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Contract irks some professors
By Elizabeth Tacke
staff reporter

The teachers union has vowed that all non-union faculty members are required to pay agency fees and some faculty members aren't happy.

The Highline College Education Association (HCEA) has approved a new contract that will went into effect fall of 2005. Teachers will then be given the option to either join the union or pay the fee.

"I think all faculty recognizes we have good compensation, lots of support for professional development, and a very collaborative working relationship with administration," said HCEA President Ruth Windhover.

"They [non-union members] are now paying their fair share of the costs of achieving a very favorable contract," Windhover said.

Michele Manber, a psychology professor and union member, agreed.

"My thing is, it's a fairness issue," Manber said.

"Salaries have improved. We now have professional development money—and a lot of it, thanks to the union—whether you want to pay into it or not.

Union members currently pay dues of approximately $600 to support the work of the union.

The HCEA didn't take input from non-members, but did find that 62 percent of union members favored the agency fee. The union continued to discuss the idea until the contract was ratified by the Board of Trustees on Oct. 21, 2004.

Windhover feels that the agency fee was "thoroughly discussed with members."

Non-union members will have the same wages, hours, and working conditions.

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Election splits campus
By Jackie Graybill and Elizabeth Tacke
staff reporters

Students and faculty expressed mixed emotions about the results of Tuesday's election.

Those in favor of Bush expressed excitement, but those in favor of the defeated Kerry showed frustration and disappointment.

Meanwhile, although some races are too close to call, legislators think that there will be a Democratic majority in both houses of the state Legislature. They also feel that Washington will face a tough job with the budget.

Students and faculty showed varied reactions to the election. Some, like Professor Geoff Turck, had hoped for a Democratic president.

"It went as I expected. For a minute there I thought Kerry might pull it off, and then he didn't," he said.

Highline political science professor Jim Glennon said that he felt America's polarization is extremely strong and that it has been a very divisive election.

"I think that there's a good possibility that Bush will be assassinated and I feel that if Kerry had been elected and had done anything more with abortion, someone on the far side of the Christian right would have assassinated him," he said.

Another professor, Lisa Bernhagen, felt that her vote didn't matter.

"I'm sad," she said. "I feel like my vote doesn't count. I mailed in my vote yesterday and apparently, it didn't make a difference since all of the votes have been tallied."

George Bush supporters said that John Kerry had no chance because he was always changing his positions on the issues.

"I felt that Kerry was too wisy-washy and his stand on the policies changed month to month," student Ryan Foxworthy said.

"I have a lot of problems with Kerry's character and thought that he said whatever he needed to depending on what state he was in to get the vote," said Joe Varon.

"I just thought that Bush was more vocal and Kerry didn't address the issues," said Michele Alison.

Students who supported Kerry felt that Bush would win were not surprised about the results.

"I don't think it surprised me and we have to work with what we get," Jill Kruger said.

"The result didn't surprise me and I think that the U.S. is going to find out what we are in for," Elaine Read said.

"I felt that Bush was going to win and that's not who I voted for," Bill Grimes said.

Student Crystal Clark agreed.

"I knew that Bush was going to win. I figured that if he didn't win by popular vote, that he would win the Bush way anyway."

Some of students just did not vote, either by choice or inability.

"I did not vote due to religious reasons and no matter who is in office the problems are not going to be solved," Tina Lacey said.

Lacey said that Jehovah's

"I think that there's a good possibility that Bush will be assassinated..."

— Jim Glennon, political science professor

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Photo by Purple O'Neill

Highline Professor Ruth Windhover and Teri Trillo with a student campaigning Tuesday night on Pacific Highway for Initiative 884.
Chemistry materials broken

A concerned neighbor of Highline called the Des Moines Police Department when they saw an unidentified black plastic bag. It was on the outside of the perimeter fence near the north access road on Oct. 27. The police checked it out and found it to be broken breakers and glass bottles from the chemistry lab with HCC labels on all of them. The contents were disposed of in Highline’s Dumpster.

Two car thefts on campus

Two vehicles including a Kia Rio and a Jeep were broken into on Oct. 27. The Kia was parked in the south lot and had its CD player and parking permit stolen. The Jeep was parked in the north lot from 11:15 a.m. to 6:25 p.m. The in-dash stereo was taken from that vehicle.

Drugs are cause of mischeif

Highline’s security made contact with a woman who seemed to be on drugs around 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 29. The woman cooperated with security and her mother was called to pick her up.

Prank 911 calls from campus

Two 911 hang-ups were received from Highline’s campus. The first one was received from the north parking lot on Oct. 27. The area was checked and nobody seemed to be around the phones. The other hang-up happened on Oct. 31. Des Moines Police Department notified Highline’s security of the incident.

Learn skills to resolve conflict

Student Programs is sponsoring a workshop designed to give students skills in conflict resolution. In the workshop students will be able to practice their skills and learn how to put them to use in daily life. It’s this Friday, Nov. 5, in Building 10, room 103 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information contact Fred Capesanti at 206-878-3710, ext. 3904.

Two car thefts on campus

UW majors day at Highline

Students can learn about their intended major on campus. Highline will host a University of Washington Majors Day. Different UW advisors will be on campus this Tuesday, Nov. 9, to discuss certain majors and answers questions.

Science and God get closer

Tina Ostrander, professor of computer science at Highline, will show that many fields of science are starting to show a link between faith and science. The title for this Friday’s Science Seminar is, God and Science–Irreconcilable Differences? All students, faculty and staff are welcomed to attend.

Nursing: apply for fall 2005

Nursing applications are now available for the 2005 Fall Quarter. The application is for students interested in earning an Associate Degree in nursing. They can be picked up in Admissions and Entry Services in Building 6.

For more information contact Laura Westergard in Admissions and Entry Services at 206-878-3710, ext. 3693 or Barbara Smith, the nursing coordinator at 206-878-3710, ext. 3462.

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It will be from 2:10 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Building 3, room 102. For more information contact Eric Baer at 206-878-3710, ext. 3513.

Team Highline plays matchmaker

The happy couple receives a $150 gift certificate to the Space Needle for dinner. Both were participants in yesterday’s Dating Game in the cafeteria.

UW“Majors Day” at Highline Community College!

Check out these UW-Seattle Major Transfer Sessions: No Need to Sign Up!

Check out the following drop-in Information Tables: UW advisors from these departments will be at their tables with program materials. Come by with your questions!

- ART (12-2 PM in Bldg 7)
- ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (12-2 PM in Bldg 7)
- MUSIC (12-2 PM in Bldg 7)
- UW BOTTHELL (1-2 PM in Bldg 7)
Public nurse has Rx for students

By Catherine Matsurra

staff reporter

Answers to your health care questions can be found on campus every Wednesday.

King County Public Health Nurse Andrea Klein now visits Building 6 each Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. She is offering information and referrals on everything from birth control.

Best of all, services are free, paid for by a joint contract between Seattle Public Health, King County, and The Department of Social Health Services.

Klein stated the weekly visits she makes to Highline is something that hasn't been done in years.

"I wanted to establish a presence in the south end, so people wouldn't have to travel so far," Klein said.

She said there are so many services available through family planning, but most people don't know where to go.

"There are many new birth control methods, and emergency contraceptives that most people need to be aware of," Klein said.

Services that Klein provides on campus include free pregnancy testing, free male and female condoms, free emergency government and multiple com plan B, birth control information, and referrals to out-of-community services.

When Klein makes referrals to community services, it's usually to test for sexually transmitted diseases, prescriptions, and general health care. General health care fees are based on a sliding scale.

"White Center Teen Clinic offers confidential services for teens 12-20. In Washington, teens can cover most of their own care, which allows teens to test for sexually transmitted diseases, and HIV/AIDS," Klein said.

Klein said The Department of Social Health Services has a motto, "times have changed, birth control really works."

It's never too late or too early to think about family planning, she said.

For more information about the White Center Teen Clinic, call 206-205-7250. Stop by Women's Programs to visit

Monologues deal with a difficult subject

By Olivia de Leon

staff reporter

The vagina is said to be a touchy subject, but the implication behind it is much more.

Team Highline is presenting a showing of a DVD called The Vagina Monologues.

The Vagina Monologues is about different women all over the world telling their personal stories about sex. These women consist of different races, ages and sexual preferences.

The word vagina means much more than a sexual part of a woman's body. In many cases, when said, it makes people feel very uncomfortable.

"It is a part of a woman's liberation in her sexuality and is the self destructing ways in which we view bodies," said Serenity Wise from Team Highline. "It is to take people out of their comfort zone by talking about it."

This movie is said to be very controversial due to graphic language and content.

You will most likely be taken out of your comfort zone and that requires mature handling of the content of the movie," Wise said.

Some faculty and student government have viewed this video and opposed to showing it. They state that it has no educational value.

Some Team Highline members seemed to oppose showing the video as well.

"I don't see why talking about vaginas is so important. If guys can't talk about penises I think they would be offended," one student said.

Some say also that the video is interesting but not enlightening, and some might be offended.

However The Vagina Monologue is a famous thing around the country, having been turned into a book, play and DVD.

Highline's diversity changed Kaminski

By Linh Tran

staff reporter

Ilya Kaminski, a student at Highline, has only been living here for about 10 years but has proved to be an active voice at Highline by joining Student Senate and the department of human diversity.

He was born and raised in the Ukraine and lived in the U.S. for about 10 years. Kaminski is a third-year student at Highline and getting his AA and AS in Administration of Justice.

He chooses his words carefully, making sure not to offend anyone and always steers away from sensitive subjects which is a good sign that he is aware and sensitive to issues that may offend others.

His decision to run for senator was motivated by student concerns.

Before he ran for senate he noticed that there were many students expressing concerns about various issues on campus.

"I heard a lot of people not liking certain things around our campus but I've never seen anyone actually get out and do something about it so, I decided to do something about it and get involved," said Kaminski.

Kaminski is involved in several committees such as the Smoking Committee, Honors PR which is a committee dedicated to promoting the honors program, and he is the head of the Phi Theta Kappa PR which is a committee that promotes honor students.

All the committees are important to him but a program that he is most excited about is the Book Exchange Program.

"We are creating a website where students can sell and buy their textbooks online. This site will give them the opportunity to buy cheaper books and re-sell them for a higher price than what the bookstore offers," said Kaminski.

His experience here has changed him as a person. The diversity at Highline helped him become more sensitive to different cultures and beliefs.

"Diversity in general made me a better person. I learned how to interact with different people and can understand how people think. I am trying to be more sympathetic to different cultures and beliefs," said Kaminski.

Being able to attend a college as diverse as Highline was very important to Kaminski because he was born and raised in Ukraine and Highline has helped him be more aware of other cultures.

"At the beginning it took a little adjustment but I think I am getting more Americanized. I am sort of just settling in right now and I am adjusting very well to the American lifestyle. However, at the beginning it was a little bit of a culture shock. It was a little weird," said Kaminski.

"I thought America was very different. I thought everyone was rich and no one was poor. Basically I thought America was a Utopia. But when I came here I realized it's not true. Just like in Ukraine there are ups and downs and being here made me realize America has its issues and it has changed my perspective," said Kaminski.

"I feel like I am an American and each day I feel more and more a part of this country and I am getting involved. I am voting this election because it does concern me," said Kaminski.

Nurse Andrea Klein, left, answers a students questions in Building 6 on Wednesday.

Klein, or call her at 206-716-2344. For listings of King County Public Health Departments go to their website at http://metrok.gov/health.
Editorial
Focus on the priority

OK, the votes have been tabulated and now we know whom the winners are. Congratulations—now what?
For starters, several crucial issues need to be dealt with and hopefully newly elected politicians (returning or not) can deal with them. At the top of that list is the public schools budget. The state budget will probably go under reprivatization with new members in office, and if it does, it would be beneficial for them to keep education in utmost mind. All issues are important, but where immediate futures are concerned, it’s imperative Washington gets the school-funding overhaul it desperately needs.
The main problem is this: due to a lack of funding (or a practical plan on how to use funding), there is not enough money to pay for every single student’s education.
Classroom are overpopulated from kindergarten to college levels. Funds are needed to expand classrooms and build new buildings in order to keep up with the overcrowding. This issue with space is related to faculty, or to be more exact teacher salary. Schools usually hire more teachers to deal with the overpopulation, but their current salary is somewhat undervalued. Teachers of lesser (or no) ability to teach are being hired. With extra funds to raise salaries, schools will attract qualified teachers, not just at the K-12 levels but at the college levels as well.
The issue with space and salary has also started affecting colleges in similar ways, even smaller ones like Highline. With student-overcrowding, the local four-year colleges, transfer programs from community colleges have been compromised. Along with space comes the problem with tuition. Colleges also receive money from the state and the students in order to support themselves. The relationship between tuition and state funding are proportional: the higher the funding, the lower the tuition and lower the higher the tuition. Unfortunately, Highline’s been leaning toward the latter. Add those problems to the rising costs of the times. The economy is still in a questionable state and inflations haven’t made things easier. All schools have to upgrade their technology, pay the bills, afford new school supplies and do their best to keep programs open to students.
The schools, in order to function, then end up cutting out finances, causing a variety of side effects: lowering teacher salary, cutting back programs, using older equipment, and all the while the classrooms are bursting at the seams. Likewise, this needs to be based on common sense. As things get more and more expensive, it get hard for everyone school and taxpayer alike.
Hopefully, the candidates Highline help choose can focus on these issues and lessen, if not eliminate, them.

Question of the Week
Which social issue should our new legislators focus on first?

Write a letter to the editor and have your opinions in print! Email your letter to tdavis@highline.edu or deliver it to room 106 in Building 10. Please include some contact information, like your name and phone number. For more information, contact the Thunderword at 206-678-3719, ext 3317.

Rushing the seasonal scene

I’ve had a sneaking suspicion for a while now that someone out there is trying to tell me something.
It almost amounts to paranoia: candy shaped like snowmen and snowflakes suddenly appear at the checkout counters, shopping malls have decked their halls with boughs of holly, stores are selling colorful plastic confiers and likewise colorful ornaments!
Hmm… could it be that Christmas is coming? Or at least the shopping season? Don’t get me wrong: I love Christmas! I like the décor, the music, the entire season brings back good memories of Christmas past. But as much as I like it, I can’t help but feel that someone is jumping the gun.
Take a recent trip to the Tacoma mall, for example. I’m pretty sure that they’ve had their decorations up since the first week of October. The BonMarche department store is sporting a fashionable little ‘holiday way’ section displaying Christmas trees of all themes and colors. Even the Bath and Body shop is designed in the holiday color schema with a multicolored Christmas tree made of candles. Once again, all of this is nice to look at. I find it relaxing and charming in that spirit-of-Christmas fashion. But seriously—it’s October; it’s fine if it’s timely like a few weeks before the holiday, but several months is pushing it.
Halloween evening at the Tacoma Mall was nothing short of bizarre. Only a shopping mall could mix what’s considered a pagan holiday with what’s considered a Christian one.
I took another trip down there shopping with my mother, to find the place mobbed with goblings, goths, and the occasional teenage monster ninja turbo bouncing from store to store nabbing candy. This and Christmas décor in the background made for a pretty interesting blend.
The kids went to the mall to celebrate Halloween yet they found Christmas paraphernalia permeating the area. I could only imagine what the children were thinking when they skipped past the Bon-Marche’s Christmas tree display.

So what’s the deal with the decorations? It almost seems like they appear earlier and earlier each year. Not only that, but it seems to override any holiday that comes in between. Does anyone even remember Thanksgiving anymore?
It’s pretty obvious that the early holiday themes are a ploy by overzealous capitalists, aimed to condition people into season shopping spree mode and make more money in the process. It’s so obvious because the timing of it all is incredibly off.
At the minute, I’m just fin-ishing Halloween and I’m look- ing forward to turkey. I know Christmas comes after that, I’m not dumb and I can read a calendar. What I don’t need is pressure to drop my laidback atti-tude and enter the present-hunt-ing frenzy.
I’m sure there are people who like to do their Christmas shopping early, but how early is too early?
Decorations and ornaments are nice but the bad timing seems to take the magic away, which is sad when Christmas is supposed to be the most wonder-ful time of the year.
Last Christmas, Trevor was hospitalized after being mugged by rabid holiday shoppers.

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World isn’t celebrating Bush’s re-election

CAPETOWN, South Africa — The South African college students just don’t get it. Now, I’m not making a disparaging comment about their intellectual capacity, but I’ve witnessed how these young people skillfully engage in stimulating debate on a regular basis. Further reading has led me to believe that the current situation of being just ten years into the post-apartheid democracy, these students bring an insightful ability to explore issues from multiple perspectives and in multiple languages simultaneously.

They just don’t understand how it could happen. “It,” of course, refers to the apparent re-election of George W. Bush, a man viewed here as a “war freak” who trash-talked the U.S. economy while destroying the nation’s image around the world.

Over the past two months, I’ve delivered dozens of presentations to students at various institutions. Whenever I opened the floor to comments, the inevitable first question would seek my perspective on the impending election. As I proclaimed that I would most likely win, the subsequent astonishment looks epitomized the confusion that seemed to engulf the nation.

“How can Americans not see what Bush has done?” they wondered aloud. “How can it even be close after all that mess?” Then, as I expressed support for the candidacy of John Kerry, my words would spark thunderous applause. Even among 11th graders in a small school in Botswana this past week, the presence of an American who opposed Bush produced shouts of joy and optimism.

Let’s put it in simple terms. I’ve been in Southern Africa for two months and met countless individuals. I can only think of one person who expressed any real support for Bush.

If you think they’re alone in this view of our current president, allow me to inform you that while the American citizenry may have been divided, the world has been fairly united in its opposition to Bush. As a British columnist in The Guardian wrote less than a week before the big day, “This is an election in which the whole world will breathe a sigh of relief if the incumbent is defeated.

The Bush regime is both dangerous and universally loathed. Another columnist suggested that this “terrorist” president represented the least popular choice for a superpower leader since Hitler.

My purpose here is not to simply bash Bush, but rather, to illustrate how our views of reality are indeed shaped by cultural context.

You see, Bush was right when he often commented on the campaign trail about the election being a matter of “values.” In large part, he’ll win the election because Americans like a straight shooter who sticks to his guns; others view such behavior as evidence of stubborn arrogance.

South African culture places far greater emphasis on debate and diplomacy, preferring for example that the United Nations could have been allowed to intervene in Iraq; for Bush and his followers, no one defines the American agenda but us. Maybe that’s why South African students absolutely love Bill Clinton, caring little about his personal problems and praising him as a “great president who maintained peace” while criticizing Bush for, in his own words, “always having war on my mind.”

In addition, while an understanding of international issues seems fundamental to this society, too many Americans suffer from a limited understanding of the world outside our borders (how many readers of this article can name more than three countries in Africa?). As one student here remarked, “I just don’t think that most Americans really understand how people outside their country feel or how all these other nations are affected by the war.”

To be fair about it, I’ve been guilty of ignoring foreign affairs for years (sorry, Jim Glisson), instead just accepting the insular view of the world presented by the dominant newsmedia. Even though I never thought of myself as an ultra patriotic sort of guy, I can better appreciate how this limited perspective contributes to the preservation of a divided world and now resolve to become a more committed member of the global village.

And to be honest, I’m left feeling somewhat torn. I do love my country and believe in its infinite possibilities. I desire to once again eat soft pretzels and seeolang and do all sorts of American things with the people back home whom I dearly miss. But I worry that maybe the students in Cape Town are right about the imminent threat of more wars. I worry that we can easily spend billions of dollars on the invasion of another country while ignoring the basic problems of people in our own neighborhood.

At times, I think that perhaps I’m the one who just doesn’t get it. Yet, drawing from my new South African friends, I remain optimistic. I have listened to black students here express a heroic willingness to let go of the anger from the apartheid past and celebrate the democratic principles of the “new South Africa.” I thank the locals for being able to still identify in us what many Americans, even if they detest our government’s policies, can.

And today, I met an American whose daughter was slain years ago in the local townships while completing an exchange program, only to discover that she ultimately forgave the murderers and even hired them to work in the social service agency started in her daughter’s name. I know that change is possible, if only we believe in the fundamental potential of people.

I long for the day that our president gets it as well.

Derek Greenfield is a sociologist at Highline Community College.

Dear Editor:

Your articles in T-Word, especially your column, have been remarkable in their objectivity, and I am proud to work where the campus newspaper is so great. You are very concerned about the lead role, front page top, that the Gilbert &amp; Playboy-type Maga article played, coupled with that same—now rather alarming—total objectivity, this past week.

My reason for concern is your necessary role as watchdog on censorship. As journalism’s role in this country (despite the media’s current apparent intent to deconstruct that role!)

A second concern is Running Start. Someone needs to clue in Ms. Gilbert that college IS for adults! That there are underage students here does not change our mission nor our role, which is why parents of such students have already signed a release (which they rarely remember) which eliminates our needs as instructors to shelter them as children. Furthermore, instructors are prohibited by law from giving out grade information to anyone but the student him or herself, including R.S. students.

Going to college while you are in high school is a privilege awarded those capable, both intellectually and emotionally of college-level work. Short of changing the U.S. Constitution (which the current Administration may indeed help her do, yet another watchdog role for the T-Word), Ms. Gilbert—even with a majority of student support—could not demand that Internet in library on campus be filtered, nor can she control what the bookstore can sell.

If we institute censorship on campus, how could paralegal students understand pornography laws? How could we present most of contemporary literature or film—or even the news? How could we provide students with a true variety of critically examined issues, including women’s roles? And certainly the following discussion, The Vagina Monologues, would not be possible at all.

I do hope that you will print an critical analysis of Gilbert’s position, from journalism’s point of view, as well as the definition of Running Start students’ responsibilities in a future issue.

Angi Caster

Dear Editor:

In response to “Playboy in O-Word” — Angela Gilbert has raised those tiny little hairs on the back of my neck. Who are you, Miss 20-year-old, to say that young people (18) are incapable of having an adult frame of mind?

You know, I’d be willing to bet that most of students of all ages who had no idea that our bookstore sold Playboy — anyone who walks into 7-Eleven can see these magazines. Go out! People like you really piss me off! You think you are so important and because you found something you don’t like it should be changed. I don’t even read these magazines — and I feel like going to buy one because I can. It’s my right, protected by Randy Fisher (thanks Randy)!

Besides, the bookstore checks ID because you have to be 18 and buy something because they are wrapped in cellophane.

And by your statement, at 18 they now can make an adult decision with an adult frame of mind. Whether you agree or not, your statements were not only naive but just plain wrong and no one likes whiners!

Chrysell Combmat
By Billy Naylor

Hattie Longmire offers an eclectic mix of styles for the art-viewing public.

For the rest of November the fourth floor of the library Arts Gallery is displaying a small collection of Longmire's work. From paper collages to Lithographs, watercolors to monotype, there is a wide-range of styles to observe.

Longmire attended the University of Washington School of Art, graduating in 1979 and working as a graphic illustrator for Boeing until 1987. She chooses to experiment with a number of different artistic media. Using this ingenuity along with her experience, she creates works of art in her personal studio.

Hattie Longmire's Forgotten diorama here in the Pacific Northwest. One of the pictures being presented is titled Forgotten. This piece is a photo etching of an older-style staircase leading beyond the side of the page, where the eye can't follow.

The picture is centered around a bricked up window sitting to the side of the staircase with a stucco wall, cracked and dirtied through what seems to be years of neglect, serving as the background of this piece.

Perhaps at one time this window could have possibly looked out upon something worth seeing, a busy street or open marketplace, but now all that's left is a lonely window that no one want to see but the memories Longmire hopes to conjure.

With this piece, Longmire is certainly urging the audience to remember things one might not be concerned with in the present. From the style of the handrail on the staircase, to the bricks and material used for the walls, this piece conjures thoughts of black and white 1940s films of people piling on to the cramped sidewalk and cars constantly streaming down the narrow streets. The etching Longmire has done on this photo makes this piece look particularly gritty, unused, and as the title implies, forgotten.

Another interesting piece in this gallery is Morning Light which is a digitally altered photograph with ink wash. This piece particularly stands out because it has a visual depth unseen in the majority of her other artwork in the gallery.

This picture has a mellow yet intriguing feel to it, with dark figures of trees and their branches extending from either side, surrounded by various shades of green. The picture takes on a dreamlike appearance as the dark bodies of the trees are hazy, and the green around those hazy figures blends together.

The treetops hold patches of white, which would be the morning light as in the title of the piece. The patches resemble the Northern Lights, adding to the dreamlike factor, possibly suggesting the mystery of nature can be seen simply by opening ones eyes to the beauty and moments nature provides us.

While some may not be so receptive of the artistic styles on display, Longmire grants them a wide-angle view of her creations with a variety of styles, leaving the meaning of each selection open for interpretation.

By Jessie Elliott

"It was just so much fun that I haven't left since," Elenich said of the one-acts.

In one of her roles, Elenich is playing a 60-year-old woman. She is working hard on character development aspects and the make-up as well to make her character more believable.

In addition to the 10-12 hours a week she is rehearsing, Elenich works 19 hours a week as the stage manager for Rick Lorig, a faculty member.

As the production gets closer, Elenich comes in on weekends, comes in early and stays late.

While theater is her passion, Elenich has already earned her AA in Sign Language, and is finishing up her drama credits now.

"It's expanding me culturally," Elenich said of her degree.

She also said that it would help her a great deal if she ends up becoming a teacher, which is her back-up career choice.

"I'm going to try to use as much as I can to stick with it," Elenich said of acting.

Elenich is in the process of preparing for auditions for the schools she is applying to, which will be in January and February.

Elenich is applying to New York University; SUNY Purchase, New York; American Musical Dramatic Academy, North Carolina University; and Western Washington University.

Elenich hopes to earn a BA in fine arts, and plans to go into acting when she graduates.

Elenich said that while she really enjoys the stage, film would be just as good.

"I just love acting, and I finally found something that makes me happy," Elenich said with a smile.

Elenich prepares for rehearsal.

The Madwoman of Chaillot begins on Nov. 11-13 and 18-20 at 8 p.m in Building 4.

By Cabrina Ream

Poets take the spotlight at annual Poetry Exchange

For a brief moment last week, the poets of Hightline were able to take the spotlight.

A brief accumulation of students waited outside of the turtle building on Thursday, Oct. 28. When the doors opened for the Poetry Exchange at 11 a.m., the group filed in and offered a collection of signs to finally be out of the cold. In the estimated 50 or so students and faculty that arrived for the event, only a handful of them shared their work. Many had come just to listen as fans and supporters rather then donors of their own talent (or lack thereof).

The Poetry Exchange is sponsored by Team Highline, and is currently in its second year running.

A variety of poems were read. Some personal, some comic, but all worthwhile. Feature reader Marquis Faulcon read numerous times from his first book of published poems and received heavy applause after each one.

Listeners sat back into their chairs and were able to enjoy an hour of uninterrupted verse and prose. There were no breaks in between readers—instead, there was a consistent flow of writers who appeared both nervous and thirsty to share their polished work.

Last year, one of the few readers who shared more than one poem during the time allotted, had a rather fearless quality to him. Unlike the other readers who hid nervously behind the podium and tapped their feet from nerves, he took a stool from the side of the stage and sat down. He gave a brief introduction to his poem, and then began. There are no four-leaf clovers in Mississippi," he recited. "Believe me, I've looked.

A few moments later he fin-
**Arts Calendar**

**Thecoma Actor’s Guild presents The Mystery of Irma Vep**, a farcical, mechanical drama that opens on Oct. 30 and runs through Nov. 14. For ticket information and directions, call 253-272-5215.

**All Balanchine is coming to the Pacific Northwest Ballet Nov. 4-6 and 11-14.** The performance is a tribute to George Balanchine. For information and tickets call 206-441-2424.

**The City of Auburn is hosting Seattle Opera’s young Artists as part of their BRAVO! Series on Friday, Nov. 5.** They will be singing selections from Mozart, Donizetti, Puccini, and others. For tickets and information call 253-931-0943.

**Kent Arts Commission’s Spotlight Series is hosting Coyote Tales on Friday, Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Coyote Tales is a bi-lingual, colorful story. It will be performed at the Kentwood High School Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $12 general, $10 for students and seniors. For more information call 253-885-6050.**

**The Freighthouse Art Gallery in Tacoma is hosting a fine art open house for its newest exhibit, Waterfalls, Saturday, Nov. 6. The open house will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and admission is free. For directions call 253-383-9765.**

**Team Highline is hosting excerpts from The Vagina Monologues on Nov. 10 at noon in Building 7. There will be a discussion following the presentation facilitated by Laura Manning.**

**The 27th annual Yuletide is coming to Ballard on Nov. 20-21 at the Nordic Heritage Museum. Traditional Scandinavian entertainment, food, and drink will help to put anyone in the mood for the holiday season. For more information call 206-789-5707 or go to nordicmuseum.com.**

**A benefit concert will be put on by Dr. Sandra Glover, soprano, and Ms. Nancy Warren, pianist. The event will take place on Nov. 28 at 2 p.m. in Building 7.**

**The concert is “pay what you will,” and all the proceeds will go toward the Breeders Theater Performing Arts Scholarship for Highline students. The program will include pieces from Bach, Copeland, Handel, Strauss, and Chausson, with a few holiday pieces as well.**

**Highline’s student choir will be performing on Thursday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Building 7. The theme is Reflections of China, and in addition to the choral performance, there will be Chinese painting and ancient Chinese knot-tying. Also performing is a professional troupe from Burnaby, British Columbia. The event is free and open to the public.**

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**Arts**

**Color sweeps through Burien**

By Jessie Elliott

Enigmatic splashes of color, sweeping landscapes, nature’s creatures, and beautiful woodwork have taken over at the Burien Arts Gallery. Four artists are featured in the gallery’s latest exhibit, and each artist has something unique and wonderful to offer.

Maxine MaSion featured both abstract paintings and encaustic paintings. Encaustic paintings are made from a mixture of molten beeswax, dry pigment, and dammar varnish that are torched onto the surface.

The result of an encaustic painting is a swirling band of colors and layers that mix together in a fantastic blend that can be interpreted in many ways.

Matson took a class in encaustic painting two years ago, but didn’t start making it until recently. Now she can’t get enough of it, she said.

Former Highline professor Caryl Utgard now devotes herself to portraiture of wild animal and plant life.

Utgard captures such images as a single flower, a moose, and a hummingbird. While these themes are simple, the photographs speak volumes.

Pieces such as Munching Moose and Hummingbird on Spent Glad are examples of the beauty that exists in nature. Burien Arts Gallery is featuring two

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**The Blend hosts soulful songstress**

By Olivia de Leon

**Sing:er Cristina Orbe is bringing her blend of political issues, poetry and music to Highline.**

Orbe will perform Wednesday, Nov. 10 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the cafeteria, the latest in Team Highline’s free entertainment series, The Blend.

Orbe sings about social and interpersonal issues current in the world. She says she presents matters that are controversial and inviting to listeners.

Orbe says she portrays music about issues such as black feminism, racism, hierarchy, capitalism and current social structures.

“My goal is to reach as many people as possible with my music. I want to let them know that they have the power to control their lives not the people around them,” Orbe said in an interview on Wednesday. “We the people hold the keys to our lives.”

Orbe said she didn’t always want to pursue music. She originally moved to Seattle in 2000 from the East Coast to practice a career in massage. But it was not long until she discovered her love for writing and singing.

Orbe, who accompanies herself on guitar, says she is a very spiritual person who writes only from the heart.

“My career in music is actually very easy for me. I always develop a close relationship with my creations and I always try to be patient,” Orbe said. “I just let the music come to me when I write.”

However, Orbe also says she gets inspiration not only from her listeners but books by Bell Hooks and Martin Luther King.

“Bell Hooks is such an amazing person who studies view points from people with the least amount of rights. I find that very amazing and interesting because there is so much people don’t know about the real issues,” Orbe said. “Books are typically written about and average rich white man, while Hooks looks at things such as black women.”

Orbe has been seen on numerous stages. However, she says she mainly enjoys playing at shows that are put on by the community for the community.

“No matter what differences people have between each other, we tend to come together at things like this,” Orbe said.

For more information on Orbe, visit her website at www.cristinoaorbe.com. Team Highline is a student-run events and promotion board.

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**Rational Numbers**

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.

**ACROSS**
1. Consecutive digits in ascending order
2. Less than 1-Across
3. Consecutive digits in ascending order
4. Consecutive digits rearranged
5. Three digits 17-Across
6. 12-Across minus 16-Down
7. Three digits 11-Across
8. Consecutive digits rearranged
9. First digit is four times the last digit
10. Seven digits more than 5-Across
11. Two more than 6-Down
12. One digit minus 9-Across

**DOWN**
1. Four less than 15-Across
2. Thirty more than 3-DOWN
3. Consecutive digits in ascending order
4. 10-Down plus 16-Down
5. 6-DOWN plus 14-Down
6. Ninety less than 14-Down
7. Three times 18-Across
8. Thirteen more than 19-Down
9. Digits of 2-DOWN rearranged
10. Consecutive digits in descending order

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**Video Rentals**

Across
1. Very quickly
3. Sober
4. Mississi—Slang
14. Girl of song in Damn
15. Money
16. Hinge
17. 1988 Kevin Costner movie
19. 500
20. Expended
21. Overabundant
22. TV awards
24. Madman
26. Wound
28. Colors
30. Dirigible
33. Computer memory units
36. Kits
38. Flurry
39. Expressions of joy
40. Defrauds
41. Scheme
42. Adios
43. Cake
44. Beverly of opera fame
45. Pacific salmon
47. Golf course hazard
49. Armstrong & others
51. Equalize
55. Coffeine
57. Center
59. Precodes mode
60. Fertilizer ingredient
61. 1982 Paul Newman movie
64. Dryer product
65. Skin infections
66. First mate & others
67. Cole Porter’s show
68. Squander
69. Spooky
70. Down

**Crossword 101**

**Across**
1. Empire State Building?
2. Daddy Warbucks
3. Ten-cent stamp
4. Chum
5. Conduit
6. Territory:
7. Yen
8. Self-funded plan
9. Cadets’ woes
10. Just gets by
11. 1977 Diane Keaton movie
12. Give up
13. Florida tourist areas
14. Heavy carts
15. 23-4th planet from the sun
16. Caesar’s forum
17. Madman
18. Of the
19. Aristotle’s"
20. Your favorite genre?
21. Three times the last digit
22. Allowance
23. You’re joking!
24. 500
25. 22-Down
26. Yellow
27. Captive
28. She was our best pitcher
29. Self-funded plan
30. Least
31. Golden calf, e.g.
32. Film
33. Hope & others
34. Toy
35. 1949 Gish film
36. Computer key
37. Outrages
38. Meisterschneiderei
39. Watch on host
40. Four
41. Meisterschneiderei
42. Watch on host
43. Watch on host
44. Watch on host
45. Martial art
46. Millau over again
47. 50 Part of 17 Across
48. Inexperienced
49. Infection
50. Soft touch
51. 2003 movie
52. Song
53. Emerald’s need
54. Glimpse
55. Below average grade
56. Song
57. Walks on water
58. Fashionable
59. Famous
60. Fertilizer ingredient
61. 1982 Paul Newman movie
62. Merchandise
63. 29 Party
64. Dryer product
65. Skin infections
66. First mate & others
67. Cole Porter’s show
68. Squander
69. Spooky
70. Down

**Down**
1. Stamp customer
2. "The March King"
3. Former Tonight Show host
4. The future?
5. Of the
6. The future?
7. The future?
8. The future?
9. The future?
10. The future?

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**Poetry**

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ist, and was ushered off the stage with a satisfied applause. Another reader who distinctly stood out was Lightning student Lacey Walter. The crowd gave her a generous welcome as she approached the front of the room, and she smiled as she proposed a warning that her poem was a little crazy. "It's not what you're expecting," she said. "So try to keep an open mind." She then went on to read detailed descriptions of the man she wants, which offered her listeners with both colorful and provocative images. She blushed while reading, but the crowd's reaction was undoubtedy reassuring. Team Highline says they plan on continuing this event, a decision supported by all the positive feedback they have received.

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Highline women's soccer team climbed back up to second place after shutting out Green River and Shoreline last week. Highline defeated Shoreline 5-0 on Oct. 28 then beat Green River on Oct. 30 4-0.

Against Shoreline, the T-Birds were prepared to put up a battle in order to re-claim the No. 2 spot in the Southwest NWAAC Division.

Highline had earlier beaten the Dolphins 4-1.

With two free kicks by defender/midfielder Tonya McLaughlin and a goal by defender/midfielder Karin Nichols, the T-Birds were in command at the end of the first half, 3-0.

In the second half midfielder/defender Amy Foster had a shot making it 4-0.

Midfielder Lisa Groce closed out the scoring with an amazing goal, which Coach Kimmy McLaughlin called, "the best goal of the season."

Forward/midfielder Mariana Palermo beat her player and crossed the ball chest high to Groce, who headed the ball past the goalkeeper to put the game away at 5-0.

That same day, second place Clark tied with Tacoma 2-2. This game left the T-Birds and Penguins tied for second place.

On Saturday the T-Birds came back home to once again shut out Green River with a score of 4-0.

In the previous outing, the T-Birds pounded the Gators 7-0.

This time, two goals were scored by midfielder/forward Katie Keniston, who did not play much in the previous games due to an injured ankle.

Midfielder/forward Alex Pielak rejoined the team after missing a month and half, after having arthroscopic surgery on her knee.

She's not at a 100 percent yet, but did manage to get a piece of action by scoring Highline's third goal.

Pielak is doing real well, but is a little out of shape, said Coach McLaughlin.

"It's good to have Alex back, because it takes the focus away from Mariana," he said.

The return of Pielak gives Highline another scoring threat, meaning defenses can't gang up on Palermo.

Against the Gators, Palermo managed to dribble the ball for a one-on-one with the goalkeeper, finishing with a shot that scored her 16th goal of the season.

The T-Birds victory over Green River, and a 2-2 tie between Bellevue and Clark, bumped Highline back to the No. 2 spot in the Southwest NWAAC Division, and dropped the Penguins back to the No. 3 spot.

Even though key player, midfielder/forward Alicia Wolfskill, who leads the NWAAC with assists, missed the games with Shoreline and Green River after having her wisdom teeth taken out, the T-Birds still came through with two victories.

Wolfskill will be playing this Saturday for the final season game against Tacoma.

The game will be a home game at noon.

The T-Birds real test will come next week as the playoffs begin.
Despite close call momentum is high

By Jamie Grossmann

The men’s soccer team is picking up momentum heading into the playoffs. The men traveled to Shoreline Community College on Oct. 10 to face the Admirals in division action. In their last meeting the men shut out Shoreline 3-0.

Behind goals by William Chang, Steve Pirrotte, Ben Stark, and Brian Koo the men walked away with a 4-1 victory.

“We came out and took care of what we needed to,” said Jason Prenovost, Highline head soccer coach. “Road wins are always good. Teams don’t just rollover when you play them on their field.”

“Raphael Cox had a good game. He provided good energy in the middle of the field,” said Prenovost. “Dave Klein has also been playing extremely well.”

“Betheal Habe has returned and is fitting in again,” said Prenovost.

On Saturday the men returned home to take on the visiting Green River Gators. The T-Bird men came out firing and scored two first half goals. The second half saw the momentum shift in favor of the Gators. Led by former Highline player and current Head Coach Brian Iblings the Gators made a game of it by scoring two second half goals to tie the game at 2-2.

“We gave up two goals that we should not have given up at this point in the season,” said Prenovost. “We left the door open and they capitalized on our mistakes.”

However, Highline remained focused and fought their way down field and were able to capitalize on Riley Miskell’s in that change flicked to Kyle Cobath. Cobath was able to sneak a header just inside the left goal post to seal the victory.

Cobath had two goals in the game and Cox added his eighth goal of the season in the win.

“Momentum was big. We had it in the first half and once they scored they had the momentum and believed they could win,” said Prenovost.

We didn’t execute as well in the second half as we did in the first half, Prenovost said.

“We were able to get the deciding goal against them when they had it all to lose, they were fighting for their playoff lives,” said Prenovost.

The two victories made it three straight and with Clark’s loss to Bellevue last Thursday the men move back to within one point of Clark for the division lead. Clark plays SW Oregon today and Pierce on Saturday.

If the playoffs were to start today the men would play host to Wenatchee Valley who is 10-3-1, however that could change as the Knights have two games remaining against Walla Walla and Spokane which are the second and fourth place teams in the Northeast division.

Anthony Melchior was named the NWAC’s Male Soccer player of the month for October. Melchior leads the league with 17 goals.

The men got back to practice Wednesday after having Tuesday off and going for a run on Monday.

“We had two days off but now we have to focus on our game this Saturday against Tacoma,” said Prenovost. “We are going to practice hard so that we are prepared for Tacoma.”

The men return to action Saturday as they play host to Tacoma at 2 p.m. Tacoma is 3-5-1 since the last meeting on Sept. 30. and have an overall league record of 8-7-3.

In the last meeting with Tacoma, Highline won 3-2 at Tacoma. Highline will have the advantage as they will play at home and are already in the playoffs but they also can’t look past a talented Tacoma team.

Photo by Jamie Grossmann

Raphael Cox working on ball handling during Wednesday’s practice.

Fit

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a healthy body weight.”

Overall Paton said exercise will increase your fitness level. There are a lot of places to exercise on campus.

Aerobic machines, stair climbers and stationary bikes are all available for student use in the gym, Building 28, Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

“There are lots of stairs on campus, those are good,” said Tracy Brigham, Highline health and nutrition instructor.

The two basic types of exercise are cardiovascular and weight or resistance training. Both are beneficial to your health.

Cardio is great for the heart and has a lot of internal benefits. “Health wise it’s the most important,” Brigham said.

The best cardio is anything that keeps your heart rate elevated for at least 30 minutes and uses large muscle groups. Weight training increases the strength of bones and muscles. It is also important to the metabolism.

“Muscles are metabolically active, the more muscle you have the easier it is to burn off fat,” Brigham said. “Both are important to over all fitness.”

Exercise also helps relieve stress.

“A lot of people are stressed out at school and exercise is a great stress reliever,” Brigham said.

Students asked about exercise had this to say.

“I like to work out because it burns off stress and fat,” said Abby Hibbs, Highline student.

“I feel good about exercise, it keeps me fit,” student Jordan Duke said.

Even with all the benefits that fitness has to offer most people don’t exercise enough because of a lack of time, commitment, or knowledge.

“Exercise doesn’t have to be scheduled or regimented, just get out and move when ever you can fit it in,” Brigham said.

The Surgeon General suggests: watch less television, build physical activity into regular routines, increase daily activities, and burn more calories.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (C.D.C.), in 2000, health care costs associated with physical inactivity were more than $76 billion.

“Physical activity is any bodily movement that results in an expenditure of energy, according to the C.D.C.’s website.

“Get physically active at least five times a week, for 30 minutes or more,” says the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. “If we want to live long and fulfilling lives, it’s essential that we learn the real facts about health, nutrition and physical activity.”

Photo by Bryan Yambe

Jacob Potter dives to make a save while working through goalie drills during Wednesday’s practice.

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Volleyball heads towards playoffs

By Kim Ducharme

Highline’s women’s volleyball team won their fourth straight match to move into a tie for third with Green River.

The ladies played with the Halloween spirit still kicking strong on Nov. 1. Sporting black jerseys with “bite me” etched in the color of blood on the back, the ladies defeated Pierce in no time at all, 30-7, 30-16, 30-15.

“It was quick, we played hard and well and hit really well,” said middle hitter Moana Sau. “It was awesome.”

Setter Khia Behrendt had an impressive six kills, 14 assists and three aces.

The T-Birds defeated sixth placed team Centralia on Oct. 27, 30-16, 30-14, 30-11.

“We were in and out in about an hour,” said Head Coach John Littleman.

Outside hitter Blythe Howard was back in the game with 14 kills. Howard was out for two games with a suspected sprained knee.

“My knee is fine, just bruised. I don’t really know what happened,” Howard explained.

Highline next went on to the Mt. Hood Halloween Classic on Oct. 29 - Oct. 30 unsure of what to expect.

“I’m a little scared for much better teams. It will be good for us,” said outside hitter Adelaida Vargas.

A little shorthanded, the ladies came up short with games against Clark, 30-27, 29-31, 30-27, 30-19, Clackamas, 29-31, 30-26, 30-17 and Whatcom, 30-26, 30-22. But came back with a win against Bellevue, 30-26, 31-29, 30-22.

Littleman explained that some players may not be taken to the tournament due to scheduling conflicts. But he was sure that there would be at least six players, the minimum number of players needed to play.

Keeping with tradition of the tournament, the ladies wore costumes of vampires and vampire victims. The tradition is that each participating team in the Halloween Classic dresses up on Saturday and continues play.

With only two games remaining in the season the team is starting to think of NWAACCs. The top four teams in each conference qualify for NWAACC and Highline is on the right track.

“Nobody can take first from Lower Columbia or second away from Clark. We could be as high as third, but no lower than fourth,” said Littleman.

The team is prepared for NWAACCs but still scared and sad that the season is coming to an end.

“I’m excited, and a little nervous,” said Khia Behrendt.

“This season has gone by so fast.”

Throughout the season the team has increasingly become stronger as a whole but Littleman still isn’t satisfied with how they are coming together.

Littleman said he was still waiting for the team to come together and that they haven’t played up to their full potential. Due to scheduling conflicts and personal reasons some of the players haven’t been making it to every practice or even games.

On Wednesday, the T-birds had a chance to reclaim the No. 3 spot when playing Green River. Results for this game were not available at press time.

Come see the ladies play their final game of the season on Nov. 10 at home. The ladies are going for a last attempt to finally break Lower Columbia’s undefeated season. The game starts at 7 p.m.

Wrestling aims for an All-American year

By Martha Molina

The Highline wrestling team is looking to improve upon last year’s performance, when they took four wrestlers to nationals.

“I expect to take at least five wrestlers to nationals this year,” said Head Coach Scott Norton. “I’ll be shocked if I take less than five.”

The T-Birds are known for being a tournament team as they proved in last year’s national tournament.

Kyle McCarron, Jason Mendez, John Murray, and Jacob Peterson qualified for nationals last February.

Out of the four, Mendez at 141 pounds was just one match away from becoming one of the top eight wrestlers in the country and the All-American title.

This season, three of the four national qualifiers are returning with more experience, and a greater chance at becoming an All-American wrestler for 2005.

Heavyweight Peterson chose to take this season as a redshirt year in order to be more competitive for next year’s season.

This year’s team has three or four wrestlers at each weight class, but still have three empty spots for 165, 174, and 184 pounds.

At 125, the T-Birds have freshman Kelly Austreng, who may be redshirted except for tournaments.

Freshman Manuel Pineda will fill the spot at 133 pounds. He was state champ in the 3A high school level last year at 125 lbs.

Wrestling at 141 pounds for the second year in a row, is Mendez.

At 149 pounds is John Murray who was fourth in nationals two years ago.

Freshman, Justin Stouber will wrestle at 157 pounds. In the 3A high school level he was second in state in ’03, and third in state in ’04.

The three wrestlers who were expected to fill in the 165-184 pounds category did not commit due to personal reasons.

Coach Norton hopes these positions will be filled at the start of winter quarter.

A couple of kids are getting ready to wrestle the second half of the season, but will not be eligible until Dec., he said.

Wrestling at 197 pounds will be 2002’s state champ Yura Malanura.

At practice, David Walker ties up with Jacob Peterson.

David Walker will be the T-Birds heavyweight this season.

Mendez and Murray have a good chance at being All-Americans, said Coach Norton.

“Austreng can probably sneak in there too,” he said.

Coach Norton isn’t too worried about the first half of the season because everyone only remembers what happens at nationals.

“We don’t have a complete team, but will be tough at nationals,” said Coach Norton.

On Saturday the T-Birds will visit Coner d’ Alene, ID to compete against North Idaho College and Yakima Community College.
Larpenteur runs toward success

By Mark Knight  

David Larpenteur loves to run. The Highline sophomore has enjoyed running since he was a kid and he used to watch his dad run in marathons.

As Larpenteur was growing up, his parents, mainly his dad, were his biggest influence in running.

"My parents were always there to support me; they want me to do the best I can," Larpenteur said.

At the age of 10 he ran his first race, the Dad and Me Fun Run, and then in fifth grade he started competing in track.

Track wasn't the only sport he was interested in; he also really enjoyed playing tennis. He played tennis all the way up until he was a junior in high school.

His senior year he started to run cross country. Larpenteur had a secret weapon to run faster and better or at least try harder each race.

"In high school I was shy and quiet, sometimes I got picked on, which kept me motived so I could show I was powerful," said Larpenteur.

Larpenteur continued to run and joined the Highline cross country team because "my times weren't good enough in high school so I wanted to improve them," said Larpenteur.

As a freshman at Highline, Larpenteur finished third in the steeplechase at the NWAACC championships last spring, which earned him all-American honors for track.

"Being an all-American in track is a big motivation," Larpenteur said. In cross country last season he was 39th at the NWAACC championships.

This year he is trying to improve and "he trained a lot over the summer doing the triathlon," said his coach, Robert Yates. The triathlon - a combination of running, swimming and cycling - is what Larpenteur really enjoys doing.

"One of my goals is to go to the 2008 Olympics to compete in the triathlon," Larpenteur said. The triathlon also keeps him in great shape for cross country and track. "I ran three triathlons last summer."

Aside from being top runner for cross country at Highline and all-American in track, Larpenteur says he still has things to work on.

"I am a perfectionist and sometimes it is hard to stay focused for a whole season," Larpenteur said.

But through it all, Larpenteur seems to keep improving throughout the season.

"David is the most improved runner in the league this year," said his coach, Robert Yates.

This season Larpenteur is already running better than last season. "I have been running pretty consistent," he said.

"David is really motivated," said Yates. Larpenteur inspires his teammates and keeps them motivated and helps them to compete at their best.

"He leads by example," said teammate Kris Farrell. "He goes out a works hard everyday."

This year Larpenteur's goals are to be an all-American in cross-country and track. Larpenteur also wants to win the steeplechase.

"He will probably be an all-American in cross country this year," Yates said.

Larpenteur is shy and quiet and he would strike you as a snowboarding kid, but his tall, slim build help makes him one of the better runners at Highline. Besides being a great athlete on the course, Larpenteur has a 3.75 GPA. He is also a swim instructor and a lifeguard. If you can't catch him at school, at the pool, or running cross country you could probably find him at the slopes, snowboarding.

Larpenteur is going to be a junior next year and he will be moving on.

Women's cross country team wins first meet

By Mark Knight  

The women cross country team won big at the Bellevue Open on Saturday, Oct. 30.

The men's team almost did as good as the women's team, as the men came up with second.

"It was the first win (women) for the year," said Coach Robert Yates. The women had a team score of 15. Seattle University was the only other complete team running that day at the meet. Seattle University also had a team score of 15.

"We ran a really good race," said Sarah Hudgins.

Sitges Marshall led the women to their victory with a time of 16:52, almost breaking her goal of running under 18 minutes in a five kilometer run.

"Sitges had her best race of the year," said Yates. "The girl that got second had beaten her before."

Hudgins had a time of 20:18 and finished second out of complete community college teams. Hudgins set a new personal best for her.

"Two weeks in a row that every single girl has set a personal best," said Yates.

Janis Jablonsky, performing at her best, had a time of 20:41 and finished third. Cherilyn Flor finished with a time of 21:10. The next finisher, Zori Garaschmich, had a time of 21:23. "Cherilyn and Zori had a much better race," Yates said. Both women had better times throughout the whole season.

Jablonsky was very impressed with how every woman ran this race. "Every single girl ran faster than they did before," she said.

Two of the leading women were out. (Crystal) Lundahl and (Brittany) Boyson dropped because of injuries," said Yates. "They started the race and we wanted to see if they could make it through the race, I think both of them will be back by next week."

The men had a team score of 43 to place them behind Spokane, which had a score of 1 in their eight-kilometer race. David Larpenteur had yet another good week and "easily the best race he has ever run in his life," said Yates.

Larpenteur had a great time of 26:07 and finished second out of community colleges. Larpenteur was less than a minute behind the leader Mark Currell of Spokane. This puts Larpenteur in a good spot for the championships in two weeks. "He has a really good chance to be all-American," said Yates.

Robert Bartholomew finished fifth and had a time of 26:31. "I almost had Fuller," said Bartholomew. Andrew Fuller finished with a time of 26:30, a second ahead of Bartholomew.

The next finisher Josh Frazier placed 11th and had a time of 27:08.72.

Hasan Khalil had a time of 27:26 and placed 12th behind Frazier.

Noah McDonald-Robbins "really stepped it up, he really decided he wanted to be a force on the team," said Yates. McDonald-Robbins had a time of 27:33 and finished 13th.

"Ryan Huff with about a half a mile left had an aching pain and had to slow down a lot, almost to a walk, otherwise it would have been his best race of the year," Yates said.

Huff finished sixth on the Higline team, which didn't place him for a team score. His time was 27:41 and he placed 14th among community college runners.

"We now have six competitive guys for the championship meet," said Yates. Refering to Larpenteur, Bartholomew, Frazier, Khalil, McDonald-Robbins, and Huff.

The team takes a week off to prepare for the NWAACC championship meet on Saturday Nov. 13 at Lincoln Park in Seattle. The race starts at 11 a.m.
Game raises funds, fun

The faculty took to the basketball court with two things in mind: raise money to benefit breast cancer research and beat the Highline women's basketball team.

The faculty accomplished one of those tasks. The charity basketball game raised over $700 in donations from students, staff, and faculty.

The donations will be split amongst two charities, American Cancer Society and the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

"I was very pleased by the amount raised and still enthusiastic that more is coming in," said Jean Munro of Women's Programs.

According to Athletic Director John Dunn and Munro, the staff/faculty versus the women's basketball team will become an annual event.

A few changes for the charity game have been mentioned with the hope that it will increase involvement by the students, faculty, and staff and will also increase the enjoyment for all in attendance.

"We will advertise more, invite staff and faculty to participate as cheerleaders for both teams," said Munro. "Also, we will look into selling concessions such as hotdogs and popcorn.

"We would also like to make sure the other sport teams are involved in selling and helping out at the event," said Munro.

While the game is over there are still opportunities to give your support.

Dunn has purchased pink wristbands and that will be sold for $2 each with the proceeds benefiting the same two causes.

Also a few t-shirts are still available from the charity game.

The shirts are black with the Highline logo and the breast cancer ribbon in pink. The shirts were given away at the door to individuals who made a donation to help benefit breast cancer.

The game was a huge success with about 60 faculty, staff and students in attendance to watch the faculty/staff men take on the women's basketball team.

Going into the game, the men had a size advantage but the women had speed. And height. And talent.

The faculty jumped out with a commanding 9-6 lead, but with about 12 minutes left the women broke out of their slump and went on a streak to finish out the first half ahead 34-15.

The women kept up the intensity during the second half and according to the scoreboard scratched out the win 67-65, however after much debate it was determined that the men had been on the positive end of a scoreboard malfunction.

It is estimated that the women beat the men by about 30 points. With the victory the women continue their streak against the men that has lasted 22 years.

"They are a mean bunch," said Jason Pemovost, director of Outreach Service and men's soccer head coach. "But the women are extremely talented and are going to be fun to watch.

This game was the first scrimmage for the women and after a rough start they were able to put it together and give the crowd a brief preview of what can be expected this season.

With the game becoming an annual event the faculty will have the opportunity to break the streak next year, the year after that, or sometime in the future.

"I would just like to thank all involved and a big thanks to John Dunn, Amber Rowe, the HCC Foundation, Temple D'Amico, the women's basketball team, the faculty/staff team, and student programs for the posters and all that donated and bought shirts," said Jean Munro.

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Lock on gate frustrates students

By Sara Loken

A lock is being put on a gate that connects Highline to Pacific Highway by way of The Birchtree Apartments.

While both college officials and residents agree that the lock is beneficial, they've had a hard time working together.

Steve Hueston, a resident and student at Highline, uses the gate as easy access from his home to the campus.

That's one of the draws for living there because it's so close to the campus, said Hueston.

But when he tried to go to the college on Sept. 13, there was a lock placed on gate.

This caused some problems because the alternative was to walk down Pacific Highway to the southern entrance of campus, said Hueston.

The decision to put a lock on the gate came from Chief Richard Fisher, security and safety director for Highline, after vandals were caught breaking in and vandalizing cars parked in the east parking lot in early September. The suspects were seen fleeing through the Birchtree entrance to campus.

"I decided to keep people from coming in through that entrance," said Fisher, "at least make it more difficult for them."

The decision was also based on the amount of vandalism that was done to the campus over Summer Quarter. Highline experienced an unusual amount of malicious damage.

"We think a lot was coming off the highway," said Fisher. "We haven't had any vandalism since we put the lock on."

A bus stop is located on the highway that's right next to the Birchtree.

A lot of student traffic goes through the Birchtree parking lot and the gate to enter the campus, said Hueston.

"It's easy to see now that students don't go through here anymore because there's no trash around," said Hueston.

Darrell Owen, maintenance supervisor for the Birchtree, is currently talking with Metro to have the bus stop moved to a different location.

"They're currently in the exploratory part of moving it," said Owen.

The highly trafficked highway could also be the reason for the high vandalism.

"We want to try to limit the easy-access ways of getting to the highway," said Dr. Laura Saunders, administration vice president. "We want to slow down intent on committing mischief."

There isn't any reason to believe that the recent vandalism was coming from residents at the Birchtree.

The residents are not without blame. A while ago it was some of the residents that might have caused mischief, but there's quick removal to get them out, said Owen.

"My tenants, a lot of them are older and keep to themselves," said Beth Prentice, manager for Birchtree Apartment.

Workers from Tego Fence Company prepare the Birchtree Apartments gate for a new lock.

New transit center may ease parking problem

By Madeline Jagger

Students will get a new option for getting to school when the new Redondo Heights Park and Ride opens in February.

The new lot is on a 10-acre site in north Federal Way, at 27454 Pacific Highway S., about two-thirds of a mile west of the Star Lake Park-and-Ride.

The new lot will have about 700 parking stalls, including handicap-accessible stalls, for people who want to park and ride the bus to school, and avoid the Highline parking lot hassle.

"There are four bus routes that serve this park and ride to Highline," said Jack Lattmann, lead service planner for King County Metro.

The 173, the 175, the 191, and the 174, will be running from the new lot on Pacific Highway. All these bus routes run on peak hours, which are 6-9 a.m. and 3-6 p.m. except for the 174, which runs all hours of the day every 30 minutes.

The 173 and the 174 are the two buses that run to Highline. The 173 runs twice in the morning at 5:49 a.m. and 7:14 a.m. and it will take about 10 minutes for the bus to get you to your drop off on Pacific Highway.

The 174 picks you up at the park and ride, and will have you at Highline within the next 7-10 minutes.

Though there is potential for shuttles to campus, nothing has been arranged with Highline officials.

With Midway closing due to the new Lowe's hardware store, about 400 hundred students for Winter Quarter will be purchasing what school officials call "a hunting pass."

The hunting pass means that Highline will be issuing more parking passes than there are spaces. Students are already used to that.

"You have to stalk people leaving in order to get a spot," said Amber Berg, a student at Highline.

Waiting buses will stay in a waiting area that will accommodate four buses.

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Witnesses feel that hope is in the future under Jehovah himself.
Anyway the results are looked at, the changes will continue to effect community college students.
State Rep. Joe McDermott, D-34th District, said he wasn't happy with some of the election results.
"I'm disappointed that Initiative 884 didn't pass because it's a real and serious investment in education," he said.
The initiative, which would have raised money for higher education and increased the amount of slots at colleges, wasn't approved.
McDermott believes that the Legislature will have a Democratic majority, but the gubernational race between Chris Gregoire and Dino Rossi is in a dead heat.
"I suspect that Gregoire will pull it off," McDermott said.
State Sen. Margarita Prentice, D-11th District, said it is hard to tell what the makeup of the state Legislature will look like for the next year due to the absentee ballots left to be counted.
She also said that the next year will bring financial hardships to community colleges.
"This election hasn't changed anything. It will still take a couple of years to come out of our recession—there is just a lack of money to go around," said Prentice.
She recalled the education experience she received in her early years.
"Back in 1948, there was no tuition—I just had to pay for my books and it was still hard for me. It was a kid today, I would never be able to attend college because of the rising costs," Prentice said.
Rep. McDermott said that the financial needs of the education system are problems in need of solutions.
"I think that we all agree that there are investments that need to be made in education," he said.
President George Bush's re-election leaves some in fear because of the current state of education.
McDermott would like to see the No Child Left Behind Act fully funded.
"It becomes meaningless if you don't fund it. There will be differences in parties as to what the changes are, but we need to narrow out those differences," McDermott said.
Whatever the result, last night's election had the largest voter turnout since 1944.

Election results for Washington state

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George Nethercutt
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Louise Slaughter
Democrats
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our involvement - to the extent that it brings new members in," said Windhover. Out of 161 full-time faculty, 55 percent are currently union members. The remaining 45 percent will be required to make a choice by fall 2005.

Mamber sympathizes with non-union members, but sticks by her opinion.

"I understand feeling that you're left out. But the next step is not feeling left out: get involved," she said.

Some non-union members are upset by the new clause in the contract.

"It made many faculty re-sentful. They didn't understand why - union leadership didn't explain why to non-union fac-
ulty," said Eric Baer, geology instructor.

Baer said that the process wasn't done in the best interests of union members or faculty. Union members were told in a recent e-mail from President Windhover: "We [union mem-
bers] do not discuss any of the issues with non-members, con-
traversial or not, and we never have."

The e-mail was later re-
tracted, but some faculty were resentful of the comment.

"Not having discussion in higher education goes against what we're about," said Baer. "When you include more people's viewpoints, you come to a better solution."

Baer, who claims he doesn't mind paying the fee, says he simply is upset about the pro-
cess.

Other teachers are upset about the fee and don't want to pay.

"Agency fees are also sup-
porting the Washington Educa-
tion Association (WEA)...and I don't want to contribute to a political opponent," said John Pfeffer, chemistry professor. "One has to at least respect that others have a dissenting opin-
ion."

Pfeffer believes that though the agency fee is legal, it is "ethically wrong."

But Pfeffer also believes that union members may not un-
derstand why some are so adamant.

I think they have a percep-
tion that it is just about fairness...and are unaware of the fact," he said.

Pfeffer feels that the best so-
lution to the problem would be to find a different, neutral bar-
arging agency.

"If [the agency fee] has af-
fected the morale of the faculty. It's kind of sad," Pfeffer said.

Union member Mamber also feels that there is a concern about campus climate, but feels that the situation will turn out all right.

"We [faculty] generally get along on campus even when we disagree on the specifics."

Council still talking about taxing Highline

Des Moines city officials debate at meeting over tax proposal

By Amanda Downs
staff reporter

Des Moines City Manager Tony Piatecki said that a pro-
posed head tax on employees would not apply to Highline, but City Council members are still talking as if Highline is taxable. Still in discussion as a solu-
tion to Des Moines' $3.3 million budget deficit, the proposal calls for a $75 per person fee on Des Moines businesses.

A parking tax proposal was also mentioned, calling for a $2 fee to park at Des Moines beaches and parks. If expanded, the parking tax could cover city businesses.

Whether Highline is consid-
ered a Des Moines business will be decided by the Council.

Representatives from High-
line's Student Government asked Des Moines City Council members to elaborate on the re-
cent proposal that could affect

Highline's budget and students at last week's Council meeting.

Paul Kalchik, Kalchik, Highline Student Gov-
ernment vice president of legis-
sation, spoke to the Council members about the tax and the affect it would have on Highline if it is implemented. Kalchik said that if Highline can't pay for the tax out of the already-cut budget, the burden would be passed on to the students.

"We're paying enough fees as it is," said Kalchik. Kalchik pointed out that the tuition rate rose every year for the past three years, while Highline's overall budget de-
creased in the same amount of time.

"An affordable education isn't affordable anymore," said Kalchik.

Student Government Senator Josh Oakley also spoke at the meeting regarding the proposals.

City Council member Dan Sherman supports the head tax proposal because the city needs funds. Sherman cited shootings and a chemistry lab, saying that money is needed to help fund the police department and recreational programs in Des Moines.

"We have problems in this city, and I support any tax that could help our community," said Sherman.

Sherman said that this is not the time to be selfish, especially when the city is hurting.

"All of us use the roads, all of us rely on the police to keep us safe. Someone has to pay for them," said Sherman.

Later on during the meeting, the subject of Midway park was brought up. The 1.6-acre park, located on 22nd Street and 29th Av-
enue South, hosts a play area, picnic spots, and walking paths. With-
out proper funding, the park would have to be closed.

"I'd be happy to spend some of their (Highline's) money on this," said Sherman.

Along with Highline, various retirement homes in Des Moines had representatives present. They also spoke on the head tax proposal, stating that the tax would mean increased rates to their elderly residents who are already on a tight finan-
cial budget.

Council member Maggie Steenrod encouraged more people to get involved.

During the meeting she read some suggestions for helping the city's budget sent in by a Des Moines citizen.

"We do read suggestions and do pay attention to them," said Steenrod.

The next City Council meet-
ing is today at 7 p.m. at Des Moines City Council Chambers, lo-
cated at 21630 11th Ave. South, Suite B.

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