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Thunderbird finds home

Alaska native Betty Marvin lands at Highline

By Paris Hansen
Staff Reporter

Loretta Marvin never intended on coming to Highline. Betty, as she is called by her family and friends, came to Highline by accident.

"I got accepted to Shoreline and then realized that my housing was in Federal Way. I needed to do something about it so I applied at Highline and got accepted," she said.

Marvin knew she was in the right place when she saw the totem pole in the front of Highline and the Thunderbird that sat atop it.

A second-year Highline student, Marvin came to Highline from the Thunderbird house of the Tlingit Tribe of Alaska.

Moving from a small town of about 3,000 people to the big city of Seattle was a major culture shock for Marvin.

Marvin was born into the Alaskan Tlingit tribe and calls herself an Indipino after her Indian mother and Filipino father. Her father comes from the Philippine island of Ilo Ilo.

Never having any formal schooling, Marvin dropped out of high school at the age of 16 because of the discrimination and prejudices that faced her at the time and worked in local canneries and as a waitress.

Soon after high school she started a family which eventually became 10 boys and one girl.

She spent the rest of her years raising her children.

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Photo by David Yamamoto

Betty Marvin stands in front of Highline's Thunderbird totem pole. She is an Alaskan native from the Thunderbird house of the Tlingit tribe, and knew she was in the right place when she came here.

Budget battle continues for track

By Paris Hansen
Staff Reporter

The Services and Activities Budget Committee continues to deliberate the life or death of Highline's track and cross country teams.

A decision will be reached no sooner than May. The committee is now beginning to balance \$800,000 of requests against an expected \$700,000 in revenue.

Athletic Director Fred Harrison made his second proposal to drop the two teams at the March 31 S&A Budget Committee meeting.

Harrison first brought the idea before the committee in February. The committee had several questions prepared for Harrison to answer the second time around.

Committee members asked why [eliminate] track and not wrestling, if Title IX is an issue? Title IX is the federal law that requires Highline to provide a proportional amount of sports for men and women, based on the number of men and women enrolled.

Harrison replied that Title IX isn't really the issue, but the diminishing popularity of track and lack of funding should be blamed.

As for wrestling, he said that supporters of the sport raised \$10,000 on their own for transportation and other expenses.

"My frustration is the lack of support that we have had for cross country and track over the years," Harrison said.

Committee members also asked Harrison about the cost and difficulty of adding women's cross country and

College says health center may go



Photo by David Yamamoto

A health center patron gets her blood pressure taken.

Highline, a pseudo-zoo

By Lisa Curdy
Staff Reporter

Doctor Dolittle has nothing on Highline. The college Biology Department is home to a full and varied menagerie.

In one campus location live Stan and Jason.

Stan, a red-tailed boa constrictor, is actually a female and was named after a maintenance worker.

Jason, a Central Asian tortoise, was seized at Sea-Tac Air-

port by the feds, and donated to Highline.

Flying above those beasts are three nameless parakeets.

Fire-bellied toads make Building 12 their home, and have procreated like champs, with more than 2,000 babies.

Domino and Stubby, the lab cats, keep watch over the mouse and cricket colonies, while Leita the leopard gecko looks on.

But don't mind those guppies, they're just survivors of a hormone experiment.

By Alex P. Hennessy
Staff Reporter

The Health Services Clinic in Building 6 may be closed soon, Vice President for Students Jim Sorensen said.

In a recent e-mail to staff and faculty, Sorensen said that he believes the space occupied by the clinic could better be used for something else.

"It's a matter of numbers," Sorensen said. In the e-mail, Sorensen noted

that the clinic averages only 0.75 patients per hour.

Polly Halpern, a registered nurse practitioner at the clinic, says those numbers may be a bit misleading. Halpern said that the clinic averages 0.75 billable patients an hour, a number that does not include many of the services the clinic provides.

"It's hard to look at a number and say we're not valuable,"

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Campus crime mostly low-level

Occasional fleeing felons spice up parking patrol

By Ijeoma Agu
Staff Reporter

Highline is located right on Pacific Highway South; consequently, felons sometimes run through the campus to escape the law.

"It happens about four to five times a year, and generally I've been involved in six," said Highline Security Officer Kevin Gunderson. "Someone may have committed robbery, stolen a vehicle, or is just a suspect for something, and they try and escape through the campus."

Gunderson has been working as a security officer at Highline for eight years.

"I communicate with the Des Moines Police telling them where the suspect is, and I would help apprehend the suspect, but he could be armed, and I'm not. We are the eyes and ears," Gunderson said.

"I have no jurisdiction, or commission so I choose not to put my life in jeopardy."

"The Des Moines Police will usually let us know if they have caught the offender," says Security Director Richard C. Fisher.

Highline Security deals more with parking than with crimi-

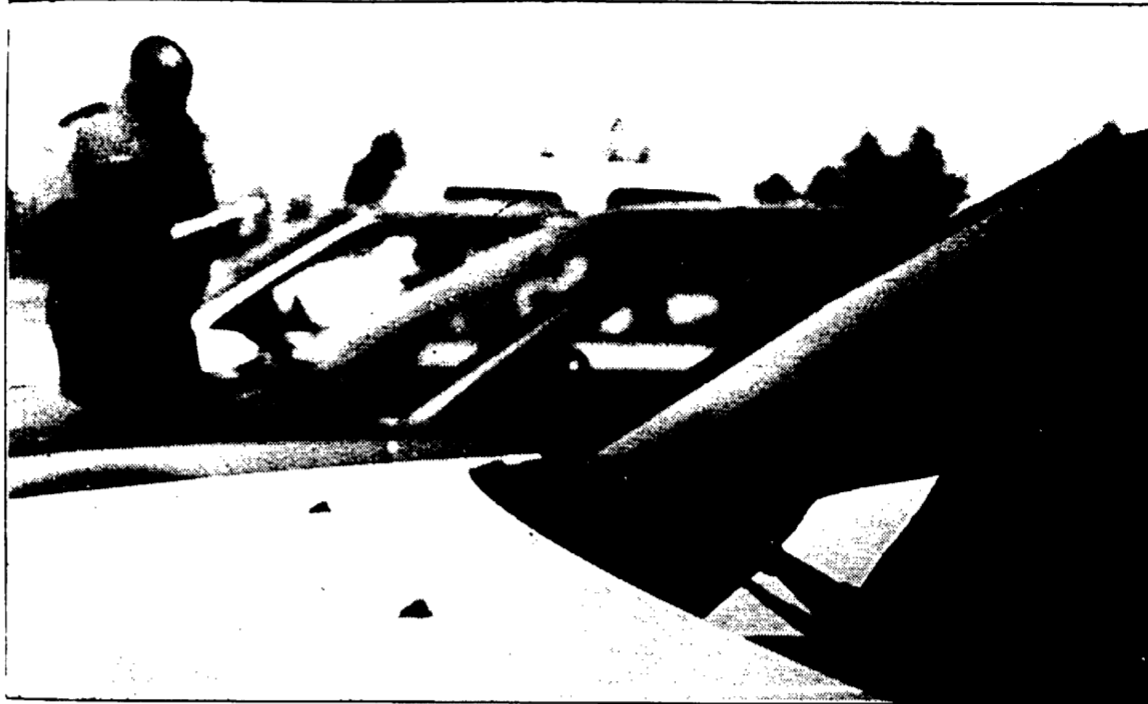


Photo by David Yamamoto

Most of Highline's security work is writing tickets, but once in awhile, things get interesting.

nals, however.

Officers are assigned to check every parking lot, including the Midway Drive-In.

Students without permits get ticketed.

"I paid it, and it broke me. Now I keep up with buying the permits," says Candice Tinner.

"I got ticketed for unloading my car in the handicapped parking. It makes me mad, but I will do it again if I have to," says Charmaine Kinlow.

"As we write tickets people get serious, and as they get serious the less fines we have to write," said Officer Richard Noyer.

You can also be fined for speeding; failure to yield right of way; parking in a no parking zone; traveling the wrong-way on a one-way road; and other violations.

Without a current Highline permit displayed, you will be fined \$5 for the first offense. Subsequent violations of this offense will be subject to a \$15 fine.

For more information pick up a Security, Safety and Parking pamphlet at the Campus Security in Building 6.

Fisher was recently named Chief of Security and Safety. He had been the interim chief of Se-

curity and Safety since May 5, 1997. He replaced Glenn Brooks, who resigned.

"Richard's leadership and knowledge have been extremely beneficial as he acted as the interim chief with the department this past year, and we look forward to having him continue here at Highline," said Laura Saunders, vice president of administrations.

Fisher thinks the campus is safe but is not sure that students feel the same way.

"I want to make this the most professional organization it can be," Fisher said. "There is always room for improvement."

Local car theft causes concern

By Jess Kelley
Staff Reporter

Highline students living in Des Moines and Burien should keep an eye on their cars.

"Local car thefts in the Des Moines and Burien areas are at a record high," King County Detective Barry Anderson said.

Forty cars were stolen from the Des Moines and Burien areas in March alone.

Anderson said police have their eye on a suspect in the Des Moines area. Anderson said that there are other suspects and that most of the cars are stolen by high school students.

"I have received three reports from students this month who said their cars have been stolen from their homes," Highline Chief of Security Richard Fisher said.

To prevent your car from being stolen you should do the following:

- Do not keep valuables in your car, especially where they are visible to passersby.

- Park in well lighted areas.

- Car alarms and Clubs are also effective in discouraging theft.

If your car is stolen you should report it immediately by calling 911. If you have any information regarding car theft call the King County Sheriff's Department at (206) 296-3311.



Nominees sought for student awards

Good deeds should not go unnoticed! If you know someone at Highline who is worthy of recognition for their good deeds please submit their name to Vice President of Administration Paul Gerhardt by April 31 in order to have them be considered for the first-ever Vice President's Award.

Three nominees will be chosen: one male and female student and one faculty member. Winners will be announced at the annual Awards ceremony May 14.

Tribute for ex-president's wife here Saturday

Mrs. Dorothy Allan, the wife of Highline Community College's first president M.A. "Pat" Allen died recently.

There will be an informal tribute to her life, hosted by the family, on Saturday, April 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Building 2.

Native American scholarships available

Applications for the 1998-99 Ameri-

can Indian Endowed scholarships are now available. The deadline is May 15.

The scholarships are being offered to financially needy American Indian students enrolled full time. For more details and an application contact Kayleen Oka at 206-878-3710 ext. 3904.

Tutoring center expands

Saturday and Sunday tutoring is available this quarter for the diligent student or the working student. Tutoring, as always, is free of charge for HCC students and will be available in the library at the following times:

Saturday 8 a.m.- noon

Sunday 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Plant sale sprouts today

College in a College is holding a plant sale on April 9 and 10. Half of the proceeds from sales will go to the Foundation's Student Assistance Fund.

You can find the College in a College crew and their plants in Building 8 from 9-1 p.m. both today and tomorrow.

Correction

A quote attributed to Stephanie Haigh in the Feb. 19, 1998 issue should have read: "This is not going to be a man-bashing class."

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Trial dates set in Genzale murder

By Liz Doolittle
Staff Reporter

Trial dates have been set for the two teens charged with the Feb. 11 shooting death of Highline student Anthony Genzale.

Frederick D. Moore and John Lathon will face trial beginning May 29 at the Snohomish County Court House.

Moore, 17, and Lathon, 16, will be tried as adults, and will have separate trials.

Neither of the two have entered pleas.

Snohomish County prosecutors allege that on Feb. 11, Moore and Genzale, a Burien resident, were involved in a carjacking around 2:30 p.m. at the 757 Mini Mart in Burien. Sometime thereafter they were joined by John Lathon and another young man.

According to court documents, Genzale then proceeded to commit two armed robberies in Seattle while the others re-

mained in the stolen vehicle. Later they traveled to the Everett area where Moore, Lathon and Genzale exited the car, apparently to do some target shooting.

Lathon ordered Genzale to give him all of his money. He then shot Genzale twice, killing him, prosecutors say.

The following day, at approximately 2:30 p.m. the stolen vehicle was spotted in the 1500 block of Pine street in Seattle.

The police were aware of the

car jacking and pulled the car over. According to court documents, Frederick D. Moore was driving the vehicle.

Prosecutors, on Feb 19 during a visit with his mother, Moore confessed to having witnessed the shooting of Anthony Genzale.

At this time, he also stated that John Lathon had actually done the shooting and that a third young man was also present.

According to court docu-

ments, police then interviewed the elusive third young man who related to them that three or four days after the murder, Lathon admitted firing the shots that ended Genzale's life.

Moore's trial was originally set for April 9 with an omnibus hearing on April 3, but was rescheduled for May 29 with an omnibus hearing May 16.

Lathon will have his omnibus hearing on May 8 at which time, though it is unlikely, a plea may be entered.

Powell returns to pinch hit at Highline

By Ami Westberg
Staff Reporter

Roger Powell is back at Highline for Spring Quarter '98, to teach the engineering classes that Ken Schroeder left behind.

When Schroeder gave his resignation over Spring Break, the Engineering Department Chairman, Phil Sell, was left in a pickle.

That is when he decided to give his long-time friend and former Highline colleague, Roger Powell, a call to see if he would be willing to come back and teach at Highline for a quarter.

Powell said sure.

"We were very lucky we found him," said Sell.

Roger Powell began his teaching career at Highline he said, from the very first day they opened the doors.

He taught various engineering classes and served as program coordinator at Highline for 24 years before leaving to work with disadvantaged learners.

Powell went on from there to be the Dean of Instruction at Big Bend Community College in Big Bend, Oregon from December 1986 to 1992.

He came back to Highline as Program Coordinator for the

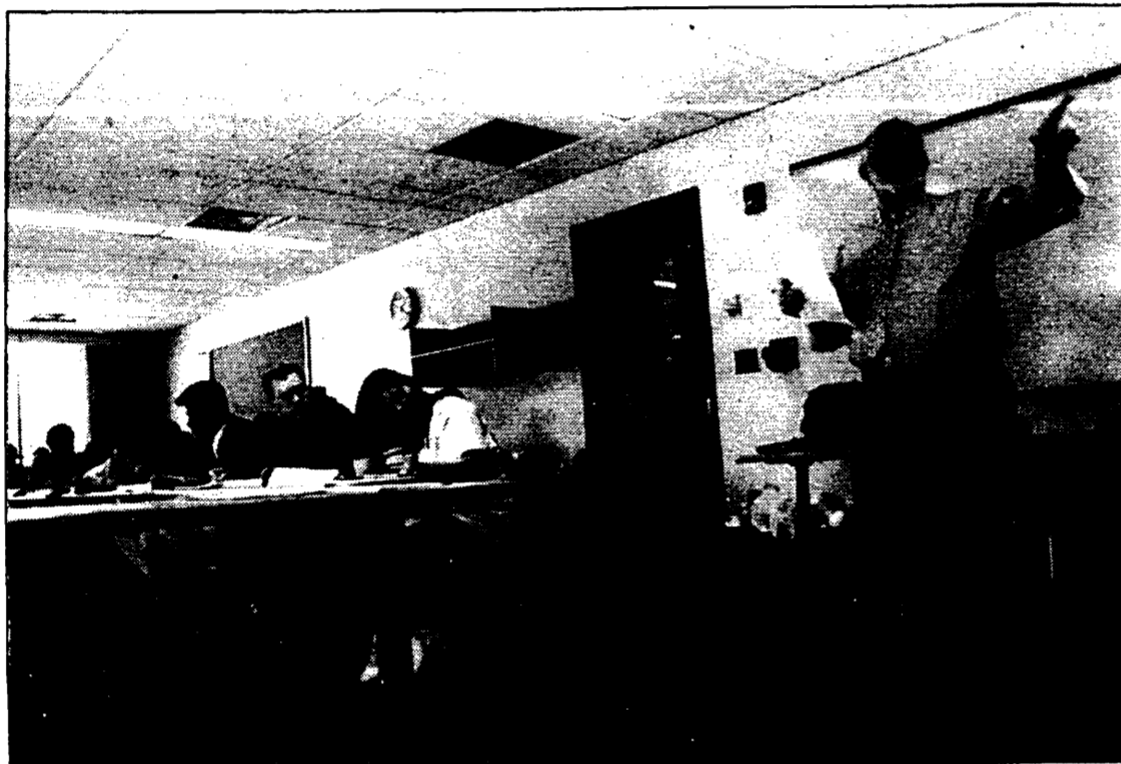


Photo by David Yamamoto

Roger Powell says he's happy to be back in a classroom at Highline.

engineering department during the '92-'93 school year. After that he served as the Dean of Instruction at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, Oregon from '93-'97.

He was currently between jobs while working on his doctorate at Oregon State University, and was happy to lend a hand and fill in for a quarter at

Highline.

"They're real nice to me up here," said Powell. "This is a great place."

Picking up the classes was a piece of cake for the veteran-engineering instructor and so far his classes are going well, although he had to write the lesson plans from scratch.

"I am prepared because of my education and experience,"

said Powell.

He is still in the process of finishing his doctorate at OSU, and often travels back and forth between Washington and Oregon, which keeps him busy.

Powell has applied for the position of Dean of Instruction at several community colleges in Washington and the surrounding states and looks forward to furthering his career.

Schroeder checks out as quarter begins

By Ami Westberg
Staff Reporter

Ken Schroeder of the Engineering Department is no longer an instructor at Highline after teaching here for 10 years.

He gave his resignation over spring break, catching most of the faculty off guard.

"We didn't get any warning," said Bob Maplestone, chairman of the Engineering and Applied Sciences Division. "It was kind of a shock."

Engineering Department Coordinator Phillip Sell was the recipient of the bad news.

"He felt bad about telling us on such short notice, but it was something he had to do," said Sell.

Schroeder took Fall Quarter off this year, for personal reasons. There was no sign that he was going to take off again, this time for good.

"It was a big surprise," said Sell. "What happened to Ken is close to happening to a lot of people. It can be a very stressful job."

Schroeder's classes are being covered by former Highline engineering instructor Roger Powell.

Powell was in transition between jobs at the time and agreed to cover Schroeder's courses for Spring Quarter.

The Engineering Department will be hiring two new instructors for Fall Quarter to replace Schroeder and Dave Brown, who also resigned this

College explores 'Unity through Diversity'

By Tina Cordray
Staff Reporter

Multicultural Services and Team Highline are presenting Unity Through Diversity Week, April 20-24 on campus.

Activities involved in Diversity Week will include a music and dance performance, lectures

in America at 7 p.m. in Building 7.

The World Music Drumming Performance starts Tuesday, April 21 at 11 a.m. in Building 8. Rainbow Pride Diversity, a gay, lesbian, bisexual awareness panel at noon in Building 7.

"Asians: The Myth of the Model Minority," a presentation

by Sean Gonsalves, a syndicated columnist for the Cape Cod Times, is at noon in Building 7. "Law and Diversity: Access to Justice" is a lecture at 1:15 p.m. in the same building.

"Skin Deep" is a video portraying a group of college students speaking candidly about how racism has impacted their

ordinated Studies class starts at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 24 in Building 7. A Diversity Dance Workshop and the closing ceremony of the first Unity of Diversity Week will be at noon in Building 8.

For more information about activities that are going on during this week, contact the Multicultural Services at 206

Editorial

A skybridge from Midway would make parking less of a problem

A skybridge from Midway to the main Highline campus would ease the parking woes of many Highline students.

The skybridge would solve the two major problems with parking at Midway.

The first major problem with parking at Midway is the time it takes to get to class from a spot at the theater. With the skybridge students would not have to wait for the light at the crosswalk, and could just go straight to class.

The second problem solved by the skybridge is the danger and uneasiness involved in crossing a highway on foot.

However unlikely, it is always possible that someone will be hit while trying to cross. Even the possibility of such a tragedy is often enough to make pedestrians nervous.

While a skybridge would be safe and quick, it would not be cheap.

Highline has looked into this before and found that state dollars would not be available because the state does not own all of the land. According to the Department of Transportation, such a bridge would start at between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

Letter to the Editor

Affirmative Action: Helpful and hurtful

Dear Editors:

I am a part-time writing and Humanities instructor here at Highline, and my department has a full-time writing and Humanities position available. I'm well qualified for the position. I didn't apply. I wouldn't get it. I'm white.

And I fully support the goals of the administration to diversify faculty, to make equal the faculty and student body population (to paraphrase the quote from Dr. Command in the March 12 issue of the Thunderword). I'm also pleased to see that there is a student association, the Students for Diversifying Faculty Committee, that is making its voice heard in the matter.

Those who express concern that more qualified applicants will be passed over are not aware of the realities of the typical community college hiring situation. In a writing or English department, by the time a hiring committee winnows the hundreds of applicants down to the dozen or so who will be interviewed, those applicants that are left are extremely well qualified, to the point that deciding who is more qualified is a practically impossible task. All are excellent teachers, all would benefit the particular department and the school in many ways. By the time we get to interviews there are no teachers who are "10 times better." There are no teachers who are two times better.

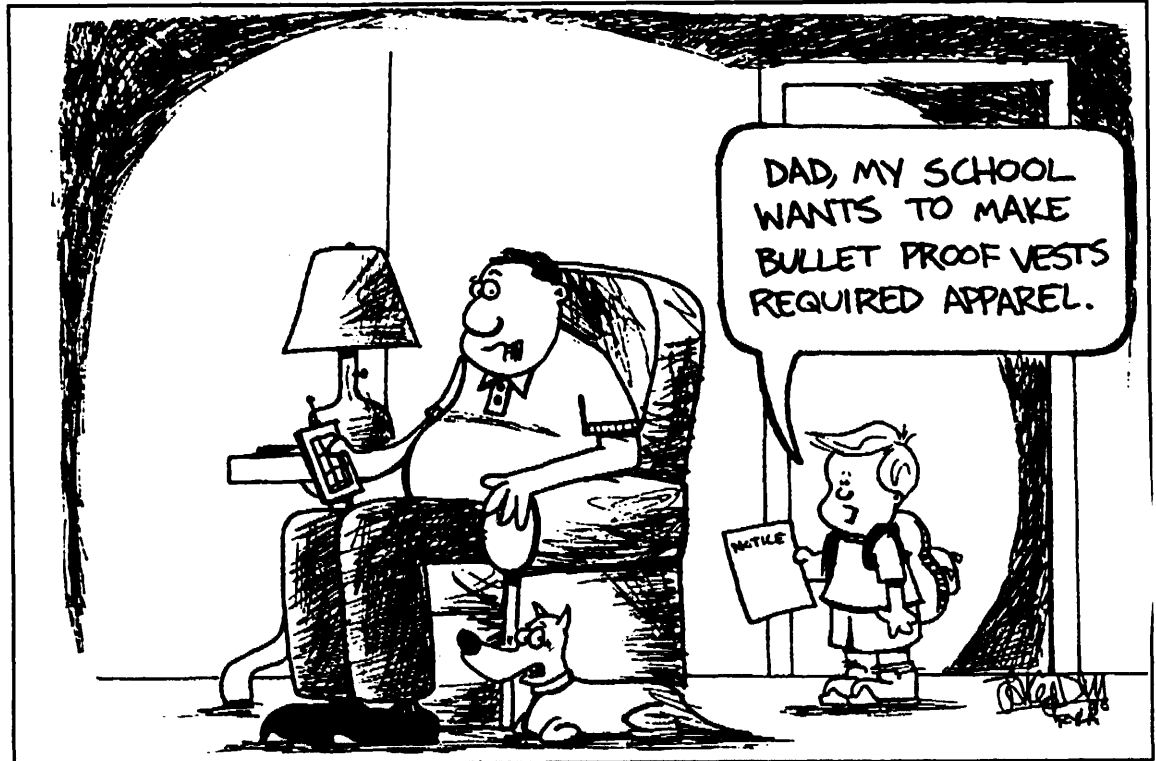
In addition to being a white instructor, I am also a white man who lives in the Central District in Seattle, a predominantly black neighborhood. About a

year ago a car slipped its brakes, rolled down the hill, and plowed into a house; that kind of thing brings the whole neighborhood out gawking. I gawked too. Then I noticed that in a crowd of thirty or so, I was the only non-black person. Now, no one said anything, of course; it was just a typical neighborhood experience: polite small talk with some people, only a slight nod to my next-door neighbor who won't fix the fence. But it was a "walk a mile in my shoes" experience. I won't speak for them, but I couldn't help but notice.

Now a message to my fellow whites: imagine that that neighborhood crowd was your every class at Highline, the teacher too. Everyone is black, or everyone is Asian, but you. Yes, you would do your work; your teacher would be great or a pain or both, she would be open to you or not, as teachers of any color are; your fellow students would be some of them wonderful and some of them annoying. But it would be like that in every class, the whole two or more years you were here. Just once you'd like to walk into a classroom at the beginning of the quarter and feel, well, it's still not your neighborhood, but at least there's an immediately recognizable common bond. Walk a mile in their shoes.

Of course I'd like that full-time position. But schools exist for students, not for teachers, and 33 percent of Highline's students are non-white. Thirty-three percent do not have that immediately recognizable common bond. I'll be frank; I'm a fabulous teacher, but so are many others, and Highline needs a non-white instructor more than it needs me.

--James Bryant-Trerise
Humanities Instructor



Too afraid, oh, I mean too busy

So it's a new quarter, and there's this guy I like. We'll call him Secret Sauce.

Secret Sauce has the keenest sense of humor. You probably can guess that that is my most needed quality.

He is fabulously intelligent and says the oddest, quirkiest, most goofy things. To some, this is something that makes them worry, for they fear him to be a dorkshire; to me, alas, it is a harbinger of non-boring-ness.

He can dress himself and still look presentable, and this is a good thing.

He has a full-toothed smile and is taller than me, but that's not difficult.

He's got great eyelashes.

He studies hard, gets good grades, and doesn't cheat on tests.

He has a job and pays his bills. He has a car. He knows how to fix my car. This is an even better thing.

When we talk, which we do quite often, we have bona fide decent conversations.

He makes me laugh and I get a kick out of being around him, he's no proverbial stick in the

Lisa's World



By Lisa Curdy

mud.

I have told my girlfriends about him, and have even mentioned him to my mom.

On the weekends, I look forward to Monday when I can see him. And no matter what day of the week it is, I think about him.

Maybe he thinks I'm not half bad myself, but I'll never know.

Alas, I am afflicted with the Chicken Disease.

Fear strikes with the thought of him finding out my partiality to him.

It's best to keep this kind of thing under wraps.

I mean, gosh, lots of horrible things could happen if I spilled those frightening beans to him.

What if he starts ignoring me?

What if he tells his friends and they all point and laugh at

me when they see me?

But worst of all...

What if, holy moly, he has been secretly liking me this whole time, too?

If my Secret Sauce actually thought I was a good woman, we might actually go out.

If we enjoyed that single date, than we might actually go out on another.

And hey, that's scary.

The truth is, I would love to tell him, but thanks to the Chicken Disease, the fear of rejection has overwhelmed me.

So I've convinced myself that I'm far too busy to even think about going on a date with him, and he probably wouldn't like me, anyway.

Yes, I am most definitely far too boring a person for Secret Sauce to ever be interested in.

And with all my math homework this quarter, I really couldn't make time to go out.

Then there's that rock collection I've been meaning to start, and I must say, I've never been rejected by a rock.

Lisa Curdy likes going to the Spaghetti Factory and Theatre-Sports. Yes she does. Yes, yes.

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Theater gives praise to the arts

When you think of the term "Reader's Theater," what thought comes into your little overloaded college brain?

Well, you might think of a group of readers in a theater just sitting there... well, reading. That would be pretty pointless now wouldn't it? Better yet, you might think of the event going

Arts & Croft



By Christi Croft

on at Highline in May.

The Reader's Theater: "In Praise and Defense of the Arts," supported by Student Services and coordinated by the Speech department, features an old form of oral interpretations of literature. Students, staff, faculty, and community members have all been apart of the "Reader's Theater" since it began in 1982.

Lee Buxton, a speech instructor at Highline, has directed the yearly event sporadically for over 15 years.

After forming the members of the group, Buxton picks a scene consisting of life issues. Time, age, gender, and fantasy scenes are just some examples. From there, Buxton researches information for the scene for the members to interpret orally.

"I usually gather a huge pile of interesting essays, poetry, fiction and non-fiction pertaining to the scene I picked," Buxton said.

From there, the members research their own pieces of information about the topic, and prepare to introduce it at the "Reader's Theater."

"The job of the performing group is to not only read their pieces aloud, but to interpret it with the writers' feelings," Buxton said.

After the readings are finished, the audience is allowed to react by asking questions or discussing the topic.

If you are interested in joining, contact Lee Buxton at ext. 3146.

The "Reader's Theater" is making its premiere on Wednesday, May 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Building 7. The second performance will be on Thursday, May 28 at noon in Building 7.

Christi Croft is Arts Editor of the Thunderword. The Thunderword is her friend.



One of Highline's well-respected music instructors, Paul Mori, looks his best while conducting the Rainier Symphony.

LEADER OF THE BAND

By Jennifer Sottana
Staff Reporter

Highline's Paul Mori, music director of the Rainier Symphony, brings Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 back into the hearts of many orchestra lovers April 18 and 19.

Mori conducts Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Kent-Meridian Performing Arts Center, 10020 S.E. 256th St., and Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Foster Performing Arts Center located at 4242 S. 144th St. in Tukwila.

The weekend performances also include Mozart's Concerto for Oboe, and Bizet's Carmen Suite No. 1.

Mori rehearses on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with the Rain-

Highline's Paul Mori leads Rainier Symphony into battle with Beethoven

ier Symphony, which is composed of volunteers.

Mori says the volunteers have had many years of musical training and schooling, with day jobs ranging from doctors to historians. Mori welcomes interested musicians.

"Talented musicians are always welcome to audition for orchestra," Mori said.

Mori has been a teacher at Highline the last two years, teaching beginning piano and music cultures of the world.

Mori, originally from Balti-

more, says his love of music was nurtured by instructors with whom he studied, including Frederik Prausnitz of the Peabody Conservatory.

Mori started learning music in high school, and he continued his education at Peabody, where he earned his master's and doctorate degrees. Mori started conducting his senior year in college.

Mori said being a conductor involves a lot of hardwork, determination, and dedication.

"Conducting is an art," Mori

said, "The conductor is an interpreter of musical work. A conductor takes the role of becoming the artist and adapts to his behavior."

Before conducting the Rainier Symphony, he conducted the Bach Ensemble of Baltimore, a forum for the best of young professional talent in the area. He established this group in 1988.

Last summer, Mori was one of a select group of conductors invited to the Mahler Festival. In October he made his conducting debut with the Bainbridge Orchestra. He is now serving as their interim music director.

Mori has been selected for Helmet Rilling's master class at the Oregon Bach Festival, and the nationally recognized Conductor Institute.

As a conductor, Mori said he enjoys the way music affects people.

"It reflects human experience, a way we are able to express feelings," he said.

"Music is a form of art that tells a story, shows emotions, and brings sounds to life," Mori said.

As he spoke, the words seemed to spark a twinkle of adventure and amusement in his eye.

"Music is a range of emotion and depth of emotion."



Photo by David Yamamoto

Paul Mori conducting the Rainier Symphony last year with strong musical style and grace.

Highline fashion trends are going international

By Pamela Jean Singer
Staff Reporter

Come see run-way walking models right here in our own backyard. Student Government is sponsoring the International Fashion Show April 15 at 11:30 am in Building 8 (upstairs in the Student Center).

"The main purpose of this International Fashion Show is to let people know of the different diversities and cultures at Highline," said Student Senator Nasrin Noori.

"The idea came about because I did this in high school. I wanted to put something together that would be entertain-

ing and grab the audience's attention," Noori said.

With Noori's ideas, the students who volunteered to model, and the Student Governments' help, the show has been made possible to produce.

"The people who are modeling, are modeling outfits from their own country, but might

also present others too," Noori said.

Africa, India, Philippines, China, Korea, Afghanistan, and Mexico are just some of the places that are going to be featured in the program.

Every country represented will have their own music as well.

He wants chinese if you please

Mr. Food's choice this week was Pleasant Garden located at 26002 Pac. Hwy. So. in Kent. Their phone number is (253) 941-2020.

Mr. Food's rating: *** 1/2

With added pleasantries, make your way to delicious Pleasant Garden restaurant. Again, Mr. Food's eating entourage wound up in the middle of a Chinese/American microcosm of good chow, Chinese style.

We ordered a "Jasmine Fam-

Mr. Food



By Scott C. Murray

ily Style Dinner," costing close to \$12 per person. This meal feeds as many individuals as per \$12 you want to spend.

The first course came with the choice of either won ton or hot and sour soup.

We chose won ton soup and barbecued pork. Speaking of pork, I nearly nuked my nasal passages with that hellish hot mustard. "Never again!" famous last words from Mr. Food.

The main course arrived minutes later, and consisted of: hot almond fried chicken, that was very tender, and tasty; sweet and sour prawns with pineapple, also delicious and I was glad the prawns weren't chewy as I had experienced in an other unnameable restaurant, "La Costa," whoops it slipped out, forgive me. Finally, for a side dish there was pork fried rice, and chow mein with fried noodles.

At the end of our meal we received the enlightening fortune cookies.

My little fortune message said, "You will be a famous journalist someday."

"Holy jumpin' Jehosephat," I thought.

Anyway, the food was delicious, and we all rather enjoyed it.

Oh, by the way, the year I was born according to the Chinese Zodiac menu, was the year of the dog.

Is there somehow I could travel back in time to the beginning of the Chinese Zodiac and change the year of the dog to maybe the year of the tiger, or the year of the eagle? Just wishful thinking.

Scott C. Murray is Mr. Food. He strongly suggests you eat what he eats, then you will be on your way to becoming da man!

Ensemble is singing 'O Canada'

By Jason Johnson
Staff Reporter

The Highline Vocal Jazz Ensemble will be singing on a tour in Vancouver, B.C. for experience and exposure this June. The ensemble leaves on June 12 and returns on the 15.

"There is a slim chance that we will recruit anyone from Vancouver, but you never know," Dr. Kincaid said.

The vocal group will be singing at many different schools and have scheduled a performance at Stanley Park, sponsored by Vancouver City Parks on Saturday, June 13.

Four years ago, Highline's choir made this same trip to Vancouver and did some entertainment in a few hotels.

"We are still trying to set things up for this June when we

go," Kincaid said.

The jazz ensemble's repertoire consists of mostly jazz but also includes some swing, soft rock, and Gospel. Most of the music comes from the 1920s, 30s and 40s.

The Student Activities Budget will be paying for their transportation and housing on the tour.

They are also making a request for food money from the S&A committee.

A car wash fundraiser is in the making, so you want to be sure to dirty up the old Pinto.

Although the ensemble has grown, they are still looking for an experienced high soprano and a bass.

Auditions for these spots will remain open until the end of the third week of Spring Quarter.



Photo by David Yamamoto

Highline's choir warming up their voices for Vancouver, B.C.

Get out of the house

In celebration of Asian Awareness Month, the API Club and Student Government present the Asian Food Festival and International Fashion Show on Wednesday, April 15 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Building 8. The Food Festival will feature dishes from the Philippines and Vietnam. Prices are not set yet. The International Fashion Show will start at 11:30 a.m. and will end at noon. The show will feature colorful fashions from all over the globe. Stop by the Student Government office in Building 8 if you have any additional questions.

The API Club presents a raffle sale for an AIWA Tower System on Wednesday, April 15 during the Asian Food Festival in Building 8. The AIWA Tower System features a three-disc changer, 70 watts channel, and four speakers. Tickets will be sold at \$1 each, and all proceeds will go to the API Club. Tickets will be drawn on April 30. For more information contact Yener-

ma at ext. 3315.

The Honors Colloquy is here! Come listen to a fascinating series of lectures offered by guest speakers and members of the campus community. The Honors Colloquy will be held April 15 and April 22, and every Wednesday following, until June 3 from noon to 1 p.m. in Building 7.

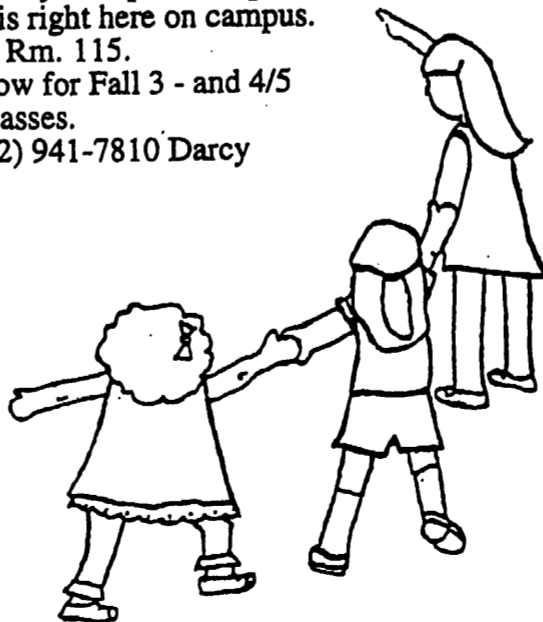
It's time to get giddy wit it!

The notorious Comedy Cafe is on its way Friday, May 1 in Tazza at 8 p.m. Tickets will be \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.

The Highline Spring Festival will be in full bloom on Friday, May 1. The Festival will run from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. all over the campus. Come see the Career Fair from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in Building 30! Play basketball, soccer, and volleyball! Treat yourself to a relaxing massage, coffee and chocolate tastings, or nutritional counseling from the pros, plus much, much more!

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Student Programs presents "Romancing the Sea," an Argosy Boat Cruise on Lake Union! The cruise will be on Friday, May 8 from 8-11 p.m. Tickets are \$13 for single passenger, and \$25 for couples. Now it's your chance to feel like you're aboard your own Titanic, with the wind brushing through your hair! For more information about this event, contact Student Programs Office at ext. 3535. Space is limited, so buy your

Team Highline is getting a new logo, and they need your help! The contest for the new logo will be held from now until May 1. The drawing needs to be black and white, and no bigger than 4 1/4 by 5 1/2 inches. You may pick up the applications in the Team Highline Office or Student Program Office. The winner will be chosen on May 28. The winner will receive \$50 cash! Contact Yumi in the Team Highline Office at ext. 3537 for more information.

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Fastpitch starts strong in promising season

By Daniel Rickert
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's fastpitch softball team was hoping that all their hard work would pay off. With their recent play, and dominating no-hitter thrown by Tai Mansigh it looks like it has.

Lacking college playing experience, the team put in grueling hours of off-season training to get ready for the 1998 Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges season.

Last year, the Lady T-Birds placed third in their division and seventh in the NWAACC. But only two players are back from that squad, outfielders Nicole Elder and Jessica Bruce.

Even without an abundance of experience, coach Cara Hoyt said she "believes that the team will make a return to the NWAACC championships."

Over spring break the team played against great competition during an Arizona trip that included the first and third ranked teams in junior college, Central Arizona and Ricks College of Idaho, and played very well. Highline's record this year is 12-6 overall and 10-2 in league.

Hoyt says the team has talent, including co-captains and pitchers Heather Saw and Tai Mansigh.

"We have a great pitching staff with Heather and Tai pitching every other game," Hoyt said.

The outfield, featuring Elder



Photo by David Yamamoto

Tai Mansigh hurls a pitch to her Walla Walla opponent.

and Bruce, also is strong. "The excellent outfield has saved us greatly," Hoyt said.

"Our offense has been coming around of late which is important because a goal for this year's team is to improve on offense," Hoyt said.

Tammy Unger and Saw have

been the hottest at the plate so far. In a double-header against Wenatchee Valley, Unger was 7 for 8 at the plate.

With three wins and only one loss so far in league play, an informal coaches poll picked Highline to be one of the top three contenders in the

NWAACC. Wenatchee, Edmonds and Spokane are expected to be the other top teams.

So what is it that gets a team that only has two returnees such great respect around the league? The answer would have to be hard work. In the fall, the T-Birds were able to play 10 games, and then in January the team started going through training routines three days a week for 2 1/2 hours.

On top of hard work, "From day one we bonded together, we had fun together, and our personalities held us together," said Highline shortstop Erin Arnott.

Outfielder Amie Johnson agreed. "Everybody loves the sport, and the team is really close," she said.

"If something goes wrong everybody picks each other up," Bruce said.

When the T-Birds take the field, the pitchers throw to Unger or Christine Jones at catcher. The infield - Alexis Burnetto at first, Kari Storton at second, Arnott at shortstop and Mansigh and Saw trading off at third - will be strong. The outfield consists of Elder, Bruce, Carrie Rhodes and Amie Johnson.

The T-Birds played Shoreline in a double-header April 3. They won both games 8-0 by forfeit. In the first game, a scuffle broke out between Highline's Nicole Elder and two Shoreline players. Shoreline only had 10 players, and because all three of the players involved were ejected, they didn't

have enough to finish the game. A NWAACC rule also obligates the ejected players to sit out an additional game, so Shoreline had to forfeit the second game.

Saturday, they split a double-header with Skagit Valley.

In the first game Tammy Unger and Saw were 3 for 4 with 2 RBI, and Carrie Rhodes was 3 for 3 with 3 RBI.

On Sunday, Highline swept a double-header against Walla Walla by scores of 9-2 and 7-5.

In the first game Erin Arnott was 3 for 4 with 2 RBI and Saw was 2 for 4 with 2 RBI.

In the second game Highline was down 6 to 2 in the bottom of the seventh inning with two outs and came back to win.

Amie Johnson started the rally with a double to score two runs. Rhodes followed with a sacrifice to score another run. Then with the bases loaded and a full count Arnott hit a single up the middle, giving Highline the 7-6 victory.

The T-Birds played Shoreline in another double header on Tuesday April 7th. They won both games 2-1.

Mansigh and Rhodes were both 2 for 3 at the plate in the first game. In the second game Mansigh proved too tough as she threw a no hitter on the mound and Saw was 2 for 2.

The Lady T-Birds will host to a pair of double-headers this weekend. On Friday they play Wenatchee and on Saturday they play Bellevue. Both double-headers start at 2 p.m.

Track pulls upset over four-year schools at PLU

By Casey Hughes
and Reginald T. Ball
Staff Reporters

The Highline Men's track team scored a stunning upset in placing first at the Salzman Invitational on March 14.

Highline's next meet is this Saturday, April 11, at the Mount Hood Relays in Gresham, Ore.

PLU hosted the 10-college event at its beautiful new facility in Parkland. Among the participating colleges were PLU, WWU, Linfield college, CWU, SPU, Willamette, Alaska-anchorage, Northwest College, Dort College of Iowa and Highline.

Highline had three sprinters finish in the top five in the 100-meter dash. Dominique Demouchet finished first, Tom Keah took second, and Eric Van placed fifth.

Highline showed its dominance on the track and in the pit. The T-Birds had major contributions from Justin Clark who finished third and first in the 200 and 400 meters respectively.

DeMonne Taylor won the 110 high hurdles with relative ease.

Sean Steele glided to victory in the high jump. And Van won back to back gold in the long jump and triple jump.

"Overall everybody competed hard and just had a good time," Van said.

The outcome wasn't decided until the last of the meet's 21 events. In a thrilling finish the Thunderbirds came from behind in the final 1,600-meter relay to win by a score of 186.5 to the host team's 186. The winning relay time of 3:19.41 was narrowly off the meet and Highline record. The team consists of Jake Dill, Clark, Demouchet and anchorman Todd Girtz.

"It just shows how important each individuals contribution is," Coach Frank Ahern said about the narrow victory.

Twenty-two athletes scored points to help Highline to its victory. Garrett Miller in his first meet tied his personal best in the high jump with a leap of 6'6". Russ Kirkegard and Aaron Glasow both added criti-



File Photo

DeMonne Taylor and Dominique Demouchet pass the baton.

cal points in the triple jump. Sophomore Andy Zacharczyk had a personal best in the 800 meters with a 1:58.59 which also qualifies him for the NWAACC meet.

The track team had a bye week during quarter exams. Their last competition was during spring break at Edmonds where only a limited number participated: Highline finished first in three events, 100-meter dash, 4x400-meter relay, 10,000-

meter run.

Besides finishing first in the 100-meter dash Dominique Demouchet was second in the 400-meter hurdles and fifth in the long jump. Dagen Bendixen won the 10,000 run by nudging out Jon Westerman of the University of Puget Sound, by three one-thousandths of a second. Justin Clark, Brian Smith, Tomi Keah, Sean Steele, Garrett Miller, Frank Cenicerros, Todd Lopata and Russell Kirkegaard also

placed in the top six of their individual events.

"Highline has one of the best track teams in the whole NWAACC," long jumper Paul Davenport said.

Highline's strength is on the track with speed from Demouchet in the 100-meter dash. Justin Clark gives the team excellent quickness in the 200-meter and 400-meter dashes.

Due to injury John Sylve was forced to red shirt. The 1997 State Champ in the 400-meter would have given Highline a great athlete in the 100-, 200-, and 400-meter dashes.

Eric Van gives them power on the track. He is by far Highline's best long and triple jumper. Many players on the team say he is the best in the NWAACC. DeMonne Taylor another state champ is the best hurdler at Highline in a long time.

Brian Smith, Frank Cenicerros, Bendixen and Todd Lopata give Highline an array of talent in the 3,000-meter, 5,000-meter and 10,000-meter runs.

Two for one: Highline hires co-coaches

By K.M. Petersen
Sports Editor

The Highline athletic department concluded its search for a women's basketball coach by hiring not one, but two coaches to run the team.

Janelle Oakeley and Dennis Olson were named co-coaches for the 1998-99 season.

The two were needed to replace the retiring Dale Bolinger. Bolinger retired in 1992, then came back to coach for the past two seasons.

Oakeley played during Bolinger's first stint before serving as an assistant coach during his return.

Olson coached high school ball at Auburn for 18 seasons before retiring, and returned to coach Bothell to a sixth-place state finish last year.

"I'm excited about coming here," he said, adding that he knows a lot of the local coaches and hopes that will aid in recruiting.

This is Olson's first experience coaching at the college level. "I just don't really know what to expect right now," he said.

"Hopefully the skill level will be a little bit higher, but I think one of the difficulties is you get kids coming in from a lot of different programs who have played a lot of different styles, and so I imagine the biggest problem is getting them playing one system," Olson said.

He said he likes to "play up-tempo, play aggressive man-to-man defense, play very basic basketball, and really emphasize defense."

"I don't know him, but I heard he stresses defense...that's

what I like," said guard Karen Nadeau, who was the team's leading scorer last season. "I'm so excited."

Oakeley added, "We're going to be a running team, and all my girls had better be in condition before the season starts, and we're going to take care of that during the summer time."

Sharing coaching responsibilities is not something Oakeley minds doing. Rather, she said she would like to learn from Olson's experience. "As the new meets old, we're going to conglomerate to one coaching style," she said.

"He's got so much information and so much to offer me," she said. "I still need to know a lot."

Oakeley played against Olson's Auburn teams while at Federal Way. "I was so impressed with the desire that he brought out of his girls," she said. "All his girls loved to play and wanted to play."

The recruiting process is underway, and Oakeley said the team is now in a position where only a few spots need filling.

"We're not bringing in 10 new players. We're bringing in probably five or six quality players who will adapt to Dennis' system," she said.

"We're definitely going to be an athletic team this year," Oakeley said.

"This is really new to me," Olson said about recruiting. "There seem to be some good perimeter players here, so we're going to need some inside players."

Olson said he is getting his first looks at the Highline players at women's open gyms, which are held in the pavillion at 6 p.m. on Thursdays.



Photo by Jason Johnson
Newly-named women's basketball coaches Dennis Olson and Janelle Oakeley observe open gym.

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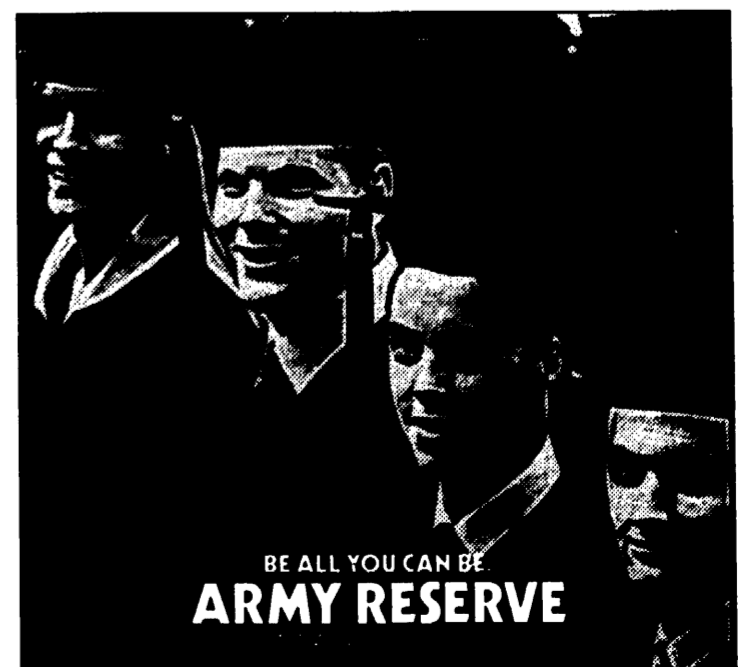
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Ball to sign with Portland State

Point guard is set to become third Highline player in one year to earn a Division I basketball scholarship

By K.M. Petersen
Sports Editor

Highline point guard Reggie Ball has announced that he will sign a letter-of-intent to play at Portland State University next year.

Ball holds the Highline record for assists in a season, as well as career and season marks for three point attempts and makes.

His assist record of 271 demolished the old record by 31. On his career, he made 123 of his 360 three point attempts, a 34 percent mark.

Career averages for the guard were 14.0 points, 3.4 rebounds, 7.0 assists, and 2.7 steals per game. He also had a career assist/turnover ratio of 2.25/1.

Over his two years at Highline, the squad had a 63-2 record and won two NWAACC championships.

At Portland State, Ball will receive a full athletic scholarship to the Division I school, which competes in the Big Sky conference. Other schools in the conference include Montana and Eastern Washington.

"It was the best D-I offer out there for me," said Ball, adding that he has family in the Portland area. "It's just a great atmo-

sphere for me."

Ball decided on Portland State after initially committing to Seattle Pacific, a local Division II power.

"I made a mistake in making a judgment...too soon," he said, adding he felt pressure to make the commitment early.

"Once I went to open gym at Portland State, they took a lot of interest in me," he said.

Ball expects to make an immediate impact at the school.

"I'm going to start and lead them to the tournament," he said. "They have some great wing players there.... I'm coming in there to distribute the ball and knock down my open shots."

"Without a doubt in my mind, he is a Division I-caliber point guard," Highline Coach Joe Callero said. "Portland State got a real steal."

"He's a quality point guard who can play both ends of the court, compete, and make all the players around him better," Callero said. "I think that he will be very successful in that conference."

Callero added that he believes Portland State should be "in the top of their division next year."

Ball said he will sign the let-



Reggie Ball, shown here in a game against Edmonds, will receive a basketball scholarship next year at Portland State

ter-of intent at tonight's men's basketball banquet, which will be held in the Union Bay Room tonight at 7:30 p.m.

The banquet will be to celebrate the entire team's success, but the letter signing will be an added attraction.

Wing guard Todd Watts may also receive a basketball scholarship. He visited Alaska-Fairbanks last weekend, and may receive an offer.

Alaska-Fairbanks is a Divi-

sion II school most known for its annual winter tournament, which attracts top-level Division I teams. The tournament is shown on ESPN, and often features the host team upsetting a highly-ranked opponent.

If Alaska-Fairbanks doesn't work for Watts, however, he may walk on at Portland State.

"I like Reggie's game and he's my point guard, so I may follow him," he said. "We're a package deal"

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Spin On Sports



By Michael Stampalia

nothing.

I hope they were off enjoying themselves in some tropical paradise.

Otherwise I want to know what the heck they were thinking.

There is no help in the farm system because they were all traded away last season.

The only solution is to trade one of our home-run hitters.

"Don't give up yet," management says. "It's only April."

Well, I have a new slogan for management:

The Seattle Mariners: What you get when you combine AAA pitching and Major League hitting.

Mike's a Lefebvre believer.

Hoops championship banquet set for tonight

As a former Highline student, athlete and coach, I want to take a minute to thank all the faculty and staff members who have helped our men's basketball team reach unprecedented back to back NWACC titles.

It has been my pleasure over the last 15 years to watch how our institution has improved over the last two decades.

In 1981 we had an outdated weight room, dirt track, wooden backboards and zero academic assistance. Through the guidance of Athletic Director Fred Harrison and support from President Ed Command, I have been fortunate to watch the various improvements in our academic and athletic programs.

From Margo Buchan, our academic adviser, to an entire new weight room, we have surpassed every community college in the northwest.

As I move to the University of Southern California to take an assistant coaching position, I will always look back at Highline as the institution that has been willing to give student athletes the best chance to be successful in school, athlet-

Joe Callero



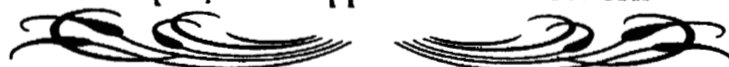
ics and life. All seven of our sophomores are scheduled to graduate with their Associate of Arts degrees this spring. This is a fine example of academics and athletics working together. The new head coach Jeff Albrecht has demonstrated the skills and background to continue our success in all areas.

We are the best in the northwest because of all the quality people we have been fortunate to be associated with at Highline. Our team would like to invite all students, faculty and staff members to help us celebrate our back to back championships this Thursday, April 9th in the cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

Joe Callero finished his Highline career with a 130-49 record.

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Endowment for higher education flunks test

By Ami Westberg
Staff Reporter

The Legislative session has ended and the Endowment Fund for Higher Education has ended along with it.

The fund, which would have provided money for the state's nearly 40 colleges and universities, died on the last day of the session, Thursday, March 12.

The fund would have allowed higher education institutions in Washington to match, through private donations, money set aside from state funds, raising a total of \$500 million over a five-year period. The endowment raised would help fund public higher education in the state.

State Rep. Karen Keiser, D-Des Moines, was disappointed at the outcome, but not too surprised. New ideas don't usually get passed the first year, it usually takes two or three years, she said.

"I think it had a good outcome and is set up well for next year," said Keiser, also a member of Highline's Board of Trustees.

The demise of the bill was the final blow in a series of events that began when it was introduced October 1997. The heaviest blow may have been an amendment to include private universities in the fund.

"The failure of the endowment is a significant disappointment," said Community and Technical Colleges Executive Director Earl Hale.

"This was a creative proposal that would have taken advantage of the public's support for college and university programs that help students achieve their educational goals," Hale said.

"It's unfortunate that a proposal with strong public support across the state didn't have more legs in the Legislature," Hale said.

Keiser believes the fund has incredibly high potential.

Bruce Botka, CTC Board spokesman, agrees and says that for anything to happen it needs to be reintroduced next session in 1999.

"It definitely has a chance," he said.

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HCC teachers receive national recognition

By Russell Kirkegaard
Staff Reporter

Four teachers in the Arts and Humanities department were presented with the Who's Who Among Americas' Teachers award. An award that recognizes exceptional teachers.

Barbara Clinton, Angela Caster, Susan Landgraf, and Rosemary Adang all received this honor at about the same time.

Who's Who Among Americas' Teachers is an award that is limited to honoring only 5 percent of all college teachers in the United States. A student has to be on the National Dean's list to nominate a teacher. Students are allowed to nominate only one teacher in their undergradu-



Clinton



Caster



Landgraf



Adang

ate career. After the nomination goes through the nominated teacher is named to Who's Who Among Americas' Teachers.

Speech instructor Barbara Clinton enjoys teaching.

"I love to watch people become the best they can be," said Clinton. "Receiving Who's Who Among Americas' Teachers is a concrete realization of my goals as a teacher. My goal

in teaching every day and every year is to show students how much they already know."

Clinton will be teaching a coordinated studies class in the Fall called Highline Goes to Hollywood.

The class will combine speech and media.

Susan Landgraf says the most important lesson she can teach her students is that "they

can make a difference."

Landgraf teaches coordinated studies and Journalism 100.

For writing teacher, Angela Caster, receiving this award symbolizes success in reaching her students.

"I think the most important thing I can teach my students is how to learn and be excited about it," Caster said.

Rosemary Adang, a writing instructor, tries to inspire her students.

"My goal is that students leave my class with enough confidence to take the risks needed to get a really powerful education," Adang said.

All four of these teachers have one common goal. To help students realize their full potential.



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3-Year	4/1,856	4/391	5/1,856	4/1,856	4/675	4/1,856
5-Year	4/1,218	5/207	N/A	N/A	4/443	4/1,218
10-Year	5/612	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Bushwhacked: classes take a hit

By Zac Bedell
Staff Reporter

All students share a healthy fear for those two words that could make or break a quarter, class canceled.

Of the 916 classes offered this spring, 67 or 7.3 percent of them have been canceled as of April 2. Three-hundred eighty-six classes have been closed and only two have been added.

Not enough interest among students is the main reason classes are cut, said college administration.

Although this dreaded phenomena appears to be a random occurrence, class cancellation is a complicated process, deliberately planned for each quarter. The quarterly schedule is setup with the knowledge that some of the classes will have to be canceled in order to meet budget requirements.

"We usually start off by offering a larger schedule in anticipation that some of the classes will be canceled," said Dr. Jack Bermingham, vice president of instruction. "We try to layout a menu that's going to be attractive."

About 25 students are necessary to "break-even" on the scheduled budget model, 15 is the cutoff.

Each quarter's schedule is laid-out in relation to the interest of new students and the "pipeline" of current students. The "pipeline" is the number of students in-line to take the next higher level course in a particular program. The "pipeline" plays a large roll in what classes will be charted in the next schedule, Bermingham said.

"If we have classes with fewer than 15 we try to look at them carefully, on a case-by-case basis," said Bermingham.

The Instruction department



makes sure each academic department also has input as to what classes should be offered next quarter and how many students are in their "pipeline."

To cut or not to cut is ultimately Bermingham's decision although "usually, we try to make it a joint decision between the department and the division chair and my office," Bermingham said.

Once a class is canceled, who notifies who depends on when the cancellation decision is made.

If the class is cancelled early in the quarter then the students

hear from the registration department in writing. Later in the quarter the faculty coordinator of that program should call the students personally.

The registration department is in charge of the notification, Bermingham said.

"I was expecting to take the class, it ruined my plans," said student Jeff Crisologo. "I was disappointed with the notification process," student Nate Patterson said.

Canceled classes are planned and expected by administration each quarter and should be by the students as well.

Students take heavier loads this quarter

By Nathan McMann
Staff Reporter

The total number of students at Highline this quarter is 6,481, which is down 5.5 percent from the 6,861 students in Spring Quarter of 1997. However, the number of fulltime equivalent students is up 4 percent.

Fulltime equivalent students are the total number of credits taken campus-wide, divided by 15.

The decrease in total students and increase of fulltime equivalent students can be credited to, fewer students taking more credits individually. "Generally

speaking students begin attending Highline in the fall and some don't make it the full year, they trickle out," said Registrar Scott Hardin. "Results are fewer students during Spring Quarters than during Fall or Winter Quarters."

Since spring of 1997 the number of minority students is up roughly 3.5 percent, to 26.5 percent of the total student body, according to Highline's Management Information System, a compilation of the personal data submitted by students.

All statistics are preliminary. "Students are still adding and dropping classes," said Hardin.

Elections almost here

By Jake Iwen
Staff Reporter

- ◆ enrollment in eight or more credits.
- ◆ petition of 50 signatures.

Highline student body elections are a little over a month away. Students interested in running for office, the time has come to get serious.

Six paid executive positions are available: student body president, vice president of administration, vice president of legislation, club liaison, treasurer, and student senator which is the new term for student-at-large. These positions pay \$6.25 per hour.

Five out of six of the available positions will be up for grabs.

The only returning officer is Santana Villa. He was a student-at-large last year and will run for student body president in the upcoming elections.

Although candidate requirements are currently under review, as of now they stand as follows:

- ◆ 2.0 minimum grade point average.

The candidate information meeting will be April 20 in Building 8 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Election forms are due April 27, campaigning begins April 28, and elections will be held May 11 and 12.

Villa said his platform focuses on unity, awareness, and understanding. He encourages students to run for office, saying candidates need only unselfishness and a desire to help others.

Paul Gerhardt current vice president of administration relayed the same sentiments saying student government wants people who are motivated to make a difference.

Anyone who has any questions or who is interested in running for election can go to the student government office upstairs in Building 8 or contact them at 206-878-3710, ext. 3215.

Thunderword Classifieds

Special student rate: One Ad. One Inch. One Buck! See our boy Scott in 10-106 for information.

Classifications

- 101- For Sale
- 201- For Rent
- 301- Wanted
- 401- Help Wanted
- 501- Services
- 601- Rides & Riders
- 701- Lost & Found
- 801- Announcements
- 901- Personals
- 1001- Garage Sales

101 - For Sale

Pen & pencil combo. Only 50 cents. Must sell.

201 - For Rent

One slightly used student, available for educational purposes. Inquire at T-word.

301 - Wanted

Good students to produce newspaper Summer Quarter. See T.M. Sell, T-word, 10-106.

401 - Help Wanted

Ad sales manager needed for Summer Quarter. Inquire in 10-106.

501 - Services

The Thunderword is available for display and classified advertising. Call 206-878-3710, ext. 3291.

601 - Rides & Riders

Shiny red Nissan 200SX for sale, cheap! Runs well, nice interior, and paint. Call 878-7652. \$2200 firm!

701 - Lost & Found

Found-Silver looking quarter on the ground outside of Building 19 behind a rock and two flowers. 878-3710x 3291. Ask for Nathan.

801 - Announcements

I have reached the top! I just thought that everyone would like to know.

901 - Personals

College newspaper editor seeks courage to tell this week's person of their dreams that they are.

1001 - Garage Sales

Garage for sale. Car not included, although you would have liked that, huh?



Our boy Scott wants you to buy an ad! Call 206-878-3710, ext. 3291 for details!

Betty

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dren practically on her own, while she started working in social services through her tribe.

She first started working with a federal program which helped people get jobs, and then moved on to working with children.

She later became the tribe's liaison and was connected to every aspect of social services.

Marvin now works in child welfare and goes to court with kids and their families and also counsels them.

She decided to go back to school when she recognized that she was not qualified enough for some of the social work she was doing.

Though she attained her GED in 1970 at the age of 33, she had to upgrade her job skills to continue what she wanted to do, and that meant moving from Alaska to go back to school.

Marvin feels that the experiences she will take home from Highline will help her in Alaska.

Not only will the classes and school work help her, but the communication between the different cultures at Highline will help her communicate better with the other people around her tribe.

Marvin's sister, who is an anthropologist at Harvard, is very proud of her, and realizes how difficult it must be for her to go back to school.

The rest of her family and her tribe are also very proud of her. They believe that she is a positive role model for all of the tribe's children.

Marvin, who is 61 but looks closer to 41, hopes the tribe's youth will think, "if Aunt Betty can do it, so can I," said Marvin.

"I want to encourage the kids to go to school. I have 20 grandchildren and I hope that they see that they can go to college and get through it," Marvin said.

She feels very well received at Highline and only needs two more quarters to receive her associate of arts degree. She only wishes she had done one thing differently, and that is get an adviser.

"My daughter told me before I left to get an adviser. I told her I didn't need one. Now I know I should have got an adviser instead of taking all of my prerequisites during my third quarter," Marvin said.

Marvin says that she has made hundreds of friends here at Highline and feels the teachers are very helpful and encouraging.

Marvin feels that this encouragement is always necessary and is very beneficial for the students.

"Hip, hip, hooray for Highline," she said.

Track

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track teams to Highline athletics.

Harrison said that adding those teams would double the amount of funds allotted to the track and cross country teams, and that the turnout would be minimal based on numbers in the past.

Also mentioned was the problem of finding coaches.

"I'm going to irritate people,

Health

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Halpern said.

Aside from the billable patients who come to the clinic for everything from the common cold to pulled muscles, the clinic also provides other services to staff and students, including free vaccinations.

Space in the clinic is also set

I know that and it's part of my job," Harrison said. "It's not an easy decision."

The track team offered its defense to the S&A Committee, pointing out that the popularity of track and cross country was not waning and that track was the second most popular sport for high school females.

The track team also said there is strong backing for the addition of women's teams, adding that 60 Highline women said they would be interested if the sports existed at Highline.

aside for mothers to breast feed, and one student who requires daily tube feedings uses the clinic's facilities.

The clinic is run by the Highline Medical Group, a part of Highline Community Hospital, and costs Highline nothing.

But Sorensen says the issue has very little to do with money.

Sorensen's main focus is finding a new home for Women's Programs, currently

Track supporters say the funding demands would not be great, requiring money only for a women's track coach and a few minor expenses.

They argued that it would not double the funding allotted to the programs and that finding interested coaches would not be difficult.

The three coaches said they have been approached by athletes who are interested in volunteering their time to coach both men's and women's track and cross country.

Track-team member Regis Costello said that the business community and various Highline alumni would be interested in donating money to the sports.

Track Coach Frank Ahern and Assistant Coach Adam Leahy said a few donations already have come in, including a donation of 100 T-shirts that they hope to sell for \$10 each.

Fund-raising ideas are brewing and supporters say they will be able to earn enough money to stay afloat.

"I welcome the opportunity to prove how valuable we are," said Halpern, who was shocked when she first heard of the idea to kick out the clinic last week.

The final decision has yet to be made. Sorensen is currently seeking suggestions and ideas from anyone on campus.

The clinic's current contract runs through June 30, and a decision should be made before then.

