Students torn over porn

BY MICHIELLE ERICKSEN,
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AND OLGA KHRYUKIN
STAFF REPORTERS

Highline’s students are divided on whether adult magazines should be sold in the student bookstore.

The Highline bookstore currently sells Playboy, Playgirl, and lingerie magazines.

A group of students is petitioning to get adult magazines removed from the bookstore. But students at large are neither uniformly committed to, nor opposed to the issue.

"If you are going to buy them, then buy them, and if you don’t, then don’t buy them," DJ Whitsett said. "They aren’t taking the place of educational magazines."

On the other hand, Galena Radchuk disagrees.

"They don’t bring us academic information," Radchuk said. "They are just a big distraction."

Kita Mashnikskaya thinks the magazines are a distraction from your studying. "They shouldn’t be there at all," Mashnikskaya said. "You look at the porn magazines instead of studying."

"If we have porn now in our bookstore then what is to come next?" Mashnikskaya said.

"It degrades our society," student Irina Yuchmiuk said.

"I knew it was there," said Melody Gilbert. "How can you not notice it when it’s staring you in the face?"

"It’s completely unnecessary and offensive to look at," Gilbert said. "It perverts the good name of Highline."

James Etherington just found out that the bookstore sells the adult magazines and said, "some people might not want to see that in the bookstore."

See Reaction, page 16

Speeding problem in turnabout

BY KEVIN GARBER
STAFF REPORTER

Vehicles are traveling too fast in the turnabout in front of the Child Care Center, and Highline is trying to put a stop to it.

Since the center opened at Highline in September, Child Care Director Joyce Riley said she believes there has been a problem with vehicles, including Metro buses, that use the bus stop in the center of the turnabout, traveling much too fast in the small bus-to-bus turnaround and posing a threat to the children.

This problem was addressed in a recent Highline Health and Safety Report, and the possible solution of installing speed bumps was discussed.

In the safety report the state Chairman Stephen Washburn did put in a call to Metro about the problem with the speeding buses.

A bus stop is located in the center of the turnabout.

See Speeding, page 16

Malamura wins national wrestling championship

BY MARTHA MOLINA
STAFF REPORTER

Yura Malamura says that faith in God gave him faith in himself.

Malamura, at 197 pounds, is the first wrestler to become a national champ in Highline's history.

The national tournament took place last weekend, in Rochester, Minn.

It was a 32-man bracket featuring the top wrestlers in the nation. Malamura isn't your average athlete who trains hard to see satisfying results. He adds a special element to his formula of success, prayer.

The former 215-pound state champ from Spanaway Lake High School began to attend Highline this past fall after taking a year off from wrestling.

Malamura attended Generation Intens, a bible college, in Kirkland for a year after graduating from high school in '03.

"I wanted to build my faith with God," said Malamura, who hopes to become a minister some day.

After attending Generation Intens for a year, Malamura felt like it was time to go back to a regular college and wrestling.

"I felt like God was calling me back to school," said Malamura. "I could also use wrestling as ministry."

Malamura has brought more than a national title to the Highline's wrestling team this year. He has brought a faith that...
Thefts occur on campus

A flat-screen monitor was stolen from the third floor receptionist's area of the Higher Education Center on Feb. 25 or Feb. 26. It was discovered stolen on the morning of Feb. 26 and all that was left were two clipped cables lying on the desk.

A red Acura belonging to a Highline student was parked in the East lot on Feb. 23 when an unknown person broke into the vehicle and stole a CD player worth $400. The theft occurred some time between 5:50 and 9:50 p.m.

In the library a student's purse was ransacked on Feb. 23. Cash as well as an ATM card were stolen from the purse.

Car almost stolen from lot

A white 1995 Honda Accord belonging to a visitor was parked in a Highline parking lot between noon and 3 p.m. on March 1 when it was entered by an unknown individual and the steering column was torn off in an attempt to steal the vehicle. However, the vehicle was not stolen and the owner declined to file a police report.

Vandals leave their mark

Vandals left graffiti on the walls of the men's restroom in Building 21 on March 1.

Juveniles make mischief at night

A 9-1-1 call and hang-up was made from the South lot payphone on Feb. 25. When security reported to the area they found three juveniles and warned them about making unnecessary calls to 9-1-1.

Three juveniles dressed in dark clothing were reported to be loitering around Building 21 on Feb. 24. When security showed up they dispersed.

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Items sought for homeless

Phi Theta Kappa is collecting items for homeless people in the community.

All proceeds will benefit Family Services, Midway Community Covenant Church, and the Des Moines Food Bank.

Items being collected are food, hygiene items, bus tickets, clothing, blankets, phone cards, coupon books for fast food, towels, and washcloths.

Batteries, back packs, diapers, umbrella, warm clothes, vitamins, gift cards, school supplies, and cash donations are also accepted.

Students can drop off any of these items today and Friday, March 4 on the first floor of the Student Union.

Internships available

Internships are available for summer break to minority students interested in the media industry.

The Emma L. Bowen Foundation is looking for a high school junior, senior, or college freshman minority student. Applications are due on Friday, March 11. Students must have a 3.0 GPA and submit an application, a transcript, an essay and two letters of recommendation.

For additional information, visit www.emmabowenfounda-

One Exciting Cooperative Education Opportunity

Emma L. Bowen Scholarship

They are looking for a minority student interested in some aspect of Media. Visit our office in 19-107 for more information.
Sides collide at porn meeting

BY MICHELLE ERICKSEN STAFF REPORTER

The discussion of the sale of adult magazines provoked varied, energetic responses from Highline students earlier this week.

The Town Hall meeting on Feb. 28, sponsored by the Political Affairs Club, drew more than 60 students to Building 7.

After presentations by students who both support and oppose the sale of adult magazines in the college bookstore, the meeting turned into a shouting match.

Speakers were given equal amounts of time, but some of them went way over their two-minute limit and took up the time of the other speakers.

The students against the sale of adult magazines were represented by S.A.S.O.C. (Students Against the Sale of Obscenities on Campus).

The clubs on the free speech side of the debate were the Democrats of Highline, Breadthology, and Highline Association of Library Technicians.

S.A.S.O.C was represented by Josh Dill and Amelia Gilbert.

Dill and Gilbert hope to get the magazines removed for several reasons.

• They serve no educational purpose.

• All of the young Running Start students on campus.

• They don't make much profit for Highline.

• This is not a free speech issue. It's in the best interest of Highline not to carry these magazines,” said Josh Dill, co-founder of S.A.S.O.C.

• The bookstore manager Randy Fisher said that only about three magazines were sold per month,” said Dill. “It’s not profitable for the college.”

• Highline is one of the only colleges that sell pornographic magazines,” said Dill.

• Seven-Elevens have more respect, all their pornographic magazines have a black cover and are behind the counter,” Dill said.

• “It’s not violating the First Amendment to remove the magazines,” Dill said.

The Democrats of Highline were represented by Matt Lawrence. The Democrats of Highline said the magazines should stay because they contain educational material. First amendment says people have the right to get access to the issue.

“Minorities shouldn’t decide what is appropriate or inappropriate for the bookstore,” Matt Lawrence said.

Porn is images of the adult nude body, said Lawrence. The Highline Association of Library Technicians representative was Michael Moore.

The government has no power to decide for individuals, said Moore.

“It’s not a violation of the first amendment, that’s not the way the constitution reads,” Moore said.

“Pornography probably wouldn’t have a long life on shelves if it continues to sell poorly,” Moore said.

After the presentations, the meeting somewhat unraveled.

Some students shouted while others merely laughed, in each instance drowning out what other students had to say.

Some students expressed their emotions by jumping over seats and running over down the aisle the get to the microphone first.

There was jostling at the microphone and one student fell over.

Nonetheless, at least one college official pronounced the meeting a success.

“The Town Hall meeting was a great exchange of ideas and viewpoints. It was brought to our Highline students,” said Jonathan Brown, associate dean for student programs.

“I’d take my hat off to the Political Affairs club for providing these forums. It was a respectable crowd, by students for students,” Brown said.

“It’s great that students are bringing issues they are passionate about up to the campus,” Brown said. “This issue is going to be taken on by our college governance in some fashion.”

Fix taxes for free with Highline students’ help

BY MICHELLE ERICKSEN STAFF REPORTER

Highline accounting students are providing help to members of the community with tax returns.

“This free program benefits community members, but it’s also a great opportunity for students,” Geoff Turck, coordinator of the Accounting Department, said.

This program was started last year, and this year it continues through April 7.

The service is available in the basement of the library in room 120B.

The hours are 1:15 to 4 p.m. New arrivals are not taken after 3:15 p.m.

Student volunteers will help prepare income tax forms 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ. Community members should bring their W-2, 1098 and 1099 forms, past tax returns, current identification, and all other tax-related information.

Language assistance is available in Bosnian, Korean, Spanish and the Indian languages of Hindi and Punjabi.

The IRS has released several tips to help college students fill-out their tax returns. Taxpayers should make sure that they are aware of important changes to the tax law before they complete their 2004 federal income tax forms, advises the IRS.

“If you own taxes, a delay in filing may result in a failure to file penalty and interest charges,” said Judy Monahan, IRS media contact for Washington state.

“The longer you delay, the larger these charges grow.”

Individuals who are entitled to the Earned Income Tax Credit must file their return to claim the credit, even if they are not otherwise required to file.

Anthony Newton, accounting professor, advises that prior to filing a tax returns students should check the following:

• Sign your tax return form if you are filing via the U.S. mail.

• If you have a trained tax preparer to do your tax returns, make sure they are reputable.

• Be sure you add and subtract properly.

• If you are itemizing your return, be sure that you capture all of the available deductions.

• Take advantage of the Educational Tax Credits such as the Lifetime Learning Credit and the Hope Scholarship Credit.

• If you are in the payback period of your student loans, the interest that was deducted from tax payments all year is deductible (for Adjusted Gross Income purposes) and can be declared on your 1040.

• If you have a new child in the home see Chapter 36 for the Child Tax Credit.

• Tuition fees can be deducted depending on your level of income.

• Make sure that the tax returns are filed by the deadline April 15. Failure to file on time will result in penalties and fees students want to avoid.

IRS experts have pulled together an overview of common tax issues in the pamphlet Publication 17. The pamphlet is free and will answer many of the different tax questions this year.

To get a copy of Publication 17, visit the IRS website at IRS.gov or order a copy by calling toll free 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).
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tobacco junkies have to walk all the way across the street to the gas station, yet smut lovers have the convenience of the bookstore? How much sense does that make?

I'll tell you what, if it's between cigarettes and porn, I'd much rather the bathrooms be used for smoking...

-Killian Murphy,
Highline student

Student wants Indie film at Highline

Dear Editor:

I've made a few abortive attempts to tempts with base some-

one on campus to see how one might go about doing an Indie film here at Highline. Should it be a club or whatever?

I see advertisements on various sites calling for people on other campuses to help with an Indie project.

I'm sure that there is a great amount of writing, acting, and production talent at Highline. Your thoughts, suggestions, or insightful laughter, etc. would be most useful.

-Richard Wylend, laughingatm0n@juno.com

Highline student
Students give great effort in ‘Twelfth Night’

BY JESSIE ELLIOTT
STAFF REPORTER

Imagine crashing on an island where you don’t know anything and you believe you have lost everything, only to find that you have landed in a place where everything is turned upside-down.

Highline’s Drama Department is currently showing Shakespeare’s ‘Twelfth Night,’ one of Shakespeare’s most popular comedies.

‘Twelfth Night’ is a comedy about love and misunderstandings, beginning with a shipwreck and ending with laughter and confusion.

The story begins with Viola, played by Kim Ellenich, in a shipwreck on the island of Illyria. She masquerades as a man to get by, and Olivia, played by Candace Webb, is unable to tell him how she feels because she is dressed as a man. Shakespeare’s works are difficult for even the most professionally trained actors, the language is 400 years old and it is not as easy to understand as many other scripts.

The Drama Department tackles this difficult script as best it can.

Under the direction of Nyree Martinez, the actors are expressive and funny.

The movement and action on stage are well executed. However, some of the actors are not entirely comfortable with their roles.

Coming into this quarter without knowing the cast, Martinez had a disadvantage, and it resulted in some curious casting choices. Some students, however, were very well cast and did great with the difficult script.

Stephen Scheide steals every scene he is in as the drunken Sir Toby Belch, Olivia’s uncle.

Scheide’s expression and fluency is apparent throughout the play.

Feste, a clown played by Kathleen Payne, is funny and energetic.

She is great as a fool who knows more than people think she does.

Another role that is portrayed very well is Maria, Olivia’s woman, played by Melissa McAlerny.

McAlerny shows depth and plays the scheming maid in a very comedic way.

Carlos Calvo as Olivia’s steward Malvolio is very funny. Calvo’s portrayal of a polite steward turned madman in love is excellent.

Each character is enhanced by the costumes they wear. Designed by Sarah Mosher, the costumes fit each individual character’s personality and mannerisms.

Some are bright and colorful, such as the costumes of Feste and Sir Toby, while others are solemn and dark, such as Malvolio’s costume.

Also adding to the production is the set, designed by Rick Lorig.

Long’s vision of the whimsical, nautical island of Illyria fits wonderfully with the play. It takes the audience to a sweeping world of bright colors.

Highline’s production of ‘Twelfth Night’ is a valiant effort, and will run March 3–5 at 8 p.m. in the Little Theater, Building A.

Tickets are $6 for students and $7 for general admission.

Local wine festival fuses charity and fun

BY KEITH DAGLE
STAFF REPORTER

A new local festival is turning waterland into wine. The Des Moines Rotary and 98.9 Smooth Jazz are organizing a wine festival to raise money for charities.

The Poverty Bay Wine Festival will be held at the Des Moines Marina at the beach park auditorium March 12–13. Saturday the festival goes from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday noon - 5 p.m.

“This is the first year for it. We hope that it is a success and that we can build on it,” said Ric Jacobson, the president of the Rotary Club.

It costs $20 to get in. You can buy tickets now at CorkyCellars wine shop in Des Moines and the Des Moines Drug store, or you can purchase them online at www.desmoinesrotary.org.

Tickets will also be available at the door.

This is not an all ages event; you must be 21 or older to get in.

With the price of admission you get $5 worth of scrip, with which you can purchase wine tastings.

Different wines cost different amounts of scrip. You can purchase more scrip at the festival for more wine tastings.

You will also have the opportunity to buy wine by the bottle from the various wineries at the festival.

The Festival will feature wine tastings from 10 local wineries, along with food from local restaurants.

The wineries include E.B. Foote, Five Star Cellars, Nota Bene Cellars, Page Cellars, Waving Tree, Two Mountains, Kalamar Winery, Wind River Winery, Chandlers Reach, and El Mirador.

The Michael Powers Trio will be performing at the festival both Saturday and Sunday. Powers played his guitar for a Highline audience last quarter at The Blind.

Local artist Camille Patha will be signing numbered posters at the festival. She painted the design that is on the festival posters.

All of the proceeds from the festival will be used to support mainly local charities, such as the Des Moines Food Bank, and Dictionaries by the Dozen among others.

Dictionaries by the Dozen is a Rotary Club sponsored charity that gives every third grader in the Highline area a hardbound dictionary.

The wine festival came about partly because of a haunted house at the Des Moines Marina, or more accurately a lack thereof.

“We did it for 14 years, and we lost the opportunity to do that anymore. We had to find a new project. I had experienced different wine festivals, and I thought that this could be something really good for our community,” Jacobson said.

Jacobson and his wife Di-anne, are the driving force behind organizing the festival.

They have been working to make it happen for some time now.

They are the owners of local wine shop CorkyCellars.

“We’ve been working on it for a couple of years,” said Jacobson.
The play will be in Highline's Little theater March 3-5 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $8 for stu-
dents and $7 general admis-
sion, available at the door.

• Movie Fridays is showing Love is Never Silent, directed by Joseph Sargent. A young
woman, struggles with her own need for independence and
the obligation she feels for her
hearing-impaired parents in
this depression-era drama.
A friend sees her turmoil and
tells her she must find hap-
iness on her own. However,
the initial joy she finds in mar-
rriage starts to strain under the
guilt she feels for deserting her
parents.

The classes (film) are free,
but you must register for each
one at the door.

Come join us at Building 26, room 213 at noon.

• The Kent Arts Commission is presenting OffBroadway Dance
Theater as part of the 2004-
2005 Spotlight Series. This
Seattle-based company pres-
nents an evening of contempo-
rany dance on Saturday, March
19 at 7:30 p.m. at Kent-Meridian
High School Performing Arts Center, 10020 SE 256th
Street, Kent. Tickets for Spec-
trum Dance Theater are $15
for adults and $12 for students
and seniors. For information call (253) 865-5050.

• Burien Live Theatre Pres-
ents Other People's Money by
Jerry Sterner, Fourth Avenue
Southwest and Southwest
146th Street.

The show runs March 4-
27, Fridays and Saturdays at
8 p.m. and Sundays tickets are
$9.

The play was winner of the Outer Critics Choice Award for
Best Off-Broadway Play. The
production is directed by Silas
Linderstein.

Call 206-242-5180 for tick-
ets, or visit www.burienlivethea-
ter.org for more information.

• Open auditions are going
to be held for Missoula Chil-
dren's Theater's production of
The Frog Prince at Glenridge
Elementary School.
No experience/preparation are necessary. All ages are
welcome to audition. about
50-60 children will be cast.

The auditions will be held
March 7 from 4-6 p.m., and
students must stay for the en-
tire time.

Rehearsals will be held the rest of the week and the
production will be Saturday,
March 12. For more info, call
253-856-5050

Arts
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• The Drama Department
is presenting Shakespeare's
Twelfth Night, a comedy about
love, lust, intrigue, and misin-
formation.

The contemporary soul-jazz
music of Deems Tsutakawa,
featured for The Blend, will be
filling up the spacious cafeteria
room next week on March 9.
The Blend is an ongoing event
that takes place every other
Wednesday from 11 a.m. –
1 p.m. in the Student Union
Fireside Bistro.

Deems Tsutakawa, a 53-year-
old artist from Seattle, is a solo
pianist. His music is
described as a cross between
the blues, R&B, and jazz.

State Music Teachers Associa-
tion Award at the age of 9.
As a child, Tsutakawa played
mostly classical music, how-
ever, in his teenage years he
became more interested in soul,
R&B, and jazz.

“I felt like jazz accommodated
my personality better,”
Tsutakawa said.
He has now been performing
professionally for 35 years,

“I love playing and keeping
Dance. It's my way to express myself,”
Tsutakawa said.

Tsunakawa usually writes
his own songs, but even if he
plays somebody else's work he
always does it in his own style,

Tsutakawa comes from a
family of artists, musicians,
and dancers. His father, George
Tsutakawa, was a famous sculp-
tor, while his mother danced.

"I feel fortunate and love
playing and performing. I look
forward to going to work,"
Tsutakawa said.

The Blend is sponsored by
Team Highline, a student-run
Rational Numbers

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit in each box simply base 10. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.

ACROSS
2. Three less than 10-Down
5. Five less than 10-ACROSS
7. The first digit is the sum of the other digits
9. 10-ACROSS plus 15-ACROSS
10. Twenty less than 1-Down
11. One less than 1-Down
12. 12-Down minus 15-ACROSS
13. Consecutive digits in ascending order
15. 15-ACROSS plus 4-Down
17. Four less than 8-Down

DOWN
1. The first digit is four times the last digit
3. Digits of 13-ACROSS rearranged
4. 16-Down minus 5-ACROSS

Arthur’s queen?
9. GEOGRAPHY: The Faroe Islands are a part of which nation?
10. PRESIDENT: George W. Bush’s brother Jeb is governor of which state?

CORRECTION: A recent Trivia Test included a question about the first name of a daughter of Lyndon Johnson who was married while her father was president. The answer given was “Lucci.” In fact, both Luci and her older sister, Lynda Bird, were married while their father was president.

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Which Witch?

Across
1. Vagabond
2. Emmy, for one
3. Harbor workers
4. Heartthrob
5. Baster
6. Big place
7. Gerald, for one
8. Weighty car?
9. Emotion
10. Contract
11. Helpers
12. Farm type
13. Flee
14. Batman sidekick
15. Tomato need
16. Sing
17. Pens
18. Rock-bottom
19. Policeman’s route
20. Buckets
21. Infragrent
22. Usually
23. Discovered
24. Western movie group
25. Roundabout
26. Forte
27. Refer to
28. Lavender
29. Angela’s
30. Balb
31. Carry
32. Chicken transporter?
33. Branch Davidians locale
34. Caesar’s gown
35. Mother-of-pearl
36. Wight, for one
37. Precedence dance
38. New York City’s Boss
39. Former Russian king
40. Baskets

Down
1. Quality music system
2. Sensation
3. Uninterested school oversight group?
4. Stile

5. My Name is ______ Lev
6. Very small
7. Scoreboard designation
8. A1 Sharpton short title
9. Juiceless
10. South Pacific Island
11. Put upon
12. Reseued
13. Sounds out
14. Phones
15. Fender mar
16. Michel’s
17. Construct
18. Found in wallets
19. Spiritual leader
20. City on the Allegheny
21. Reserved supplies
22. Corning employee educational effort?
23. Smartly
24. Chop
25. Tabasco, for one
26. Ted Kooser, e.g.
27. Parks from Montgomery
28. Search a person

“Do not take life too seriously: you will never get out of it alive.”
—Elbert Hubbard

Quotable Quote

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

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The Thunderbird

Symphony swings into spring

By ARIKA SHROPSHIRE

The Federal Way Symphony will be performing one of its audience favorites, The Symphony Swings concert.

The concert will be held at St. Luke’s Church on Saturday March 5 at 8 p.m. and on Sunday March 6 at 2 p.m. This concert will feature jazz and big band music from the great American band tradition.

The Symphony has six concerts a year starting in October and ending in May. In April the symphony will have its Chamber concert, which will feature soprano Raluca Mariscu from Romania, and will be directed by the symphony’s concertmaster, Mr. Yuriy Mikhin, previously the concertmaster for the Kiev State Opera and Ballet.

The concert in May is called Classical of Course. It will be May 7 and they will be performing Die Meistersinger Overture and Beethoven’s Symphony No. 5 in C minor along with other musical selections.

This year the symphony has added visuals to its concerts. An overhead PowerPoint projector is used to display pictures that fit with the theme of the concert.

“We started this last year, and it was such a success that we added to all of our concerts this year,” says Janice Burgess, vice president of the executive board.

The symphony also just found out that they will be receiving a National Endowment for the Arts grant of $10,000, and the King County Council is also giving them a $50,000 grant. Both of these grants will be used mostly to fund their summer Pops! concert at Dumas Bay and a summer music academy where the symphony will go out to the schools.

“We have had an absolutely outstanding year,” says Burgess. “We’re real interested in having young people be interested in music.”

The Symphony was founded in Burien in 1960 and then moved to Federal Way 1985. They performed as the Federal

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Women’s NWAACC Tournament preview

2004/05 NWAACC TOURNAMENT

BY JAMIE GROSSMANN
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The 41st annual women’s NWAACC tournament begins today in the Tri-Cities. Eleven of the 16 teams are making a return trip including last year’s champions, Clackamas.

The games begin today with an 8 a.m. game today and will culminate with the championship game Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

The tournament opens today with Highline taking on Clackamas in the “Egg McMuffin Game” at 8 a.m. Clackamas is riding a four-game win streak, ranked fourth in the NWAACC Horizon Air Coach’s Poll, and are expected to challenge for the championship.

“We are really young this year, but we have grown a lot in the last couple of weeks,” said Clackamas Head Coach Jem Martinette. “If we can catch a couple of breaks at the tournament, we could have a chance to make some noise.”

However, Highline will be a formidable challenge and is riding a five-game win streak and is out to prove that a shocking defeat to Pierce on Feb. 5 was a fluke.

“We match up well with Clackamas,” said Highline Head Coach Amber Rowe. “If we play our game and they play theirs it comes down to rebounding and who wants it more.”

West Division champion Centralia has a tough draw in Chemeketa.

Centralia is coming off a tough win against Clark in overtime. Currently, the Trailblazers’ top two players, Jen Solberg and Nikki Johnson, are both coming off injuries and will not be at full strength.

“If Jen and Nikki were 100 percent I would say we have a real chance at the title,” said Centralia Head Coach Gary Vigners. “They are both about 75 percent so I am not sure about our chances. We will have to play near perfect ball to compete with the Oregon teams.”

Chemeketa played in the championship game last year and will be looking to make a run at it again.

“We are looking forward to the tournament and have been playing well as of late,” said Chemeketa Head Coach Marty Branch. “We are hoping to do well.”

Lane is favored, last year they played in the third place game but came up short against Umpqua. Lane went 13-1 in league play, with their only loss being to Clackamas 99-93.

With a first round draw of the Western Division’s fourth seed, Clark, Lane should have no problem making it to the third round where their opponents could be Centralia, Chemeketa, Yakima Valley or Olympic.

“I expect us to play well. If we can do that we have a chance to win the tournament,” said Lane Head Coach Greg Shelby.

Umpqua is another team to watch, however they will be playing with only seven players. The Timberwomen will be playing involving freshman Sharde Burkhedt, who tore her ACL during a game on Feb. 9 against Southwest Oregon.

“She is going to try and play on it at the tournament but we are not very optimistic,” said Umpqua Head Coach Dave Stricklin. “I don’t know if we are physically strong enough to play hard for four days in a row.”

“Lane is the odds on favorite, then Umpqua, Clackamas, Walla Walla, Columbia Basin, Yakima, Lower Columbia, and Highline,” said Centralia Coach Viggers. “Highline definitely has the talent and athletes to compete with the Oregon schools.”

Centralia Trailblazers Record - 14-2, 25-3 Last year - 24-7, placed fourth in the tournament. Key Players - Jen Solberg 20.7 ppg, 9.4 reb; Nikki Johnson 15.6 ppg, 6.4 reb; Jade Smith 9.6 ppg. 7.5 reb.

Lower Columbia Red Devils Record - 14-2, 23-4 Last year - 21-7, lost in third round to Skagit Valley. Key Players - Sara Burgoyne 14 ppg, 4.9 reb, 2.9 asst; Jessica Grub 11.3 ppg, 6.2 reb.


Clark Peguins Record - 7-9, 10-18 Last year - 8-17, didn’t make the tournament. Key Players - Brittany Driv- er 11.2 ppg, 7.8 reb; Kelsey Schaefer 9.9 ppg, 4.2 reb.

Skagit Valley Cardinals Record - 9-7, 18-10 Last year - 21-7, placed seventh in the tournament. Key Players - Sarah Kupers 11.1 ppg; Maitie Todd 10.6 ppg, 5.6 reb.

Peninsula Pirates Record - 12-4 (League), 21-8 Last year - 13-12, didn’t make the tournament. Key Players - Trista White 13.6 ppg, 4 reb; Heather Lizotte 10.9 ppg, 8.2 reb, 2.4 stl; Alison Crumb 9.8 ppg, 2.1 stl.

Olympic Rangers Record - 11-5, 20-8 Last year - 11-13, didn’t make the tournament. Key Players - Jamea Fed- dox 15.9 ppg, 7.6 reb; Adria Layne 14.2 ppg, 7.5 reb.

Edmonds Tritons Record - 10-6, 15-13 Last year - 10-17, didn’t make the tournament. Key Players - Allista Brasel 19 pg, 10.8 reb, 2.4 bks; Shirley Spears 13.3 ppg, 7.5 reb.

Columbia Basin Hawks Record - 11-3, 22-5 Last year - 15-11, didn’t make the tournament. Key Players - Kaci Bernsen 13.7 ppg, 6.8 reb; Jessica Miller 9.3 ppg, 1.5 stl; Sarah Daliguis 9.3 ppg, 7.7 reb.

Walla Walla Warriors Record - 11-3, 22-5 Last year - 24-5, placed fifth in the tournament. Key Players - Aundrea Mosse 21.7 ppg, 10.8 reb; Mandy Trout 16.6 ppg; Ash- ley Wolfe 9.4 ppg.

Yakima Valley Yaks Record - 10-4, 22-7 Last year - 23-8, placed eighth at the tournament. Key Players - Tiffany Ulmer 15.9 ppg, 5.9 reb, 2.4 stl; Angie Ibach 10.5 ppg, 3.6 reb, 2.3 stl; Molly Clark 10.2 ppg, 1.6 stl.

Skophane Sasquatchs Record - 9-5, 17-13 Last year - 18-10, lost in third round to Yakima Valley. Key Players - Angie Cilt 10.9 pgp, 4.8 reb; Jackie Albi 9.2 ppg, 3.7 reb.

The Thunderword
The Lady T-Birds have high hopes for NWAACCs

BY JAMIE GROSSMANN
STAFF REPORTER

The Lady T-Birds will be riding a five-game win streak when they open up NWAACC tournament play today.

The Highline women left yesterday morning for the Tri-Cities and their shot at a NWAACC championship.

Highline finished the season third in the West Division with a 13-3 record, 20-8 overall. They went 4-4 against this year’s tournament teams and have not played against eight of them.

The T-Birds will face defending champion Clackamas at 8 a.m. this morning in the opening game of the tournament.

Clackamas came out of the South Division as the second seed with a record of 11-3 in league (23-6 overall).

“Clackamas is us,” said Head Coach Amber Rowe. “They run three of the same offenses as we do. They are almost the spitting image of us.”

“Clackamas is a bit more athletic then us, but we are more disciplined,” said Rowe. “I think it will come down to rebounding and who wants it more. Both teams can score and shoot the three well.”

“We have been having early morning practice to get used to this and should be able to use that to our advantage,” said Rowe.

Highline finished the regular season with victories over both Clark, 63-49, last Wednesday and South Puget Sound, 76-52 on Saturday. Last Wednesday the Lady T-Birds played their last home game of the season against the Clark Penguins.

Emotions were high for the Lady T-Birds even before tip-off as it was the last home game for the four seniors on the team, Rebekah Johnson, Taryn Plypick, Nina Kupu, and Kelli Marcus.

The T-Birds came out sluggish and allowed Clark to jump out to an early 12 point lead in the opening minutes.

Highline battled back and outscored the visiting Lady Penguins 25-9 in the last 15 minutes of the first half, giving the Lady T-Birds a 27-23 advantage at halftime.

“We got down early but wasn’t worried about it, it was a different starting five,” said Rowe. “Part of it was nerves and the fact that sophomore night is always emotional.”

“We got back into our rhythm and normal rotation, our comfort zone,” said Rowe.

“Are men were anxious to get in the game. When they came in and had the energy and made things happen.”

The second half was more of the same as Highline continued to build upon its lead and at one point were up by as many as 16.

The victory gave the Lady T-Birds an undefeated record at home at 8-0.

Highline’s Marissa Cain led all scorers with 20 points and added 11 rebounds, six steals and three blocks.

“Marissa is playing really well and especially well over the last four or five games,” said Rowe.

Kelli Marcus added 10 and led the team with six assists.

“Kelli is stepping up and becoming more confident in what she is doing on the court,” said Rowe.

Highline traveled to South Puget Sound to finish out the season last Saturday.

South Puget Sound came into the game fighting for the fourth and final playoff spot in the west division.

A win over Highline would put them in a tie for the three-way tie with Clark and Pierce.

Highline did not give South Puget Sound much of a chance. South Puget Sound’s only lead came from the opening tip from there on it was all Highline.

The T-Birds found themselves up 13 at half and came out with a 24-point victory.

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“We only ran one offense and our zone defense, and the zone is not the team’s favorite.”

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Highline finishes 15th in Nationals

BY MARTHA MOLINA  STAFF REPORTER

Highline's wrestling team finished 15th in the nation led by Yura Malamura’s first place at 170 pounds.

The national tournament was a two day 32 man bracket tournament in Rochester, Minn. The tournament was the culmination of the NICAA. Labette from Parsons, Kan. finished No. 1 with 108 points. Following closely was Highline rival North Idaho with 99 points. Highline finished 15th with 32.5 points.

Even though Highline had no other placers, two wrestlers did finish in the top 16 of the nation.

At 125 pounds, Kyle McCarron went two and out in his two rounds. In McCarron’s first match, he lost by a major decision 6-4 to Iowa Central’s Eric Hoffman who later advanced to 3 in the nation. McCarron lost his second match to Lasten’s Johnny Rojas, who finished seventh.

“McCarron had a tough bracket,” said Muri.

“He’s (McCarron) the smallest guy so he goes first,” said 141-pounder Mendez. “He just seemed a little shocked.”

Jason Mendez at 141 pounds made it to the All-American round with the help of a bye in the first round. For his first match, Mendez lost by a close score of 9-8, to Amin Queen from Middlesex, who finished sixth. Mendez defeated Stevens’ Ryan Bunting for his second match by a decision of 7-2.

Mendez continued the winning streak when he defeated Ridgewater’s Clay Hoeck by a 10-5 decision.

The next match was the All-American round against Labette’s Cory Allison. The winner would be automatically an All-American.

Mendez was leading by a score of 10-9 with four seconds left in the third round. Allison managed to take Mendez down and earn two points.

“The ref blew the whistle with a second left in the third round,” said Mendez. “I couldn’t escape in a second to tie the score.

“I didn’t achieve what I wanted to,” said Mendez. “Everything that could possibly go wrong did.”

Joe Muri at 149 pounds came out on top in his first match when he pinned Springfield’s Pat Barnes in 6:12. In his second match, Muri got pinned by Stevens’ Jake Warner with four seconds left in the match.

“There was some good tough competition,” said Muri. “But I had fun.”

Muri lost his final match of the season to Labette’s Luke Eilmer who finished fourth by 9-5 decision.

“It was a tough match and almost pulled it off,” said Muri. For the first match of the day, Dan Caldwell at 184 pounds pinned Stevens’ Terrill Leach in 3:57.

The following two matches, Caldwell was completely shut down. He lost by a technical fall 15-0 to Minnesota West’s Dallas Mitchell, who finished first. Caldwell lost by a decision of 9-3 to Gloucestor’s John Horn.

“Dan wrestled well and had fun,” said Muri. “He came in halfway through the season and did well.”

Malamura dominated all of his opponents but did wrestle the full seven minutes for all four matches. In the first round he had bye.

For his first match of the day, Malamura defeated Iowa’s Chris Thorson by a major decision 13-0. For the last match of the day, Malamura defeated Harper’s Pat Rigdon by a decision, 7-3.

Malamura was now in the finals bracket, and once again came out on top by defeating Labette’s Jared Shelton, 6-4.

Throughout the match, Shelton had the stands full of fans, while Malamura just had about 10 people including his teammates, Coach Scott Norton, Athletic Director John Dunn, and Assistant Coach John Clement.

There was some trash talk coming from Labette fans before and during the match, said Muri.

“It was exciting to watch,” said Muri. “I was screaming like a little girl.

“All the other fans were into Yura,” he said. “I knew he would pull it off.”

Heavyweight Peterson, who made his second trip to nationals, nearly earned an All-American title.

Peterson was prepared to win. He defeated Triton’s Zach Butten by a major decision, 11-0. Peterson then struggled in his match with Nassau’s Jonathan Andrici, whom he lost by a 9-2 decision.

Peterson then wrestled Clackamas’ John Basting whom he defeated 12-5.

With a 6-2 victory over Ellsworth’s Derrick Muhnen, Peterson was able to advance onto the All-American round.

Peterson was pinned in the first round by Ridgewater’s Tim Johnson by what the wrestlers described as “freestyle” pin.

“He (Peterson) got cheated big time,” said Mendez. “It was the last match of the day and the refs were tired and made a bad call.

“It was a touch pin and shouldn’t have happened,” he said.

Sophomores McCarron, Mendez, Muri, and Peterson wrapped up their Highline careers this weekend.

Everybody wrestled tough, but goals weren’t met,” said Mendez.

An extra essence helps Malamura throughout the season

Yura Malamura.

Yura Malamura has spread like a virus onto the team.

“This year we’ve had more of religious background,” said 141-pounder Jason Mendez.

“We have a faith with God.”

Having an extra essence on the mat has contributed to many of the wrestlers’ success and has also brought on more of a family aura to the team, they say.

“We have more conversations and care for one another,” said Mendez who has been at Highline for three years.

“When God is involved, teammates become brothers,” said 149-pounder Jon Muri.

Malamura wasn’t always trying to spread brotherhood and faith as a child.

“I wasn’t always like this,” said Malamura. “I used to always get in trouble and suspended.”

But Malamura was able to overcome his past and work toward a clean present and a better future, he said.

Malamura finished his freshman year of college wrestling with a 34-5 record, Region XVIII champ and wrestler of the region honors, and national championship. After becoming region champ on Feb. 12 many people came up to Malamura wishing him luck for the national tournament.

“A lot of people came up to me and said that they hoped that I was at least an All-American,” said Malamura. “That day I came home and had to make a decision.”

Malamura had to decide whether he was striving toward being an All-American or becoming national champ. He chose national champ.

“I made a list of the things that I needed to do in order to become national champion,” said Malamura.

“I was already eating right and running three miles every day, basically disciplining myself.

“I made posters and put them in my room that said ‘national champ,’” he said.

“I put one up in my ceiling and every morning when I woke up I would see ‘national champ’,” said Malamura.

Malamura says that you have to take a goal that may seem unachievable, and do everything you can do to make it there. You have to leave it up to God.

“Everything I do is for the Lord,” said Malamura. “It’s not just for me, but for His glory.”

Malamura didn’t only keep a strong faith throughout the season and know that his strength and energy came from God, but also influenced his teammates to find the Lord themselves.

“Coming out of the tournament (nationals), I felt like I needed to reprioritized,” said Mendez. “The Lord always has to come first, and He will take care of you.”

Malamura, first of all, pays tribute to God for his success, but family and friends were also a big support.

“My dad and my mom were always supportive, and my mom was always praying me not to get hurt,” said Malamura. Malamura also thanked his coach, Scott Norton, and teammates for their help.

“Norton is the man,” said Malamura who had to learn everything about wrestling all over again this season. “He was always there for me.”

One time at the gym a guy was teasing Malamura because he didn’t know how to do basic takedowns and pin techniques, he said.

“Jon (Muri) and the guys stood up for me,” said Malamura.

This occurred in the beginning of the season. Today, Malamura is national champ.
Highline men’s basketball team finished the season by splitting their last two games.

The T-Birds beat Clark 80-68 and then traveled to South Puget Sound to lose 86-77.

Clark became tied for last place along with Green River and South Puget Sound after their loss to Highline.

“We jumped on them early,” said Head Coach Che Dawson.

Highline came out with a lead at the end of the first half, 36-31.

The T-Birds couldn’t keep that lead because in the second half Clark was up by 10, 50-40, at one point.

“We started off the second half flat and then we picked up our intensity and pulled off a very convincing win,” said Dawson.

Highline battled back to steal back the lead, and they pulled off a 12-point victory.

Tavar Proctor had a huge game, getting a double-double, scoring 20 points and snagging 12 rebounds.

Myron Hennings put 16 points up on the board.

Londen Carter pulled down 11 rebounds and blocked four shots while George Irby got 12 rebounds and blocked three shots.

Clark’s Erving Adams scored 21 points and snagged 12 rebounds.

Highline then traveled to 4-12 South Puget Sound, and just couldn’t pull off a final last win.

“I think it was difficult for both teams to find the desire for the necessary intensity,” said Dawson, referring to how neither team was going to playoffs if they won or lost the game.

“Both teams got off to a slow start. Our defensive intensity dropped and we gave up lots of easy buckets,” said Dawson.

Highline scored the first basket and couldn’t keep the lead for the rest of the game.

“I think they had more of a sense of urgency since they lost a lot of close games this season and they wanted to end on a good note,” said Dawson.

South Puget Sound’s Jemel Swafford scored 30 points and pulled down seven rebounds. Derek Gossler put 24 points into the scorebook also for the Clippers.

Highline was without a crucial player for the game, Ze- riquie Tellez, who was benched by Coach Dawson and was not eligible to play.

Proctor had 19 points and seven rebounds, Nathan Jackson earned Highline 14 points Hennings put away 10 points and ripped down 10 rebounds.

Highline ended the season in fifth place with an overall record of 12-14 and a league record of 8-8.

Now that the men’s season is over, they have gone on to rooting for the Lady T-Birds in the NWAACC tournament.
Highline athletics has a long standing tradition of celebrating the athletes and all those who contribute to their success. Last Wednesday marked the final home game of the season for both the men’s and women’s basketball teams. It was “sophomore night,” the last home game of the season that celebrates the accomplishments of the sophomore athletes on both the men’s and women’s basketball teams. This year was different.

There was more to celebrate than just the seven sophomore athletes.

It was a night to celebrate the men’s soccer team’s first-ever NWAACC Championship. There also was the special recognition of Derek Greenfield, “the voice of the Thunderbirds,” who was announcing his last game.

This year the basketball teams honored four women and three men.

The women’s side included Kelli Marcus, Rebekah Johnston, Taryn Plypick, and Nina Kupu. The men honored current captains Sean Grunin, Tavar Provost, and Zenrique Tellez.

All of these athletes are finishing up their second year with their respective teams. While it may not be clear what lies ahead for any of these seven athletes, one thing is for sure, they have helped to lay the foundation for the next group of athletes.

Four of these athletes have the opportunity to achieve the ultimate goal at this level of competition, an NWAACC championship.

Marcus, Johnston, Plypick, and Kupu, along with the rest of the women’s basketball team, are playing in the NWAACC Tournament this weekend in the Tri-Cities.

The men’s team fought throughout the season but fell short of the playoffs by two games.

During halftime of the men’s game, the men’s soccer team was brought out to half court and recognized for their championship season. Jason Prenovost, head coach of the men’s soccer team, and Tom Moore, assistant coach, briefly talked about the season and then introduced each of the members of the team.

Again, the audience could see the enthusiasm that the team shared as the players joked with each other as each was handed his championship ring.

The soccer team’s shining moment of the evening came to a close when the championship banner was unveiled over the bleachers on the west wall of the Pavilion.

The evening had one event left and as the men’s teams returned from the locker room to begin the second half, Athletic Director John Dunn came to half court with microphone in hand.

As the audience quizzed down and the men’s soccer team, the women’s and men’s basketball teams huddled around half court it became apparent that something special was happening.

Dunn announced that Greenfield, the announcer of the men’s and women’s basketball teams for the past seven years, was announcing his last game as he will be leaving Highline at the end of the spring quarter for Saint Augustine College in Raleigh, N.C.

In honor of his contribution to the Highline athletics, Greenfield was presented a framed picture that was signed by all of the athletes.

Greenfield was also presented a letterman’s jacket that on the back had a picture of a microphone and “The Voice” written on it.

The seven sophomore, the men’s soccer team and Greenfield have all added something to Highline, the athletics department and anybody who has been involved in or attended a game.

The night ended in exciting fashion as the men’s basketball team rallied from being down 50-40 with just over 13 minutes to play to pull out the victory 80-68.

The season may only be a few days from culmination but Wednesday’s celebration will be remembered as a night that saw a chapter in Highline athletics come to a close, a new chapter open and one continue on.

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Many Highline students under the age of 21 say that they drink alcohol to forget their problems, even though it seems to cause more problems. Some students say they are drinking alcohol to help them get through their college years. Crystal Wittman's 19 years old and has been drinking since she was 18.

"My inhibitions go out the window when I get drunk and I get loud and happy," Wittman said.

"Drinking helps me forget problems I'm having that day," Wittman said. "I never drink alone," Wittman said. "I drink about twice a week with my friends or at a party.

Wittman gets her alcohol from older friends or their older friends.

"I'll be 21 in eight months, and then I can buy my own," Wittman said. "Alcohol statistics don't bother me. You can only live once."

Some students' experiences with alcohol are more extreme than others.

A Highline student who asked to remain anonymous has a major problem with alcohol. She started drinking and smoking cigarettes at the age of 14. Her excessive drinking has caused her to drop out of school numerous times, and has strained her relationships with her immediate family. She is currently 17 and pregnant. She's decided to keep her child and stop drinking and smoking.

She said she's drinking and smoking heavily in the first three months before her job. I hope it doesn't affect the baby," she said.

"I started drinking with my friends, and after awhile it just became a stress reliever," she said.

Wittman and other students are concerned about alcoholism, but are not willing to admit it.

"I don't want to be drawn into drinking as a subject," Wittman said.

Students admit to using alcohol as a stress reliever and question the age limit on drinking.

Student Government Senator John Dubois is not your typical Highline student. Although not noticeable at first glance, this youthful and fun-spirited man is actually 38 years old, worked at Boeing and is now working to get his AAS in Marketing and Sales.

Coming from 38 years of life experience, it's nice to have that whole different level of intelligence and advice that your typical college freshmen wouldn't have to offer, said Dubois.

Dubois comes from several years of work experience, including 10 years in the travel industry and some administration work. After that he was employed by Boeing for seven years and was one of the 40,000

"I was drinking and smoking heavily in the first three months before I knew. I hope it doesn't affect the baby," she said.

"I started drinking with my friends, and after awhile it just became a stress reliever," she said.

Dubois laid off. As a result of this, Boeing offered to pay for his AAS in Sales and Marketing, which is what brought him to Highline. Every day Dubois buses one hour to and from Highline to what he says is a very beautiful and diverse campus.

He decided to get involved in Student Government.

"I wanted to use my leadership skills and make them more usable in today's economy," he said.

So he made the decision to get involved and was appointed as senator in September.

"Because I have a passion for higher education, becoming a student here at Highline has taught me a lot, so I became a legislative ambassador, which allows me to go to Olympia and speak to state legislators regarding education as it relates to students here at Highline. Students should be afforded the opportunity to have higher education in order to meet today's global and community environment," said Dubois.

As a result of this passion for higher education, Dubois has participated in several activities to enable himself to speak his mind on what is and isn't happening.

Last year, he wrote a three-page letter about higher education to the state legislature, where he pointed out every ambiguity that was said.

"If education was Gary Locke's top priority, why did he cut funding?" Dubois asked.

On Feb. 25, the entire Student Government spoke to the state legislators about their views on higher education and ways to make it better.

Dubois also works to decide what should benefit from the Contingency Fund which is a chunk of money taken out from the Students and Activities fee Highline students pay. The fund is used for any unexpected expenses that might come up through the year. So far, with his help and the advice of some thoughtful Highline students, the Contingency Fund has gone to help make Highline better by adding things like a TV and microwave to the Student Union.

In the future, Dubois would like to put all his leadership skills to use and teach college age students behavioral science classes.

After he gets his degree at Highline in 2006, he hopes to transfer to a private university.

Dubois said he loved his decision to stay involved as a senator for student government.

"It allows students to gain leadership skills, let their voice be heard and put into effect new policies.

"It allows them the opportunity to represent the student body in the best interest of the student, and to develop their passion for leadership," he said.
You can do it, Highline graduate says

By Michelle Erickson  
Staff Reporter

I feel proud to be a Highline graduate. I wouldn’t be where I am today if it wasn’t for Highline,” said Carpenter. 

“Going back to school was challenging for her, though.

“I was very frightened because I really felt like I was dumber than a box of rocks,” Carpenter said. “I was afraid they’d send me back to the second grade.”

In many countries once students are done with high school and they don’t go to college immediately after, they don’t get another chance, Carpenter said.

“Going to Highline was my second chance. That’s an awesome thing we can do in this country,” Carpenter said.

Carpenter suffered personal anxiety because she felt she was too old to return to college.

The faculty and staff were very supportive and she began to discover that she liked going to school.

“At first I had no idea what I wanted to do,” Carpenter said.

Carpenter explains how Highline helped her achieve her goals.

“As I went through my studies I found things I was good at.”

Some classes were boring at first, some she felt were unnecessary, and others were absolutely fascinating.

“What I realized was that you have to just do it,” Carpenter said. “You can do it.”

Carpenter had family problems while trying to stay dedicated to her education.

“It wasn’t easy going to school,” Carpenter said. “Part way through, she suffered a family loss.”

“After I started going to school, I wasn’t a party animal anymore,” Carpenter said. “My husband decided that I wasn’t any fun and left me.”

“You need to make sure those people have a positive influence on your life,” Carpenter said.

“People that don’t only have fun getting wasted on various chemicals and liquors.”

“My relationships really blossomed at Highline,” Carpenter said.

When she was in school it was obvious that instructors were only there to cause students misery.

“Highline instructors do genuinely care about you,” Carpenter said. “I really care about all my nursing students; I’m proud and happy when they do well.”

“Find a job you love, and remember you can do it,” Carpenter said.

The next speaker at the Honors Colloquy will be Ana Popp on March 9 at noon in Building seven. Popp is a University of Washington law student.

Students may have to fight for the right to recycle

By Bryan Yambe  
Staff Reporter

College officials are skeptical about funding any expansion of the current recycling program that a student group has been lobbying for.

Currently the only materials collected for recycling are cardboard, mixed paper and newspapers. The Student Government recycling committee hopes to expand recycling to include aluminum cans, plastics and glass. This is not the first time that students have attempted to establish a recycling program at Highline.

“The last time we went through (a recycling program) we ran into a problem.

The company which collected recyclables from us required that all cans be crushed.

Since we did not have a machine to crush them, we had to crush them all by ourselves,” said Chris Bixey, Facilities Services manager.

While recycling is considered important to Highline officials, many other priorities already exist that face tight budgets.

“It needs to be a true priority of the college for it to succeed,” said Pete Babington, director of Facilities. “Not just for students who are only here for a few years but to the college staff, faculty and administration as well.”

The custodial department has 25 people on staff and grounds crew is staffed by three people.

Both departments are in charge of cleaning and maintaining the entire campus which covers about 80 acres.

While both are understaffed as they are, adding the collection of recyclables would be an additional 100 hours per week costing approximately $67,500, Babington said.

The Policy Development Council which includes representatives from various administrative organizations including Faculty Senate, Administrative Cabinet, Human Resources to Student Government have heard the students’ proposals but no decision has been made.

Facilities officials say they fully endorse more recycling on campus, but students will have to find a way to make it work.

“Whatever is done, it has to be student government’s responsibility,” said Dave Kress, director of Grounds and Central Services.
Midway parking up in air

BY AMANDA DOWNS
STAFF REPORTER

• College officials say that students shouldn’t expect to park at the Midway Drive-In Theater for Spring Quarter.
• However, the parking might be available in April, and the threat of losing Midway has been one of the worst.
• Even with Midway closing, Highline seems prepared for the worst.
• Vice President of Administration Laura Saunders said that currently only about 100 people use Midway for parking.

“With new parking spaces in the South Lot, not a lot of people are using Midway this quarter,” said Saunders.

Midway provides approximately 1,000 parking spaces to Highline students during the day.

The lot may be closed soon because Lowe’s Hardware is planning to start construction on the lot.

Lowe’s purchased the lot last spring when Highline’s lease expired.

Because of the new ownership, students had been told that Midway would disappear at the beginning of Fall Quarter.

Carpooling and taking the bus were alternatives suggested to fight the loss of Midway.

College officials talked monthly with the property owners to check the availability of the theater.

With the monthly negotiations, Midway stayed open for student use in the Fall and Winter Quarters.

According to Kent officials, the company still needs to get the building permits and reviews in order.

Lowe’s filed a New Commercial Building permit with the city of Kent on Thursday, Feb. 17.

Christine Nelson, permit manager for the city of Kent, said that the building permit is another piece in the puzzle.

The New Commercial Building permit is needed in order to develop the site and meet codes.

Nelson said that it could take a while to approve the permit.

“It may take several months to more than a year to approve the new commercial building permit,” said Nelson.

Lowe’s filed an application for the Midway space and started the environment review in 2004.

The demolition permit to deconstruct the theater was filed in January 2005 and is in the process of approval.

As of right now, the environment review is still in progress.

Sharon Clamp, the planner for the city of Kent, said that the environmental review could take several months.

“Construction time is still up in the air,” said Clamp.

The environmental review has identified that there will be some traffic impacts if the hardware store is erected.

Clamp said that Lowe’s is set to bid in May for a contractor. If Midway is still available for Spring Quarter, Saunders said that parking would still be free.

“It wouldn’t be fair to charge for parking at Midway if it stays open,” Saunders said.

Although parking at Midway will be free, students still need to obtain a Midway parking permit.

Midway permits are available for students in the Security office in the lower level of Building 6.

Cars enter the Midway parking lot to park in one of its 1,000 spaces. Parking here is temporary until Lowe’s does construction.

High school students get options with S.C.O.R.E.

BY ANNE RUNNIELS
STAFF REPORTER

Highline will be taken over by 100 high school juniors and seniors trying to score their way into college.

S.C.O.R.E. is a one day conference for high school juniors and seniors that will help them gain knowledge of their options post high school, here at Highline.

S.C.O.R.E. stands for: Students of Color Ought To Reach Excellence and is for students who are unsure of what they want to do after high school, said Yoshiko Harden-Abe, multicultural service adviser.

The conference is in its third year at Highline and has been very successful the past two years, Harden-Abe said.

“Higher education is a totally different language than high school,” Harden-Abe said.

Students will focus on their options the have after high school in activities ranging from workshops to a student panel discussion, comprised of five current and graduated students, Harden-Abe said.

The panel will share their experiences here at Highline and where they are now.

Five workshops will be available to the students and they include the following, how to pay for college, college athletics, one community, future career interest, and understanding racial identity.

Each student will be able to attend two of the workshops.

“The group discussions will be causal,” Harden-Abe said.

"S.C.O.R.E. is broader then a raw raw high school event.”

Six high schools will be in attendance: Tye, Mt. Rainier, Highline, Evergreen, and Foster.

Only 100 students will be coming, 20 from each school.

Lunch will be provided for the students and an open mic will be the entertainment.

Hopefully students will walk away from this feeling motivated, inspired, that they have made a connection and feel empowered, Harden-Abe said.

“A college campus is a pretty interesting place,” Harden-Abe said.

The event was organized by Harden-Abe, Natasha Burrows, Student Programs adviser; Dominic Lope, Team Highline; Derrik Greenfield, college studies coordinator; and Jamie Wells of Outreach Services.

S.C.O.R.E. will happen Friday at 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. in Building 7 and Building 10.

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"I am against porn because it objectifies women," Esherington said.

Maria Tsiprak had no idea adult magazines were being sold on campus until she saw the article in the newspaper. She said she was shocked and wants it removed.

"Porn objectifies people, creating an illusion of perfect people with perfect bodies," Tsiprak said. "It should be removed because there are Running Start students and if they get a hold of them, they can get an unreal image of what the opposite sex should look like."

"Some people have reversed the definition of porn and think porn is educational," Okasa Mocharamya said. "They're looking in the wrong place; college is not a place to fulfill your sexual needs."

Other students have a different perspective on the matter. Many students say they are well informed about the magazines, but don't have a negative opinion of them.

"I am fully aware that they are there," Mikie Nguyen said. "They definitely should be kept on the shelves," Nguyen said. "Nothing is being shown and there is an age limit on them."

Highline student, Hazelruth Adams, does not even consider the magazines to be real porn.

"I guess you could call it soft porn," Adams said. "I don't think they should be removed."

"What about the kids? Parents should be allowed to see the magazines if they wish to do so," Jonathan Rena said. "What are we exposing to children?"

"The magazines are covered so people are not being assaulted by naked people," said student Arianna Hoffman.

Regina Goldman was informed of the magazines and it came as a shock to her.  

"I did not know we had porn in the bookstope," Goldman said. "If you want to see Sex and the City, you can watch it on TV." 

Some students say it's about freedom of press. "Yeah, I knew about it, and I don't care at all," said student Carl Fli.

"I don't indulge in porn but it's against the Constitution to not allow it," Fli said. "It's the freedom of the press; I don't understand what the problem is. It's not harming anyone," he said.

Many students believe because Highline is a higher education institution that the selling of adult magazines is unnecessary.

"If I know the magazines are being sold here, and I don't think they should be," Aaron Nistrin said. "I think that a school that promotes higher education should not be promoting the sale of pornography."

Many students have religious beliefs that they don't want censored so they understand those individuals who want the freedom of press.

"I don't like the idea of Christian people forcing their morals on everyone," said Pelton. "I think they should be removed because of my morals as a Christian, however I think all of our freedoms are important and I don't think that anything should be censored," Chris Alum said. "I wouldn't want to see religion get censored too."

"I think that in an academic setting, all ideas should be allowed to be expressed and it's not up to the college to decide if it should be censored," student Adams said.

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Officials at the Child Care Center say they are looking to act in a preemptive manner in order to keep the kids safe. The area in question has the problem of the parking spaces being close to the turn-in. Therefore, if a child simply steps out behind a parked vehicle, he or she would be in the driving area.

The Child Care Center as Highline Campus Security are trying to curb this problem, but so far have not been able to take very many actions against it.

"We instruct parents to be careful as they get children in and out of the car," Riley said. She said that is the only precaution that the center has been able to take.

The problem for the Child Care Center is that they have no way to enforce any measures they can, and so they can only make suggestions and hope that they are followed. Riley hopes that measures such as cautionary signs or speed bumps or possibly both could be used to get the attention of drivers and force them to slow down.

Riley said there was a cautionary sign out in front of the old Child Care Center, so that does remain a possibility. However, according to the Health and Safety Committee, there is no funding available to install speed bumps.

"If we catch them we'll give them a negligent driving ticket," Highline Director of Safety and Security Richard Fisher said.

Due to a lack of proper equipment and capabilities, such as having no radar guns and the turnabout not lending itself to pacing, the security staff is unable to ticket for speeding, but they can issue the negligent driving tickets.

The security staff is beginning to send out more officers to observe the area in hopes of catching drivers and dissuading them from speeding.

"We're glad they're doing that," said Riley. Currently the solutions that are still on the board are the installation of cautionary signs, the ticketing by security, and a third option proposed by the Health and Safety Committee of painting lines to indicate speed bumps but installing no bumps.