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## Wrestlers pin academic title

Timothy Wyse  
Sports Editor

Highline's wrestling team came up a little short at nationals, but they were heavyweights academically.

The team had 13 of their 19 wrestlers achieve a 3.0 GPA or higher in winning their first place national academic award. The college with the next highest number was 11.

Brian Donahue had the highest GPA with a 3.83, Matt Walters had a 3.48, and Aaron Hall received a 3.3. The team's overall GPA was 3.25.

The voting is based on a number of things. It is weighed mostly on the number of wrestlers who earn academic status and the team's overall GPA.

It is a long drawn out process of getting everyone's transcripts and sending them in and then waiting for an answer.

The team has also earned academic All-American status three out of the last four years.

"It's a great honor, because a lot of times athletes are generalized as dumb," HCC wrestler Nelson Crisanto said.

These achievements are very impressive considering that five years ago the wrestling program was almost eliminated. It was so bad, that there weren't even enough kids to fill up each weight class.

For a long time, Highline did not have an academic adviser. Around the time that the wres-

ting team was almost eliminated, Athletic Director Fred Harrison brought in Margo Buchan as Academic Adviser. She turned the wrestling program around and ever since has done an outstanding job helping the athletic program maintain its stability.

"The reason for our athletic programs uniqueness is because of the way we work together, we are always looking out for each other," Buchan said.

The wrestlers are required to go to study hall two times per week. For some of them, four days are mandatory. If they miss one day of study hall, they miss one practice.

"This gives them extra incentive to go to study hall, because if they cannot participate, all they can do for their practice day is run around the track. For them it is not fun because they see everyone else wrestling, while they are running," Buchan said.

"We've developed a reputation that we take care of our kids academically as well as athletically. We have parents calling from all over the place, not just this state, inquiring about our athletic program," she said.

"I am just tickled to death, I am so proud of these kids," she said.

The wrestling coaches are optimistic about this academic award. "I had a good feeling about this award, but it was still a very pleasant surprise," assistant coach John Clemens.

## That Taiko tempo

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Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Seattle Kokon Taiko beats to the drum of a different marcher.

## Drums add culture to Building 8

Sebastien Guerin  
Staff Reporter

When the beat of the drums started, people in the cafeteria had to wonder what was going on upstairs.

The sound was the "freedom" of the drums of Seattle Kokon Taiko. The 15-year-old band played at noon Tuesday in Building 8. The drums and traditional Japanese instruments have thousands of years

of Japanese history.

The four musicians, with their Japanese kimonos, played five songs and explained briefly the instrument and song histories.

Three types of drums are played, the larger one which can weigh up to 600 pounds, gave an astonishing beat. The small drums basically carry the "freedom", and finally the medium drums complete freedom.

Each musician has an indi-

vidual freedom which they play to build their song.

"Each of us has to learn to sing the freedom before playing it," a Kokon speaker said.

One song included a dance of a traditional Chinese tiger puppet, which was a hit with the audience.

Almost 100 people were present for this fantastic performance, which made it a fun event for the students and staff of Highline.

## Student election filing deadline approaching

Stacy Montague  
Staff Reporter

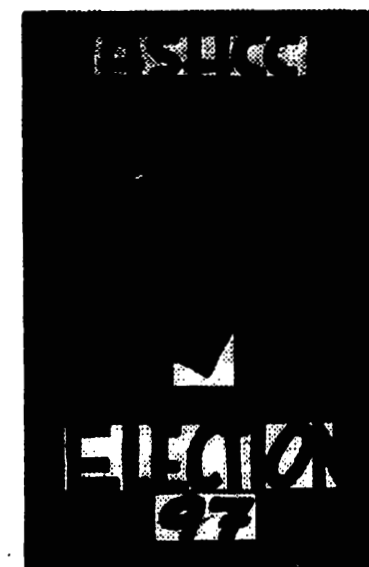
Students who want to run for student government must apply by April 22 to secure a place on the May 7 ballot.

You can pick up the application packet in either the student government or the student program office in Building 8. When completed the packets are then returned to either of these offices by the deadline.

All positions are paid. Only one of the current ASHCC officers, Student-at-Large Nelson Crisanto, plans to seek re-election.

"I would encourage people to get involved," said Diane Anderson, director of Student Programs. "It's a great opportunity to have an active voice."

Student Natalie Picinich, currently vice president of ad-



ministration, is running the elections. "In order to be a successful candidate you must have a lot of time to donate to this organization," she said.

A campaign forum will be held May 6 from 11 a.m. to noon in the student lounge Building 8.

The student body will cast their votes on May 7-8 in Building 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Assisting with the voting booths will be a group from the League of Women Voters.

For a student to be eligible he or she must have a 2.0 grade point average or better and be currently enrolled in at least eight credit hours. You must uphold these requirements during the entire term as an officer of the Associated Students of Highline Community College.

Six positions will be up for election; two more slots will be filled next fall. Positions now open include:

-President: Acts as the liaison between the ASHCC and the Highline Community College Board of Trustees, college administration, faculty and community. Appoints students to sit on various committees. Be the presiding officer of all regular

meetings of the Executive Council. Provide leadership to the officers and appointed officials of the Student Government.

-Vice President of Administration: Schedule, coordinate, promote, and preside over all regular meetings of the Associated Council. Coordinate all elections for Student Government. Coordinate the Student Awards Program. Be presiding officer of all Associated Council meetings.

-Club and Organizations Liaison: Work with all clubs and organizations and attend three different club meetings per quarter. Communicate regularly with all clubs and organizations about policies and procedures. Organize quarterly club fair.

-Vice President of Legislation: Plan ongoing legislative awareness programs. Coordinate a trip for ASHCC officers and general students to the Cap-

itol during the legislative session. Articulate the students' views on issues affecting them on campus, community, and legislature. Coordinate voter registration.

-Students-at-Large (two now open): Maintain five office hours per week. Represent the students on campus, hand out material and or surveys, and report the results to the Executive and Associated Councils. Identify and work on at least one project a quarter, approved by the Executive Council. Student-at-Large is the only position that can be applied for in the fall.

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# Drinking fountains won't kill you after all

**Karen Schell**  
Staff Reporter

Some Highline students complain that campus drinking fountains are dirty and often don't work.

College Facilities Director Pete Babington said that crews clean and service the fountains regularly, and a campus health official said the fountains carry no more bacteria than any other frequently used facility.

A recent examination of 27 Highline water fountains found that three were dirty, several were corroded and two had low water pressure. One outside Building 17 that did not work has been repaired.

Still, students think that college maintenance and custodial staff could keep the fountains in better working order.

"It wouldn't even take a minute for the custodian to

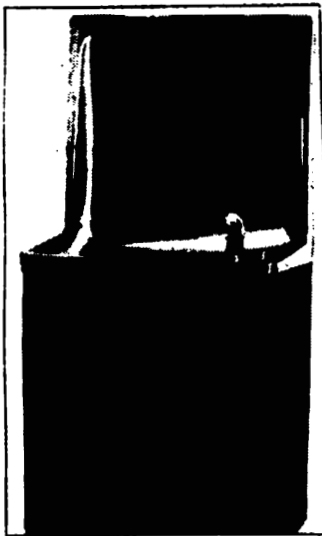


Photo by Bruce Jarrell: Officials say drinking fountains pose no extraordinary health risk.

clean it," Tobi Brand said.

Student Jeff Wilkerson said he worries that the low pressure doesn't push the water beyond the mouthpiece, some of which

are dirty.

Babington said that custodians should be cleaning the fountains daily with disinfectant, especially the outside water fountains, and that they are also deep cleaned once a year.

"The water itself tested normal. All were acceptable," Babington said.

Pam Hill, certified medical assistant in the Highline College Health Center, has not seen any problems with the water affecting anybody on campus.

"If you are really health conscious, you can use alcohol wipe or ten-percent bleach water and clean it yourself before drinking from the water fountain. And use common sense; let the water run a little before drinking it," Hill said.

Hill said that everything has some kind of bacteria on it.

The most bacteria on the fountains is probably on their

handles, she said, because more germs live on people's hands than anywhere else.

Microbiology Instructor, Jerry Ross, agrees that everything has bacteria.

As a sciences instructor, she has tested a lot things for bacteria. Her students do experiments on different items on campus, and haven't found anything that doesn't have bacteria on it.

Gene Tyler, health specialist from Environmental Protection Agency, said that he has not run into any problems with drinking fountains making anybody sick. Problems more often come from what's in the water and piping.

"Drinking fountains can have a little bacteria from dust in the air, but not enough to harm a person. Let the water run a little before drinking out of it," Tyler said.

# Board restores vets' waivers

**William Strasbaugh**  
Staff Reporter

Financial waivers for veterans at Highline will be reinstated starting Fall Quarter, following a vote by the Board of Trustees last week.

All Vietnam Era Veterans, (SEA-VETs) and Gulf War Veterans starting Fall 1997, said Kim Tofstad, Veterans Assistance Manager.

Savings of \$8.40 vs. \$46.70 per credit for SEA-VETs and \$28.90 for Gulf War Veterans. The figures are based on cost per credit hour at the time of service.

About 200 veterans currently attend Highline.

For further information on financial waivers and other educational benefits as well as the Veterans Club and Job Service information, stop by the Veterans Office in Building 6 at the registration counter.

# Head count up for spring

**Momodou B. Krubally**  
Staff Reporter

Spring Quarter enrollment at Highline College is up 11 percent over last year, the college registrar said.

Lorene Miller says that the number of registered students at Highline has been rising since she joined the registration staff in 1993 from Tacoma Community College. According to her records, 7,953 students are registered for this Spring Quarter, compared to a total of 7,166 students registered for last spring, and students are still registering.

Miller believes that this quarter's registration numbers will beat last quarter's, although she doubts that the numbers for this spring will reach the 9,392 students registered for last fall.

# 'True Colors' explores treatment of races

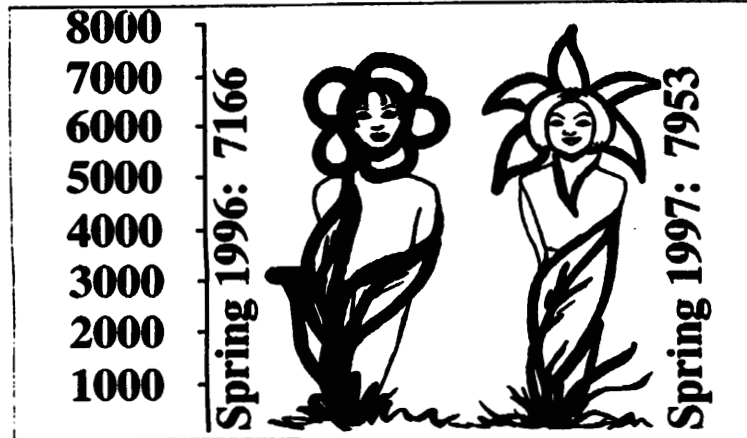
Unfiltered Images: A diversity video and discussion series will be looking at the Prime-Time story "True Colors."

"True Colors" looks at the treatment of blacks and whites in America.

The show will be noon-1:30 p.m. in Building 2, April 17. For more information, contact Student Programs at ext 3904.

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Students don't have to wait in line all day, just to discover that the classes they were looking into were already full. "Students can now call from their homes, jobs, or any convenient location equipped with a touch-tone phone to find out, and register for any class they want due to availability," said Miller.

In the past it was suspected that students became frustrated with the long lines, and ended up looking at other colleges fearing that they may not get into classes if they waited too long to register.

With this new system, stu-

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If life was a bowl of fruit, we'd be the mangos.

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## Writer's block bites

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Baby, you've got writer's block.

That dang history paper on

### Lisa's World



Lisa Curdy

rhetorical stances of primary dictators in pre-industrialized Malaysia is due in hours, and you don't even have a thesis sentence.

On goes the boob tube for a little late night inspiration. What infomercial will lead you to academic wisdom? It chops, it sucks, it's the Vacuu-Whack 2000.

This isn't working.

In your cranial rolodex, you wonder which of your pals would be most receptive to a friendly page at 3:15 a.m.

A few swear words later, you find that isn't the golden ticket either.

Four in the morning comes and goes. As the sun rises, a spark of ingenuity ignites the gasoline thought tank in your mind.

Why not take a look at those b—, boo—, books you checked out from the library? You know, those pieces of tasty paper with that hard candy shell.

Suddenly, sentences charge through your head, race out your fingers, and appear on the screen.

Good-bye writer's block, hello passing grade!

So when you're writing out those "Iliads" and "Odysseys," remember that "b" word—no, not your instructor, your books.

## Thunderfest rumbles Building 8

Lisa Curdy  
Arts Editor

Bands Joy Riot and Enders Game will be performing April 24 at 1 p.m. during Thunderfest in Building 8.

What the heck is Thunderfest, you ask?

Thunderfest is a quarterly event sponsored by the Events Board.

The bands featured this quarter are both local and attend Highline.

Joy Riot, a four-member alternative band of college age, is a Des Moines-based group.

Enders Game, also a local four member band, has been to-



Photo by Bruce Jarrell  
Children's Art Show features work in mixed media.

## Exhibit features the young at art

### Check out Annual Children's Art Show at Highline Library Gallery

William Strasbaugh  
Staff Reporter

The annual Children's Art Show is now at a gallery near you. On the fourth floor of the Library, the exhibit is on display until April 30.

The Children's Art Show has come to the Highline Library for approximately six years, said librarian Mary Ellen Bartholomew.

The Cooperative Preschool and the Parent Education Program and a whole slew of kiddies put on the art show.

This exhibit is a must for anyone who needs a little sunlight let into a dreary day of texts, test, toil, and rain.

The artists have used media ranging from tempura and

string to tempura and marbles, just to name a few. But this is only the beginning of the creative genius that the children unleash on us.

There are caterpillars and spiders from egg cartons, and the smells and textures of Christmas time are recreated by gluing seeds, spices, and berries to paper.

Our little artists have left their foot prints in time by painting the soles of their feet and standing on paper, while others painted their hands.

Gallery hours are 7 a.m. - 9:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. - noon Saturday.

As Bartholomew says, "give yourself a smile, visit the exhibit."

## 'Moon' shines with sexuality, gender issues

Young S. Noh  
Staff Reporter



Chen Kaige

Due to its unusual political and sexual content, the movie "Temptress Moon" has been banned in theaters across China. As a result, director Chen Kaige has brought his controversial film to the United States for American audiences to experience.

"'Temptress Moon' can be seen as a pure psychological drama, a story about male chauvinism and Chinese hierarchy, a film about the coming of age of a woman," Kaige said in an interview last week.

This movie is truly a spell-binding, tragic love story full of intrigue, action and drama. "I wanted to tell a story about hu-

man sexuality, especially the sexuality of a woman," Kaige said. "I do not believe that female sexuality has to be approved by men before it is logical."

Focusing around the theme of love, this movie gives a strong impression about women's eroticism as it conflicts with male chauvinism. Throughout this film, Kaige shows that female sexuality can

only be repressed temporarily, but not destroyed. This movie shows the beauty which can result from the expression of women's sexuality.

From beginning to end, there is a continuous intensity which leads to an extremely powerful climax. In a setting full of sex, gigolos, prostitutes, adultery, incest and rape, "Temptress Moon" shows that love exists in any condition. Kaige describes the movie as a "love story between a man and a woman, without losing sight of the confusion, pain, and loss of dreams of the people living in a tumultuous age."

This is an excellent film for those who enjoy movies with a deep, profound meaning. The greatest attribute to this film is the numerous shocking and surprising outcomes. Rarely does something happen the way you would expect. "Temptress

Moon" will keep you guessing constantly.

However, the only drawback to this film is that some events aren't clear; the audience has to make some assumptions as to what really happened. Nevertheless, I recommend this film to most people. On a scale of 1 to 10, I give it an 8.5.

"Temptress Moon" will be coming to select theaters on May 2. About a billion people in China are banned from seeing this film. However, lucky for us, we have the freedom to see it.

"Temptress Moon" runs 115 minutes and is rated R.

### Artist to visit soon

Zola M. Mumford, producer, director, and published author, will be speaking in Building 7 at noon on April 23.

Be sure to bring a lunch!

gether for a year. Playing 30 of their original hard rock songs, they are on the verge of being signed onto a recording label.

Though a hard rock band, Enders Game promotes a more positive image than the stereo-

typical rock group.

The event is free.

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## T-Bird track team takes second

4x400 relay breaks 21-year-old record at Mt. Hood last Saturday

Ethan McDonald  
Staff Reporter

Highline's track and field team placed second at the Mt. Hood relays in Gresham, Ore. last Saturday. They were defeated by Mt. Hood, who edged the T-birds 112.5-109 to lead a field of a dozen colleges.

"These were some of the best teams in the conference," said coach Louie D'Andrea. "The kids competed with a lot of heart."

That wouldn't appear to be all they competed with as the Thunderbirds won six events and placed highly in several others.

Shelby Buchanan, Todd Girtz, David Blair and Ryan Youmans turned in a sensational performance in the 4x400 meter relay, where they demolished a 21-year-old school

record with a time of 3:15.52. The key to their success is "chemistry," said Youmans, who competed against Blair and Buchanan in high school and knew how competitive they are. "I have so much confidence in my teammates. They know I will come to compete and I know they will."

Youmans, Blair, Buchanan and Demonne Taylor make up the undefeated 4x100 meter relay team that won with a time of 42.15. Taylor continued his success in the 110-meter hurdles, winning the event with a time of 14.32, placing him second all-time in school history, just missing the record of 14.26. The T-Birds also tallied up a victory in the sprint medley with Youmans, Buchanan, Jake Dill and Brian Smith posting a time of 3:31.83.

In the field events, Brent



Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Highline shot-putter Brent Twaddle practices his art this week.

Twaddle won the shot-put with a personal record throw of 50'6". Garret Miller won the high jump with a leap of 6'6". "I was disappointed by my performance but happy that I won," said Miller.

The team had a second-place finish in the 4x800 meter relay with a time of 7:53.46 and third-place finishes in 4x200

meter relay with a time of 1:30.04 and the distance medley with a time of 10:41.75 along with numerous fourth-place finishes in the field events.

Highline also was victorious in the most popular event, the throwers 4x100 relay. The team, comprised of Jack Decou, Aaron Glasow, Brent Twaddle and coach Ron Parker

blew away the field with a time of 47.51.

Now the team prepares for the University of Puget Sound Shotwell Invite. This meet will have one of the most competitive fields the men will face with most of the local four-year NAIA colleges such as Pacific Lutheran University competing this Saturday.

## Injuries throw curve at softball

David Blair  
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's softball team suffered its third major injury in a double-header loss to Wenatchee on Friday.

Second baseman Genessa Olson was hit in the face during a pick-off play attempt in the third inning of the second game. Olson suffered a split lip and broken front teeth. The game was temporarily halted while she was taken to the emergency room. She is not expected to return until she is comfortable with playing again.

The incident occurred when catcher Jennifer Francis launched a rocket to Olson in hopes of nailing the runner.

"The ball got there before Genessa was prepared to catch it, and it just caught her off guard," head coach Cara Hoyt said.

Outfielder Nicole Elder was hit in the face during warm-ups in a fluke play against Shoreline last Tuesday. And Marie McHugh was spiked on a pick-off play at third base against

"The injuries are affecting us a lot. It's frustrating because most of them are occurring on fluke plays."  
-- Coach Cara Hoyt

Wenatchee three weeks ago. McHugh has been out recovering from a two and a half inch cut across her knee approximately one inch deep. Both Elder and McHugh are expected to return this week.

"The injuries are affecting us a lot. It's frustrating because most of them are occurring on fluke plays," Hoyt said.

The injuries are so painful due to the type of balls that the league is using. "We use the hardest, liveliest ball there is. Its reaction to a hit is like an explosion. The ball hops and jumps so hard; almost to the point to where it cracks heads," Hoyt said.

The team lost to Wenatchee 7-1 and 10-7 last Friday. "We're hitting and pitching well, but mental errors are costing us runs," Hoyt said.

On Saturday the T-Birds picked up two wins against the Silva Belles, a select team from Kent. They combined for 20 hits in victories of 6-2 and 8-1.

The team is now 15-8 for the year after picking up four automatic victories against Bellevue. Bellevue dropped their softball program, thus forfeiting all games.

This Friday the team matches up with Lower Columbia in Longview, then begins a non-league tournament on Saturday.

"It's nice to have this week of non-league games while everyone is coming back. All of our players are real dedicated to the team. It will be nice when we have the team back in full force," Hoyt said.

## Survey: Students make pitch for adding baseball

Eryn Redmon  
and Mike Etakorn  
Staff Reporters

Baseball topped Highline's most-wanted list in a recent survey of 200 students. Fifty-one percent of those responding said they want a baseball team.

"We are losing a lot of potential athletes in the area," said student Bryan Lydell. "Bellevue and Green River are stealing all of our talent. Something needs to be done."

Students also want to see swimming (41 percent) and tennis (38 percent) come back to Highline.

"It [swimming] is great competition," said Phil Vigil.

"I think that it's a great workout," said another, Devin Fitzgerald.

Twenty-two percent want

men's volleyball. "Girls have a team, we have the facilities, why can't men?" asked one student.

Students also mentioned golf and bowling (27 percent each), while 18 percent want football.

"I'd like to see a golf course on campus; that would be great," one student said.

"Other community colleges have a golf team, why can't we?" another asked.

"Any sport with enough people to participate should be offered," said student Laura Spicer.

Other students asked for sports such as snowboarding and dance teams. Student Ryan Heath called for co-ed naked swimming.

"I think we need a wider variety of sports to comfort the student body and soul," said student Alfonso Garza.

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