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HIGHLINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Lights boost campus safety College hopes to get pay raises from state

By BRYAN YAMBE

STAFF REPORTER

Changes have been taken to improve the safety and security on campus, college officials report.

A recent tour gave the Highline Board of Trustee members a chance to observe the precautions that have been taken in and around the parking lots and walkways throughout the campus.

"We improved the lighting in all the lights except for the ones in the main lot (East lot)," said Pete Babington, director of facilities.

Specifically, the areas in which lighting have been improved are the North parking lot, South parking lot, the Thunderwalk, North parking lot access road, and the areas in and around Buildings 7, 8, 9, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 26.

While to some the changes are apparent, others are not satisfied.

"They need to put more area in the parking lot (East lot). It's still too dark," said evening student Lydiette Borroel.

"They also need to put more lights over there on the walkway from the buses. They should at least have some lights along the ground," said Borroel.

Babington explained that while complaints have been made about the lights being too dark in some areas than others, all lights on campus exceed the national standard. Lighting is measured by foot-candles.

Foot-candles measure the brightness of light. Typical moonlight is 0.1 foot-candles. The national standard is 0.5 foot-candles.

Lights on campus are designed to be 1.0 foot-candles, which is double the national standard.

In addition to the improvements to the lighting, two "code-blue" stations have been installed in the North parking lot.

The stations, cost an estimated \$250,000 each, and are equipped with a communication



Photo by Bryan Yambe

Dark sidewalks and parking lots have new lights, but students are still questioning the safety and security on campus.

device that has a direct line to the campus security office.

However with only two stations for the entire parking lot, some students are concerned about their accessibility.

"They are so far apart that you might not be able to get to them when you are in danger," said evening student Mary Rom.

Richard Fisher, director of Campus Security, pointed out that each of the telephones outside of the buildings has a button which can call campus security, free of charge.

Campus Security offers several free services for students who are concerned with their safety and security.

One service is an escort to your vehicle, as approximately 3,017 students (which is almost half of the students enrolled) attend classes after 4 p.m. and some are not comfortable walking from their classes to their vehicles.

Campus Security officers patrol campus throughout the early morning and through the night.

"Yeah, I know that they're

around, but I don't know where they are," said Rom.

"I never really see them except for around the administration buildings," Rom said.

"We respond to all calls for an escort. That is one of our top priorities," said Fisher.

While it seems that many students know that escorts are available, some students don't have the time.

"I mean how long do I have to wait? I don't want to just sit around here," said Channa Hay, an evening student.

College hopes to get pay raises from state

By MICAH DILL

STAFF REPORTER

College administrators hope to squeeze some pay raises out of their new budget for Highline faculty and staff.

While the Legislature works on a state budget that will include funding for higher education, Highline officials are setting their fiscal priorities.

Lawmakers in Olympia will decide how much money to provide Washington's 34 two-year schools as a whole, and the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges will divide up those funds based on the needs of the individual institutions.

Highline's operating fund for the current biennium is \$60.1 million. It remains to be seen how much more or less Highline will get in the new biennium budget.

"Compensation and enrollment are the key areas we are arguing for," says Dr. Laura Saunders, vice president of administration for Highline.

Former Governor Locke's budget set aside enough funds to facilitate pay increases as well as enough for 97 new enrollment slots.

How the college spends its money is decided by college administrators and then approved by the school's Board of Trustees. The board consists of five members appointed by the governor.

The board doesn't just decide how to spend the funds; they also decide how much students will pay. From tuition rates all the way down to the parking fees, it is all included in the budget process.

Although tuition may be a large chunk of a Highline student's budget, it makes up only 27 percent, \$8.4 million, of the total operating funds

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CRIME



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Suspicious people spotted on campus

Three suspicious males between the ages of 18 and 23 were spotted walking through the East Lot without backpacks on Jan. 20.

Students injured

A Highline student in the work study program injured his/her back on the job on Jan. 25.

A Highline student hyperventilated on the 4th floor of the Library on Jan. 19.

She was calmed and didn't require transportation to the hospital.

Cars collide in East Lot

A Dodge Caravan minivan backed into an Infiniti in the East Lot on Jan. 20.

There was only minor damage to the vehicles and no injuries.

The two drivers exchanged insurance information.

Property found

A silver Sprint cell phone was found in Building 36 on Jan. 25.

A black purse was found in Building 30 on Jan. 24.

Two canvas lunch bags were found on Jan. 22.

A green purse with a Nokia cellular phone was returned to its owner on Jan. 20.

A brown wallet found in Building 6 was returned to its owner on Jan. 25.

Items missing

A red folder was lost in Building 30 on Jan. 21.

A TI-83 calculator went missing from Building 17 on Jan. 20.

A key ring was lost in Building 27 on Jan. 25.

-Compiled by K. Garber

College reps to visit Highline

By OLGA KHRYUKIN

STAFF REPORTER

Approximately 20 Washington state colleges and universities, as well as several out-of-state colleges and universities, are coming to Highline.

The Winter Transfer Fair will be on Wednesday, Feb. 2, in the Student Union Building, on the first floor, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Siew Lai Lilley, the director of the Transfer Center, has been working with the center for four years now and says early planning is the key to a successful transfer.

The Transfer Fair is put on three times every quarter, two of which are sponsored by the Transfer Center.

Each quarter hundreds of students attend, which is due to the advertisement the fair gets from posters, flyers, faculty and the staff informing the students, Lilley said.

Students come to the fair on a drop-in basis to speak with the representatives from colleges such as the Art Institute

of Seattle, Bastyr University, Eastern, Central, and Western Washington universities, Northwest University, Seattle Pacific University, The Evergreen State College (Olympia and Tacoma campuses), Washington State University, University of Washington Seattle (including Schools of Medicine and Social Work), UW Tacoma (including Computing and Software Systems), and out of state colleges which include Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising from California, Hawaii Pacific University, Portland State University, and first time Dickinson State University from North Dakota.

Lilley encourages students to come to check out Dickinson State University because it might be a good fit for some students.

"The reason to come (to the fair) is to make a human connection with a representative from school, so later on (students) will know who to contact, which is very important," Lilley said.

The transfer fair is not only

for students who are planning on transferring to a university in the fall, but anyone who wants to come to just find out what colleges have to offer.

Lilley said that students should come to the transfer fair any quarter, the earlier the better even if you are only thinking about transferring next year, to find out the deadlines for colleges, talk to representatives about possible scholarships, and get information about applying for financial aid.

Lilley especially emphasizes on first-quarter students coming to the fair to get answers to their questions about universities and colleges as soon as possible.

"(The fair) is beneficial to get a general feel of transfer schools, better idea of what is available, what size school

comfortable with."

At the fair be prepared to ask the college representatives questions regarding your application process. Some questions that Lilley suggests asking the representatives are:

•Is my major available at your school?

•What is the G.P.A. required for admission to your school and my major?

•What are the deadlines for applying to your school and to my major?

•What does tuition cost?

•What scholarships, grants, loans, work-study and financial aid are available for transfer students?

•How big is your school? How many students are in a classroom? How diversified is your campus?

•What kind of sports and other extra-curricular activities are available for students?

For further information or questions regarding the upcoming transfer fair feel free to contact Siew Lai Lilley at 206-870-3772, ext. 3936 or email slilley@highline.edu.



Lilley

NEWS BRIEFS



Applications for transferring due

Deadlines for applications to universities are quickly approaching for Fall 2005.

Washington State University's deadline is Monday, Jan. 31.

Pacific Lutheran University and the University of Washington-Seattle have the deadline set for Tuesday, Feb. 15.

For more information, visit the Transfer Center on the upper level of Building 6 or contact Siew Lai Lilley at 206-878-3710, ext. 3295.

Find good reads at book sale

Stop by the Student Union and buy a good winter read for a great price.

The Highline Association of Library Technicians, HALT, is having a used book sale on Jan.

27, 28, 31, and Feb. 1.

The sale will be in the Mt. Constance room on the ground floor of the Student Union building.

The time for the book sale is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. The Feb. 1 sale will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hardback books are 50 cents, paperbacks are 25 cents. Cookies will also be on sale.

Bookstores Magus and Half Price Books donated books to HALT for the sale.

All the books that aren't sold will go to a foreign country.

Students win academic award

Fifteen Highline students earned the Academic Achievement Scholarship for Winter Quarter.

Winners receive full waivers on their tuitions.

Students who hold a grade point average of 3.5 or above and demonstrate a commitment to future academic excellence are eligible for this scholarship.

The winners are Sherina Adamson, Genie Feist, Jessica Hunsberger, Dustin Leonhard, Karan Mahna, Holly Maxim, Melody Mertens, JoAnn Petersen, Taryn Plypick, Anne Price-Mills, Jeffrey P. Reed, Reniva Reiser, Anne Shaw, Vinita Singh, and Jennifer Thurlby.

Write a winning statement

Learn how to create a good first impression on paper for college applications with the Write a Winning Personal Statement workshop.

The workshop will be on Tuesday, Feb. 1 from 11 to 11:50 a.m. in the Writing Center, Building 26, room 319.

Writing professor Deborah Bacharach will provide some great tips on how to write an effective personal statement for transfer applications.

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GRAND AND OPEN

Highline's new Student Union struts its stuff

By JACKIE GRAYBILL
AND ERICA MCLEAN

STAFF REPORTERS

Students and faculty crowded into the new Student Union building for its grand opening celebration on Tuesday.

Some were there for the free food and music, some were there to have their handwriting analysis done or their palm read, while others came for the social aspect of the celebration.

Life was everywhere present, seen in the moves of students dancing to the DJs mix, and in the relaxed expressions of people sipping coffee in the bistro as they were serenaded by the elegant stylings of Highline's Jazz Band.

There were long lines for both the handwriting analyst and the psychic, each student patiently awaiting his or her turn to be told about themselves or about their futures.

Lynette Radusinovich, an expert on handwriting analysis, walked students through qualities that are unique to them, helped shed light on how they approach tasks, and how they look at goals, especially in a college setting.

Caricatures were offered and even the mime motioned that she was having a good time.

The second floor displayed a time capsule that will include a stick of gum, historical newspapers, souvenirs, a piece of paper with peoples thumbprints stamped on it, and a plaque from the old building that will be placed on the time capsules cover.

As the opening ceremony commenced, Stefan Alano, Student Government president for 2002-2003, said he wanted to celebrate all of the memories created in the old building and is hopeful that new memories will be created in the new one.

"It is about friendships being made, about opportunities being realized and about lives being changed," said Alano.

Student Services Vice President Ivan Gorne then congratulated students on their foresight and good judgment to invest in

something that will pay off in many ways.

"It is not just about a building, but it is about building community and bringing people together," Gorne said.

Highline President Priscilla Bell was a vibrant mirror image of the inviting colors of the walls in a brilliant green turtle-neck and a bright periwinkle leather jacket.

She said that everything about the building is a reflection of the students who attend here, from the spaces to the décor to the design.

"Focusing on the students and on their individual and personal growth is what this building is all about," said Bell.

Along with the grand opening, a dedication was held for the art of sculptor Michihiro Kosugi, whose art, entitled *Linkage*, can be seen on campus.

Laura Saunders, vice president of administration, said that Kosugi's art has managed to capture a sense of timelessness.

"It is not only a part of the landscape, but it lifts you above the landscape," Saunders said. Kosugi said that the word linkage is not only appropriate for the art, but that it is also very important for the college and its mission.

"The sculpture has become a linkage between the physical buildings of Highline and the school's students," Kosugi said. He also said that he believes it is a link to the diversity of Highline students and it brings them together.

Some students, such as Paul Ahlbeck, say that too much money was spent on the building.

"The chair you're sitting in costs, like, \$500 and the chair I'm sitting in costs \$500

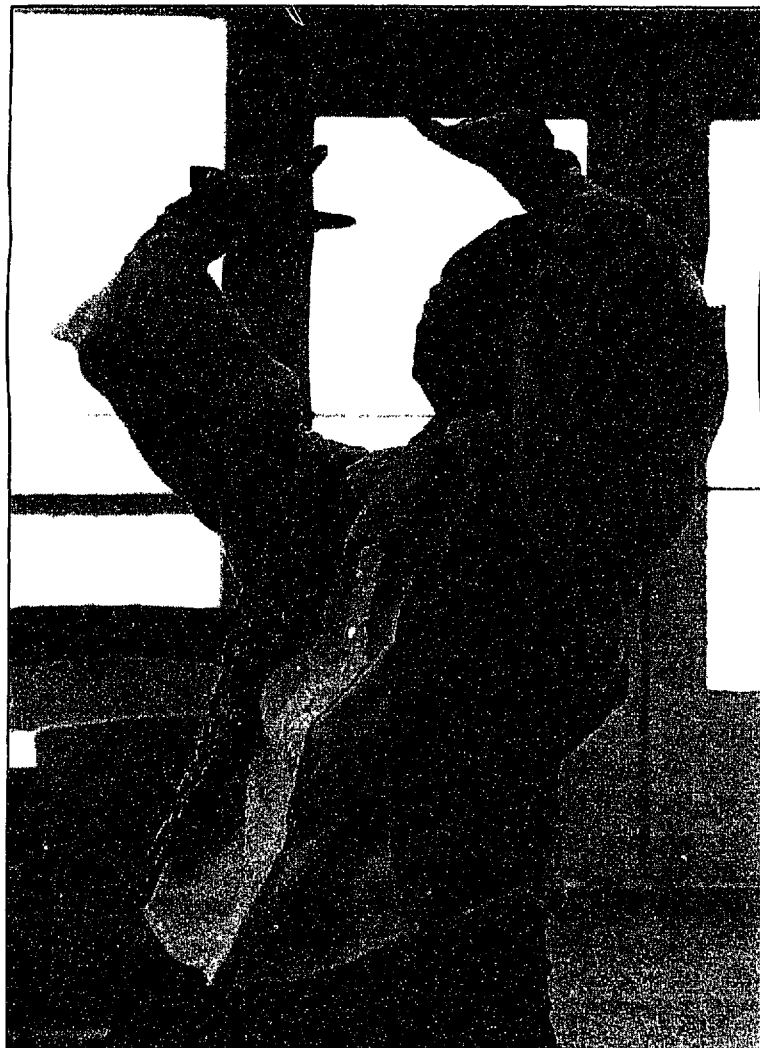


Photo By Sarah Russell

The student Union Grand opening on Tuesday featured live entertainment, including a mime

too," he said.

Other students, however, like various unique features that the building has to offer.

"I really like the windows and I like having real light," student Stephanie Carlson said.

Highline student David Norwood, who works on the building's cleaning crew, says that he likes how technologically advanced the new building is.

"It rocks. There is a wireless corner in the bistro, all of the meeting rooms have touch pads that control the light and sound, and the conference center is state of the art," said Norwood.

Sayaka Abe, an exchange student, said that she likes the fact that the building is sophisticated and clean.

Student Jon Jacobs, who is starting his first quarter at Highline, said that he likes the new building. "I think it gives people a place to study, a place to eat and place to hang out with friends," Jacobs said.

Alicia Ackerman, current Student Government president, said that some of the upcoming features that will be added to the building are more furniture, free phones, an ATM machine and debit card machines.



Photo By Jennifer Berg

Michihiro Kosugi stands next to his artwork



Photo By Sarah Russell

A girl sits patiently as her portrait is being drawn.



Left: People danced to the music of a DJ; who was set up in the cafeteria, however the music could be heard throughout the entire building.

Photo By Mary Raab

Editorial

Smokers should compromise

The onslaught of designated smoking areas to Highline's campus has left mixed reactions. The non-smokers are happy, as long as smokers smoke in the designated areas. After all, not many non-smokers like to walk to class getting a breath full of smoke-filled air from the person walking in front of them.

The smokers, on the other hand, may feel that some of their rights have been taken away. The world is becoming more and more in tune with the ideas of not smoking. Several years ago lighting up in a restaurant wasn't uncommon. Today the idea is absurd; most restaurants and public places are non-smoking.

And many smokers may argue that they don't have enough time between classes to go out of their way to use a designated smoking area. It has definitely been labeled as a "problem" from both sides with a not-so-tangible solution.

The best way to go about the "problem" is for both sides to realize that the other has rights and then go about compromising. Smokers should realize that not all people want to be subject to the effects of their habits, which is a reasonable request. And there are many smokers who have been considerate; the campus' air quality has increased substantially since before the arrival of the smoking areas.

But, in the same sense, smokers are buying cigarettes legally and should have the right to smoke them. Already they have been socially "removed" from the indoors, and now we're taking away their ability to light up wherever they please outside – what's next, a smoke-free campus? Possibly. Smokers should work with what they have while they still have it.

Both parties should learn to compromise with one another's rights. The arrival of designated smoking areas to campus can be a very beneficial thing – let's work it out.

Embrace the student union

The Highline Student Union grand opening celebration left a good taste in students' mouths – literally. The official welcoming of a new building on campus showed students and faculty alike that the new building was and is there for the taking.

Free food, music, mimes, palm readings, and yes, even a time capsule filled the Student Union's hallow halls with happy students, overflowing to the brim. Students stood in line for half-hour periods waiting to have their lives analyzed and smoothie samples were whisked away before ever touching the counter.

Highline students should realize what a great facility the Student Union is. Not many local community colleges can boast what Highline now can. And what a difference the new addition has made for the lives of students since the old student union was torn down!

Hopefully the new building can do all that it was made out to. The clubs room, various recreational areas, study rooms, and student programs are all out to make the poor college student's existence just a bit more pleasant.

Take a break in the Fireside Bistro and notice for yourself. The community-building aspects of the building and the people employed there will definitely put a sweeter light on Winter Quarter and the quarters yet to come.

ACTUAL QUOTE COMIX: THE PRESIDENT AND PELL GRANTS



Hey, remember when the president said this in October...?

"I've got more to do...to continue to expand Pell Grants to make sure that people have an opportunity to start their career with a college diploma."*

Well, guess what? A mere five weeks later, Congress has approved a bill that will decimate the Pell Grant program.

Nearly 100,000 students will lose their grants entirely, many more will see their grants reduced, and far fewer will qualify for them.



So apparently lying through his damn teeth is one of the president's moral values. Neat.

*George W. Bush, 10/13/04, third presidential debate.

MLK's dream is not complete

It's hard to believe that half a century ago people of color and Caucasians couldn't be in the same room without starting a brawl. But then Martin Luther King, Jr. came along and fought for righteousness in all aspects, including criminal justice. King County Councilman Larry Gossett, a Democrat from Seattle, joined Highline during its annual MLK celebration to speak about the criminal injustice that still exists in the United States.

Fifty-five years ago, I wouldn't have been able to sit next to a spectrum of all colors of skin. Last Thursday, we all sat eagerly, carefully listening to Gossett's every word as if we were going to be tested on his presentation.

I listened carefully and tried not to wander as he spoke. I wasn't distracted, but every fact he stated made my mind wander into a memory that confirmed his facts. "The United States holds 25 percent of the world's jail population. Many of the

people who are in jail for life is because they were charged with second-degree robbery and second-degree assault," said Gossett. "Seventy-five percent of illicit drug users or dealers are middle class Caucasian people.

Thirty-eight percent of the jail's population is black and 50 percent are people of color."

Gossett's information was poignant, but true. As Sociology Professor Darryl Brice said, "People commit crimes; therefore they must pay the consequences." The difference is that some people can afford a good attorney and get away with

murder, and some people who said, "Give me your wallet," are put away for life. Keeping so many people in jail for minor offenses leaves a lot of kids without a parent.

"Kids under 18 who live in poor houses get caught up in drugs," Gossett said. "Low income families feel powerless."

Again, I find myself easily grasping memories of my early childhood days in Los Angeles.

I remember the cops coming to the apartment building up the street from my house, taking an older brother or a father away. I remember the kids getting pulled out of class and returning with bloodshot eyes because they cried so much.

Drugs were the way many of the tenants made money for rent that month. Neighbors were gone for months and years at a time. Kids at school would start fights with other kids. The moms would work 18-hour days, because welfare is a resource available only to those who know about it. Half the time, if you don't speak English, they won't see you for another month until an interpreter is available.

As Gossett went on about the criminal injustice that exists in today's society, I came to realize that Dr. King's dream hasn't come true yet—it's still in the process of coming true. While some people attempt to keep the dream alive by finding that bridge that connects our borders, others destroy it, creating a bigger distance. Some people deserve to be jail, but others deserve a second chance at life.

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"It's like a party without all the fun."

'Viva Zavada' plays with reality

BY JESSIE ELLIOTT

STAFF REPORTER

He's an actor. He does trade shows. He is Andy Zavada.

Imagine waking up, beginning your day, and finding that everything you thought was true is not.

This is what happens to Zavada in *Viva Zavada!*, a play where nothing is what it seems and people are not really who they say they are.

Written by Highline's Dr. T.M. Sell, *Viva Zavada!* is a look at a world where everything gets turned upside-down and craziness ensues. Sell takes the audience on a strange and hilarious journey that shows us what can happen when you are in the wrong place at the right time.

The cast of characters varies from a man who worships cheese to a man who simply cannot figure out why he isn't allowed to go to his meeting.

Zavada essentially plays him-



PHOTO BY KEITH DAIGLE

Reverend Wensleydale Stilton explains the importance of Gouda to Andy Zavada in *Viva Zavada!*

self in this strange comedy, however, other than his name and occupation, the resemblance stops there. He does a great job playing himself with a slight twist.

Zavada's constant confusion and repetition of: "I'm Andy Zavada. I'm an actor. I do trade shows," is very entertaining.

Comrade Pooz, played by

former Highline student Carlos Calvo, is the character who takes Zavada and the audience to the Third Directorate. Calvo brings enthusiasm to the role of the crazy comrade and keeps the audience laughing.

Patricia M. Britton plays a simple cleaning woman, or so she says. Britton plays her role

with dramatic humor.

Reverend Wensleydale Stilton worships Gouda and tastes the word of the Lord. Played by Eric Hartley, the reverend has a certain goofiness that only Hartley can deliver.

J Howard Boyd plays the all-knowing janitor, with a mysterious and very funny quality.

Boyd is also the director of this play, and he truly makes the script come alive. His interpretation of the movement was essential to make the play as funny as it was. The set was minimal, but the characters' actions made up for that fact.

Viva Zavada! is a very funny play with a surprise ending that you have to see to believe.

Viva Zavada! is playing at the E.B. Foote Winery Jan. 28-30 and Feb. 4-6, Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$20. For information, tickets and directions call 206-242-3852.

Film class opens for community

BY OLIVIA DE LEON

STAFF REPORTER

Learn Hollywood's tricks behind the scenes in famous movie thrillers.

Burien Parks and Recreation has asked Highline's Writing/Film Appreciation Professor, Bryan Stumpf, to teach an informational class about identifying what

makes a good movie.

"The primary goal of this class is to recognize the art of film



Bryan Stumpf

and film-making," Stumpf said.

The American Film Institute produced a list of 100 Best Films of all time consisting of thrillers and other genres, Stumpf said.

Four movies from the list will be screening during this class, one each week.

Four of these five movies will be shown, *Jaws*, *Psycho*, *North by Northwest*, *Alien* and *The Birds*.

"What I'm trying to do is to take movies from this list of top thrillers and ask people why this movie was chosen as one of the best thrillers of all time," Stumpf said. "Whether if it's worthy of the status and why."

"We will be talking about what the director does that affects our emotions during a thriller," Stumpf said. "I want to help people try to see all these things that are producing this emotion."

Class discussions include things like lighting, camera angles and why scenes are directed the way they are, said Stumpf.

"People don't realize all these little elements that need to come together in order to make the films we have to see from Hollywood, because it seems like Hollywood determines what audiences watch," Stumpf said.

At the end of the course, being able to recognize when a film is being innovative, imaginative and creative or just following a formula is what students will know, Stumpf said.

This class runs through Feb. 3-March 3, every Thursday at 6-9 p.m.

The class will be at Burien Community Center, 425 SW 144 St.

For more information contact Bryan Stumpf at 206-878-3710, ext. 3289.

'Love Song' sounds slightly out of tune

BY SARA LOKEN

STAFF REPORTER

A Love Song for Bobby Long plays like a song that sounds good but really carries no meaning.

Set against the backdrop and romanticism of New Orleans, *Bobby Long* tells the tale of three unlikely people.

A talented professor turned aging alcoholic, Bobby Long, played by John Travolta; 30-something male Lawson Pines, played by Gabriel Macht writing Bobby Long's story and also an alcoholic; and an 18-year-old high school drop-out played by Scarlett Johansson.

When Percy (Johansson) gets the news that her mother has died, she quickly leaves her dead-end life at a trailer park in Florida to attend her mother's funeral in New Orleans, only to discover that she's missed the funeral and that her mother has left the house to her, Long and Pines.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LIONS GATE FILMS

Macht, Johansson, and Travolta in *A Love Song for Bobby Long*.

Tension builds within the house when Percy decides to stay in New Orleans, stepping into the lonely and depressing world of Long.

Through angry and bitter fights, they eventually learn to live with one another and the three of them create an unlikely companionship.

But underneath their new relationship there are secrets that could affect all of their lives.

A Love Song for Bobby Long tries to capture the feeling of a warm lazy summer in New Or-

leans and it succeeds a little too well. Just like a long lazy summer, the movie can easily make the viewer bored.

Director

Shainee Gabel wrote the screenplay

based on the book, *Off Magazine Street* written by Ronald Everett Capps.

Gabel is able to capture the images and moods of New Orleans. *Bobby Long* plays out like a Steinbeck novel, using beautiful imagery and misfit characters to tell the story.

But unlike a Steinbeck novel the film isn't able to carry the characters through the world Gabel has created.

This movie loses its purpose along the way. By the end of the film the viewer is left wondering

the meaning and its intent.

While the acting is good and there are some funny and original scenes, the title character isn't strong enough to carry the movie as the story would suggest.

It's the supporting characters of Percy and Pines who move it along. Without the strong title character, it throws the film off balance.

The one redeeming quality to the film is the soundtrack. It's full of southern blues and original songs that flow through the movie like an extra character in the scene.

Singer, songwriter and composer for the film, Grayson Capps sets the right mood for the movie and appears in several scenes as singer in a bar. Capps is the son of the author of the book the movie is based on. Travolta lends his voice to the soundtrack and sings in the movie as well.

A Love Song for Bobby Long opens tomorrow, Jan. 27 at Metro Cinemas in Seattle.

Highline students will sing at annual vocal event

BY ARIKA SHROPSHIRE

STAFF REPORTER

Eight Highline students will sing at this weekend's annual student adjudications hosted by the Tahoma chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing. The event is to take place all day at Highline on Saturday, Jan. 29 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

The NATS is an international

association made up of professional voice teachers who have degrees in singing. This is the fourth year of the adjudications for the Tahoma chapter since it became active again.

"I rejuvenated the Tahoma chapter which was inactive for five or more years," said Dr. Sandra Glover, Highline professor and former president of the chapter.

Students will come and sing for a panel who will give the student positive written feedback after their performance.

The panel will then choose one or two of the top performers in each category to sing in the winner's recital that follows the adjudications, beginning at about 4:30 p.m.

Participants in the event range from the age of 15 to adult. There

are four different categories for all ages. Men and women sing in separate categories because their voices are different. Participants must sing three-four songs for the competition.

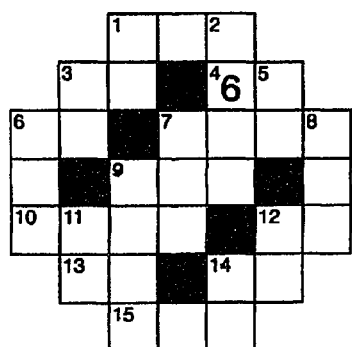
The Highline students will perform in the college one category at 1 p.m. in Building 7.

"I urge everyone who has the opportunity to go and support them," Dr. Glover said.

PUZZLES

Rational Numbers by Linda Thistle

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

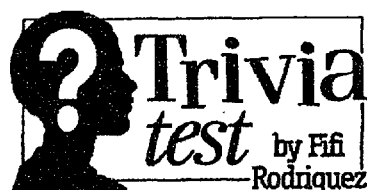
- The first digit is the sum of the other digits
- The last digit is four times the first digit
- Same digit repeated
- Three more than 1-Down
- Five times 8-Down
- 4-Across times 13-Across
- Four times 6-Down
- 5-Down minus 14-Down
- 11-Down minus 14-Across
- The first digit is four times the last digit
- The first digit is the sum of the other digits

DOWN

- 12-Across plus 14-Across
- Five times 1-Across

- One-third of 5-Down
- Three less than 4-Across
- The first digit is the sum of the other digits
- Digits of 15-Across rearranged
- The last digit is the sum of the other digits
- Eight times 15-Across
- Three times 12-Across
- One-sixth of 4-Across
- Consecutive even digits in ascending order

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1. GOVERNMENT: When did the U.S. Supreme Court become a nine-member body?

2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: The term "Rosie the Riveter" came out of which war?

3. HISTORY: The Jacobins were a radical group of which movement?

4. MOVIES: When was "The Muppet Movie" released?

5. GEOGRAPHY: What two nations does the 38th parallel divide?

6. BUSINESS: What large company has its headquarters in Golden, Colo.?

7. PRESIDENTS: Which

former vice president wrote a novel called "The Canfield Decision"?

8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which creature's diet consists solely of eucalyptus leaves?

9. LANGUAGE: What does "expound" mean?

10. FOOD: What type of food is ricotta?

1. 1869
2. World War II
3. French Revolution
4. 1979
5. North and South Korea
6. Coors
7. Spiro T. Agnew wrote the novel about the downfall of a vice president.
8. Koala bear
9. To explain in detail
10. Cheese

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Arts Calendar

•Movie Fridays will present *Butterfly* by Luis Cuerda on Jan. 27 at noon in Building 26, room 213. A young man begins a wonderful year, and soon figures out some of the mysteries of Eros, and, with his older brother, a budding saxophone player, he makes a trip with the band from their town in Galicia.

"Movie Fridays" is a series of film classes. The classes are free, but you must register for each one at the door. Students can enjoy the film and discuss the cultural importance of the film afterward.

• Ceramic works done by

Bruce Amstutz will be featured at Shoreline Community College's Gallery from Jan. 5 - Feb. 3. The works can be viewed in the college's administration building, room 1000. The gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. For directions and more information call 206-546-4101 ext. 4433.

• Burien Live Theater presents *Off the Cuff*, an interactive play put on by improvisational actors. The show began on Jan. 7 and will run through Jan. 30. Fridays and Saturdays it will be shown at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. For ticket information and directions call 206-242-5180.

• The City of Auburn Arts Commission is presenting *Ride the Red Mare* as part of its BRAVO! Kids series. The production is a puppet play

Groups

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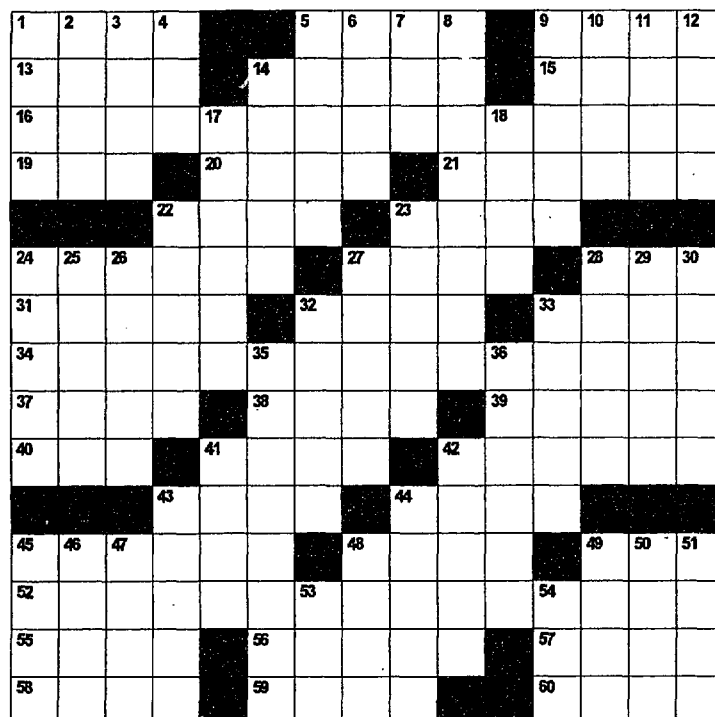
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- Tiger's support
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- Butcher offerings
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- Gulf War missile
- Changed into
- Poky
- Increases the ante
- Central areas
- Black or green beverages
- Toward the Atlantic
- WWII flying group
- Lids
- Bustles
- Indian garments
- Weather-vane markings
- Rabbit
- Gruesome
- Garden areas
- Incline
- Important questions
- Coniferous
- In favor of
- Garcia's group
- Fossil fuel
- Leans
- Socially inept person
- At this place
- Seth's son
- Pub offerings

Down

- Dillon
- Hurt
- Family diagram
- Sew
- Rectangular drawings
- Recedes
- And not

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



- 1973 horror film with "The"
- Muslim holy war
- Keats' output
- Mary Poppins' best friend
- Lip
- Lying face downward
- Creature
- Term of enlistment
- Orphans
- Bachelor gatherings
- Soak
- Allen of the Green Mountain Boys
- Greek island
- Spanish title of respect
- Pushers' target
- Hazard
- Impertinent
- High and low
- Once more
- Bargain event
- Country of Southwest Asia
- Found in a Munich garden
- Group with common attributes
- Military instrument
- London elevators
- Hives reaction
- Brogue
- Scorch
- Pedro's moola
- Skin
- Uncommon
- Vegas chances
- Comes before god or ear
- Genetic info carrier

Quotable Quote

The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time.

... Abraham Lincoln

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done by Tears of Joy Puppet Theater. *Ride the Red Mare* will be showing Saturday, Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. at the Auburn Riverside Theater. For ticket information and directions call Auburn Parks and Recreation at 253-931-3043.

• Burien Arts Gallery is showcasing a new show for a new year, featuring Carol Utigard's wildlife photography. The show will open Jan. 19 and will be shown for six weeks. Gallery hours are Tuesday -Saturday, 12-4 p.m.

For more information call 206-244-7808.

• *Viva Zavada!*, an original new play, will be showing at E.B. Foote Winery. This surreal comedy is about being in

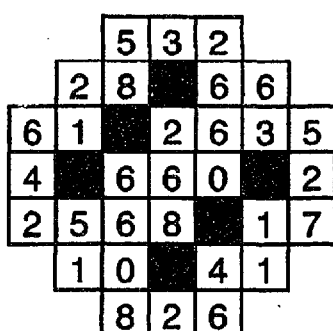
the wrong place at the right time. The play runs Jan. 28-30, and Feb. 4-6 at 7 p.m. and 2 p.m. Sundays. For tickets and more information call 206-242-3852.

FUNNY PHRASES



Rational Numbers

answers



Lady T-Birds tied for first place

By JAMIE GROSSMANN

STAFF REPORTER

After starting the season 5-0, the Highline women's basketball team suffered their first loss before getting back in the win column.

Last Wednesday, the Lady T-Birds traveled to Centralia for their first test against a team with a winning record.

After jumping out to a 20-14 lead early in the first half the Lady T-Birds saw the lead and game slip away as they lost 77-63.

Centralia came back from being down six early in the first half to build an 11 point lead going into the second half, 46-35.

Centralia continued to find ways to score as they opened the second half with an 18-6 run building a 23-point lead. Highline battled back late but was only able to get within 14-points.

"We had an off night and had to play defense, but we didn't," said Amber Rowe, Highline women's head coach. "The team looked shell-shocked and overwhelmed. Centralia overplayed us and we didn't make the necessary adjustments."

Again the Highline women were able to win the battle of the benches 36-18; however, the battle of the boards was the difference maker. Centralia led in both the offensive rebounds 19-9 and total 43-31. The difference in offensive rebounds made the difference as Centralia converted them into 16 second-



Photo by Mary Raab

Shelby Avaava tries to block Megan Triller's pass at practice this week.

chance points.

"Marissa Cain came off the bench and played basketball the way I have envisioned her playing," said Rowe. "Christine Kim also shot the ball well."

Cain led the team in scoring with 20 points to go along with three steals, three rebounds, and

a blocked shot. Kim contributed 13 points while handing out four assists.

Monday afternoon the Lady T-Birds made the long drive south to Vancouver to take on Clark. Clark came into the game having won their last two games.

"The two and a half hour bus ride is good because there are limited distractions and the team is together," said Rowe.

The T-Birds returned to form against the Penguins with a 73-64 victory.

"We implemented a new press defense," said Rowe. "Clark gave us the opportunity to try our new press and our zone defense. The team got frustrated and you could tell but they stuck with it."

For the first time this season the Lady T-Birds had three players score in double digits.

Christine Kim led all scorers with 20 points and handed out four assists. Allison Maas added 17 points shooting 3 of 6 behind the arc, Kelli Marcus added 11 points, nine of which came from the foul line, and pulled down six rebounds.

"Christine and Allison stepped up their game," said Rowe. "Christine handled the ball really well and stepped up her defense. Allison stepped up her offense."

The Lady T-Birds' bench stepped up and again outscored the opponents' bench, 30-20. The rebounding battle was won by Clark 35-33 but Highline was able to limit the amount of second-chance opportunities, holding the Penguins to eight points off of 13 offensive rebounds.

The women returned home last night to take on South Puget Sound, however results were not available at press time.

"South Puget Sound is a scary team. They went winless

in non-league and are now 5-2," said Rowe. "We saw them at the Peninsula crossover tournament but are still not sure what kind of offense they run."

"Right now there are three teams tied for first in the West at 6-1 and South Puget Sound is right there at 5-2," said Rowe. "If we can beat South Puget Sound that will create some separation within the division."

As the midway point in the season is rapidly approaching, teams are beginning to see each other for the second time. Teams are also making adjustments to assure themselves a spot in the NWAACC tournament at the end of the year.

"We still have a few tricks up our sleeves," said Rowe. "We are getting a little bit better each game."

"Right now we are playing team basketball, nobody is really standing out," said Rowe. "We need to be more consistent, one night somebody will score 20 the next the might score three. We have been fortunate that we have had somebody different stepping up each night."

The women will travel to Lower Columbia on Saturday for the first game of the second half. Highline beat Lower Columbia 77-66 to open league play on Jan. 3.

The women will then return home Feb. 2 to play host to the Green River Lady Gators at 6 p.m. The T-Birds found the Gators to be tough competition as the narrowly escaped with a three-point victory, 63-60.

Wrestlers stumble on Oregon trail last weekend

By MARTHA MOLINA

STAFF REPORTER

Highline's wrestling team wrapped up the regular season with a loss, but hasn't been beaten yet.

The T-Birds visited Coos Bay, Ore. on Saturday Jan. 22 for their last dual of the season against Southwest Oregon. The Lakers defeated Highline 31-15. The first time around, the T-Birds lost 36-17.

"We had to travel seven and half hours the day of the meet," said Norton. After a long voyage to Coos Bay and three forfeits, it was difficult for the T-Birds to come away with a victory.

At 125 pounds, T-Bird Kyle McCarron defeated Greg Widcombe by a minor decision, 6-5. At 133 pounds, Laker Darin Pestrikoff pinned Vinh Tran. At 141 pounds, T-Bird Jason Mendez defeated four-time high school state champion Cody

Bender by a minor decision, 6-1. At 149 pounds, Laker Gary Reid beat Justin Muri by minor decision, 9-3.

"Muri had a bad call in the third round," said Norton.

At 165 pounds, Laker Ben Harris defeated James Barr-Finch by a major decision, 14-1.

At 184 pounds, T-Bird Josh Decker had an exhibition match against Laker Mike Croffut.

"Our 184 wrestled and won by a decision, but wasn't in the line-up," said Norton. "But he will definitely be in our line-up for Regionals."

At 197 pounds, T-Bird Yura Malamura defeated Justin Eldred by a minor decision, 9-6. And T-Bird Heavyweight Jacob Peterson won by an injury default after Dustin Rogers rolled his ankle during the match.

Once again, the T-Birds forfeited 157, 174, and 184 pound weight classes.



Photo by Mary Raab

Jason Mendez prepares to take on Jon Muri at practice this week.

Even though the T-Birds didn't have a winning season, Coach Norton said that there were many factors that didn't allow Highline to stand out as a team.

"We have a small budget,"

said Norton. "There are teams that travel the day before and we would leave the day of."

Against Southwest Oregon, Highline wrestled may be at 70 percent, said Norton.

"I'm really proud of my

guys," said Norton. "From the beginning we really stressed that the end of the season (post-season) is what matters."

Even though the T-Birds

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T-Bird men hang on to fourth place

By MARK KNIGHT

STAFF REPORTER

The Highline men's basketball team snapped a two-game losing streak after beating Centralia last Wednesday.

The T-Birds then went on to Vancouver to lose to Clark on Monday.

Highline beat Centralia on their court 87-74 and lost to Clark 84-75, which puts Highline's record at 4-3 and places them in fourth place in the West.

"We maintained defensive intensity for the entire game, we spaced the floor well and didn't force any action," Head Coach Che Dawson said of the victory over the Trail Blazers.

The 2-5 Centralia was a team that Highline was supposed to beat but it was harder than expected.

"We went in there thinking that they are not such a good team and we thought we were going to have an easy game but we really had to fight to win," said post George Irby.

Irby helped his team to the

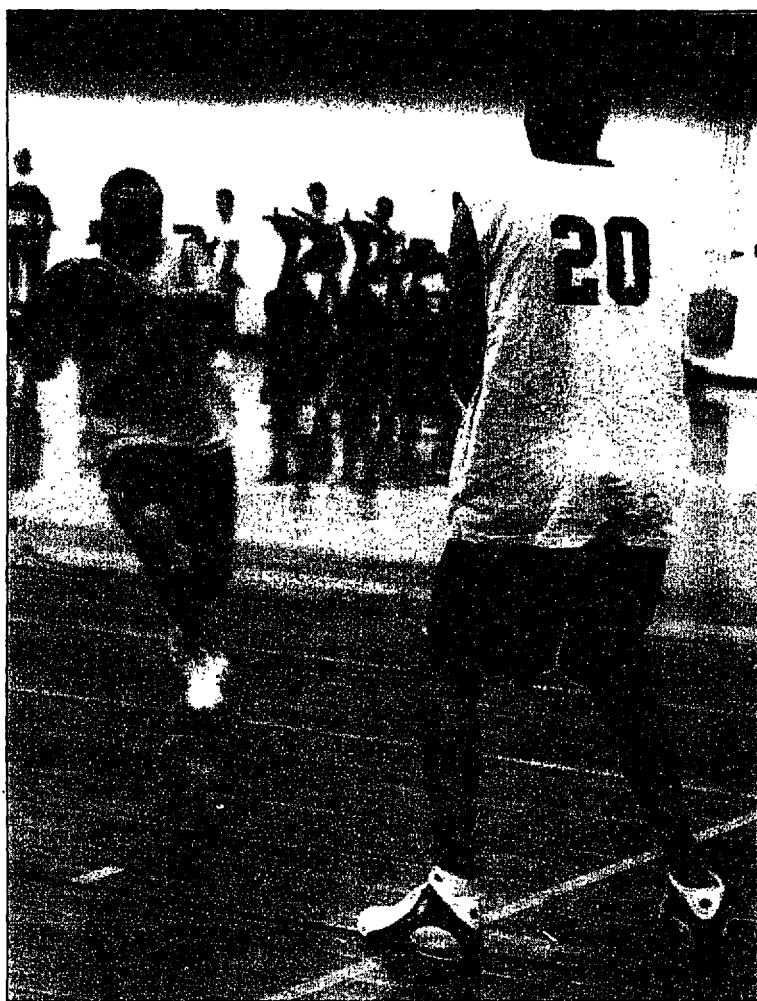


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Jaxin Skyward drives on Nick Spann in practice this week.

Irby leads Highline with muscle

By MARK KNIGHT

STAFF REPORTER

George Irby is a crucial link in Highline men's basketball. He takes command on both sides of the court.

Irby averages 15.6 points a game for the 4-3 T-Birds and he is the top scorer for Highline. Irby also averages 14 rebounds a game and 2.7 blocked shots.

"Over the last few games he is starting to show his ability to be dominant on both ends of the court," said Head Coach Che Dawson.

Irby didn't just start off as a good basketball player for Highline, as he has been playing for nine years. He started to play basketball as a child, while growing up in Chicago.

"In Chicago it is a tradition to play basketball," said Irby. "My dad played semi-pro basketball there and he taught me the game."

Chicago life ended for Irby when he moved to Seattle at the age of 12.

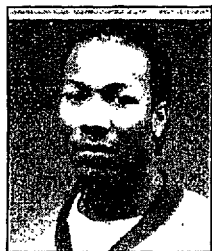
"My dad's company moved up here and he gave me a better opportunity for school," said Irby.

Irby says that his father is the most influential man in his life and he is really impressed by his father.

"My dad raised me and my sister on his own, which really

impressed me," said Irby.

Irby attended Kent-Meridian High School, where he continued to play basketball.



George Irby

"I heard it was going to be a pretty good team," said Irby.

This is his first year here and he is already one of the top basketball players on the team.

"George has a lot of raw talent and he is just starting to touch the surface of what he can become as a basketball player and student," said Dawson. "He needs to work on asserting himself for an entire 40 minutes."

Irby says he is not performing up to the height of his basketball promise. "I am not playing to my full potential, because of a couple of injuries," he said.

He has injured both ankles and three of his fingers and he has a sore lower back, so those will give him grief when he is out playing. Despite his injuries, he still comes out strong every day on the court and does what he has to do.

Every game he has a way of getting himself ready to face the challenge of that day's team.

"I get mad and I like to get off

and be by myself," said Irby

Irby will then go out and pull down the boards and put up the points.

His teammates are all really fond of him.

"He (Irby) is a good asset to the team, he is a tremendously good shot blocker," said Jeremiah Armstead. "He is always picking people up; he tells them that they will get it next. Deep down he is the heart of our team."

"George (Irby) is a good man. He is nice, he is considerate, he will help walk me through stuff, he is just an all around good man, and he is a good basketball player, too," said teammate Nick Spann.

The 6'8" Irby looks up to the NBA's powerhouse, Shaquille O'Neal. "I look up to him as far as basketball wise, he is the dominate," said Irby.

His favorite team is his hometown Chicago Bulls.

"That's where I am from, and I never give up hope," Irby said.

Is the NBA in Irby's future? He wouldn't be the first T-Bird to play in the NBA. Irby could follow in the footsteps of Brian Scalabrine, who plays for the New Jersey Nets.

For now Irby just plans on going to a Division I school but he is undecided on which one he will attend.

win by scoring 18 points and he also had 12 rebounds.

Zenrique Tellez was the leading scorer for Highline with 19 points.

Centralia was led by Marcus Hinton with 27 points and teammate Lonnie Twitchell with 23.

Centralia just couldn't get enough points on the board to continue Highline's two game losing streak.

Highline then traveled to Vancouver to face Clark for their final stop in the road trip.

At Clark the T-Birds weren't as successful, losing by nine.

"It simply came down to us not taking care of the basketball," said Dawson. "It is our choice."

The 3-3 Clark, was another team that Highline was expected to beat.

"It was a long road trip, we just didn't come out to play hard, we gave them confidence. Once you give a team confidence, they can beat any team," said Irby.

Irby had a huge game with 21 points, had 14 rebounds, and 2 blocked shots.

"People are happy that I had a good game but I am frustrated that we are losing games we should win," said Irby.

Tavar Proctor scored 16 points and had 10 rebounds.

Zenrique Tellez added 15 points to Highline's score.

Clark's Erving Adams, leading scorer for the game, had 27 points and had 10 rebounds.

Brandon Hicks for Clark was also a crucial link as he scored 19 points.

"They were hungry for a win," said Highline's Nick Spann.

Highline also played a game in the pavilion on Wednesday, Jan. 26. The results were not available at press time.

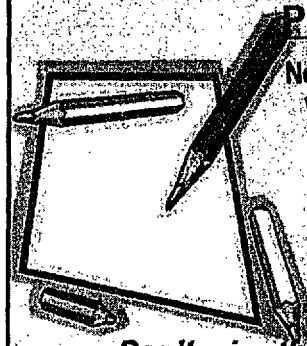
"Like all of the games so far it is a losable game that we should win," said Dawson.

"For the rest of the season it is going to be hard because they are going to play their best because they know we are going to be playing hard," said Irby.

The T-Birds will also be playing Lower Columbia on Saturday, Jan. 29, a team they have already beaten this season.

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Former T-Bird Johnson returns to Rams

Former Highline and Mt. Rainier student and basketball player Brian Johnson has found his way back home.

Last year, Johnson was named the men's head basketball coach of his alma mater, Mt. Rainier High School.

Johnson graduated from Mt. Rainier in 1997 as the school's leader in scoring and assists.

During his first season as head coach, the Mt. Rainier Rams finished 20-7, and went to state for the first time since '97.

"I had kept close contact with many of the teachers and the athletic director at Mt. Rainier," said Johnson. "Then the coaching vacancy came about and they knew I would be interested."

"It's great to be coaching at my old high school," said Johnson. "I have the opportunity to return the Mt. Rainier program to the level that it was at when I was there."

The fact that Johnson still knows many of the instructors helped make the transition easier and offers the support that any new coach looks for.

Johnson's style of coaching in some ways is reminiscent of a hard-nosed court general and a coach who wants to make sure that his players play at their highest level possible while still enjoying themselves.

"I try to treat them like they are in college," said Johnson. "Try as much as possible to help

prepare them to get to the next level."

Coaching for Johnson is another way for him to satisfy his competitive appetite.

"I love the feeling; it's special," said Johnson. "When we win I get excited and feel like I was on the floor with the team. When we lose, I feel it also."

Current Highline player and former Mt. Rainier player Bryan Manaway played his senior year of high school under Johnson.

"Brian is a laid back coach. He makes you work real hard," said Manaway. "He is only a couple years removed from college so he isn't like many of the coaches you see in high school and college."

"Brian would practice with us and is always involved," said Manaway. "He especially helped me, he pushed me to excel and I wouldn't be here without that."

Johnson played at Highline during the '98-'99 season.

The previous two years the team had won NWAACC championships.

"I came in with big shoes to fill after Brian Scalabrine and Quincy Wilder helped lead the Highline men to back to back championships," said Johnson.

During his only season at

Highline Johnson averaged 13 points per game and led the NWAACC in assists per game with 9.8.

"I was a natural point guard and played that position throughout my high school and college career," said Johnson.

"To me the point guard position is the coach on the floor. The point guard has to know the plays and what everybody is supposed to be doing," said Johnson.

Johnson left Highline after he received a scholarship to Seattle University where he was a team captain from '99-'02. He continued playing basketball and graduated in 2002 with a degree in Communication and Journalism.

"I had no clue what I wanted to major in," said Johnson. "Working on the Thunderword helped me to decide my major."

Johnson graduated and traveled overseas and continued to play basketball.

When his son was born he decided that his responsibilities were at home and not on the basketball court in a foreign land.

After coming back to the area Johnson started operating South Sound Athletics out of the old Glacier High School that closed in 1978. There Johnson opened



Brian Johnson

South Sound Athletics with the goal of "making Washington basketball better."

The South Sound Athletics facility is a gym where individuals can go to receive personnel training and play in leagues from spring and summer high school leagues to pro-am basketball leagues.

"We teach more than just the physical side of basketball," said Johnson. "It's very rewarding to see individuals come back and exhibit the confidence that they have gained."

Johnson also runs a pro-am league at the South Sound Athletics facility that showcases individuals from around the area that have played or still play at the college, semi-pro, and pro-

fessional levels.

"I worked at South Sound Athletics over the summer and I used it as an escape," said Manaway. "South Sound Athletics is a beautiful thing it gives young individuals a place to escape, stay out of trouble, and work on their game."

"Last summer, Jamal Crawford of the New York Knicks, former Sonics forward Shawn Kemp both had teams in the summer pro-am league," said Johnson. "I like the feeling of having Crawford, Kemp, Nick Collison (Sonics), and Nate Robinson (Huskies) supporting what we are trying to do."

Prior to opening South Sound Athletics, Johnson worked as a reporter at KJR sports radio and also worked as a reporter for the Seattle Supersonics.

Jamie is now accepting offers to coach at any high school.

Off the Bench



Jamie Grossmann

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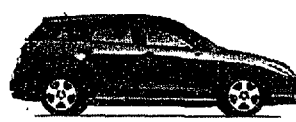
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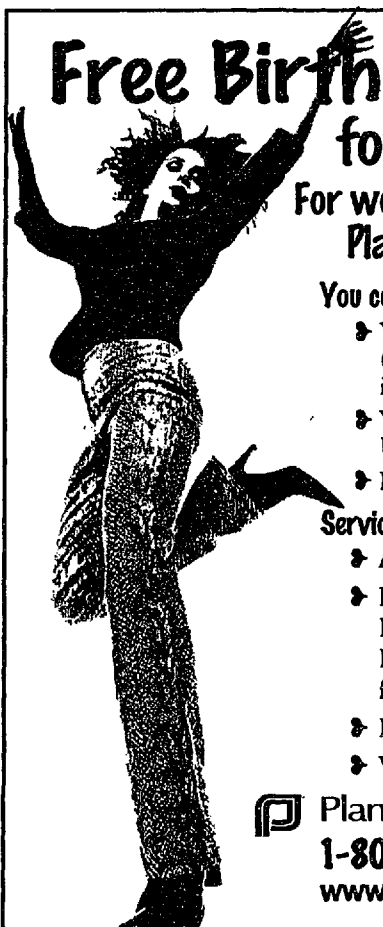
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Scoreboard

BY **BRYAN YAMBE**
STAFF REPORTER

Several members of Highline men's track team will compete in the UW Invitational this weekend.

Three T-Birds competing this weekend are Rickey Moody, James Turner, and Adam Redmond. This is the first time that any of them have participated in a heptathlon.

Heptathlons are seven track and field events as opposed to the decathlons during the regular season which have 10 events.

The invitational will last two days with the 60-meter dash, long jump, shot put and high jump on Friday. Followed by the 60-meter hurdles, pole vault and 1,000-meter run on Saturday.

In addition to the normal team practices, each of them have had

to put in a lot more hours than the rest of the team.

"They've been working really hard for this," said Coach Robert Yates. "Twice a week they go to the UW (Seattle) to work on the pole vault after practice."



The UW Invitational is very exclusive and teams can only participate if they are invited.

Among the schools invited are UW, WSU, Central Washington, OSU, University of California - Riverside, UCLA, Portland State, and Eastern Washington.

In order to participate on Saturday, individual athletes must have qualified to participate as they were not among those

whom were initially invited.

"We're really lucky that we can compete in these types of events," said Yates. "It's really nice, it shows how far that programs have gone."

The UW Indoor Invitational will be held at the Dempsey Indoor Facility, located just south of Husky Stadium on the University of Washington - Seattle campus.

"It'll be exciting. I think Ricky will win the whole event. And I think all three of them have the potential to break school records as well," said Yates.

"We really got off to a great start, with early practices they've got more spring in their step," said Yates. "When you have success it always breeds hard work and better camaraderie, everyone feels that they are a part of the team now."

Events start Friday at 4 p.m.

Postseason continued from page 7

were giving up an average of 18 points per dual, they didn't give up. There were still people like Mendez who still came out on top.

"It's been a struggle and tough on the guys," said Norton.

"Other teams may have a better team on paper, but the other coaches know and we know that we have a better team," he said.

Duals do define how the team

stands as whole, but tournaments let you know what kind of talent the team really has.

"Any coach would be happy with taking three or four really good guys to nationals," said Norton.

North Idaho, who is ranked No. 1 for nationals, just lost their No. 1 wrestler Kyle Sand, who has a lifetime record of 125-0 and was a four-time state champion in high school.

"They've (North Idaho) been having some problems, and it

will be difficult for them to take the title without him," said Norton.

Even though the regular season has ended, the T-Birds haven't finished sealing this year's wrestling chapter.

"We are in a good position for...any coach knows that what really counts are the tournaments," said Norton.

The Regional Tournament will be held at Highline in the Pavilion on Saturday Feb. 12 at 9 a.m.

seasons of at least one PBA Tour victory. Which three bowlers are tied for second place?

7. Who is the only jockey to win two Triple Crowns?

Answers

1. Two of the five times Young won 30 or more games in a season came after he turned 30 (33 in 1901 at age 34, and 32 in 1902 at age 35).

2. George Gibson caught 1,155 games for the Pirates.

3. After the 1995 season, when the Trojans beat Northwestern, 41-32.

4. It was the 1981-82 season.

5. The Los Angeles Kings in 1984.

6. Don Johnson (1966-77), Brian Voss (1987-98) and Walter Ray Williams (1993-2004).

7. Eddie Arcaro (Whirlaway in 1941 and Citation in 1948).

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Olympic	4-2	11-7
Everett	3-2	13-4
Bellevue	4-3	13-6
Shoreline	3-3	8-9
Peninsula	3-3	4-12
Edmonds	2-4	8-8
Whatcom	2-4	7-8
Seattle	1-5	4-14

WEST		
Tacoma	5-2	10-10
Pierce	5-2	14-5
Lower Columbia	5-2	14-6
Highline	4-3	7-10
Clark	3-3	6-12
Grays Harbor	3-4	9-9
Green River	3-4	8-9
Centralia	2-5	6-13
S. Puget Sound	1-6	5-12

EAST		
Spokane	5-1	15-6
Big Bend	4-2	12-6
Yakima Valley	4-2	13-6
Walla Walla	4-2	13-5
Treasure Valley	3-3	5-14
Wenatchee Vly.	2-4	7-12
Blue Mountain	1-5	11-9
Columbia Basin	1-5	8-13

SOUTH		
Chemeketa	5-0	14-5
Mt. Hood	4-1	15-2
Clackamas	3-2	15-3
Portland	3-3	7-12
SW Oregon	3-3	8-12
Linn-Benton	2-3	8-10
Umpqua	1-4	9-10
Lane	0-5	7-12

Bellevue 60, Whatcom 58
Green River 79, Centralia 77
Lower Columbia 82, Grays Harbor 69
Clark 84, Highline 75
Tacoma 81, At Pierce 65
Bellevue 76, Peninsula 57
Everett 109, Olympic 105
Seattle 78, Whatcom 75
Skagit Valley 78, Edmonds 76
Centralia 67, South Puget Sound 66

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

NORTH		
Olympic	5-1	14-4
Peninsula	5-1	14-5
Shoreline	3-3	9-8
Seattle	3-3	8-8
Skagit Valley	3-3	11-6
Edmonds	3-3	8-10
Whatcom	3-3	10-7
Everett	1-4	9-9
Bellevue	1-6	4-12

WEST		
Highline	6-1	13-6
Lower Columbia	6-1	15-3
Centralia	6-1	17-2
S. Puget Sound	5-2	5-11
Clark	2-4	4-13
Grays Harbor	2-5	2-15
Pierce	2-5	2-14
Green River	2-5	4-13
Tacoma	0-7	0-9

EAST		
Columbia Basin	5-1	16-3
Walla Walla	5-1	16-3
Spokane	4-2	11-10
Wenatchee Vly.	4-2	13-7
Yakima Valley	4-2	16-5
Big Bend	2-4	8-13
Blue Mountain	0-6	1-18
Treasure Valley	0-6	3-14

SOUTH		
Lane	5-0	20-1
Clackamas	4-1	16-4
Umpqua	4-1	19-1
SW Oregon	3-3	8-10
Linn-Benton	2-3	10-10
Chemeketa	2-3	8-11
Portland	1-5	7-12
Mt. Hood	0-5	1-18

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Peninsula 77, Bellevue 33
Everett 64, Olympic 63
Seattle 63, Whatcom 57
Skagit Valley 50, Edmonds 42
Centralia 64, South Puget Sound 54
Clark 58, Grays Harbor 45



BY **CHRIS RICHCREEK**

1. How many times did Cy Young win 30 or more games in a season after he turned 30 years old?

2. Who holds the Pittsburgh Pirates record for most games caught in a career before Jason Kendall broke it in 2004?

3. When was the last time before the 2003 season that Southern Cal played in the Rose Bowl?

4. Name the last time before the 2003-04 season that the Portland Trail Blazers failed to reach the NBA playoffs.

5. What NHL team drafted future major-league pitcher Tom Glavine?

6. Earl Anthony holds the record with 14 consecutive

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New building set for completion in fall

Luther building will be support services home

By ALEX HARCOURT

STAFF REPORTER

Construction has begun on a new building which will relocate many people around campus.

Located at the far side of the East parking lot, the Luther building's projected completion date is Sept. 7, 2005.

"The building is being constructed to house support services that have a lot of outreach to the community," said Dr. Laura Sanders, Highline vice president of administration.

Upon completion the building will house the Center for Extended Learning which is currently in Building 9; the advancement team, which is in Buildings 1 and 16; the Supported Employment program and the Center for Learning Con-

nections, which are in Building 16 and across Pacific Highway in the Omni Building.

"Some students will be moving to the Luther building but it's primarily for support services. There will be three small classrooms in the building for continuing education and some off-campus meetings will also be held there," said Saunders.

The building's name will change from Luther which is the first name of the developer, Luther McLean.

"The name will probably be changed to Highline Outreach Services Building," said Saunders.

The area has been leveled, including a convenience store and restaurant so that the land can be prepared for a concrete foundation.

"The construction costs are about \$4.6 million. All the lease agreements have been signed and the building is on time to be completed on Sept. 7," said Bob Guymer, the Luther building's project manager.



Photo by Keith Daigle

Construction workers use their machinery to lay cement for the foundation of the Luther building. The name of the building will most likely be changed to the Highline Outreach Services building.

Psychology department invites students to conference

By AMANDA DOWNS

STAFF REPORTER

Highline students may have a chance to pick at psychologists' brains and their research at an upcoming psychology event in spring.

The Western Psychological Association Annual Conference is in Portland from April 14 to 17.

"This event is a good way to find a future career and also see what psychologists are currently researching," said psychology/behavioral science professor Rod Fowers.

Any student pursuing a psychology major should attend, Fowers said.

Information about the conference can be found at the web site for the Western Psychological Association at www.westpsych.org.

Along with prominent psychologists sharing their research, representatives from colleges will be in attendance.

Students must be 18 years old or older to attend the meeting.

The cost is \$75 before March 15; after March 15 the price is \$90.

The psychology department has funds available to help students who may need financial assistance in order to attend the conference.

Transportation is also avail-

able; Fowers said that he has the ability to transport up to three students, but encourages students to drive down by themselves or take an Amtrak train.

The four-day convention is organized into several sections.

Each day a variety of new seminars and workshops are offered.

Topics discussed in past conferences range from new neurological discoveries and emotional studies to medical therapies and the body's reaction to chemical substances.

Scheduled lectures allow students to hear prominent psychologists present their research.

Poster sessions involve 40 or more presenters placing their findings on colorful mounting boards.

Students may walk among the rows and see/meet the psychologists doing research.

Symposiums consist of two or more authorities in an area of interest offering a short presentation to interested attendees.

After the presentation they each comment and evaluate each other's papers.

Questions and comments from the audience are also welcomed.

Paper sessions involve four or five presenters talking on

his/her research on a particular topic.

Students should choose sessions that reflect their major interests.

During the convention, approximately 20 publishers and equipment vendors display their books and supplies.

Students can browse through the latest textbooks and see the most recent laboratory equipment.

The conference is held at the Portland Marriott Downtown at 1401 S.W. Naito Parkway, Portland.

Attendees can stay at the Portland Marriott Hotel for \$119 a night.

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Highline political clubs have reasons to rally

By QUENTIN TAMINHART

STAFF REPORTER

Following the November elections, Highline's two political clubs are finding new and old causes to rally around.

On the table at last Friday's Young Republicans meeting were issues on both the local and national level.

The club will soon start a petition campaign to collect support for removal of the High Times, Playboy and Playgirl publications from the student bookstore.

A "Re-Vote Washington" sign sat alongside "God Bless America" at the meeting and all the members had signed the petition asking for a new election following Governor's race fiasco.

Several members were in attendance at the Olympia rally protesting Governor Christine Gregoire's swearing which is currently being contested by the Republican Party in Chelan County court.

Some members are also concerned with what they perceive as an unbalanced portrayal by the Thunderword, of the student body's attitudes toward Bush.

With the 32nd anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion,

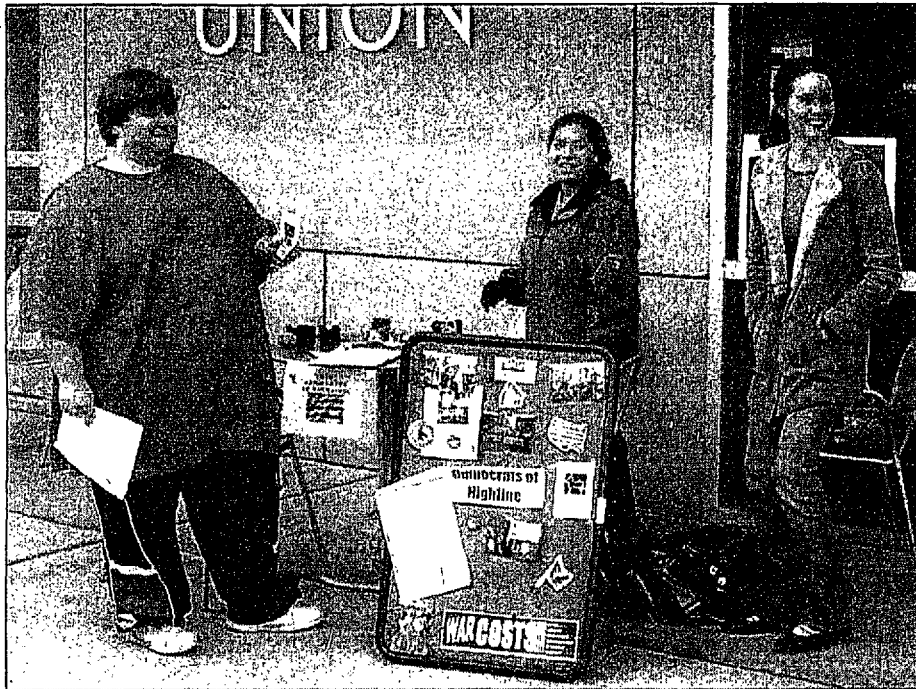


Photo by Sara Loken

Matt Lawrence, Lori Lugo, and Audrey Hackett of the Democrats of Highline club stand outside the Student Union building trying to recruit new members.

having come and gone this past Saturday, club members discussed increasing awareness of the issue of abortion and how to best promote the pro-life position.

"I'd like to get people talking about the abortion issue," said club President Amelia Gilbert. "We want to keep people being either constantly for it or constantly against it. It's a debate that we want to keep going."

"We have people here who

are Christian conservative and people who are conservative," said club member Ryan Case. But Case pointed out that there are certainly conservative followers of both Islam and Hinduism that would share the beliefs of the club on abortion.

The Democrats of Highline club has seen a bit of reshuffling with its officers. Relative newcomer Audrey Hackett has assumed the role of club president, replacing Lori Lugo who took

club aims to tackle.

Hackett became aware of the club after the November election and decided to get involved right away. The Democrats of Highline club has only had a couple meetings this quarter but Hackett said she was experiencing a strong and positive response while working their table outside the Student Union on Tuesday.

"[Following the election]

the position of treasurer from Sitges Marshall.

Marshall is now Vice President and Jessica Brown has taken the role of secretary. Hackett, who became involved following the November election, was chosen by a consensus.

Marshall cited her "passionate belief and strength of conviction" toward the issues the

the whole Democratic party, I think nationally, pretty much ran around with their heads cut off," said Hackett, acknowledging that the last few months have been a time for the licking of wounds and regrouping for many Democrats.

Issues on the forefront of the club's agenda include choosing which candidates in the upcoming campus elections to endorse, increasing awareness of their presence and participation among local Democrats and bringing local and state politicians to the campus for possible forums.

"With the active people we have now, it's a great start but we need a lot more," said Hackett. "I think the club's participation level doesn't really accurately reflect the demographics of political parties here. It's kind of the M.O. of the Democrats to lay low and I think we need to fix that." The group has support from State Rep. Dave Upthegrove, D-Des Moines.

Marking the Roe v. Wade anniversary, several of the club's members attended a pro-choice rally downtown.

The Democrats of Highline club meets on Fridays at 2 p.m. in Building 8, room 103.

The Young Republicans meet on Fridays at 1 p.m. in Building 10, room 105.

Time capsule holds college history and fond memories

By OLGA KHRYUKIN

STAFF REPORTER

Highline's own time capsule, containing the college history, is finally finished.

The time capsule was started three years ago by Student Government, who started collecting items that contain college history mixed with the Student Union building to "memorialize the college, and its progress," said Tina Higashi, vice president of the Student Government administration.

She is assisting Student Senator Ilya Kaminsky, who is currently in charge of the project.

"It (time capsule) is a unifying project to connect the beginning of the college to the beginning of the student building to today when it's bigger and better than it's ever been before," Higashi says.

Some of the items included in the capsule are souvenirs that were used to raise funds for the new student building, such as gloves, a crowbar, hammer, and glasses that are construction

tools and are symbolic because students had an opportunity to buy them and use them to smash up the walls of the old student union, Higashi said.

Included are also pictures, one of the first student government officers, and a program of the Ground Breaking Ceremony that took place in May 2003.

Put inside will also be a gavel, which represents the current Student Government, and

a spatula from the old student café.

A t-shirt donated by the Highline athletics department will also be put in the capsule.

ThunderWord articles, including an article from the first newspaper, will be placed inside.

Other items included are silly things like gum and a Twinkie.

All the items will be put in a box, sealed up, and then embed-

ded in a wall somewhere in the Student Union that will display a plaque, Higashi said.

This is the plaque that hung in Highline's previous Student Union, which reads:

"The entire cost of the Building and its equipment was paid

from a portion of student fees set aside since the establishment of college."

Currently there is no plan for reopening of the time capsule and it will probably be a future Student Government officers' job to decide, Higashi said.

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Students rally for tsunami victims

By SARA LOKEN

STAFF REPORTER

Highline students are bringing a wave of help to tsunami victims.

Tsunami Tsolutions, a relief program started in Professor Tracy Brigham's World Health Issues class, held an auction last Friday that raised more than \$3,700.

All proceeds from the auction will go toward tsunami relief.

The earthquake, measuring 9.0 on the Richter Scale, struck the west coast of Indonesia on Dec. 26, 2004. An estimated 211,000 people have died in 11 countries surrounding the Indian Ocean.

The class has been working on a project to help tsunami victims since the start of the quarter.

"We pretty much had to do it right away," said Brigham.

The class was divided into different groups, each focusing on one aspect that is affecting the world.

Eight students in the Tsunami Tsolutions group decided on doing an auction to raise money. Then the whole class decided to help out as well.

"The whole class helped out and got prizes for the auction," said Brigham.

Students went out to local businesses and asked if they were interested in donating items for their auction. Other students made items, staff donated items, and clubs through Team Highline donated, said Brigham.

Some of the prizes offered included a kayak trip, massages, teeth bleaching, laser treatments and smaller items including, bath things, books, and movie passes.

Tsunami Tsolutions is also accepting straight donations as well.

Tsunami Tsolutions not only benefits tsunami victims, but its members are feeling the rewards as well.

"I don't really get to make a difference in my everyday life, so this is an opportunity to make a difference," said Jonathan Boyd, member of Tsunami Tsolutions.

"Many of the topics we cover in the Global Health Issues class can be overwhelming and depressing so I like to incorporate a lot of action and service proj-



Photo by Keith Daigle

Professor Tracy Brigham, far left, speaks with members of the Tsunami Tsolution group in her World Health Issues class.

ects so students leave the class with hope rather than despair," said Brigham.

The group is still deciding on what organization to donate the money too.

"We're working to get the money earmarked for work in Africa," said Brigham.

According to the Reuters News Service, more than 130 were killed when the tsunami struck the coast of Somalia and more than 50,000 people have been displaced.

"Once again Africa is being forgotten," said Brigham.

Currently the group is looking at either donating to the Red Cross or to Mercy Corps.

The Red Cross is good at sending emergency relief, but Mercy Corps does a good job at keeping the relief going, said Brigham.

While the auction is over, projects to benefit tsunami relief continue.

Tsunami Tsolutions is also hosting a t-shirt drive, and Pro-

fessor Susan Rich's Writing 101 class is holding a raffle.

Both Rich's class and Tsunami Tsolutions are in talks to work together.

"We hope to combine it," said Rich, referring to working with Tsunami Tsolutions.

Some of the prizes still coming in for the tsunami auction are going to be donated to the raffle and students in Rich's class are finding items themselves.

Some of the items they've collected so far include a brand new DVD player, a KitchenAid Mix Master, dinners, and hand-blown glass bottles, said Rich.

The raffle will be ongoing for the rest of the quarter.

"When there are events we will be cooperating to have this be a part of it," said Rich.

Rich is also hoping to donate the money to benefit Somalia.

There is a strong Somali community on the campus and there is a commitment to help the country that has been forgotten, said Rich.

Rich's class decided to do something for the victims at the beginning of the quarter.

"I brought it up to students, but they needed to decide if they wanted to do this," said Rich.

T-shirt sales from Tsunami Tsolutions will start as soon as the t-shirts arrive; they're expected to arrive sometime this week.

Six corporate sponsors have donated \$6,000 and there are six sponsors.

The printing for the t-shirts was free, paid for by the printing company, and the t-shirts were donated by Emerald Queen Casino.

Hallie Bostrom, a member of Tsunami Tsolutions works for Emerald Queen Casino and was instrumental in getting the funding.

"You wish that a lot more people could participate and feel as passionate as you do," said Bostrom.

The t-shirts will have a list of the corporate sponsors on the back and the front will have a logo, said Brigham.

Tsunami Tsolutions is asking for a donation of \$10 for the t-shirts and if people want to donate more for the t-shirts, they're welcome.

The dates and where they're selling them are still being decided.

The raffle kicks off today in Building 7, at noon.

It's collaborating with the poetry reading by Dr. Peter Pereira.

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Natural energy to sail ship around the world

By BRIAN DAVIS

STAFF REPORTER

Imagine sailing throughout the waves of the Pacific, Atlantic and the Indian oceans with just using the power of a 12-volt night light.

Visualize being able to eat cold ice cream half way through the ocean while approaching the docks of Hawaii.

Math teacher/Environmentalist, Joe Wilcox did. He designed his boat, Sheppard Moon, to have a 40-foot wing span of solar panels, as well as a wind generator and a hydro generator.

He has three sets of solar panels that produce 600 watts of energy during the day time and the hydro-generator the wind generator produce 200 watts of energy, which turn all day long.

With all of this natural power, he turned on the engine on occasionally to heat the water for the showers.

Wilcox has seven batteries to store power. "The outfit of my boat took five years," Wilcox said.

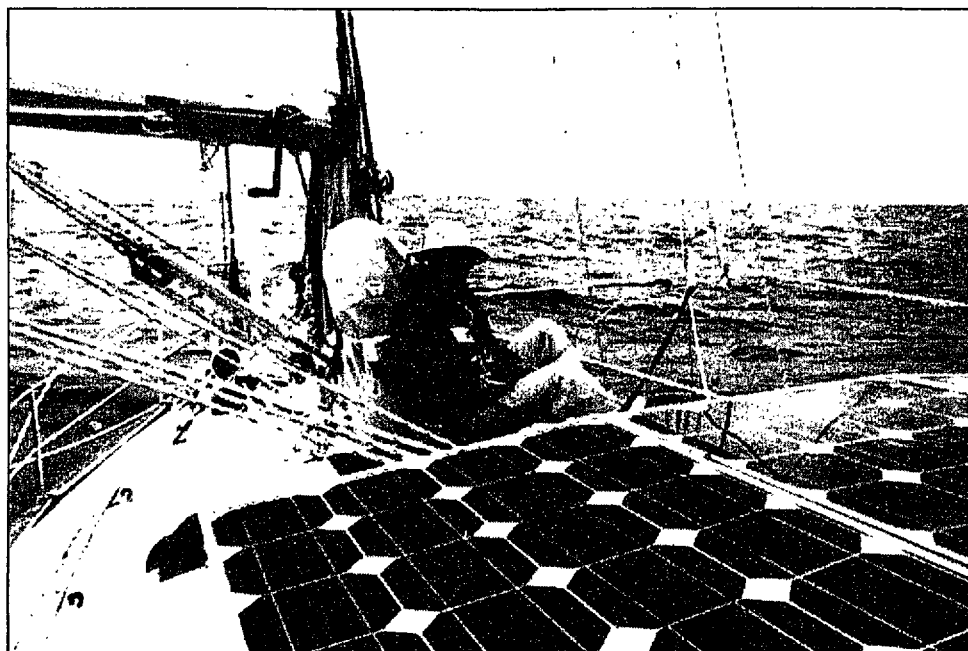


Photo by Joe Wilcox

University of Washington Economist Paul Sommers.

Wilcox talked about his boat last Friday, January at the science seminar.

Wilcox did a presentation on conserving energy.

Wilcox wanted people to see different ways to conserve energy.

This presentation discussed Kona's energy lab in Hawaii. The lab is 300 acres and will

soon evolve into 800 acres. The lab developed an efficient way to conserve energy.

Wilcox wanted to show how Kona produces natural energy. Wilcox believes this process has potential to eventually conserve the world's energy.

This process is called O.T.E.C (Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion).

Kona's energy lab uses an open conversion to produce energy. The open process acts like an inverse refrigerator.

Instead of putting power in to get temperature control, they take cold water to produce energy.

They run pipes about a kilometer under the water where the wa-

ter is 40 degrees rather than 80 degrees.

They take the cold sea water and mix it with the warm sea water in a low pressure chamber to produce "steam" which will generate electricity.

The pipes, which are run underground, create condensation or mildew on the outskirts of the pipes, which are used for irriga-

tion for plants.

The same process is use for air conditioning.

These pipes contain cold sea water.

They blow air on them which is used for air conditioning under the floors throughout buildings.

Last summer, Wilcox sailed to Hawaii, where his boat is docked.

He is taking next quarter off and sailing to Tahiti. Woody Moses, a biology teacher here at Highline is joining him on his adventure.

Wilcox is going to switch crews, and then from Tahiti, he is off to Fiji.

There he will switch crews again, and Katie Gulliford, a biology teacher here at Highline, will be joining him.

From there, there crew will adventure off to Australia. Wilcox eventually wants to travel around the world.

This week's Science Seminar, Joy Strohmaier will be discussing "The flu -viruses and vaccines," in Building 3 room 103, 2:10 p.m. on Friday.

Former Highline student searches for purpose in life

By MICHELLE ERICKSEN

STAFF REPORTER

Former Highline student Matthew Hale stressed the importance of having a purpose in life at Honors Colloquy this week.

Matthew Hale is a practicing general litigation attorney, and a member of the WA bar. He graduated from Gonzaga Law School in 04 with a Bachelors in Political Science and he just passed the bar Nov.04.

He practices with Satterburg, Healy, Eeckhoudt lawyers.

Hale started to attend Highline as a Running Start student and graduated in 1999 with an Associate of Arts.

Hale came to the colloquy to share his perspective on the difference of being broke and being poor.

Hale was born in Renton, WA. When his parents split, both he and his mother moved in with his grandparents. When his mother had enough money they moved into an apartment, where they qualified for food stamps.

It was always very important to Hale's mother that they were broke, not poor. "Poor is a state of existence, a mindset, a cage," said Hale.

"Being broke is just a matter of not having money, and trying to find out where you can get



Matthew Hale

his bedroom with a firearm in his mouth. The hammer was cocked and he was squeezing the trigger.

"A piece of shit was how I saw myself," said Hale.

Before he fired the gun he looked around the room and saw a picture of his grandparents.

"I pictured them at my funeral, and I couldn't do it," said Hale.

"I was depressed, I was just going through the motions," said Hale "I didn't have a goal and I didn't have a purpose."

That was when he realized he was giving his power to other

people and he need to start living his life and enjoy living.

Hale started working for a Crisis Center and talked to people who wanted to commit suicide.

"The one question that I al-

ways asked first was did they want to die?" said Hale.

The reply was always no but when asked if they wanted to live Hale rarely got a reply.

"I know I have a purpose," said Hale.

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Panel talks racial disparity for MLK Week

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The Criminal Justice System isn't always fair when it comes to poor and people of color, a panel of experts said here during MLK week.

The panel discussion consisted of James Bible, defense attorney; Michael Spearman, King County Superior Court Judge; and Jeff Robinson, lawyer for Schroeter, Goldmark and Bender. The audience packed the seats in Building 7.

The first topic that was discussed was racial disparity and what it is.

"Disparity still exists in the criminal justice system," said Judge Spearman.

Their concern was focused mostly on racial disparity in the Criminal Justice System.

Racial disparity rears its ugly head a lot in the criminal justice system and it starts at time of the arrest, said Spearman.

All the panelists agree that racial disparity does exist. James Bible told the audience it's about status.

One-third of black males ages 20-29 are incarcerated, he said and they are looked at as second-class citizens.

"Me and two others were jay-walking and I was the one



who got called out by the police but the other two people walked on," said Bible.

They discussed how instead of treating the problem of drug offenders the government is incarcerating them when they could be helping them to get sober.

"Education for criminals has been absent from sentencing reform," said Jeff Robinson.

When a person goes into custody for committing a crime the judge can make a decision whether that person is in or out of jail while the trial date is being set.

There is twice as much chance the suspect will be acquitted if he or she is out of custody and being let out on bail, said Robinson.

But this only happens when the person in custody has good financial resources or a stable address and these two can be the determining factor for incarceration



Photo by Keith Daigle

Panel discusses racial disparity and crime for a packed Building 7.

tion or freedom for many.

"If they are released from jail they will mostly-likely come back," said Spearman.

Some homeless people who don't have a stable address have made it to court and then have been released, Spearman said.

Sentencing guidelines consist of how many counts a person is charged with and if there is criminal history.

"If you have a judge on the bench that comes from that community and lived with the people then that could help your case," Robinson said.

Rush Limbaugh was brought up about his illegal use of prescription drugs and he was not prosecuted, but a young black man would be, panelists said.

Plea negotiations happen behind closed doors and the judge can be held accountable for any

indiscretions.

Jury trials that are made up of your peers could be all white and the defendant is black-what are their chances of a good trial?

Police have to think about how they react when they see

a black man and instead of putting their hands on their gun they should reach a hand out for a handshake, panelists said.

"Instead of changing the table we should rebuild the table," Bible said.

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of the school.

The rest of the money, 62 percent, comes from state and, 11 percent, from various other local sources such as grants, contracts.

While 27 percent may seem like a small piece of the pie, it is growing every year.

In the 2002-2003 school year the percentage of the budget coming from tuition was 22.8 percent and in 2003-2004 it was 26.4 percent.

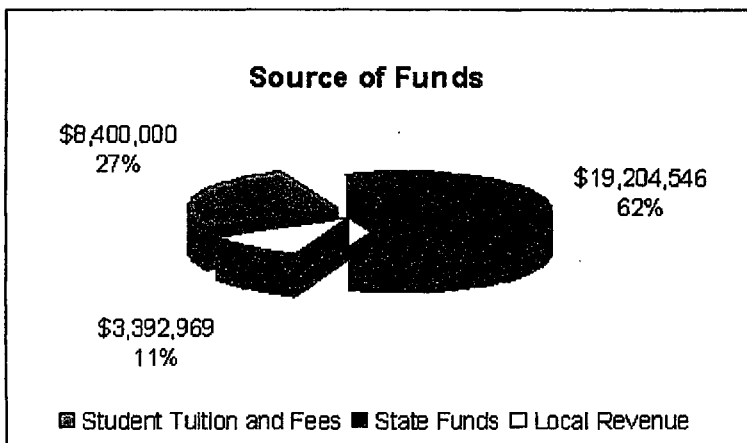
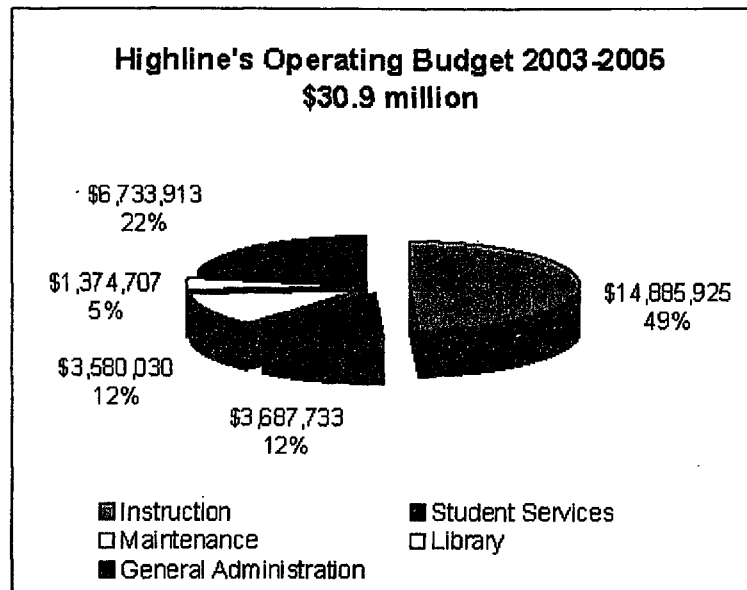
With tuition expected to rise by at least 5 percent for next year, that trend is likely to continue.

The tuition, fees, and state allotments are the funds that power the day-to-day operations of Highline.

Of Highline's \$30.9 million budget for this year, \$14.9 million is allocated for instruction.

This includes salary, wages, and benefits for teachers as well as for supplies and materials that are used in the classrooms.

This is the largest expenditure and accounts for 48 percent



of the total operating budget.

The other 32 percent is divided up as follows:

- Instructional support: \$735,207

- Library: \$1.4 million

- Student Services, such as admissions, testing, and counseling: \$3.7 million

- General Administration:

\$6.7 million

- Plant Operation and Maintenance, this includes custodial and grounds keeping: \$3.6 million

Of the above costs, salary, wages, and benefits account for \$25.6 million, or 82 percent.

While Highline does have some flexibility in deciding where and how to spend money.

Certain funds are earmarked for specific purposes.

These are called line item appropriations.

These include things like disabled care and child care, says Dr. Saunders.

The school has another budget aside from the operating budget. It is called the capital budget.

The actual physical structures that make up the Highline's changing campus are all owned by the State of Washington.

The money to build and maintain these buildings comes from the capital budget.

The need for new and updated facilities is one of the top four issues of immediate concern, according to Sandy Wall, SBCTC director for administrative services.

Under former Governor Locke's budget proposal, community colleges would receive \$470.6 million to repair, replace, and expand facilities.

Of that amount Highline would get \$2.19 million for leaky roofs and other general repairs, \$1.7 million to renovate electrical infrastructure, and \$693,200 for renovations.

There is also a provision to provide \$500,000 to remodel the Marine Science Center at the Poverty Bay pier.

While the school has plans to build a new allied health building, administrators say, it will not be addressed in this year's budget.

"A new building takes about six years in legislative processes," says Dr. Saunders.

Regardless of the amount of money Highline receives, students, faculty, and staff are always a top priority, school officials say.

"Decisions about people drive the budget," said Dr. Saunders.



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