The Early Childhood Learning Center offers help to parenting students

By MARY K. EDISON STAFF REPORTER

Highline's Early Childhood Learning Center offers more than just child care.

The program, which moved into a new facility last year, is now able to provide care for infants under a year old. "It's difficult when you are a parent, and when you are student," said Joyce Riley, child-care director. "It's more challenging being both. We would like to help retain parents and school."

Many students are taking advantage of the facility. "Ninety-five percent of the children here at the center have a parent enrolled here at Highline," Riley said.

The center has about 80 children — five of them infants — enrolled but is licensed to care for 115.

The center was designed to enhance and enrich a child's creativity, and promotes development in different age groups.

The center provides care for children from 6 weeks old to 5 years, and is located on the upper campus, Building B. It is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"All lead staff have a CDA, or an AA in child care," said Riley. "We are a pre-degree program, but we will provide some credits to help students get into other schools."

Cars at Highline are often at risk

By CHRIS BROOKS STAFF REPORTER

Imagine getting out of class and finding the lock on your car door has been punched. All of your CDs, the in-dash stereo system, and your bag full of textbooks are gone.

For many, this is real.

In 2003 and 2004, 122 reported major thefts have occurred on campus — a large portion of which were from parked vehicles — according to information from Highline's Security and Safety Director Richard Fisher.

"The biggest problem we have is vehicles being broken into, and items stolen," said Fisher.

Fisher said due to the nature of the crime, it is hard to catch and prosecute the criminals responsible.

Even if students witness the crime, there is little that they can do to prevent the perpetrator from running away.

The problem seems to be getting worse. There were 52 thefts in 2003 and 70 in 2004.

Stolen vehicles are also a problem. In 2003 and 2004, 32 vehicles were stolen from Highline parking lots.

Stolen-vehicle cases are transferred to the Des Moines Police Department.

According to Chief Fisher, Highline security does not get involved beyond taking the report.

"Car and property theft is something we all think is going to happen to someone else," said Branden Schlepp, Highline student.

Items that are often stolen are CDs, CD players, stereo equipment, backpacks and textbooks.

"Don't leave CDs and backpacks and stuff lying around in the vehicle, that's just inviting a thief," said Fisher.

Universities may not be needed for four-year degrees

By AUSTIN MACKENZIE STAFF REPORTER

A pilot program is in the works that may eventually allow students to complete a bachelor's degree at select community colleges, where traditionally only two-year associate degrees are offered.

The Legislature recently approved a pilot program that will be tested on four community colleges in Washington. Seven community colleges have asked to participate, but Highline was not selected as one of the four colleges.

The program will allow community college students to fulfill the requirements for a four-year degree without having to transfer to a university.

The courses will focus on specialized fields. Students hoping for a generalized degree in subjects such as science or liberal arts would still need to attend a four-year university.

The four-year degree programs will be job-oriented, and will also have classes open during nights and weekends.

While the project is still in its infancy, many students would be willing to make use of the program, if it were offered.

Although Highline will not be part of the program, Highline president Dr. Priscilla Bell said it's possible the school could eventually be included.

"I wouldn't mind going to Highline for four years," Jeff Carlsen, a student at Highline said.

"I would pay community college fees for a four-year degree," Shane Larsson, another Highline student added.

When told that the program would only be offering career-based courses, the students were still optimistic about the start of the program.

"It's good for them to start somewhere," student Robert Boyd said. "I would prefer them to be more varied," Carlsen said. "But you gotta start somewhere."

Students said they would make use of such a program if it did indeed come to Highline.

There are seven colleges that are interested in the program, South Seattle Community College, Lake Washington Technical College, Bellevue Community College, Everett Community College, Olympic Community College, Columbia Basin College, and Peninsula College.

The four colleges that will take part in the program will be chosen in the spring.

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**STAFF REPORTER**

Good grades can pay.
Students who have at least a 3.5 grade-point average can apply for Highline's Academic Achievement Award Scholarship that waives winter quarter's tuition.

Running Start, international, financial-aid and part-time students are ineligible.

These awards are funded by state dollars that are intended for Washington residents.

There are 15 awards given out each quarter excluding summer that waives full tuition.

The only prerequisite is a 3.5 cumulative GPA.

"It's a very easy application," said Laura Manning, a speech instructor and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Co-Director.

"(This award) rewards students who demonstrated academic excellence."

The winners are based on letters of recommendation, an essay and cumulative GPA. Applicants will be ranked by members of Highline staff and faculty.

There are usually about 60 students that apply, giving applicants about a 1 in 4 chance of winning. "Those are great odds," Manning said.

The Academic Achievement Award winners for fall 2005 included: Arlene Arksey, Ashley Graeber, Jonathan Boyd, Dustin Leonhardt, Dawn Charra, Rosa Lennett, Stacy Christensen, Mark McGrath, Parminder Dhillon, Michelle Erickson, Nicholas Sills, Melinda Flores, Cindy Valero and Melody Gilbert.

Applications are due by Nov. 1 and can be submitted to the Student Development Center in Building 6.

The winning students will be notified about four weeks after the due date.

There is a short application packet that can be picked up on Manning's door in Building 18 room 107. Or an application can be downloaded on Highline's Web site or picked up by financial aid.

For more information, contact Mosy-Ly Wong, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Co-Director at ext. 3690.
A computer program created by a handful of Highline's brightest minds may help to unlock the mysteries the Earth holds under our feet.

Dr. Eric Baer and Tina Ostrander presented their creation last week's Science Seminar.

The three created the program in an attempt to determine the number of layers beneath the Earth, the depth of each layer and the velocity at which seismic waves pass through each of these layers.

"The deepest human being has ever gone into the Earth is three kilometers, while the deepest drilling that has ever been done reached a depth of 10 kilometers," Baer said.

"If the center of the Earth is 6,370 kilometers below the surface, how can we really know what's down there?"

The answer: by measuring seismic waves, the same way scientists track earthquakes.

While strongest at the epicenter of an earthquake, seismic waves can be measured from locations as far away as the opposite side of the world.

Because seismic waves travel at different velocities depending on the mediums they are traveling through, the different layers of the Earth can be identified by the velocity at which the waves pass through them and come out the other side.

The faculty members represent different disciplines and combined their abilities to make the project happen.

As a geology instructor, Baer brought considerable knowledge about the nature of seismic waves. Wilson produced several pages of mathematical equations to trace the path seismic waves take through the Earth.

Finally, Ostrander translated the pages upon pages of math into a computer program that students could use.

"We had to make six or seven pages of math equations into an interactive Java program," said Ostrander. "I knew Java, so I thought it would be easy."

Students helped translate the math into program code.

"This project required all of our different expertise," said Baer.

"The only place a project like this could happen is at a community college like Highline, where all the help I needed was just a short walk away."

The three encountered significant challenges while creating the program.

"Mathematics like this can be very difficult when you know the answers aren't in the back of any book, and the problems we encountered were much tougher than we anticipated," Wilson said.

"The planning was crucial and the collaboration was essential," Baer said.

"However, this project still took five times longer than we anticipated."

The next Science Seminar will feature a presentation by Highline science instructor Woody Moses entitled, "An Environmental Scientist in French Polynesia."

It will be at 2:10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4 in Building 10, Room 103.

Science Seminar is open to everyone.

Eric Baer is presenting at the Science Seminar last week about Earth and its layers.

More than 20 universities will be at Highline for the event.

Highline will welcome representatives from over 20 Washington state colleges and universities at the annual College Fair.

All Highline students should attend the College Fair, Transfer Center Director Siew Lai Lilley said.

"It does not matter if the student is a first-quarter, or a last-quarter student," she said.

The College Fair will be held Thursday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

During these times representatives will have tables and booths set up and will want to speak with all Highline Students.

"The representatives will be in the cafeteria of the Student Union (Building 8, first floor)," said Lilley. "They will be eager to speak with students to answer any questions."

The transfer fair is open to all Highline students and all are encouraged to come, said Lilley. Running Start and international students should make sure they identify themselves when speaking with representatives because often they will have to apply earlier.

"I hear a lot of students say they cannot afford private college," said Lilley.

"They should definitely talk to the representatives about scholarships; there are always lots of scholarships available for private schools."

Students are encouraged to come with questions in order to benefit the most from this college fair, but for students who need help with questions the bright orange flyers have a list of questions to ask the representatives.

"It doesn't matter where they are at in their studies," said Lilley.

"They should all make it to the fair since there will be 20 plus schools at the fair."
Ask questions, think about the issues

Do you know what the government is doing? Do you trust what the government is telling you? Should you trust what they are telling you?

For many people, the answer to the first question is a resounding no. For the latter two questions, the answer really should be no.

In this day and age we are used to near-instantaneous reporting on things that are happening in the far reaches of the world. We've grown accustomed to the presence of newspaper and television to tell us what is going on, and we've grown accustomed to picking a particular medium, as our primary source of news.

This is not necessarily a bad thing, many news mediums do an excellent job at reporting what they see. However, there are problems with this as well and it is important to actively engage what you hear and think about what is going on, not just blindly believe whatever you hear.

Who among you regularly checks the media of countries beyond our own? Often the difference can be quite staggering. Be it through censorship, different reporting styles, or something else entirely, the reports by different mediums on the same event can vary dramatically.

It is not enough to merely believe one source of information. In order to be truly informed, you must question and examine all kinds of information. If something is happening that you truly care about, you owe it to both yourself and everybody else involved to know as much as possible about the situation.

It is common for us to become trapped by our own stubborn ignorance. We become so cemented in our beliefs that we ignore all information that does not directly support what we believe. While completely trusting what the government says is dangerous, equally dangerous is completely mistrusting them.

Counteracting this dangerous tendency is much easier than one might expect. We need little more than truly think and use that brain we so tout. Explore multiple venues, gather information, consider all aspects before forming an opinion, and, above all else, admit that we can be wrong.

It can be difficult, but it is not impossible. While it is true that our psyche seems to raill against the concept that it can be in error, especially on issues so fundamentally ingrained within us, admitting that we are fallible is the first step towards being able to see the truth, or as close to the truth as we are ever able to come.

So question, think, look, learn. Study and examine. Take time to see not one but all sides of an issue. Consider all aspects before forming an opinion. It is in doing this that we as a society can step away from the muck of ignorance we willfully wallow in and become so much more.

An open mind is the key. The path to true knowledge is through the understanding that there is always more to learn. When we accept and embrace this, the rest is as good as done.

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“Seriously, people keep saying cool stuff, you just don’t hear it.”
Scholarships and evening wear

Highline women compete in Miss Burien Pageant

BY KEITH DAGLE

Six women, including two Highline students and two Highline alumni, will be parading in different outfits, displaying their talents, and undergoing a long interview in the hopes of becoming the next Miss Burien. The 2005 Miss Burien Scholarship Pageant is Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center at Highline High School.

This year's contestants include former Highline Community College students Jackie Graybill and Amber Trillo, and current Highline students Ayesha Brooks and Melody Gilbert. Melody Gilbert's older sister Amelia is the reigning Miss Burien.

"Melody also competed last year and was named second runner-up to Amelia. It was her first pageant and she said she was really nervous, but said she walked away with a real feeling of accomplishment. "I took away a greatly increased sense of confidence," Gilbert said. "I was really self-conscious of what was going on. I didn't have as much confidence as I do now. It was really weird getting up on stage in front of family and friends and feel comfortable speaking my mind. It is not something you do naturally; you have to work at it."

Like Gilbert, most of the contestants have been in a pageant before. Graybill was first runner-up last year in the Miss Burien Pageant. Brooks won the Talented Teens of Washington competition when she was 16.

Amber Trillo was the second runner-up in the Little Miss Denver pageant in 1989.

In preparation for pageant night, the contestants met for four hours every Sunday for four weeks.

Also, over the course of the eight weeks, there were several mock interviews and other events for the contestants to prepare themselves.

All of the participants are required to write a platform essay, dress in evening casual and swimsuit wear, give a 15-minute backstage interview in front of a panel of judges and participate in onstage questions. During the interview, the judges can ask any question, from "how was your weekend?" to asking about a contestant's views on a community issue.

In addition to the Miss Burien Award scholarship, there are also several optional scholarships open to the contestants. Most of the scholarships, like the Miss Burien Award, require an essay, which is evaluated by a committee.

For the people who compete, this competition has a lot to offer. Trillo, a photographer for the Highline Times, will be using her pictures as her talent.

"I am really looking forward to the opportunity to share my photography with the community," Trillo said. "With the advancement of technology, people often forget that truly good photography comes from the photographer, not the camera."

Gilbert loves the thrill of being onstage and taking on a large audience.

"When you are on stage, you feel like you are in the spotlight. You want everybody to see you and you want to do everything you can to make sure you do a good job.

"I am prepared for anything. I am not nervous, I am ready. I am ready for anything."

Amber Trillo

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and there is all this support and everybody really wants to see you on stage, everybody is rooting for you to do well, it really pumps you up and you are like, this is so much fun, I love this. That is what made me want to keep running that night. Of course, I am looking forward to Saturday," said Gilbert.

The title of Miss Burien comes with many opportunities and responsibilities.

"I would highly recommend it to anybody who wants to increase their confidence," said Graybill. "They want to get a chance to be a voice in their community for something that they care about.

"It's for people who want to step out and take a risk and do something - do something really positive and gain scholarship dollars."

Video-game music storms Seattle

BY AUSTIN MACKENZIE

Gamercon all over Seattle

Pizza Hut in the Burien Mount Tencenter last Saturday (@) witnessed the ground-breaking Video Games Live concert, a concert devoted entirely to the music of video games. Hosted by Tommy Tallarico and conducted by Jack Wall, the concert was an inspiring collection of the best music gaming has to offer. A powerful tribute to the gaming world that popular culture still to some degree denies. The concert also featured some pre-recorded video game music from several big names in the video game industry such as Hideo Kojima, mastermind behind the Metal Gear Solid series and Koji Kondo, composer of the music of both Legend of Zelda and Mario.

The performance ended off with a tribute to the beginnings of gaming with a medley of music from several old arcade games such as Donkey Kong, Pokemon, Asteroids, and Galaga. The music was masterfully performed, and the orchestra even duplicated the sounds of some of the older games, such as the smash of the ball on the pong paddle and the dog's laughter in Dog Eat Duck Hunt. The pace of the performance quickly picked up with a performance of the music of Metal Gear Solid. The music was superb, and the scenes from the Metal Gear Solid series displayed on the big screen behind the orchestra perfectly fit the dramatic nature of the music.

Especially powerful was the performance of the music of Medal of Honor, a game set in World War II. Instead of showing clips from the game, they instead showed real images and video from World War II. The music started in a minor key and continued with a mournful yet dignified air, completely captivating the audience as the horror of war was displayed for all to see. As the piece came to a close, it took on a triumphant, martialistic air as scenes of the war's end were played on the screen. Children waving flags, a weary yet smiling battalion returning home, those images provided an interesting counterpoint to the images shown earlier and the timing of the music and images were perfectly executed. Some definite crowd favorites, however, were older, more nostalgic fare. The performance of the music of Legend of Zelda drew raucous cheers from the audience, the volume seeming to increase tenfold with the announcement that scenes from the upcoming and highly anticipated Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess were to be shown with the music.

Also extremely popular was a medley of music from the old Nintendo classic Mario. The happy and familiar tunes brought cheers from the crowd as images from just about every Mario game ever produced were flashed across the screen.

As Koji Kondo himself said in his introduction to the music, "I hope that people who come to our concert will feel that video games are more than just a game, that they are a means of expressing ourselves, and that they are a means of communication."

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Drama prepares for fall play

By Luke Bergquist

Highline's Drama Department is working hard to fill early November with controversy.

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Folk singer Anjuli Dawn to come to The Blend

By Stevie Frank

Anjuli Dawn uses her voice and acoustic instruments to entertain listeners at The Blend.

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X-Country looking to the championships

BY TREVOR KULVI
STAFF REPORTER

BELLEVUE—The Highline men’s and women’s cross country teams made one last ditch effort to improve their times and places in the race toward the NWAACC championship meet on Nov. 12. The Bellevue Invite on Saturday, Oct. 29, was the latest test for the Highline cross country squads.

Both the women and men finished second among the four community colleges. Spokane won the meet, which also served as the Northern Region championship.

“This was the best team race for the girls all season,” said Coach Robert Yates. “All five girls ran solid races.”

Leading the women was freshman Sheree Barbour, who covered the 5-kilometer course in a time of 19:58.

That time placed Barbour third among community college runners.

The top two community college runners were from Spokane.

The next finisher for Highline was Melissa Better, who had a time of 21:07.

“Even though Melissa wasn’t feeling 100 percent, she stayed mentally tough and ran a solid race,” said Yates. “That’s what I like to see.”

Freshman Rosie Meeker was third for Highline and had a time of 21:26.

“This was Rosie’s best race all year,” said Yates. “She keeps improving every week and her best race came at the perfect time of the season.”

Finishing fourth and fifth for Highline were Cassie McKenny and Lindsay Farah with times of 21:42 and 22:21.

“Cassie had a season personal record and she is still learning how to race,” said Yates.

“Lindsay is still struggling with her knee injury and her confidence level is down, but she is running good races.”

“Both she and I know she can run better and we are hopeful for championships.”

The men’s race, however, did not have the same results as the women’s race. Due to an official mishap, the results for the men were not kept.

Meet officials lost track of who finished 36 through 75 due to lost bib IDs.

Highline only had two runners make the top 35, sophomores Hassan Khalif and Noah McDonald-Robbins. Khalif placed 22nd overall with a time of 27:04. McDonald-Robbins finished second for Highline and 26th overall with a time of 27:15.

Late in the race Robbins began to catch up to Khalif, but the second time over the bridge, Robbins slipped and was unable to catch up.

The T-Birds will be training hard next the next two weeks as they prepare for the NWAACC Cross Country Championship meet in Battle Ground, WA.

Clark College is hosting this year’s race. The last time Clark hosted it was 2002.

Representing Highline for the men’s race will be sophomores Khalif, Mike Essig, and McDonald-Robbins, along with freshmen Brandt May, John Hartburt, Victor Komulu, and Keith Williams.

Leading the way for the women will be Sophomore McKenny and Johnson.

McKenny will be joined by the freshman tandem of Barbour, Better, Rosie Meeker and Lindsey Farah.

Volleyball marches on despite losing season

BY DANIEL PALERMO
STAFF REPORTER

With two matches remaining, the Highline volleyball team has not given up.

The Thunderbirds showed this last week, winning one of two matches and improving their record to 3-9.

“Our record does not show the team we are,” Coach John Littleman said. “If we show up healthy and play well, we should win.”

After a loss to Centralia, Highline rebounded two days later on Friday, Oct. 28, to beat Grays Harbor (0-11) for the second time this season.

The Thunderbirds won in five games, 24-30, 30-23, 22-30, 30-24, and 15-12.

Carr had 17 kills, Lee had eight kills, three aces, and Brandi Fawcett had five kills and four aces to lead the victory.

Littleman was happy with the way his team bounced back from several losses.

“Each player handles each loss in different ways,” he said. “When we win, our confidence level increases.”


It was the Thunderbirds’ second loss to Centralia.

Karim Carr led Highline with 15 kills, eight blocks, and 20 digs. Nila Thomas had seven kills and Jaymie Lee had six kills, four blocks, three aces, and 24 digs.

Although Highline was eliminated from playoff contention a couple of weeks ago, it is still working hard.

Littleman said at practice the team works on serve reception and individual skills.

“My assumptions are that they are here for improvements,” Littleman said. “As we get better as individuals, we get stronger as a team.”

During matches, returning players work hard to help less-experienced players.

“Our key players make up for our bad passes and mistakes,” Littleman said. “There is a lot of pressure on them.”

Highline played Green River (11-1) at Highline Pavilion late yesterday, Nov. 2. Scores were unavailable at press time.

The volleyball team wraps up its season next Wednesday on the road at Clark Community College.

The match is set to begin at 7 p.m.
Sure-handedness leads to success for Potter

BY JESSICA WILSON
STAFF REPORTER

"Good hands Potter. Have you ever tried playing keeper?" Those words from a club coach when Jake Potter was a young kid started his goalkeeping career for Highline's starting goalie.

In 16 games, Potter has allowed three goals, helping Highline to a 14-1-1 record.

Potter, 19, grew up in Los Angeles, Calif., in a very soccer-oriented family. He started playing soccer at the age of 6.

"I originally played midfield," said Potter. "Then one day, I was playing basketball with my club coach and he noticed that I had handled the ball well with my hands and said I should give goalkeeping a try." Pfizer moved to Washington when he was 13 and attended Tahoma High School in Maple Valley.

He was a four-year varsity starter. During his junior and senior years Potter received all-league honors and was named captain both years.

"High school soccer allowed me to understand what leading a team really meant," Potter said. "I loved the team dinners too. I always looked forward to those nights before a big game."

The leadership skills Potter gained from serving as captain in high school are coming in handy.

He is one of this year's three captains for Highline.

He is doing a good job of keeping the team on track to claim another NWAACC championship.

"Jake is finding his way, and doing a good job being a captain," said Prenovost. "As a captain, you have to find your own style of leading a team, and he is doing a good job of that so far."

Academically, Potter is on top of his game, too. He has a 3.7 GPA, and has recently been added to the NWAACC All Academic team.

"I have always been brought up that school comes before soccer, so I always strive to excel in the classroom," Potter said.

Potter has a few ideas about his future.

He wants to attend a college that helps him grow as a student and soccer player. However he is still unsure of where he would like to go.

The University of California, San Diego, and Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo are among his top choices.

"I need to make some pretty big decisions in these next few months on where I want to attend next year," Potter said. "I would like to continue playing soccer at a school that fits my academic goals, but that also has a strong soccer program."

T-Bird men remain focused as they prepare for playoffs

BY JESSICA WILSON
STAFF REPORTER

With the regular season coming to a close this week and the Highline men's soccer team having already clinched first place in the West Division of NWAACC, coach Jason Prenovost wanted to make sure his team did not get complacent.

Prenovost held a two and a half hour meeting with his team on Saturday morning.

The meeting came two days after Highline improved to 14-1-1 with a 4-1 win over Olympian.

Crystal Mountain to open on Friday

BY NICK CLINE
STAFF REPORTER

Temperatures are below freezing and there is precipitation in the air.

It's only the first week in November, but snowboarder's dreams have come true.

"Friday, wow that's sweet," said Highline student Michael Bliss.

Crystal Mountain officials are reporting that the lifts will open this Friday.

"It is probably one of the better resorts around here," Highline student Jon Fowler said.

This will be Crystal Mountain's earliest opening in 30 years, a record that makes all snowboarders happy.

"It is a good resort to ride," said Highline student Gabrielle Rogano. "The snow is great up there.

The summit of the resort is reporting a depth of 24 inches, and a cool temperature of 28 degrees with more snow in the forecast.

The Northwest Weather and Avalanche Center reports a high chance of snow both day and night through the weekend for the Cascades.

"It's cold and the snow is falling fast," the Crystal Mountain Spokesperson said. "More snow is expected to fill the rest of the week and well into the weekend."

The Chinook Express, Green Valley, and Rainier Express lifts are scheduled begin running at 9 a.m. on Friday November 4 according to Crystal Mountain Officials.

Daily Tickets for Adults are $50, or half day tickets 12:30 - 4 p.m. are $5 less at $45.
Women give faculty and staff a lesson

By Alicia Mendez  
STAFF REPORTER

"Generationally challenged" men played youthful women in their physical peak to raise money for breast cancer.

That was the match-up when the staff and faculty played Friday, Oct 28, against the Highline women's basketball team in the annual game to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

The game was put on by Women's Programs and the athletic department.

"Last we counted, it was in excess of $400," said Marie Bruins, Women's Programs director. "We still anticipate donations coming in."

Coach Amber Rowe led the women's basketball team against a variety of staff and faculty.

"Cleary it was organized by John Dunn, Coach Rowe, Jean Murray, and a lot of other people who gave their time to play in the game," said Bruins. "Primarily this came out of the athletic department.

The game was won by the women's basketball team, which has a near-perfect record in the event.

Last year, the scoreboard experienced some malfunctioning, but this time it was not a problem.

"Of course I assumed the women would win," Bruin said. "There is more talent there, more ability, and clearly youth on their side."

The Highline women began and finished the game strong. "I believe we won by 23 points," said Coach Rowe.

Despite the results, the staff and faculty were trampled on.

Coach Rowe said her team did not play up to par.

"I think we did OK -- not great but OK," said Rowe.

Coaching against her fellow co-workers forced Rowe to balance on a thin line.

"You know how fragile the male ego can be," Rowe said. "Some of the faculty players are also my bosses -- so to keep living easy for me I have to build their confidence."

To the staff and faculty's dismay, youth vibrancy was on the side of the women's team.

"We have a number of aniques on our team," said Preновост, the men's soccer coach and director of Outreach Services. "We are generationally challenged."

Age differences aside, both teams underwent tough training and practice sessions.

"Most of the true work, prior to the game, was done at the Mecca of college basketball, the Yardarm (a local tavern)," said Athletic Director John "MSN" Dunn.

A confident and enthusiastic Dunn believed the age differences between the two teams would cause no challenge.

"Age is just a number," Dunn said. "Just because many of our players are getting the senior citizen discount at Dunn's, there should still have been no difference."

Dunn said his team played up to its capability.

"Other than a lack of basketball knowledge and fundamental ability (within the team), I do not think there were many problems," said Dunn.

Much of the staff and faculty team believed their team played fair. The women's team would disagree.

"John Dunn is one of the dirtiest basketball players I have ever known," Rowe said. "We always have to watch out for him. But the faculty said that my girls were playing just as dirty. They said my girls were much rougher and tougher than theirs past."

Rowe hopes the game raises even more money next year.

"I wish we could get more faculty involvement," said Rowe. "We are not only trying to raise money for breast cancer, but to get the faculty and staff more involved in what we are doing in the athletic department."

Dunn hopes for more athletic competitions to raise money, with one suggestion.

"We play the basketball team in a game of volleyball and we play the volleyball team in a game of basketball," said Dunn.
Activist will speak out against torture

BY JOE BUSER
STAFF REPORTER

The treatment of U.S.-held captives has been a controversial subject since images of torture and abuse at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq were made public and soldiers were court-martialed.

Jennifer Harbury will discuss the issue Nov. 7 in two speeches at Highline.

Harbury is an attorney, author and human-rights activist who has crusaded for 20 years against alleged U.S.-sponsored torture and inhumane treatment.

She is director of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's STOP campaign against torture.

The U.S. has faced criticism internationally about its treatment of Iraqi prisoners detained in the Middle East and alleged Talibar and al-Qaeda fighters held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

A report by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the British Parliament accused the U.S. of "grave violations of human rights" against its prisoners.

Documented treatment of detainees has included withholding food and sleep from prisoners, subjecting them to extreme high or low temperatures and photographing them in humiliating positions.

Such treatment hits close to home for Harbury.

In the early 1990s, her husband, Efrain Bamaca Velazquez, was secretly detained and tortured to death in a prison in Guatemala.

Harbury conducted a long investigation and discovered that the men behind her husband's killing were Guatemalan intelligence officers who were being paid by the CIA as informants.

Since then, Harbury has been on a crusade to hold the U.S. government and military accountable for these acts, and to prevent future such deaths.

Among the topics Harbury will cover in her talk is whether these acts are carried out by random, rogue soldiers, or if they are being executed under orders from high-ranking officials of the U.S. government.

Harbury will give her lecture, U.S. Sanctioned Torture: From Guatemala to Abu Ghraib, at 9 a.m. Nov. 7 on the first floor of the Student Union Building.

For more information call 206-878-3710.

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Learn to self-manage your behavior in a workplace

BY LUCIE BERGYST
STAFF REPORTER

Conversing with co-workers the way that you talk to your friends around campus can lead to a negative image at your workplace.

It can even get you fired.

There are many behaviors to avoid that can cause damage to your professional career.

Erik Tingelstad of Highline's Career Connections discussed some of these behaviors at a meeting entitled Avoiding Career Landmines in the Mt. Skokomish Room of the Highline Student Union Building on Friday, Oct. 28.

"Going to work would be easy if we were all robots, but we're not, we're all human," Tingelstad said.

"At some point in your career there will be conflict with others." How you handle these conflicts will either earn you respect or a bad reputation at your place of work, Tingelstad said.

Avoid the rumor mill and spreading gossip.

"Associate with people that focus on results rather than what other people are up to at the office," Tingelstad said.

Badmouthing your boss is another no-can-do.

"Everybody deserves to not have people talk behind their back; even a boss that may be bad," Tingelstad said.

This type of behavior displays lack of character, according to Tingelstad.

Tingelstad said "dropping the ball" should also be avoided.

"Follow through on your promises and do what you say you will do," Tingelstad said.

Possibly the most obvious of the land mines is using profanity.

"Be conscious of your language and the people around you," Tingelstad said.

"The way that you talk to people at school does not equal the way you should talk to people at work.

"If you want to move up in your job you have to learn how to make mistakes and accept failure. When mistakes happen, you evaluate it and take responsibility if it was your fault." A step as simple as taking responsibility goes a long way toward showing your integrity and loyalty to co-workers and your employer, according to Tingelstad.

Career Connections will have a human resources representative from the United Parcel Service tomorrow, Nov. 4, to discuss what employers expect.

"If there is enough time he will be doing mock one-on-one interviews," Tingelstad said.

The meeting is from 12:10 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the Mt. Olympus Room of the Highline Student Union Building.

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early-childhood education," Riley said. "We also offer a Head Start program for children."
The center, which receives some state funding, is available to students, staff and faculty of Highline Community College, Central Washington University (at Highline), and Washington state employees.

"We are a lab school for the Education Department, an instructional center for observations and projects in early-childhood education," Riley said. "We interact with the education department here at Highline. There are students that come to the center for their internships or clinical rotations. There are even some students ... that are getting their master's in nutrition."
The center recently started a parent chat time once a month.

"The chat times allow parents to ask questions and discuss parenting issues with other parents, faculty from the Education Department and child-care staff. As of now the meetings are open for the parents that have children here at the center, but we could open them up to the public in the future if there's a request or need," Riley said.

A Parents Advisory Committee helps to support the child-care center.

Members meet once a quarter to discuss topics such as fundraising. The next meeting will be Nov. 17.

Child-care costs are based on the age of the child, and if the parent is a student, staff member or state employee. Current rates are:

- Infants (six weeks to 16 months): $3.75 an hour for Highline; $2.25 an hour for Highline employees or Washington state employees.
- Toddlers (16 months to 3 years): $4.75 an hour for Highline students, $5.95 an hour for Highline employees or state employees.
- Preschool age (3 to 5 years and not in kindergarten): $4.50 an hour for Highline students, $5.65 an hour for Highline employees or state employees.

There is a $25 registration fee per child per quarter, an insurance fee of $2 per child per quarter and a $5 security key card.

A child must be registered for a minimum of 15 hours per week. Students who have children at the center need to be enrolled in at least 5 credits at Highline or Central Washington.

Students, faculty and staff interested in placing their child in the center need to fill out a form that is available at the child-care center or online.

The Early Childhood Learning Center can be reached at 206-878-3710 Ext. 3224, and information is available at www.highline.edu/stucenter/childcare

Thefts
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Fisher said the Highline security staff cannot watch over all the vehicles parked at Highline at once.

"I think it's pretty ridiculous that I have to pay to park here and there's no guarantee that my vehicle is even remotely safe," said Highline Student Dominique Paller.

Having expensive sound systems can particularly be a lure for thieves.

"People go out and buy $2,000 stereo systems with the removable faceplates, and then leave them on there or put them in the glove box when they leave the vehicle," said Fisher.

Some would like camera-monitored parking lots, but Fisher said it's not financially feasible.

"I'd love to have closed circuit TV out there, but we just can't afford it, with the budget crunches and all," said Fisher.

Still, some students like the idea.

"Once a surveillance system like that is installed, there's like no big maintenance cost I wouldn't think," said Highline student Marni Nicholson. "It might be hard to scrape up the money at first, but once it's in place security is much better for everyone."

Fisher said students must take responsibility for their vehicles.

"People can do things to help protect themselves; take the removable faceplate on their stereo-system off and carry it with them when they get out of the vehicle, or put some kind of anti-theft device on their vehicle," Fisher said. "There are plenty of (anti-theft devices) out there."

For more information contact Highline Security at ext. 3242 or visit their office in the lower level of Building 6.