarship is March 1. For more information about this scholarship and requirements, contact Siew Lai Lilley in the transfer center at 206-878-3710, ext. 3936.

For more information about other scholarships available at UW Tacoma, go to www.tacoma.washington.edu/finaid/.

 Degrees in Your Neighborhood!

Attend one of the information sessions on Feb. 24 for all the details!

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Marine Science Center gets new look

Center receives funds to help with facelift

By Rob Goodman

Highline's Marine and Science Technology Center on Redondo Beach is seeking a makeover. New funds for the facility may just be the key to what they're looking for.

A full agenda is set out for the Marine and Science Technology Center, also known as MaST, after Highline received a $497,000 congressional award from the U.S. Department of Education for setting up a marine science center. The money awarded will go into funding for the reopened center, for equipment, technology, and faculty management.

To match the award, the Highline Foundation is also raising funds for the center.

"The foundation has made a commitment to raise $500,000," said Lisa Skari, executive director of institutional advancement at Highline.

Support has also been given to MaST by local groups and facilities such as the Seattle Aquarium, who donated tanks to the facility. Since reopening, MaST's prime priority is to work with the neighborhood.

"The biggest thing is teaching the public," said Rus Higley, MaST center coordinator and Highline oceanography and marine biology Instructor. "A lot of them, their introduction to the environment is Finding Nemo." Currently, MaST is attracting close to 100 people with their "Water Weekend" tours, when opened for just several hours. Almost all of their exhibitors are just passing by, where they can see and feel the marine life in the touch tanks, such as starfish, or they can view animals in the aquarium, such as squid.

MaST is slowly but surely improving, but with the added funds they plan on doing much more than weekend tours.

"Eventually the facility is going to be very active," said Higley. Other than setting up all classes with an ocean component at the center full-time and part-time, the new funds will provide the construction of seminar rooms and a computer technology center. The dock space will be utilized better to accommodate all of these things, including an area open to the public that will have touch tanks, aquariaums, and display artifacts and data.

Opening the renovated center also provides an opportunity for students to learn with a more hands-on approach, where according to Higley, they can "touch, see, and feel" the environment they are learning about, and this is not just exclusively for Highline students. Many K-12 groups in the Federal Way School District have scheduled trips to MaST, and with so many activities occurring, Mast is looking for help.

As of now, MaST is seeking volunteers to become MaST stewards. Those who participate will receive training to speak to the public, and to care for the marine life in the touch tanks. The MaST steward program can be for those who need a science lab credit, those who need money (such as work study), or for those who just truly and genuinely love the ocean.

"It all depends on interests and needs," said Higley. MaST is open to the public every second and fourth Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For those who wish to find out more information on the steward program or any updates on Highline’s MaST Center, you may visit their website at http://flightline.highline.edu/mast.
Breast cancer is not a death sentence

February is Breast Cancer Awareness Month here at Highline, and the Women's Programs of Highline are again sponsoring the yearly event. The Women's Programs office, located in Building 6, offers an abundance of information to any interested staff or member of the student body.

In today's society, cancer affects one out of four people. This fact indicates that you or someone you know can always have the chance of encountering this deadly disease. However, some of the staff at Highline feel women are afraid to pick up information if accompanied by their friends or boyfriends. If this is the case, the sad truth is someone may die because of this peer pressure. Try giving your friend or boyfriend a Pink Ribbon in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, as men too are diagnosed with the disease. This way, students will no longer have to fear the possibilities of cancer alone.

One item available in the Women's Programs office is a shower card showing how to give self-breast examinations, accompanied by the Pocket Pal to record your tests. They also tell of how regular exercise can decrease risk factors and increase awareness. A healthy diet, low fat diet, is highly recommended. Evidence suggests that one third of the 550,000 cancer deaths in the United States each year are due to unhealthy diet and insufficient physical activity.

Finally, your chances of survival are greatly increased with monthly self-breast examinations that should be started when you are at least 20 years old. The Women's Programs have, in the past, sponsored walks, scavenger hunts, self-breast exams, and other events to help out with Breast Cancer Awareness Month. But due to recent budget cuts and staff shortages, no other events are planned.

With Highline offering so many other medical programs, why can't they hold more breast cancer awareness events? The college could assign some costs.

Breast cancer claims the lives of 40,000 women annually in the United States alone, with over 200,000 diagnoses and it is the second leading cause of death in women. However, breast cancer does not equate a death sentence as long as there is an early detection.

The ways to fight this deadly disease are reasonable, easy and take little or no time. A healthy diet, exercise and self-breast examinations are the most common, not to mention simple ways of staying in a peak physical condition.

Do not let cancer take over your life. You do have the time to fight the disease. Join the battle by picking up and wearing a Pink Ribbon in support for a cure.

The life you save may be your own.

Karen encourages students to pick up a Pink Ribbon in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Scientists can expand muscles in rats with genetic injections. Do you know what this could mean for pro-sports?

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The registration rush hour

As Highline prepares to enter into the eighth week of the current quarter, many students are in a tizzy over both the mind-numbing finals week to come and the even more stressful process of signing up for next quarter's classes.

It seems like only yesterday that staff and students were awaiting another snow-induced day off from school. Now, with the quarter being more than halfway through, the Spring Quarterly awaits to be examined and courses chosen. If done properly, the procedure of choosing these classes should not be a difficult task. Some have even known it to be a bit exciting.

Nonetheless, even though student registration begins next week, there are always going to be those who wait until right before the start of the next quarter to sign up for classes. This fact has led to an increasingly serious dilemma.

As Highline is a two-year college, many students are making plans to move on to a four-year university. And in order to do so, any necessary scholarly requirements must be completed. Thusly, certain courses that may fulfill these prerequisites are in great demand.

This situation produces desperation on the part of those who fail to register in a timely manner, and forgory has become an all-too-common alternative.

Students signing add/drop slips with teachers' signatures in order to gain entry into the desired classes is a clear and reckless violation of the student code of conduct.

And after numerous student and faculty complaints, Highline has recently decided on implementing a class wait list to be tried out next quarter on business and science courses.

Students who are unable to register for these classes are put on this list, which follows a strict first-come, first-serve policy.

Hopefully this policy, coupled with basic common sense and decency, will encourage students to not put-off registration until it is too late.

Those who do not wish to deal with any registration rush hour need to sign up for their desired courses as soon as they are allowed.

Thus guaranteeing a seamless transition into their future.
One of 12 children, Sharon Kibbie has always craved the spotlight. She gets her chance to shine this quarter with the leading role in *Lysistrata*.

*Lysistrata* is a comedy about the strength of women and their protests against the many wars that have been going on in the world of Ancient Greece. It will be put on by Highline’s Drama Department, Feb. 26 to Feb. 28 and March 4 to March 6.

As Lysistrata, Kibbie will be leading the liberated women in their fight.

“The bug really bit me when I was 12,” Kibbie said of acting. She now has half a dozen years of experience in theater. This is Kibbie’s third year at Highline, and it keeps her very busy. “Time is a precious commodity; I have a habit of stretching myself,” Kibbie said.

Not only has she been in the Drama Department at Highline for two years, she is majoring in music and is also involved with the technical aspects of the productions here.

Outside of Highline, Kibbie is interning at Breeder’s Theater, a local professional group. Her nickname there is the “Galactic Intern of Doom,” she said with a laugh, but she isn’t quite sure how that title came about.

The first play Kibbie performed in was a road show entitled *These are the Days*, in which she played Cleopatra. It was a competition in which they tied for first, and that was very exciting, Kibbie said.

A memory that sticks out in Kibbie’s mind from that first play is working with a girl she didn’t quite get along with.

“Therian is a wonderful place that can bring people who don’t typically get along and put their differences aside for a cause,” Kibbie said. Though Kibbie’s major is music, drama and performance art are her true passions. When talking about the anticipation and that time just before the lights hits you, Kibbie shows her love for theater.

“It’s a magical moment,” she said.

To prepare for her leading role in *Lysistrata* Kibbie has had to do a lot of research. Before beginning to memorize her lines, she reads the play three times; once for general understanding, twice for a grasp of the character, and a third time to understand specific meanings.

“You can’t say a line and have meaning come across if you don’t have imagery behind it,” said Kibbie.

She looks up words so that she understands the full meaning of them in context with the play, as well as studying with anyone who may be able to help her better understand her character.

So much work is going into this project for Kibbie, as she is not only the leading actress but a technical worker as well.

Between rehearsals, building a stage, and making sure the lighting is correct, Kibbie is at Highline from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. nearly every day. Stage manager Rick Lorig and guest director Debra Lanier are very helpful and supportive, Kibbie said.

With all of this work to do, Kibbie says she stretches her time to the limit. “I’m pretty amazed with how I find time,” Kibbie said.

She usually squeezes in her homework in the mornings, but she said the first sacrifice is sleep, and then food.

As for Kibbie’s future, things don’t appear to be slowing down any time soon.

Kibbie has one more year at Highline on the calendar to complete her AA degree, after which she will be applying to five schools: Purchase College in New York; North Carolina, the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London; the Royal Scottish Academy of Dramatic Art; and the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art.

Kibbie recently decided not to go into a five year contract with the Navy, because even though it would pay for her tuition to the schools where she will be applying, it seemed too long of a period of time to stay away from her true passions.

“Five years is forever to be away from something you love,” Kibbie said.

She does however, have enormous respect for those who do choose that path, she said.

The most difficult aspect of acting for Kibbie would have to be the research and memorization, she said.

When Kibbie spoke of her favorite part of acting, it was apparent that this is a lifelong passion for her.

“Once the lights hit your face, it’s just the best,” Kibbie said.

Kibbie’s passion will continue to be a large part of her life.

“My whole life has been a stage,” she said with a smile.

Sharon Kibbie is Lysistrata the heroine in the comedy *Lysistrata*
Burien Gallery offers a diversity of styles

By Laura Goodwin

The Burien Arts Gallery is offering a new showing of artists. The gallery offers everything from paintings and sculptures to hand made ornaments. The director Barbara Jorgenson has impeccable taste.

In the first gallery, Pamela F. Farrell’s artwork lights up the room. Her pastel paintings are stunningly eye catching with vibrant colors. Not only does she paint but she also does excellent picture framing and surface design.

Farrell graduated from Arizona State University in 1990 with a bachelor in fine arts, fibers, and a minor in textiles, ceramics. She has taught all over the Northwest including Green River Community College and has her own private studio. She has won awards such as artist of the month twice by Auburn Valley Artists Association, and Covington Fine Arts Critique.

Artist Corky Storer is also featured this month at the Burien Gallery. Corky makes spectacular sculptures. His sculptures are unique in a way because he uses metal to sculpt. Sadly his inspiration had started from death of a long time friend and family member.

Storer has been on the cover of a national metal magazine where he received national recognition. He has been involved in shows in California and east coast cities, which eventually led to a show in Port Townsend.

On another side of the gallery is the works by artist Kristine Delong. Delong does watercolor paintings. She was self taught and born and brought up in Seattle. Friends and family urged Delong to pursue her artwork and as a result, she started a full time art career in 1995. She has done work such as commercials, residential murals, and illustrated a children’s book called Color Me Seattle.

“This showing is different from the others, it’s special,” said Jorgenson. She is really excited about the new artwork presented in the gallery.

To have your artwork displayed in the gallery might not be so easy.

Before the work is displayed, a group of artists jury samples of the artists work to see if it meets their standards.

Once a year the gallery also allows high school students to show their artwork in the gallery. The three artists works, will be on display in the gallery until April 6.

The Burien Art Gallery was first founded by Dottie Harper in 1975. The gallery is open from noon to 4 p.m. at 421 S.W. 146th St., in Burien.

Metal Sculpture titled “Siren” by artist Corky Storer

Musical duet presents dual act

Reknown talents offer music and class

By Chad Martinez

Richard Farner, piano, and Svend Ronning, violin will present an evening of duet music from the classics On March 11, at 7 p.m. in building 7.

Richard Farner and Dr. Ronning have been studying music extensively through out their lives.

Farner is Chairman of Piano Studies at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma. Farner is a native of Cleveland. He studied at the Cleveland Institute of Music and holds degrees from the Oberlin College Conservatory in Ohio and the University of Michigan, where he taught before coming to Tacoma in 1976.

Farner was awarded first prize in the Cranbrook Institute’s Festival Piano competition. He is known to Northwest audiences as recitalist, adjudicator, and chamber musician appearances in the Seattle Symphony’s Tast of Chamber Series, Tacoma, the Mostly Nordic Series at Seattle’s Nordic Heritage Museum, and in the Water Music concerts on Long Beach Peninsula. He has participated in PLU’s Lila Moe Memorial Concerts, and the Music You Have to Love Scholarship Concerts, both of which he founded.

Professor Farner served as a member of the Washington state music teacher executive board and was Chairman of the College Faculty Forum for two terms. His music theory text, Patterns in Music, is published by the Appoggia Press.

“Innate musicianship, abundant technical, lovely tone and poetic imagination,” said John Herr of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, while describing Farner’s performance.

Accompanying Farner will be violinist Dr. Ronning. Dr. Ronning is an assistant professor of music at Pacific Lutheran University and Concertmaster of the Tacoma Symphony Orchestra. Dr. Ronning enjoys a diverse career as an educator, chamber musician, soloist, and concertmaster. He has recorded and performed throughout the world.

As a recording artist Ronning has appeared on Clearfield, MMC, and New World Records. His recent recording of Walter Ross’ Violin Concerto with Prague Radio Orchestra gave him praise from Fanfare Magazine.

As a soloist Dr. Ronning has performed with the Charlottesville Symphony, the San Jose Symphony, the Spoleto USA Chamber Orchestra, and the Tacoma Opera. In 2002 Dr. Ronning helped to found the Peugeot Sound Compact Tacoma’s ensemble for early music. A graduate of PLU and Yale, Dr. Ronning also serves as first violinist of the Regency String Quartet, in residence at Pacific Lutheran University.

Farner and PLU colleague violinist Svend Ronning will release their CD of Gershwin transcriptions and other violin treasures later this spring.

Before the concert, Farner and Dr. Ronning will offer their expertise in a master class, featuring Highline music students Jessica Graybill, Amanda Kopsca, Faina Morozov and others. Nancy Warren will assist the string players on the Estonia grand piano.

“This class gives Highline students the privilege of working with recognized artists. The students will perform for them and receive suggestions and critique,” said Dr. Stegall.

Attending this master class is a marvelous learning experience for all who are interested in music. The class begins at 4 p.m. and ends at 6 p.m. prior to the concert. Attendees should arrive a little earlier than 4 p.m.

This event is co-sponsored by the Music Department and Highline Community College Foundation. Both actively enrich the academic community.

Outstanding musicians present classical notes

Four Highline students will get the opportunity to tweak their performances by playing together in an evening program called the Outstanding Musician’s Concert.

The concert will be held Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in Building 7 and is open to the public.

Amanda Kopsca will play violin, Jessica Graybill, piano, Kevin Payne, classical guitar and Faina Morozov will provide vocals for an evening of classical music. The concert features the music each student plans to use for his and her auditions next fall.

Dr. Sandra Glover, a vocal instructor at Highline, said the Music Department tries to identify early on those students who show an interest in transferring to other baccalaureate institutions.

“We, the faculty, guide them to the appropriate classes and keep track of their progress,” she said.

Dr. Glover said the musical staff at Highline work hard toward high standards of achievement while students are under their auspices. In that vein, the faculty uses venues like Outstanding Musicians concerts to help the students gain invaluable experience in performance, in preparation for the many interviews and auditions they must negotiate to enter the next level of study.

“This rigorous training also speaks to the students selection process and to the quality of teaching available at Highline’s Music Department,” Glover said.
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Jazz Band needs notecard sales

Highline Music Department asks the community to support them by buying notecards which will help pay for the costs for a trip to China. Cards can be purchased in Building 4 through Dr. Glover or in Building 9 in the Foundation Office. The cards are the art work of kindergarteners from Yangzhou, China. Highline Jazz Band will perform there this spring.

The cost is $6 for one packet of two seasons or $10 for two packets of all four seasons. The Jazz Band trip is partly made possible by our students thanks to the Bo Yingling Memorial Fund, in honor of one of the founding members of the Jazz Band. Bo passed away in June, 2003. He loved Asian culture and loved jazz.

Correction

Last week's Art's Calendar incorrectly stated that Nancy Warren and Highline students would perform in the Concert, March 11 at 7 p.m. Ms. Warren will be playing during the Master Class part of the evening which is held before the concert from 4-6 p.m. Ms. Warren will be playing on the Estonia grand piano. In addition Dr. Ronning and Richard Farner will offer the Master Class their expert advice and help critique students who will perform for them.

Help Wanted

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Auburn Arts Commission presents Brownbox Production's award winning play, "Black to my Roots," a contemporary African American theater about black women and their relationship with their tresses, 7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb 27 at Auburn Riverside Theater, 501 Oravetz Road Auburn. Tickets are $25 each. For information call Auburn Parks and Recreation 253-931-3C

Renton IKEA Performing Arts Briefs

The Rainier Symphony presents Family Concert 2004 featuring Britten, Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra; Rodrigo, Concierto de Aranjuez with Michael Parington, guitar; and Beethoven, Symphony No. 7.

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Highline must win final two games

T-Birds have to beat Clark and South Puget Sound to make NWAACCs

By Jordan Goddard

Two games stand between the Thunderbirds and the NWAACC men's basketball playoffs. With only a pair of games remaining in the regular season, Highline needs to win both to guarantee a playoff spot.

After upsetting No. 2 Centralia 91-84 and then losing to No. 5 Pierce 79-71 last week, the Thunderbirds have found themselves tied for third place with an 8-6 league record, 13-11 overall. Highline is one of five teams separated by only a single game.

Many possible outcomes still remain for the season, from a second place finish to a sixth.

The Thunderbirds need to at least place fourth to qualify for the playoffs.

"We're excited about these next two games. Two wins will give us a nice seed going into Pasco," guard Aaron White said.

Highline faced Clark College Wednesday, Feb. 18 on the road in the first of their final two contests. Game results were unavailable at press time.

The T-Birds defeated the No. 7 Clark Penguins in their only previous meeting.

The Thunderbirds face No. 8 South Puget Sound Saturday, Feb. 21 at home in their last regular season game. A power outage two weeks ago left Highline's game against Pierce postponed.

Friday's rescheduled match up picked up where the two teams left off, 10 minutes into the first half. Lucas Eaton shoots for two in the game Friday versus Pierce.

Photo by Amber Trillo

The Thunderbirds began with a two-point lead and possession of the ball. The T-Birds held onto their lead through the first half, thanks to a fast-paced attack and strong rebounding.

Up by four, Highline tried to execute a similar plan in the second half but met with less success. Pierce's defenders were more prepared for the up-tempo push after halftime.

"We turned the ball over too much," Head Coach Che Dawson said. The Thunderbirds' 20 turnovers marked one of their worst ball handling efforts of the season.

"At times we got a little frustrated out there," forward Jacob Manning said. The Thunderbirds' 20 turnovers marked one of their worst ball handling efforts of the season.

"The key to the game was we didn't have the desire to stop anybody from scoring," Coach Dawson said. After shooting only 40 percent in the first half, the Pierce Raiders made an incredible 57 percent of their field goals in the second half.

"Down the stretch, if we had more defensive intensity, it would have helped us stop the penetration," Manning said.

Despite the loss, Manning had one of his best games of the season with 13 points and two blocks. Guard Zenrique Tellez led the team in scoring with 14 points and three assists.

Forward Kellen Williams contributed 12 points and 20 rebounds.

Even with a 12 rebound advantage, the Thunderbirds could not find a rhythm on either side of the court in the final minutes against the Raiders.

"We didn't compete as hard as they did," Coach Dawson said.

Fortunately for the T-Birds, the loss comes after a 91-84 win on the road over the Centralia Blazers.

Highline began last Wednesday's game by jumping out to a large lead over Centralia. The Blazers bounced back though and re-took the lead by halftime.

The Thunderbirds fought hard in the second half and forced the Blazers to play Highline's style of fast-paced basketball.

"We responded well to adversity," Coach Dawson said.

The Thunderbirds hit clutch free throws in the final minutes to secure their lead and the win. Kellen Williams led the team with 23 points and 15 rebounds. Zenrique Tellez had 19 points, and Jacob Manning contributed 16.

The Thunderbirds have their final game of the regular season at home this Saturday at 3 p.m. versus South Puget Sound.

Join us in the Cafe on Monday 23 for our Menu Refresh Check out our new items:
Planning ahead will save stress and money

By Derek Markland
STAFF REPORTER

Transferring to a four-year college can be stressful, especially if students try doing it alone. The Transfer and Educational Planning Centers, located upstairs in Building 5, may provide students with a much more pleasant transfer experience. The key to simplifying the process is to start early.

Students sometimes wait until their final quarter at Highline before beginning to plan their transfer. Siew Lilley, director of the Transfer Center, can't stress enough the importance of starting early.

"Student should start early," said Lilley, "even as early as their first quarter at Highline." Starting early allows students to research the schools they are interested in. Lilley believes that researching the schools that students are interested in is imperative in order to learn what is required, as well as deadlines for applying.

Lilley recommends that any students who are not sure on what to major in should take free career assessment tests available for Highline students. The free tests narrow down jobs that fit the student's answers. Students are advised to talk to the faculty members in the department they are interested in.

"They have made it their life, and they can tell you what you should be aware of," said Erik Tingelstad, director of career and employment services.

Although there are many tools available for finding a major, the final decision is ultimately up to the student to make.

Not sure of your major? Transfer Center can help

By Noellani Bacnis
STAFF REPORTER

The major you choose may be one of the most important decisions you make in your college career, said Transfer Center Director Siew Lilley.

The major of your choice can influence the type of job you acquire. The major you are interested in is imperative in order to learn what is required, as well as deadlines for applying. How much the school will cost, what majors are offered, and other useful information crucial to a successful transfer.

The Transfer Center contains additional resources that include a trained staff with knowledge of transfer requirements.

Free assessment tests are available for Highline students who are not clear on what to major in. The free test narrows down jobs that fit the student’s answers. The questions consist of personality traits, types of skills, and personal interests.

"The test doesn’t give the student a final decision, but is designed to give the student possibilities," said Lilley.

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Financial Aid

By Shanya Conrad-Simms

Financing a college education leaves thousands of Washington students in debt after graduation each year. "Each year tuition goes up and it's ridiculous to think that the people graduating from college to start their careers, are already thou-
sands of dollars in debt. Wow, great start," Rosheida Adams, a graduate stu-
dent at Eastern Washington University, said sarcastically.

The costs of tuition, housing, and living expenses to attend college in Washington is more than most can afford. But there are options to help finance a college edu-
cation.

To apply for financial aid assistance, students must complete the Free Application For Student Aid Form or FAFSA. The only eligibility requirements are that students must be registered with the se-
lective service, attend a participating school, make satisfactory academic progress, and be without any prior drug convictions.

FAFSA forms can be obtained by visit-
ing the financial aid office at any college, or you can submit FAFSA over the internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Filling out the form electronically is the fastest in most cases. It takes about six weeks to the application to process, after which you will receive a Student aid report summarizing the aid you're eligible for.

The deadline for the completion of the FAFSA for Fall Quarter 2005 is June 30, 2005. There are three types of financial aid: grants, work-study, and loans. Grants, scholarships, and fee waivers do not have to be repaid.

After a student is found to be eligible for aid, the financial aid administrator packages various sources of aid to meet the student's need. The decision depends on family circumstances, eligibility, costs to attend, and funds available.

The Pell Grant is one of the largest sources of tuition offered by the govern-
money. Money is offered to those in the low and middle-income range. Numer-
ous grants are available as well. Scholarships are another option for many students. Thousands of scholar-
ship are available for minority students and women.

College websites like myuw.com offer scholarship searches that can help find scholarships that meet particular criteria and eligibility requirements. There are thousands based on ethnicity, back-
ground, financial situation, and career choice. Financial aid counselors have resources for applying for all types of scholarships.

Sara Parks, a financial counselor at Central Washington University, de-
scribed two types of loans, subsidized and unsubsidized. Subsidized loans are based on need, and don't gain interest while the student is in school or for a specific period of time. Unsubsidized loans are available regardless of need and interest is charged as soon as it is ob-
tained.

There are numerous loans available to stu-
dents. Parks said there are four major loans that most students apply for. They are the Perkins Loan, a federal loan for under-
performed students who want to attend college in which the school itself is considered the lender; PLUS loans (Parental Loans for Un-
dergraduate Students) for parents trying to fund their child's education; Stafford loans, government loans, either subsidized or non-
subsidized; and HEAL loans (Health Educa-
tion Assistance Loan) are neither need based nor subsidized, for students in health related careers.

Work-study is another option for students seeking financial help for college. Work-
study programs are run by the college aid of-
vice and available for up to 30% of low-in-
come students. Students can gain valuable work experience and money for school.

Eligible students will receive a letter representing the total (gross) amount of money they can earn under the program and the period of award. The student works at a job for the college during the fall and spring semesters.

Although, as Parks added, that the finan-
cial aid office will consider replacing work-
study awards with loan eligibility if a stu-
dent does not wish to or can't participate. The Office of Student Financial Aid at UW Seattle said some employers are reluct-
ant to hire students with high student debt, because those students are unable to commit enough time to their jobs, as the employer would like.

"There are lots of different jobs available and usually more jobs during the summer," said Marlea Wilkins of UW. Jobs can be on or off campus. Information on work-study can also be found by visiting college's financial aid or work-study office.

At many schools like UW, students may only work a maximum of about 19 hours per week when classes are in session. Students can usually work full-time (maximum of 40 hours per week) during quarter breaks if their application allows. For information on Highline's work-study programs contact Bev Dockstader at 206-
878-3710, ext. 3992.

Lending on campus is generally cheaper at universities in Washington. According to Washington State University's Housing Ser-
vice Department, it undercuts the market. A sur-
vey conducted by WSU found that students underestimate their cost to live off campus by almost 50 percent.

On average, WSU students spend $6,732 annually living off campus, while those liv-
ing on campus spend about $5,500.

There are many advantages to living on campus, students save money on transporta-
tion because they are already closer to class, and don't have to travel to get groceries, or spend time cooking.

UW Seattle offers some apartments on campus for $503 monthly, significantly cheaper than most off campus apartments in Seattle, this includes cable, Internet, utilities, and long-distance telephone service.

Eastern Washington University offers an-
nual housing in its residence halls including a meal plan for only $4,700; this is currently the cheapest in the entire state.

This includes food, internet, phone service, cable, and even voice mail.

For information of financial aid programs at Highline, student should contact the Fin-
ancial Aid office at 206-878-3710, ext. 4848.

Personal Statement

By Derek Markland

Students will be able to learn how to write a personal statement essay for col-
lege entrance in an upcoming workshop. The workshop will take place on Thurs-
day, Feb. 26 in Building 10, room 202 from noon to 12:50 p.m.

The session will be hosted by Bryan Stumpf, a Writing Department faculty member at Highline. This will be the fifth workshop Stumpf has hosted in the past two years.

"The first workshop had about 15 stu-
dents participating, the last workshop had closer to 50 participants," said Stumpf.

Stumpf has received feedback from stu-
dents who were accepted into the college they applied for. Stumpf attributes this success mostly to the help of the Transfer Center.

The workshop will focus on two key el-
ements of a personal statement essay: content and language. Stumpf believes both of these elements are equally impor-
tant for a well-written essay.

Whether students like writing or not, four-year colleges want them to submit an essay with their applications. When equally qualified students are competing for the same spot, it often comes down to the quality of the aforementioned essay.

It can be nerve-wracking to write an essay if students don't know what the admis-
sions offices are looking for, but many students may not be able to attend the workshop. Luckily there are resources available at Highline to assist students in their endeavors.

The Transfer Center in Building 6 has resources available to help students.

Teachers and faculty members can be great source for information about ent-
trance essays, as most of them have written one themselves.
By Chad L. Martinez

Seattle is known as the Emerald City due to its rich landscapes and wealth of parks, the University of Washington is no exception. The mild climate and moderate temperatures keep the city green, allowing outdoor activities to be enjoyed year round. Founded November 1861, the University of Washington is one of the oldest state supported institutions of higher education on the Pacific coast. As one of the states premier teaching and research institutions, the university is committed to maintaining an environment for objectivity and imagination.

The core focus of the University of Washington is its College of Arts and Sciences. To aid their capacity to make humane and educated decisions, the university has an environment in which its students can develop, mature and appreciate the range of diversity of the campus, UW officials said.

The University of Washington is a place where students who are looking to obtain a graduate degree flourish. However what about students who are simply looking to obtain an undergraduate degree? "Yes, we are looked at mainly for undergraduate students, but we tell students going for an undergraduate degree's, we can give you what ever you wish to put into it," an admission spokesperson said.

The University's policy is to offer admissions to those applicants who are most able to benefit from and contribute to the college's educational resources. The university doesn't just make its admission decisions exclusively on the basis of predicted academic performance.

The student's skills and talents derived from diverse back-grounds are carefully examined. "Transferring students have one major concern, our recent change in acceptance," an Admission spokesperson said.

Through autumn 2004, applicants will be considered through one of the two major pathways, the Direct Transfer Agreement or the Comprehensive Review. After autumn 2004, all applicants will be considered through the Comprehensive Review.

The Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) is being discontinued soon. It remains in effect only for community college applicants who complete an associate degree during Spring Quarter 2004 or earlier and who apply to the UW for Autumn Quarter 2004 or earlier.

There is no minimum GPA that assures students admission under the Comprehensive Review. Students with GPAs of 2.50 or better will be assured of receiving a comprehensive review to determine admisibility.

"I have been planning my education since sophomore year, I was counting on Direct Transfer Agreement. Now all my plans are out of whack," Jessica, a Highline student, said.

Many factors are considered in making admission decisions, which are based on much more than grade-point average or predicted academic performance.

Among community college transfer students, the top admission priority will be given to those with academic associate degrees and those with 90 transferable credits taken in preparation for a professional academic major. Applicants with fewer than 90 credits may also be admitted when early transfer is advisable, however the number of such transfers will remain low.

All prospective transfer students are encouraged to attend Transfer Thursdays, held every Thursday afternoon in the Undergraduate Gateway Center, 171 Mary Gates Hall. Transfer Thursdays offer prospective students drop-in academic advising, beginning at 1 p.m., group sessions on transfer admissions starting at 2:30 p.m., and workshops and informational sessions focused on making your transfer experience fun and educated.

There are two ways to apply to the university. You can either apply online at www.washington.edu/students/uga/tr/apply or download a PDF version of the application from your home or school computer. Both options are available at the web address above. If you do not have access to the web, please contact Admissions to request that they mail you a copy of the PDF application.

The University of Washington welcomes prospective students to come and visit and experience the campus for themselves. First you must visit the Visitation Program of the Office of Admissions.

The tour is free of charge and is offered Monday through Friday at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The tour generally lasts about 90 minutes and is led by a UW student.

The other option is to actually sit in on a class. You can do this too by visiting the Visitation Program office located in the Office of Admissions.

By Noellani Bancis

The Evergreen State College is a public liberal arts and sciences college located in Olympia. Evergreen is known for its innovative academics. This allows students to enroll in a single comprehensive program instead of a series of separate courses.

Evergreen students are able to learn many aspects of a theme or topic through related academic subjects.

"Our students learn how to think, write, and analyze things," said Director of College Relations Jim Beaver.

Evergreen offers bachelor's degrees in arts and science, and master's degrees in teaching, environmental studies, and public administration.

Evergreen is known for collaborative learning. Faculty members work in teams of two or more to teach a program. Seminars, workshops, activities and labs are planned together to create an atmosphere of shared learning.

Unlike other colleges, Evergreen does not give out letter grades. Rather, students are evaluated in detail through written narratives by faculty members. A self evaluation is also included in the student's transcript.

"Evergreen's campus is smaller than your typical college, giving the students an opportunity to meet the professors and have a one-on-one exposure to the faculty," Beaver said.

Full-time Washington residents receiving 10-18 quarter credit hours pay $1,217 per quarter.

Non-residents pay $4,443 per quarter.

Tuition estimates for an academic year for residents which include housing and meals, books and supplies, personal needs, and in-state travel is approximately $13,551.

Non-resident tuition per academic school year is roughly $23,649.

Evergreen offers many scholarships and tuition awards for current students.

The Shaina May Memorial Scholarship is offered to a new transfer or currently enrolled student who is pursuing studies in humanities. Two letters of recommendation, written by recent or current faculty members within the past year is required.

The Congressman Brian Baird and Rachel Nugent Scholarship is given to one male and one female who are newly enrolled. The applicant must demonstrate involvement in political activity or government. A one-page letter addressing political activity or involvement in government, the reason for involvement and related educational goals are necessary.

The Evergreen State College Foundation Scholarship is a merit-aid scholarship to students who are entering Evergreen in Fall Quarter 2004. This scholarship is awarded to students who have distinguished themselves in different areas. Previous transcripts from both high school and colleges attended are required.

Students who plan to transfer to Evergreen are required to hold a minimum GPA of 2.0 cumulative, be on good standing at the last institution attended and complete a variety of courses in liberal arts and sciences.

Fall Quarter admission applications are due on Sep. 1, 2004. A $36 application fee is required.

"Ranking organizations have compared Evergreen to private liberal arts colleges around the nation," Beaver said.

Evergreen has been included in the 2004 Newsweek-Kaplan's edition of How to Get Into College as one of the "12 Hot Schools" on their list.
UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX:
So close, yet so far

The University of Phoenix has an open enrollment policy; as long as students meet the age requirement and are working they can enroll in classes.

Tuition for undergraduate courses is $330 per credit.
The University of Phoenix operates on a semester system, so each course is three credits or 27 credits a year for a full-time student.

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The main campus is located in Southcenter, but there are also locations in Bellevue, Renton, Tacoma and Mountlake Terrace.

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A flexnet course is something half way between an online and an on-campus course. Students who take flexnet courses meet on campus for their first day and last day of class and do all the classes in-between over the internet.

The University of Phoenix has a block-transfer agreement with Highline: meaning that the courses students take at Highline will transfer directly to the University of Phoenix.

As long as students take general-education courses their credits should transfer directly, but Highline students should still take advantage of Highline's educational planning counselors who can help them make sure they choose the right courses.

Brock said, "The first thing I would recommend is that they (students) work with a counselor; counselors are there for a reason."

If you would like to find out more about transferring to the University of Phoenix you can contact the school at 1-800-697-8223, or you can visit their website:
www.uopx.edu/washington.

Don't let the name fool you, the University of Phoenix has campuses right here in Washington; actually, they have 130 campuses located throughout the country.
The main Washington campus for the University of Phoenix is located in Southcenter, but there are also learning centers in Bellevue, Renton, Tacoma and Mountlake Terrace.
The University of Phoenix has a drastically different format than the other private universities in Washington.

"Basically the University of Phoenix is catered toward working adults," University of Phoenix Director of Admissions Brock Smith said.

Classes at the University of Phoenix are structured so that students can work full-time and still receive a bachelor's degree in the amount of time that it would take them at a normal university, Brock said.

Students attend class one day a week for four hours. They also meet with their study group for four hours a week.

A study group is a group of three-five students from a class who work together on projects related to the class, Brock said.

Brock said that study group is designed to help students learn how to work together in small groups, a skill that is necessary in the working world.

Working full time is a requirement for students who wish to attend the University of Phoenix.

Brock said that the school does make accommodation to this requirement, but students must still have access to a work environment.

The reason that students must have access to a work environment is because the University of Phoenix what's their students to apply what they are learning directly to a work environment, Brock said.

The faculty at the University of Phoenix is also unique.

"All our faculty work in the fields in which they teach," Brock said.

The minimum age for attending the University of Phoenix is 21, but the average age of students is 34, Brock said.

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Simple but technical

The DeVry University has locations all over the nation, locally in Federal Way.

DeVry notes that students are exposed to high-quality, career-oriented undergraduate and graduate programs in business, management and technology.

DeVry incorporates general education with industry-specific course work.

"DeVry helps you focus on what you want to do," DeVry student Brandon Sherman said.

To be accepted into the college a prospective student must interview with a DeVry admissions advisor and complete an application with its fee of $50 included with a $50 tuition deposit.

Students, not including Information Technology programs, enrolled for 1-11 credit hours are charged per credit hour. Charges per hour is approximately $390.

Students who are enrolled in the Information Technology program are billed $6,500 per semester.

There are also requirements that must be met pertaining to age, prior education and evaluation of proficiency prerequisite skills needed for college-level work.

Students must also complete an enrollment application for selected programs.

Students who are requesting a transfer to DeVry from prior post-secondary education need to submit an official transcript before acceptance is awarded.

"DeVry offers a faster way to get a bachelor degree by going year round," said Sherman.

DeVry applicants must have earned an associate degree or higher from an approved U.S. post-secondary institution, with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.00.
By Derek Markland

Western Washington University is located in Bellingham, a city of 60,000, situated 90 miles north of Seattle. In recent on-campus surveys, students have conveyed their reasons for attending WWU. Academic reputation, the size of the college, and graduates getting good jobs were among the top answers of respondents.

Education and business are the two most popular majors at WWU. Students interested in transferring to WWU have a deadline of April 1, which is a month longer than freshmen applicants have. There is a $37 fee for processing the application.

There were 12,680 full and part-time students enrolled in the fall of 2003 at WWU. Tuition for WWU is $1,213 per quarter, or roughly $3,639 per school year. Many scholarships are available for transfer students and freshman alike. The Alumni Association offers several scholarship awards for students with a strong drive toward academic excellence and whose current cumulative GPA is 3.5 or greater. $1,000-$3,000 per school year. Students applying for this scholarship are also eligible for the Alumni/President Scholarship which awards students $10,000 in $2,500 payments per year for four years.

The Bill Reed Scholarship is available for African American students whose GPA is 3.0 or higher. A cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher and 2.0 in the range of a 2.0-2.5 their application will be personally reviewed before an admission decision is made. CWU does not have any sororities or fraternities endorsed or officially recognized by the school.

Central Washington University is located in Ellensburg, Washington, a city home to 15,500 people. CWU has 9,465 students enrolled in the Fall 2003 quarter. CWU's quarterly tuition for Washington residents is $1,218 and covers from 12-18 credits.

Admission requirements for transfer students are as follows: students must have completed all their credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher and must also include a $35 application fee when applying to CWU. If the applying student's GPA is in the range of a 2.0-2.5 their application will be personally reviewed before an admission decision is made. CWU is also home to the world famous Chimpanzee and Human Communication Institute (CHCI). The CHCI holds regular "Chimpsums" in which visitors attend a one-hour workshop to learn about the efforts made by the CHCI in teaching chimpanzees to communicate with humans via American Sign Language. Since 1966, the CHCI has been a respected institute in the study of chimpanzees, as well as communication development as a whole.

On-campus housing can cost from $3,000 up to $5,700 per school year, depending on which type of room the student stays in.

By Derek Markland

Eastern Washington University, located in Cheney, Washington, is home to 9,506 students in a town where only 9,470 people claim residence. EWU is a school equipped for at least 12,000 students, so there are ample spaces available for qualified students to transfer.

The top four sought-after majors at EWU are education, business, biology, and nursing.

There is a $35 non-refundable application fee for EWU. EWU requires transfer students to have a minimum 2.0 GPA in all transferable college credits. Students applying for next fall must apply by March 1. Winter and Spring Quarters must be applied for by October 15 and February 15, respectively.

Scholarships are available both internally and externally for EWU and range from general academic scholarships granted on a yearly basis to the Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship which is a $2,000 scholarship available for transfer students only. Several other internal scholarships are available and can be found on WWU's homepage.

Current quarterly tuition for students with Washington residency is $1,194. This covers $10 to 18 credits, but does not include room and board. Non-resident students pay $4,146 for the same amount of credits.

For students looking to move away from home to attend college, EWU provides a great environment. Like most schools, EWU has several housing options for students.

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Private Schools

By Justin Williams

They might be more expensive than a Escalade with spinner rims, but they do offer an alternative to the heavily populated
public universities.

Tuition at a private school in the Seattle/Tacoma area can range anywhere from $20,000-$22,000 for one year.

The price is steep, but private schools tend to offer considerably higher financial aid packages than public universities.

UPS

The University of Puget Sound, located in Tacoma, Washington, prides itself as one of the only nationally recognized liberal arts colleges in the Washington state (based on the Carnegie Mellon Rating of Schools), UPS Transfer Counselor Zach Street said.

UPS's liberal arts curriculum is a unique environment designed to better prepare students for the situations they will be in after college. Street said.

"Liberal arts is designed to introduce students to different ways of thinking. It's also "much more interactive and hands on."

Average class sizes at UPS range from 15-19 students. This provides students with an opportunity to interact with each other and discuss the issues they are studying. The interpersonal communication skills that the smaller classes allow students to develop will also be useful for the students after college, Street said.

One of the possible disadvantages of UPS is that they do not offer the pre-professional approach that some of the public universities offer. Street said, "We don't offer any undergraduate certification."

UPS still offers 42 different majors though, ranging from fine arts to chemistry. "Basically the traditional academic disciplines are still here," Street said.

UPS's School of Music and School of Business have high reputations. "We also have a strong reputation in the sciences and Asian studies," Street said.

If you are thinking about transferring to the University of Puget Sound, you might want to start picking your classes carefully at highline, Street said. "We do not do the Direct Transfer Agreement."

The Direct Transfer Agreement, or DTA, is an agreement between the different community colleges and four-year universities that enables students who have received a 90-credit Associate of Arts degree to transfer to four-year university as a junior with the majority of their core requirements satisfied.

Street said the reason UPS does not honor this agreement is to make sure that students do not transfer in with untraditional academic courses.

Highline students who wish to transfer their credits should speak with someone at the college or go to the school's website where there are listings of what Highline courses will transfer to the University of Puget Sound (www.ups.edu).

Although this might seem like a drawback for some students, it can also be an advantage, Street said. "Students don't need an A.A. to go to UPS."

Students who wish to transfer to UPS must have completed one year's worth of credit courses from a two-year or four-year university, Street said. "If they have less than one year of graded college courses we need to see high school transcripts and standardized test scores."

A good GPA is an important factor in transferring to UPS. "We look primarily at the transcript," Street said.

The average GPA of students who transfer to UPS is 3.3. One of the best things Highline students can do if they wish to transfer to UPS is to make sure they have "good grades in good courses," Street said.

Students who transfer in with a 3.4 GPA or above are in good standing to receive a merit scholarship. Merit scholarships range from $3,000-$9,000, Street said.

A full one-year's tuition package that includes room and board at UPS is about $32,000.

Street said that although $32,000 is considerably larger than a full tuition package for attending one year at one of the states public universities, 80 percent of UPS' students receive some sort of financial aid.

UPS offers on average $20,000 in financial aid per student, reducing the amount to about $12,000, Street said.

"Our goal is to make it affordable for every student we accept."

If you would like to visit the University of Puget Sound or talk with an admissions counselor you can contact their admissions office at 1-800-396-7191.

PLU

Pacific Lutheran University is also located in Tacoma. Director of Admissions David Gunovich said that PLU is "... a comprehensive private university."

Gunovich also said that PLU's curriculum and atmosphere are designed to better prepare students for the competitiveness that they will experience after college.

The average class size at PLU is about 20 students; Gunovich said that this allows students to become more involved.

"The environment and community are also unique aspects that students will find if they attend PLU. Gunovich said.

He said that people who have attended PLU say that the environment and community where both excellent.

"The curriculum at PLU includes a distributive core, as well as an international core.

The international theme is also something that sets PLU apart, Gunovich said.

For students who wish to have a more in-depth international theme PLU also offers Scandinavian and Chinese study programs.

Transfer students make up about one-third of the population at PLU, Gunovich said.

Tuition for this year at PLU is $20,200. Students wishing to live on campus will pay about $27,000.

Although tuition might be high, Gunovich said that the average financial aid package for one year is about $15,000.

Attending PLU might be much more affordable than students think, Gunovich said.

Gunovich said that the key for transfer students is to get their applications in on time. "The real trick is doing everything in a timely process."

Students wishing to visit PLU or talk with an admissions counselor can call PLU's admissions office at 1-800-274-6748.
Seattle University was founded in 1891 and is one of the 28 Jesuit colleges in the United States. "The Jesuits (the Society of Jesus) are an order of Catholic priests, founded more than 450 years ago by St. Ignatius of Loyola. Since the order's inception, its priests have been committed to education and devoted to peace and social justice," Assistant Director of Admissions Merida Escandon said.

The Jesuit order also defended Galileo, a mathematics teacher and astronomer who was born in 1564 near Florence Italy and was condemned for holding Copernican views that the earth orbited the sun. Seattle University was also the first Jesuit University to admit women, Escandon said. Seattle University does recognize the Direct Transfer Agreement; this allows students who have completed their AA degree at Highline to transfer 90 credits from their AA degree to Seattle University and start as a junior. If students wish to transfer more than 90 credits they must declare their major, Escandon said.

The AA degree will knock out most of the core curriculum for a student transferring to Seattle University, but they will still need to take a theology, philosophy and an ethics course.

The full annual tuition package (45 credits) for students living off campus is $25,076. Students can also expect to spend about $4,394 on personal expenses (transportation, books, supplies and loan fees) and $6,358 on room and board.

Students living with relatives or parents will pay the same for tuition, but their personal expenses are estimated at $3,473 and their room and board will be about $2,679, Escandon said.

The average transfer student receives about $20,258 in financial aid; this aid includes scholarships, federal aid, grants and loans. Seattle University also offers on average an institutional award of about $7,109 per student.

Escandon said that some one of the reasons students should consider attending Seattle University is the class sizes. She said that because of the smaller class sizes, it's hard for students to hide in the back of the class. Escandon also said that the rigor of the coursework is also a unique quality of the Jesuit education that students will receive at Seattle University.

Some of the more recent programs that Seattle University has begun offering are their criminal justice program, forensic science program and a forensic psychology program. The business and engineering programs are among the top 50 in the nation's private schools and Escandon said that the nursing program has had a good reputation since 1931.

Highline students who wish to transfer to Seattle University should start planning ahead Escandon said; if they know what their major is early they can choose classes at Highline that will be more applicable to their major.

She also recommended students taking advantage of the advisors at Highline, as well as visiting the Seattle University campus to explore the environment and meet with counselors at Seattle University. "It's going to save them a lot of time and headaches if they meet with someone here at Seattle U," she said. The grade point average is also an important factor in being considered for Seattle University, Escandon said. "They have to have a solid 3.0 GPA."

She also said that "professional degrees are going to be highly competitive." "The stronger the GPA the more competitive the student becomes." Escandon said that the best time to apply to Seattle University Fall Quarter. Applications for fall quarter are due March 1.

Seattle University does have ongoing admissions, but Fall Quarter is when financial aid is offered. Tours are offered daily at Seattle University; students wishing to take a tour or meet with an admissions counselor can call the admissions office at 206-296-2000.
Seven wrestlers are headed to nationals.

By Jesse Nordstrom

The Highline wrestling team had one of its strongest performances in years, qualifying seven wrestlers for the national championships at last Saturday's Region 18 Championships in Cour d`Alene, Idaho.

The T-Birds finished the tournament in fourth place. Host North Idaho won, followed by Lassen and Southwest Oregon. Yakima Valley finished fifth and Clackamas sixth, with team points totaling unavailable at press time.

The national tournament is Feb. 28-29 in Rochester, Minn. Last year Highline only sent one wrestler to the championships.

The coaching staff had been preparing the team all year for this tournament, which came time for the T-Birds to perform out on the mat, they answered the challenge. With perennial powers North Idaho and Lassen ended fourth, this is one of the toughest regions in the country.

"We went into this tournament with expectations and I think that we met those expectations," said Assistant Coach John Clemens.

Highline wrestlers who qualified included Kyle McCarron, 125 pounds; Francisco Gonzalez, 133; Charles Lloyd, 197; Patrick Bradley, 197; and Jacob Mendez, 141; Brandon HuntGr, 149; Skyler Marler, 157; and Keenan Timlock, 182.

Gonzalez, Hunter and Bradley each placed second at regionals, Proctor finished third, and McCarron, Marler and Peterson each placed fourth.

After a first-round bye, Gonzalez met McCarron, 141; in the semifinals against Josh Samps of Southwest Oregon, which he easily won by a fall. In the finals, Gonzalez met Lassen's Charles Lloyd, who is ranked No. 1 in the nation. Gonzalez got the initial takedown and Lloyd escaped so that both wrestlers were on their feet, Lloyd scored the go-ahead two-point takedown after takedown, "I feel like this tournament was very tough for me," said McCarron. "I've been out for awhile and I haven't wrestled any real matches besides practice for over a month because of some surgery I had on my ear." McCarron began the day with a tough first match against Forrest Boush of Lassen, losing 10-4.

McCarron's third match was against Bouge once again. Unfortunately, he was unable to average his first round defeat, losing by pin at the 4:20 mark in the match.

McCarron then had to wrestle one last time to determine which 125-pounder would receive fourth place. He beat Tim Cook from Clackamas to earn his trip to Min.

Assistant Coach John Clemens.

The least likely situation would be Highline losing out the remainder of the season and either Tacoma or Green River winning out the season, resulting in Highline missing the playoffs.

"This win puts us in a good spot for the playoffs," freshmen guard Taryn Pyplik said.

Highline needed overtime to up-set No. 6-ranked Centralia. After an intense overtime period, Highline came away with a 77-75 victory.

In the last seconds of the game, Centralia had a chance to tie the game but couldn't convert the last-second shot.

"The overtime win was fun, and at the same time we gained more experience," Pyplik said.

Michelle Aurelio led the Thunderbirds with 19 points and seven rebounds. Aurelio has played consistently well throughout the entire season.

"Michelle makes playing basketball more fun, but when it's game time, she is all business," Pyplik said.

Kellfi Marcus also had a solid 19-point performance. Rebekah Roper scored 12 points, and Bird Marcus finished up the game with seven rebounds.

Centralia's Nikki Johnson had an outstanding effort, finishing the game with 22 points and 11 rebounds. Erika Miskar had an equally impressive game, as she scored 21 points to go along with 11 rebounds.

The win marked the second time Highline has defeated a first- or second-place team this season. Highline beat No. 1 Lower Columbia on Jan. 24. The Thunderbirds have now beaten each team in league at least once.

"We started winning straight games before losing to Tacoma, Highline has begun a new two-game win-streak," Peterson said. "I'm excited to be moving on, but nationals is going to be a battle."
Track stars in step for bright season

T-Bird runners have good showing at meet

By Fabio Heuring

The Highline track team finished the indoor track season with the most impressive effort that Coach Robert Yates has seen in a while. The meet was on Saturday was at the Dempsey center at the University of Washington.

"This was the best meet we've had in three I've been here. Five records were set. Monika White took 13th in the 60-meters with a score 8.09. She also took 40th in the 200-meters with a score of 27.77," Yates said. "She keeps improving and is getting better every time she runs."

Amanda Kamm took fifth place with a school record time of 2:18.1. Melvin Jenkins took second in both the 200-meters and 400-meters.

In the 200-meters he had a time of 22.25 and in the 400 meters he turned in a time of 48.17 which was the second fastest time ever at Highline in the 400 meter.

"It was a big day for Melvin. He's one of the most talented sprinters here," Yates said.

Also with an impressive time in the 200-meters was Alex Harcourt who took fifth with a time of 22.5. In the 800-meters Clay Hemlock took fourth place and set the indoor record at 1:55.15. "It was surprising, he's a long distance runner and for him to run the 800 meter that fast is unusual," Yates said.

In the 3,000-meters Josh Frazier set his personal record at 9:10.12. David Larpenauer also ran well in the 300-meters with a time of 9:16.58. Jacob Foyston won the 60 meters hurdle with a time of 8.55 in the final round. After not long jumping for a year and half, Mason Kein took second place in the long jump with a distance of 22'3".

"He showed what kind of talent he has," Yates said.

Coach Yates is confident in his team's ability heading into the outdoor season.

"They have been working hard over the season," Yates said. "They have been working hard over the season and they're ready for the outdoor season. We look very promising," Yates said.

The Indoor season was supposed to be over but the team had a last minute change and will compete on March 6.

Some of the athletes will compete at University of Washington while some will compete at Western Washington University.

The outdoor season is when it really starts to get serious for the runners.

"From that point on they're trying to qualify for championships. For some indoor is part of their conditioning period. When we go outdoors it gets more serious," Yates said.
Gearin works hard on and off the court

By Desiree Lewis

School comes first for Highline point guard Sean Gearin, but it was basketball that brought him here.

"The coaching staff convinced me that this would be a good school to attend and a good team to play for," Gearin said. This is his first year playing the point guard position for his team.

"I'm not the quickest ball handler but I think that I have an advantage as a point guard by being strong," Gearin said. "I would have to say I think my biggest asset to the team is passing the ball and creating good shots for my teammates," Gearin said. Gearin lives in an apartment with two of his teammates, Ben Wade and Jeff Ray.

"Living on my own is so different, it's nice, but different," Gearin said. Gearin said. "They are all great shooters; I just try to encourage my teammates no matter how I am playing."

His family lives in Mountlake Terrace, where Gearin attended his high school years. His high school team went to state by winning three loser out games to get there, which has been a big achievement for Gearin so far. Gearin is very interested in business financing and management. He is getting his associate's degree with an emphasis in business. In his free time, Gearin likes to read finance books and books to learn about real estate.

"I'm very interested in business and financing. I know there is life after basketball and basketball has been a ticket to get an education for myself. Academics definitely comes first over sports," Gearin said.

Gearin wants to earn his way through school on his own. He said he worked very hard the summer after his high school graduation to earn money to live on his own and go to college. "I wouldn't let my parents help me out. I wanted to pay for living and school by myself and show my parents that I was responsible," Gearin said.

"It was a bunch of games at the beginning of the season but now we're playing better together as a team," Gearin said. Gearin is very confident that the team is going to come out on top in the end. "We're going to NWACC. We're on a good roll right now; hopefully we can keep it going," Gearin said. This freshman has a little pre-game ritual that he does every Saturday morning before his games. He eats pancakes and he puts his double-layered socks on from left to right. After Highline, Gearin definitely wants to continue his education in California at a third- or second-division school and continue playing basketball.

Scoreboard

NWACC Women's Basketball Standings (As of Feb. 16)

WEST League Overall

L. Columbia 12-2 21-4
Tacoma 10-4 12-13
Centralia 8-6 13-11
Highline 8-6 13-11
Pierce 8-7 15-9
Green River 7-7 12-9
Clark 6-8 12-13
S. Puget Sound 3-11 5-19
G. Harbor 2-1 6-17

NORTH League Overall

Peninsula 12-2 18-6
Seattle 10-4 15-8
Edmonds 10-3 11-6
Skagit Valley 6-8 9-15
Everett 6-8 9-15
Bellevue 5-1 10-1
Boroughs 5-10 7-16
Whidbey 5-10 7-16

Photo by Amber Trillo

Sean Gearin drives past a Clark player earlier this month.
Saving lives can really suck

By Rob Goodman

Leeches suck, in more ways than one.

They're ugly, slimy, repulsive-looking parasites that survive by sucking the blood out of other living creatures, including humans. Although leeches are often reviled, in the world of medicine they are more than just pests. Leeches can heal, and they can save lives.

Leeches help return venous blood flow (blood that flows back to the heart) to affected areas of the body that can't support venous blood flow at the time. As a result of a lack of venous blood flow, arterial blood (blood that flows away from the heart) rushes into the affected area but has nowhere to go, so the blood clots and builds up.

"Leech therapy is not often needed," said Highline Nursing Instructor Donna Rydberg, who spoke at last Friday's Science Seminar about the rarity of leech use for encouraging venous blood flow. "There are only a few cases where you're going to have arterial flow without venous flow."

But when venous flow isn't happening, the leech is the best cure. Leeches can be used to suck out blood from the affected area, almost like an artificial vein, until the veins have enough time to heal, Rydberg said.

This secretion is extremely vital to reconstructive surgeries, such as reattaching a severed finger, or cosmetic surgeries, such as breast implantation.

Leeches also secrete different substances into the blood system that can help. An anticoagulant allows the bite to bleed further after the leech is finished, until the leech is finished. Local anesthesia makes the bite painless, a local vasodilator dilates and relaxes the blood vessels, and hyaluronidase helps the blood flow from the affected area. Also, three types of proteolytic inhibitors inhibit the formation of blood clots. The secretion of these substances allows the bleeding to continue after the leech finishes, until approximately 50 milliliters of blood is extracted. However, the bite can bleed for more than two days without intervention.

Rydberg, with help from Biology Technician Don Walter, spoke to a packed crowd at Science Seminar last Friday about the medicinal use of leeches, specifically the medicinal leeches known as hirudos. Rydberg has worked with hirudo leeches on several occasions, and has witnessed various reactions to leech therapy.

"Most people, what they don't want to do is just watch the leech attach," she said, explaining a common first reaction. After the patients have been biten, they often don't even realize it's occurred. Some are fascinated by the process while others may be terrified. Either way, it's hard to deny that when leeches are needed, they get the job done.

Dr. Rydberg has encountered a number of situations that involved a serious need for leech therapy. One case involved a 25-year-old man who had fallen off a ladder and lost a part of his ring finger that needed to be reattached. When venous blood flow did not return after surgery, the finger was failing to recover. Leeches were brought in to restore venous flow, and resulted in the man having his finger saved, Rydberg said.

"Although this man's finger was saved from amputation once more, not all have been so positively receptive to leech therapy.

Leeches do possess drawbacks. Unlike maggots, leeches cannot be grown sterile, therefore their cleanliness is not guaranteed. What's most frightening and surprising about leeches is their stealth abilities, and where they will go when no one is watching," Rydberg said.

Unfortunately where they like to attach the most is in people's noses," Rydberg said.

She also recalled an incident in which a man had to have a part of his ear reattached, and when leech therapy was needed, they had to plug his ears with cotton to, "ensure the leech wouldn't go in his ear." None of this means that leeches will go deep enough to suck the blood out of your brain, rather they feel more comfortable in dark places. Most of the time it just, "wants to get up there, attach, feed, and then it comes back out," Rydberg said. It's not wise to mess with leeches while they're feeding, or they may regurgitate back into the blood system the blood they put back into you post-surgery the bacteria they carry in their stomach.

Also, sharing a leech is like sharing a needle, meaning infection can be carried from one source to another. Due to this, leeches are used on a one-time basis, and they are killed and disposed of once their job is finished, Rydberg said.

In response to the negatives of leech therapy, an artificial leech machine has been developed that will take the blood from an affected area just like the creature. But compared to the machine, leeches are cheap, and convenient.

"You can go through a lot at one time," Rydberg said. Next week's Science Seminar will focus on the Science of Persuasion: Why did you just buy a ___?", and will explore advertising techniques. The seminar will be led by Sue Frantz in Building 3, room 102.

Registration hopes wait list will ease overloads

By Maya Castro

With more than 7,000 students enrolled at Highline each quarter, getting into a class can be extremely challenging.

A waitlist is being put into place in the registration process. With this function the registrar can place students in chronological order onto a waiting list for classes that are full.

If students are registering online and a class is full, the student will be given an option to be added to the waitlist. If they are added, their position on the waitlist will be shown.

However, if a student has a block on their name when the computer tries to register them, they will automatically be placed at the bottom of the list.

It is the student's responsibility to check their schedules to see if they had been added to the roster.

It's an automatic process by which a student's name is placed in the computer's system. When openings happen, the computer automatically registers the first name on the list.

"Students are gonna love it," said Becky Riverman, Enrollment Services associate dean.

This waitlist is being put into place so that is going to benefit students and staff, Riverman said. Staff upper is what caused this new change. They have been begging for it for the last few quarters.

The change allows for an equal opportunity of entering the class instead of the previous manual lists that allowed for students to cut in the lines. Thirty students may only be allowed on three waitlists at one time.

Test runs will be conducted with the Pure and Applied Sciences and the Business divisions for Spring Quarter. The registrar will have a chance to fix any problems that may occur during Spring Quarter.

"I think that's great that they are starting this program. I think that it is really efficient," said Kristen Regier, a Highline student.

Twenty-one classes in all will be affected by the Beta testing during the upcoming Spring Quarter. Riverman hopes to have the complete program up and running by summer and fall quarter. Registration for Spring Quarter starts Feb. 18.
Drumming up some sunshine

By Justin Williams
STAFF REPORTER

You might know what classes you have to take to get the degree you want, but you probably don't know who decided what those classes would be.

The Faculty Senate decides what courses you will be required to take and makes decisions that affect the future of your academic career.

Economics Professor and Senate Chairman Phil Droke says the Faculty Senate is a body of elected faculty members who discuss and make decisions about issues ranging from degree requirements to the new smoking policy.

The Senate's primary function is to discuss issues that concern the students and faculty at Highline as well as consider and make changes in policy, mainly relating to academics, Droke said. However, other issues are discussed. "The Senate is the venue that is usually chosen to get faculty input."

The AAST (Associate of Applied Science Transfer) degree and the decision to add the globalism requirement to the Associate of Arts curriculum are some of the more recent changes the Senate has made.

Members meet on the first and third Wednesday of every month while school is in session in room 411, in the library.

Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. "When there is something that affects students like the smoking policy we usually invite the Student Government," Droke said, but other than that students don't usually choose to attend.

Droke said that academic issues can only be decided by the Senate. "How else are you going to make decisions dealing with degree requirements if you don't use the faculty? I can't think of anyone else who could do it."

Rod Powers, psychology professor and Senate representative at Highline, said that the voting process at meetings is pretty standard: Once someone makes a motion, it must be seconded, and then the issue is decided by a majority vote.

The Senate consists of 15 members: the chairman, vice chairman, secretary, two representatives from each department, and two members at large. Both representatives and officials serve two-year terms.

Most recently the Senate has voted to allow students to place their name on a waiting list if the class they want is full. The list will automatically add them to the class if a place opens up. Droke said the new option will hopefully eliminate the hassle of the cumbersome add-drop forms that students and staff are all too familiar with.

The new system is not a campuswide decision yet. Each department must choose whether they will implement the new program.

The Faculty Senate is just one part of the cooperative government at Highline, who strive toward one common goal, Droke said. "...We all want to make an open college operating in the best interest of the students."

Winter Blood Drive

What: Donate blood to save lives
When: Wednesday, Feb 25th from 9am - 3:00pm
Where: Building 2
Get it in you? Please lend an arm.

For more information, contact Lucky at International Student Programs Building 6, 206-878-3710 ext. 3384

The Moslem Student Association will be hosting a presentation on Jesus in Islam Tuesday, Feb. 24.

The MSA will be welcoming back Ahmed Awal as speaker for the event, which will take place from noon-1 p.m. in Building 7.

Awal is an expert on comparative religion and gave a presentation last quarter at Highline as well.

Refreshments will be served at the event.

Cultural Cafe discusses nonverbal communication

Cultural Cafe presents the power of nonverbal communication tomorrow, Friday Feb. 20 from 1-2 p.m. in Building 3, room 103.

How to read body signals, hand gestures and touching and what is considered rude will all be topics.
Legislature wrestles with high schools' failures
Island fun and sun in Des Moines

By William Schlegel

The Des Moines Spice Island Company is a jewel worth a visit. Since, opening in the first week of June 2003, the local company has seen an overwhelming form of positive response from local residents.

"We wanted to bring something to the community," manager and Highline graduate Claudia Alderman says. "Now, it's the most unique business in Des Moines."

When she first started, Alderman simply wanted to bring some extra diversity to Des Moines, after living here for 35 years.

Currently, the Spice Island Trading Company is bringing some from such places as Indonesia and Thailand.

"Some of our most impressive items are in our collection of masks," Alderman says. The first time you step inside, it is these masks that first garner your attention.

Many of the masks are from the Indonesian island of Lombok and despite the fact that the masks are primitive and basic in design, many of them are beautifully inlaid with pearls and carved entirely from mahogany wood. The store's collection also includes furniture; textiles; jewelry; and much more. One can also find items priced for every budget. For example, if home décor items are your thing, and you're running low on money, you could find incense or candles that cost $1.63.

But, something that is always fun for Alderman is the fact that every month the store features an "item of the month" which is then 50 percent off.

"It keeps things fun and exiting," Alderman says. "Especially, when you have people stop in and ask, what's the item of the month?"

The company has customers who come from all around the Pacific Northwest, as far away as Everett and Olympia. But, most of all people sometimes just stumble onto the store.

"Sometimes, you get people who come in and say, 'I've been driving down this street thousands of times, and I didn't even know this place even existed.' It kind of turns out to be a great surprise." One would also find surprising the amount of merchandise in such a small space.

"We also want to be able to inspire young artists. To help them out and get them off the ground. It would help the both of us," VanParys said.

VanParys and her co-workers are currently waiting for art donations to come to their business and they would like anyone to step up who would be interested in having their work showed.

TanCat Tanning is located at 805 S. 219th St. in Des Moines. TanCat Tanning is open 7 days a week. Its hours are: Monday-Friday: 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. And Sundays from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

VanParys, a self-professed people lover part of something special, as she notes. "We treat every customer as if they were family. People have realized that and that is why they come back. But, that should be every business's goal. To make people feel good about themselves."

Appointments for Tancat Tanning can be made by either calling 206-824-4664, or by simply walking in.

TanCat Tanning also features jewelry made from Renton police officer Ken Hall and it will eventually feature a full-fledged art gallery.

"Everyday, you look at it as you've never seen it before," Alderman says. "But then you put on a fresh face and carry on. Then, you think, who would think there would be this treasure trove?"

The Des Moines Spice Island Company is currently open Monday-Friday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Spice Island Trading Company is located at 22307 Marine View Drive.

TanCat Tanning lightens up Des Moines dark and dreary days

New Des Moines business lends a little levity to residents

By William Schlegel

Have a hard day at the office or at school? Owner Kim VanParys, says TanCat Tanning is the place for you.

"It's really just a nice place to relax," VanParys says. "It's clean, comfortable, and our workers are very well experienced. It's just a place to relax and get your shoulders rubbed."

Having just opened, Sept. 4, 2003, TanCat Tanning is one of the newest businesses around in Des Moines, as VanParys explains. "It's just a way of bringing something to an older town. To bring some fun into Des Moines."

Before opening, TanCat Tanning, VanParys had spent time working with a construction company and a hair salon, the Hair Shack, whose clients she hopes will eventually fall in love with TanCat Tanning.

The business's clients already include high schoolers, college students, and even retirees, something which at first surprised VanParys.

"Yeah, we get some people in their 60s and 70s. It's kind of strange, when you first see them. It's like, you tan?" VanParys said. The business offers bed and stand up tanning; tanning lotions; body moisturizers and much more. But, the business also makes, VanParys, a self-professed people lover part of something special, as she notes. "We treat every customer as if they were family. People have realized that and that is why they come back.

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VanParys and her co-workers are currently waiting for art donations to come to their business and they would like anyone to step up who would be interested in having their work showed.

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TanCat Tanning employee and Highline student Ashley George.

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The lane closures and diversions that are occurring now are due mostly to the utility companies' work. Planners try to limit necessary lane closures and traffic diversion to off-peak hours, LaPorte said. But some of the work has a 24-hour-a-day effect.

On a stretch of Pacific Highway South just north of the Kent-Des Moines Road, an excavating machine is busy cutting a 3-foot-wide trench along the western shoulder. The trench extends several blocks, and is lined on both sides with orange construction cones. A single, muddy 8-foot-wide bridge across the trench threads between cones near one end of a business complex.

The trench may as well be a moat for the small businesses in the complex behind it. "My customers can't park here. They can't get in and out," said Brenda Nguyen. She sits alone behind the reception desk watching a movie on television, waiting for anyone who might make it in. Whole mornings go by with no customers at all, she said. "Maybe [it will] kill the business," Nguyen said. The Pacific Highway South renovation project itself has financial difficulties. "The primary difficulty is money," Tim LaPorte said. Each of the municipalities along the 15-mile span of the project is responsible for the design and construction costs associated with renovating the portion of the highway within its jurisdictions. The cities involved - SeaTac, Des Moines, Kent, Tukwila, and Federal Way - must compete for limited state and federal grants. Some parts of the project are not still fully funded, LaPorte said. The City of Kent's responsibility for its portion of the project is $20 million.

"It's very slow. We lose a lot of money," said Nguyen. She doesn't know how long he can continue to operate under present conditions, he said. The problem is the same at Night Lights Nails. "The primary difficulty is money," Tim LaPorte said. Each of the municipalities along the 15-mile span of the project is responsible for the design and construction costs associated with renovating the portion of the highway within its jurisdictions. The cities involved - SeaTac, Des Moines, Kent, Tukwila, and Federal Way - must compete for limited state and federal grants. Some parts of the project are still not fully funded, LaPorte said. The City of Kent's responsibility for its portion of the project is $20 million.

The city's general fund revenues for a year are only $55 million; the project would devastate the city if it didn't get money from other sources, LaPorte said. Kent has also had difficulties with utility companies that balked at the cost of moving their equipment, LaPorte said. The utilities don't have much choice, though. The companies' contracts with the city make clear the city's right to make them move. The City of Kent's work continues on schedule. That means Highline commuters can count on their traffic nightmares continuing for at least another year and a half.

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The recent rise in credit card fraud and identity theft in the U.S. one wonders why the systems were not changed earlier.

"At first there wasn't a lot of customer interest," said Eisen. But since the outbreak of fraud and theft, the software to take out the entire credit card number has risen dramatically.

"It's a hot item," said Eisen. With the recent rise of fraud and identity theft all over the country, Highline students should be cautious.

On Jan. 22, 2004, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) reported that along with Washington, DC and San Diego, Seattle, Everett and Bellevue have the highest reported fraud complaints in the country. FTC also reported that they received over $16,740 complaints in the year 2003 and a little under half the complaints were for reports for identity theft.

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