Faculty grievances raised over placement

by Chris Campbell

Eight Highline College faculty members have filed a grievance against the college for its placement of new faculty members.

This is the first time a group of faculty members have filed a grievance against the college for such a reason. The previous grievances were filed individually.

The grievance states that the college has placed new faculty members in lower positions than they are entitled to.

Dr. Gordon wins national position

HCC President Dr. Shirley Gordon has been elected to the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges (AACC) board of directors.

Dr. Gordon was one of only two women elected to the 20-member board, which is the top executive body of the AACC.

Dr. Gordon's election to the board is significant because it represents a recognition of her leadership and contributions to community college education.

Dr. Gordon's term on the board begins in January and will last for one year.

Ethnic class requirement proposed to HCSU

by Dave M. Brown

Highline students should be required to take one course on ethnic culture before any type of degree is awarded, according to a new proposal.

The proposal, spearheaded by Dr. Ed Command, would mandate that students take a course focused on ethnic culture before being awarded a degree.

Dr. Command believes that such a requirement would help students develop a greater understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity.

The proposal has received support from several student leaders, who believe it would enhance the educational experience for all students.
HCSU election April 18 & 19
vote in class Tuesday or in the Cafeteria Wednesday

Kevin Stauffer
Kevin is a 17 year-old graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School currently in his third quarter at HCC. He was active in high school music, journalism and tennis programs.

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT
Carrying a 3.57 GPA, Kevin is a journalism major, he's Arts and Entertainment Editor of the Thunder Word this quarter.

Shirley Makela
Shirley graduated from Sunrise Christian High School in Kent with a perfect 4.0 GPA. While there, she was student body president, debater team captain and school paper editor.

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT
Through my work in Student Activities (Fall quarter) and as a member of the Thunder Ward staff, I have had the opportunity to get a look at what goes on behind the various campus functions and to meet several of the people involved in these processes. I would now like to become a more integral part of some of these campus activities.

Doris Dahlin
An BCSU representative since last October, Doris is a graduate of Simms High School in Simms, Montana. As a returning student, Doris has a 3.62 GPA in her two quarters here.

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT
She is alerting to transfer to the Human Services Program at WWU after completing A.A. work at HCC.

Michael Turner
Thomas Jefferson graduate Michael Turner has been at Highline for five quarters. He has a 1.77 GPA. Michael was a student council member and participated in intramural basketball in high school.

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT
I would let the students know what is going on, and deal with complaints or suggestions on what they would like to see here on campus.

Mike Whitaker
Current HCSU president Mike Whitaker is a graduate of Robert E. Fitch High School in Connecticut. While there, he was captain of the basketball team and played football, as well as being a member of the student council. Mike is working in the Legal Assistant Program and has a 2.7 GPA.

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT
When I first decided to run for HCSU council my aim was to see that we not only have more activities but also more participations from all students. Although substantial progress has been made, I feel that the goals and goals I set out to do are not completed.

Lee Thompson
Lee graduated from Evergreen High School with a 3.4 GPA, the same figure he has achieved since enrolling at HCC Winter Quarter.

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT
I want to get things done. Talk to students, get feedback, work on problems, try to get results.
Election special

Mark Aucutt
Mark is an 18 year old graduate of Tyee High School where he received a letter of commendation from the National Merit Society. His high school activities include honor society, mountain club, radio society, band, Boy Scouts and N.R.A. rifle club.

Brenda Hershey
Highline High school graduate Brenda Her- shy is a third quarter student at HCC. Her high school activities included DECA, pep club and girls club.

Lee Franta
Lee is a graduate of Mount Rainier High School where he received a letter of commenda- tion from the National Merit Society. His high school activities include honor society, mountain club, radio society, band, Boy Scouts and N.R.A. rifle club.

HCC history teacher to present paper

By Chris Campbell
Robin Buchan, Pacific Northwest History instructor here at Highline Community College, has been invited to present her paper on community college development to the Fourth International Conference on Higher Education, which will be held August 29 through Sept. 1 at the University of Lancaster, Lancaster, England. Buchan, who joined the college in 1970, has been on professional leave since Fall Quarter and has been attend- ing Illinois State University at Normal, Illinois, where he's been working on his doctorate.

His paper, titled "Community Col- lege Faculty Development: A View- point by the Community College Faculty," questions whether it is right to evaluate the effectiveness of com- munity colleges by using standards of the "more select universities."

The conference which he will be attending is sponsored by the National Institute for Research and Development in Post-Secondary Education.

It's purpose is to explore the implications of treating post-secondary educa- tion as a single, integrated system.

Buchan's paper will be presented under the heading "Staff Development for the 1980's."

Off the wall....

By Scott Schreiber
Usually most columnists start off by writing about their car, home and other useless information. To those readers who crave to know about me, it's not worth writing about, so don't expect anything like that. And you know—we're gonna have soooooooooo fun, eh kids?

What happens eight hours a day, six times a week, and involves millions of dollars?

Yes, the great American television game show!

Sixteen game shows litter the al- ready polluted TV screen, from the Gong Show to Celebrity Bowling, taking up two hours of television air time (3 a.m. to 5 a.m. per week).

The stupidity and simpleness of these shows, coupled with the happy "hey guy!" host and uneducated questions from the TV contestant, can truly make our state's television shows are one of the most ignominious features in television today.

Dr. "And now, my next patient, Mrs. Wilma Wilminton from Walla Walla Washington, Wilma, tell us a little about yourself?"

Wilma: "Well, I'm five-feet eight, weigh 115 and my favorite color is blue!"

Dr. "GREAT! Now Wilma, are you ready for the big question?"

Wilma: "Yes I am, Doctor."

Dr. "Okay, now here is the BIG question: what is wrong with you?"

Wilma: "I have a pain in my lower neck and I can't move my arms."

Dr. "WRONG WILMA! The pain is in your leg, and if you answered correctly, you could have won this..."

Jahans the answer! "Yes, Wilma, you would have received ten car or a princess, two automobiles, one nice car, or ten dollars.

Dr. "And now, our next patient, from Shelit Illinois....."

And it goes on from there. If this TV-itis comes true, can you imagine the unbalance and plasticity? Television shows should be decided by the viewer, and not some money- hungry chuckle guy in New York. The TV game show should be expelled from our eyes forever. And now, a word from our sponsor:..."
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Staff opinion and comment

At midnight, will King County turn into an orange?

Ever since national magazines started singing Seattle's "livability," the notion that all the remaining farmlands and wilderness lands in western King County are worth their subdividing, electrifying and sewering has been creeping out. This county is not the only one being "massacred by permit applicants." According to the figures are rising every year. The county hopes to obtain the rights to between 24,000 and 42,000 acres at a cost of $75 million. $40 million would come from the federal government, with the rest depending on a county bond issue.

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Thanks for the wilderness

(Editor's note: The following letter was received by Thunderword photograph Chris Styron complimenting his "Wilderness" centerfold in the March 18 issue.)

Dear Chris,

I strongly commend you for your tribute in picture and text to our campus woodland.

Several of us among the faculty have longed talked in the past to preserve this portion of the four diminishing open space. We strongly favor establishing a center of wildlife sanctuary and small managed public park. Your article in the campus newspaper is to be commended.

Perhaps a joint effort by students, faculty, administration and staff should be subject for discussion? Let me know your views.

Sincerely,

Barbara Berk

Here a degree, there a degree

Dear Editor,

As colleges and universities across the nation begin filling up next fall, the majority of the students will be new, while the remaining number will be those schools classified as returning students. These returning students have left the job world to come back to school to finish out their remaining years. Yet they and the new students have different objectives in mind. To meet and complete the college's requirements in a quick fashion and walk away from the college the student really learned.

You've got to have what it takes, and many of these students feel that it takes a college degree to get a good job.

In some cases this assumption is well-founded, especially in the medical or law field. But whatever happened to the old fashioned idea of going to school to learn, I mean really learn.

No longer are individuals seeking the "institutions of higher learning" to become well rounded, but instead many are coming not rather legislated. While there is nothing wrong with majoring in something, there is something wrong with not exploring other areas of study.

Today, numerous colleges report a substantial number of students spending a greater portion of their time in the business oriented sections, with declines in the liberal arts and humanities.

No doubt the rejection of these courses is partially due to the brown society years when weighing the value of a college degree.

...There are too many degrees floating around, and they don't mean as much as they used to." is a common remark. A student is afraid of being classified as another unqualified degree holder, disqualified by some members of society as one of those students with a liberal arts or other areas.

I strongly prefer to see a student graduate with honors in accounting over a 2.5 in English. Practicality when the engineer student is unable to communicate his ideas to a developed manner, a manner that is taught in classrooms.

This is not to say that we at the Thunderword don't have any complaints concerning our new decoration. After all, it has partially blocked our view of the Sound.

For the most part, however, the library has been our friend. It has always provided us with interesting material to pass on to our readers. But the library was not built simply to give us something to write about and take pictures of (contrary to popular belief).

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The current King County plan is to buy developments rights to farmlands from property owners. The idea is to pay a lump sum for rights to future development of open land.

This method dates back to the American colonies and has been successful in other areas. The biggest advantage to buying development rights is that the property stays on the tax rolls. It would be voluntary, to avoid legal problems.

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One person wrote a letter to the editor, complaining about the lack of windows. In defense of the library, it may be pointed out that an overabundance of windows would allow a great deal of unwanted sound to penetrate the library. In case for some reason you haven't noticed, Highline College is located below a major flight path for Sea-Tac Airport.

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The library deserves to be appreciated

In another month, the giant structure affectionately known as "Bldg. 25" will be dedicated, officially becoming "the Highline College Library."

Not "the new library!" THE THUNDERWORD!

We here at the Thunderword couldn't help it. We practically moaned when we thought of the library growing from day to day, not constantly observing the activity surrounding the building as it made its way to completion.

Another day, another floor. Well, actually not quite. But you get the picture. Nowhere. Concrete foundations. Not a brick plaza. Spray painted walls. And we've watched it all. From a window of the Thunderword office.

Not only did we watch it grow. We reported and photographed practically every move that Anther Construction, or anyone else for that matter, made concerning the library. The artwork that will eventually grace the nearly completed plaza. The penalty clause that may be involved. And, of course, the structure itself.

The library has not come through unscathed. Not only have there been criticisms and counter-criticisms levied at the library, but the library was not built simply to give us something to write about and take pictures of (contrary to popular belief).

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The population of King County has found their way to Washington. The figures are rising every year. The county hopes to obtain the rights to between 24,000 and 42,000 acres at a cost of $75 million. $40 million would come from the federal government, with the rest depending on a county bond issue.

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Commentary

Tempers rise when the bridge raises

I have lived in West Seattle all my life, and I know what it's like to sit and wait for a sailboat to pass under the raised bridge.

Every time I approach the bridge, apprehension sets in; Will I make it? Will it go up on me again? I'm about due, I have been caught for a week. And then there's the sinking feeling sets in, followed by the dread and incredible disease: bridgeitis.

Bridgeitis is a combination stroke, aches, headaches and gas attack. Your body tenses and your mouth forms and spouts out the non-sense "4 & 5!"

After the initial attack subsides, a slow burn sets in. If a secession vote were taken during this stage of the disease, not a single no vote would be cast.

I'm glad I didn't hear of Mayor Royer's "bad-aid" solution to the Spokane Street mess while waiting for the bridge to lower. New windshields are expensive.

The mayor's half-idea: the plan was accomplished by his "apologies" to West Seattleites. He blames the problem on the Uhlman administration.

It's true that Prince Wex and his charges did their best to fouls up the bridge plans, but Royer can't minimize the problem by minimizing the solution.

Just imagine a private corporation trying to write off its bad debts by firing the board chairman. That's Mayor Charley's attitude: "I can't do anything because it's not my problem."

West Seattle has waited long enough for a new bridge, and a lot of people are getting as upset as I am over the way the issue has been dropped kicked around city hall.

Above all the hassles of people being late to work or running out of gas because of bridge openings is the safety consideration.

Earlier this week, I was put in the extra-maddening position of being the first car to be stopped by the gates at the start of the bridge.

After the span lowered, I drove past the line of cars waiting to start the other way. About a mile back was a Medic 1 unit, lights flashing, delayed unnecessarily from a possibly critical call.

The frustrations of waiting for the bridge are intensified by the gloom and government outlook. Before, it was easy to take a grain of salt and say, "Well, in a few years we'll have a new bridge that won't go up for anything."

Now it's down to waiting and contemplating the mayor's plan, which calls for repairs that would close half the traffic lanes in the corridor for two years.

Seattle City Councilman Tim Hill avoided the issue by commending West Seattleites for their "spirit in contending city government," without really taking a position on anything.

Hill's position is an all to common one among city officials. Even West Seattle's own councilperson, Phyllis Langhere is still "researching the issue."

There are almost as many proposed solutions to the problem as there are West Seattle residents. One of the desperate even talked of an under water sea relief no vote would be cast.

One solution I've heard is so absurd the people being made to accept by West Seattle residents is serious about secession. He's wrong. We are, and we have plenty of reason to be.

What now?

by Diane M. Brown

Crazy thoughts about hermits keep going through my mind. (possibly, I have a subconscious desire to become one?)

I'm a habitual procrastinator, (I know it's bad, but I can think of no better way to spend the rest of my life procrastinating.)

The Thordike-Barnhart World Book dictionary defines the hermit as "a person who goes away from other people and lives in reculse."

Just think, peace and quiet, no one to tell you to clean your room, do the laundry, or to take out the garbage. Life with noisy alarm clocks eliminated forever. .

It does, however, have its disadvantages. Especially for those of us who'd prefer to think of work as the four letter word it is.

A hermit must depend solely on one person for his survival - himself!

But an East Coast manufacturer has recently patented a product that should diminish some of the work involved, and give those who know nothing about the art of hermiting a

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The inability of society is equally impressive. When completed, the building should be the perfect place to study, discuss, or, heaven forbid, read. There are even elevators. Pretty impressive.

The dedication ceremony will certainly usher in a new era as far as the campus is concerned. Unfortunately, it will also bring about change here at the Thunderword...

Toward a psychology of health

High Point Northwest is offering an evening lecture on Friday, April 14, called Holistic Medicine toward a psychology of health. The following theme: that wellness is the balanced harmonious functioning of the whole person - physical, mental, emotional and spiritual. Our health care system addresses itself mainly to the symptomatic treatment of the degenerative and self-destructive processes which occur to us as time passes. Since the difficulty in coping with the fast pace and pressures of our daily life style is accounted for so many of the physical, mental and emotional problems we encounter, Dr. Anderson's approach emphasizes an understanding of the nature and sources of stress and ways for the effective management of stress.

Robert A. Anderson M.D. is a charter Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians, a diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice, and a member of the Auxilary Faculty of the Department of Family Medicine of the University of Washington School of Medicine. Since 1975 Dr. Anderson has presented seminars and lectures in stress management for professional and lay groups in colleges, training centers, dental societies and holistic health conferences in Washington, Oregon and California.

Friday April 14th 7:30-9:30 Lecture Hall

$5.00 per person

Students and Senior Citizens half price

mailbox

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For some unfortunate reason these questions have a difficult time grasping this statement. They prefer to believe the new myth that students are seeking that degree in Business Administration in order to jump into the job market as fast as they can before all the jobs are gone.

What's the hurry? Statistics show the population rate declining in the United States, and the unemployment rate should soon follow it. There are plenty of job openings in the future to fill.

So, the next time, students don't sit back, relax, and get on with the task at hand. It is only after being thoroughly educated in a specific area that college degree will be worth much.

Maybe I am being overly optimistic for idealistic-that's probably true, but at my age - but right now a good education is worth a lot more than for a few years.

Julie Marks
A move is made—finally

Photos by
Chris Styron

And so, now, after coping with delays and the anticipation of using our new library, it is finally open for our use.

When the library is totally finished, it will offer the college and the surrounding community its many facilities—and can only boost the reputation of Highline College as being a good college to go to after all.

This largest community college building in the state will separate Highline from the other institutions, and mark the beginning of a new era for the campus and people that make up Highline College.

These workers are busy installing book shelf, deletion device near the front doors.

This is the roof of Building 55 from the roof of the new library, with an added message for passing jog.

These workers are cleaning shelves from the ESE's section of the old library.

One of the new views from the library's roof (looking south east).

These are two of the plywood boxes used (in addition to cardboard boxes) to transport books.

Melanie Robison (left) and Jean Haseltine box books from the reserve section of the old library.
Floating Theater here next week

by Erin Oxley

The Floating Theater Company will be presenting two works of Samuel Beckett: "The Lizards of Utopia" and "EAT MY DUST," at 8 p.m. on April 10, will be a lecture and discussion of Beckett's works. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall.

The Floating Theater Company is a group of professionals and students who have been performing together for more than 10 years. They are known for their innovative and thought-provoking productions.

"The Lizards of Utopia" is a play by Samuel Beckett that explores the nature of existence and the human condition. It tells the story of a man who is trapped in a room with a fly, and his struggle to find meaning in his life.

"EAT MY DUST," on the other hand, is a comedy about a group of people who are struggling to survive in a world that is falling apart. It is a darkly humorous look at the human condition and the absurdity of life.

The Floating Theater Company is proud to present these two works, which are some of Beckett's most famous and challenging plays. The company is sure to impress with their unique interpretation of these classics.

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Sound problems plague Aerosmith

by Kevin Stauffer

Maybe it's a sign of the musical times that Aerosmith, one of the hottest rock and roll bands on vinyl, continually fail to live up to expectations when performing their music on stage. Or maybe Seattle, acclaimed to be the hottest spot in the United States for rock music, has a special curse on the band.

Whatever the case may be, Aerosmith's March 14 appearance in the Seattle Center Coliseum was almost as big a disappointment as their forgettable Seattle Center Coliseum was almost as big as the Kingdome "Rocks" show.

Again, the problem of this tour as well as the Kingdome affair stemmed not as much from the musicians themselves as from the sound system used. But while the acoustics of the Dome can be blamed as contributing to the sound of almost any act, the Coliseum is fairly accurate acoustically.

The situation seems all the more ironic in light of the fact that Aerosmith is touring this year with a highly sophisticated computer controlled, state-of-the-art sound system. When functioning properly, the system produces a decibel level which was more than loud enough for any rock fan.

Opening the show with "Rats in the Cellar" (from the Rocks album), Aerosmith managed to touch most of their "hits," with the exception of "Last Child," one of the bands big AM radio chart climbers. Aerosmith's inclusion of four cuts from their second release, Get Your Wings, was probably the most pleasant surprise of the evening. Most notable of these were "Lord of the Thighs" and "Stevie's Song," two songs which the band did not attempt on their last tour.

The show was saved, however, by the antics and stage presence of lead vocalist Steven Tyler. Tyler was in excellent form as a screamer, as well as prancing around the stage, constantly dragging with him a scarfed microphone stand. He should be considered as one of the premier showmen in the industry.

Perhaps, one day in the future, Aerosmith will give a Seattle performance worthy of the energy they exhibit on vinyl. Till then, LPs will have to suffice.

But for me, not even this will solve the problem. You see, one of the speakers on the home stereo isn't functioning...
Scheduling changes possible for HCC

by Gary Lindberg

Highline College's men's and women's athletic teams will probably be governed by a united body in addition to playing in a different regional conference, according to Jesse Caskey, dean of students.

"A task force of the states community colleges are working on a proposal to combine the men's and women's conferences into one," stated Caskey.

"The regional conference which the colleges play under is also being considered for change by the taskforce," said Caskey.

"If the regional proposal is approved, Highline would be in a region with Olympic, Bellevue, Green River, Fort Steilacoom and Tacoma Community Colleges play under is also being considered for change by the taskforce," added Caskey.

"The major reason for the regional changes is the expense involved in travel. With the proposed new regional conferences, travel could be reduced," commented Caskey.

"The number of schools in each region will be smaller except for the east which will remain the same," said Caskey.

"The progress is not unusual with 24 different colleges meeting together with as many as 19 different sports," elaborated Caskey.

Highline College has been represented at the task force by Don McConnaughey, Eileen Broomell, Charlotte Cooper and Caskey.

Skiers have fun in sun at Whitefish

by Mark Apruff

Twenty-eight Highline Community College students "Amtrak-ed" to Whitefish, Montana during spring break to try out the ski trails of Big Mountain.

The trip was packaged by the Highline College ski club and Ski-Pak, a Bellevue based firm.

Individual cost for the trip was $150 per person, which included the train trip, lodging and skiing.

The only thing the participants had to buy was food.

The heat caused the snow to be soft and slushy, but on Friday there were five inches of new snow at the top of the mountain, which made for better skiing.

"I really didn't have to kick," stated Smith. "I was just running LEN, the pace slowed down from a fast one and I took the lead. I moved back to the front in the last lap and just ran in."" stated Smith.

Up in Monroe, HCC had two runners place in the top four of the Pacific Northwest 20 Kilometer run. Richard McComb, finish second with a 1:06:53. Ed Hopfner was 35 seconds back in fourth.

"Ed is the closing speed with 100 meters to go," stated Smith.

McCann came back a week later to run 4:19.8 in the mile at the Spring Break Open. He placed sixth in the mile with a 4:19.8 at the Spring Break Open. He placed sixth in the mile.

Runners spread over break

Track activity during spring break was sparse but of high quality as Highline College athletes placed well in several meets.

California Tom Smith returned to his home state to run in the San Jose Relays, the biggest West Coast meet on March 2-3.

Smith won the junior college two mile with a 9:03.0, edging Greg Hitchcock, the fourth place finisher in the Washington CC cross country champs. Hitchcock has transferred to another California JC.

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Run or walk on April 15

A 10,000 meter race open to runners and race-walkers, called the "Comet's Ten," will be held at Ft. Lawton on April 15.

The race, which will be sponsored by the Comet Track Club of Seattle, will be open to men and women of any age. The starting area of the race will be in the Army Reserve parking lot at Ft. Lawton.

Race-walkers will start at 9:30 a.m. and the runners will start at 10 a.m.

Trophies will be awarded to first five finishers. The 5th through the 15th will each receive Rosette Ribbons. Ribbons will be awarded to all finishers.

Interested persons can contact Dick Whitchett at 233-2653 or 283-8994 for further information and entry forms.
**Men's tennis opens with fast start**

**by Gary Lindberg**

The HCC men's tennis team opened their season with four victories over Fort Steilacoom, Spokane, Yakima and Central Washington University.

"Both Spokane and Yakima were thought to be strong and we beat them both," commented head coach Nora Kay Adamson.

"The victory against Central was our first, we've had over them," said Johnson.

"The major strength so far this season is our depth, we have good players all down the line, but we're only jumping up 10 per cent of our ability," stated Johnson.

"However, there is lots of ability for improvement, the team hasn't jelled yet but they are good solid players and if they improve we should be competitive," elaborated Johnson.

The HCC men netters opened their season by defeating Fort Steilacoom four to three on March 17. Singles players for HCC included Toohey, Paul Savage and Dave Bain, and, again, Brown.

In their first preseason match against Pacific Lutheran University on March 28, HCC didn't fare very well as they lost 8-1. The only winner for the Thermals was Doug Larson in the high jump.

**Women netters hope for good season**

by Scott Riener

After two weeks of practice and a split of their two preseason matches, the Highline Community College women's tennis team will enter league play with high expectations for the season.

"Our players are very strong," stated head coach Nora Kay Adamson.

"We have three different women who could be our number one," she added. "I'll be able to tell after I see the results of our next matches."

The Thermals opened their season against Pacific Lutheran University on March 28. HCC didn't fare as well as they lost 5-4. The only winner for the Thermals was Lynette Brown as she won in singles play.

But in their next outing on March 30, Highline looked much more impressive as they defeated Spokane Community College 5-4 in a rain interrupted match. The rain, which forced them to move to the Pavilion, apparently didn't affect their performance as they got three wins in singles and one in doubles. The lone doubles victory was registered by the team of Lisa Johnson and Cindy Dresing. In singles, winners were Darlene Moller, Stockman, and, again, Brown.

On the basis of this and what she has seen in practice, coach Adamson figures the squad to do quite well.

"In our league we should continue to improve, the team hasn't jelled yet but they are good solid players and if they show improvement we should be competitive," Adamson said.

The results for the matches against Centralia on April 4 and Fort Steilacoom were unavailable at press time.

**HCC track team finally starts to balance**

The Highline College track team finally began to show their promised balance at the Western Washington University Invitational in Bellingham last Saturday.

Although the marks in the jumps were poor due to weather and track conditions, the Highline leapers placed well in the horizontal events and the high jump.

The distance runners also gave their usual fine performances despite running in the slick road-like track. They were led by wins in the 880 by Tom Smith and the three mile by Ken Reinholz.

Prentice's victory turned out to be the highlight of the meet as he nipped the erratic pace, staying away from the continual speed changes Smith with his race rather handily although he was last off the line in a slow start. His romp brought him the Rainier Taylor Memorial Trophy.

The only double placer for the Thunderbirds was Doug Larson in the hurdles and high jump. Larson ran 15.3 to beat nationally ranked decathlete Steve Gough and finished second in the high jump with a 6-0. Two other T-Birds, Steve Tulip and John Pesta, also finished in the top six in the high jump. Tulip also leaped 6-3 for fourth.

Other jumpers who did well were
- Shirley Makela, chapter president of the Sigma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa here at Highline Community College, is running for PTK's West Northwest Regional vice president at the national convention in Orlando, Florida.

The convention started on April 5 and will run through Sunday, April 9. Makela is running for that office "because I'm selfish and the more I put into something, the more I get out of it."

"I believe that Phi Theta Kappa is a worthwhile organization with good people and I'm proud to be a member," Makela stated.

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