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"I am not sincere, even when I am saying that I am not sincere."
Jules Renard

Lunch-time protest turns stomachs

Jim Ross and AnnMarie Coe
Staff Reporters

Anti-abortion activists clashed with pro-choice students and staff at Highline yesterday.

Large graphic pictures of late-term abortion remains were displayed to passers by. The four activists spoke out against abortions to a gathering group of Highline students and staff.

Many of the people who listened to the activists said they felt offended by the graphic pictures.

"The level of protest is wrong," student Mike Nabal said. "It is an act of aggression."

Jim McIntyre, one of the activists, said he wanted the students to know the truth about abortions.

"We are trying to get people to stop and think," he said. "It's a dead baby."

The two pictures held up by the pro-life activists starkly depicted an aborted 21-week-old baby's head and the dismembered results of a partial-birth abortion.

Female students gathered to



Pro-life advocates visited Highline yesterday.
Photo by Dawit Bekale

rebutt the pro-life activists by displaying a sign that read "Women have the right to choose. Right or wrong it's our choice."

The protest occurred between Buildings 22 and 23, and lasted a little over an hour. As many as

50 people gathered at any one time, arguing forcefully in support of their positions.

Many onlookers said the pictures were too graphic.

"They do not need to be do-

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Highline believes in higher power

Stacy Montague
Staff Reporter

Most Highline students believe in a god but just don't have time to visit him on a regular basis.

Some 75 percent of the 100 students surveyed expressed strong religious beliefs but only 22 percent claimed that they attend church weekly.

Religion plays an important role in the academic life of 40 percent of students on campus.

Many believers said that God was not directly responsible for their grades. Instead 35 percent of the students noted that his strength helped to guide them in ways that would reward their hard work.

Of the believers surveyed, 55 percent attend church once a month and 22 percent attend at least once a week.

Students listed a variety of religious affiliations. The majority of those being Catholics at 22 percent. Those identifying

themselves as Christians were the second largest group at 13 percent.

Other faiths mentioned included Islam, Buddhism, Baptist, Mormonism, Protestant and Pentecostal.

Among the non-believers, 10 percent, preferred to be called spiritual and put their faith in a higher power or supreme being. Two others said they were evolutionists and one student believed there was not a God but rather a Goddess.

Several students had strong opinions about the role of religion in their lives.

"For any example you can give me of religion having a negative effect on people, I can give you a good example of someone taking their eyes off God and putting their faith in man," said student Reva Mulkins.

Yet another student, Genevra Buckner, feels that God plays a role in every aspect of her life. Her beliefs in him govern her morals which in turn govern her actions.

Regardless of your religious affiliation or spiritual preference, 30 percent of the student surveyed prayed to someone before a test in hopes that it would improve their grade.

Woman charged in bomb threats

J. Chase
Staff Reporter

Former Highline security dispatcher Traci Lynn Keeney has been charged with two counts of threatening to bomb buildings on campus.

Keeney is being officially charged with threats to bomb or injure property, according to Superior Court of Washington for King County documents.

Prosecuting Attorney Norm Maleng said the defendant is being charged for two incidents, occurring Oct. 10, 1996 and Jan. 14, 1997.

Keeney, who resigned from the college in February, has pleaded innocent to the charges. A pre-trial hearing at the Regional Justice Center in Kent has been set for May 28.

If convicted of both charges, Keeney will face approximately 6-12 months in jail Dan Donohoe of the King County Prosecutors Office said.

According to documents filed by the prosecutor King County Superior Court, she reported 17 bomb threats to 911 between 1994 and 1997.

On each occasion, these bomb threats caused classes to be evacuated. The Des Moines Police Department and occasionally the Port of Seattle Bomb Squad, with K-9 units, responded to the threats reported by Keeney, no bombs were found on any occasion.

Highline officials, according to court documents, began tracing the phone lines due to the bomb threats and found no incoming calls were made to the security office when the threats were reported by Keeney.

According to court documents, Keeney was alone in the security office when each threat was made, and no threats were made in her absence. Calls reported in specific detail described the caller as being male with a foreign accent. Keeney once suggested that a particular Highline student made the call, although the student was in class at the time of the call.

Keeney admitted that she invented the calls and they were all false when confronted by a Des Moines Police detective.

Keeney has been ordered to have no contact with Highline, according to court documents.

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Campus to get facelift over summer

Karen Schell
Staff Reporter

A number of construction projects on Highline's campus will begin this summer.

Associate Director of Facilities Shirley Bean and Director of Facilities Pete Babington said that Summer Quarter is the best time for construction on campus. Fewer students are enrolled, so there aren't as many classes to interrupt.

This summer, construction will start June 14 for Building 22 and will be completed by September 1997. Highline will spend about \$1.2 million on the project. It's the worst out of three other classroom buildings on campus that are 35 years old. Babington said it's beyond repair and needs to be totally renovated.

"Useful life in a building is about 30 years, and this one has outgrown its time," Babington said.

It needs to have all new electrical and light fixtures and double-pane sound-proofed windows.

Building 13 and 21 are scheduled for renovation in summer 1998 or 1999. Babington said they are old buildings that need new tile floors; the asbestos ceilings must be replaced; and they need new carpets, ventilation systems and sound-proof windows.

Bids now are being taken for the design phase to add 1,750 square feet to Building 30, the computer lab. "It probably won't be until summer 1999 or 2000 the construction of the addition to Building 30 will be done," Bean said.

Highline received \$900,000 from state of Washington to improve the drainage from the ravine on the west side of campus. The ravine, on the west side of campus, is broken, clogged and needs to be restructured because it's causing property and environmental damage.

Runoff from the ravine also is causing problems at the Newport Apartments on 20th Avenue South.

Highline is working with the City of Des Moines to help control the running water. "The ravine stabilization is in the pre-design phase and the system will be installed within the next two years," Bean said.



Pete Babington

Highline honors students' hard work

Brooke Boback
Staff Reporter

Some 121 Highline students were presented with awards Tuesday night at the Student Awards Program held in the Artists-Lecture Center.

Neil McLean, ASHCC President, led the ceremony that honored several Highline students for achievements each have accomplished in their college careers. Each award was given to "show appreciation for award winners making a difference," McLean said.

The Highest Scholastic Achievement award was presented to Ann Deheide by Jim Sorenson. Deheide was acknowledged for her many achievements, including being a member of the 1997 All Washington Academic Team. She wishes to further her education at the University of Washington to get a bachelor's degree in English. Teaching literacy to adults is a main goal of Deheide's academic career.

Jennifer Baker was the recipient of the Washington Award for Vocational Excellence presented by Robert Eley, dean of instruction for Occupational

Programs. The WAVE Award is only presented to 147 students chosen from thousands of applicants. Baker now has the opportunity to receive further grants for future learning power by being honored with this award.

Scholastic Achievement Awards were presented to 37 students by Ken Hildebrandt, dean of instruction for Academic Programs. The following students received an award for achievements in a specific area:

Phuc Pham, Administration of Justice
Julie Rhubottom, Administration of Justice
Natalie Fraley, Anthropology
Mary Lane-Heck, Biological Science
Sharon Crow, Biological Science
Bruce Busch, Chemistry
Carol Misterek, Microcomputer Information Systems Specialist
Fred Chelsey, Client-Server Specialist
Amir Samplewala, Network Specialist
William Haase, Computer Science
Sook Hui Sim, Early Childhood Education
Olga Baydyuk, Early Childhood Education
Monica Hollins, Early Childhood Education
Lisa Ferguson, Early Childhood Education
Debbie Faison, Education
Marc Malsam, Engineering



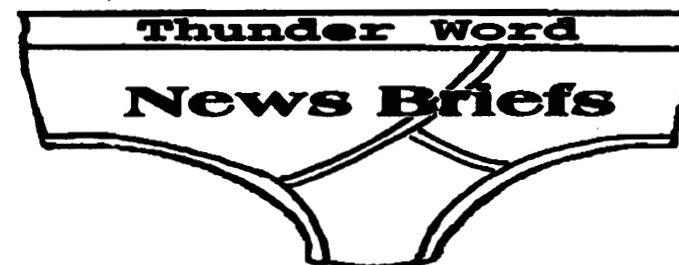
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Award winner Kristie Powers is congratulated by Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Friends Adviser Allison Green.

Lynnda Sullivan, Foreign Language - French and also in Humanities
Victoria Elijah, Foreign Language - Spanish

Joshua Fitch, Foreign Language - Spanish

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Memorial Day closure ahead

Highline Community College as well as all King County libraries will be closed May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.

Dance cruise to depart soon

Tickets are still on sale for an "Evening Under the Stars"

which is ready to set to sail on May 27 from 7-10 p.m.

The dance cruise, being co-sponsored by ASHCC and the Events Board, will cost \$10.

Art Exhibit to open Friday

The Student Fine Arts Exhibition opened May 16 and will run through June 13.

The exhibit will be in Build-

ing 3, Monday-Friday from noon-5 p.m.

Tree saviors sought by club

The Environmental Club is looking for volunteers to help save the trees on campus.

The event is going to be held on June 1. For more information contact Darren Kohn 248-9623.

Info, services offered at fair

Highline's Health Fair will be Wednesday, May 28 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The fair, being sponsored by the Events Board, the Health

Occupations Department and the Student Programs Office, will offer information and free health services to Highline students.

Correction: In the May 15 issue of the Thunderword, Shelby Buchanan was incorrectly identified as Ryan Youmans in a photo caption on page 8.

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Religion in class: finding the balance

Teachers use religion to help
bring their lessons home

Anthony J. Ross
Young S. Noh
Staff Reporters

The debate over religion in schools has been fierce since 1962, when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of separation of church and state in public education. The issue of religion in classrooms has been surprisingly stable at Highline College.

Highline's policy regarding teaching religion is based on the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment, which states that public institutions, such as Highline, must maintain a neutral stance regarding religious beliefs and activities. However, neutrality does not require Highline to prohibit teaching about different religions.

Dean of Students Michael J. Grubiak says Highline's policy is simple yet inexplicit. This allows instructors the flexibility to teach without the fear of interference from

administrators, the Board of Trustees, government authorities or pressure groups. Many instructors take advantage of this policy by incorporating religion into their classes.

Highline physics instructor David F. Johnson implements different aspects of religion into his classes by associating religious values with science.

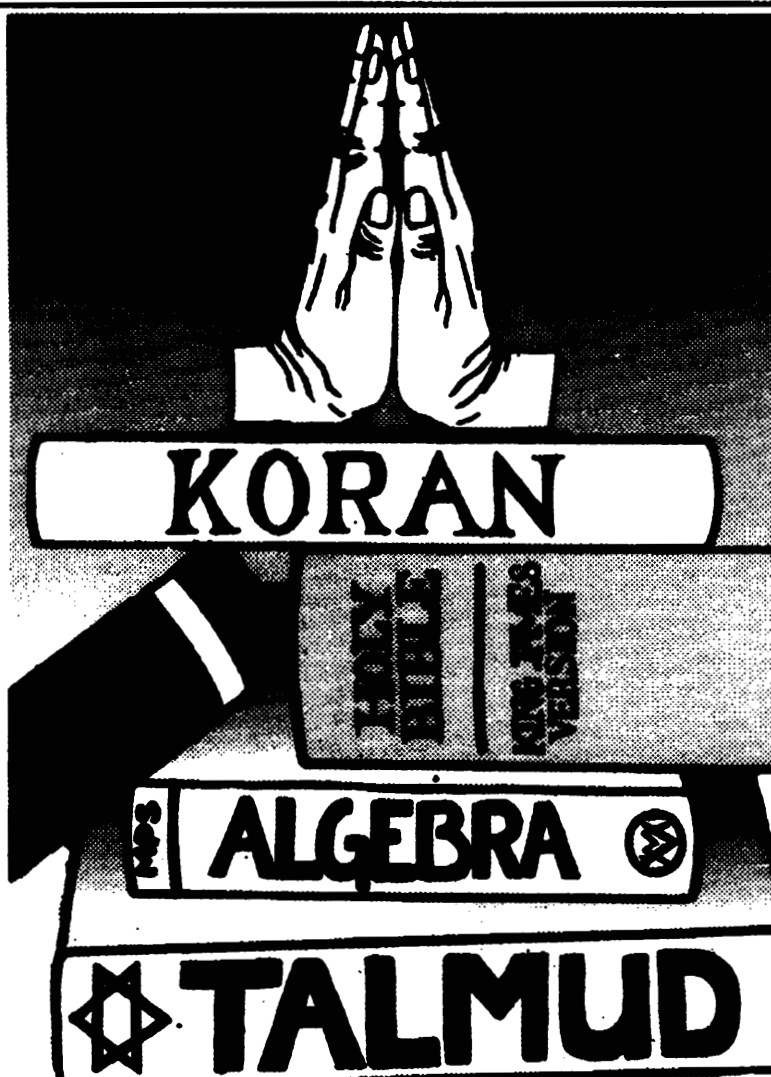
"Since 1962-63 every measure of our country's moral health is in a steady state of decline," Johnson said, "I cannot stand by and do nothing about this."

Johnson incorporates religion by showing that there "is a tremendous agreement with what the Bible and science say." He shows the "truth and relevance of the Bible" through scientific lectures in class. Despite the historic conflicts between science and religion, Johnson shows the similarities and resemblances of the two.

Highline Science Professor Charles Stores says that all religions deal with "revelation and blind faith."



photo by Bruce Jarrell
Charles Stores: Highline biology and general science instructor.



Graphic by Loren Legendre

Nevertheless, Stores incorporates religion into his classes, using religious doctrines to point out potential falsity of religion.

He wishes his students would "be aware that religion has been a hindrance to society as well as beneficial." Stores points out the importance of comparing the religious and scientific worlds.

Philosophy instructor Lorain Stowe believes that "it is appropriate to teach and for students to learn about religious organizations, doctrines, and philosophies so that they are relevant to specific courses."

In her classes, Stowe covers everything from Roman Catholic teachings, values, and practices to the artistic works of the Renaissance and Reformation.

"In philosophy courses, arguments about the existence and nature of God are read and examined," she said.

Stowe hopes to have her students "understand that their religion and beliefs are personal to them and that they should not confuse religious stories and

beliefs with scientific explanations of how the world works." Overall, Stowe would like to see her students develop a "thoughtful, deep, and sincere" belief about their religion.

Another philosophy instructor at Highline (who wished to remain anonymous), agreed.

"Without some kind of understanding of it (religion), a person is missing a major part of what drives and influences human beings," the instructor said.

Each of these professors agreed that religion is such a big part of society that it needs to be discussed in many classes.

"It still seems like it would do us all some good to talk about religion more," the anonymous instructor said.

Grubiak said the college's policy is aimed at tolerance and understanding. "If we forget about the law for a second, it's all about respect," he said. "Respect for people, respect for cultures, respect for religions."

Fellowship and fun

Jeff K. Wilkason
Staff Reporter

If you are in Room 207 of Building 22 at the right time, you won't hear instructors teaching cultural anthropology, economics, or even speech.

Instead, you might hear the voice of Ginny Howerter, a member of Highline's Baptist Student Ministries, reading aloud from the Bible or saying a daily prayer for the group.

The group, led by Kalinda Byrd, who acts as mediator, meets three times a week to discuss readings from the Bible, tackle important issues and topics, pray, and talk about any personal tribulations its members may have.

The club is affiliated with similar BSM clubs all over the country, and sponsored by the Southern Baptist Association.

The group has been at Highline for three years.

They meet Tuesdays at 9 a.m., Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m., and Thursdays at 11 a.m. Wednesdays are known as "Morning Watch," where Byrd will bring doughnuts and refreshments for the group. Someone typically reads some kind of inspirational text.

On Thursdays, they "tackle hard issues, such as abortion, and it is a time to ask questions," said Howerter.

BSM goes beyond the three times they meet during the week, though. "A lot of times, we'll go roller-skating, or go to drive-ins on the weekends," said Howerter.

Also, the group will go on "mission trips" where they will participate with churches, or do similar activities. Over spring break, Byrd participated in a mission trip where she helped out the Union Gospel Mission in Oregon, and worked in a nursing home.

The group is open to new members. "Anybody is welcome to come and share, and we're not a selective group," said Howerter.

"Living as Christians, we feel it makes our lives more peaceful," said Byrd. "But we're not going to shove that down anyone's throat."

A sense of community, a network of support

Loren Legendre
Staff Reporter

Real Life brings together Christians to share their faith and give each other support through prayer.

Jon Simonson is president of Highline's Real Life club and the adviser is Tom Sill.

Simonson said that you can talk about your life and get help through prayer from other members. The group is fairly new

and the membership stands at eight.

The goal of this group is to provide a sense of community and fellowship, and the opportunity for students to hear their message of love and hope.

Although Real Life is not specifically affiliated with a church, these basic principles from the Bible are the foundation of their fellowship:

- God loves you.
- Everyone sins and is im-

perfect.

• Christ died for our sins, paying the ultimate penalty so we would not have to.

• Receive free gifts from Heaven through belief in Christ.

Simonson said that he gets a feeling of security from his faith in Christ, knowing that he is loved and that through Christ's grace he can be saved. "All it takes to become a Christian is a private or public declaration of one's faith in Christ."

Recently their service project consisted of viewing a film about Jesus in Jerusalem.

Plans are being made for the Real Life club to attend a combined boat trip with the Baptist Student Ministries club. Sill said that the two groups try to combine activities as often as possible because of the their similar beliefs and philosophies.

Real Life invites anyone to join them, just call Sill at 878-3710, ext. 3035.

Next Week's Focus: Diversity at Highline

with guest commentator:
Kayleen Oka
Coordinator of Multicultural
Student Programs

Editorial

HCC must address low participation

Out of about 8,200 Highline students only 3 percent showed up to vote according to Neil McLean, Associated Students of Highline Community College president.

The truly sad thing is that the meager 266 students who did show up to vote were an improvement over last year, when around 200 students voted.

The problem, McLean said, is location, location, location. "One of the biggest reasons," he said, "is that we're limited location wise."

Highline's archaic system of voting includes a book with every student's name listed in it. As a student votes, his or her name is marked off in the book.

As a result, the locations that the voting may take place is limited. Currently, the voting takes place exclusively in Building 8.

The booth, McLean said, should be located in a place that people go through, like Building 6. Though more people may have stumbled upon the polls, the change in location will only succeed in catching the eye of students who otherwise didn't care.

It is that sense of apathy that kept students away from the polls. It is the same apathy that keeps club attendance low and student activities relatively unpopulated compared to the large student body.

The voting population was so small because students didn't take the few moments out of their lives that it would have taken to read about the candidates, pick up the ballot, make a few marks and drop it in the box.

Though the apathy problem is easy to recognize, it is more difficult to combat.

One solution may be mailing ballots with information on candidates home to each student.

Another solution could be organizing an election committee that could call every student and take care of general publicity for the election.

Whatever solution is applied, it is up to students to make the choice to care about who speaks for them in the future.

T-Bird softball team display dedication

The T-Bird women's softball team finished up their season this past weekend at the championship tournament. This year the women's softball team has shown tremendous dedication.

When the season first started, the team had to practice at 5 a.m. If they had to practice at this time, imagine what time they had to get up in the morning.

The women dealt with the early mornings, while balancing school at the same time. This kind of dedication deserves praise and acknowledgement.

It can be tough staying on top of school as it is, but playing a sport and staying afloat in the ocean of academia takes much hard work and discipline. For this, these young women should be commended. The team had a successful season winding up in the championship tournament where they placed seventh.

Let it be known to these dedicated queens of the diamond, this kind of hard work and dedication will ultimately lead to very successful lives.

Opinion Policy

The Thunderword Opinion section presents a perspective on the news and the newsmakers of the Highline community. It offers analysis and background, debate and opinion, and is produced by the Thunderword staff.



Religion: a tough topic to tackle

In this issue we cover religion on campus, and our purpose was not to promote one religion over the others, but to provide a glimpse into the vast variety of cultures and beliefs that exist right here at Highline.

Like anyone, I have my own opinions about religion and its place in both the world and my life. I will not attempt to force my views upon other people, but would, however, like to share some thoughts.

To me, religion is a myriad of paradoxes. I can't help but lose a bit of faith in religion every time I hear about countries in the Middle East fighting over differences in beliefs.

Is killing not totally hypocritical to the foundations of most God loving communities? Why is it that people are so egocentric to believe that their particular belief system is the one and only to offer salvation?

To me, this is just ignorant and stubborn. It is especially ironic that for most of these people, religion was simply given to them by what ever family they were born into. A person born in Salt Lake City will almost certainly have completely different beliefs than someone born in Tibet, but just as certainly each will believe that theirs is truly the most righteous set of beliefs.

Hello, doesn't this whole idea raise questions for anyone?

HCC instructor Charles Stores helped to put things in perspective for me when he said in a lecture that, "we get our religion like we get our clothes, off the rack." This statement was made to provoke thought, but one student reacted typically by taking offense, assuming that Stores' was mocking those who held on to religious ideals, which he was not.

But let's examine for a moment this concept of getting our

What's on my mind...



Carmine Coburn

religion "off the rack." It's true in so many ways, although so many would never agree. Even in my own personal experience, I have friends who were not brought up in a religious family, so they are left to fend for themselves. I have watched some of them read and learn about different religions, and in a sense try some different ones on for size, and if a particular one doesn't fit, they move to a different one on the rack until they find one that fits.

The point I am trying to make is not that religion, is a ridiculous idea, but ignorance,

stubbornness and close mindedness towards other religions is foolish. Before people dive head first into their religion they should consider why it is that they need religion. Is it because your family told you so, or do you truly believe? I have much respect for those who have a strong faith, but I am annoyed by those who know claim to be long to a religion, have little true faith, and criticize others for their beliefs.

It seems to me that religion ultimately serves a virtuous purpose no matter who you are praying to. For many, having faith helps to get us through the difficult times, and it seems hard to argue with something that offers this kind of comfort.

I think that religion is inherently a good thing, but just like any controversial issue, not everyone is going to see eye to eye. The trick is to be able to accept our differences.

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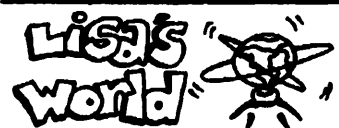
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Life's crazy kookie ways

Life gives us little messages as to how well we are doing every day. Lately, the messages I've been getting haven't been so subtle.

Our family dog, Linus, is a blind and deaf cocker spaniel. Let me tell you, he has the biggest heart this side of the Pal-



ouse. In fact, his heart is so big that it had to share some of its mass with his bladder.

For the last three weeks, Life's memo to me hasn't been too optimistic.

Daily, I mop up three ounces of "message" that Life has left on my bedroom doorstep for me. Linus is in kahoots with Life. I just know it. (Either that or old Liney is begging for a visit from Jack Kevorkian.)

Rationally, I know that our dog is senile and has lost all control of his canine bladder. Yet somewhere deep in the midst of neurons and dendrites, I can't help but wonder if it all means something.

Many, I'm sure, have found that parking is another innocuous barometer of how your life may be going.

My personal experience happened one fine stanky morning in April.

Into the second hour of searching for a parking space, I found myself becoming delirious and confused.

Somewhere in the fog of my mind, I happened upon the Meaning of Life.

My brilliant idiot-savant ideology of our purpose on earth was pre-empted by an emotion so archaic, even Canadian geese exhibit it at the sight of bagels.

Utter Joy.

Spotting an open space in southern isolonia, I lost my choo-choo train of thought and parked like the mindless zombie I had become.

Then suddenly like a freak jackalope sighting, the Meaning of Life was gone!!

In the excitement, the Meaning took a fatal slip through a crack in my brain.

The point, you may be wondering, is this. Life teases us with insight that maybe we aren't supposed to have.

Whether it has a suckage factor of 10-plus or is sublimely delicious, life can be a great indicator of—well—life.

So grab yourself an inky pen and a pad o' papyrus, because you might want to jot a few notes down along the way.

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Spring Fever heats up HCC

Christi Croft
Staff Reporter

The Highline Community College Events Board is holding a music, food, and entertainment filled day today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Spring Fever '97 is in full bloom at Highline's Library Plaza or in the Student Lounge in Building 8 in case of rain.

Did you run out of the house today, not giving your stomach a decent breakfast? No problem!

Stop by the plaza, pay \$3, and enjoy a barbecued burger to feed that appetite. Chips, cookies, and soda pop are included in the deal.

Are your ears aching to hear some good music? You're in luck! The music featured at Spring Fever will range from The Seattle Navy Band playing country and pop to Michael Powers' award winning performances of jazz from his latest CD.

There will also be a Celtic and Balkan selection by Stanley Greenthal, and Cooke 'N Greens blend of urban blues. James "Curly" Cooke of Cooke 'N Greens, was part of the Steve Miller Band, and periodically teaches guitar at Highline.

Besides nonstop music, there



Photo By Steve Horn

Stanley Greenthal will feed your ears with Celtic goodness.

will also be other continuous entertainment available for your pleasure.

The artist of the day will be Caricature Artist Tom "Huf" Hofstedt.

Known as the "World's Fastest Caricaturist," this Tacoma resident has drawn over one million faces, and has had many appearances throughout the U.S. as well as Canada and Australia.

If you always have wanted to

see yourself as a cartoon, Hofstedt will be in the plaza from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Featured artists from Giggleworks in Federal Way will also be making appearances throughout the day. There will be a magician from 10 a.m. to noon, a balloon sculptor from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and a mime artist from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

So make a special appearance today and feel the fever.

Burn baby burn: One-act inferno

AnnMarie Coe
Staff Reporter

The cast, staff, and crew of the spring one-act plays ripped apart Building 7 with peals of laughter on May 14.

The six plays all were directed and performed by Highline students. The production was moved from the Little Theatre due to falling insulation.

"Here We Are," written by Dorothy Parker and directed by Elizabeth Andrew, featured the characters "She" (Heather Springsteen) and "He" (Marc Wiseman).

"He" and "She" have just gotten married and are waiting on a bench for transportation to their honeymoon abode. She is as nervous as a cat in water as he tippy-toes around the fact that men and women are supposed to have sex for the first time on their honeymoon.

"He" and "She" made the audience feel like they were a pack of eavesdroppers listening in on a juicy conversation.

The next play, "A Simple Kind of Love Story," was written by Murray Schisgal and directed by Jim Kellner.

Steven Fisher, (Vincent James Tula), is a nervous young playwright who has just written a play called "A Simple Kind of Love Story."

Fisher is recruited into a prominent agency owned by Mr. Dobie (Sean Hall). Dobie uses his manipulative ways to get Fisher to write another play in

only an hour.

Mr. Dobie's staff also included Kirk Burns (Luke Chen) an apparently homosexual man who can't keep his eyes off of Fisher's rear. These performers swept the stage with comic drama.

"Abstinence," written by Lanford Wilson and directed by Springsteen, was about a recovering alcoholic, Donna (Clea Thadeus).

She persistently begs other characters for a drink. Like a bad soap opera, Donna is having an affair with a friend's husband, Joe (Jared Deveraux).

The funniest part of this play were Donna and Joe's constant insinuation of the use of vegetable platters in sexual activities. "David and patty have a less than intellectual conversation about sex," written and directed by Brandon Felker, seemed to also be taken out of a bad daytime drama.

It features two loves having an argument in bed and then eventually realizing that they aren't really in love with each other.

The script in the first half seems as though it was nothing but swear words. The extremely vulgar language added nothing to the play.

"The Pushcart Peddlers," written by Murray Schisgal and directed by Kellner, ended the one-acts with a performance that filled the crowd with laughter.

Gabby gives gobs of good advice

Dear Gabby:

Recently, I found out something peculiar. Seems I can't use the public bathrooms without the fear I'll take too long. What to do?

-Tinkle Tinkle III Star.

Dear Tinkle:

I'll tell you what I do. You know how time flies when you're having fun? Well, do math problems in your head while taking care of business, and since doing math problems can be less than fun, time being relative, will go by slowly.

Dear Gabby



Dear Gabby:

While eating a chicken sandwich from a popular fast food mega-mega chain, I crunched down on a firm scaly finger-like object. It was probably a chicken toe. What diseases do chicken feet carry?

-Unlucky Clucky

Dear Clucky:

I've heard that they carry Ebola, shingles, piles, pinkeye, but on the positive side, they're a great source of protein-Bon appetite!

Dear Gabby:

I just got a gigantator tattoo of a Douglas Fir on my forehead, and I wonder how, and what it means. Help!

-Pseudotsuga Menscizii

Dear Pseudotsuga:

Forget the meaning, but beware of woodpeckers and dogs!

Dear Gabby:

Why does it seem that teachers assume the we (students) have no life outside of school and homework?

-Buried in Burien

Dear Buried:

The answer is simple, the teachers have been following you home and they know you don't have a life. Quit being such a loser!

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T-Bird track team aims for an upset

Ethan McDonald
Staff Reporter

It's time for all the off-season workouts and hard work to pay off for the Highline men's track team as they prepare for the NWAACC Championships being held today and tomorrow in Oregon City, Oreg.

The T-Birds have their work cut out for them against some incredibly tough community colleges.

"Lane Community College and Spokane Community College could beat many of the four-year schools in the area," said Coach Frank Ahern. Highline has also had success against some of the four-year schools, placing highly in numerous NAIA meets.

Highline has several top qualifiers including Demonne Taylor in the 110-meter hurdles where he leads the conference with a time of 14.32. Brent Twaddle leads the pack in the shot-put with a conference best throw of 51'6".

Both the 400 and 1600-meter relay teams lead the conference but are missing David Blair who was a part of the team that posted those marks. Despite the losses to injuries the relay teams should still be considered the teams to beat.

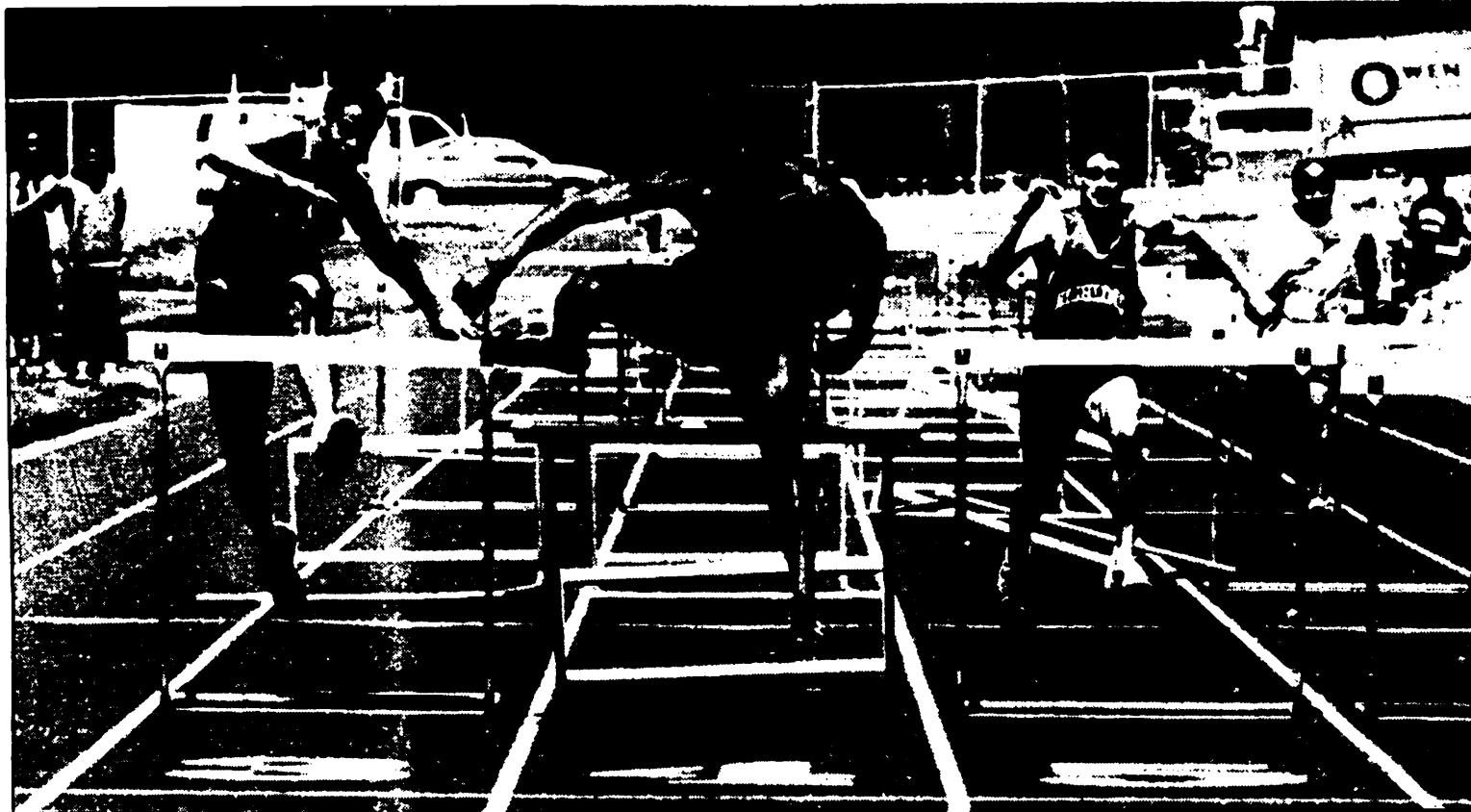


Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Demonne Taylor is the favorite in the 110-meter hurdles; others look to strut their stuff at this week's meet.

Shelby Buchanan and Todd Girtz are second and third overall in the conference in the 400-meter dash with times of 48.39 and 48.91 respectively. Buchanan is a 1/4 of a second behind conference leader James Kenfield of Lane Community College.

Standing third overall in the

conference for the T-Birds are Charles Grimmer in the triple-jump with a leap of 45' 1/2" and Garrett Miller in the high-jump with a mark of 6'6". Charles King is fourth overall in the 110-meter hurdles.

If all athletes were to place exactly where they stand currently in the conference, the

point totals for the teams would look something like this. The championships would be Lane CC with 146 points. Second place would go to Spokane CC with 125 points, followed by Clark CC with 90 points, Clackamas CC with 83 points, Mount Hood CC with 82 points and Highline with 80 points.

Fortunately, most of the events are very tight and these point totals will most likely be different which keeps the team optimistic.

"We'll be happy as long as we continue to improve and give it our all," Ahern said. "We can't ask for anything more."

T-Birds stumble in softball tournament

Women close season with two close losses

David Blair
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's fast-pitch team finished seventh at the NWAACC conference championships this Friday in Portland Oregon.

The team sealed their seventh place finish after losing their first two games of the double elimination tournament. Highline finished the season with a 16-14 record.

Their first match-up was a tough one against no. 1 southern seed Clackamas. They battled hard in a 6-0 losing effort. "It was our mental errors that cost



Cara Hoyt

us the game. We knew that we had our work cut out for us because they were the no. 1 team," Coach Cara Hoyt said.

The team then faced off with Edmonds in a heart-breaking

loss of 2-1. Highline drew first blood by scoring first in the ballgame. Edmonds responded back by tying the game 1-1 during the sixth inning. A crucial play at the plate came later in the game as catcher Jennifer Francis caught the ball and tagged out a runner coming in hard at home plate. The umpire called the runner out, but the ball fell out of her glove, resulting in change in call making the runner safe.

The team now down 2-1 had one last shot to win during the bottom of the seventh inning. The T-Birds loaded the bases with only one out, but couldn't squeeze a run in.

"They played their hearts out, but just couldn't get to hit," Hoyt said.

Hoyt said the team should

look at the positives of the season.

"It was hard when the season ends all of a sudden, but we did well," she said. "We finished strong at the end of the season and were above .500."

"We were an unpredictable team," Hoyt said. "This gave us an advantage, because teams didn't know how to play us. During the season we set our goal to make the playoffs and we did what it took to accomplish that."

The Lady T-Birds were well represented on the all-league team with six athletes named.

Making first team were third baseman Kristen Brown and shortstop Jennifer Francis.

Making the second team were first baseman Reagan Freed, outfielder Elissa Garrels, catcher Kim Hipol and pitcher Katie DeCastro.

Highline will have four representatives in the annual sophomore all-star game this Thursday at 5 p.m. at Olympic College.



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Student-athletes face pressure on, off field

Juggling school, work, athletics is not an easy task, T-Birds say

Reagan Freed
Staff Reporter

Imagine trying to carry a full load, working 30-40 hours a week, having practice two or three hours a day, only being able to sleep five or six hours a night, and all the while praying you'll survive until the weekend when you can rest.

Then you find out you have a road trip to Spokane.

Now imagine trying to do all this while keeping up a social life, family life, possibly a relationship, and trying to keep yourself sane.

Many student-athletes here at Highline have this daily schedule the whole year through, with a few days off in between for little things such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, and if you're lucky, a day or two for spring break.

On the softball team alone, 10 out of 13 players work an average of 22 hours a week.

An average day for track star Tsekande Brown is "class from 8 a.m. to noon, practice until



Highline track team member Jack DeCou works on an assignment in class this week.

2:30 p.m., work 3-10 p.m., homework until midnight, and then starting all over the next day," he said.

"It's worth it in the long run because it will give me more of an edge to get a quality job," Brown said.

Many of these athletes are attending Highline just for the sport they are in. Even though

they lead stressful lives, these students say they are doing what they love.

"It (track) keeps me in line so I do my homework," Oscar Tigla said.

But at many points throughout the year these students feel overwhelmed.

"Softball, as is every sport, is very time consuming, you have

to give up a lot of luxuries to last through it," Nicole Elder said.

Nor do they get much sympathy, athletes say. "One of the worst aspects of being a student-athlete is that the teachers don't give us respect," said Tim Allen of track. "They don't understand, nor do they try to understand the pressures we are under from all different sides: teach-

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Tim Allen

ers, parents, employers, and coaches."

Softball Coach Cara Hoyt acknowledged the strains on her players.

"We try to work around their schedules as much as possible because we know how important it is to them," she said. "But we also expect just as much dedication to softball as they have for work, if not more."

Even though many student-athletes feel pressure and are exhausted, they all agree that it is worth it and they wouldn't change a thing — except to add a few more hours to the day.

Golfers will tee off for athletics department

Aaron Glasow
Staff Reporter

The T-Bird Classic Golf Tournament will be held on June 13 at Elk Run Golf Course.

The tournament benefits the HCC athletic department. One hundred and forty-four people including alumni, staff, and community business leaders. The tournament will be played scramble style. Everyone in your foursome hits a shot and you take the best one. Three ways exist to legally cheat for a small cost. The Mulligan Rule

lets you reshoot, you can throw your ball closer to the hole, and you can buy a string 10" long and move your ball the length of the string." It's more fun than competition," said Assistant Athletic Director and coordinator of the tournament John Dunn.

The field will be split into two divisions, the good and the not so good players. The winning foursome in each division will receive golf shoes courtesy of Adidas.

The winner of the longest drive competition will receive a

driver from Red Bird and closest to the hole will receive round trip plane tickets to anywhere in the continental United States. Prizes for a hole-in-one will include a Bayliner Boat, a car from Southgate Ford in Burien, and \$10,000 in cash. Last year Athletic Director Fred Harrison's brother, Denny Harrison, won the cash with a spectacular

hole-in-one.

Each golfer will receive lunch, cookies from Tazza, a hat and water bottle courtesy of Adidas, golfballs and tees, and numerous other prizes.

In addition to a fun filled golf tournament there will be a silent auction. A luxury box at a Sonics' game, a luxury box and tickets for 15 at Emerald Downs,

autographed Sonics memorabilia, and T-Bird Basketball autographed ball and championship watch.

"This year's tournament is full, but the athletic department is planning another one for the fall," said Dunn. For more information on the tourney contact John Dunn in Building 20 or extension 3455.

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Highline cafeteria cashier to check out Tacoma to get new president



Carolyn Berggren

Stacy Montague
Staff Reporter

Carolyn Berggren, that friendly cashier at the check-out line in the cafeteria, will be leaving Highline at the end of the school year.

Berggren has been at Highline for the past two years and has become a favorite with the students and faculty during her employment.

"My husband took a job in Wenatchee and our family is very excited about the move,"

Berggren said.

Berggren is a wife and mother of three children. Originally from the Wenatchee area they look forward to the move back.

"I'll miss the people and friends that I have made at Highline," Berggren said.

Her twinkling blue eyes and thoughtful ways will be missed by all.

Going through the check-out line just won't be the same without her daily words of inspiration.

Tacoma Community College President Raymond J. Needham is retiring in June. TCC has narrowed the candidates down to five.

The five semi-finalists, Dr. Roland K. Allen, Dr. Roland J. Chapdalaine, Dr. Pamela J. Transue, Dr. Daniel J. Lavista and Dr. Vern Loland, spent two weeks on the campus to meet the faculty, students and staff and answer any questions.

Peninsula hosts child prodigy

Peninsula College Running Start student Stewart Mathies-

Beyond Highline

Sheri Ingraham en, is 16 years old and at only 14 years old was offered a chance to attend the University of Washington as part of an early entrance program.

"I just wasn't ready to jump into college and leave home," Mathieson said.

At age 11, Mathieson took the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

"I scored slightly below average for the college-bound senior at that time," Mathieson said. He has been accepted to the University of Virginia and hopes to become a college professor.

Awards

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Shelley Miller, Interactive Media Program

Deborah McDaniel, Interactive Media Program

W. B. Heming, Journalism

Candice Fenison, Journalism

Taylor Stonebeck, Library Technician

Maureen Huff, Literature

Angela Cahill, Literature/Humanities

Ha Le, Mathematics

Norma Claeys, Mathematics

Ingrid Ohm, Nursing

Thanhngoc Nguyen, Nursing

Charlotte Richards, Office Occupations

Tobi Bran, Psychology

Janell Hough, Psychology

Robert Dame, Respiratory Care

Rebecca Corley, Respiratory Care

Marge Tomlinson, Writing

Donna Landgraf, Writing

Various program advisors presented the following Activity and Service Awards:

AITP - Outstanding Contributions

Julie Pulliam, Diana Davis, Thomas Naylor, Jr., David Roach, Gerald Tomforde

ASHOC - Outstanding Contributions

Neil McLean, Alesha Anderson, Natalie Picinich, Margaret Cassidy, Nelson Crisanto

Asian Pacific Islanders - Outstanding Contributions

Jayson Medina

Black Student Union - Outstanding Contributions

D'Anna Bowman, Touran Smith, Moria Windon, Sandler Bryson

Child Care Center - Outstanding Contributions

Kristine Warren

Circle K - Outstanding Contributions

Kristin Marquardt, Daisha Clinton, Marge Tomlinson, Alesha Anderson, Carrie Wilcox, Marlene Clarke, Wendy Leathers, Neal McLean, Rachel Thorne

Drama - Outstanding Achievement

Brandon Felker, Garrett Penwell, Leilani Berinobis

Events Board - Outstanding Contributions

Dana Joseph, Josie Siebert, Ivory Ellison

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Friends Club - Outstanding Contributions

Kristie Powers, Phillip Wilson

Highline Association of Library Technicians - Outstanding Contributions

Eileen O'Conner, Sheila Thayer, Taylor Stonebeck, Renee Borys, Bernadette Jeffers, Tanya Engeset, Bill Shorter

Native American Students' Association - Outstanding Contributions

Stacy Datin

Outreach Services - Outstanding Contributions

Michelle Gregory, Joseph Graham

Phi Theta Kappa - Outstanding Contributions

Marge Tomlinson, Carrie Wilcox, Sheryl Amador, Heidi Alano, Scott

Shethor, Marlene Clarke, Tracy Lucido

Physical Education - Outstanding Achievement

Tom Rockey, Ha Chau, Minh Nguyen, Hoang Pham, Thep Tran, Loan Le, Nelson Crisanto, Frank Ceniceros, Chau Tran

Publications - Outstanding Contributions

Cynthia Lewis, Carol Misterek, Rick Knowles, Carrie Foster, Leslie Sierra

Publications - Outstanding Achievement

Laura Worthington, Annette Bjorkman

Thunderword - Outstanding Contributions

Sheri Ingraham, Lisa Curdy, Chris Griffin

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Carmin Coburn, W. B. Heming, Bruce Jarrell, Anita Coppola, Gina Caprinio, Tim Wyse

Vietnamese Club - Outstanding Contributions

Vu Nghiem, Thao Nguyen, Viet Nguyen, Amy Cao

Vocal Music - Outstanding Achievement

Sharon Rivera

Women's Programs - Outstanding Contributions

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