Tuition is likely to rise again

BY MICAH DILL
STAFF REPORTER

Students will pay more for tuition next year.

"There will be tuition increases, hopefully with clear justification," said State Rep. Skip Prisin, R-Federal Way.

Pries spoke at the annual Student Government Legislature Breakfast held on Jan. 6, and the state's biennial budget was a major topic of conversation. Washington State's $1.6 billion budget shortfall and the projected increase in the number of students who will be attending at least one college or university. The state will have to raise $213 million next year to keep the budget in the black.

The average cost of tuition at Highline College is $1,982. The tuition fee for students at Highline and other community and technical colleges only cover one third of the cost of the education. The rest of the costs will be covered by the state.

Governor Gary Locke's budget cuts $1.6 million from the resources requested by the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges. The budget allows for 3,633 new openings for students in the state's 34 community and technical colleges over a two-year period. The board wanted $5,000.

As a result, Highline has the authorization to raise tuition rates as much as 9 percent to increase the school's ability to enroll more students. The budget shortfall means the state's colleges will have to raise tuition rates by 19 percent next year.

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Enrollment down; cause is unknown

BY QUENTIN TAMMART
STAFF REPORTER

Winter Quarter enrollment numbers, as with fall, remain down from this time last year, but were bolstered in part thanks to a staff campaign to contact students.

"[Enrollment] at all but three of the community and technical colleges were down fall quarter and I would assume that that would be the trend all year," said Becky Riverman, Associate Dean of Enrollment.

Compared with Winter '04, enrollment is down by approximately 10 percent, a gap that Riverman hopes to close by the end of the week as students continue to register.

"For Highline, I think it's a combination of many many different things," said Riverman.

The raise in tuition and the Pacific Highway construction as two possible reasons.

"I see it as a larger trend," said student Chris Dillon.

"Young people just seem more and more disinterested in school these days."

Kris Betker, communications director for the state Higher Education Coordinating Board, said the enrollment for the four-year universities and private colleges are up, which leaves community and technical colleges searching for answers. The State Board of Community and Technical Colleges is currently surveying the registrars, trying to gauge why enrollment is down.

The Reach Out and Touch Someone Campaign by 22 Highline employees culled and mailed students who had registered for Fall Quarter but not winter and those who had taken the COMPASS assessment in fall but not registered.

"The goals of the campaign were twofold: We wanted to encourage students to come and register and we also wanted to...

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Student Union opens doors

BY BRYAN YAMBIE
STAFF REPORTER

The opening of the Student Union has drawn mostly positive feedback despite a few bugs to be worked out. Jonathan Brown, associate dean of Student Programs, said he is extremely pleased with the Student Union despite the fact many things remain to be done inside the building before it is fully operational. "...we felt that we were more ready than not," Brown said.

Principals Carty, a student, quietly studied by himself at a table across from the Union Café located on the first floor of the new building.

Wearing a black knit cap and dark sweats, enjoying chicken fingers and fries, he took a second to comment on the new building: "It's beautiful, modern, and up to date," Carty said. "It's a nice change from the tent. We needed a change, and this, this is it."

In the Fireside Bistro, Zariah Mohamet said, "The new place upstair, for the student programs is great."

Mohamet was joined by a fellow classmate Omari Houzie, who said "...I hear that it's a great place to meet chicks."

While many days students were nothing but pleased with the new facility, there were some frustrated students as well.

"There's no place to heat anything," said student Karen Morrow.

Morrow, who attends both day and evening classes, expressed her frustrations for those students who are on diets.

"For those who are on low-carb, low-salt diets, and bring homemade soup from home, there's no microwave," she said.

Evening students Graham and Kathleen Roney, who sit together at a table study for their night class, seem to be very pleased with the new building.

"Compared to what it used to be, it's fantastic. It's a five-star hotel compared to what it used to be," said Mrs. Roney.

"I don't mind downtown being closed, it doesn't affect me.

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Women's hoops jump to fast start with 3-0

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Thefts range in size
A vehicle was stolen from the north lot on Jan. 10. A police report was filed with the Des Moines Police Department.
A black Eddie Bauer back-paw was stolen from in front of the bookstore on Jan. 10. 
A computer was stolen off of a high-speed mobile computer station in Building 26 on Jan. 7.
A woman's purse was stolen from Building 9 between 10 and 10:30 on Jan. 6.
A Ford pickup belonging to a Highline employee was broken into and some items were reported stolen on Dec. 14.

Vandals leave mark
Graffiti was reported in the men's restroom in Building 3 on Jan. 10.
Graffiti was also found in the fourth and fifth floor men's rooms in Building 25 on Jan. 7.

Cars collide in East lot
A woman's car was struck by another vehicle in the east lot on Jan. 10. The driver of the second vehicle was tracked down and neither car sustained any damage.
There was a fender bender in the east parking lot on Jan. 4. The two students exchanged insurance information and went on their ways.

Property Found
A brown wallet was found in Building 6 on Jan. 3. A Palm Pilot was found in Building 30 on Jan. 7.
A leather coat was found in Building 2 on Jan. 11.
A watch was found in Building 30 on Jan. 11.

Crime tip of the week
If the winter weather closes campus you can find out at www.schoolreport.org or by listening to the school closure reports on television and radio news broadcasts.

Compiled by Kevin Garber
Chemistry show awes audience with science

By Brian Davis

STAFF REPORTER

Four little balloons, each one filled with a different chemical gas. The chemist lit the extended match, slowly approaching the first balloon, which was filled with regular exhaled air. Silence and eagerness filled the auditorium. The first balloon made a regular popping sound.

Then chemistry professor John Pfeffer approached the second one, which was filled with pure oxygen. When the fire hit the bald head there was a boom similar to a firework.

The third balloon was filled with pure hydrogen, which exploded in a big flame. On the fourth balloon, Pfeffer warned the audience to cover their eyes. It was filled with a mixture of hydrogen and helium. The instant the fire melted the end of the balloon, it sounded like an M-80 went off 10 feet from the front row. The combustion wave hit the crowd and the audience was left staring in awe.

Approximately 130 people came to the first Science Seminar of 2005, the second annual Chemistry Show.

Professors John Pfeffer and Katie Guliford demonstrated many entertaining aspects of chemistry experiments that included ethanol flames, blowing up nitrogen, and chemical reactions with potassium iodine that turned Building 7 into a lab. Experiments such as hydrogen filled balloons and the reactions to fire blew away the crowd along with many other experiments.

"Purpose of the chemistry show is to make science fun and to entertain the audience," Guliford said.

The pair noted that students may sometimes be challenged by chemistry because it requires patience, using observations, and taking something that has no mathematical sequence and applying them to certain mathematical laws.

But students should study science, even if it's outside their majors, if only for the experience. You use and see science everyday, whether in the news or on their cell phones.

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Science Seminar was created five years ago by former Highline professor Eric Stavney. Each show has a good turn out, but the chemistry show has the best.

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Photos by Mary Raab

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King week to provide wake-up call for students

By Olga Kirdyuk

STAFF REPORTER

College officials hope that people will wake up to Martin Luther King Jr.'s message starting Monday.

Martin Luther King Jr. Week starts off Monday, Jan. 17 with a rally and march and ends with a musical celebration on Friday. Throughout the week there will be lectures, debates with discussion and interactive workshops, as well as a panel discussion. Everyone is welcome to participate.

The annual celebration provides, "valuable place where people can come together," said Natasha Burrows.

Burrows, the chairman of the planning committee, has been working with the program for about two years now, while the program itself has been running for approximately 10 years.

This year, representatives from Team Highline, as well as Student Programs, and Multicultural Services are aiding in organizing the events. Faculty, staff, and others are helping to put together this program.

This year's theme is called "Wake up to the Dream."

Burrows said the media can sometimes mainstream and misrepresent Dr. King, misleading people.

The theme, however, is trying to tell people to wake up and understand the issues that are all around us. Burrows said it's important to come together as a community, discuss issues, and carry on conversations.

Martin Luther King Jr. week has always been successful at Highline with as many as 500 students participating throughout the week. This year Burrows is expecting about the same amount of people, if not more, to participate.

The events for the upcoming week include:

Monday, Jan. 17, although there are no classes scheduled at Highline, the week starts Monday. Monday is "Day of Action," consisting of a rally with a march and a march that will take place at Garfield High School in Seattle.

The workshops start at 9 a.m. while the rally and march start at 11.

Anyone interested in going can meet at Highline at 10:15 to take a bus down to Seattle.

Even though students get this day off Burrows says, "...turn it into a day on to celebrate and honor Dr. King's life."

"To sign up for the bus contact Burrows at 206-878-3710, ext. 3256 or e-mail tburrows@highline.edu."

"For Tuesday, Jan. 18 there will be a "Wake Up To The Dream" address by Dr. Joyce Hardman at 10 a.m. in the Student Union building.

Dr. Hardman will examine the issues Dr. King fought for in the 1960s comparing them to the issues of the current historical moment."

Later on at 11 a.m. in Building 2 there will be "Integration vs. Separation as a Strategy for Achieving Racial Equality" debate.

The debate will be about race in the 21st century and the best strategies for achieving racial equality.

The debates include Terry Ross, director for Community and Diversity at Oregon State University and Akinde Ayodeji, faculty of sociology at Green River Community College.

"On Wednesday, Jan. 19, there will be "Understanding Race," a film and discussion at 9 and 10 a.m. in the Student Union. Topics included are the anthropological unity of Homo Sapiens; sanctioned discrimination, such as segregation; cultural biases based on racial stereotypes; and the underlying humanity that inextricably links us all."

Later on, at noon there will be an "Opening Doors in the Healthcare System," a lecture by Dr. Rayburn Lewis, a medical director at Swedish Medical Center, who will talk about opening doors in the health care system for marginalized communities.

Lectures take place in the Student Union.

Following the lecture there will be a "MLK: Putting His Words into Action," an interactive workshop that will take place in Building 2 from 1-3 p.m.

In this workshop participants will draw from the words of Dr. King to create short skits that challenge us all to take action and demonstrate concrete ways to get involved for a positive change.

"On Thursday, Jan. 20, there will be a "Racial disparity in the Criminal Justice System," a lecture by King County Councilman Larry Gossett, at 11 a.m. in Building 7.

Gossett will speak about the problem of racial profiling and discrimination in the Seattle Area.

Shortly following the lecture, at noon in Building 7 there will be a panel discussion.

The discussions, which features King County Judge Michael Spearman, Attorney Jeff Robinson, James Bible of the Racial Disparity Project, and Attorney Molly Cohan as moderator, will examine racial disparities within the criminal justice system.

"Ending the week on Friday, Jan. 21, will be a musical celebration 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Student Union by the "Phat Phunk Family Band," a group of producers, engineers, songwriters, arrangers, and artists seeking to enlighten and inspire a positive message."
HSU building well-loved

You walk in the front doors of the Highline Student Union and that new building smell strikes you with force. Its wide expanse is breathtaking as the café-style pasted colors and cozy chairs beckon. Smells of freshly baked pizza waft from the left as you pass by the Fireside Bistro. Students, faculty, and staff pass by in all directions.

It's been a long time since Highline had a place for students to just be. The building offers a "university feel" that has brought students in borders to its airy rooms, overstuffed chairs, and languid areas.

It is about time that the HSU opened. The whole carcass of the old cafeteria tent was beginning to mold and its shallow walls wouldn't have done much against the cold that has ransacked the campus these first two weeks of classes. Delay after delay caused a sense of doubt that the new building would ever open (perhaps it was just a con to test the wary souls of students already overridden with homework), but finally the doors have been unlocked and the welcome mats have been laid down.

Already the HSU is being worn in with the tidal wave of college students who take shelter from the freezing winter temperatures. Several tables have been literally loved to pieces, and groups have staked out various areas, marking their territory. The Mt. Jupiter Reading Room on the third floor is usually filled with students here over textbooks showing that teachers really do pile on the homework, and attack their jobs with gusto.

The cafeteria, located on the first floor, offers a variety of food and a great view, which can be seen through the giant glass windows if you overlook the unfinished holding pond right outside. The Fireside Bistro has secured its home on the second floor. Already regulars can usually find, holding up the aluminum bar stools and chairs that are clustered around tables and spread randomly about the room. Ironically the Fireside Bistro had no fun for the first week of classes due to a slight displacement of the key, but now it’s lit and is a great place for students to destress between classes.

The new building is in no way perfect. The bookstore was a mess of students waiting to purchase books throughout the first week, and lines stretched well out into the lobby. And it’s funny that the Student Program Office, housing approximately only 35 students and faculty, stretches over a good portion of the third floor while the bookstore remains stuffed to the brim in 400 square feet less than its previous location.

Even so, we can all be impressed with the high-tech equipment and modern building, the most important thing is that this new space offers a place for students to build a community with one another. Once again, Highline can offer its students something more than the classroom.

Opinion

Starbucks brews mixed reactions

It’s early Monday morning. I’m running late for that math class. Yeah. As I pull into the parking lot I begin to half-jog as thoughts of limits and polynomial functions run through my head. I pull open the door to Starbucks... wait. Why am I at Starbucks? I’m late for my honors math class. Oh, that’s right — it’s coffee. I’m addicted. I need it. I stand in line, foot tapping impatiently as I open my wallet, it’s empty. With a sigh I pull out my Visa and cross my fingers, hoping that I haven’t, yet again, overdrawn my account.

“I’ll take a grande, extra-hot, non-fat Pumpkin Spice latte with whip phases.” Ahh, once again my day starts on the right foot — or right latte, I should say.

What is it about Starbucks? I spend more money at Starbucks in a week than someone makes in a third world country. I’ve got to cut back. I had thought of it once before. About a year ago I shelled out $5 for a Krups espresso maker. I tried it once, got bored, and ran away to Starbucks to nurse my wounded spirit over a mocha. Ironically, it’s now collecting dust under a pile of shoes at the bottom of my closet.

But still, why must I jet away to Starbucks, my “midday getaway,” as they like to call themselves, to spend more of my hard-earned cash on a coffee stocked, legal stimulant that will do nothing but stunt my growth and give me coffee breath? Really, I’ve come to find that Starbucks sells the experience rather than the coffee itself.

Fun memories have been created and friends made during my various Starbucks excursions. And, I’m not alone. Fellow Starbucks socialite and Highline student Hayley Norton understands the love/hate relationship. “Starbucks empowers the whole idea of Seattle society — sipping coffee at your laptop with a book — that’s Seattle.”

But, in all honesty, Starbucks is the epitome of capitalism. That smiling green mermaid is the goddess of consumerism. But, Starbucks, a self-proclaimed hero, likes to hide their prices behind community service projects and crisp green uniforms. After all, who in their right mind would shell out $4 for a cup of coffee? Oh wait... me.

Even the hippie liberals from hypohearts who refuse to wear clean clothes and worship Ginzburg can often be seen circled around a Starbucks table, smashing the economy, coffees in hand. Starbucks just does that to people.

That little green logo, an instant status symbol, has the power to turn a nobody into a somebody.

And although Starbucks claims to encourage originality, it is almost becoming a chilie. Non-Starbucks-drinking Seattle-titles are becoming the minority.

It’s almost impossible not to run into a Starbucks in Seattle, which in all honesty, really isn’t such a bad thing. Starbucks is a slice of heaven in my all too chaotic day.

Starbucks is the master and commander of coffee, the I-Ching of all cafes, and will always remain so in my heart.

Now, if only they would lower their prices...

Elizabeth’s column took a month to write because she kept taking coffee breaks.

The Thunderword

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Highline student sings her way to nationals

By Arika Shropshire  
STAFF REPORTER

Highline student Amber Johnson will be competing in the northwest regional level Young Artist Voice Competition June 15-16.

After winning the state-level competition in November, Johnson will advance to compete against the state-level winners from Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Alaska.

The state-level competition was held at Highline, and featured many talented students.

The competition will be held at Whitworth College in Spokane. Each contestant in the northwest regional young artist division must perform musical selections in German, French and Italian along with an English art song selection and an operatic aria.

Johnson will sing four songs in French, two songs in German, four songs in Italian, three English art songs and an operatic aria.

Her whole performance will last for about 35 minutes.

"This is the biggest thing (competition) I've ever done," Johnson said.

She is the youngest of four children and has been singing since she was three. She has been singing with the Highline madrigal choir and the Northwest Young Artist Choir since she was in fifth grade.

According to Johnson, what really sets him apart from other photographers is his inspiration.

"It's my main photographic tool," he said.

Vercammen also uses a pinhole camera and a large format camera on occasion. Each photo is clearly taken with purpose and some may notice how individual they are, for the focus is not always clear.

"My artistic style is very personal and is created by my unique photographic eye," he said.

"I see the world differently than most people," he said. "I see the world through the eyes of an artist."
Actor plays himself in 'Viva Zavada!' 

BY JESSIE ELLIOTT

Imagine waking up one morning, believing that it will be a normal day. As you go about your every day business, you notice people acting strangely around you, as though they think you are someone who you know you are not.

Welcome to the world of Andy Zavada, an actor who does trade shows.

Viva Zavada!, a play written by Highline's own T.M. Sell, is a comedic exploration of the world we live in today.

"It's a riff on issues, identity and belonging, but also on politics and policy," Sell said.

Viva Zavada! is the latest production to come out of the for-profit theater company, Brooders Theater. Founded in 1999, this company prides itself on original comedy and music at a great price. Brooders Theater will be beginning its fourth season at E.B. Foote Winery with Viva Zavada! This play is different from others typically seen from Brooders Theater.

Andy Zavada, who has worked with Sell before, essentially plays himself in this surreal comedy, however, the resemblance stops there. Aside from his name and profession, all other aspects of the play really have nothing to do with him, Zavada said.

"The oddity of it is to hear your name over and over again," said Zavada.

Sell decided to write the play the first time he talked to Zavada, and it only took a couple of weeks to write. Other comedies Sell has written have been fairly straightforward, but this play is out of the ordinary, he said.

"It does sort of mess with what is reality and what isn't," Sell said.

Viva Zavada! will be playing Jan. 21-24 and Feb. 4-6, Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. The performance on Jan. 24 will be at 7 p.m. and is a benefit performance, in which all proceeds will go to the Highline College Foundation.

Tickets for the show are $20 and are available at E.B. Foote Winery, 206-242-3852 and Corky Cellars, 206-824-9462. Ticket prices include wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres as well as the show.

"I hope this will demonstrate that you can take a chance once in awhile," Sell said.

New class designed for movie lovers

BY MICAH DILL

Students now have the opportunity to explore the world through the art of motion pictures.

A new class has been created at Highline to give students the opportunity to experience other cultures while being able to relax and enjoy the company of friends.

International Student Programs and the World Languages Department have teamed up with the Center for Extended Learning to create "Movie Fridays: Global Perspectives Through International Films."

Roman Wright, American Sign Language instructor and a coordinator for Movie Fridays, said the class was another way to celebrate our diversity.

Movie Fridays gives students access to films that are often times not shown at the neighborhood cineplex. Nine films will be shown over the course of 10 weeks.

The films were chosen for their ability to portray the culture of their country of origin as well as for their entertainment value to ensure that students will be able to experience a variety of cultures.

The films that are featured will be French, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, and even a film in American Sign Language, giving students opportunities to see films from many cultures of the world.

Highline student Carl Lauer showed up for Friday's movie, Amelie, a film about a girl searching for love and happiness in Paris, because his writing teacher suggested it as an option to receive extra credit.

"My friends said they liked the movie, so I thought I'd check it out," Lauer said.

Movie Fridays began as a movie club that met about every other Friday, and has evolved into an organized class that offers students seating, a theater-sized screen, and free popcorn. Registering for the class is easy, just sign in at the door, and there are no fees for attending.

Movie Fridays is a non-credit class. The class is held Fridays at noon in the Rec Center, room 213.

An animated Japanese film about trying to fit into a new community, Kiki's Delivery Service, will be the class's next film and will play on Jan. 21.

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Wrestling fills in empty slots

BY MARTHA MOLINA
STAFF REPORTER

The Highline wrestling team now has a full roster.

After struggling to have a complete team in the beginning of the season, the T-Birds now have a wrestler in each weight class and a few others who can fill in when needed.

The additions to the wrestling team include Vinh Tran at 133 pounds, Johnny Wicker at 157 pounds, Josh Decker at 174 pounds, and Erik Dahlberg at 184 pounds.

Unfortunately during the break, the T-Birds lost three starting wrestlers. At 133 pounds, Manuel Plata, who was 2004 state champ at 125 pounds in the 3A Division, had to leave the team due to personal reasons. At 175 pounds, Justin Studder was forced out the rest of the season due to an injury on his neck. At 285 pounds, David Walker, who was nationally ranked, became ineligible due to grades.

Despite the changes that occurred during the break, Head Coach Scott Norton believes that everything that occurred has motivated the team to wrestle harder.

"I think it’s good because now we aren’t giving up three forints," said Studder.

After losing the team was giving up three forints, equivalent to 18 points per dual, the T-Birds still managed to come away with a 4-4 record for the first half of the season.

Highline claimed victories over Yakima Valley twice, Clackamas, and Douglas.

The three forfeits contributed to losses when to Southwest Oregon, North Idaho, Great Falls, and Simon Fraser.

The T-Birds never lost hope, however, and still remain focused on nationals. What counts for them is how you end the season, not how you start it.

The revised roster for the T-Birds includes Kyle McCarron at 125 pounds, Tran at 133, Jason Mendez at 141, Jon Muri at 149, Wicker at 157, James Barr-Finch at 165, Dahlberg at 174, Decker at 184, Yura Malamur at 197, and Jacob Peterson at 285.

"He (Tran) is actually a little small for 133," said Norton. "He will probably be our 125 next year."

Barr-Finch wrestled last year, and decided to come back the second half of the season this year.

Peterson, who placed seventh in nationals last year, was taking a redshirt year, but was forced out of it due to Walker’s absence.

The team’s goal of taking as many guys to nationals still stands. Norton hopes to at least take Mender, Muri, Malamur, and Peterson to Minnesota.

The T-Birds debated their complete team each week at the Southwest Oregon Open, which was an individual tournament.

Peterson qualified for the semfinals, but was forced to default because the team had to leave. He finished in the top six for 285 pounds.

Things are looking up for the T-Birds for the second half of the season.

With a complete roster, the team is motivated to do much better in dual meets, said Norton.

"For the time being, we should be OK," he said.

The T-Birds will host North Idaho for a dual meet tonight in the Pavilion at 7 p.m.

Men’s basketball starts off to fastbreak in league

BY MARK KNIGHT
STAFF REPORTER

After a rocky start, men’s basketball has pumped into high gear and has an undefeated record in divisional play.

The T-Birds came off of a barely decent preseason record, winning only four games out of the 10 they played in.

“We took some steps back during our preseason games,” said forward Tavar Proctor.

The T-Birds losses were to Bellevue (twice), Treasure Valley, Everett, Yakima Valley, and Mt. Hood.

Highline defeated Yakima Valley, Skagit Valley (twice), and Wesachene Valley.

“I thought we would have a few more wins at this stage,” said Head Coach Che Dawson.

“We intentionally played a tough non-league schedule. All of the teams we lost to have winning records.”

Highline started the season by upsetting Lower Columbia, last season’s NWAACC champions, 63-55.

“We opened against Lower Columbia... and we beat them convincingly,” said Coach Dawson.

George Irvy came up big that game with 19 points, 14 rebounds, and 4 blocked shots. “He was performing on both sides of the court,” said Dawson.

Proctor also did well in this game, he had 11 points and 10 rebounds, while Teller had 10 points and seven assists.

Highline also came out on top in a close match against Green River, 74-72.

“It was a close game. We kept up our intensity,” said Teller.

Irvy dominated both sides of the court again, with 19 points, 16 rebounds, and 4 blocks.

Proctor once again had a good game with 15 points and seven rebounds.

The T-Birds extended their winning streak by beating Pierce, 82-70, who had an undefeated record before facing Highline.

“We shared the ball a lot. We felt proud that our team had 27 assists,” said Teller, who had six assists.

Teller wasn’t just sharing the ball with his teammates; he came out of the game with 30 points Irvy had another big game with 19 points and 19 rebounds. Proctor scored 17 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

“Is it about us having focus on the court,” said Proctor. “We are taking kind of taking baby steps to get our goal, to win the whole thing.”

The next step Highline has to take is beating Tacoma. Results from the Wednesday night game were unavailable at press time.

“It’s going to be a good game, because they are like our rivals,” said Teller beforehand.

The game was on Wednesday, Jan.12 here at Highline results were unavailable for press time.

The women's basketball team is continuing its winning ways with three consecutive wins to begin the league portion of their season.

The women have compiled a record of 10-5, which includes two second-place finishes in two early non-league tournaments.

The women opened the season at home Jan. 3 against defending division champs Lower Columbia. The women met the challenge head on and pulled out the victory 77-66.

The women led from the opening tip as they stormed out to a 33-17 lead in the first half. The Red Devils made a push during the second half, outscoring the T-Birds 49-44 but were unable to overcome the 16-point deficit.

Marissa Cain had a game high 21 points and added eight rebounds. Ashley Clark added 19 points and four rebounds. Shelby Avaava shared the game's rebounding lead with Kelli Marcus. Each pulled down nine boards.

As a team the Lady T-Birds out-rebounded the Red Devils 50-33 and shot 41 percent from the field and 50 percent from behind the three point line.

The Highline women also won the battle of the benches, outscoring the Red Devil's bench 41-20.

On Jan. 5 the women traveled across the valley to take on the Lady Gators of Green River. The Lady T-Birds avoided a late push by Green River and held on for the 63-60 win.

"Green River is a hard place to play," said Highline Head Coach Amber Rowe. "It is always good to get a win on the road."

The Lady T-Birds led at half 37-23 but the second half the tables were turned and the Lady Gators stormed back to pull within three but that was as close as they would get.

Green River made a run at the end but individuals stopped up and made the shots and defensive plays to lead us to the victory," said Rowe.

Megan Triller led the Lady T-Birds with 12 points and four rebounds. Point guard Christine King led the team in rebounding with seven. Cain had a game high four blocked shots.

Last Saturday, the women returned home to take on the Lady Raiders of Pierce College. The T-Birds pulled off a convincing victory after getting off to a slow start, winning 75-49.

For most of the first half Pierce kept up with the potent T-Birds. There were 10 lead changes. However, when the first half ended, Highline was ahead 34-29.

"When we started nobody was ready to play," said Rowe.

After halftime the Highline women came out on fire on both sides of the court as they held Pierce to 16 points and scored 41.

Triller again led the team in scoring and pulled down 10 boards to record her first double-double of the season. Taryn Phipps helped on the boards pulling down nine and led the team with five assists.

"Taryn played really well coming off the bench," said Rowe. "Ashley Casaval and Taryn played with lots of heart and intensity."

The women have come a long way from the beginning of the season. The women opened the season at the Shoreline Tournament and came away as the second place team, winning two games and losing one. After losing two of their next three games, the women traveled to the Crossover Tournament at Peninsula Community College.

The women won the first two games but lost big to Umpqua in the championship game. The tournament was a success as the women had to step up their game as they played without Cain and Bree Marcus who were both out with injury.

Marcus was lost for the season when she tore her ACL on a loose ball tie-up during the Dec. 10 loss to Skagit Valley.

"I am still looking for the sophomores to step up into the leadership role," said Rowe. "That forces the freshman to step up."

"I really want to crush somebody by playing out game, not by playing to that game," said Rowe. "The team set some goals and so far we are achieving them."

Results for Wednesday's home game against Tacoma unavailable at press time.

The women travel Saturday to Grays Harbor and then travel to Centralia next Wednesday.

Shelby Avaava looks to be the T-Birds triple threat

By Kim Ducharme

Shelby Avaava is an all around athlete here at Highline. Avaava, who is currently a freshman, started the school year as an outside hitter for the T-Birds volleyball team. She has since then traded in her volleyball spandex for a basketball jersey where she is a swing player.

In the spring you may even be able to find her out on the field, throwing disc for the track team.

"I've just always played three sports," said Avaava.

Standing tall at 5'10", she is the ideal height for a volleyball and basketball player. She is always sporting a friendly smile, which pops out at you on and off the court.

Avaava started playing volleyball in the ninth grade at Sacagawea Junior High in Federal Way.

She explained that she really wanted to do track but was forced into doing volleyball immediately. She was actually practicing with both teams at the same.

This fall, Avaava had to jump from basketball practice to volleyball practice and still find time for school and herself. This may sound hectic, but Avaava explained that it wasn't hard.

"It's easier now that I'm doing just one," Avaava said.

Like volleyball, Shelby got pushed into basketball by her parents.

"He took me to a game and I thought I was just going to watch," Avaava said. "But he made me play."

Shelby explained she was so bad that it inspired her to get better and play basketball more.

"I was walking across the half court line just carrying the ball because I thought it was OK," Avaava said.

With the intention of getting better and proving to herself that she could play, she tried out for the team in the seventh grade, but got cut.

"I really wanted to play (basketball) because all my friends played," said Avaava.

With even more drive to prove herself, Shelby tried out for the team again in the eighth grade and made varsity.

"Yeah I showed them," she said with a laugh.

Shelby continued to play basketball and improve her skills throughout high school where she played varsity all three years.

She is currently a swing player for the T-Birds women's basketball team. A swing player is a player that plays as a guard and also a forward.

She explained that she came to Highline because of the coaching style.

"I went to a game last season and liked Coach Rowe's style," said Avaava.

Her goal for the season is to just improve each time she plays.

See Shelby, page 10
sets foot on the court. As far as team goals, Shelby would like to see Highline bring home the NWACC championship.

"Shelby is a good vocal leader and a hard worker, which is evident by her playing both sports," said Amber Rowe, Highline's women's basketball head coach. "She is very versatile and can play all five positions on the court."

After the basketball season is over, she may be found out on the field for yet another sport. Shelby is planning on throwing discuss for the track team starting in the spring.

"I did it in high school all three years and even went to state," said Avaava.

Being only a freshman her plans for after Highline are a little vague. But one thing is for sure that she will definitely be playing ball.

"I just want to work as hard as I can in sports and hopefully get into a four-year," said Avaava.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Mt. Hood 2-0 13-1
Clackamas 1-1 13-2
Portland 5-10
Linn-Benton 1-1 7-8
SW Oregon 1-1 6-10
Lane 0-2 7-9
Umpqua 0-2 8-5

NWAACC/Horizon Air Coaches' Poll

1. Mt. Hood 12-1 76
2. Clackamas 12-2 45
3. Everett 11-2 40
4. Pierce 11-3 40
5. Spokane 11-5 30
6. Bellevue 9-4 28
7. Chemeketa 10-5 18
8. LO Columbia 10-5 13

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

NORTH

Shoreline 2-0 7-6
Everett 1-0 11-2
Olympic 1-0 8-5
Whitworth 1-0 6-4
Peninsula 1-1 2-10
SKagit Valley 1-1 4-9
Edmonds 0-1 6-5
Bellevue 0-2 9-5
Seattle 0-2 3-11

WEST

Highline 3-0 7-6
Clark 2-0 5-9
Lower Columbia 2-1 11-5
Pierce 2-1 11-4
Grays Harbor 1-1 7-6
Tacoma 1-1
6-9
Green River 1-2 6-7
Centralia 0-3 4-11
S. Puget Sound 0-3 4-9

EAST

Spokane 2-0 12-5
Walla Walla 2-0 11-3
Blue Mountain 1-1 11-5
Treasure Valley 1-1
3-12
Wenatchee Vly. 1-1
6-9
East Bend 1-1 9-5
Centralia College 0-2
7-10
Yakima Valley 0-2 9-6
SOUTHW.

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SCOREBOARD

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ALSO RECEIVING VOTES:
Highline (6-8, 8 votes), Walla Walla (9-3, 7 votes), Yakima Valley (9-8, 4 votes), Blue Mountain (11-4, 2 votes) & Big Bend (8-5, 1 vote).

Highline 82, Pierce 70
Highline 74, Green River 72

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CLACKAMAS 2-0 14-3
LANE 2-0 17-1
UMPUQA 2-0 17-0
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PORTLAND 1-1
7-8
CHEMEKETA 0-2 6-10
MT. HOOD 0-2 1-15
SW Oregon 0-2 5-0

NWAACC/Horizon Air Coaches' Poll

1. Lane 16-1 74
2. Umpqua 16-0 68
3. Walla Walla 11-2 47
4. Clackamas 13-3 32
5. Centralia 12-2 30
6. Col. Basin 12-3 26
7. LO Columbia 10-3 18
8. Yakima Valley 12-4 12

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A Two-Year, Full-Ride Scholarship!
Doctor spreads word on HIV/AIDS

BY MICHELLE ERICKSEN
STAFF REPORTER

In absence of a cure or a vaccine, the choice weapon to combat HIV is prevention, an expert said here Tuesday. "If you're not infected you will be effected," said Dr. Ashraf Mohammed.

Dr. Mohammed runs the AIDS Prevention Center on the main campus of Cape Peninsula University of Technology in South Africa.

In his AIDS prevention presentation to Highline to heighten awareness of the disease, Highline will be the only campus he and his wife will visit on this trip here.

About 135 students packed into Building 26, room 213 to hear Dr. Mohammed speak. Instead they found themselves part of an interactive learning process.

Dr. Mohammed’s wife, Amina, handed out long white envelopes to 100 of the students.

Ten of the envelopes contained positive AIDS results. A simple handshake was symbolic of a "sex act" that might spread HIV. Everyone with an envelope had to go shake hands with another person in the room.

After everyone shook hands and all the envelopes were open, the 10 people with HIV had infected 10 more people. Then the 10 infected spread the disease to 10 more people, so 30 people had been infected.

There are 1,800 AIDS infections everyday. Of the infected people, 95 percent are in developing countries, and 2,000 of those cases are children under 15 years of age. One in five South Africans are infected, and one in eight infectious worldwide are South African. AIDS is the third leading cause of death in South Africa.

The four easy steps to prevent AIDS are called the HIV ABCs: 1. Abstinence until marriage. 2. Be faithful to your partner/spouse. 3. Condoms -- use them consistently. 4. Do or Die -- do it yourself. Be informed, involved, and get tested.

Dr. Ashraf Mohammed has been involved in AIDS prevention for 15 years. His wife Amina Mohammed is a lecturer at the Cape Town hotel management school, she has recently been researching AIDS prevention in the hotel system for two years. Both are third-generation Indians raised in South Africa.

Dr. Mohammed said he chose the work he does because he felt he needed to contribute. "Your life is a gift from God, what you do with that life in service of humanity is your gift to God," Mohammed said.

Club bets on first ever poker tournament at Highline

BY ANNE RUNNELS
STAFF REPORTER

The Highline Vietnamese Student Association is organizing the first Highline Poker Classic Tournament.

"I thought it was a very creative and fun way of raising money," said Trang Le, student president of the Highline-Vietnamese Student Association.

This idea was thought up by Le, as she not only wanted to raise money for her association, but also to unite Highline as a school, said Le.

Only 60 players will be able to enter the game and the participants must pre-register at the Student Programs Office in the Student Union by 4 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 13.

The tournament itself will be held on Jan. 14 at 3:30 p.m. in the Mount Constance room in the new Student Union.

According to the Washington State Gambling Commission guidelines the tournament can be by donation only because gambling is not allowed within the school.

Professional dealers will be at the event who are personal friends of Le's.

Prizes will be given to the top 10 winners.

Prizes include: ribbons, trophies and a great poker set for the grand-prize winner of the tournament.

There will be refreshments for those who are participating and attending the event.

The game is going to be Texas Hold Em. The game is played by each player getting dealt two cards face down which are called your hole cards, and then every player bets on what they have.

Once the first bet is placed, the dealer turns the flop, consisting of three cards which are the community cards.

Another round of bets is done then the fourth card is dealt which is called the fourth street card and a round of betting happens again.

Finally the river card is flipped, final bets are made and everyone's cards are flipped over to see who has the better hand.

The money raised will go towards The Vietnamese Student Association's five New Year's "Tet" Celebration.

It will be in the Student Union at noon on Friday, Feb. 11.
Tuition

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making some tough choices when deciding how best to fi-
nance various services. 
"We've already taken a lot of the low hanging fruit," said 
Priest, in reference to previous 

budget cuts. "The issue is where do we go from here? Let's 
made sure we're spending the 
money wisely." While 
higher educa-

tion enjoys the support of both Demo-
crats and Republicans, it still 
has to compete with many other 
agencies for a limited amount of 
resources.

The higher education budget 
is not protected under the state 
constitution, so it's up against 
all the other agencies in the bud-
get, said Priest.

Local legislators acknow-
ledge that funding higher educa-
tion is important for moving the 
state forward. 
"The way in which higher 
education distinguishes itself is 
its ability to produce a re turn 
towards the economy," said Rep. Dave Updegrove, D-Des 
Moines.

These figures will change 
when the new governor is sworn 
in and proposes her or his own 
version of the budget. The Sen-
ate and House will also be pro-
ducing their own versions.

The final product will be an 
amalgam of ideas put forth by 
both groups of lawmakers and 
the governor. This is just the 
beginning of what will be a long 
process.

"The first step is to find ways 
to make painful decisions," said 
Updegrove. "There is no way 
to make cuts that people won't 
feel."

Schwendeman kicked bad habits for a better future

BY MICHELLE ERICKSEN
STAFF REPORTER

Never sell yourself short - 
you can do more than maybe 
you thought, a former Highline 
student said.

Donnie Schwendeman spoke 
at the Honors Colloquy in Build-
ing 7 on Wednesday, Jan. 12. 
Schwendeman is 35 years of 
age and grew up in a blue-coll 
community in the South Park 
neighborhood of Seattle. All he 
wanted in life was to be a long-
shoreman and have a family. 

Schwendeman was involved 
in drugs and alcohol until the 
age of 27. Then with encoura-
ment from his wife and through 
his job, he joined a recovery 
program and is still in that pro-
gram today.

One of his major reasons for 
going back to school was to be 
better qualified for the position 
of Washington Area Drug and 
Alcohol Administrator for long-
shoremen.

Donnie Schwendeman was 
31 when he started his educa-
tional career at Highline. He 
started taking classes on chemi-

cal dependency first through the 
Federal Way branch. He took 
20 credits his first year at High-
line.

"I struggled with the 
"He said, "I wouldn't say it was 
very hard, but I wouldn't say it was 

easy.

His first real college-level 
class was a psychology class 
taught by Sue Franz.

"In Franz's class I discov-
ered that I had a culture and my 
cultural identity," he said.

He then realized that he 
wasn't living his life to his full 
potential and that he could do 
so much more. 

He dedicated himself to suc-
ceding in Sue Franz's class 
and aced two of her tests in a 
row.

He graduated from Highline 
Spring 2004 as an honors schol-
ar with an AAS degree.

He applied for the USA To-
day Academic All-American 
scholarship and applied for the 
job of his dreams.

After he won the scholarship 
he also got accepted for the job 
position.

He is now the Washington 
Area Drug and Alcohol Admin-
istrator for longshoremen. 

The next Honors Colloquy 
speaker will be Dr. Rayburn 
Lewis who will speak at noon 
on Jan. 19 in Building 7.

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