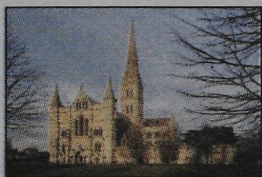




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Bus routes bring outsiders to campus

Bus stop gives
non-students easy
access to Higher
Education Center

By Angela McClurg
Staff Reporter

The end of the line is the start of events for Building 29.

The bus stop directly in front of the Higher Education Center has many faculty and staff members concerned about unknown persons who come off the bus from Downtown Seattle and wander through the hallways, especially late at night.

But the security supervisor, Richard Noyer, says there are no more incidents that occur at the Higher Education Center than any other part of campus.

Four main bus lines run through Highline from downtown (121, 122, 131 and 132).

They start at 6:55 a.m. and run till 1:24 a.m. the next day.

Each bus runs through Highline every 30 minutes. At night they stop around every 10 to 15 minutes.

It is a concern for the students who have to wait for the bus because there are so many people



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The bus stop next to Highline's Higher Education Center is convenient for students and also allows non-students access to campus.

that don't go to the school getting on and off said Paul Hirsh, a professor at CWU for managing and marketing. "Especially during summer time, you get a

lot of unsavory characters lying around the bushes drunk."

People are always getting off the bus and coming in here, said Lisa Conger, the faculty

secretary for CWU. Sometimes faculty members will ask her to call security about unauthorized people hanging out in the hallways. One time a bum was

found shaving in the bathroom.

If they were to build the building over, they should put

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College plans to conjure up fresh marketing magic

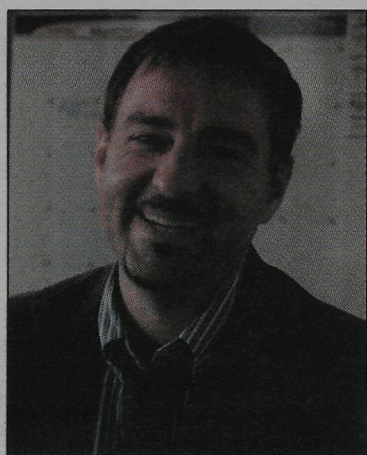
By Carrie Draeger
Staff Reporter

Jason Prenovost and Lisa Skari are kicking around marketing ideas, hoping to score more students for Highline in the future.

"You don't just develop a marketing plan overnight," Director of Marketing Jason Prenovost said.

Marketing Highline involves looking at research and data to decide what the college's needs are and how Highline can address those needs, said Prenovost and Vice President of Institutional Advancement Skari.

"One of the challenges is the



Jason Prenovost

variety of services we offer," Prenovost said.

Skari said marketing Highline requires several levels of

involvement from sources all across campus.

Student Surveys taken on campus in mid-October will be back in mid- to late December. Eight hundred students participated in the survey.

"We are making all of our decisions off of research and data," Prenovost said.

One of Skari's and Prenovost's goals for the college is to create a common language for how the college communicates with the surrounding community and prospective students.

"(For example) when we talk about business pathways, they understand that can mean anything from accounting to mar-

keting," Prenovost said.

Prenovost plans to host a working lunch in December to discuss the importance of being consistent with terms and descriptions across campus with campus deans, staff and faculty members.

"Sometimes what you write and what they read are two different things," Prenovost said.

Advertising is another concern for Prenovost and Skari.

"Part of our job is to create some buzz," Skari said.

The buzz may be building; visits to Highline's website have increased over the last year. According to statistics from Google Analytics, Highline's main web-

page was visited 119,676 times in October 2007. This was over 37,000 more visits than October 2006, which only had 82,215 website visits.

One of Highline's major online advertising campaigns is called Experiences for a Lifetime.

The Experiences for a Lifetime ads tell the stories of five people, four Highline graduates and one professor, and their interactions at Highline and beyond.

The stories include the tale of professional basketball player

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CSI: **H**ighline

Student sustains injuries while using the stairs

A female student fell down the stairs on the east side of Building 19, injuring her head and back on Nov. 14. She had extreme pain in her lower back. King County medical arrived on the scene at 10:55 a.m. to take the patient to the Highline Hospital.

Stuck student vanishes from elevator

Security received an emergency call on Nov. 13, at 3 p.m. saying that a student was stuck in the elevator in Building 8. When an officer arrived on the scene to take care of the problem no one was there. An officer took a ride in the same elevator to check its performance, everything checked out as being normal, and the call was cleared.

Vending machine has moving experience

Security received a phone call from a printing staff member in Building 16 saying that the vending machine had been moved as if someone had tried to break into it. The call was received on Nov. 12, at 7:50 a.m.

Sparring students should get gym memberships

Men were reported fighting on Nov. 11, at 12:50 p.m. on the south side of Building 26. An officer made contact with three male students waiting for the Library building to open. They said that they had just been playing around. They were very cooperative with the security officer, and everything checked out as alright.

Careless trucker clips roof

A rental truck struck the northwest corner of the roof of Building 27 on Nov. 9, at 2:50 p.m. A security officer and a faculty member witnessed this happening.

Lost and found

A silver diamond ring with a pink stone in the center was found on Nov. 12, at 10:45 a.m. in the women's restroom in Building 19.

- Compiled by M. Ericksen

Highline will host an open house for Fitness Trainers

Students can learn more about a career as a Personal Fitness Trainer at an open house taking place today.

The Personal Fitness Trainer program is just starting up at Highline, and this open house will give interested students information about the degree and career options and transfer options, as well as a chance meet instructors and classmates, and find out more about financial aid and registration.

The open house will take place today, Nov. 15 in the Mt. Skokomish room from noon - 1:30 p.m. or from 6 - 7 p.m.

Students can win free art supplies promoting MaST

Art Students can win big prizes by drawing fishes.

The MaST Center Capital Campaign is holding an art competition to promote the importance of Marine Science education in the campus community.

The content and rules for the

competition are as follows:

- The art must be of sea life or marine landscape, the work must be original.

- Any medium can be used
- Submissions must be at least 5" by 7" and no larger than 20" by 36"

- Ceramic or sculpture pieces can be any size but not heavier than 25lbs.

- All contestants must be currently enrolled at Highline

- All entries must be submitted with a completed application (forms are available in Building 6, room 244.

All entries must be submitted to Kathy Day in the Student Development Center by Nov. 30, at noon.

Entries will be displayed on the fourth floor of the library, and the winner of the competition will be announced on Dec. 14.

Winners of the contest will receive a gift certificate to Daniel Smith Art Supply Store.

First place will receive a \$100 certificate, second place will receive a \$50 certificate, and third place will receive a \$25 certificate.

For more information contact Gloria Rose Koepping at gkoeppin@highline.edu.

Students can identify their transferable skills

Students can learn about the transferable skills that they possess by attending a workshop next week.

Highline counselor Lance Gibson will be giving the work-



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Dio Jean Baptist band played at the blend yesterday, Wednesday, Nov. 14. The blend is a free bi-weekly concert performance that occurs from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Student Union.

shop on identifying your transferable skills.

Transferable skills give your employer solid proof that you are ready and qualified for the position.

Being able to identify your transferable skills ahead of time will increase your success during a job search.

In this workshop students can learn how to identify transferable skills, how to talk about those skills, and how they can be applied.

This workshop will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 21 in Building 6, room 151 from 1 - 2 p.m.

Science Seminar's first physics show will be big

The first ever Physics show will be presented as part of the Science Seminar series on Friday, Nov. 30.

Dr. Eric Baer, who organizes the weekly Science Seminars, said that the physics show this year will give the ever-popular chemistry show a run for its money.

The physics show will be held in Bldg. 7 from 2:20 to 3:10, and will be presented by Highline professors Rich Bankhead and Gregory Reinemer.



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We specialize in turning good students into better students!

Tip of the Week:

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~W. B. Yeats

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Co-Opportunity: Cooperative Education



Don't miss out on this opportunity to assist criminal justice and social services support!

The Court Resource Center will introduce the Intern to a coordinator position that blends criminal justice and social services, facilitating resources to defendants. Intern will develop solid working knowledge of the Center and available community resources.

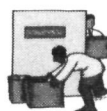
Send a resume and cover letter to
Lorri Cox at lorri.cox@seattle.gov

*Twenty hours per week-six month minimum commitment

*Other standard application procedures apply

Get real world experience while earning real college credit.
Building 6, upper floor

Student Jobs



Donation Center Attendant Job #3302
-Part-Time/Full-Time-

Assist people with donations, issue receipts for goods, maintain area and communicate with dispatcher.

When: flexible hours

Where: Puget Sound Area How Much: \$10/hr.



Office Assistant Job # 3240
-Part-Time-

Provide reception services for the Child Development Program. Duties include customer service, administration and clerical support such as filing and data entry.

When: Mon-Fri 3:30pm-6:00pm

Where: Seattle Area How Much \$10-11/hr

For more information, log on to Interfase at
www.myinterfase.com/highline/student or
visit Student Employment in Building 6.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at
Highline Community College

2400 S. 240th Street, Des Moines, WA 98032

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in the Mt. Skokomish Room (Building 8, 2nd floor)

for the purpose of reviewing proposed revisions to the

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Student Rights & Responsibilities Code
WAC 1321-120

The Public is Welcome

For questions, please call (206) 878-3710 ext. 3351

Club sets out to educate students on finances

By Melody Ericksen
Staff Reporter

Students need to spend less and save more, and it's never too early to start investing, Leslie Lum and Bill Webster said at Investor Education Week events held last week.

Investor Education Week was an event that was put on by the Student Small Capital Investment Club (SSCIC) in order to attract people to their club by providing a glimpse of the financial information they will be providing at their club meetings.

Leslie Lum, the author of the book *Personal Investing*, talked about the average income of an American family.

You have to pay attention to your finances because as you progress in life things are going to get more expensive, said Lum. For example it costs \$10,000 per year for middle class families to raise a child, or \$180,000 until the child reaches college.

Lum said that your personal life is directly connected to your finances. For example 75 percent of Americans will get married. Marriage is not just about personal relationships, it is about economic relationships.

Your net worth will go up 77 percent when you marry. However, 40-50 percent of first marriages end in divorce. Divorce is also economic. Your net worth will fall 77 percent when you divorce.

Lum also said that it is important to save your money, set financial goals, and keep track of your spending.

It is very important for students to watch the interest rates on the credit cards that they acquire, Lum said. It is espe-



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cially important to make sure that payment of these and other debts and obligations are made on time.

"Before you sign on to a credit card, use the credit card evaluation form to evaluate all fees and charges," Lum said. "Keep only two credit cards on you to minimize loss."

Lum said that credit cards encourage you buy, so be careful to use them only to buy what you need.

Also, if you are late in payment, you will have to pay a late fee of \$35, and if you do this often, your finance charges can be bumped up 10 percent above your current rate.

Credit card debt is 16 percent of a student's debt when they leave college, Lum said. On average students possess four credit cards. Most underesti-

mate the debt that they have to pay, and often don't pay their credit card bills in full at the end of the month.

"Pay all credit cards bills on time and in full," said Lum. "Do not use features such as cash advance, and do not spend up to your credit limit."

Lum also said that working to spend can hurt your grades and your chances of finishing college on time or at all.

"Students who work a lot of hours can't pick the courses they need because the time might conflict with their work schedule," said Lum. "As a result they study less, work hurts their grades, and they become more stressed. This means that they are more likely to drop out or fail."

Bill Webster, a stock broker and a business professor at

Highline, showed students several sites on the internet that could give students information on investing in stocks.

Webster said that it is important to start saving at an early age, in order to get a head start on taking control of your finances and managing them wisely.

A lot of people start saving when they are old, so they don't have that much time to save," said Webster.

Webster said that a good way to start saving up more money is to invest it. There are a lot of different sites where you can look up stocks. Webster showed students at the event different web sites that can be used as good research databases when you are researching stocks you are thinking of investing in.

Webster cited Morningstar.com as a really useful web site

for researching and keeping track of stocks.

"This web site is totally free, you can create a watch list on this site," Webster said. "All you have to do is enter the stock symbol, and it will give you the company, the market value, the going rate, the five year rate of return, and so on."

This site allows you to keep track of how certain companies' stocks are doing, Webster said.

It is very important to do your research before you invest, Webster said.

Another helpful place to look at stocks is the web site value-line.com; this site comes out with new stock reports every Friday.

Value Line also covers 1,700 companies, Webster said. The high and low for that stock is also shown.

"Doing it this way (researching) would take a lot of risk out of investing in stocks," Webster said. "It still takes nerve to invest in stocks; 25-30 percent of these will probably declare bankruptcy."

"Timeliness is very important too," Webster said. "Stocks are rated on how they are expected to do within the next 12 months."

"The two things I look for when buying stock is that if it has a good dividend yield of 3 percent and that it is expected to increase rapidly over the next couple of years," Webster said. "Right now is the time to be buying."

Webster also teaches basic money managing and an investment.

People interested in joining the SSCIC, the first meeting is on Monday, Nov. 19 in Building 10, room 101 at 1 p.m.

Know your rights as a tenant, attend paralegal presentation

By Shannon Clary
Staff Reporter

Anybody who is confused about their rights as a tenant should attend a presentation hosted by Highline paralegal students today in the Higher Education Building.

Jessica Neilson, an instructor in the Paralegal Program, hopes this presentation will be the first of what may become a Highline Legal Clinic. The presentation will be in Building 29, room 109 from noon to 1 p.m.

Washington's Landlord-Tenant Law is not known by everyone, and that can be a problem, Neilson said. The law defines the minimum duties of land-



Jessica Neilson

lords and tenants in their housing situations.

If the landlord or the tenant does not carry through with their duties it can lead to solutions such as eviction or reduced

rent.

The Paralegal Program at Highline wants people to know their rights as a tenant and their landlord's rights.

The paralegal students researched the law and put together a PowerPoint presentation to inform the Highline community of their rights. Information about the law and options will be given by the paralegal students.

The presentation will be broken up in three sections: The overview of the Landlord-Tenant Law, followed by the 10 most common problems tenants face with their landlords, and finished with an overview of tenants' rights in the eviction

process.

The presentation is supervised by Neilson.

She has faced problems herself with landlords over issues such as the rules on painting walls a different color and getting her security deposit back.

"Some landlords take advantage of people who don't know their rights," Neilson said.

Most people who are new to renting or coming from a different country do not know their rights, and landlords most of the time will not tell them what they are.

"Students can benefit most from learning what landlords can and can't do. The tenant has the right to withhold rent,

some people don't know that," Neilson said.

Major problems that will be discussed are: What is reasonable wear and tear of a rental house or apartment, the conditions of painting walls, and how much of the security deposit a renter can get back.

Three paralegal students are running the presentation. This is their first year in the paralegal program. They volunteered to do this, and are not receiving any extra credit points.

However, Neilson hopes that in return they will get the experience of learning about the law, public speaking experience, and also the practice of giving a smooth presentation.

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Editorial comment

It is time to get into the holiday spirit by giving to others

We are now approaching the holiday season, which means it's time to give to others.

Many people think giving just comes down to writing a check to some charity, but it can be so much more.

Although writing checks to charities is important and is giving, it's not the only way, and many people can't afford to give money away, even if it's for a good cause.

You can give by donating your time.

Volunteer at some soup kitchen or homeless shelter or at some charity event.

There are many food banks in the area that need volunteers.

The Des Moines area food bank needs volunteers every weekday from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The Tukwila Food Pantry also needs more volunteers so they can be open one more day a week.

The Federal Way food bank is also looking for more volunteers Monday through Friday.

The Federal Way Multi-Service Center is looking for volunteers to: tutor, sort clothing donations, help pick up donations from houses, and help with special projects. White Center Food Bank needs more volunteers. White Center has the ninth highest rate of hunger in the nation.

Highline is having its annual Giving Tree this year.

The Giving Tree is a way you can sponsor kids who otherwise wouldn't get anything for Christmas.

That is an easy and pretty inexpensive way to give this holiday season.

This year the Giving Tree is trying to sponsor 90 kids, and so far only 30 are sponsored.

If you cannot afford to donate money for people and you don't have time to volunteer, then just try to be nice to people.

Open a door for an old lady, talk to a stranger, and smile at people.

These are easy things that can brighten up someone's day.

Make it a priority to spend more time with your family and friends. Get in touch with your family members you haven't seen in a while.

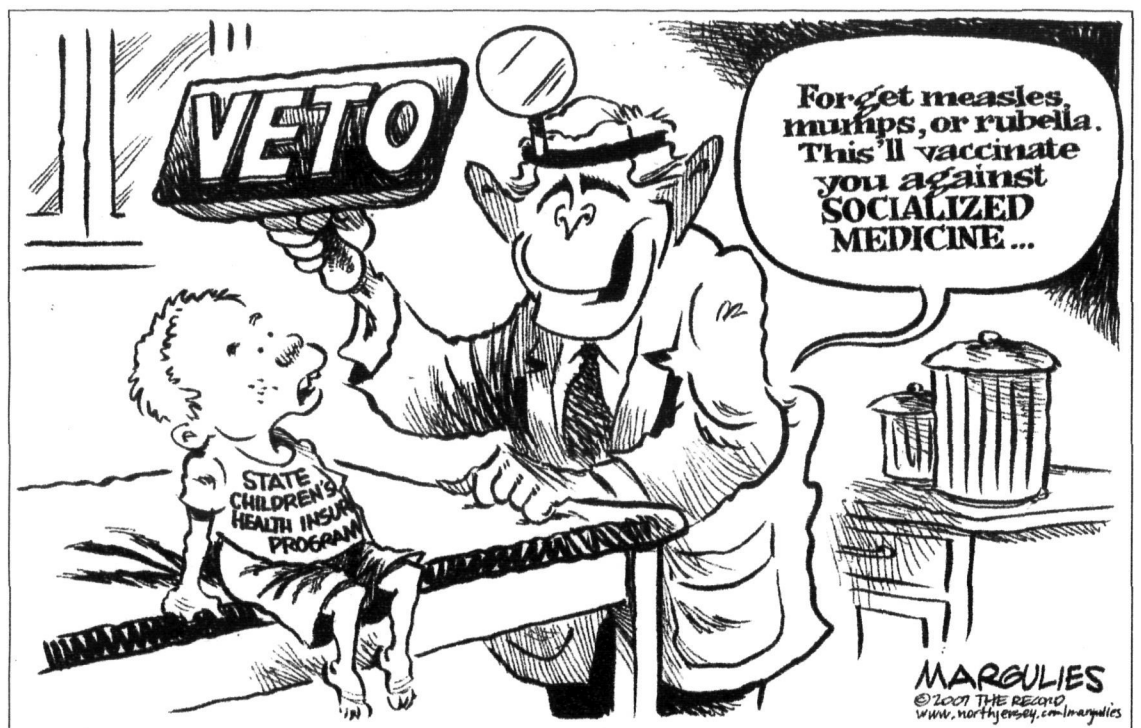
You can call old friends and see what they have been up to. Get in touch with the people you have been meaning to, but haven't had the time.

The holiday season is a unique time of year where you can give to people in a variety of ways. This year make sure you give to someone.

Staff

"I think he's overfed."

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International students struggle with English

In the Nov. 8, 2007 Thunderword, there was an article on language barriers that our international students (both immigrant and international students) encountered. It got me thinking about the increase of our immigrant and refugee population at Highline. According to the SBCTC (State Board of Community and Technical Colleges), Highline currently has the largest population of immigrant/refugee students of all the community and technical colleges in the state of Washington.

What does that mean for us as a college community?

Well, with the increase of immigrant students on our campus, we will continue to hear of language transitions that our immigrant students will encounter.

Not only that, our immigrant students are also faced with other challenges that happen inside and outside of the classroom.

For those of us who were born and raised in the United States for all of our lives, can you imagine having to leave our homeland and immigrating to another country due to war or for the hopes of having more opportunities? In this transition, it would also mean that you would have to maneuver and understand the intricate workings of educational, political, social, religious, and day-to-day systems, to name a few, along with learning a whole new language.

When I teach speech communication, our textbook by Rodman and Adler states that there are rules in language, too! These rules include phonological

Commentary



Rolita Ezeonu

(how a word sounds), semantic (meanings of a word), syntactic (structure of the words), and pragmatic (how to use the word) rules.

As a speech communication faculty member and most especially, a daughter to immigrant parents, I know and have heard these stories that my immigrant students talk about: stories of survival, struggle and of hope!

Every once in a while, as I am teaching, I see glimpses of my father's story alive and well in our immigrant students as they come to class and navigate all of the hidden and stated rules inside of the classroom.

I remember my father's perseverance and audacity of traversing thousands of miles in hopes of having a better future than one he might have had if he stayed in his home country.

When I hear my immigrant students mention to me that their English language skills are not

good, I hear my mother's words echo in my head that her English is not good enough, even after she has lived in the United States since 1970!

As a campus community, we have to be mindful of these stories. Currently, I think Highline is making strong, and hopefully, sustainable efforts in welcoming and retaining our immigrant students to our college.

In addition, I see that we, as a campus community, have also continued to move towards fulfilling our mission in that we are continuing to strengthen and nurture the diversity of our community. Yet, we must continue to be diligent.

Although we might come from many different places around the world and may speak different languages, we can continue to validate, encourage, and respect our immigrant students' experiences.

We can share our own stories of hope, struggle, and of making it so that we bridge our stories and experiences. We can teach and share with our immigrant students the tools and strategies that we have acquired over years of living in the United States on a day-to-day basis.

It was Nelson Mandela who stated, "If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart." Let us listen to one another and reflect and pause and celebrate our humanity!

Rolita Ezeonu teaches speech and communication at Highline.

Write to us

The Thunderword encourages letters to the editor and

columns from the college community.

Editorial cartoons on timely subjects also may be considered.

Submissions will be edited for style.

Due to limited space, please limit your submission to 500 words or less.

Intrepid couple weave digital travel diary in Library gallery show

By Satori Johnson
Staff Reporter

Staring into the photos, you can almost transport yourself to the narrow alleyways of Provence or to the medieval cathedrals of London. For most of us, this may be the only vacation away from school work and the Seattle rain we are able to take until the quarter is over.

The November art gallery displays photographs from all over England, France and the U.S. The gallery is on display on the fourth floor of the Library for the Highline community to see, free of charge.

The featured artists of the November Library art display, Patricia and Bruce Overman, have chronicled their journeys around the world with photography.

A couple dozen prints hang on the display walls of the Library. There are photos of national monuments in Washington D.C. reflected off the midnight blue water, the sunset on the coast of Maui, and Ground Zero where the World Trade Center stood. The viewer can take a journey through

Europe and see its beautiful landscapes and many architectural wonders.

Their motivation for participating in the art showcase is simply to see how students, faculty and staff react to their work. They say that they want to take their photography in a direction that moves their audience.

"What we want is not the money, as much as the feedback," Patricia Overman said.

The Overmans are graduates of Highline and continue to

take classes including photography and French. Bruce Overman says that they look forward to taking a foreign language class so that they can communicate more easily with the people they meet during their trips to Europe.

Patricia Overman is administrative assistant at the Library's Instructional Resources Administration Department.

Bruce Overman retired 10 years ago as a captain in the King County Sheriff's Office. He said that his retirement allows for more time to spend on doing what they love -- travel

and take pictures.

The Overmans say that their love for photography started in high school where they spent their time in dark rooms. When they married, their family and careers took precedence. They said that this led to the loss of time and priority for their photography. Now that their children have grown up and moved out, they say their passion for photography has been rekindled.

Their passion for photography and for travel goes hand in hand Patricia Overman says. They said that the history, culture and people of these foreign places are what inspire

their artwork. Bruce Overman says that the inconvenience of heavy equipment, congested airports, and delayed flights do not have an effect on their love for travel.

Their trips abroad are not typical vacations, say the Overmans. They are out in the streets of England and the countryside in France hours before the crowds of tourists when the light provided by the rising sun helps them capture the perfect shot.

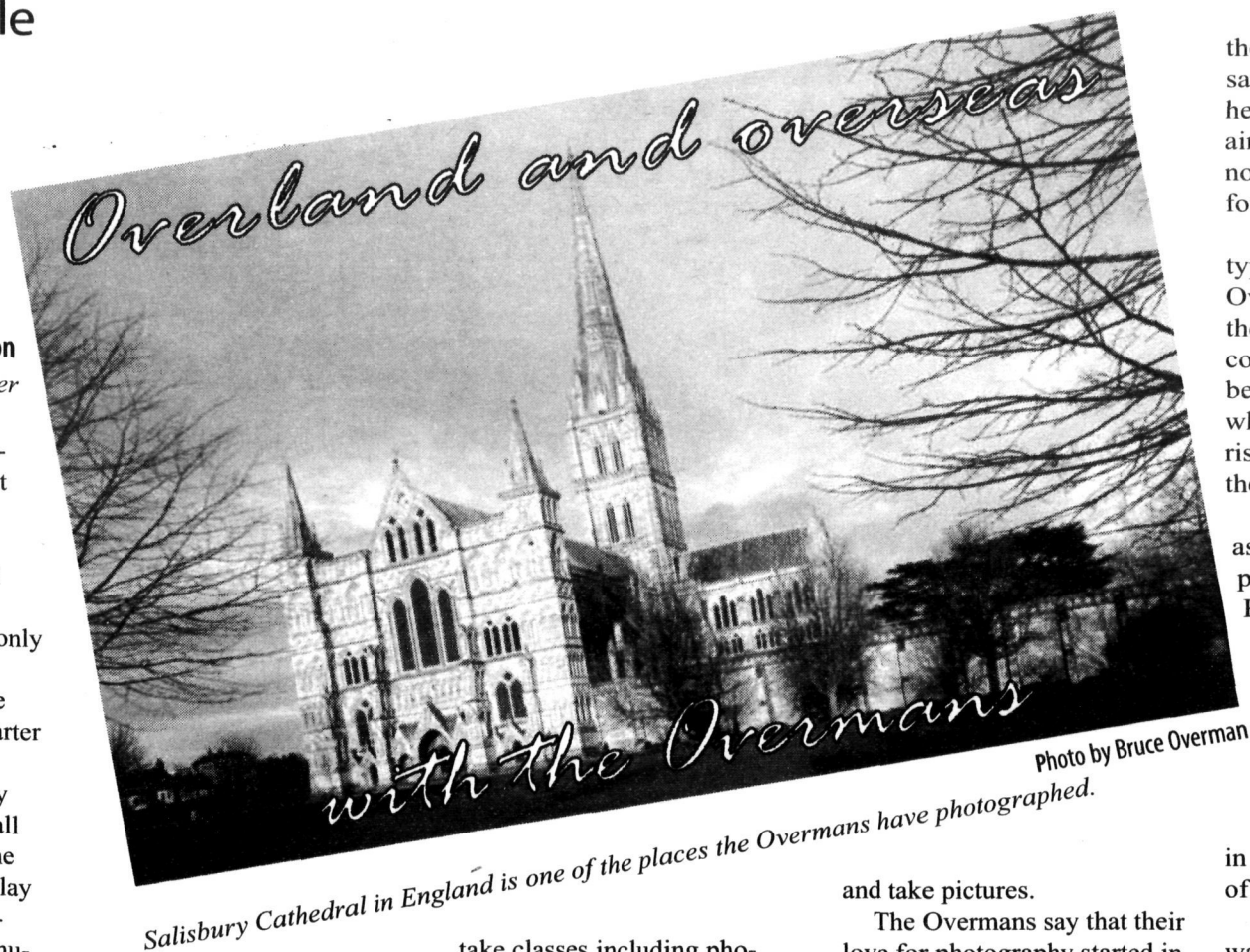
"(We) try to portray it as real as possible, to make it not look photo-shopped or gimmicky," Patricia Overman said.

Working together as a husband and wife team, they say there is more variety in their work. Sometimes they find they have taken pictures of the exact same scene, but their differences in style give them a wide range of results.

Patricia Overman says they want to encourage others, especially students, to see the world. They say they hope that their photographs will inspire individuals to do just that.

"I hope the students will want to travel and take their own photos," said Bruce Overman.

Prints of the artwork are available for purchase and the proceeds go to the Library Foundation. All of their work is available to see online on their website www.surrogatetravelers.com. The show in the Library art gallery will be up until Nov. 30.



Salisbury Cathedral in England is one of the places the Overmans have photographed.

Acting is in the cards for Cardenas

By Ariel McKenzie
Staff Reporter

To act or not to act, that is the question for Andrew Cardenas.

Cardenas, who plays Julius Gatz, a role in Highline's fall drama production of *Earth and Sky*, said that he enjoys acting but that it is tough to make it in Hollywood so he is not sure if he wants to pursue acting as a career.

"I'm not sure what I want to do after college," Cardenas said. "It's so hard to get into Hollywood."

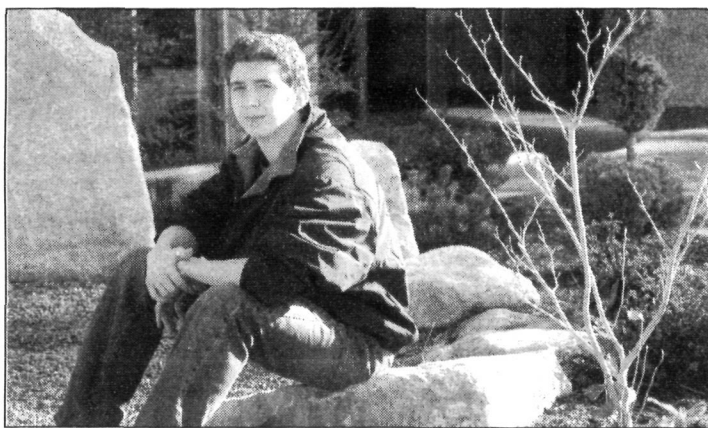
While a career in acting is a goal for Cardenas, he said that something else might come along. He explained that he is also interested in a career as a sports broadcaster for a large sports network such as Fox or ESPN.

"I have always been interested in entertainment," Cardenas said.

Before coming to Highline, Cardenas took drama classes at his high school. In his senior year of high school, he performed in *Cinderella*, where he played a personal servant to the king. He said he enjoyed playing this role because it was humorous.

Cardenas has also taken drama classes at Highline. He said he has taken Drama 121 with Dr. Christiana Taylor, drama coordinator, and Drama 122 also with Dr. Taylor.

Cardenas performed for Highline last spring in the student-led one-act plays. He has been acting for two years at Highline and said that he will be graduating in the spring. After he finishes



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Andrew Cardenas will play Julius Gatz, who is a villain in Highline's upcoming production of *Earth and Sky*.

up at Highline, he hopes to transfer to Western Washington University.

Cardenas said that the biggest influences in his life are his parents. He said that the way they brought him up has helped him through his schooling.

"They are nice and caring," Cardenas said of his mom and dad.

One of Cardenas's biggest role models is Samuel L. Jackson because of his roles in movies such as *Pulp Fiction*. He said that he enjoys

actors who can play more than just one type of role.

Cardenas also hopes that he will become a dynamic actor. He would like to tackle a variety of roles and test his limits by taking on parts with different dimensions.

"There are so many actors that are one-dimensional," said Cardenas. "I like to play the whole spectrum."

In Highline's upcoming Production *Earth and Sky* Cardenas will play Julius Gatz, who is a villain and a gangster.

Cardenas said that his character is the typical mafia mobster type. He said that his character is ruthless and does not care about anyone else.

"It's a new experience," Cardenas said of the opportunity he has to play a different role.

Cardenas said that the biggest challenge for him this quarter is the long hours he has dedicated to the production. He said that although his lines were not very difficult, he has put a lot of time into rehearsing for the play.

"I'm excited for *Earth and Sky*," said Cardenas.

Earth and Sky opens tonight at 8 p.m. and is scheduled to run Friday, Nov. 16, and Saturday, Nov. 17 and after Thanksgiving weekend Thursday, Nov. 29, Friday, Nov. 30, and Saturday, Dec. 1 in the Little Theatre, Building 4, room 122. All showings of *Earth and Sky* begin at 8 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$7 for students and seniors and \$8 for everyone else.

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Boy is taller. 2. Picture is vertical. 3. Chair back is different. 4. Fewer papers on floor. 5. Boy's collar is different. 6. Two checks on book.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY: What two South American countries lie directly south of Colombia?
- 2. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of food is fusilli?
- 3. POLITICS: Roughly how many popular votes separated Richard Nixon and John F. Kennedy in the 1960 presidential election?
- 4. LITERATURE: Who wrote the Pulitzer Prize-winning historical book "The Armies of the Night"?
- 5. TELEVISION: On Bonanza, what was the name of the character played by Michael Landon?
- 6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the popular name of the 17th-century Scottish outlaw Robert MacGregor?

- 7. MEDICINE: What is the function of the chemical substance called heparin?
- 8. PERSONALITIES: What ballet company did Ron Reagan, son of former President Ronald Reagan, join in the 1970s?
- 9. BUSINESS: Which merchant used the five-and-dime-store concept to create one of the largest retail chains in the world?
- 10. GAMES: What is the standard weight of a shot put used by men in competition?

- Answers: 1. Peru and Ecuador 2. Pasta 3. Just over 100,000 4. Norman Mailer 5. Little Joe 6. Rob Roy 7. Prevents blood clotting 8. Joffrey Ballet 9. F.W. Woolworth 10. 16 pound spun

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ARTS CALENDAR

The Highline Drama Department presents Earth and Sky by Douglas Post, Nov. 15, 16, 17, 29, 30 and Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. in the Little Theater, Building 4. Earth and Sky is a murder mystery with a romantic love story running through it. This is a tale with big surprises and fascinating characters familiar to readers and watchers of this most popular genre. Tickets are available at the door: \$7 students and seniors, \$8 general admission. Digital travel photography by Bruce and Patricia Overman will be featured at the Highline Library Gallery in November. The Overmans have merged their love of travel with their interest in photography to

create printed images that they hope will rekindle memories of places you have visited or perhaps inspire you to make your own journey.

Doughlas Remy's paintings will be on exhibit through Nov. 29, at the Kent Centennial Center Gallery, 400 W. Gowe St, Kent.

Remy creates abstract 3-D mixed-media wall-art com-

Last week's

Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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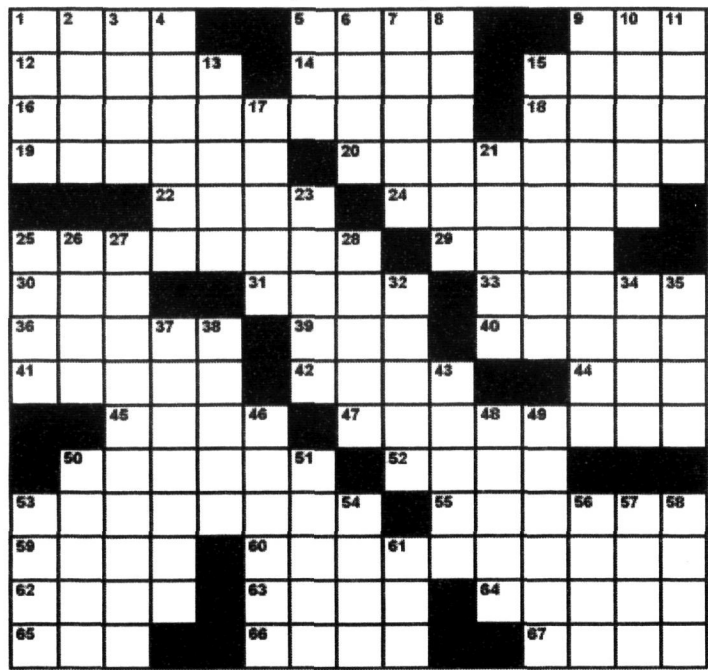
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- Down: 1. Partner of van. 2. Drag 3. Dead against 4. Suitors 5. "Gotcha!" 6. Baseball stats

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Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



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- 53. Razz 54. Pack away 56. Strip of wood 57. Beige 58. College bigwig 61. Rice University mascot

Quotable Quote

If at first you don't succeed, try, try, again. Then quit. There's no use in being a damn fool about it.

... W.C. Fields

posed of fused glass and resin with selections of other materials such as hydrocal (plaster), acrylics, dyes, fabrics, and metal.

Magical Strings will perform its 21st Annual Celtic Yuletide Concert, Sunday, Dec. 9, 3 p.m. at the Kent-Meridian Per-

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Tickets: \$20 general, \$16 student/senior, \$62 family pack (2 adults, 2 children.)

For tickets, visit the Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, Monday-Friday 6 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Saturday

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Last week's crossword solution

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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T-Birds freeze Penguins in NWAACC quarterfinals

Highline women
beat Clark, look
forward to playing
Walla Walla next

By Nick Bare
Staff Reporter

SEATAC - The Lady T-Birds soccer team is one step closer to becoming a champion.

No. 1 ranked Walla Walla now stands in the way of Highline, with the two teams squaring off in a semifinal match this Saturday in Tukwila.

Highline earned its trip to the NWAACC final four with a shootout victory over Clark, while the undefeated Warriors punched their ticket with a 4-3 victory over Lane.

The third-round playoff game will be played at Starfire Stadium in Tukwila this Saturday at 11:30 a.m. The other semifinal will pit Clackamas (17-2-2) against Shoreline (13-4-2) at 9 a.m.

Shoreline ended Tacoma's season 2-0 and Clackamas beat Columbia Basin in a shootout in the other quarterfinal matches.

Highline came through against Clark last Saturday at Valley Ridge Field in the third tight contest for the two teams this season.

After 90 minutes of regulation play, the score was tied 1-1. Highline's only goal came off the foot of sophomore Lindsey McGlothlin on a feed by



Carrie Draeger/THUNDERWORD

Freshman midfielder Kelsey Lusebrink dribbles past a Clark defender in last Saturday's NWAACC quarterfinal game. Lusebrink assisted in Highline's only goal.

NWAACC assists leader Kelsey Lusebrink.

Clark's goal came with only six minutes left in regulation when they took advantage of a Highline team that looked a little tired.

In front of a crowded net, Clark's Kelsey Smith was able to punch it in off the feed from defender Katie Carothers.

Highline Co-Head Coach Valerie Muehling said the fatigue was due to the team's lack of reserves. Hampered by injuries all year, the T-Birds had only 12 players available, leaving only one on the bench.

Two sudden-death overtime periods of 10 minutes each followed regulation play. When neither team scored in overtime, the match went to penalty kicks.

Since Highline had tied Clark twice earlier in the year, Highline's coaching staff had the 'Birds ready for a shootout.

"We had prepared all week for one (a shootout)," Muehling said.

Muehling was very confident of her team's chances to win the shootout due to Highline's ability to put the ball in the net.

"Every single one of our players has a strong and accurate PK (penalty kick) shot," Muehling said.

The Lady T-Birds won the shootout 4-3 with scores by Lusebrink, Whitney Lynch, Danielle Diaz, and Maria Mazur.

Highline's only miss was by McGlothlin, whose shot went a

little high and right.

Lady T-Bird goalkeeper Brianna Lemarr denied Clark's Christina Lopas and Cecilia Newman in the shootout.

Coach Muehling was very impressed with the team's play on Saturday.

"The team played incredible. I am impressed with the amount of heart and tenacity they played with along with their mental toughness," Muehling said.

Muehling said she was even more impressed with the outcome of the shootout because of Lemarr's great saves and the team's ability to score on their penalty kicks.

Highline will need to continue to score this Saturday as they take on Walla Walla.

The Warriors were 21-0-1 in the regular season and only gave up eight goals on the year while scoring 126.

But that was mostly against teams from the East.

Walla Walla played South Region champion Lane in their first playoff game last Saturday and pulled off a narrow 4-3 victory.

Although most teams weren't able to keep up with the Warriors this season, Lane proved otherwise.

The Titans were tied with the Warriors through most of

the game until Corrie McNeill scored the game winning goal in the 88th minute.

Muehling predicts a good game Saturday against the Warriors and said her team will need to continue playing its game to win.

"We will need to continue to play as we have been the whole game: with mental toughness, heart and the desire to win," Muehling said.

Another key will be shutting down the Warriors' forwards, who led the NWAACC in goals this season. Candice Duffey led the conference with 28 goals while teammate McNeill was second with 24 goals.

Throughout the season Walla Walla didn't seem to have any weaknesses in its game, but Highline will be out to find some this Saturday.

"Every team has weaknesses that you can exploit, and we will do our best to exploit Walla Walla's Saturday," Muehling said.

Although the Warriors went through the season undefeated, Coach Muehling says she is confident about her team's chances for a victory.

"Walla Walla is definitely beatable, and I believe we are the team to do just that," Muehling said.



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Sophomore forward Maria Mazur moves the ball upfield against Clark College in last Saturday's NWAACC quarterfinal game.

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T-birds lose in NWAACC quarterfinals

By Rachel Comstock
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's soccer team lost in the Quarterfinals of NWAACCS men's tournament to Whatcom in a shootout.

The T-Birds outplayed and out shoot Whatcom but it wasn't enough, said Head Coach Jason Prenovost.

The T-Birds and Whatcom were tied 0-0 at the end of regular game time which caused them to go into a shootout. The T-Birds couldn't pull it off at the end with Whatcom winning the shootout by a score of 7-6.

"Whatcom came out ready to play in the first 20 minutes and we just weren't ready for them," said Prenovost.

After seeing how fired up Whatcom was, the T-Birds

stepped up their game and took control, said Prenovost.

Highline and Whatcom fought back and forth all throughout the game, taking as many shots as they could, but both goal keepers wouldn't let anything through.

"We had many chances to score but we just couldn't finish," said forward Edward Walugembe.

The T-Birds ended their season with a 10-2-5 record.

The T-Birds had a very young team this year with only six sophomores returning and 17 freshmen coming to play.

"We had a very young team this year and they did a great job coming together as a team," said Prenovost.

Adding to the successful season was defender Aldo Palomino, who led the team with 10 goals.

Right behind Palomino was defender Josh Ambrozick and midfielder Tony Maxwell, who both had five goals.

"We had a lot of ups and downs this season, and should have won a lot of the games we tied," said Walugembe.

The T-Birds tied with Clark twice, Bellevue, Peninsula, and Spokane.

A lot of the games they tied like Peninsula they should have won they just underperformed, said Walugembe.

Even though the season is over for the T-Birds each player will have a meeting with the coaches to decide if they're coming back next year.

"Many of our players have been offered scholarships at four-year schools," said Prenovost.



Photo by Suzy Prenovost

Aldo Palomino and Lance Davis dribble down the field.

Highline wins three duals over the weekend, improving to 4-1

By Mark Maras
Staff Reporter

It is going to take much more than a head-and-arm to take down Highline's wrestling team.

On Friday, Highline wrestled Southwestern Oregon Community College in a dual meet and won, 25-18.

After Highline was done wrestling in Coos Bay, Ore. around 5 p.m. on Friday, the team drove to Salem to spend a night at a motel.

Then at 7:30 a.m. the next morning, they made a five-hour drive to Auburn, where they had another dual tournament at Mt View High School where the team was up against Yakima Valley Community College and Simon Fraser University.

Highline dominated Yakima Valley, only losing one match and forfeiting 133 pound weight class.

The T-Birds also came out on top against Simon Fraser, 27-21.

Highline ended up winning all three dual meets this past weekend, making its season record 4-1.

The individual results from this weekend were not available at press time.

Making that long commute, where the wrestlers are riding in a van for so many hours and then having to go out onto the mat and wrestle, would have an effect on anyone, but yet Highline's team continues to stay strong, despite these long car rides.

"The wrestling team has been through hell in the past two weeks with all these long van rides. But these guys [the team] this year are competitors.

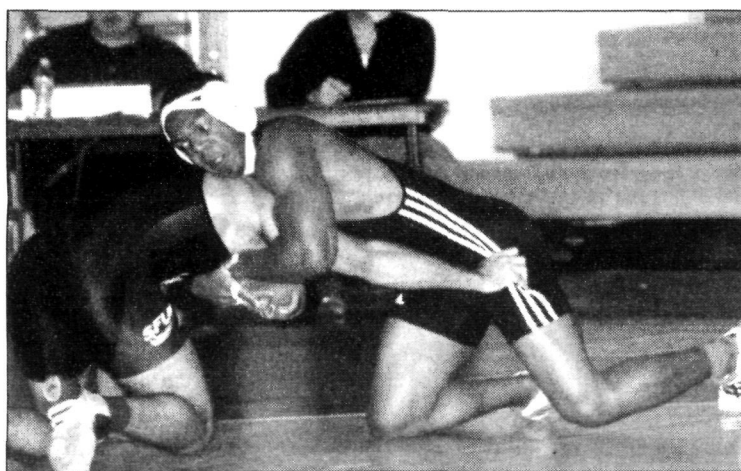


Photo by Dave Jediicka

Craig Jackson tries to pin his opponent.

The commute is brutal because they're sitting in a van for so many hours and it's tough to go through.

But these guys this year are well-rounded and have the attitude of wanting to win," says Highline Coach Scott Norton.

"You really can't coach desire. But these guys want to

win.

One of the things we did this year that I haven't done in the past is talk to each of the wrestlers individually and go over the goals and expectations of what they hope to do throughout the year and Nationals," Norton said.

The Nationals take place in

February, and that is the wrestling team's primary goal.

One of the wrestling captains, Anthony Zender, is expecting great things to come out of the team this year.

"One of the main reasons we did so well this weekend is because we're starting to come together as a team. In the beginning of the season, you don't know what the team is capable of, but as the season goes on, you start to bond together more and the encouragement levels go up," says Zender.

The wrestling team will usually start out practice with running around the track for about twenty minutes, and then start drilling.

"In practice every time we wrestle in practice, we wrestle as if we're doing a match," says Zender. "It's not practice that makes us perfect, it's perfect practice."

Despite the busy schedule of

wrestling practice and meets, the wrestlers also have to focus on their school work and passing their classes.

"A lot of people think of the stereotype of a wrestler as a dumb jock. But you got to be working hard at school and doing your homework, also going to practice, as well as cutting weight, which means that you may not be able to eat as big of a meal as you wish you could. You really have a lot to juggle," says Zender.

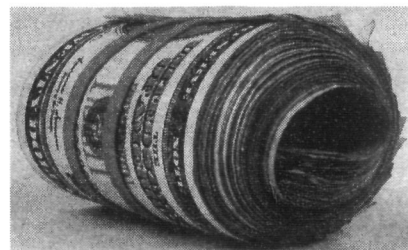
The next meet will be the Best of the West Tournament this weekend in Medford, Ore., where Highline will be up against some Division I wrestling teams.

"I think our team knows how to compete. I think this year's team is better than last year's. Our guys are confident and have an expectation to win," Norton said. "We're going to be a tough team to beat this year."

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Lady T-Birds' season opens with hopes of success

By James Jensen
Staff Reporter

The women's basketball team hopes to repeat as West Division champs.

"Last year we had to depend on other teams to lose to become the West Division champs. We don't want that to happen this year. We want to win it on our own. Obviously every team's goal is to be league champs and go to the NWAACC tourney and win it," Head Coach Amber Rowe Mosley said.

Highline finished fifth in last year's NWAACC tournament.

The T-Birds have 12 players on the team but have been missing two players, Whitney Lynch and Anya Serebryakov, due to the women's soccer playoffs.

Vanessa Baines, a 5'7" sophomore guard, is a very experienced player. Last year she made the all-league second team.

The jump for freshman from high school to college basketball has been a lot easier than last year because Highline has a lot more sophomores on the team (last year there were only two sophomores).

Highline has six sophomores on the team this year: Vanessa Baines, Kerstin Torresco, Valerie Cook, Tammie Hilla, Jasmine McEachern, and Serebryakov.

The big difference between high school ball and college ball



Carrie Draeger/THUNDERWORD

Sophomore Vanessa Baines shoots over sophomore Kerstin Torresco in practice.

is the speed of the game. All of the sophomores have really stepped up leadership wise and helping out the freshman, Coach Mosley said.

"I let the team vote on a captain. They voted Tammie Hilla (5'3" sophomore guard). She is one of the hardest workers on

the team. She has also stepped up vocally," Mosley said.

Highline lost some key players from last year. Olenitha Dishmon, NWAACC all-star, graduated, and first-team all-league Kim Dodson, and Western Region MVP Samantha Tinned did not return to the

team this year.

The team has been a bit and to cancel its annual women vs. faculty game last Friday. It makes it hard to run practices because the team cannot run any five-on-five drills, Coach Mosley said.

The women are ready for

some outside competition.

"This is the time where it starts to lag a bit because it has almost been two months since we have competed outside our team," Mosley said.

Highline opens the season this Friday in the Shoreline Turkey Shoot Out at 8 p.m.

Scoreboard

Women's Soccer

NWAACC Semifinals

Nov. 17

Clackamas vs. Shoreline 9 a.m.
Highline vs. W. Walla 11:30 a.m.

Championships

Nov. 18

Third place 1 p.m.
Championship 5 p.m.

Men's Soccer

NWAACC Semifinals

Nov. 17

Clark vs. Whatcom 2 p.m.
Peninsula vs. Spokane 4:30 p.m.

Championships

Nov. 18

Third place 3 p.m.
Championship 7 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Nov. 16

Pierce vs. Whatcom 6 p.m.
NW Indian vs. Tacoma 7 p.m.
Bellevue vs. Spokane 7 p.m.
Highline vs. Peninsula 7 p.m.
Seattle vs. Portland 7 p.m.
G. Harbor vs. Edmonds 7 p.m.

Nov. 17

SW Oregon vs. Centralia 3 p.m.
Blue Mtn. vs. Chemeketa 4 p.m.
G. Harbor vs. Whatcom 4 p.m.
Shoreline vs. Y. Valley 4 p.m.
Bellevue vs. C. Basin 5 p.m.

Seattle vs. SP Sound 5 p.m.

Women's Basketball

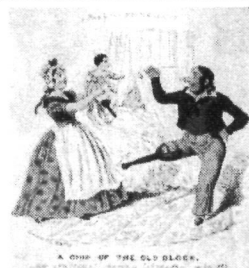
Nov. 16

Y. Valley vs. Seattle 2 p.m.
Tacoma vs. Peninsula 5 p.m.
Clackamas vs. T. Valley 6 p.m.
C. Basin vs. L. Columbia 6 p.m.
Bellevue vs. Big Bend 6 p.m.
Shoreline Turkey Shoot Out
Shoreline vs. B. Mountain 8 p.m.

Nov. 17

Bellevue vs. C. Basin 3 p.m.
Clackamas vs. Walla Walla 4 p.m.
Everett vs. Centralia 5 p.m.
C. Basin vs. L. Columbia 6 p.m.

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Thunderbirds' season spiked by Gators in playoff

By Carrie Draeger
Staff Reporter

After tying Green River for the last playoff spot in the West Division, Highline's women's volleyball team fell just short of beating the Gators in five games.

"It's not like we played like crap; we went to five games," freshman setter Lyndsey Reese said.

Highline beat seventh place Centralia 30-23, 30-17, 30-17 Wednesday Nov. 7 and Green River lost to second place Clark 30-23, 30-25, 19-30, and 30-15.

Highline was led by sophomore Lindsey Hovee who had 10 kills, and Reese, who had 35 assists.

The Lady T-Birds and the Gators finished out the regular season with the same league record of 8-6, forcing a playoff between the two teams to decide who would advance to the NWAACC championships this weekend.

After losing the first game to Green River 30-21, Highline came back to win the second game 30-21.

"The first game we weren't really ready to play in a championship game. ... The second game we woke up," Reese said.

Highline won the second game 30-21 riding the arm of sophomore outside hitter Mercedes Fernandez. Fernandez had four kills in a row to set up a Highline win.

The Lady Gators came back with a vengeance in the third game building up a substantial lead. Highline was able to get within four before Green River pulled away to win 30-24.

Highline started off the fourth game with a 6-0 run, led by sophomore Lindsay Hovee and scoring on Green River errors.

Highline passing and serving errors allowed Green River



Lindsey Hovee spikes the ball over a pair of Green River Gators at Friday's playoff match.

Carrie Draeger/THUNDERWORD

to tie the game at 15. The two teams traded the lead back and forth until Highline grabbed the lead 28-27 off of a kill by Fernandez. Two timeouts later Highline picked up their second win of the night on a dump by setter Lyndsey Reese, winning 30-28.

The final game was to 15 points because of playoff regulations. Highline and Green River went back and forth staying tied until Green River pulled away with a 7-4 lead. Highline battled back to 7-6 on back-to-back kills from Hovee and Fernandez.

According to playoff rules, Highline and Green River switched court sides, and Highline left their momentum on the other side of the net. The Lady T-Birds only scored two more points and lost 15-8.

"We played not to lose; we didn't play to win," Reese said.

The T-Birds struggled with

consistency and communication all night long, freshman Brittany Shannon said.

Fernandez led Highline with 29 kills and 17 sets, with Hovee right behind her with 28 kills. Reese had 71 sets and sophomore Chelsea Cagampang added 16 digs.

Fernandez, Hovee, and Cagampang will all be moving

after this season and Shannon is nervous about the loss.

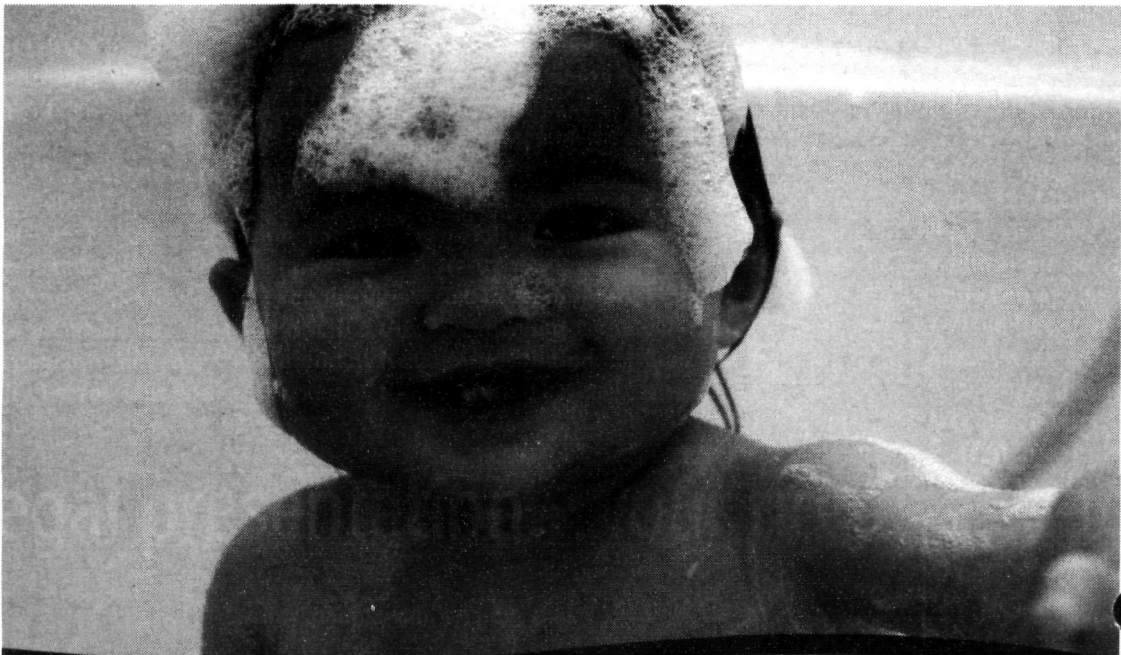
"I'm nervous (about next season). ... It's hard to lose the three best players on your team," Shannon said.

Fernandez and Hovee were third and fifth on the kills per game list with 4.68 kills per game for Fernandez and 4.3 for Hovee. Reese was fourth on the

sets per game list with 10.35.

Fernandez and Hovee are also part of the NWAACC leader board in digs per game. Fernandez is fourth with 5.11 digs per game and Hovee seventh with 4.49.

"It's sad to watch our sophomores go, because they brought so much to the team," Reese said.

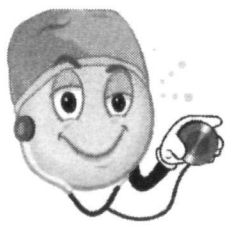


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See our Website for a list of fall transfer activities:
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Bigfoot sighted at Highline - in Lonnie Somer's PowerPoint

By Nick Dalton
Staff Reporter

Bigfoot isn't real, and Dr. Lonnie Somer has spent years of his life trying to prove it.

Science Seminar last Friday was titled "Cryptozoology: The Search for Sasquatch, Nessie, Ogopogo, & Other Fabulous Creatures." The seminar was presented by Highline anthropology professor Dr. Somer, who is also a former Sasquatch hunter.

Dr. Somer talked briefly about other fabled creatures such as the Loch Ness Monster and Ogopogo, but the main topic of the seminar was Sasquatch.

Dr. Somer explained that the definition of cryptozoology directly translated means "the study of hidden animals."

Dr. Somer also explained that while reported sightings of creatures such as these are actually quite common throughout the world, there really isn't any contemporary proof that any of them truly do exist. The one exception to this rule is the discovery of some teeth and mandible (lower jaw) fragments from what would've been an extremely large ape or primate that has been named Gigantopithecus.

The fossils that have been found, however, are dated as being 200,000 - 6 million years old, squashing any possibility that they relate to modern Bigfeet.

Dr. Somer said that while he's been interested in creatures of legend since childhood, he didn't fall hot on the trail of the Sasquatch until college.

Dr. Somer said he remembers hearing stories about imaginary beasts when he was a kid, having grown up in an area thought to be rife with Jersey Devil activity.

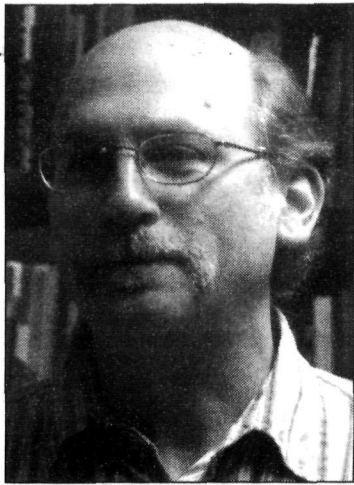
"When I was little, hearing stories like this got me pretty interested in it (cryptozoology)."

Dr. Somer said that while he was always interested in such topics, he never gave these legendary creatures much serious thought.

"That all changed when I went to Washington State University," he said.

Dr. Somer said he went to WSU to study physical anthropology, and though he didn't know it at the time, his mentor, Dr. Grover Krantz, was known to some by the nickname "Dr. Bigfoot."

"He was one of the few cred-



Dr. Lonnie Somer

ible scientists who actually said 'There is a Sasquatch,'" Dr. Somer said. He said he eventually learned of his mentor's evidence of Sasquatch, and joined the hunt for the truth.

He said that one of the most impressive stories during his time investigating the phenomenon known as Sasquatch was a report from the Blue Mountains, east of Walla Walla.

Dr. Somer said a report by campers made to a local newspaper about possible Sasquatchean activity made its way to him very quickly, and he and his team went to investigate.

Dr. Somer said that his team was met on the scene by a local man, the late Paul Freeman. Freeman, he said, would often help to guide them around the area and was an avid believer in the legends of Sasquatch.

"We were among the first people at the site, and the things that we started finding were absolutely amazing," Dr. Somer said. "This is when I started thinking, maybe they (Sasquatches) are real."

On that trip, Dr. Somer said

he found a number of details pointing to the possibility of Bigfeet, including giant footprints, and even hair samples.

Dr. Somer and his team sent hair samples they had collected from various Sasquatch locales to a variety of labs and alleged experts, but none could offer a complete explanation about where the hair had come from.

With such inconclusive results abounding from the labs and experts, Dr. Somer said he began trying to learn everything

he could about hair. He collected samples from as many different sources as he could, including chimps, other animals, and even snuck a sample of Paul Freeman's wife's hair from a brush in the bathroom of the Freemans' home during a visit.

After extensive comparison and investigation, Dr. Somer eventually determined the samples to be identical to that of synthetic mannequin hair that he had obtained.

Dr. Somer said that in all his

time investigating Sasquatch, he is as sure as ever that there really just is no such thing. He suspects that the alleged activity in the Blue Mountains may have been orchestrated by Freeman, but said he never caught him in the act, and there's no proof of it.

He said that he would like nothing more than to have somebody be able to prove him wrong, and provide definitive proof of Bigfoot's existence, but that has yet to happen.



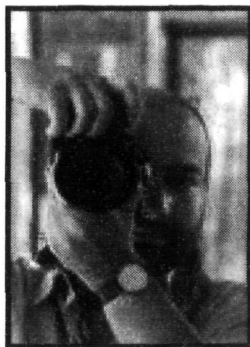
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Funds raised at book sale will help Cambodian children

By Nataliya Muzyka
Staff Reporter

Highline's Phi Theta Kappa chapter will have a used book sale next week to help children in Cambodia.

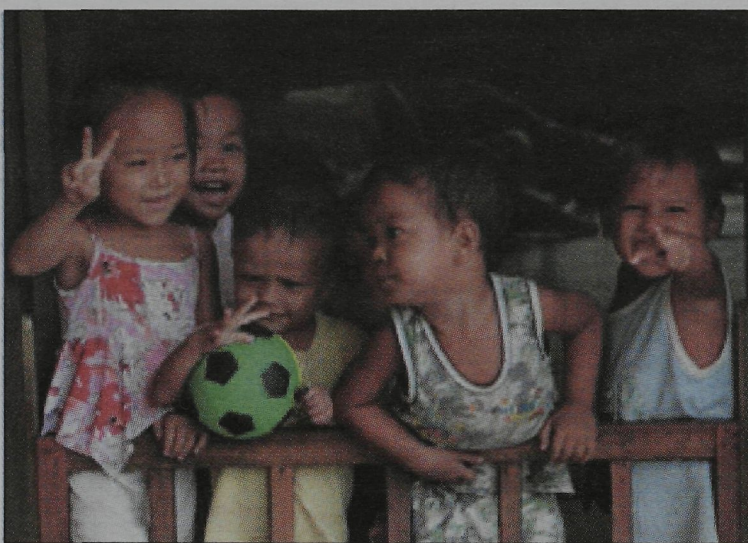
This book sale will be Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 19 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Union Building.

Phi Theta Kappa is a two-year honor and service fraternity.

In addition to books, CDs and video tapes also will be for sale. All of those books, CDs and tapes are being donated by community members and students.

This sale project is for students, staff and faculty at Highline who want to help poor children in Cambodia.

"The reason we are doing this is that students at Highline have big hearts and they want to help people," said Mouy-Ly Wong, the coordinator of this project and the adviser of the Pi Sigma,



Hagar International

Hagar International helps Cambodian children such as these by breaking the cycle of poverty and offering prevention, rehabilitation, and reintegration programs.

Highline's PTK chapter.

The used book sale project started last year after one Highline student from Cambodia told her life story during the "Voice Infusion" project.

"After the girl from Cambodia told her story, the audience

wanted to do something to help children there," said Wong.

One of the students at the Pi Sigma heard about Hagar International, an organization that helps children in Cambodia.

The organization is named after Hagar, a woman whose

story is told in the Bible. Hagar worked for a rich man named Abraham. After she gave birth to Abraham's child, Ishmael, she was forced to leave Abraham's family without any help. Hagar is committed to the nowadays "Hagars" and "Ishmaels" around the world.

The goal of Switzerland-based Hagar is to educate, bring literacy and good health to those children.

Hagar built a small village with five bungalows for needy children in Cambodia. Now this village has 55 children, boys and girls at ages 5-18 who live there.

"All children in this village were rescued from difficult circumstances and they have no families.

This village is in the quiet place that keeps those kids safe," said Wong. Last year the Pi Sigma earned \$345 during the book sale and send that to Hagar, said Wong.

Hagar used this money to buy electricity generation for their village in Cambodia. Now children there have electrical light and they can read in the evening.

This year money from the book sale will be used to buy school supplies. Children in this village need books, pencils, pens and other supplies to be able to study.

The books on the sale are donated from community and students.

If you have books, CDs and VHS tapes that you don't need any more you can donate them to Pi Sigma at Highline.

For donation you may contact Mouy-Ly Wong at Building 6, room 154, or Chris Panganiban at Building 6, room 9.

Also if you have a time and want to participate at this project, you can volunteer.

For more information contact Mouy-Ly Wong by phone at 206-878-3710, ext. 3690.

Bus Stop

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the entrance on the opposite side from the bus stop so there wouldn't be such a grand entrance, said Jeff Turck, a Highline accounting teacher who teaches in Building 29.

Last October Tony Anderson, a Law and Justice instructor for CWU, and a lieutenant with the Port of Seattle Police, discovered an unknown man looking through his box of equipment as he was setting up for the class.

Anderson yelled at the man as he fled from the building.

Anderson made contact with another man standing by the doors who he saw walking with the suspect just minutes earlier.

He found out that this man was waiting for another friend using the phone and that all three of them were not students.

Anderson told both men they had no business on the campus and to leave.

The men have not been seen since.

"This was the first problem of this type that I have experienced," Anderson said.

"But I do think that the bus stop is the reason the kids were there. I regularly see folks sitting in the building who appear to be waiting for the bus, but do not appear to be students."

Another incident that took place was an unknown man causing a disturbance in the CWU building on Oct. 10 at 1

p.m.

Highline Security tried asking the man to leave but he refused.

The Des Moines Police Department was called in and they tried to talk to the man but he was unable to respond logically. He didn't know why he was on the campus or how he had gotten there.

He did tell the officers he had taken several types of medication for his psychological problem.

The man would still not cooperate so they had to have an ambulance come and take him away. There is nothing for people to be concerned about, Noyer said.

The only activity at the bus stop that has been reported to security is the smell of marijuana.

A lot of times, people will see or hear something happen and they will assume it happens all the time, or they will exaggerate a situation when there is a full explanation.

Marketing

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Brian Scalabrino of the Boston Celtics, and Honors Program Coordinator Barbara Clinton.

Scalabrino and Clinton are also featured on Highline's bus advertising campaign, which runs during peak enrollment times.

The goal of the Experiences for a Lifetime campaign is to challenge the stereotype of community colleges as a less-than-desirable educational opportunity.

"Unfortunately some people don't equate the community college experience as one of great standards," Prenovost said.

Word-of-mouth advertising also helps combat that stereotype.

"We know that word-of-mouth is one of the most influential advertising tools out there," Prenovost said.

A former Highline student came up to Prenovost recently and said that she had moved on to study accounting at Central Washington University and her daughter was now taking classes at Highline.

"Our communities are changing and it may influence the way people look at Highline," Prenovost said.

In addition to competing with other community colleges such as Green River, South Seattle, and Bellevue, Highline must compete with private, for-profit colleges such as Everest College, formerly called Bryman.

For example, Highline's advertising budget is \$61,000, while schools such as Everest have the financial means to run

commercials at primetime on local television.

"A lot of those colleges do a very good job of getting their students," Prenovost said.

Enrollment is rolling at Everest, with students able to start classes almost on a monthly basis.

"If there wasn't a need or a place in the market for them, they wouldn't exist," Prenovost said.

These colleges have streamlined the process of enrollment, financial aid, job placement, and scheduling, Prenovost said.

Nonetheless, Prenovost says Highline is able to compete.

"I think we have some of the highest quality education in the state," Prenovost said.

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