Plan your transfer now
Adviser urges students to think ahead

By Shannon Clary
Staff Reporter

Application deadlines are approaching, and students are starting to feel the stress of transferring to a four-year university.

Erica Green, a student at Highline, has started her application process. "I think it would be stressful to you whether you are organized or not. It's a big decision, there are big choices to make," said Green.

She has met with an academic adviser a couple of times to make sure she was on the right track.

Green's decision to meet with an adviser was a smart one because some students get into the mindset that they have plenty of time to plan their transfer to other colleges. The reality is planning needs to start the very first year at Highline. Siew Lai Lilley, Transfer Center director, has many tips for students who plan to transfer to a four-year university.

"The first quarter start thinking about transferring, because before you know it you're graduating," Lilley said.

The first thing to do is to request an educational adviser from the Educational Planning and Advising Center. This adviser can keep students on track and make sure they are taking the necessary classes at Highline.

Picking a major is the next important thing to consider, said Lilley. Many students at Highline will get an associate of arts degree, and then use that to transfer to college. Even if the plan is to get an AA, students can start taking classes that can transfer to their specific major. If students are unsure of what they want their majors to be they can take a Career 101 class.

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Highline's Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting next week to get input from the community regarding the ideal president for Highline.

The profile will outline the characteristics and qualities that are desired in the next Highline president.

The forums are open to the public and will be held on Dec. 3 at 1 p.m. in the Mt. Oly. Union, or Dec. 11 in the Student Union.

The other meeting will be at 3 p.m. in Building 25, room 411.

These meetings are part of the ongoing search process for a permanent president for Highline.

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A Security officer found three men breaking into the passenger side of her 2001 Ford escort on Nov. 22 at 3:18 p.m.

When the men saw her they took off running.

The Security officer called the Des Moines Police who arrived several minutes later.

She discovered that they had broken her window with a rock, wrote profanities on the hood of the car in green marker and stole $10 from her dash.

The police tried looking for the three men but were unsuccessful.

Have you seen where my mother has gone to?

The three juveniles were asked to leave Highline's library on Nov. 20 at 4:45 p.m.

The three boys left without protest but came back a few minutes later.

The boys said that their guardian was a student at Highline and was in the library at that time.

They were asked to leave again because the student they were waiting for was under 18.

Security arrived and saw the three juveniles standing outside the library doors.

The boys told security they were waiting for their mother who was inside.

They were later seen leaving with no mother in sight.

Run, Forrest, run

A man came to the Security office and claimed he lost a gold jacket with a black wallet in the pocket on Nov. 21 at 3:22 p.m.

Security handed him the jacket with the wallet and gave him the form to sign claiming he had picked it up.

After signing he immediately took off with the form and jacket.

Security tried to find the man but they were unsuccessful.

Car alarm thwarts thief

Security noticed an Acura Integra with its passenger window broken out on Nov. 22 at 2:46 p.m.

The car was parked next to Building 99 and when security arrived the alarm was still sounding.

The car alarm may have scared the thief away.

Security noted that nothing seemed to be disturbed inside.

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College crafts plans for replacement buildings

By Carrie Draeger
Staff Reporter

The wheels have started rolling toward the replacement of key buildings on campus. Highline will submit a proposal for funding to tear down and replace buildings 4, 5, 6, and 11 to the Washington State Board of Community and Technical Colleges.

Buildings 5, 6, and 11 were built in 1964 and Building 4 was built in 1967. If the proposal is approved the buildings will be replaced by one large building by 2012 or 2013.

"It is much more efficient to have fewer large buildings than several small ones," said Larry Yok, vice president of Administrative Affairs.

The three buildings replaced by one large building will be much more conducive to a learning environment, as well as being more cost effective, said Yok.

Instead of having four separate mechanical systems to run four buildings, there would be one large mechanical system to support the building. This would streamline the process of maintaining the building as well as running it, Yok said.

The building would also create indoor common areas. Yok said this space would be well used during the winter time when it is too cold for students to gather outside.

"They allow people a place to congregate to exchange ideas," Yok said.

High up on the replacement plans is Building 4, which is used for arts, drama, and music classes. The building has had many problems in the past ranging from water leaks to rat infestations and, as recently as last Spring Quarter, chemical problems.

Last spring when tiles in Building 4 started to pop out of place, the solvent used to dis-solve the mastic holding the tiles to the floor left an unpleasant odor in the building. This also led to problems in the building with mold and chemical levels.

Building 4 is the highest rated building on campus for replacement.

Every two years the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges sends out building inspectors that rate buildings at community colleges on their need for replacement or renovation.

The buildings are rated on a scale of 0 to 730 points. Building 5 was rated at 570, Building 11 at 526, and Building 6 at 410. Building 6 houses offices of Campus Security, Financial Aid, Women's Programs, and many other programs. The building is in the category of needs replacement or renovation, one step lower than the other three buildings in the proposal.

However, in the 2003 inspection the building was rated at 526 points. In the years between the two building inspections building six had some cosmetic repairs done and this could have had a factor in the building inspectors rating, Yok said.

"People tend to see buildings in different aspects," Yok said. He said that although the improvements made the building more aesthetically pleasing, it did not improve its function.

Buildings five and eleven, both faculty office buildings, are also not functional for their purposes, Yok said.

"The offices (in buildings 5 and 11) are standard given today's standards for office space," he said.

The plans for the new buildings are in the concept process, Yok said.

"We don't even know the size of the structure," Yok said.

In order for plans to be made, the proposal for the building structure would have to be approved by the state board, Yok said.

The tentative plans for the new building would be a structure about 60,000-70,000 square feet. The average cost per square foot for a structure of that size would be $300-500, Yok said. The building would cost $18-35 million according to these estimates.

"The more complex the structure, the more expensive it becomes," Yok said.

If Highline receives the funds from the state board, the pre-design plans for the building would be due in July of 2008, with construction beginning in 2011.

Highline will also be submitting a funding request for the renovation of the Building 26.

Building 26 is used for Life Sciences classes and is also home to the Tutoring Center.

"We need better labs for allied health (programs)," Yok said.

Building 26 was rated at 368 points putting it in the category of needs renovation or replacement.

"We think we have identified high demand programs," Yok said.

If the funding for Building 26 is approved, accommodations will need to be made for the Tutoring Center, but Highline is unsure of what those accommodations will be, Yok said.

"We will figure out what to do about the rest of it in due course," Yok said.
Be thankful for what you have

Now that we’ve finished our turkey, it is time to take a step back and think about what we are really thankful for. This year think about all the things, big or small, that you should be thankful for.

Above all, be thankful that you are alive. It is easy to be angry with the world and feel like life isn’t fair, but the truth is, life isn’t fair. But remember you are still alive. If nothing else, you still have a chance to improve yourself. You will still have opportunity to change something in your life. Be thankful for that.

Be thankful for your coworkers and classmates. Without them you could not succeed in what you are doing. Be thankful that you can work or learn with people you may never like but you share a common goal or interest with.

Be thankful for people who are not intolerant. There are so many people in this world who will judge you by the way look or the way you talk or what religion you do or don’t believe in, that we lose sight of the fact that most people don’t care about that and don’t use those things as a basis to judge your character. Be thankful that the majority of people are like that.

Be thankful for the people who care about you. No matter who you are, there are people that care about you. Whether they are friends or family, they are out there. Be thankful that they are there for you.

Be thankful for friends. Everyone has someone who is willing to call them a friend and help them as any friend would. Be thankful for the people who are like that.

It is just as important to be thankful for the small things in life too. A conversation with a stranger, a kind gesture from an acquaintance, a fun day out with friends: these are all little things you should be thankful for.

Students don’t show at forum

Yesterday there was a hearing on the Students Rights and Responsibilities Code. This code is the official code of conduct by which student’s behavior is judged.

This was a chance to get students, faculty and staff to put input on the changes they are trying to get approved. The only people that showed up to this hearing was the committee that was presenting the proposal.

This tells us that Highline students don’t really care about their rights as students. There wasn’t even a representative from Student Government there.

Although college officials did run an ad about the hearing, students had no idea what the changes to the rights code would be or how they might be affected by them. Students should have had a better idea what was happening. The Students Rights and Responsibilities code is a very important guideline that both Highline students and officials failed to do their part to change the right way.

Additives: Do you know what you put into your body?

Looking around Highline’s Student union building, we see students eating chips, soda, cookies, and yogurt. These products are familiar to snack on but what you may not know about is the additives incorporated into these foods. Some of these additives are known as carmine, partially-hydrogenated oil, and aspartame.

Carmine is the additive that makes yogurts, such as Yoplait and Dannon, that delicious, creamy-looking, pink color. The pink doesn’t look so pretty when you find out that carmine comes from a ground-up insect called the cochineal. Carmine is really just a fancy name for dead, ground-up bugs. Since this additive comes from an insect in nature, many food companies list it as a “natural additive.” If you happen to be allergic to this ingredient, consuming it can bring a devastating result such as anaphylaxis, a severe form of hypersensitivity allergic reaction.

You can have your pink yogurt, and eat it, too, by choosing a healthy alternative such as yogurt recently introduced by Canandaigua. This yogurt gets its pink color from a substitute product derived from grape skins. Besides, since carmine is added to our food for the main purpose of color, we can just eliminate the additive and mix in real fruit.

Another common food additive is partially-hydrogenated oil, which works as a preservative. This oil is found in crackers, chips, cookies and many other products. A negative health effect of consuming it is higher cholesterol leading to increased risk for strokes and heart attacks. Healthy alternatives to these are natural oils such as canola, sunflower, and olive oils.

One of the most prominent additives found in our food is aspartame, an artificial sweetener to replace sugar. Aspartame was introduced to the public in 1981, mainly in diet sodas. People choose foods with aspartame because they want less calories but they should also consider that neurological health studies have shown an increase in the number of human brain tumors around the time that aspartame was released. The safe alternative would be to use less sugar to reduce calories.

This information is not meant to scare people from eating foods with additives but rather make you aware of the ingredients in the foods we eat. Check out the nutrition information on food products to see which additives are in your food and decide for yourself which additives you’re willing to eat.

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Magnificent Magnificat

Highline Chorale to sing Bach for Fall Quarter concert

By Satori Johnson
Staff Reporter

Let the melodies of Highline's finest vocalists ease the stress of finals week at the Fall Choir Concert.

The concert will be Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Building 7. The event will be free and is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

The concert, featuring Highline's Chorale and Women's Ensemble, is the first performance in a series titled Music for All. There will be two more concerts, each at the end of winter and spring quarter.

Highline Choir Instructor Dr. Sandra Glover said that the auditorium will fill up quickly and people should come early to get good seats. She said that they are expecting more than 350 people to attend the concert.

The Fall Choir Concert will be accompanied by Jena Akers on grand piano.

Dr. Glover said that it will take a week of rehearsals with the group and the piano to get the sounds just right. She said they will begin evening rehearsals soon to make sure that the performance is at its best for the concert.

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The concert will take place during finals week on Monday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 in Building 7.

The performance will feature many other soloists including soprano Joy Graybill, tenor Aaron Warnock, and baritone Fred Dent. Also performing with the Chorale are alto soloist Donna Weber, who is the division secretary of the Arts and Humanities department, and mezzo soprano Cathy Norman, who is a local community member.

Dr. Glover said that she has never had a Chorale group with so many talented soloists. She said that audience members will be thrilled to hear the high quality of vocal music at the Fall Concert.

"We have some very fine soloists this year," Dr. Glover said.

"We are also pleased to have some international students performing in the Chorale," said Dr. Glover. "This was an inspiration for Dr. Glover directly by telephone or e-mail. The deadline for orders is Dec. 7, and the orders will be available for pick up on Dec. 10 in Building 4.

To make orders or for more information, including prices and products available for purchase, contact Dr. Glover at 253-878-3710, ext. 6170, or e-mail her at sglover@highline.edu.

Another inspiration for Dr. Glover is their passion for the art of words and wordplay, Rich said.

Highline Listens strives to bring the experience of the power of language to students first hand. Rich said. She said that this first-hand experience is important because there are an increasing number of young writers published in the work. Rich hopes that a line for a story or poem might inspire students to write their own material.

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2. CARTOONS: Who created the fantasizing character of Walter Mitty?
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4. GAMES: How many players are on a volleyball team?
5. HISTORY: What was the name of the system of racial segregation used in South Africa in the second half of the 20th century?
6. LITERATURE: Who wrote the groundbreaking novel called The Golden Notebook?
7. ANCIENT WORLD: What field of study was Euclid known for?
8. MUSIC: What kind of instrument is a hurdy-gurdy?
9. FIRSTS: Who was the first woman to win the Medal of Honor for her medical work during the Civil War?
10. BOATS: What feature makes the catamaran different from other boats?

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50. Wife E. Coyote's supplier
51. "So... say"
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By Nick Bare
Staff Reporter

The T-Birds' men's basketball team clinched its first victory and now looks forward to a tough tournament in Idaho.

Highline beat Olympic 77-64 last Wednesday in the Pavilion.

The T-Birds are 1-1 on the season and they will travel to Twin Falls, Idaho this weekend to play in the Boise Office Equipment Challenge.

Highline will be matched up with two junior college basketball powerhouses in Sheridan College of Wyoming and the College of Southern Idaho. They will also play Colorado Northwestern.

"We will have to mature quickly as a team over the next week," Highline Head Coach Che Dawson said.

The T-Birds will need more than maturity when they head to Twin Falls this weekend. They will need to bring their "A" game with them.

Sheridan is 8-0 and they have been winning rather easily with an average margin of victory of 27.6 points.

The College of Southern Idaho is 8-1 as well, and they have been beating opponents by an average of 33 points a game.

Not only are the Golden Eagles good this year, they have a very decorated past.

Over their 40 year history, they have compiled a record of 1128-210. That record equates to a winning percentage of .843, which is unheard of.

The T-Birds, and they are looking forward to the challenge.

Colorado Northwestern is 3-5 heading into the tournament. This tournament should prove as a measuring stick for the T-Birds, and they are looking forward to the challenge.

"We are excited for the trip and the opportunity to play some of the best competition in the country," Dawson said.

The victory over Olympic should help Highline gain some more confidence heading into the tournament.

Olympic's smaller size and team quickness posed some problems early in the game, but Highline was able to make adjustments to slow the Rangers down.

"We had a hard time containing their penetration in the first half. We have to do a better job of that as the season goes along," Dawson said.

Highline shot 45 percent from the field compared to Olympic's 36 percent.

"They (Olympic) don't have a lot of patience and will take poor percentage shots. We did a good job of limiting them to one shot," Dawson said.

The T-Birds were able to capitalize on Olympic's 24 turnovers and turn them into 26 points.

"The guys did a good job of keeping things simple once we recovered a turnover. When we keep things simple in transition we are a lot more efficient and score a lot more often," Dawson said.

Coach Dawson said the men showed improvement in their ability to handle pressure against Olympic, but he thinks the motion offense needs to be much better.

"We ran a lot of sets that created fairly easy opportunities for us to assert ourselves and score," Dawson said.

Guard Cody Thueringer led Highline in scoring for the second game in a row with 15 points. He also added seven rebounds.

Coby is a big guy with long arms. That doesn't hurt. But he has also been putting forth a lot more effort on the boards. If he continues to play hard he can be one of the best big men in the NWAACC in recent memory. It's totally up to him," Dawson said of Gibler's rebounding performance against Olympic.

The T-Birds have won the rebound battle in both of their games this year, and Coach Dawson says rebounds are a priority this season.

"We are emphasizing rebounding more this year than we have in the past," Dawson said.

Highline improved their free-throw shooting in the game from 53 percent against Peninsula to 73 percent against Olympic.

"You have to make free throws to win," Dawson said.

Highline opens up the Boise Office Equipment Challenge with Sheridan tonight at 8. The T-Birds then play Southern Idaho tomorrow night at 8, and they close out the tournament with Colorado Northwestern at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The T-Birds will resume play against the NWAACC on Dec. 7 with a trip to Bellevue, time TBA. They return home the following day to take on Spokane at 3 p.m.
By Rachel Comstock
Staff Reporter

Highline captain Dreves has wrestled from Far East to Northwest

Five feet two inches is not a number usually seen on a basketball roster.

Sophomore point guard Tammie Hilla is five feet two inches tall. It has been a big benefit for her.

Hilla was raised in Aberdeen and played basketball at Aberdeen High School. While playing for her high school team Hilla earned most outstanding player award both her junior and senior years. Hilla was also awarded first-team all-league and honorable mention her senior year. During high school Hilla averaged 12 points per game.

Hilla was offered basketball scholarships at The Evergreen State College, Grays Harbor, and Centralia but chose to come to Highline for more distance away from home.

“I decided I needed to get out of the small town atmosphere and meet more diverse people,” said Hilla.

Hilla has always been the shortest player on the court but that’s not always a disadvantage.

“It doesn’t always matter about height, it gives me more speed and makes it easier for me to handle the ball,” said Hilla.

Hilla has always been a point guard since she started playing basketball.

“Being so short has just given me a reason to push even harder. Even though I am short doesn’t mean I can’t play like I’m tall,” said Hilla.

Hilla loves the campus here at Highline and she says the instructors are all nice.

“Everyone switches positions and I don’t have to. Being short gives me the advantage of learning one specific position. It allows me to be a true point guard,” said Hilla.

This season Hilla is captain of the T-Birds and she expects big things from her team.

“I want to prove that even though we lost key players from last year we can still get there in the end. Everyone will need to step up and do their part,” said Hilla.

Hilla plans on becoming a nurse but is unsure on where she wants to go after Highline.

“The nursing program is hard and I’m not sure if I can keep playing,” said Hilla.

Hilla is taking a full load this quarter and will be taking more science classes in the winter and spring quarters. Your usual player shouldn’t take harder classes during season because of traveling and all the time put into playing your season. However Hilla knows just how to use her time.

“It makes it a lot easier that I don’t have to job a job and I know that I have to get things done and then I can go have fun with friends,” said Hilla.

Highline will take on Simon Fraser University on Dec. 1 in Vancouver, B.C.

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Staff Reporter

When you hear Pano Dreves talk about wrestling, you can tell that it’s his passion.

“I just have this drive to excel and I think wrestling’s the one I can excel in,” he said this past week.

Returning for his second year of wrestling at Highline, 20-year-old team captain Dreves has high hopes for how well the team has wrestled this year.

“We have a lot of talent and strong competitors,” he said.

Highline’s record so far is 4-1.

“We wrestle North Idaho Community College again in January, so hopefully we can avenge our loss,” Dreves said.

Dreves wrestles at 174 pounds and his record this season is 8-4.

Last year, he competed at the NICAA National Championships in his first year at Highline.

Dreves first started wrestling at 6, and then eventually his parents made him stop because they were tired of the long weekend tournaments.

Dreves got back into the sport in 8th grade.

He spent his first two years of high school in Tokyo, Japan, in an international high school where he learned freestyle wrestling.

During his junior year, he moved to Washington where he attended Mt. Si High School in Snoqualmie, where he wrestled for two years.

During senior year, Dreves made it to the state finals, taking second place.

A few weeks later, he won first place at the Freestyle State Tournament, which Dreves chose to do as an extra in a junior division.

“I was excited to make it to the finals of high school state, but second place is never what I really wanted. I’m a competitive person, so I work hard to make it to first. When I won first place at freestyle, at that point, I was really upset about taking second at the Tacoma Dome for state, but I was relieved that I managed to place first at freestyle,” said Dreves.

Dreves currently lives in Des Moines in a house that wrestling coach Scott Norton owns.

His roommates are his teammates: 125-pounder Kyle Heath, 184-pounder Norman Orr, 197-pounder Mike Morales, and 285-pounder Zach Corbett.

He also has previous work experience at a farm bailing hay, a job opportunity he got from his mother’s neighbor.

Dreves believes wrestling has helped him advance in every day life.

“I think wrestling just builds character. When you wrestle, you know what hard work is all about,” he said.

His primary goal is to win Nationals.

“I want to win a yellow medal,” said Dreves with much enthusiasm.

Dreves got back into the sport in 8th grade.

Sophomore point guard is right size to be T-Birds’ captain
Rainwater flows into Highline from Colorado

By James Jensen
Staff Reporter

Kris Rainwater will make the men’s basketball team tougher this year.

Rainwater, a 6’5” forward, played for Otero Junior College in Colorado last year. He transferred to Highline because there was a new coach at Otero and the coach did not renew his scholarship along with five other players from that team.

Rainwater played his high school ball at Pine Creek in Colorado. At only 6’3” his senior year, he was second in the state in blocks.

“I came here and checked it out and I liked it. It just felt like the right fit,” Rainwater said.

“I’m loving Highline. Positive attitudes and a family atmosphere, it is just all around a better,” Rainwater said.

“The coaches are a lot more interactive in my everyday life than at my old school. It is nice having most of the coaches work at the school,” Rainwater said.

Rainwater is one of the five starters for the T-Birds. He is also taking 16 credits this quarter. On top of school and basketball Rainwater is working 23 hours a week at Fred Meyer at their counter.

“It is hard to balance school, work, and ball. But it is hard for every student athlete,” Rainwater said.

The Highline basketball team helps Rainwater out with the school work a bit with study table.

“Study table is a time to get homework done. It is twice a week in groups of four. It is an hour and a half long and is held in the tutoring center,” Rainwater said.

Rainwater has a pretty rough schedule.

“T-Birds’ forward Kris Rainwater ended up at Highline this year after playing in Colorado last year. Because of a game or practice,” Rainwater said.

Rainwater is set to get his associate of arts in general studies this year.

“I am not sure what field I want to play or minor is, but that is every team’s goal. We have a lot of potential on this team. We need to peak our performance at the right time. The right time is the NWAACC tourney,” Rainwater said.

Last year the T-Birds finished seventh in the NWAACC after losing in the quarterfinals by one point.

“This year should be very exciting,” Rainwater said.
Students can go to Belize to hang with monkeys, Moses

By Angela McClurg
Staff Reporter

Spend this Spring Quarter earning your credits in the wild jungles of Belize, hanging out with black howler monkeys and swimming in the clear blue waters with dolphins and Highline science instructor Woody Moses.

Students who sign up for General Science 120 this spring will study two weeks in Belize from June 19 to July 1.

"You don't even have to be a science major," Moses said. "For those students who are interested in ecology, this is a great way to get your feet wet."

Highline is the only college from Washington that is going to Belize. The other two colleges that are going are Brevard Community College and Hillsborough Community College from Tampa, Florida.

Before going to Belize, students will participate in an online course during spring to learn more about the country. Moses said this way they have an idea of where they are going.

Belize is a small country that lies in Central America along the Caribbean Sea. It is a little smaller than the state of Massachusetts and has a population of about 295,000 people.

The first week in Belize students will be staying in the Hillbank jungle, studying the ecological wildlife, and the second week they will be on Spanish Bay Island studying the reefs.

Students will have a dolphin encounter, look for manatees, sting rays, sharks, crocodiles, and visit a "baboon" (black howler monkey) sanctuary, Moses said.

A maximum of eight students will be able to go, Moses said.

If more than eight people sign up there might be an essay contest, Moses said.

The eight students who are accepted will receive a scholarship of up to $750.

This program will also help find more scholarships to help the students pay for the trip, Moses said.

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Students who are interested in signing up can attend the information session meetings on Dec. 4 and 7 in Building 19, room 102. Students can also go online to www.Ccldinc.org and fill out an application.

The deadline for applications is Feb. 1, along with a $125 deposit.

In order to be eligible to go you must be at least 18 years old, have good academic standing, be at college level in reading and math, and be able to swim.

"This is such a great opportunity and you will be going on vacation while getting credit at the same time," Moses said.

Computer science profession still offers giga jobs, mega pay

By Katie Chan
Staff Reporter

Computer science students and workers continue to be needed in the U.S., a Highline professor said.

A lot of people use the word "outsourcing" to describe jobs that are shipped overseas, said Dee Skinner, who is a coordinator of the Computer Science and Computer Information Systems department.

"Outsourcing was used five years ago and doesn't exist anymore. Now we use 're-sourcing,'" Skinner said.

Re-sourcing is not necessarily hiring workers overseas. It can mean companies hire workers globally, Skinner said.

A lot of countries need technology workers, including the United States.

Information technology is a high demand occupation. The average annual job openings are 26,790 in the United States and 980 in Washington, according to careervoyages.gov.

Information technology includes software and hardware engineers, computer system analysts, network and computer systems administrators, computer programmers, database administrators, sales engineers, and computer and information scientists.

According to the careervoyages.gov website, between 2004 and 2014, computer software engineers are expected to be in highest demand within the information technology field, followed by computer system analysts, then computer support specialists.

That translates into 268,000 openings for software engineers, 208,000 positions for system analysts, and 183,000 positions for support specialists.

In 2004, software engineer wages ranged between $24-$33 per hour, system analyst wages ranged from $21-$51 per hour, and support specialist wages ranged from $12-$33 per hour.

But you need training to get that kind of salary. An estimated 41 percent to 85 percent information technology workers have received a college degree or higher.

"It is not accurate that American companies hire people from other countries to work here, instead of local workers," Skinner said. "When a computer is broken down in computer labs at Highline, we can't ask a person in India to come over to fix the computer, right? We need people to work here and fix computers for us."

The Computer Information Systems department at Highline is offering a computer science program for students to transfer to four year universities.

"We have AA (associate of arts) or AS (associate of science) degrees and certifications for computer science students at Highline," Skinner said. "An internship is also required for the AS degree."

Skinner says Google and some other big companies are looking for students from Highline to work for them, and a couple of Highline students are even working for Microsoft now.

If students want to know more information about re-sourcing, they can check out http://www.careervoyages.gov/infotechmain.cfm which provides information about occupations in computer science.

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International Students discuss life in the US

By Katie Chan
Staff Reporter

International students say they have good impressions of the U.S. and they are grateful to study here.

Thirteen students from Egypt, Indonesia, Pakistan, Turkey, and South Africa discussed their countries and culture shock recently.

The meeting was for students who are included in the Community College Summit Initiative Program. The program is run by Community Colleges for International Development and is supported by the Bureau of Educational and Culture Affairs of the United States Department of State, said Kathleen Hasselblad, the director of the international programs and grants for Highline. The program is helping to build global relationships with strengthened educational programs, and to promote economic development, she said.

Hasselblad said the students will stay at Highline for one year with tuition and the cost of living paid for.

“I really need the files that I have stored on it,” said Jack Jackson, a Highline student. It has many personal files on it including to-do lists, assignments and pictures.

Jackson lost her USB drive in room 301 or 302 after leaving her class.

Someone probably picked it up because there are a lot of students coming and going in those computer labs, Jackson said. Jackson has had her USB drive for more than two years and has many important files and personal items that cannot be replaced saved on that drive, she said. It’s the stress of not knowing what was all on there that makes it more stressful, Jackson said. And not knowing who has that information.

Jackson is now offering a reward for anyone who returns the drive.

The reward can be cash or a new USB drive.

If you have any information on the USB, you can contact Jackson at her e-mail address, debsplacehome@hotmail.com.

Student appeals for return of USB drive

By Angela McClurg
Staff Reporter

Debbie Jackson lost her silver retractable USB flash drive at the beginning of the quarter in Building 30 and wants it back.

“I have stored on it,” said Jackson, a Highline student. It has many personal files on it including course notes, assignments and pictures.

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Student Services OKs money for religious clubs

By James Bermingham
Staff Reporter

College officials say student activity (S&A) funds can be used by a religious group on campus if there is a social aspect to the event.

Last spring Campus Crusade for Christ was denied funds for an event. The event was an end-of-the-year worship, prayer and bible study event.

"We talked about what it means to keep the faith over summer, and then afterwards, we throw some boomerangs," said Dasty Wilson, Campus Crusades adviser, in an interview last quarter.

Campus Crusade asked for funding for food and advertising for the event.

The initial proposal was sent to Jodie Robinett, Student Programs clubs adviser, and was denied. After it was denied, Campus Crusade appealed to Jonathan Brown, associate dean of Student Programs. Brown then reviewed the claim again.

"It was refused because the State Constitution states that funds can't be spent on religious activities or practices," said Brown.

The official policy states that S&A funds cannot provide for, or be used as seed money to fundraise for, religious worship, exercise, or instruction.

Because of that policy, it was denied funding, Brown said. In another section the policy states that S&A funds can be provided to religious student groups for non-religious purposes on the same basis that such funds are provided to any other student group.

"The policies are somewhat contradictory," Brown said.

Campus Crusade then appealed to Toni Castro dean of Student Services.

It was reviewed by him and then determined that it would be ok to fund this event.

The decision didn't come until early August after the event had taken place.

The decision was made in the favor of Campus Crusade because, "She (Toni Castro) said the event had both a social and religious aspect, so we should fund the event," Brown said.

The justification for the decision was they were funding more of a social event than a religious event.

"We fund social events across the board," Brown said. "Before this clarification, there was a more strident approach of protecting state funds. There has been an easing of our prospective, but the policy hasn't changed."

Brown said he was happy with the process the college used to come up with this result.

"I thought it was evidence of our process working," Brown said. "I'm glad the college provided a way for students to have more control over funds."

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Men and women discuss issues that relate to them

Students, staff and faculty will get a chance to interact outside the classroom at the upcoming joint Men of Vision and Sistas Empower meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 4.

The two support groups are separate programs that come together each quarter to discuss issues that relate to men and women such as improving relationships, building communication skills and bringing awareness to challenges they face in society.

“Our meetings give students the opportunity to get advice from each other and share their experiences. As a result, meaningful relationships have been built,” said Natasha Burrowes, Sistas Empower group facilitator.

The support groups were started by staff in the Multicultural Center and Student Programs last year because there was a need for students to socialize in a formal setting to talk about subjects other than academics.

The goal was to create a sense of community between the two genders and with each other.

“The support groups have become a safety net for students to communicate with their peers and be embraced by the Highline Community. It gives them an opportunity to let their voices be heard, which has become a turning point in their lives," said Joshua Magellanes, Men of Vision facilitator.

The meeting will be held in the InterCultural Center, located in Building 6, from 1:30 – 3 p.m.

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