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## AA requirements may change

By Alex P. Hennesy  
Staff Reporter

Highline may be changing its requirements for graduation.

The faculty Curriculum Advisory Committee is scheduled to make recommendations for changes in the curriculum at the next Faculty Senate meeting in May.

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The more likely proposals will be the requirement that all students take a coordinated study course and a diversity course according to Bob Hirmler, President of the Faculty Senate.

A coordinated study course pairs two seemingly opposite classes in one two-hour time block.

A coordinated study may be offered in history and speech, for example, in which students would give their required speeches on the subjects they study in their history class.

"We're in a time period be-

tween the traditional curriculum and the curriculum of the future," Hirmler said.

The curriculum committee's recommendations will be based, in part, on the previous recommendations of a sub-group formed by the college three years ago.

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## Robbers don't get far after bank job

By Alex P. Hennesy  
Staff Reporter

The quick thinking of a bank customer and the bad luck of three armed robbery suspects led to their arrest, just yards away from Highline Monday afternoon.

The three suspects were arrested in connection with the robbery of the Key Bank on Pacific Highway South and Kent-Des Moines Road about 4 p.m.

A customer at the Key Bank identified the suspects' car immediately after the robbery. As the suspects' car waited at the intersection of South 240th and Pacific Highway South, it was spotted by a Des Moines officer involved in a routine traffic stop.

The Des Moines officer stopped the suspects, whose car was identified by a second bank customer.

Only one suspect actually entered the bank, while the other two were in the getaway car. The only identification given by authorities of the suspects was three adults, one male and two female.

The male suspect, identified as the person who actually entered the bank, is suspected as being involved in two other recent robberies. Sergeant L. Price of the Kent Police Department confirmed that the male suspect is also currently on federal probation.

"The money has been recovered," Sergeant Price said.

Also recovered from the car was a small amount of drugs.

FBI officials could not be reached for further comment.

## Spring break in Singapore

By Shannon Stroud  
Staff Reporter

Highline President Ed Command went on the Greater Seattle International Study Mission in Singapore over spring break.

This was the sixth mission with an international focus, however, it was the first for Dr. Command.

The purpose was to recognize the educational and economic opportunities from a global perspective.

Command was accompanied by County Councilman Peter von Reichbauer and other council members and community leaders.

Command spent six days visiting places such as the World Trade Center, American Embassy, Raffles Hotel, Temasek Polytechnic, National Computer Board, National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University, and the Urban Redevelopment Authority Offices.

On Command's visit to the Temasek Polytechnic, an educational institution comparable to our vocational programs, he was impressed by the size and quality of the institution.

"There are 11,000 full time

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## Running out of room



Photo by David Yamamoto

Emanuel Sullivan, a child in the day care program, wheels around the center.

## Space squeeze hits HCC

By Alexis Easterbrook  
Staff Reporter

Imagine being in an area so small that every time you turn around you bump your elbow into a bookshelf, the wall, even a fellow worker.

Then imagine yourself surrounded by children, screaming with glee, as they run around playing tag, or sit in the corner crying because they miss their mommy.

This is the life in a portable, a place where you have no-

where to go, nowhere to step out to get away from the rat race and collect yourself and recharge.

Women's Programs feels students don't want to come and make use of the programs available, the Child Care Center has to turn away needy families from the services they provide, and it is all due to the need for more room.

The portables are scheduled to be replaced with a more permanent fixture in three to five years, but that doesn't help the current situation of cramped

quarters.

As of March 16, 25 families were on the day care waiting list.

This number grows as more families are affected by the Wage Progression Component that was introduced by TANF, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families.

"We really need to consider taking younger children [and] we need to think about increasing the services on the afternoon, and evening," said

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## Student sings to campus

By Alyssa Pfau  
Staff Reporter

Within the walkways of Highline lies a melody, a smooth, yet gentle melody that whispers through the air like the wind.

Behind this enchanting song lies musician and Highline student, Collin Erickson.

Erickson often plays his primitive flute in between classes.

"I play from my heart,"

Erickson said.

His music, he says, is an expression of himself.

"I am a pretty closed person, I don't like to express myself verbally. Flute playing is a way for me to express my emotions in a public form without exposing myself to ridicule," Erickson said.

"I love to play the flute! It really allows me to release my stress by putting my mental energy into another place," Erickson said.

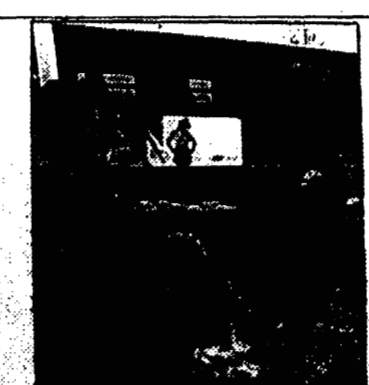
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## Longtime teacher retires to college job

### Glennon is in heaven at Highline

By Nelson Crisanto  
Staff Reporter

Like some Highline students Jim Glennon comes to Highline from a nearby high school.

After teaching at Mt. Rainier High School for 29 years, Glennon decided to retire.

During his retirement he worked on his yard and read many books, but soon realized that he needed to share what he knew with students.

"What was the point of reading all these books, if I could not share it with students?" Glennon asked.

So he decided to go back to work, which led him to a part-time job at Highline, where he now teaches history, political science and high school completion courses.

What he loves about teaching are the students, he said.

"Students are the battery that

keeps me going," Glennon said.

His style and way of teaching make Glennon one of the most enthusiastic teachers on campus, his students say.

Everyday, Glennon can be found running up and down the classroom, involving all the students, and delegating discussion.

Glennon's classes always go over the usual 50 minutes. Students can be seen waiting for Glennon after class to ask more questions and discuss more issues. Often, they follow him to his next class.

"His energy coupled with his style of teaching is an impetus for critical thinking and in-depth thought on the part of the students," said student Menna Tefatsion.

Glennon's reputation for being an outstanding teacher has followed him to Highline from Mt. Rainier. While at Mt. Rainier Glennon was named teacher of the year, and received the Highline School District class act award from Channel 11 news.

"I think that community college is the greatest innovation,"

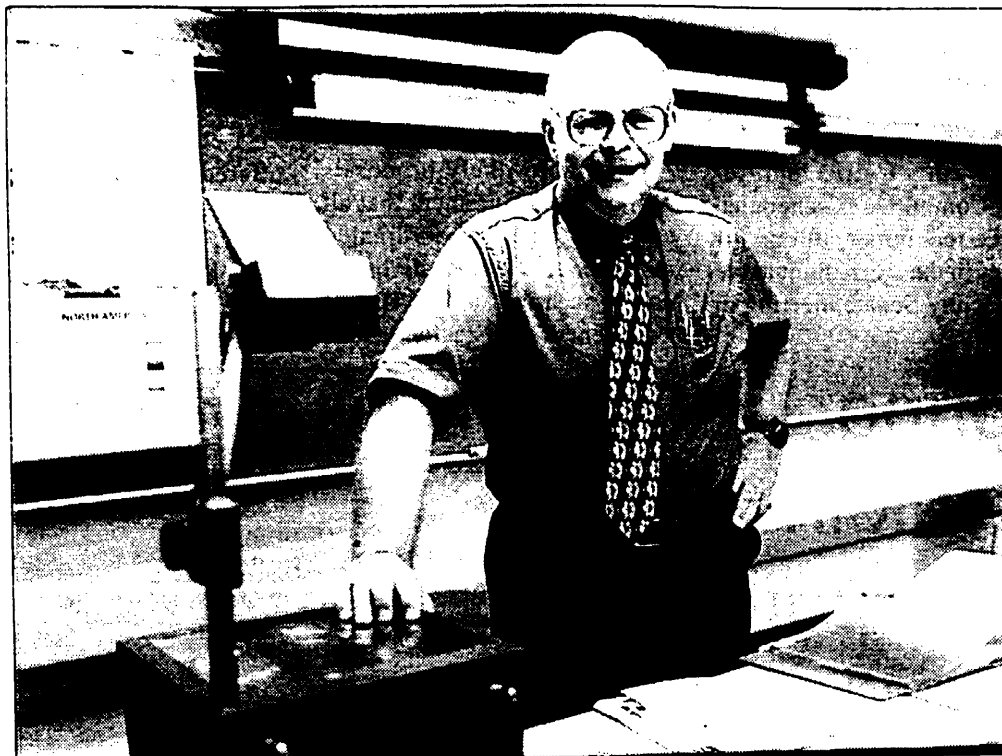


Photo by David Yamamoto

Jim Glennon taught for 29 years before retiring and later coming to Highline.

said Glennon. "I believe that community colleges are a great asset to the education system.

"It gives the students who are not prepared for a four year uni-

versity a second chance," said Glennon.

Making the transfer from Mt. Rainier to Highline has been great for Glennon.

"I have died and gone to heaven," he said. "I have more time to talk to students out of class, and I don't have to teach seven classes."



### Matsukawa to speak at Highline

KING 5 News Anchor Lori Matsukawa will be here to speak about her experiences as an Asian-American woman on Tuesday, April 24 at 1:15 p.m. in Building 7. She will be participating in a panel discussion, sponsored by the Asian Pacific Islanders Club. The discussion will take place during Asian Awareness month and Unity week.

### Student Elections

Highline students interested in running for student government offices should attend the candidate information meeting at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, April 20. The meeting will be held upstairs in Building 8 in the student government office.

Election information will be distributed to all in attendance. The meeting is intended to get things in order and get candidates announced for the elections on May 11-12.

### Job Search

Learn to job search over the internet. The Job Club will be

holding a free workshop today in Bldg 30-211, from noon to 1:30pm. They promise it will be fun, informative and open to everyone. For more information on the workshop call Ivory Ellison at (206) 870-3710 ext. 3327.

### Artist Guild

The Highline Artist Guild will be having a potluck at Barb's place at 6 p.m. Friday. Please bring a "conversational" piece of art. Sign up and maps are available in Building 16-158.

### Scholarships

Applications are available for Fall Quarter Academic Achievement scholarships. The scholarships are open to all students with a 3.5 GPA or better. For

more information contact Tim Morrison in Building 18, or by phone at 870-3710 ext. 3852.

### Library Workshop

Enhance your information competency! The Library will be holding a workshop on using reference sources on April 21 at 1 p.m. The workshops are free to all students. You can sign up at the reference desk.

### Women's Award

The annual Extraordinary/Ordinary Women Awards are back! Every year the Women's Programs recognizes campus women (students, staff, and faculty) who have overcome major obstacles and achieved great things. This is your opportunity to recognize someone who you feel is worthy. Anyone can make a nomination. Call the Women's Program at 870-3710 ext. 3340 for more information.

### Opening Week '98 presenters needed

The Opening Week Workshop Committee is interested in

recruiting presenters to give workshops to the Faculty and Staff during Opening Week of Fall Quarter '98.

Opening Week '98's theme is entitled "The College and Its Communities."

Presenters may be students, staff, faculty, or administrators. Proposals should utilize a time block of 50, 80, or 170 minutes. For assistance with your proposal contact any of the committee members for assistance: Gloria Rose Koepping 870-3710 ext. 3579, Joan Graham ext. 3499, Carolyn Johnson ext. 3535, Donna Weber ext. 3535, or Bob Hughes ext. 3373.

### Talent needed for Opening Week '98

The Opening Week Committee is also looking for talent and display items for some of the Opening Week '98 events during September 16-18. If you are an artist, musician, actor, poet, juggler, or otherwise creatively talented please contact Denny Steussy 870-3710 ext. 3534, or Danielle Motley ext. 3533 by 2 p.m. Thursday, April 30.

### Scholarship Workshop

The Women's Programs will be holding a free workshop entitled "Scholarships Aren't Only for 'Straight A' Students" on April 22. Pre-registration is necessary for anyone who wants to participate. Register for item 8130, course WPO16. Or call the Women's Program at 870-3710 ext. 3340.

### Learn the Basics

The Women's Programs is holding a series of workshops on computer basics entitled "Learn the Basics." The workshops will be held Mondays 6 to 9:30 p.m. April 20 - May 11. The cost is \$79 and pre-registration is necessary.

### Get rid of campus' weeds on Saturday

Gerry Barclay, biology instructor, will be holding a campus-wide weed pulling this weekend from 8 a.m.-noon. People will be meeting at the top of the North Parking lot. Refreshments will be provided for everyone who participates.

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## WPEA strikes deal with administration

By Nathan McMann  
Staff Reporter

The union representing Highline's classified staff and the college administration have tentatively agreed to a new three-year contract.

The Washington Public Employee Association (WPEA) comprises approximately 170 Highline staff members. Covered employees include all permanent full-time and part-time classified employees, such as janitors, secretaries and technicians, excluding teachers and administrators.

The staff's negotiating team, headed by Ken Brett, includes Kate Michael, Linda Haley, Lee Hall, Dion Raymond, and Bren-



da Mason as an alternate. Highline's management negotiators, headed by Sue Williamson, include Marie Zimmerman and Jim Sorenson.

The last contract, signed in September 1993, expired in June 1996. The staff have been

working under the old contract until a new one could be agreed upon.

Negotiators for the two sides declined to say much about the new contract's specifics, but the union's president Brenda Mason said it does have some non-financial improvements. The contract affects working rules and conditions, but not wages or benefits.

"The new contract has had a few old articles dropped, a few new articles added, and a lot of the wording in the remaining 40 articles have been changed," said Mason.

"Negotiations were intense but very professional," said Mason. "But overall we're pretty excited with the process of

the contract."

The new contract must now be typed and proofread by both sides. Then, around the end of May, it will be sent to the staff members to look over.

After a series of question and answer meetings between negotiators and staff members, a majority-rule vote to either accept or reject the new contract will take place near the end of May.

"One of our main concerns with the new contract is that each member understands and is fully aware of all its implications, and most important of all, that they're happy with it," said Mason.

If the staff accepts the contract, the Board of Trustees will then give it final approval.

## Highline adds Human Services program

By Tammy Rowlan  
Staff Reporter

Highline will have a new Human Services Technology Program in Fall Quarter 1998.

Highline will be the only college in South King County to offer this program.

Highline is proposing to develop and implement a one-year certificate and two-year degree programs for entry-level human service workers. Graduates of this program will function as direct care providers in mental health, substance abuse, and other existing human service settings.

The Human Services Technology program will focus on theoretical knowledge, applied competencies, and clinical/field experience.

It will include a sequenced core curriculum with specialty track courses related to Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Child and Family Services, Gerontology, and Criminal Justice.

Many of the courses are currently in the curriculum. The program will be composed of half occupational and half educational courses.

Highline will be negotiating with universities to allow the program as a whole to be transferable.

Highline has received a \$70,000 grant for the program. This grant will provide money for the start-up and development of the program.

"There is a tremendous need not only in our community but throughout King County," said Bob Eley, dean of Instruction for Occupational Programs.

King County has one of the highest rates of substance abuse in the state.

There is ample evidence that many individuals have a dual diagnosis of mental illness and substance abuse. This has given rise to the need for human service workers in hospitals, home health care, employment and social service agencies.

"We have been receiving information over the past two to three years from DSHS mental health and disabilities programs. We have been holding back because of lack of funds," Eley said.

Last legislative session money became available, \$2 million for new program development.

Many community colleges start programs and offer them until money runs out.

"One of the reasons students come here is when a program is started, it will stay here. We don't start them then phase them out," Eley said.

## Midway battles trash from sales, students

By Mark Pyle  
Staff Reporter

The Midway parking lot is dirty, but it may be getting cleaner.

"With all the glass and trash in the Midway, if a student was to trip and cut themselves, there could be trouble," said Damion Birge, a student at Highline who sometimes parks at Midway.

"The majority of the trash is from the sellers on the weekends, but the students often clean out their cars," said Frank Wilson, who is the Midway manager.

"There is no maintenance here long enough to work on cleaning it up," Wilson said. Every Saturday and Sunday Midway has 10 people walk around the lot and pick up trash after the swap meet is over.

"If I was to catch a student or a seller littering in the parking lot, I would ask them not to come back, and not to park here anymore," Wilson said.

Wilson said if Midway was to bring in somebody to clean the parking lot each week, it would have to be on Monday and Tuesday, and it would take a full eight-hour day.

Nonetheless, the parking lot looks cleaner this week and extra trash cans appear to have



Trash sometimes collects in the Midway Drive-in lot.

Photo by David Yamamoto

been placed around the lot.

The only other option Midway has is to bring in Waterways, a local water truck company that would come in and spray the lot off. This would cost Midway approximately \$350 per week, or about \$18,200 per year. This option would possibly inconvenience Highline students.

"We just don't have that type of money to keep the lot clean consistently, but we certainly try our best," Wilson said.

Highline pays a flat fee of \$1,500 per year to use the lot during the week. Midway also gets to use Highline's lots for overflow parking for the weekend swap meets.

Like parking, trash overflows

into Highline's on-campus parking lots as well.

"The east lot always has trash in it because people utilize it," said Richard Fisher, director of Security and Safety at Highline.

"If a student is caught littering on Highline property, their name will be taken and turned into the dean of students for an ethics violation," Fisher said.

## 'Faces of America' comes to Highline

By Leonid Vavrinyuk  
Staff Reporter

Multicultural Services and Team Highline present the one person show, *Faces of America*, 7 p.m. April 20 in the Lecture Hall, Building 7.

Los Angeles-based actor Fran de Leon portrays true stories of nine young Americans,

each of different ethnic backgrounds, in a show written and directed by Will & Company Artistic Director Colin Cox.

*Faces* has toured more than 70 colleges in 14 states, including Princeton University, Penn State University, Cornell University, University of Southern California, University of Washington, University of Miami,

Florida International University, University of Oregon, University of Montana, as well as small private and community colleges across the nation.

"The goal of show is to promote multicultural understanding and awareness through a performing arts," said Toni Castro, director of Multicultural Services.

"The show, I believe, will be a catalyst for discussion on the ever so pressing issue of race in this country," said Team Highline member.

Tickets are \$3. Tickets are available in Building 8, second floor or Building 6, room, 244.

"There are only 150 tickets available and they are going fast!" Tesfatsion said.



## Editorials

## Committee must look out for fines

The Services and Activities Budget Committee recently had to move one of its meetings to a different location than the one it was originally scheduled to be at. Members arrived to find that the room they planned to use was already occupied, so they moved on.

This would be unimportant except that the committee failed to tell anyone that the meeting was being moved.

While the committee was not deliberately trying to close the meeting, it still was in danger of violating the Washington Open Meetings Act. Under the act, meetings of public bodies can be closed only to discuss matters relating to real estate and personnel decisions. Student organizations are specifically included in the act.

Persons participating in an invalidly closed meeting can be fined \$100 each, under terms of the act.

In this case, that's not likely. All year the S&A committee has done an excellent job keeping the campus informed on where and when the meetings were being held.

But, if a meeting does have to move, the committee should make an extra effort to ensure that it is not in danger of being fined. At a minimum, tell somebody, and post a sign on the door. Students have a right to see how their money is being spent, including the discussion of those decisions.

## Health center: keep it, use it

Highline is thinking of getting rid of the Health Center in Building 6 and giving the space to Women's Programs who currently have their office in a portable. The fate of the Health Center has been called into question because very few students seem to be using it.

The Health Center is not actually school affiliated. It is run by Highline Community Hospital (HCH).

As follows, the center is not a school program and so does not cost the school anything. All the college does is donate the space.

In fact, HCH is willing to keep the clinic open even though it is losing money on it because so few people are visiting the center. They are willing to do it as a community service. Also, the space that the clinic occupies was designed specifically to be a clinic.

The concern about how little people use the clinic was fueled in part by the statistic that the clinic had only 0.75 billable patients per hour. This statistic is somewhat misleading because it does not include many of the free services that the clinic provides. For example, free vaccinations and contraception, women coming in to breast feed, and one man on campus who requires daily tube feedings.

It would truly be a shame to lose such a wonderful program, especially because it costs the college nothing. And its not as if Women's Programs will disappear if they don't get the space, they will still be here. Students will have the best of both worlds.

Secondly, students should take advantage of the health center, and especially the free services that it provides. So the next time that you're in Building 6, stop by and see just what the health center has to offer you.

## Letter to the Editor

## Pool benefits community too

Dear Editors:

I wish to congratulate Highline College for the swimming pool which it is provided the students at Highline.

As a Senior Citizen of Des Moines, I have been attending Highline for the past 4-5 years and I take the Swimming Exercise class. I fully understand that if the class is full, I am not permitted to attend; however, I have been extremely fortunate to attend each year.

My sincerest wish is that the pool remain in existence. Statistics prove that exercise is essential to all of us and particularly those with diabetes and other illnesses.

My occupation is Real Estate Investor and Property Manager and I pay a great deal of Property Taxes which I believe helps support the activities of our Community Colleges and other educational institutions.

Naomi King  
Age 70, Sr. Citizen



## Life in a murky bog, or is it?

Once upon a time there lived a great green swamp bunny named Lycopodiosteros.

The furry toed Lycopodiosteros was feared throughout his steamy swampy land, for his incisors and quick temper were the fiercest around.

Lycopodiosteros was one irritable bunny.

In vehement rages, he was known to rip from the heart of the mucky landscape innocent, juvenile carrots.

The poor carrots, uprooted and dirty, were clasped between the jowls of the great Lycopodiosteros and with one twitch of his furry scuff, ejected into the dense and moist bog air.

With a splash and dull thud the miniature orange carrot babies would land, defenseless against the swarming extra large herbivorous birdleys.

Watching from a safe distance the other swamp-dwelling creatures, like the slinky armed doolydads and the gargantuan toothed hoseybonkers, couldn't figure out why the sour Lycopodiosteros was so distraught.

Alas, sad and dark were the

## Lisa's World

By Lisa Curdy



days of the great Lycopodiosteros.

If only the swamp dwellers could figure out Lycopodiosteros' plight, perhaps the dank bog could be transformed into a place where fear of a rabbit was unheard of.

Sent out by the worried folk of the land, Samuel the Messenger was dispatched.

Samuel, a fat worm with slick salmon-colored flesh, slunk to the dens and dwellings of the beings of the bogs and spread the news that a meeting of the creatures was set for late that evening.

As the swamp gases collected near the oily surface of the mire, the gathering of bog inhabitants drew together.

"Lycopodiosteros is a

cranky swamp bunny, and though we live in a land of fetid wilderness, we need not be brought down by the crabby moods of a hopping cottontail!" cried one fed-up aardwolf.

"Yeah! He needs to buck up!" hollered another.

"I'm tired of him yanking my young carrot darlings from the ground, before they are mature enough to flower and propagate for themselves!" wept a meloncholy mama carrot.

"Then it's settled, my kookie friends of the land," said the wise three-winged owl. "Our only choice is to make a lucky key chain out of his left rear foot."

With this, the crowd that had gathered whooped and cheered with delight.

And so I took a nap and felt much better. Then my staff went and bought donuts for us all.

I've got to cheer up.

*Lisa Curdy likes jelly-filled donuts, they are tasty and good.*

*Alas, donuts are good for you, that's what Bill says, anyway.*

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# Are you sure that credit transfers?

By Tammy Rowlan  
Staff Reporter

I walk past the Educational Planning Center and I overhear a conversation between a counselor and a student. "Everything that is college level credit will transfer with the new law," she said.

Ha, the fools! My head is ready to explode with the thought of all the hoops that are

## Commentary

needed to jump. Sure, any university will take you in if you're a transfer student but they have ways to work around the simplicity.

First you must apply to the school through a lengthy application process. This includes one to two transcripts from ev-

ery high school and college you have ever attended. Also required is letters of references from instructors or employers, a personal essay from yourself about your educational goals and what you feel this school can do for you.

At this point, no one has clued you in that if you are interested in a major with a program in that school you must jump through a separate set of hoops.

These programs come with prerequisites.

You must fill out separate applications, separate essays, several private testing appointments, etc. Oh and did I mention that these have a deadline before the school application is due?

Why didn't anyone let you know about this in the beginning?

Why did they tell you in the

university registration office that as long as you receive an associates that transfers you are in like flynn?

By the time you are finished, you feel as if you should get five credits per university that you apply. The main reason is you know your GPA has dropped due to the amount of time you have invested to leaving this college.

Now all you can do is wait!

# Aid should go to those who use it

By LaTonya Kemp  
Staff Reporter

Unless you come from a background that includes parents who make good money and also happen to be generous, financial aid is the only way to continue in higher education.

I don't have that luck.

The only way that I am able to complete my schooling is with the help of our government. It's truly a gift that the majority of students like my self are grateful for.

The money received is supposed to be used by students for school related purposes. These include books, tuition, transportation, housing, and food. For those of us using the money wisely it barely covers the basics.

But there are others who take advantage of a system that was established to provide assistance to people wanting to fulfill their dreams. Because of these peo-

ple, deserving students may be denied help.

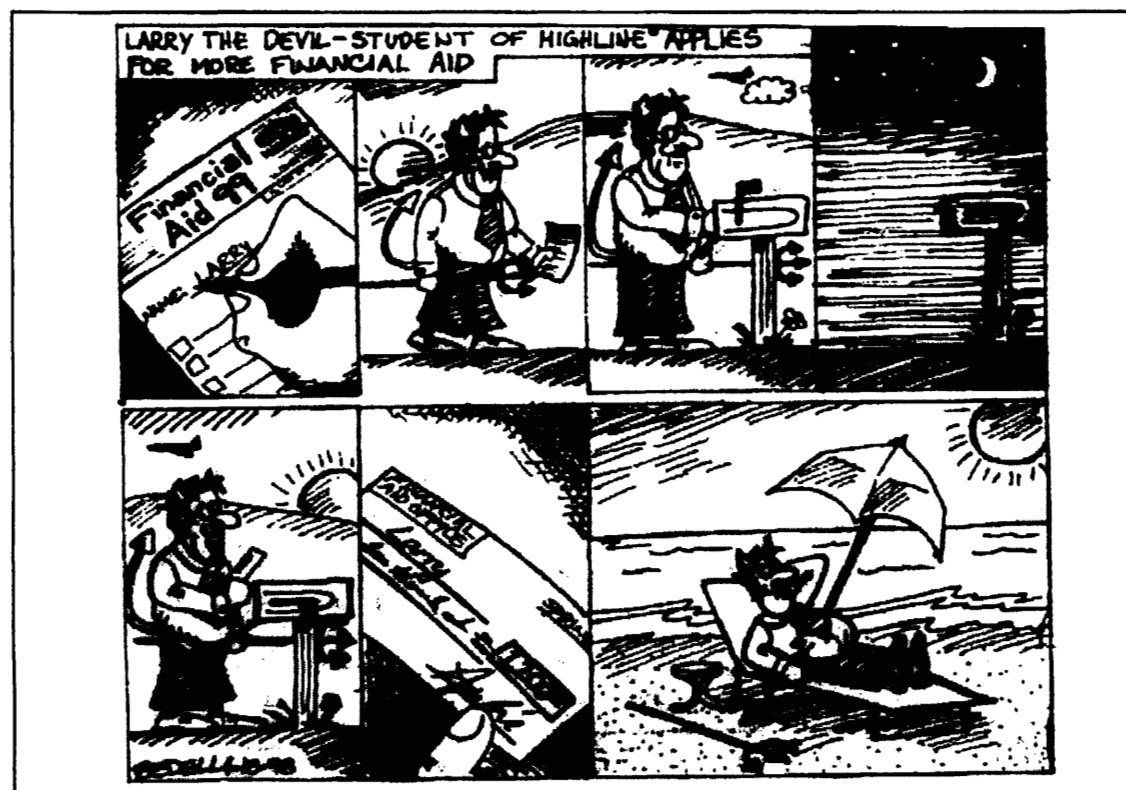
Last academic year I was awarded a tuition waiver. My income is so far below poverty level I have to look up just to see it. This year though, submitting my application even earlier, the waivers were taken by the time my name came up.

I wonder how many of these other students only make it to class long enough to get their attendance form signed?

A student on campus knows of several students who abuse the system, and others pay the price for it and sometimes that price is their educational goals.

One person received their financial aid check and instead of attending classes, they went on a lovely all expense paid trip to Cabo San Lucas.

Must be nice, especially in the winter!



Worse still is the fact that this person at worst will only be put on probation status with the financial aid office. They will be on equal footing with someone that has been truly ill for weeks at a time and unable to make it to school. A students that's trying is treated the same as one who isn't.

That needs to change. If you get the money and then don't show up to class without proof of a really good reason you should be put on suspended status automatically.

There are just too many of us that want to get an education and can't because of money. Anyone with the desire to go to

college should be able to go. People should not be denied the means to educate themselves because of someone else's selfishness and greed.

I have no idea how I will pay for the rest of my college career, maybe if changes would occur I wouldn't have to worry so much.

## Letter to the Editor

### Students invited to get involved

Dear Editors:

As usual, I just wanted to compliment the Thunderword for another great job this last quarter in reporting campus issues and information that make a difference in the lives of Highline's students. There are many of us who are anticipating graduation at the end of this quarter and would like to invite the Thunderword staff to join Highline's student government in announcing events that all students could be a part of.

All students are invited to attend the Associated Council meetings April 20, April 27, May 4, May 18, and June 1. These meetings are held in the Board Room of the library at 2 pm. Campus clubs and organizations share what they are doing and invite all students and faculty to get involved. The

Dean of Academic Transfer, Bob Hughes will be our guest speaker on April 27, this event will be held in Building 7 at 2 pm.

The ASHCC is also sponsoring the International Fashion Show on April 15th in Building 8 from 10 am - 1 pm. We invite students and faculty to check that out.

As you briefly printed in your last issue, we are accepting applications for the Vice President's Award for students to acknowledge and reward those students or faculty who have done good things for them while at Highline. The deadline for nominations is April 30th. Three awards will be presented by some of Highline's Administration at the May Awards Assembly on May 14th.

Freshmen and students who will be attending Highline for the 1998-99 year are invited to run for a paid position in student government. There is an infor-

mation meeting on April 27, and the campaigning begins on April 28. Students who wish to get the most out of their college experience are encouraged to run.

Team Highline and Student Government are inviting all students to attend the only Semi-formal dance/boat cruise of the year. "Romancing the Sea" promises to be a Highline event that may spark a long lasting relationship and definitely a great

time. Tickets are on sale from the student programs office in Building 8. The party begins at 7:30 on May 8th. We hope students don't miss the boat!

The last thing that I would like to invite Highline's students to be a part of is a leadership conference that promotes the importance of cultural diversity. This will be a great opportunity to meet KING 5's news anchor, Dennis Bounds and several oth-

er prominent leaders from the Northwest. This event is on May 15th and 16th.

Making the most of your college experience means getting involved, because memories last a lifetime! Students can get more information upstairs in Building 8.

—Paul Gerhardt, Jr.  
ASHCC Vice President  
of Administration

THIS IS  
**NOT**  
AN AID.

But if it were, it would be fetching great results.  
After all, it's in the Highline Thunderword Classifieds!

## Yes, I do like green eggs and ham

April is known for many significant days within the month that the nation takes time to celebrate. There is the Easter holiday, in which Cadbury Eggs make their debut, Passover, Earth Day, and mostly, my birthday (it's on the 28th if anyone is interested. Gifts are gratefully accepted).

While eating my green eggs and leftover ham Tuesday

### Arts and Croft

By Christi Croft



morning, I heard from a respected weatherman that April also holds the title of National Poetry Month.

Hearing this made me think of the the last poem I wrote, to a boy in the sixth grade. Actually, I think the poem was more like an obsessive love letter. I was an evil corrupted love monger at the fragile age of 12.

Anyway, he ended up revealing it to all of his loser friends, and of course I got made fun of. Yep, haven't written a poem since, I think they call it retractoritis.

In my short life span, I have only heard a few poets that caught my attention. Dr. Suess was one of them. He was like Dairy Queen to me, he definitely treated me right.

Then there were those ones....you know those ones:

"I am holding a yellow flower. The flower looks at me, as I gaze at it. Oh, what a pretty flower my flower is. Oh my, my weed is dying."

Yeah, now that you have lost me would you mind repeating that one again?

The people you usually hear reading those inserts would be the guys in the black berets, skin tight leather pants, and a thin, black moustache. Watch out, they can be dangerous!

Nevertheless, the whole inside meaning of National Poetry Month is to write something!! What's the worst thing that could happen, spraining your brain with your newly found creativity?

Heck, if your newly found writing skills are discovered, you too could have the skills to one day write for the Thunderword, and wouldn't that be swell?

*Christi Croft is Arts Editor of the Thunderword, please hold your applause!*

By Tyler Hurst  
Staff Reporter

Lunch for a dollar, outdoor sports challenges, and help on finding a job will all be available at Highline's 1998 Spring Festival.

Highline will host a multitude of events on Friday, May 1, which will feature a Career Fair, Spring Fling, a chance to compete against other faculty, staff and students in various outdoor sports, workshops designed to help students find and keep good jobs, and much, much more.

"This event promises to have something for everyone," said Kelli Johnston, Women's Programs coordinator, and one of the creators of the Spring Festival.

In addition to Women's Programs, the event is being sponsored by Outreach Services, Student Activities, Co-op Education, and several faculty members.

"It was hard for all of the different organizations on campus to support everyone else's events, so we decided to put them all on at once," Johnston said.

The festival starts at 9 a.m.

with the Career Fair and Outdoor Sports Challenges beginning at 10 a.m.

The Spring Fling starts at 11 a.m., featuring bands, jugglers, and lunch for a dollar if you pick up a festival card. The cards can be obtained at the information booth, and when you purchase the festival cards, you will also be eligible for prizes.

After lunch, students can head to the jewelry, arts, and book sales, which are accompanied by a Silent Auction, both held in Building 6. Items such as cameras and computers will be up for bid, with proceeds go-

## Highline struts its stuff May 1

ing to Highline scholarship funds, and students with financial needs.

The afternoon will feature a wide range of workshops under the title of "Great Explorations."

Topics will include everything from using computers and the Internet, to building a home-

based business, painting, and self-defense.

Topping the evening off will be a community dinner from 5:30-7 p.m. with a jazz performance by the Ellen Finn Jazz Trio.

Beginning at 7 p.m., local author of "The Circle of Simplicity: Return to the Good Life," Cecile Andrews, will be on hand to talk about finding and living your passion. Andrews is also Seattle Times Columnist and a leader of the voluntary simplicity movement.

Admission to the dinner will be \$10, which includes Cecile Andrews speech. Immediately following the festival, Highline's Comedy Cafe

will also have a show, beginning at 8 p.m. Students will only be charged \$5 if they reg-

ister before 5 p.m. that day. Tickets can be purchased for all these events at Outreach Services, Women's Programs or by dialing ext. 3935.

Johnston expects students to walk away from this event with a better understanding of opportunities offered at Highline.

## Strut your spring stuff in style

By Jen Heming  
Staff Reporter

This spring, less is more. And it's easier to find.

Many of the styles are inspired by the vintage trend that has been picked up on by chain stores and brought to the general public without the hassle of searching in store after store to find the perfect ensemble.

"We are seeing more variety in skirt length," said Noreen Moriarty, manager at Betsy Johnson.

A nice change this year is the veering away from the mid-thigh skirt and sandals and more toward a longer skirt while still remaining short and flirty.

The skirt lengths this year



may seem new and exciting, but they started out in the 1950s and are being reintroduced with new prints and fabrics.

For those looking for some

serious cute points, go for a skirt with some kind of trim, whether it be a little lace, ribbon, or floral embroidery. But please, no pleats.

"A sheer, more feminine look is back this season," said Heidi Oud of Express at Southcenter. These styles show what a woman has without being too clingy or uncomfortable.

The colors that are hitting it big this year are pale green and all different shades of lavender with a bit of yellow and pink on the side. These colors are set off well by going easy on the make-up and using pale shades. Try to resist the temptation to wear your darker make-up, in fact just put it all in a ziplock and toss it to the back of the make-up drawer and forget about it until next year.

Living in this hot pavement day and age, you're probably wondering what to put on your feet. Strappy sandals in pastels or classic white, or maybe even salt water sandals — they worked when you were 5 and they'll still work now.

The Dr. Marten sandals that made it big last year are already making it big this year, but please don't be fooled by cheap imitations. Contrary to popular belief, "pleather" is not in this year, so go for the goods; your feet will thank you.

A word to all you guys out there, just take off your sweat shirt and presto! You're ready for spring.



## Teriyaki is oh so yummy

Mr. Food's choice this week was King's Teriyaki located at 25803 104th SE, Kent. Their phone number is (253)-850-3112, and Kiko Teriyaki located at 27011 Pacific Hwy. So. Kent. (253)-941-6096.

Mr. Food's rating for King's Teriyaki: \*\*\*

For Kiko Teriyaki: \*\*\* 1/2

Innumerable and vast are Se-

## Mr. Food



By Scott C. Murray

attle's teriyaki spots and you most likely have a favorite one to frequent.

If not, try these two: Kiko Teriyaki, on the West Hill of Kent, and King's Teriyaki on the East Hill. These two teriyaki prospects will satisfy any teriyaki craving, or a growling stomach. So, if you should ever find yourself on either of Kent's hills around lunchtime, or dinner for that matter, head on over and get some grubbin' teriyaki.

At King's, I indulged in broiled, tasty, mouth-watering chicken teriyaki for \$4.95. In the past I had treated myself to their Gyoza teriyaki, also called "potstickers," which also came to \$4.95. Both were appetizing!

At Kiko's I tried their chicken, also broiled, tender and incredibly scrumptious costing \$4.99, and the pork teriyaki at \$5.75. These meals proved good as well. Of course both places serve beef, chicken, and pork teriyaki.

The meals, if that is what you want to order, also come with rice and steamed vegetables, mainly cabbage. The only difference that I could discern between both places was the amount of food served.

At King's, the amount of chicken served was moderate, while at Kiko's the chicken portions were much larger, and priced well, too!

I was happily surprised with all the meals, and I felt it was a good dollar, or in this case dollars that I dished out.

To all of my loyal readers, I am sorry to say that this time around we had no eating entourage. Please don't be sad, because they will be back. Trust me and please have a nice day as you peruse through the Thunderword.

Scott C. Murray is Mr. Food. When Scott eats the food, Scott becomes the food.

## Get out of the house!

**The Honors Colloquy is here!** Come listen to a fascinating series of lectures offered by guest speakers and members of the campus community. The next Honors Colloquy will be held April 22 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 or nutritional counseling from the pros, plus much, much more!

Ring in Spring Quarter the right way, stop on by!

**Student Programs presents "Romancing the Sea," an Argosy Boat Cruise on Lake Union.** Now it's your chance to feel like you're on your own Titanic, with the wind brushing through your hair. The cruise will be on Friday, May 8 from 8-11 p.m. Tickets are \$13 for single passenger, and \$25 for couples. For more information about this event, contact Student Programs Office at 878-3710

**Highline's Vocal Jazz Ensemble practices on a recent day to prepare for their trip to Vancouver in June.** Concert choir was misidentified in a photo that ran in last week's Thunderword

ext. 3535.

**Highline's Music Department presents their Spring Choral Concert Thursday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Building 7.** The concert is free, so come and support your fellow student musicians.

**The Women's Programs present coffee hour on Wednesday, May 6 in Building 8 from 8:30-10 a.m.** The coffee hour will give students and faculty a chance to relax before class. The coffee break will be on the first and third Wednesday of each month, and is free!

**The Highline Speech department presents the Reader's Theater: "In Praise and Defense of the Arts," on Wednesday, May 27 in Building 7 at 7:30 p.m., and on Thursday, May 28 at noon.** Come



Photo by Jason Johnson

## New movie gives angelic feeling

"City of Angels," starring Meg Ryan and Nicholas Cage, is a touching story about two people from different worlds who fall in love, and make great sacrifices to be together.

When Ryan, who plays a surgeon, loses a patient during surgery, she begins to see her life in a different perspective. She begins thinking about death and what life is all about.

## Flick Picks

By Shannon Stroud

Cage plays an angel who spots her and falls in love with her while watching her throughout her day.

Once she can see him, she too falls in love, giving off a sweet, romantic feeling. Then the plot unexpectedly twists to a completely different emotion in the movie.

Directed by Brad Silberling, the filming in this movie gave a great feeling for the tone of the flick.

It had a mysterious way of swooping down around the city of Hollywood with some unexpected angle shots.

The soundtrack for this film is worth buying, featuring songs by Alanis Morissette, Sarah McLachlan, U2, Jimi Hendrix, Goo Goo Dolls, and more. Even the instrumental music in the movie is beautiful.

Recently, Nicholas Cage appeared on a talk show, recalling filming a part in the movie where both he and another former angel, played by Dennis Franz, are sitting on a ledge of a skyscraper that towers over the city. Cage said it was the 'scariest thing ever!'

"City of Angels" is rated PG-13. It gives a huge feel good feeling, and I strongly suggest anyone to see this movie, young or old, man or woman.

## Survey results: A new look please

By Gabriel Ladd  
Staff Reporter

Thirty-three percent of Highline students say they want to change the way they look.

In a recent, non-scientific survey, students say that looks are one of their main priorities.

Seventy-four percent of the students at Highline said they like the way they look from the head up, but would like to change the rest of their physical appearances.

"When I was young I got

teased about the way I sounded, but I wasn't trippin' or nothing. I wasn't going to let it affect me in trying to succeed in life," said student Nikimbe Sylve.

Highline is a diverse campus with people of different ethnic backgrounds, which means people dress and look differently.

"I'm not worried about the way I look. If a female is going to accept me, it's for who I am on the inside, not because of what they see on the outside," said student Erik Van.

Fifteen percent of the students surveyed at Highline feel that

looks can affect some people from concentrating on education.

"It's sad because I have a class where people still act like high school students. They sit in the back disruptively talking about the way someone in the class looks, and I get tired of hearing it," said student David Duckett.

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## Mariners Fastpitch keeps up winning ways sinking quick

By Daniel Rickert  
Staff Reporter

The agony of being a Mariner fan.

They're in last place.

They can't hold a lead.

Watching them self-destruct has been no fun for anyone.

The other day I was visiting my great uncle Maxwell in his nursing home.

Uncle Max has been a Mariner fan since they first arrived in Seattle.

At age 90 he can't remember being so frustrated as a baseball fan.

"I don't remember seeing them so unprepared," he said.

### Spin On Sports

By Michael Stampalia



"The hitting isn't bad, but the pitching?"

"What did they do during spring training?"

"Sit around and fart like my roommate Kevin over here?"

Calm down Uncle Max.

They are tryin' to fix the good old bullpen.

"They have been tryin' to fix something every year I can remember."

"I'm not getting any younger here, ya know."

You don't think Woody 'woodchuck' Woodward is going to fix things?

"Are you kidding? I would have fired that bum a long time ago."

How could I forget. You're always telling me.

"Anyway, like I was telling Kevin before he passed out, I think Woody Woodward and rest of his chronies should be shot!"

Isn't that a little extreme?

"One more thing, sonny."

"If you ever see Woody, tell him that I'll see him in hell!"

Uncle Max fell asleep after that, leaving me to ponder the meaning of all baseballdom.

I picked up a bat and ball, and proceeded to swing.

Ten minutes later I awoke, flat on my back remembering nothing of my fateful swing.

I never could hit.

Fortunately, it all became clear to me.

The Mariners aren't the worst team out there.

Heck, they won a game last week.

Mike has a snappy new title this quarter.

Highline's fastpitch softball team's bats were relatively quiet this week, but they were loud enough to keep the Lady T-Birds in first place in the Northern Division.

The T-Birds went 5-1 over the week to run their record to 15-3.

Highline visits Spokane on Friday before traveling to Yakima for the annual Crossover Tournament on Saturday and Sunday.

The Lady T-Birds played a double-header against Wenatchee Valley, Friday, April 10.

Highline lost 4-1 in nine innings before hammering out a 1-0 win in the second game.

The Thunderbirds were forced to manufacture their only run of the second game. Nicole Elder hit a double and moved to third base on a sacrifice by Carrie Rhodes. She then scored on a wild pitch. Shortstop Erin Arnott was 2 for 2 at the plate. Tai Mansigh got the win on the mound.

Highline swept Bellevue Saturday, April 11 in their second double-header of the weekend.

The first game was an 8-1 rout. Elder was 2-3 with a double and two RBI. Outfielder Amie Johnson was 2 for 3 and scored twice and Heather Saw was 2 for 4 with a triple and two



A scramble around the plate ensues during Highline's Friday game against the Wenatchee Valley Knights. Photo by Kevin Whatley

RBI. Mansigh was the winning pitcher.

Highline won 5-1 in the second game. Johnson was 2 for 2 with a double and an RBI and Rhodes was 2 for 4. Tammy Unger and Saw each had a double. Saw earned the victory on the mound.

Highline again dominated Bellevue on Tuesday, April 14. In the first game of the double-header the T-Birds combined great pitching with solid hitting

for a 9-2 victory.

Saw pitched a complete game and Kelly Barrett highlighted the hit barrage with a seventh inning grand slam. Tammy Unger was 2 for 4 with a double, triple, and an RBI. Arnott was 3 for 4 with a double, and Johnson added a double.

The second game Highline delivered an 8-1 victory. Outfielder Jessica Bruce was 2 for 4 with a triple. Unger was 2 for 3

with a double and Barrett was 2 for 4 with a double and two RBI. Christine Jones went 2 for 4 with an RBI. Tai Mansigh came in to pitch in relief of Saw in the second inning and got the win.

"The hitters are seeing the ball well and their going after strikes," Coach Cara Hoyt said. She noted however that some of the bad habits are coming back.

"We now have to go back to basics," Hoyt said.

## Track team competes well at Mt. Hood meet

### Full squad would've helped team's chances

By Reginald T. Ball  
Staff Reporter

Highline's track team placed fourth at the Mt. Hood Relays in Gresham, Ore. last weekend.

The meet consisted entirely of relays.

"We could have easily placed second in the meet," track Coach Frank Ahern said.

Highline was without the services of Eric Van and DeMonne Taylor.

Vann would have supplied Highline with 20 points if he would have won both of his events, long jump and triple jump.

Taylor also would have helped in the 110 meter hurdles.

Even though the best didn't run in all events, Highline did an excellent job competing, coaches and athletes said.

Since this was just a relay meet, the coaching staff for the track team wanted everyone to participate.

Highline finished first in two events, the 3,200 meter relay and the sprint medley relay. HCC placed second in the 400 meter relay, 1,600 meter relay and the 800 meter relay.

Sean Steele pulled down a silver medal in the high jump with a leap of 6'6". Highline's Garrett Miller finished fifth in the same event.

In the 6,400 meter relay and the throwers' 400 meter relay, Highline finished third.

Regis Costello vaulted to a tie for a third place finish in the pole vault, while Micah Adams threw for a seventh place finish in the javelin.

Three Thunderbirds will compete this week in a decathlon meet in Bellingham, including Tomy Keah, Dominique Demouchet and Micah Adams.

Highline's next track meet is Saturday, April 18, at University of Puget Sound.

## Intramurals getting started in gym

### Signups remain open, although space is limited

By Rochelle Bermudez  
Staff Reporter

Spring Quarter intramural sports are already underway at Highline.

Three-on-three basketball and "net sports" are offered, said Assistant Athletic Director John Dunn.

"Net sports" are all the sports played with a net like volleyball, tennis, pickleball, badminton, and ping-pong.

A softball tournament will be offered toward the end of the quarter, Dunn said.

The net sports and softball tournament will be free. The cost of three-on-three basketball is \$5 but will include a T-shirt.

"Everyone is encouraged to come out and play. Every skill level is welcomed," Dunn said.

Three-on-three basketball

has already begun.

Dunn said this is the most popular sport this spring so if you are interested, sign up now.

The tournament will be limited to 24 teams.

Games will be played Mondays and Wednesdays, from 1:15-2:45 p.m.

Deadline to sign-up for net sports will be April 20, with play starting the week of April 24. Games will be played on Thursdays only, also 1:15-2:45 p.m.

Dunn said pickleball, badminton, tennis, volleyball, and ping-pong will be rotated each week.

Every Thursday will feature a different combination of these games.

The softball tournament will start in May and the games will consist of five innings.

Additional information will be posted later, Dunn said.

An end-of-the-season barbecue for all those who participate in the intramural sports will finish the year, Dunn said.



## Ballers celebrate dream season

The Highline men's basketball team celebrated a dream two-year stretch last Thursday at their annual awards banquet.

They won two NWAACC championships, and three players will be getting their entire schooling paid for over the next two years thanks to basketball scholarships they have earned.

I know there are people thinking, "Jeepers, I never knew we had a basketball team."

Well, anyways, we do, and they were a little bit good.

At the banquet, players and coaches were recognized, with each receiving a championship t-shirt and video.

## Ten Yard Fight



By K.M. Petersen

All the awards on the team were also announced.

Scott Luedke was named most inspirational, Brian Guy was most improved, Todd Watts received the hustle award, Reggie Ball was given a special award, and Brian Scalabrino was named most versatile.

Juice Johnson and Garrett Miller shared the coaches award.

Quincy Wilder, in a major shocker, was named most valuable player.

At the end of the night, Ball signed his letter-of-intent with Portland State.

The banquet brought to an end a magical season.

I was fortunate enough to travel with the team to their games, and was able to get to know all the players and see them develop.

One of the things that was so special to me about this year's team is how great a group of people they were.

They had fun all the way, played hard, and treated people with respect.

Well, at least they treated me with respect, which says a lot since I was just the geeky little stat guy.

I'm glad this team won the championship. Not just because they were my school's team, but because they earned it and deserved it.

I am saddened by the ending of this season but, more than that, I am overjoyed with the prospects of what they will do with their lives.

K.M. doesn't like t-shirts.

By Scott Luedke  
Staff Reporter

A current student at Highline has coached two Olympic Games.

Ali Lotfi was the head women's basketball coach for the Iranian women's basketball team in the 1970s.

"I started out as the assistant coach because the head coach came from a different country. After he left, I was the head coach for 10 years," Lotfi said.

The year that Lotfi coached the women's basketball team in the Olympics, basketball was new in his country.

They went to London and Holland, doing well both times, Lotfi said.

"When we went to Moscow to play, a newspaper wrote a story about us," he said. "They wrote that our team was much shorter than all of the rest."

After the Iranian revolution, however, everything changed.

"My religion (Islam), kept women from playing basketball. They said that the women's coach needed to be a woman and not a man. So I left," he said.



Photo by David Yamamoto  
Ali Lotfi coached the women's Olympic basketball team in Iran. He now is a student at Highline and works in the library.

Lotfi was also the head coach for handball at an Iranian university from 1974-1981.

At that time Lotfi was a physical education teacher as well as the head coach for handball from 1974-1981 as well as taught for 25 years for the university. Then he retired.

"I am here for my children because after the revolution, everything goes down, especially education and university, and I saw my children have no future over there, and they are doing very good here," Lotfi said.

Lotfi says he is here to "touch up" on his English. He says he

has also taken a printing class.

"I am looking for my own job because I am too old to work for anybody now. I would like to own my own coffee shop someday and be able to talk to coaches," Lotfi said.

"I would really like to coach a high school team someday."

## Scoreboard

### Women's Fastpitch

#### STANDINGS

Northeast Division	League	Overall
Highline	13-3	15-7
Wenatchee Valley	10-6	15-8
Walla Walla	11-7	13-12
Shoreline	6-4	10-6
Spokane	7-5	7-8
Skagit Valley	7-7	11-9
Edmonds	5-7	6-9
Yakima Valley	1-11	1-15
Bellevue	0-10	0-13

Southwest Division	League	Overall
Lower Columbia	9-1	17-5
S. Puget Sound	7-1	12-2
Mt. Hood	8-2	11-2
Centralia	4-4	7-4
SW Oregon	4-4	15-6
Olympic	5-5	8-10
Pierce	4-6	6-11
Clackamas	2-4	8-4
Grays Harbor	2-10	2-15
Green River	1-9	2-11

#### LEADERS

Hitting	NAME/SCHOOL	AVG.	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
	Heather Saw, HCC	.646	48	8	31	3	0	0	11
	Dannielle Brodbeck, SPCC	.571	7	2	4	1	0	1	2
	Holli Peterson, CenC	.571	7	2	4	0	0	0	0
	Dessa Carroll, LCC	.545	11	4	6	2	0	0	4
	Krista Krause, Cenc	.533	30	18	16	1	2	2	7
	Samantha Lupo, CenC	.529	17	8	9	3	0	0	4
	Teresa Paul, CCS	.517	29	8	15	5	0	0	6
	Nicole Friese, LCC	.510	51	11	26	2	4	1	8
	Cecily Burton, CICC	.500	34	11	17	0	1	0	8
	Marissa Smith, CICC	.500	32	18	16	2	1	2	4
	Carrie Rhodes, HCC	.500	20	9	10	1	0	0	5
	Lisa Cullison, CICC	.500	16	4	8	1	0	0	4
	Lanae Loscar, SWOCC	.500	16	11	8	0	1	0	7
	Kim Aubrey, YVCC	.500	14	3	7	1	1	0	1

Christie Senz, SWOCC	.481	27	8	13	2	0	0	4
Daniel Soldani, CICC	.481	27	7	13	0	1	0	10
Erin Stawder, CenC	.478	23	7	7	0	0	0	2
Andrea Simonson, OC	.476	42	16	20	8	3	1	9
Josie Higbee, YVCC	.466	15	3	7	1	1	0	4
Lacy Magnusson, SPSCC	.464	28	10	13	4	2	1	8

#### Pitching

NAME/SCHOOL	ERA	W-L	IP	R	ER
Carrie Johnson, SPSCC	0.43	4-0	31.2	6	2
Kelly Anderson, SVC	0.73	0-2	19	9	2
Debbie Foxe, SVC	0.79	7-2	62	15	7
Cortney DuPree, CICC	1.07	2-1	26.2	5	4
Terry Firth, VWCC	1.17	3-0	18	5	3
Tai Mansigh, HCC	1.38	10-3	91	32	18
Kelley Cornstalk, CICC	1.47	2-1	19.1	5	4
Dessa Carroll, LCC	1.53	7-2	55	16	12
Jodi Miller, SWOCC	1.68	11-6	108.1	45	26
Chris Nations, MHCC	1.75	3-1	28	13	7
Meadow McWhorter, MHCC	1.75	3-1	24	15	6
Stacie Holve, VWC	1.86	9-3	83	33	22
Tracy Hester, SCC	1.91	6-4	69.2	30	19
Melissa West, VWC	1.96	2-2	25	15	7
Heather Saw, HCC	2.00	2-3	42	24	10
Clarisa Newman, VWVCC	2.03	3-5	51.2	31	15
Tammy Bradstreet, EdCC	2.33	1-4	24	20	8
Kelsy Parish, VWVCC	2.33	0-2	21	14	7
Tami Brunnsen, YVCC	2.38	0-5	35	51	12
Sarah West, GRCC	2.40	1-3	35	31	12

#### Team Hitting

SCHOOL	AVG.	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Lower Columbia	.383	512	127	196	27	11	3	95
Centralia	.360	247	78	89	1	7	4	39
Clackamas	.359	295	85	106	13	6	3	53
Highline	.330	445	75	147	13	6	3	53
SW Oregon	.327	502	102	164	19	8	2	87

#### Team Pitching

SCHOOL	ERA	W-L	IP	R	ER
Skagit Valley	1.21	9-7	104	41	18
So. Puget Sound	1.27	9-1	55	21	10
Highline	1.55	12-6	126	56	28
Wenatchee Valley	1.77	14-5	128	53	32
Shoreline	1.81	6-6	73.2	31	19

## Reforms in bylaws: soon to be proposed

By Jake Iwen  
Staff Reporter

Student officers' grades are becoming more of an issue. Reforms in student government bylaws could up the minimum cumulative grade point average.

The Bylaw Committee, headed by Chairwoman Yenerma De Las Alas, is looking to make other changes as well. They have been meeting weekly since the end of February to discuss reforms.

"They need to be revised because there are a lot of unclear articles and sections," De Las Alas said. She hopes the new reforms will filter out any ambiguity and provide more direction for future officers.

The new bylaws will make a number of significant changes, one of which will increase the minimum cumulative grade point average from 2.0 to 2.5 for candidates and officers.

Another area affected is election formatting. A situation the reform addresses is the event of a tie. When more than two candidates seek one position and two of them tie, a reelection between those two will be held.

In a tie between the only two candidates for a position, the presiding officer of the Associated Council will recast the deciding vote.

Two specific positions that will be modified are the student senator position, previously student at large, and the treasurer/student club and organization diplomat.

The student senators, of which there are four, will become more specialized. One will focus on evening students, another on international students, and the other two will represent the general student body.

The treasurer/student club and organization diplomat will be the chief financial officer. All expenditures will be submitted through him or her and no funds shall be spent without the approval of the treasurer and the president.

The Associated Council will be required to hold mandatory meetings twice a month during the school year, with the exception of finals week and Summer Quarter.

The new bylaws won't be instituted in time for the upcoming election. The reforms have yet to be approved by the Associated Council but the committee will be presenting the plans to them on April 20.

## Teachers prepare for national conference

By Tammy Rowlan  
Staff Reporter

Three Highline instructors have been invited to speak at the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Conference.

NISOD is the outreach organization that supports the pursuit of excellence in teaching and leadership at colleges in the United States, Canada, Australia, and around the world.

Terryl Ross, Susan Landgraff, and Barbara Clinton will speak at this conference, at the University of Texas in Austin. The instructors are busily preparing for this conference which will take place May 1.

Clinton has been invited on behalf of the program she has created called Highline Goes to Hollywood.



Photo By David Yamamoto  
Barbara Clinton teaches students the importance of public speaking.

Clinton is a speech instructor at Highline who found that there was a possible conflict brewing between the business world and the long-standing traditions of education.

"Speech is the foundation of liberal education," Clinton said. Businesses want their employees to speak in a different format than the traditional way that is taught.

The grant is financed by Microsoft, Boeing, and other technology companies in the area.

In creating the course, she asked companies what skills they wanted from their employees and found the goals between business and college were overlapping.

"Students that take this course will find themselves giving a 10-minute speech on soft-

ware," Clinton said. This course coordinates the Interactive Media Program with Speech into an information technology atmosphere.

Susan Landgraff is the chairwoman for the Journalism Program at Highline. She is responsible for writing the grant which the state of Washington has approved for this two year certification in the IMP.

Terryl Ross is the chairman for the Interactive Media Program at Highline. He is responsible for keeping current in the business field and keeping the program and program instructors current as well.

Landgraff and Ross will be speaking at NISOD about these new programs, now in their second year. "We will have our first IMP graduates this year," Landgraff said.

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# Metro looks to reroute

By Alexis Easterbrook  
Staff Reporter

Decisions on proposed Metro changes to streamline and consolidate routes are getting close to either being approved or rejected.

Some of the proposed changes might affect students at Highline.

Route 132 will service the South Park area by going down South Cloverdale, South Kenyon, and South Hudgen, totally eliminating East Marginal Way. Route 135 will run more frequently eliminating route 138 which runs almost parallel to the 135. The new route 189 will go from Highline Community College to downtown Des Moines then up 216th to Pacific Highway, making a continual loop.

"We would like to do everything we can for the (communities transit needs)... within our budget," said Kathy Hall, the Community Relations Planner.

Working with the community since last summer, Hall has gathered information on services that Metro provides, and has listened to the communities that want service.

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Highline students enjoy the nice weather while waiting for their bus.

from individuals, three petitions, and 78 meetings, she reported her findings to the King County Council.

Now the decision is in the hands of the Council.

A public meeting will be held from 3-6 p.m. on April 22. The location will be in the Council Chambers room on the 10th floor in the King County Courthouse. The courthouse is

on 516 third Avenue, in Seattle. The Transportation Committee will review King County Executive Ron Sims' recommendations for Metro service in West Seattle and the southwest area of King County.

Another meeting will be held on April 29, from 2-4 p.m. at the same location.

"This is the last chance for people to be heard," Hall said.

A full King County Council meeting is planned for early May, and any actions that are decided on will go into effect in September.

To submit comments to the King County Council please write to the King County Courthouse, 516 3rd Ave. Rm. # 1200, Seattle, WA, 98104, call 206-296-0355 or e-mailtransit-changes@metrokc.com

## Colloquy focuses on fathers

By Mark Kissler  
Staff Reporter

The Honor's Colloquy continues Spring Quarter with the theme "Family: Myth, Metaphor, and Reality."

On April 22, Derek Greenfield, a Highline sociology instructor, will lead the colloquy with a presentation entitled "Father Figure: Exploring our Societal Understanding of Manhood and Parenting in American Society," which focuses on male roles in a child's life.

"It is critical for men to play roles in a child's life. Men aren't all evil, but need to take responsibility for their children," Greenfield said.

Greenfield's presentation is one in a series that have been offered this year and will continue throughout the quarter. Presentations and discussions are held every Wednesday in Building 7 from noon to 12:50 p.m.

"[Honors Colloquy] is a way for students to hear the issues going on around campus, and it gets them involved," said Tim Morrison, Honors Colloquy adviser.

Honors Colloquy is also available as a one credit class. For more information, please contact Tim Morrison at ext. 3852.

## Women's Programs springs into action

By Kelly Delong  
Staff Reporter

Highline's Women's Programs has a busy schedule of events to help women on campus this spring.

Programs range from a big role in the Spring Festival, coming up on May 1, to the ongoing coffee hours twice each month.

Women's Programs is sponsoring the Spring Festival's Community Dinner. The dinner

will feature keynote speaker Cecile Andrews, author of the book "The Circle of Simplicity: Return to the Good Life."

Andrews is a leader in the volunteer movement, she will be speaking on the topic of living out your passion, said Kelli Johnston, Director of Women's Programs.

The dinner will feature entertainment by a jazz band, and the annual most Extraordinary Ordinary Woman award. To nomi-

nate a woman that you know, go to Building 21a. Nominations will be accepted until April 20.

Women's Programs is also continuing its coffee hour this quarter.

This is held on the first and third Wednesday of each month, and is free for all who wish to come and relax with students and faculty before classes.

Computer classes, business classes, support services, and career guidance is also available

through the Women's Programs.

Women can come to Building 21a and receive referrals to services in the community. It is aimed at single mothers returning to school, or women who need support in other circumstances.

Men can also come to Building 21a to get referrals to community services as well.

For more information call Women's Programs at 206-878-3710, ext. 3340.

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## Coordinated studies growing, supporters say

By Sharalee Pfau  
Staff Reporter

Coordinated Studies courses are becoming more popular among Highline students.

Beginning Fall Quarter 1997, the coordinated studies program has been offering more classes due to increased enrollment and interest.

Coordinated studies allow a student to enroll in two or more classes that explore a common theme.

"What makes a coordinated studies class distinctive from a regular course is the longer time

period," said Davidson Dodd, director of the coordinated studies program.

Dodd, a political science instructor at Highline, has been involved in this program for six years.

This quarter, Dodd teaches political science as well as a coordinated studies course that is combined with Speech 100.

Dodd highly recommends this program to all students and especially encourages new students to start right away.

"One of the main reasons students don't take coordinated studies is because they have al-



Photo by David Yamamoto

**Math 105 and Writing 101 are paired in this coordinated studies taught by Helen Burn and Angie Caster.**

ready fulfilled the basic AA requirements," Dodd said.

Dodd believes everyone should have the chance to experience a coordinated studies

"You should be willing to work hard and be interested in the subjects that are offered," said student Stacy Pickard.

Pickard said coordinated studies offers more group work and social interaction, which motivates her to work hard.

Integrated subjects can be positive or negative for some Highline students.

According to many students, coordinated studies is a great opportunity to learn from classmates as well as the teachers.

"The extra time allowed for deep discussions and different views and perspectives on the subjects," said student Nicole Vassar.

However, Vassar felt that did not prepare her for future classes.

## Global

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students, attending 20 hours a week," said Command.

He also stated that the Polytechnic was built with \$500 million.

Highline's Progress Report on the 1996 Strategic Plan states in Initiative No. 3 that Highline's plans are to "create a college climate that values diversity and enhances global perspective."

Highline has three proposals for enhancing this cultural idea.

First is the possibility of making required social science or humanities courses emphasize global perspectives.

In other words, the classes would focus on how other countries view the topics.

Second, Highline has been given a \$140,000 grant to provide more content on world perspectives in class.

This money will also fund appropriate textbooks and provide faculty release time.

Third are plans for student and faculty exchanges.

Next year, Highline writing instructor Rosemary Adang will go to China to teach. In exchange the college will host an instructor from Shanghai to teach language.

## Space

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Joyce Riley, head of the Child Development Center.

Currently, the center is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

If next year's budget comes through, they could expand those hours as well as take in more children.

Women's Programs has a slightly different problem. The person who said size doesn't matter apparently didn't have 13 people with full-sized desks, file cabinets, and a small library of resources packed into a space no bigger than a living room.

"Luckily we like each other a lot," Kelli Johnston, director of Women's Programs, said.

One suggestion was to have the Women's Programs replace Highline Medical when their lease was up.

## AA

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"They gave us a good starting point," Hirnle said.

The decision-making process, which will most likely take several months, is now in the hands of the Faculty Senate.

The Senate will look to the recommendations of the curriculum committee and then debate their final proposal to take to the Council on Councils, which meets quarterly and reports to the college president and Board of Trustees.

One issue the Board of Trustees will likely have to look at, which the Faculty Senate has not, is the cost.

Current coordinated studies courses are sometimes limited to 20 students.

"That's like having 10 students in a math class and 10 in a writing class," Hirnle said. "That's a pretty expensive way to run a course."

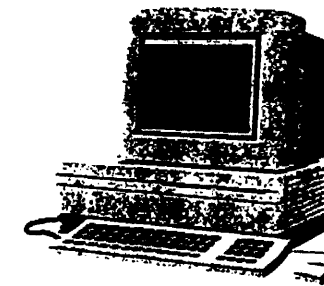
If all students are required to take a coordinated study, then the college will likely have to increase the number of coordinated study courses it offers. "It gets to be quite expensive," Hirnle said.

If changes in the graduation requirements are approved, students already attending Highline will only have to meet the current requirements, while incoming freshmen will face the new A.A.

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