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College pulls plug on health center

By Alyssa Pfau
and Tracy Wilcozen
Staff Reporters

Highline is closing the doors on the Health Services' clinic June 15, and as they move out Women's Programs will be moving in.

Vice President of Students Jim Sorensen officially terminated the Health Services' con-

tract this week.

Sorensen said he could not justify the Health Services' clinic occupying a considerable amount of space in Building 6 when other more widely used programs on campus could use it.

"My decision was based primarily on the low usage rate," Sorensen said. "They only serve approximately four to

eight paying customers a day."

Some feel that's not the issue.

"It's not about the money or budget issue, it is strictly a space issue," said Pam Hill, a certified medical assistant at the health center.

Hill feels that closing down the health services is a big mistake.

Hill believes this because lots of students and staff members

use the health services provided. Students without insurance received discounts from the clinic. They likely will have to pay full price somewhere else, she said.

Health Services provides a variety of services such as sports physicals, pap smears, birth control, immunizations, pregnancy tests, vision and hearing care, and blood pressure checks.

Hill said students now will have to make appointments with doctors and miss school and work rather than coming into the Health Clinic and leaving that day.

"Once Highline loses it, they will never get it back," said Hill.

When Hill went to Highline she used Health Services and

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Tazza contract may be renewed

By Ami Westberg
Staff Reporter

Things could change in Highline's food operations in the next few years.

Rumors that Tazza's contract has not been renewed and that an outside vendor is negotiating with the college to take over The Union Bay Cafe along with Tazza are false, according to Jim Sorensen, Vice President of Students.

It appears Tazza's current owners, Jim and Pam Scott, will be back next year and maybe longer.

Officially, negotiations for renewal of Tazza's contract with Highline are still in progress, but so far no decisions have been made.

"If Tazza's contract isn't renewed, I think it will be really unfair because they have served the college for seven years and students at Highline have expressed their satisfaction with the quality of service that has been shown," said Sean Judy, who has been a Tazza employee for three quarters.

Employees of Tazza hope to know for sure by the end of the month if a new contract will be made and what it holds for Tazza.

"We have made a lot of proposals for the changes we would like to make in the contract but nothing concrete has come out of it yet," said Jim Scott, co-owner of Tazza.

Sorensen said the college likely will renew Tazza's lease, at least for awhile.

"I gave him [Scott] my word that Tazza would stay for at least a year and probably three years," Sorensen said.

If the Scotts' contract is extended they plan on making some changes within Tazza.

Pam Scott expressed desire to do some remodeling and that they want to purchase a roaster in order to roast their own beans.

Whatever happens with Tazza, the cafeteria will have a new manager. Current manager Loretta

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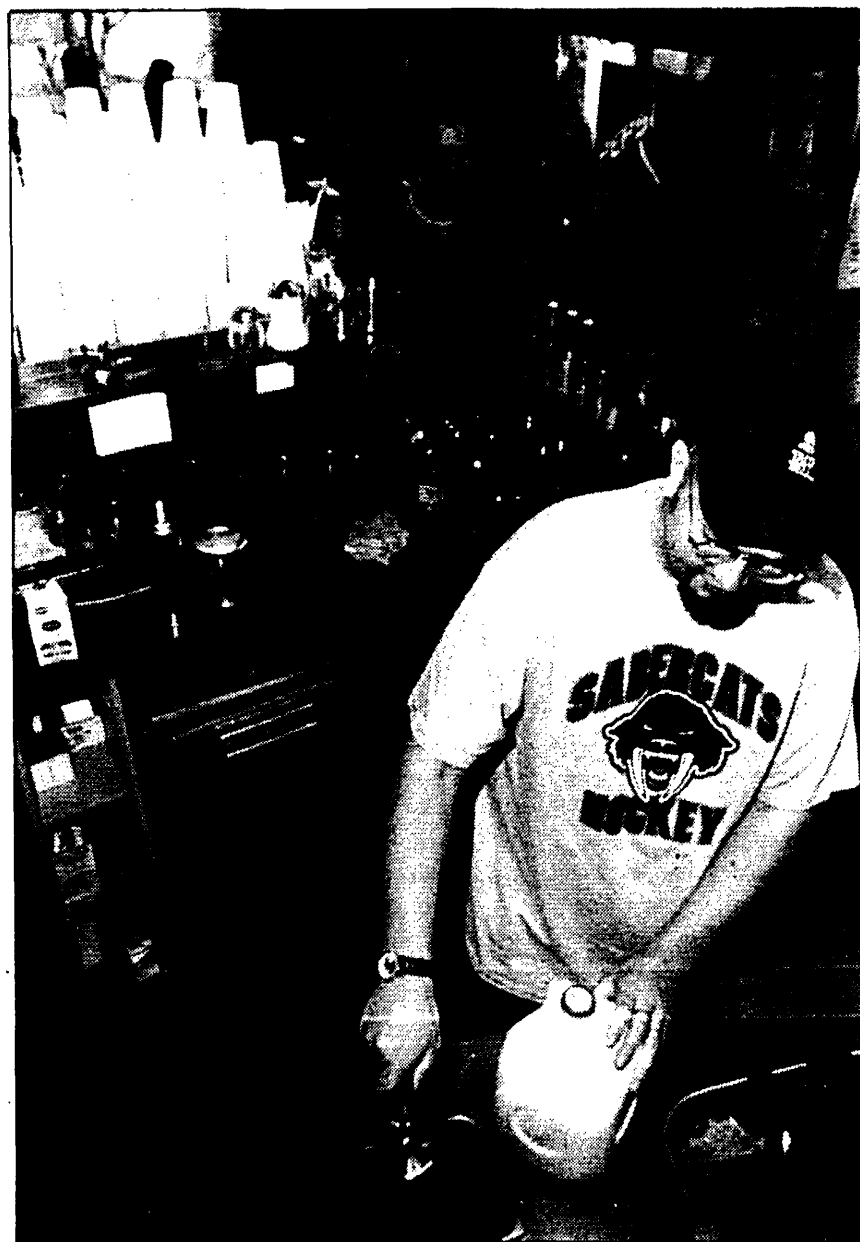


Photo by David Yamamoto

Sean Judy prepares a hot one at Tazza earlier this week.

Track gets new coach

By Michael Stampalia
and Rochelle Bermudez
Staff Reporters

Highline's track team will have a new head coach next year.

Current head track and cross country Coach Frank Ahern will not be coming back. Who is replacing him is still undecided.

Tracy Brigham has been named track coordinator, a position now necessary because of the addition of women's track. She is the person who makes all the decisions on who coaches both the men's and women's track teams.

"We just appointed Tracy and she's going to coordinate both programs. It's kind of unique that you have two programs put together," said Athletic Director Fred Harrison. "We're \$6,000 under what a men and a women's program would be, according to what men's track had last year.

"That is why we need someone to coordinate both programs," Harrison said. "What she will do is go out and hire people to assist. Then we will coach both the men's and women's teams together. It's

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HCC women get grant

By Kelly DeLong
Staff Reporter

Microsoft has donated cash and computers to the Women's Programs at Highline.

The grant consists of \$50,000 and 20 486-chip computers. The grant also included software for the computers.

The Women's Programs will receive their computers and software this summer, when they'll have time to set everything up.

Since Women's Programs is collaborating with the Puget Sound Educational Service District and a non-profit organization called Washington Works, the money will be distributed in a different way.

The Puget Sound Educational Service District, also called the Puget Sound ESD, oversees the local Head Start program. The Head Start program is an opportunity for low-income preschool

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Buff up that rusty resume

Learn how to create a resume or buff up the one you have in a three-part class sponsored by the Women's Programs.

The class will teach students: how to present their skills in a way that will make an impact; how to create great cover letters; and much more.

The classes will be held Thursday, May 21 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m. and Friday, May 22 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. The cost to attend all three classes is \$10 and preregistration is required.

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

Faculty speak

Highline writing instructors will show off some of their own writing in a faculty reading sponsored by team Highline.

Featured speakers will include: Angela Caster, Sharon Hashimoto, and others. The workshop will be held in Building 7 at noon on Thursday May 21. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information contact Rachel Thorne at 206-878-7652 ext. 3903.

Make a positive life change

The Women's Programs is sponsoring a support group for women.

The group meets every Tuesday from noon to 1:30 p.m. and the fee to attend is \$10 a month. For more information contact the Women's Programs at 206-878-7652 ext. 3340.

Check out One-Act plays this weekend

The Highline Drama Department presents student organized One-Act plays from May 13-20 in Building 4. Tickets are \$6 for general admission and \$5 for students.

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Smokers say they started young

It's more relaxing than exercise, they say

By Ghada Barbour
Staff Reporter

Highline students who smoke say they learned the habit at a young age, usually from their parents, siblings, and friends.

In a recent, nonscientific survey of 100 students, most of those who smoke say that they think smoking is a cool thing to do. Others believe that cigarettes are for relaxation, killing time, feeling better, releasing stress and calming nerves.

"Smoking is my habit," student Angela Laird said.

In the survey, 70 percent said they smoke a pack or more every day. Another 20 percent said they have never smoked and 10 percent said they once smoked, but have quit.

Among smokers, most believe that they have the right to smoke on campus.

"I'm addicted to cigarettes. It makes me relax and it's enjoyable; smoking is a personal choice and should be no one else's business, including the



Photo By David Yamamoto

A survey of Highline smokers found that they believe it is their right to smoke on campus.

government," Jeanne Castagno said.

"I have been smoking for 21 years," said Ann Strain. "It is a habit; it relieves stress. It is more convenient to smoke than to go out and jog on the track."

Nonsmokers and former smokers are less understanding.

Dawn Wright smoked for 20 years. She did not consider quitting until it affected the

health of her child.

"Smokers refuse to confine their smoking to the area posted. They cause litter-requiring paid staff to pick up their cigarette butts. They stand in public doorways and outside classroom vents," she said.

"I don't think smoking should be allowed on campus. It is a health hazard," Alex Red said.

"Smoking is bad for everyone's life," said another nonsmoker. "It causes many diseases and cancer."

"People should not smoke on the campus even though they have the right to do whatever they want to do unless it conflicts with others' rights," one student said. "Highline College should have only one area for people who smoke."

Team Highline to pick new members soon

By Tay Krull
Staff Reporter

Interviews for the opening three positions on the Team Highline staff for next year are in the final stages.

Team Highline is the student organization that plans many on-campus events. Its duties also include promotional work for the college. It replaced the Events Board last year.

Team Highline will have three staffers returning for duty next year. Christine Stevensen, Yumi Okuwaki, and Touraan

Smith have been chosen to return for another year of duty, leaving only three spots open for the 11 students who applied.

The final decision will be made on Friday, May 15. Applicants will be notified by mail or phone when decisions are made.

To qualify for Team Highline new recruits must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5, willingness to work with others, experience in programming activities, and leadership potential along with leadership experience. If chosen, the new team members will go through summer training from mid-August to September.

These personal qualities and attributes will be put to work as next year's Team Highline will coordinate various programs and activities for the college, as well as working with Outreach Services such as campus tours, and recruitment activities.

The expectations for Team Highline in the upcoming year are to plan activities that are tailored to fit all students, according to LaShawn Morgan program adviser.

"We are trying to show people that there is more to do on this campus than study and go to class."

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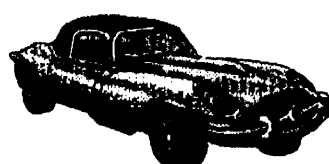
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S&A budget provokes drama but no change

By Michael Stampalia
Staff Reporter

The Services & Activities Budget for the 1998-99 school year is set.

After hearing appeals from the Child Care Center, Student Programs, the Tutoring Center and the Drama Department, the S & A Committee didn't budge from its earlier decision to set the budget at \$671,000 for next

year.

Joyce Riley, director of the Child Care Center, thanked the committee for its financial support and commitment, and asked for the committees continued help.

"I'd like to ask you to remember the Child Care Center if there is more money. Child care is the responsibility of the whole campus," Riley said.

The appeal by the Drama

Department was more heated.

Drama Department Coordinator Christiana Taylor said she couldn't produce three shows a year on the \$40,000 her program is receiving.

"If you think I'm pissed, you're right," Taylor said.

"I can't take a committee seriously that doesn't take my program seriously," Taylor said. "I don't see why we are forced to come and beg for more money."

The committee told Taylor that she could overspend her budget according to the amount of revenue she expects to receive from the productions.

The committee approved requests for contingency funds from the Thunderword (\$150), women's softball (\$800), and the Vocal Jazz Ensemble (\$600).

•The Thunderword requested money to pay for the cost of attending awards banquet this

weekend.

•Highline's women's softball team asked for \$800 in additional funds for the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Softball championships this weekend. The committee allocated money from the Athletic Work Group Fund for the team.

•The Vocal Jazz Ensemble received \$600 for additional travel and food expenses.

The Menna of Highline

Well-traveled Tesfatsion finds redemption, success in college ranks

By Nelson Crisanto
Staff Reporter

If you were to flip through the Men of Highline Calendar and stop at Mr. November, Menna Tesfatsion, you would see peaceful eyes looking off into the distance. What you would not see is that these eyes have experienced six of the seven continents, and literally lived a lifetime in only 19 years.

Tesfatsion was born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, but not before he was incarcerated. While pregnant with Menna, Mrs. Tesfatsion was imprisoned for distributing Bibles in the local hospital.

Tesfatsion's father, a church leader in the country, was put at risk of imprisonment or even death due to the Communist government. The persecution of the church in the country forced him to accept a job offer in Auckland, New Zealand where his family would be safe.

There, Tesfatsion learned to speak English by watching "Knight Rider" and "The A-Team."

From New Zealand, his family moved back to Africa, but not together. Tesfatsion, his older brother, younger sister, and mother stayed in Nairobi, Kenya, while his father worked in Ethiopia, an attempt to shield the family from danger.



Photo By David Yamamoto
Menna Tesfatsion is enjoying the calm of Highline after earlier turmoil.

After two and a half years of periodically seeing his father, Tesfatsion and his family moved to the U.S. They moved to Lansing, Mich., where Tesfatsion entered the third grade and for the first time realized he was different.

"I was the only black kid in the class," he recalls. "Coming from Africa, that was a big shock!" He quickly made friends and assimilated in order to fit in.

Tesfatsion was an outstanding student and constantly at the top of his class, until his family moved to Los Angeles. It was here that Tesfatsion grew from an innocent fifth grader to a trouble-making teenager.

"In L.A., I was told that if I worked really hard I could possibly be a 'B' student."

"I remember staring into the teachers' eyes and wanting to cry. Instead of proving them wrong I decided to distance myself from schoolwork and started getting into trouble."

Naturally a hyper child, Tesfatsion began to release his energy in negative ways. He found himself in detention regularly and his grades quickly dropped. He used his intelligence to make fake report cards to give to his parents.

"I saw this as a business opportunity and sold them to my friends," Tesfatsion said. "I thought I was outsmarting the system."

From fake report cards he moved onto

fighting and was regularly suspended.

"I got scared when my friends began to carry guns, I knew I had to get out, I didn't want to die."

One of Tesfatsion's friends was convicted of double-murder and sentenced to life in prison. Another was shot in the back and is now in a wheelchair.

Despite Tesfatsion's poor grades he scored a 1420 on the SAT.

After his junior year, he moved to Washington. "I saw this as an opportunity to start over," he said.

Tesfatsion attended Thomas Jefferson High School where he held a 4.0 his entire senior year. That only pushed him to a 2.3 GPA.

After high school Tesfatsion decided to study the Bible and became an intern at a local church.

"I felt the education I was getting at church was biased and narrow-minded so I decided to attend Highline until I could get my GPA high enough to transfer." Now Tesfatsion not only has a GPA of 3.77, he's also actively involved on campus. He is a member of Team Highline and an advocate for diversity.

"My attempt to outsmart the system had stripped me of the key to unlock the door of opportunity, now at Highline I can earn a second key."

Where's the beef now? Wendy's flees Midway

By Scott Luedke
Staff Reporter

Students are trekking farther for a slab of beef.

Wendy's Old Fashioned Restaurant on Highway 99 and 260th has been closed due to a business decision made by the head of Wendy's International in March.

"We closed that particular Wendy's by Highline because the area is changing and the lease wasn't worth the property," said Wendy's International Executive Steve Jay.

The recent Wendy's closure has upset the local Highline population.

"Yeah it pissed me off because I walked up there to get some chicken nuggets and it was closed," student Garrett Miller said. "I am really mad because I like the 99 cent meal."

The student complaints don't stop there.

"Yep, we drove up there to get some food and they weren't there any more. I'm mad because now I have to drive all the way to Federal Way to get some good food," student Nichole Mulvihill said.

"We are currently building two new locations down in Kent. Both of which will accommodate the year 2000 population," Jay said.

Still, the students of Highline will have to travel a long way to dine at Wendy's.

"That location of Wendy's has been open there for a long time, and the neighborhood is getting older. We feel this was a good decision," Jay said.

Graduation applicants: Don't procrastinate

By Ghada Barbour
Staff Reporter

May 22 is the deadline to apply for graduation.

In order to get a degree from Highline, every student must apply and pay the \$10 fee.

"We encourage everyone to apply two quarters before they

think they are completing their degree," said Joanne Jordan who is responsible for graduation evaluations.

Approximately 1,000 students complete degrees at Highline each year. Since commencement is held just once a year, in June, Highline invites all students who have graduated

from the previous Summer Quarter through the coming Summer Quarter to participate. It is uncertain how many students will be graduating this spring because applications are still coming in, Jordan said.

In order to graduate from Highline, 90 credits and a GPA of 2.0 or higher is required.

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Editorials

Government should represent students

Students elections were held May 11 and 12, and a new student government was elected.

Student governments, including the one Highline has had for the past year, have done an adequate if not good job performing their duties. However, it would be beneficial to the campus if the new government would strive to do even more. The purpose of student government is to represent the students and this is a duty which needs to be thoughtfully analyzed and executed.

The first step in becoming an effectively representing the student body is to find out what the students want and what issues they feel are important. This responsibility should be the primary duty of the student senators, whose job is to be the liaison between the students and their student government. The student government should not wait for students to come to them with problems, the senators need to get out and survey students about their concerns.

Also, every student senator is required to develop a project each quarter. This project should be something that the students can feel, something immediate. It should not be a plan for the future that current Highline students will not enjoy.

The newly elected student government should follow the examples of former governments and expand on what they have done.

Letter to the Editor

Goodbye and thanks to HCC

Dear Editors:

In just a few weeks I will graduate. Although I am anxious to continue my education, I feel a little sad about leaving Highline. I have made so many friends here, students and faculty alike, and I have received a great education.

The purpose of this letter is to thank all the professors whose courses I took and learned so much from. Thank you for your expertise and dedication to teaching. I am grateful for the knowledge I have acquired from you and for the critical thinking skills you have taught me.

Although I can't acknowledge each of you here, I will make one exception and thank Lorain Stowe from whom I took Western Humanities 141, 142, and 143. Your courses alone, Lorain, were worth every penny of my tuition. I think that they should be mandatory courses for all students.

Again, I thank all of you and wish you well. Wish me luck as I head for PLU and another graduation two years from now.

Lynnda Sullivan
Highline Student

Stores' logic holds up

Dear Editors:

I am amazed that a Technical Writing instructor would find Mr. Stores' commentary illogical, and have the obvious inability to successfully articulate why.

Speaking of illogical, perhaps this instructor might have

realized that the six "fallacies" (four actually - false analogy did not seem to be one of them and neither was ad hominem) used by Mr. Stores were intentionally wielded to make a point.

Also, if the commentary was so illogical, why did this instructor feel compelled to criticize Mr. Stores' literary style, rather than counter his "unscientific, illogical argument against social science and the humanities" with clean, incisive logic?

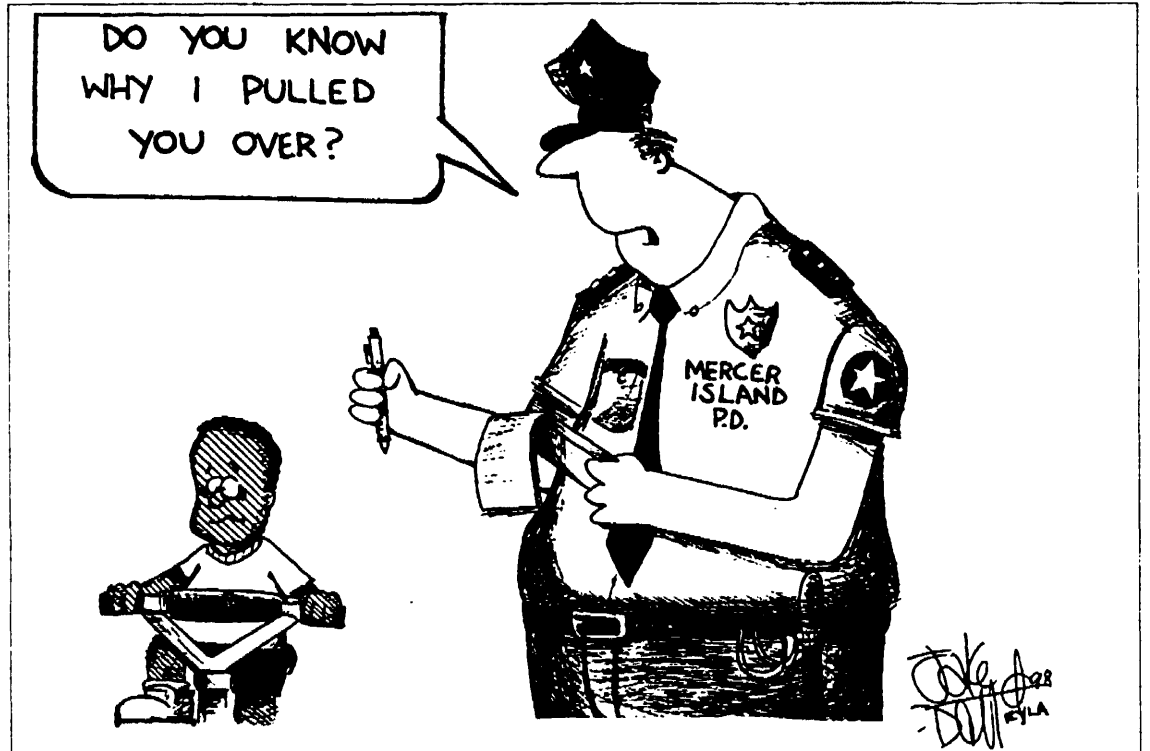
I find it very hard to believe that an instructor, of Technical Writing no less, would be so ham-handed in attempting to compose a persuasive article. Perhaps she would like to take Writing 105: Research and Persuasive Writing and learn that attempting to distract readers from the glaring lack of substance in an essay by insinuating that the person the essay is directed at is in need of some shoring up of his logic is, at best, amateur.

I trust that when this instructor wrote "most of our students do better", she was referring to the mindless regurgitation of politically correct, post-modernistic jargon that the social "sciences" seem to cling to for validation of their very existence. These poor students have already been indoctrinated into the fascism that is political correctness.

But why was she not capable of backing up her statements using logic? Was this inability caused by ignorance regarding the issue of Pomo, or just intellectual laziness?

Could Mr. Stores be correct? Has Pomo bullshit withered her wits?

John Gosnell
Highline Student



Chips, salsa, spaghetti do me right

What do hot fudge sundaes, a certain local Mexican restaurant's chips and salsa, and a restaurant located near Pier 70 which specializes in spaghetti all have in common?

I have had some serious fixations on them.

Sure, I may not roll out of bed with a mad hankering for some spicy salsa, but give me a few hours and I'm there.

It all seemed to start last June.

For that entire summer, the only thing I desired was food from the spaghetti place. I yearned for creamy pesto dressing; my salivary glands watered for raspberry ice tea; my fingers cried to caress the warm goodness of the bread.

And my mouth, my dear mouth. The only thing it wanted was the al dente goodness of spaghetti noodles, the tangy tweak of tomato chunkies, and the mushroom's pillowy softness.

I even went so far as to hope they'd open a discount restaurant in the SuperMall, the Spaghetti Factory outlet.

Lisa's World

By Lisa Curdy

But I've matured since last summer. Or that's what I thought until mid-March.

I'd eaten at my favorite local Mexican restaurant since I was a wee tot. Their pollo asado and tasty chicken fajitas always did me right.

But in March, I became a salsa and chip junkie.

Before every meal, out comes a fresh hot basket of home made tortilla chips and a dish of the Ramos family's lip-smacking salsa.

Oh, the salsa! Big hunks of tomato and onion are brought together in a heavenly union, joined with secret spices and delightful leaves of cilantro.

And as you scoop up the Mexican delight with a freshly fried tortilla chip, you'd swear

you were ingesting Mexican manna.

Or maybe that's just me. Whatever it is, I crave those very chips and salsa every day. Weekly, I hope the stars cast a vote in that local Mexican restaurant's direction.

But finding nice people to go with you two to three times a week to the same restaurant is like repeatedly asking them to donate plasma day after day.

And having platelets jammed back into your arm's veins hasn't been hailed as one of the 101 great date activities.

So now my new fixation is one I can go solo on.

Hot fudge sundaes can be a solitary affair, a secret which just me and the crew at the local ice cream shop can share.

The warm gooey goodness of coagulated cocoa butter streaming down the side of a cool scoop of ice cream is too much for me to resist.

Perhaps I should employ Mr. Food as a member of my culinary cavalcade, because my wanton won ton soup desires aren't going any time soon.

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You can sweep it under the rug, but it's still dirt.

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The big Sein off, boo hoo

The end is frightfully near. I can feel my heart racing right now just thinking about it, as I slouch in my uncomfortable office chair dazing into computer land.

Jerry, Elaine, George, Kramer, and Newman are readily exciting my pathetic, obsessive, Thursday must-see T.V.-watching life.

So, why does a person like me get so obsessed over a simple sitcom dealing with everyday life in New York? Simply, because a person like me has no life other than watching Kramer

Arts and Croft



By Christi Croft

dash in the front door, listening to George's parents wait at every second, watching Elaine try to dance, and noticing the number of times Jerry thinks there is something wrong with his present girlfriend (How many did he actually have anyway?).

I know, I know, you're thinking, "Why is everyone making this Seinfeld thing such a big deal?"

It's kind of crazy that a sitcom holds the topic of conversation of all T.V. entertainment shows, and has been disgustingly over-exposed on all magazine covers.

And granted, I do take every Thursday night off from work so I can watch the NBC lineup religiously.

One might call it sick, but to a diehard Seinfeld buff like me, it's a way of life!

So, the question is asked, "How is Seinfeld going to depart?"

Here's my theory: Jerry will finally get a new haircut and move to Istanbul where he will sell fine goods on the street, George will finally grow hair, and follow Jerry on his quest of fine-good sales.

Elaine will fess up and marry Puddie....then she'll realize what their kids will look like and divorce the Pudmeister. Newman will go nuts, but that won't stop him from getting beautiful women, and Kramer will succeed in making his made up holiday, "Festivus," a nationally recognized day in America, and be disgustingly rich. So long Seinfeld!

Christi Croft is the Arts Editor of the Thunderword. "The Love Boat" is her favorite now.

Mixing a little color in the library

By Jennifer Sottana
Staff Reporter

Ruth Carpenter makes watercolors flow with life.

Carpenter's paintings are on display this month in the Library on the fourth floor. The show is a lively mix of scenics and evocative portrayals of abstract and commonplace items.

"Watercolors talk to you. They do exactly what they want to do," Carpenter said.

"Villa Cortez" and "El Cortez" both capture the dark-side of a populated city. These pictures are very realistic, looking 3-D rather than flat.

"Ocean Waves" is a bright and noticeable picture with dark purples, blues, greens and white enhancing the underwater effect.

"My Bike" and "Winter Wonder" are pastel paintings in blocks like the stain glass effect. These pictures bring back childhood memories of riding a bike and climbing trees.

Many of Carpenter's painting ideas come from travel experiences. "Orbed Maiden" is from a mountain scene Carpenter saw on vacation in Wyoming.

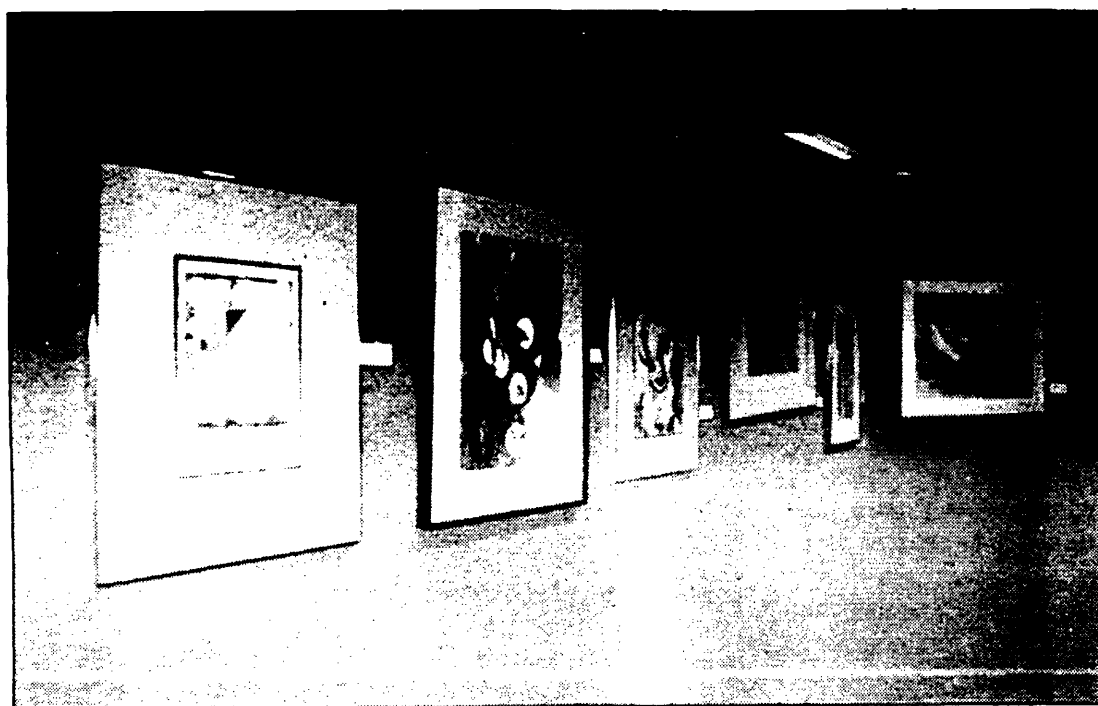


Photo by Kevin Whatley

A collection of Ruth Carpenter's paintings are featured in this month's Library gallery show.

"Passage I" and "Passage II" present a story; they are connected to each other.

The first painting shows beautiful, tall trees, and a blue background with a disappearing stairwell. Painting two is toned down in neutral colors showing the stairwell and the inside of a tunnel. Out of a Dream," an abstract, makes the viewer think

too much. This simple black and white painting is unique. In the eyes of viewers it can be seen as a monster or an animal but to Carpenter it is a lady swimming.

Carpenter enjoys painting with watercolors even though they can be difficult to work with.

Carpenter began painting

with watercolors and acrylics after taking classes at North Idaho College and at Highline.

Her paintings range from \$95 to \$495 each. A good deal for art fans are Carpenter's handmade cards for \$5 or seven for \$30.

"This is something I have wanted to do since I was a girl, and it's a living," she said.

Get out of the house

The Highline music department presents the Spring Choral Concert on Thursday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Building 7. The concert is free, so show up and support your fellow music students!

The Highline Speech department presents Readers Theatre "In Praise: Defense of the Arts," on Wednesday, May 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Building 7.

Highline's Visual Communications Expo has arrived! Come celebrate 30 years in the making. See project demonstrations and mini clinics sponsored by Kodak digital camera's, Adobe Photoshop 5.0, Digital Platesetter, PageMaker and much, much more! The expo will be held on Thursday, June 4 from noon to 8 p.m. or Friday, June 5 from 2-6 p.m. in Building 16.

The Highline Drama department presents its student organized One-Act plays May 13-20 at 8 p.m. in Building 4. Ticket prices are \$6 for general admission and \$5 for students.

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Burger joint receives honors

Mr. Food's choice this week: Paul's Burger Joint located at 241 S.W. 152nd in Burien. Their phone number is 206-246-3501.

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I love Paul's Burger Joint! Paul's is awesome, Paul's is neat, Paul's always gives you something good to eat!

I enjoy Paul's and have been a patron for several years now. This past Monday I ordered what I always order at Paul's, the chicken teriyaki plate.

What's good about Paul's is their teriyaki "happy hour," which is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., when most of their various teriyaki plates are \$3.99.

Anyway, so let's get into the

Mr. Food



By Scott C. Murray

food aspect. The chicken was broiled and marinated, while also being tender, pretty much melting in my mouth.

The vegetable part of the meal was steamed cabbage that was mildly salty tasting, which was good. I also received a huge heaping two cups worth of steamed rice.

Paul's Burger Joint is the best teriyaki place I have been to!

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Fastpitch prepares for NWAACC Fastpitch clinches division

By Daniel Rickert
Staff Reporter

The Northwest Athletic Association of Community College's fastpitch softball tournament starts Saturday, May 16, and the Highline women are the top seed in the Northern Division bracket.

The 'Birds carry a record of 23-7 and tons of confidence into the tournament.

"We have played the teams well," said Coach Cara Hoyt. "Plus, we have scouted all the teams."

The Lady T-Birds are putting their emphasis on hitting for the tournament.

"We are going to bring in a men's fastpitch pitcher for practice, because we want to improve on our short game, focusing on the corners of the plate," said Hoyt.

Although South Puget Sound Community College is the south's No. 1 seed, they aren't a pick to win the tournament. Instead, Highline, Edmonds, and Lower Columbia look to be the front-runners.

"The only team that is really coming into the tournament hot is Edmonds," said Lower Columbia Community College Coach Tim Macken.

"Their pitcher is dominating and it helps that the tournament is being played at Edmonds," he said.

Macken said South Puget Sound may find tournament competition tougher than what it's used to. "They have a good pitcher, but they played in the



Photo by David Yamamoto
Assistant fastpitch coach Heather Overman teaches the art of the bunt at practice.

weaker side of the south division, which will probably hurt them."

Hoyt believes Lower Columbia will be Highline's best battle.

"We've wanted to play them all year, but they weren't allowed to participate in the cross-over tournament because of limits to amount of games teams can play," said Hoyt.

Lower Columbia is hitting .404 as a team. They have three good left-handed drag-bunters, and six legit power hitters.

Jill Powell heads the power surge with a .442 batting aver-

age, 10 home runs, 55 RBI's, and 55 hits.

"Jill is a definite all-league performer," said Macken.

Lower Columbia also has two dominating pitchers. Hard-throwing sophomore Dessa Carroll is 13-3 and also brings a .400 average with two homers to the diamond.

Highline split a double-header with Edmonds earlier in the season, but was swept by them in a later double-header.

The difference was pitching. "They didn't have Tammy Bradstreet earlier in the year, but she is back off suspension," said

Hoyt.

Bradstreet carries the lowest E.R.A. in the league to the tournament.

Final league statistics were unavailable at press time.

Highline plays Mt. Hood, who beat them 4-3 in the cross-over tournament, on Saturday, May 16 at 9 a.m.

If they win, they advance to play the winner of the Lower Columbia/Shoreline game at 1:40 p.m.

"If we play up to the level we are capable of, we can beat every team in the tournament," said Hoyt.

By Daniel Rickert
Staff Reporter

Highline's fastpitch softball team clinched their first-ever Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges division title with two wins over Spokane on Friday, May 8.

The T-Birds finished league play with a 23-7 record.

The NWAACC championships start on Saturday, May 16 at Edmonds Community College.

Highline is the No. 1 seed in the Northern Division bracket of the tournament and plays the No. 4 seed from the Southern Division side.

Tai Mansigh continued her strong pitching with a one-hit, 2-0 shutout in the first game of the double-header.

"The one-hitter was exciting and we're even more excited to go to the tournament," said Mansigh.

Tammy Unger went 1 for 3 with a triple and an RBI. Heather Saw was 2 for 3 with a double and a triple, and Erin Arnott collected a base hit with an RBI.

The night cap only lasted five innings en route to a 9-1 shellacking.

Kelly Barrett went 2 for 3 with a triple and an RBI, and Heather Saw was 3 for 4 with a triple. Amie Johnson was 2 for 2 with an RBI, and Erin Arnott added a triple with an RBI.

Water polo drops first match

Highlanders lose to Otters, 15-9

By Michael Stampalia
Staff Reporter

Everyone on Highline's water polo team, the Highlanders, got wet last Saturday at Hec Edmundson Pavilion on the University of Washington campus, losing to the Otters, 15-9.

The Highlanders were playing their first match of the year after doing well in the division playoffs last fall. Only four players return from the fall squad.

The Otters, a club team made up of men and women who looked to be much older than their Highlander foes, toyed with Highline early on.

"They let us do whatever we wanted early on. They were just feeling us out," Highlander Bill Heming said. "They were playing really smart."

The Highlanders scored on

their first possession of the match as Becky Celver threw the ball into the Otter goal with only 20 seconds gone in the first quarter.

Highline went on to take a 5-0 lead in the first quarter before the Otters notched their first goal of the game with 1:25 remaining in the quarter.

The Highlanders offense couldn't manage a goal for the entire second quarter as they saw the Otters take a 6-5 half-time lead.

The Otters held the Highlanders scoreless while staging a comeback which saw them go from five goals down to three goals up at 8-5 with 4:49 left in the third quarter.

Adam Donovan scored for the Highlanders to end their scoring drought and make it 8-6 at 3:18 in the third quarter. The Otters came right back and scored two possessions later to make it 9-6 with 2:14 left.

Oftentimes Highlander goalie and coach Sam Shabb found himself vulnerable to the Otters,

who more times than not found an open player near the goal for an easy score.

The Highlanders, meanwhile never got a clean shot on the Otter goal after the first quarter as they were swarmed by defenders any time they got within eight meters of the Otter net.

"We stopped moving because they had us boxed in," Heming said.

The Highlanders scored to make it 9-7 at 1:21 in the third period to get as close as they would get the rest of the way. The Otters then outscored Highline 6-2 the rest of the way, making the final score 15-9.

"We played great considering, I was happy with our performance against an older and more experienced team," Shabb said. "We played really well throughout."

"It's weird when you don't know half the team," Highlander Ron Granquist said.

The water polo team will play May 30 at the Hec Edmundson Pavilion pool.



Photo by Michael Stampalia
Sam Shabb defends the goal for the Highline Highlanders.

Steele demolishes school record

Highline high jumper is first to break seven foot barrier

By Reginald T. Ball
Staff Reporter

Sean Steele smashed his own school record by clearing 7'0" in the high jump last Saturday at Highline's only home meet of the season.

Due to bad weather and cancellations, the Thunderbird Invitational last Saturday was less crowded than expected.

Grays Harbor Community College had one participant and a few unattached runners tagged along.

For the most part, it was Highline vs. Highline, but it was still a good show.

Dominique Demouchet won the 100 and 200 meters. Niki Sylve won the 400 meters in a down-to-the-wire race with Jake Dill.

Said Musse finished first in the 800 meters.

In a two-man race, DeMonne Taylor won the 110 hurdles easily. Brian Smith won the 1,500 meters.

In the 4x100 and 4x400 meter relay races Highline won by beating themselves, with the later relay featuring a spirited



Photos by David Yamamoto

Above left: Sean Steele practices for his event. Above right: Highline's man of Steele.

race between two teams largely comprised of distance runners.

The track team's next meet is Saturday at the Seattle Pacific Invite at Husky Stadium.

This is the last track meet before NWAACC finals May 23-24 at Spokane C. C.

"This is going to be a real good tune up to get our team prepared for NWAACC finals," Taylor said about the SPU invitational.

The meet will start at 10 a.m. Highline will be the only NWAACC school competing in this 19-team event.

Some teams that will compete in this meet are Seattle Pa-

cific, Pacific Lutheran, Northwest, and Western and Central Washington.

The University of Washington was scheduled to be at the meet but canceled and decided to run somewhere else.

"I wish UW was there so I could go against JaWarren Hooker. He is the best sprinter in the Pac-10," said Sylve. Hooker has already brought in one of the fastest times of the year in the 100 meters at 10.1 seconds.

Highline has an array of talent in every event that takes place on the track.

Along with Smith, Musse

and Frank Cenicerros, Todd Lopata, Pat Boyd, Andy Gist, Chris Bendixen, Andrew Russell and Prahlad Friedman handle long distance and should hold their own this weekend.

With Steele jumping well and Garrett Miller there is depth in the high jump.

Demouchet, Sylve, Taylor, Justin Clark and Jake Dill do most of the sprinting work and without Hooker they have a chance to win.

Both Regis Costello and Micah Adams are setting personal bests almost every time they pole vault and look to do the same at Husky Stadium.

A recent survey conducted by track supporters had 60 female students responding that they would compete in track if Highline had a women's team.

"I would like to know who those people are," Brigham said. Anyone who is interested in competing or has any questions about men's or women's track should contact Brigham at 206-878-3770, ext. 3449.

"All of my coaching experience is in soccer. But track is my first love," Brigham said.

Brigham has been contacting high schools and mailing letters, scouring the local area for recruits.

"The men's team will be solid. We're still trying to get the word out that we have a women's team," Brigham said. "I've sent out a bunch of letters."

"Even in some of the track meets Frank wound up doing everything. I didn't really appreciate Frank as much as I should have. And I don't think anyone else on this campus did," Harrison said. "They can say that they did, but there weren't a whole lot of people to facilitate and help. And that's one advantage of having Tracy on board is that she's here, she's full-time, a commissioner, and she ran track."

Brigham graduated from Florida State University in 1989 where she ran both the 400 and 800 meters.

She has been the assistant coach for Highline's women's soccer team. She serves as Highline's female commissioner to the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges.

Track

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kind of ridiculous to have separate coaches."

Brigham said she will be head coach of at least the women's team and possibly the men's team as well.

"I'm definitely going to be the women's head coach. I haven't decided what I'm going to do about the head coach for men's team," Brigham said.

Ahern will be leaving after only his second year as head coach of the track and cross country teams.

"Frank did a great job for us. Absolutely nobody helped Frank, getting the people out to practice, with all of the eligibility checks," Harrison said.

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ESPN show celebrates 20,000

I'm sick of all this talk of Seinfeld.

Everybody acts as if it's the end of the world.

ESPN Sportscenter is having show number 20,000 on Sunday.

Now that is a big deal!

Chris Berman choosing his best nicknames ever, highlights, and the best of the best.

I can't wait.

Spin On Sports



By Mike Stampalia

What true sports fan, with cable, doesn't love sportscenter? Not a real one.

Seinfeld Schmeinfeld.

I have to give them credit though.

Any show that can make baseball player Keith Hernandez and New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner funny is OK in my book.

That still doesn't mean the final episode of the show deserves more hype than a U2 world tour.

Next week the world will go on Seinfeldless.

And I will still have my Sportscenter, 20,000 shows and counting.

Chris Berman has a restraining order against Mike in all 50 states. Mike wears a Chris Berman mask to bed at night.

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Move

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now works for them.

The employees of the Health Services will be taken care of by Highline Hospital.

The clinic's space in Building 6 will become the new home for Women's Programs.

They've been wedged into the much smaller area, Building 21A, a portable on the south edge of campus.

From what little response Sorensen got on the issue, less than half were in favor of keeping the Health Care Center.

Those not in favor expressed concerns about where students could go for medical assistance if the Health Care Center was not there.

The UW Physicians center is



Photo by David Yamamoto

Pam Hill, an employee at the Highline's Health Center, is concerned with the closure of the center.

just a few blocks away, near QFC, and other public health care centers are less than two miles away in every direction, Sorensen said.

Women's Program's is extremely happy to have the

Health Center's space because Women's Programs will have more room.

"I'm really happy that we will now have adequate space," said Kelli Johnston, director of Women's Programs.

The portable that the Women's Programs now occupies will be used for the overflow testing from Building 6, Sorensen said.

Johnston says that the moves main difference will be that the program will have private areas to meet with students instead of meeting students in an open area where privacy is not possible.

Johnston strongly believes that this will better serve students now because they will be in Building 6 where this will be much more effective for working with students, from easier access to registration to visibility and safety in the evening.

"We really needed a place so we will not be out in the fringes. Now this will bring us into the mainstream of the students," Johnston said. "We are really pleased."

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donated will be used to start a program at Highline for the parents of the Head Start children.

The class will be a coordinated study of a computer class and personal enrichment class.

The computer class will give low-income parents the computer and office skills they need

to advance in the work force, and the personal enrichment class will consist of how to make the most of the resources they have.

"This class will give people the entry level skills they'll need to get a job," said Kelli Johnston, director of Women's Programs.

The class will begin Fall Quarter, and run about 12-16

weeks long.

When the class has been completed, students will receive a certificate to prove their learned skills.

"Later, when these students want to upgrade their skills, they will already have access to Highline and our resources," says Johnston.

Call 206-878-3710, ext. 3340 for more details on the class.

Beans

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Westfall is retiring in June, after working in Highline's cafeteria for 30 years.

No decision has been made as to who will replace Westfall after June.

"Everyone is on pins and needles waiting to find out," said Westfall.

Westfall retiring will reduce the number of Highline's cafeteria employees to three, two part-time employees and full-time employee, Marcel Briggs.

The other employees are hired by the outside vendor who

runs the cafeteria, Food Management Corp.

Thunderword reporters Tina MacDonald, Michael Stampalia and Alyssa Pfau contributed to this report.

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