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Team Highline under scrutiny College gathers budget bucks

By Michael Stampalia
Staff Reporter

Team Highline has been under fire ever since its inception almost two years ago.

Created to replace the Events Board, the goal was to combine outreach with event planning in an organization run entirely by students for students. According to their own members this is still a "work in progress."

"It's been a hard year," Team Highline member Amy Studley said. "We've grown a lot."

Winter Quarter was especially rough for a group which prides itself on teamwork. One member, Dan Lawton, quit and left a group that is supposed to have six members with only five. This led in part to the cancellation of Comedy Cafe, one of the most popular events on campus, but the main problem was that no one had booked an act for the event.

"(Lawton) just walked in and said 'OK, I'm gone,'" said member Christine Stevenson, who is in her second year. "We had only two weeks to get a comedian and get tickets."

Beyond the problems with recent events, Team Highline is supposed to be assisting the school's Outreach Services department in its efforts to promote the college. This hasn't always worked according to Jason Prenovost, outreach coordinator for the college.

"Where Outreach and Team Highline come together is a work in progress," Prenovost



Photo by Kirk Elliott

Joseph "Tas" Tasby performs at Team Highline's Music on Mondays downstairs in Building 8. Tasby is a part of the group The Prophets of Truth.

said. Difficulties stem more from communication and time issues than a lack of willingness on both sides to get things done. "Both sides have been trying

hard to make it work," Prenovost said. "I've seen it work at other schools."

Erin Burley, Team Highline's adviser, often does some of the work herself, going to high

schools to fill racks with college quarterlies and pamphlets.

Burley and Prenovost, along with current members expected to return for a second year, are working on a new approach to the outreach component of their duties. Prenovost hinted that he'd like to see students reporting directly to someone in his office for their outreach duties.

"We're trying to come up with a plan for next year," Studley said.

"Students at high schools love hearing from other students," Prenovost said. "Team Highline could be a very vital part of what we do."

Whereas its predecessor, the Events Board, was focused on events, Team Highline also is supposed to provide students with an opportunity to acquire leadership skills in a real world setting. They learn to deal with the pressures of deadlines and high expectations, team members say.

During the summer, members, who are currently paid to work 19 hours a week during the year, participate in six weeks of training during which they are paid for 40 hours a week.

"They meet with every department on campus; deans, presidents, every student services department," Burley said. "They get a really good sense of how the college works."

During the training course they learn how to do the differ-

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College gathers budget bucks

By Nikki Woodhouse
Staff Reporter

The budget for community colleges is beginning to take shape, and it appears Highline will get its share of the money.

Every other year, the Washington state Legislature adopts a new budget; 1999 is a budget-making year. Legislators are in Olympia right now trying to decide the best way to spend your tax dollars.

Last week, the House of Representatives adopted a capital budget. However, the operating budget proposals are still being negotiated.

Capital funds are designated for new construction as well as repairs and renovations. The capital budget adopted by the House will offer \$221.7 for two-year colleges. That's \$49 million more than these schools received just two years ago.

State Rep. Maryann Mitchell, R-Federal Way, is co-chairwoman of the House Capital Budget Committee.

"Our community colleges are where our workforce is being trained," Mitchell said during debate on the House floor.

"As companies downsize, as they redirect their focus as we have more and more single people needing to support families, our community colleges are where that happens," she said.

The budget passed 92-3, but must pass the Senate and be signed by Gov. Gary Locke to become law.

This capital budget, if passed, will be very good for Highline. It gives the college \$5,550,000 for the expansion of Building 30, and \$117,000 for design costs for a new 21st

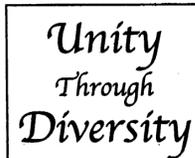
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Unity Week returns with full roster of events

By Derek Roche
Staff Reporter

Multicultural Services and Team Highline, in an ambitious effort to promote racial tolerance and unity, offer up the second annual Unity Through Diversity Week, April 12-16.

Through a variety of workshops, visual and performing arts, and numerous lectures, organizers expect the event-



laden week to be an eye-opening celebration of the vast racial diversity at Highline.

Toni Castro, director of Multicultural Services and a leading force behind the cause, is extremely confident the celebration will provoke dialogue from students and faculty regarding ethnicity, race and culture.

"Unless you're a person of color, people are not always talking about diversity," Castro said. "It's a very diverse community and we often overlook socioeconomic, spiritual and

language issues."

Beginning Monday in Building 8, the Opening Celebration will feature Bailadores de Bronce, a widely acclaimed group of folkloric dancers. A keynote address by Highline professor Jean Harris is also scheduled.

Slated for noon on the same

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Crime Blotter for the week of April 8

Man beats phone booth then kicks sign

A Highline maintenance worker observed a male suspect, near Building 20, punch the telephone booth and then kick a flyer poster breaking the wood. The incident occurred near the upper south parking lot on April 2.

Student trips, then falls through glass

A Highline student, while walking outside Building 8, tripped due to her flip-flop sandals. The fall caused her to go through a glass window. She sustained no serious injuries. Other than small cuts to her right hand, Band-Aids were the only treatment needed. The injuries occurred on April 2.

Skippers smash up halts recycling

A traffic accident, involving a Rabanco recycling truck and a Plymouth Lancer, occurred outside the Skippers gate on April 1. The case was turned over to the Des Moines Police Department.

Trickster pulls alarm

An unknown assailant pulled the fire alarm in Building 22, on April 5. The alarm was later reprogrammed by security.

Student reports stolen book

A Highline student reported a textbook lost or stolen on April 5. The book was last seen in Building 8.

Wallet left on car, then disappears

A Highline student forgot her wallet on the bumper of her car. When she returned for it, the wallet was gone. The incident occurred on April 7.

Notebook and glass case discovered

A white notebook with a velvet glass case was found on April 6. The property was returned to the security office.

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Kim Nichols

Buddhist enhances young minds

By Tyler Hurst
Staff Reporter

Buddhism isn't about praying to a deity, absolving sins or even being happy.

It's about achieving enlightenment.

Lama Tashi, director of Kagyu Shenpen Osel Choling, came to Highline yesterday to speak about Buddhism.

Lama Tashi, a Buddhist teacher, has been studying Buddhism since 1973. During that time, he has been on three year retreats twice, both of which were designed to allow him time to achieve enlightenment.

"Buddhism is a system of psychology based on understanding the nature of one's experience," said Lama Tashi.

Buddhism's main goal is enlightenment, which is a state of mind achieved only through intense meditation.

Other religions are not scorned by Buddhism.

"Buddhism regards all au-



Photo by Kirk Elliott

Lama Tashi, a Buddhist teacher, speaks at Contemporary Conversations yesterday.

thentic religious teachings as an act of an enlightened mind," said Lama Tashi.

The first truth that Buddhists hold is that life will inevitably end in suffering. They believe

that most suffering comes from selfishness. Meditation is the answer to this problem, says Lama Tashi.

"Enlightenment is the way to rid oneself of problems," said

Lama Tashi. "Achieving it is like dropping a petal in a clear pool of water. The ripples will move out and happiness in a person's own world will increase."



Spring Festival will include seminars

As part of the Spring Festival the Highline Community College Foundation will be holding an "Estate Planning Seminar" hosted by Des Moines attorney Michael Regeimbal.

The seminar is designed to help individuals plan for their financial future and will cover topics including "basic" and "advanced" estate planning.

The presentation will be held on May 7, from 2-5 p.m. in Building 7. Please call ext. 3774 to reserve your seat.

St. Martin's offers transition program

St. Martin's College will be coming to Highline to inform prospective transfer students of their academic options. Students and their families will also be offered a complimentary dinner.

The seminar, which is free of charge, will be on Tuesday, April 13, at 5p.m. It will be held at St. Martin's Norman Worthington Conference Center at 5300 Pacific Ave SE in Lacey.

Classical music for college students

Multicultural Services is now offering reduced price tickets for a Seattle Symphony concert. Tickets are available for \$15. Proceeds will go to the YWCA Young Women's Leadership Institute.

The concert will feature the

works of Mozart, Mendelssohn, Copland and Rossini.

The event will be held at Benaroya Hall in Seattle on Sunday, May 23, at 2 p.m. For tickets contact Andrea Booker-Guantes at ext. 3296.

Commencement to honor graduates

Highline will be offering commencement to all graduating students. Students and parents will have the opportunity to mingle with faculty and administrators.

There is no charge to participate; cap and gown, tassel and invitations are included. For more information contact Joanne Jordan at ext. 3244.

Colleges come to Highline

Northwest College: Thursday, April 8 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Pacific Oaks College: Monday, April 12 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Antioch University: Tuesday, April 13 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., by appointment only.

All college representatives will be on the lower level of Building 6.

Des-Moines Rotary donates money

The Des-Moines Rotary Club recently accepted a proposal from Highline to donate \$3,000 to fund Highline's Global Studies Resource Center.

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Happiness depends on culture

Childcare hours are extended

By Tyler Hurst
Staff Reporter

Dr. Emmanuel Chiabi wants to know why people pursue happiness.

He sees happiness as something people can attain from doing the things that they like, not something you can strive for.

"Happiness is better if you look at it backwards," said Chiabi. "Instead of just saying you are happy, try to think what makes you happy."



Chiabi was Contemporary Conversation's first speaker of the spring quarter. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of California in Santa Barbara, where he majored in African History. He also obtained a double master's in Political Science at UCSB and in African History at California State University.

Born in Cameroon, Chiabi made constant comparisons to how happiness is defined through culture. In his culture, the more wives a man has, the happier he will be. The reason, though, is different than one might think. His culture believes that marriage is a union between families, not just between two people. Therefore, the more families involved, the happier a man sees himself.

In America, such practice is illegal, prompting Chiabi to note that happiness is contextual. He believes that every culture has a different way to define happiness, therefore it is tough to decide when someone is truly happy.

"Happiness is an illusion, because there is no universal standard to base it on," said Cheedy Jaja, philosophy instructor and past Conversations speaker.

Chiabi also asked the audience how to define happiness. He shared examples such as: contentment, pleasure, satisfaction, joy, delight and gladness. Chiabi believes that each person has their own definition of happiness, which in turn makes happiness even individually defined.

Because of this, he urges people to look at happiness as a whole, not as a day by day process.

"Happiness is a journey to a place you don't know," said Chiabi.

Dr. Chiabi was recently awarded a full-time teaching position here at Highline.

By B.J. Stephenson
Staff Reporter

Highline Child Care Center has extended its hours for Spring Quarter.

Closing time has moved from 7 to 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The center accepts children of staff, faculty and students. The children must be between the ages of 16 months to 5 years old. While the daytime enrollment is full, there is still room between 1-10 p.m. This is not a drop in service; all children must be registered.

This convenient service is used primarily by Highline students, says Joyce Riley, director of the Child Care Center. It is by far less expensive than private baby-sitting or community child care centers.

The cost for diaper aged children is \$3.75 an hour and \$3.50 an hour for preschool age. This cost includes dinner around 5:15 p.m. and a snack around 7 p.m. Evening child care also focuses on providing calming activities for the children.

Highline can offer extended hours of child care at such a reasonable cost because it is funded in part by the Department of Health and Social Services in Olympia. Seven community colleges are participating in this pilot project from Olympia to determine if there is a need for extended child care services at the community college level.

Highline received \$10,900 to subsidize the extended hours service during Winter and Spring Quarters. There are no guarantees Olympia will con-



Photo by Tyler Hurst

Toddlers play together at Highline's evening childcare program.

tinue to support this program.

Continued funding will be based on perceived need.

"If there's a need I hope students, staff and faculty will let us know so we can influence Olympia. We want to encourage students to look now at their Fall Quarter schedules and let me know so I can let Olympia know what they need," said Riley.

Monthly reports are submitted to Olympia, but the exact criteria for maintaining funding is not set. This means Highline may not hear about future funding until the last minute.

During the 14 years Riley has been involved with Highline's Child Care Center there has been continued growth based on increased student need. One child care building has been in-

creased to two. Staff has grown from three to 15 employees.

In addition, Highline offers an Early Childhood Education and Assistance program, a USDA food program, Parents Place (family support center), an extension of the Parent Education Program, and the extended hours program.

Last-minute funding can lead to difficulties with staffing of community college child care programs. With no guarantees that their jobs will be maintained, many child care specialists and aids move on to more secure employment and then the college must recruit new staff frequently. Highline has been fortunate to have a flexible staff that is willing to juggle their work schedules with other Highline programs in which

they are participating. Department networking has paid off for the Child Care center.

"If extended child care hours are going to work, it's going to work Spring Quarter," Riley said.

The need for extended child care hours seems to run in cycles every four to five years. Extended hours usually start out well attended and then attendance decreases. It is used by students who have night classes, afternoon or evening work schedules, or are on work/study programs.

Fourteen families were registered during Winter Quarter, with only 20 families registered for Spring Quarter. You may register at any time as long as there is space. Fall Quarter registration will begin in May.

New center leaves many questions

Highline's student center has been scheduled for demolition time and time again. Administrators keep hitting the cancel button and delaying until next year.

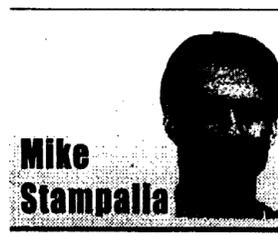
It makes one wonder: Will we ever see a new student center?

Will we ever enjoy a spacious new cafeteria?

The answer in my case, and many of you, is no. Even if they knocked down the existing Building 8 tomorrow it'd still be a year and a half before the new one was finished.

Administrators are doing what they always do with an important decision such as this committee it to death!

To date there has been something like 50,000 committees on how to renovate/rebuild the student center. They are having a harder time making up their minds than NATO does about sending ground troops into Yu-



goslavia.

I mean, c'mon already! What's the hold up here?

It seems pretty simple to me.

So, you have a little teeny-weeny funding problem. Don't we all?

Administrators have a plan to solve this issue. It's called a student-imposed fee. A nifty little thing this fee, it allows students to tax themselves in order to pay for things like a student center, pool tables, Ping pong tables, a cafeteria with lots of room to relax, a bookstore where they have less room for beanie babies, and even bigger offices for student government and Team

Highline.

I was talking with someone who knows about these things the other day, and they said that administration already thinks it will be in the neighborhood of \$1.50 per credit. The problem with getting students to vote for such a fee is twofold.

First you have to get them all of the information. This isn't like running a political campaign where you only have to run against other people. You are running against every one of the students on this campus. We all want to make sure that you are putting your money where your mouth is.

Second, and toughest of all, you have to make us care. After all, why should we care when most of us will probably never get to use the thing? Ah, but there's the catch. Most of us won't ever have to pay either.

If administrators and members of the Associated Students

(student government) expect to promote a referendum of this significance they may have already waited too long for this year. The way I see it, you need to have at least three months of forums and informational seminars to ensure that students don't feel shafted if it passes.

The biggest question of all is how many people need to vote in order for it to be a valid return?

What if the same 100 to 200 people who always vote on student government elections are the only ones who vote and it passes?

Will future students be shackled with a fee that none of them voted for?

Why don't we form a committee to study that?

Do you miss It's Supposed To Be Funny? You can find it online on Mike's webpage at: <http://www.angelfire.com/wa/SeattleGuy>

Editorials

State spending limit
squeezes school funding

As the state Legislature continues hammering out a budget, it appears that community and technical colleges (CTCs) are in vogue. Both directly and indirectly, elected officials are jumping on the CTC bandwagon.

Support for CTCs has grown on both sides of the aisle, with both Republicans and Democrats supporting increasing funding to accommodate growing student populations through such moves as increasing money for part-time instructors.

Indirectly, a good sign of support for the CTC system has included expansion of the University of Washington's Tacoma campus, which was designed as a transfer destination for local community college students.

The modern CTC system is more popular amongst legislators right now than it has ever been in its almost 40 years of existence.

These signs are definitely great for CTCs. But what happens when they fall out of style amongst lawmakers? The extreme importance of the community college system will not end just because it falls to the back of lawmakers' minds.

Since the recent rise in CTC popularity came after over 30 years of barely any attention, it can well be expected that some day, maybe soon, community college funding could fall victim to the cyclical world of democratic politics.

Also, the increased interest comes at the same time as labor strife and funding issues hit the K-12 system. So the question must be raised: What good does it do to increase CTC funding but not adequately fund K-12? After all, virtually all CTC students come from the state's K-12 system.

A budget problem exists involving these issues, primarily because of Initiative 601. The initiative, passed by voters in 1991, limits state spending to the rate of growth in population.

Unfortunately, student population is growing faster than the general population. With increased student populations, obviously the state's education expenditures need to increase.

The state's budget should not be shackled by inflexible laws. The budget sometimes needs to grow, and adequate expansion cannot be done within the bounds of 601.

The state Constitution allows for initiatives to be repealed or amended after two years in action, so short-sighted measures such as 601 can be adjusted to account for the basic needs of the state's residents.

Get involved this spring:
It's your money at work

Spring Quarter will be filled with events throughout Highline's campus. Beginning with next week's Unity Through Diversity Week, this quarter will be a particularly busy one with on-campus entertainment and activities.

On April 30 at 8 p.m., the popular Comedy Cafe will take place, followed the next Friday, May 7, by the yearly Spring Festival. On May 13-14 there will be a painting competition, with a Mardi Gras Cruise on Lake Washington on the latter of the two nights. The next week is the Spring Arts Fest, which includes jazz, chorus, and dramatic performances, as well as a fine arts exhibit opening in the library.

These events aren't even half of what's going on throughout the quarter on campus or involving one of HCC's many clubs. The softball team will be playing home games throughout the quarter, plus there's a home track meet on April 24.

But why should students care?

It's pretty simple, really. Whether they like it or not, when students paid for tuition at Highline, about 10 percent of the tuition went to the Services and Activities (S & A) budget. Almost all of these events are funded at least partially through S & A, which is directly and wholly student money.

Students should take time to consider what the 50 S & A dollars they spent got them this quarter. Student programs, athletics, student clubs and organizations, and many staff and faculty members have done well in giving students options to enjoy the use of that money and a colorful springtime campus life, and it's up to students to take full advantage of the situation.



Parking issue needs common sense

Highline has a parking problem.

Really? Since when?

The lots are overflowing, and the walk from Midway is fraught with the dangers of being late to class and arriving soaking wet. Hey, I paid my \$8 just like everyone else, why shouldn't I be allowed to park on campus?

I have a solution. Print up exactly the same amount of passes as there are parking spots on campus, then charge students \$25 for them. Makes sense, doesn't it? Then give the rest \$8 passes to park at Midway every day. That way the school gets more money, and students will be able to get what they pay for.

Believe it or not, the administration proposed a deal similar to this last year. It involved subsidizing bus passes, and trying to apply economic principles to parking. Huh? It was shot down by the WPEA, which believes that parking increases

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Out Loud

By Tyler Hurst

should be negotiated. Good news though, they are meeting again before summer, so the students of 2002 should expect a change.

But, according to Dr. Laura Saunders, vice president of administration, they will still sell more tickets than spots are available for the campus lots. Why? Do they really like the parking piranhas?

Speaking of those damn vultures who follow their students to their cars, I think they should start playing the *Jaws* theme in every parking lot so unaware Running Start students will scurry to their cars before being eaten.

I also noticed that Security was giving out parking tickets the first day of the quarter. What happened to a week grace period? They must have been overexcited after a week off.

Have you ever read a ticket from Highline's parking squad? You should, because the fines are not always \$5 a pop. In very small print, it reads that the second violation of the same rule increases the fine to \$15, which I discovered this quarter when I tried to register.

Another project to help with parking was a special staff lot located in the East parking lot. Every day there are empty spots just waiting for a student to slide into, but it just ain't allowed. Why not? Faculty and staff are paid to be here, we're not. Why shouldn't everyone be allowed to spend some extra money for a guaranteed slot?

Good question.

Tyler could park if his car wasn't broken down.

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Where "gullible" is not in the dictionary.

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Restarting school is a trying experience Thank you, Highline

I have gray hair and I am old enough to be the grandmother or great grandmother of most of the students here at Highline.

I am a dropout from corporate America and I have chosen to become a (yikes) student. I feel like an alien.

As I drank my coffee at home the morning of my first day of spring quarter, I declared to my roommate that I was not nervous.

She watched me say this as I lit my cigarette at the wrong end while I held another cigarette in my other hand. She laughed. I grimaced.

I told myself positive affirmations to calm my nerves - "I can do this." - "This is a small campus" - "I am a competent, lovable adult" - "I won't fail, being at school is an achievement" - which didn't work well.

I was scared. I was worried. I was excited. I was scared of math. I was worried about fitting in. I was excited about being in a new environment where my curiosity would be an asset instead of a liability. How would I survive mornings with grumpy young people?

I arrived on campus about 30 minutes early. I covered more ground walking from the bus stop than I had since the last time I attended college in 1977.

The nervous fluttering in my intestines persisted; I scouted out all the bathroom locations.

I carried the Pooh backpack my inner kid insisted on having. It felt like it weighed about 400 pounds because it was full of books (\$229 worth of books!).

I wandered about looking for Building 22, freezing my behind off. I anxiously searched the faces of my fellow students, looking for a friendly face, hostility, or anything. I saw sleepy people looking as lost as I felt.

I also noticed quite a few "grays" - other old people. I

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Omonka Nnadi

wanted to run up to them and commiserate. I wondered if there was a club for old people.

I arrived at my first class! No one noticed. No one was looking at each other. I fought the urge to run away screaming and get a refund from the school cashier.

The instructor arrived. I felt better. My life as a student had begun.

I made it through all four of my classes that day without dying, falling down, wetting my pants, or getting attacked. I began to think that I might be OK. I was not convinced.

Vowing to return the next day, I trudged down the hill to my house a few blocks from campus. I was tired, and my books seemed to have gained

weight. I had homework already. Rats.

I am starting my second week. I am a reporter on a newspaper. I am getting oriented and feeling less like an alien every day. I know my way to my classes without getting lost or having to retrace my steps.

I plan to talk to some other old people to see how they are doing.

I have to whine. The textbooks put me to sleep immediately when I try to read my homework. I like reading mystery stories and gory horror stories. Math is not gory. Human Relations is not mysterious - just political and dangerous.

Why do I have to take Human Relations when I have been in the job market for over 30 years? I can program a computer without MATH! I wonder if anyone has written Math for Old Dummies?

Letters to the Editor

People stealing books only hurt other students

To the Students of Highline Community College

My name is Cathy Morris. I was a cashier in your bookstore for close to five years. I want you to know how much I enjoyed helping you find your books for the quarter, sell you candy, joke with you about your finals and try to make you smile. That was the best job in the whole world to me.

I have turned in my termination to Randy Fisher, because I feel I can not put up with the attitude of the management the bookstore is now under.

You would come to my register and let me know how upset

you felt at the cost of your books. I felt sorry for a lot of you because I know why the cost keeps going up.

The books are walking out the door. So, who has to pay for all the cost. The students. It is passed on to you, with higher, and higher prices on the books. In order to stop that, the bookstore has you leave your bookbag out side by the front door. Then what happens, someone steals your bookbag.

I felt in my heart, I had to say something. I have no power, but you do. You are the students, you pay the bill. You pay my salary, you pay for everything at the college. Why don't you quit whining and do something about it?

YOU HAVE THE POWER. I will miss you, Cathy Morris, ex-cashier.

I remember moving into our house. We didn't have to throw anything away since our new house was bigger, and we were only moving across the street. Only the front door had steps to it, the other two doors on our double-wide were five feet off the ground.

Inside the 15 years we lived there, we built a deck, storage shed, wood shed, put in a pool, new copper plumbing, roof, hot tub, and wood burning stove.

Thinking back, it seemed so big to me. At the time I didn't realize that I would call it my home for the next 15 years. I assumed it was forever. But, like most assumptions, it was wrong. The house that kept me fed and warm during my adolescence burned...severely.

On Feb. 17, 1999 I received a call that my house had burned down. It was hard to believe that my whole life had just gone

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Kirk Elliott

up in flames. All the memories, all the good times and all the love was completely burned to the ground.

But one shouldn't dwell on tragedy, or wallow in self-despair (too long).

I soon focused on solutions, and so did my friends at Highline. I had numerous offers of places to stay. I also received over \$800 from faculty, staff and students.

It would be hard for me to break down exactly how much everybody gave me, but you know who you are, and I thank you. I owe a couple of breakfasts, lunches and a pair of underwear to the generous people of Highline.

Kirk Elliott is photo editor for the Thunderword.

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Draw this: Art is not just child's play

This month's display in the Library showcases talent packed in miniature form. The artists are preschool children from area schools.

The enthusiasm among the students is evident among the tempura finger paintings, sidewalk chalk smudge, and crayon melt swirls.

And weren't we the same

Marta's Moment

By Marta
D. Pelayo



way? Didn't we get all punch drunk when arts and crafts time rolled around during our elementary school days?

I fondly recall making a clay porcupine/dinosaur, complete with toothpick riddled "armor" to ward off enemies. It was, to be honest, a shining moment in my life.

So why is it that once we advance from *The Joy of Painting*, with Bob Ross, we lose all interest in the fine arts?

At Gatzert Elementary School, where I tutor twice a week, second graders spend many a desperate moment begging me to dump the spelling tests and break out the Crayolas.

Their efforts are all in vain, alas, because I never budge. What good is a homework center if I let them draw, right?

However, I'm getting the feeling that I'm wrong.

Not that coloring takes priority over long division, but it is a subject that should be encouraged, not restricted.

Perhaps my students would stop fussing with their shoelaces long enough to hear me explain the difference between a "long" A and a "short" A if I promised some fun with a clay set afterwards.

All I know is that we lose that feeling of joy as adults. Maybe if we scheduled a little "arts and crafts" time for ourselves we could rediscover the creative juices that flow in us all.

Who knows, maybe some scheduled "clay play" will help me tutor second graders better.

Heaven knows they would appreciate a more relaxed tutor.

A retrospective show, *Marta: The Early Years* will be showing at Marta's house until she can afford some real art.

A tale of one city



Photo by Kirk Elliott

This 3-D design of a city is a highlight of the children's art gallery currently on display in the library. This city was painted and designed by area preschool children.

A surprising fortune 'Cookie'

By Marta D. Pelayo
Staff Reporter

Cookie's Fortune is a lot better than it looks.

The Mississippi comedy is surprisingly entertaining, despite its slow beginning.

Cookie's Fortune first develops the relationship between Charles S. Dutton and Patricia Neal as best friends who keep a running contest of one-upmanship, "Cookie: 487, Willis: 325."

It also establishes Glenn Close as Camille, Cookie's pretentious niece who is always concerned with the family name. Camille's younger sister Cora, played by Julianne Moore, is a mere puppet, always waiting for Camille to pull her strings.

The movie also presents Liv Tyler as Cora's daughter Emma, a delinquent who

Movie Review

proudly holds the Holly Springs record for most parking tickets with 234. Emma is also the long-lost love of Jason, played by Chris O'Donnell. While Tyler does her usual whiny, brooding schtick, O'Donnell is charming as the fumbling and overeager deputy sheriff.

While the first third of the movie is slow, it really picks up the pace when Cookie takes her own life and Camille's ensuing antics to disguise the suicide as a murder, not taking into consid-



Courtesy of October Films

Chris O'Donnell in the entertaining *Cookie's Fortune*.

eration the authorities actually looking of the murderer.

The result is hilarious, with Camille taking advantage of Cookie's death to move up the social ladder, and Emma, Jason and Lieutenant Lester Boyle (Ned Beatty) fighting to clear the wrongfully accused Willis.

Courtney B. Vance arrives on the scene Otis Tucker, who arrives with a feeling of superiority over the small town bumpkins of Holly Springs, but soon becomes overwhelmed by the inner workings of town gossip.

Overall, *Cookie's Fortune* is packed with back-stabbing, evil characters, slow-witted country bumpkins, and funny interchanges between characters.

Catch this one if you can.

April Fools' jokes cause confusion and laughter

By Gabe Bonner
Staff Reporter

The April Fools' issue of the Thunderword apparently caught some Highline students unaware, although few would admit to it.

The feature story was the supposed introduction of mandatory school uniforms at Highline by Fall Quarter 1999.

Upon reading the cover story one student exclaimed, "Crap, not uniforms! Now I'm going to have to transfer schools!"

A number of students called the newspaper office complaining about the uniform policy. One student asked for College President Ed Command's phone number, so she could chew him out about the new policy.

Other articles included cocaine being smuggled inside of Highline bookstore Beanie Babies, and updates on the Highline baseball, golf, and bowling teams.

Although Highline has none of these teams, one student said, "I didn't know we had a bowling team! I would have turned out."

Many people admitted to being suckered by the paper for a short time, but all eventually realized that it was an April Fools' prank.

"My favorite was the meetings article," said one faculty member. The article concerned the Highline Student Government's meetings about meetings, and the pre-meetings that they meet in to plan more meetings.

Another popular article was the drug smuggling Beanie Babies being sold at the bookstore. "I thought that story was hilarious," said Randy Fisher, manager of the bookstore.

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Highline meets the nation

By Paris Hansen
Staff Reporter

Some of Highline's finest track athletes were invited to compete in the United States Community College Elite Championship the weekend of March 26-28.

Participants for the meet were chosen through an NWAACC coaches poll. The top two (or three depending on the event) from each event were then invited to San Diego. At the meet 77 national community colleges were represented, as well as 55 California community colleges and four Northwest community colleges.

Representing Highline were Justin Clark, Dagen Bendixen, Sean Steele, Andy Gist, Dominique Demouchet, Eric Simonson, and Micah Adams for the men and Jenoa Potter and Rachal Schwartz for the women.

"I felt honored to be chosen to represent the Northwest," said Clark.

Clark placed sixth in the 400 meter dash with a time of 51.11 seconds.

Steele placed first in the men's high jump with a height of 6feet 8 inches.

"I could have done better," Steele said. "I was hoping to PR." Steele's personal best is 7 feet.

Simonson represented Highline in the throwing events. He placed ninth in the men's discus and seventh in the men's javelin.

Bendixen finished fifth in the 5,000 meter run with a time of 15:27.

"I think I did good for how good the competition was," said Adams. "I took sixth which is All-American status." Adams vaulted a height of 15 feet.

Demouchet placed sixth in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 55.34 seconds and seventh in the long jump with a distance of 21-8.5.

"It was a great experience," Adams said. "It was a great honor to compete and see where I stand in the nation, not just in the Northwest."

Most of the participants felt that it was an honor to be able to compete in the meet. Others felt the competition was the same as they face in the NWACCs here in the Northwest.

"It was the same as competing against people up here," said Steele.

The whole track team heads to Mt. Hood this Friday.

Small squad gives it their all

By D.T. Demouchet
Staff Reporter

In chilly weather and with low numbers, the Highline women's track team competed at Edmonds over spring break.

Although Highline had only five competitors at the Spring Break Open they still did an exceptional job at placing high in every event. Freshman Yavan Harper placed highest amongst the team placing second in the triple jump 32-02.25 and third in the long jump 14-00.5.

"It was fun. It was the best track meet I have ever run because it was like a practice," said Harper.

Freshmen Malika Underwood had a productive day running 14.3 seconds and a fourth place finish in the 100 meter dash.

Rounding out the field of competitors for Highline were Freshman 800 meter runners Rachel Moyer, Vickie Upchurch, and Angie Upchurch. Moyer, who in her first track meet of the year, placed sixth with a time of 2:44.8 two tenths of a second faster than

"I don't think the size of a team matters as long as you have the talent"

--Yavan Harper

Highline's 800 meter record holder Vickie Upchurch's who ran with a time of 2:45

Vickie Upchurch ran a time of 2:45 for seventh place right in front of her sister Angie Upchurch who finished eighth at 2:55.

The last actual competitor from Highline to have competed in the Spring Break Open was



Photo By Raul Sedano

Rachel Schwartz and an unidentified track member at practice this week, preparing for Mt. Hood.

coach Tracy Brigham who ran for the second best time of the meet in the 200 meter dash at 26.6. Brigham runs unattached from the college.

Perhaps the athletes times might have been more pleasant had they not been competing in poor, windy weather.

"I didn't do as good as I had hoped because of the weather," said Angie Upchurch. "It was too cold to really get a good warm up."

Highline had a roster of about 20 female runners. A recent eligibility check took two away from that total and lost about six more to employment obligations. The roster now sits

at about 12.

"This is definitely a building year," said Brigham. "I found out about the program late so I really didn't have time to recruit."

"Although we are few in numbers, the people we have will score high in conference," said Brigham.

"I don't think the size of the team matters as long as you have the talent," said Harper.

The women's team travels to Mt. Hood College on Saturday April 10 for the Mt. Hood Invitational relay tournament. Coach Brigham is still looking for more athletes for all event to participate this season.

Women's track off to a running start

On your mark, get set, go, and the women's track team is off to its first season.

For the first time at Highline we have a women's track team, and it's about darn time.

Just to catch you all up on the

Varsity Blues



By Farah Wilcoxon

scoop, last year we almost lost the men's track program but thanks to Title IX and some people who fought to keep track, the Service and Activities (S&A) Budget Committee decided that instead of dropping the program that they would add a women's track team.

With their first meet against community college teams coming up this weekend, they are looking to show well.

The only problem is that it is hard to win meets when you only have 15 members on the team.

"It's going to be a building year and hopefully a successful one in NWAACC," first year head coach Tracy Brigham said.

Although the team is short in numbers, they are big at heart. With a strong head coach in Brigham — herself a former Florida State University track star — I think that the team will show pretty well, even though the team isn't that big. Brigham is a really smart runner and has a lot of knowledge and experience to share with her charges.

So if you enjoy running or throwing competitively come on out and join the women's track team. They will need all the bodies that they can get.

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Grades slow down men's track program

By Jewanna Carver
Staff Reporter

The Thunderbird track team was off to a good start until winter quarter grades came out. The men's team lost seven members this past week due to lack of eligibility.

That leaves them with only 27 male runners to compete for the rest of the season.

Head coach Tracy Brigham was blindsided by the disintegration of her team.

"I was very frustrated with the losses," she said. "We lost four or five of our best athletes."

This is the third year in a row that the track team has been plagued by lack of eligibility.

"It seems to happen every year around this time," said Assistant Athletic Director John Dunn.

Brigham attributes the problem to heavy class loads and other commitments.

"A lot of them have full time jobs while they go to school," Brigham said. "Sometimes they let things get away from them."

But Dunn has another theory. "They wait for three quarters and sometimes they're motivated for the wrong reasons," he said.

Judging from the amount of people the track team lost, you'd think that the grade requirements were stringent, but they're actually quite basic.

"In order for a freshmen to compete, they must be enrolled in 12 credits and must have passed 12 credits the previous

quarter," said Dunn. "If you're a sophomore you must have 36 credits, have passed 12 credits the previous quarter and had a 2.0 GPA or higher."

There is no appeals process; once the grades are out they're final.

"I was very frustrated with the losses. We lost four or five of our best athletes"

--Tracy Brigham

"You're either in or out," Brigham said.

While it seems unfair to have no appeals process, the athletes do have a chance to raise their grades before their eligibility comes into question.

"The grades are checked three times a quarter, so they know where they stand before the season," Dunn said.

Though there is no written contract between athlete and coach, freshmen are aware of the requirements.

"Coaches go over it with their teams," claimed Dunn.

Brigham is thinking of taking extra precautions next year.

"I might have a contract in the future," Brigham said.

That may be a good idea because the eligibility require-

Men do well in windy weather

By Jewanna Carver
Staff Reporter

Spring break lured away a majority of the track team, but those who stuck around were able to compete in the Spring Break Open on March 27.

Ten guys made the trip to Edmonds to compete against 11 other colleges and numerous unattached runners.

"When we got there it was snowing. Then it became windy and rainy," said Head Coach Tracy Brigham.

Though everyone who competed did fairly well, the standouts had to be the men's 4x400 relay team who placed first in the meet with a time of 3:32.0.

The relay runners were Chris Hall, Andrew Russell, Tony Evens and Tim Richart.

"The 4X400 kicked Central's butt. They were laughing at us before the race, so it became personal," said Richart.

The T-Birds were also able to hold their own in the field events. John Fox was fourth in the pole vault at a height of 12 feet 11.75 inches



Photo By Raul Sedano

Chris Hall, Dominique Demouchet, and Justin Clark at practice this week.

Tyell Davis placed third in the long jump with 19-11.75.

Jake Campbell was tenth in the shot-put with a toss of 107 feet.

David Debond placed seventh in the discus with a throw of 32.62 meters.

The T-Birds made an appearance in sprints, placing third in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 45.1. That team consisted of Richart, Hall, Evans and Davis.

Other honorable mentions

go to Richart, 14th in the 400m dash, and 19th in the 200-meter. Evans, 17th in the 400m. Hall, 4th in the 400m hurdles and Russell who was 16th in the 200m dash.

The area where the 'Birds were scarce were the distance runs. That was a result of the San Diego meet, which was held on the same weekend, and not because of the eligibility

The next meet is April 10 in Mt. Hood Oregon.

ments at Highline aren't going to be changing anytime soon.

"It's a league rule and it's pretty easy," Dunn said. "You

just have to pass."

The Thunderbird track team, and most other squads have learned the hard way that they

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Edmonds	3-1	10-3													200-meter Dash, Women	2) Tracey Brigham 26.6
Walla Walla	3-1	9-7													5000-meter Dash, Women	4) Karla Booth 24:26.4
Highline	2-2	7-9													4X400-meter Relay, Men	1) 3:32.0
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T-Birds start season with split

By Maple Medina
Staff Reporter

Highline picked up the pace Tuesday after a rocky start.

The T-Birds swept Shoreline in a double header 10-1 and 9-0 in five inning. Thanks to the eight-run mercy rule.

It was a great effort from the team. The Thunderbirds were reading plays and stealing bases.

In the first game Tai Mansigh struck out eight batters, while Megan Hall fanned four in the second game.

Heather Saw had a triple in the first game and Amie Johnson highlighted Highline's defense with a diving catch in the second game.

"We hit every single goal that we made. That is what made us successful," said Head Coach Cara Hoyt.

The team had two days of double headers last Friday and Saturday. The T-Birds opened by losing to Wenatchee, 6-1 and 8-3, before snapping back and beating Big Bend 8-3 and 6-2.

The first two games of the season wasn't all the Thunderbirds lost. They also lost the guidance of Hoyt. She had to be taken to the hospital during the first game.

Hoyt was taken to the the hospital twice turning the weekend for what turned out to be a severe case of strep throat.

During their game against Big Bend on Saturday last year's assistant coach, Heather Overmann, came to the rescue by stepping in and helping the T-Birds.

In the game against Big Bend, Mansigh had 11 strikeouts in one game and Saw hit a home run. Melissa Macfarlane had a triple and two RBIs.

"The girls keep on getting better on defense and we are coming together as a unit," said Highline's Jodie Wolfe. "When the bats get going we'll be a powerhouse."

Over spring break the women got in a few practice games in an Arizona tournament.

The Lady T-Birds thought they left the rain in Seattle, but even in Arizona they couldn't escape the downpour.

Two practice games had to be rescheduled because they were rained out.

Out of the two games, they won against Illinois and lost against Utah. The T-Birds placed 15th in the tournament.

In tournament play, Highline went three and four.

The pitchers did their job by striking out their competition. Being hit by a ball and nursing a swollen hand, Lynn Hawrys was still able to be a relief pitcher to support the T-Birds against Western, who placed second in the Arizona division.

Mansigh pitched against Western and held them off 3-0. The Thunderbirds' defense was there to back her up.

Jodi Case, the starting catcher, was able to play strong in the Arizona heat.

Experiencing second degree burns the versatile Amy Strieb kept on playing and she couldn't even without her catchers gear. "Even though I was sore I

"We hit every single goal that we made"

--Cara Hoyt

still gave it my all," said Strieb. "But why does it always happen to me?"

"Compared to last year, this is a better team because we are fundamentally sound," said Kelly Barrett, assistant coach.

Friday, April 9 at 2 p.m. Highline will host a double header against Bellevue. Saturday, April 10 a game will be hosted by Skagit Valley starting at 2 p.m. Highline hosts Edmonds Tuesday April 15 at 2 p.m.



Photo by Raul Sedano
Amie Johnson throws one in from the outfield at practice.

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Budget plans still up in air

By Stephanie Allen
Staff Reporter

The Services and Activities Budget Committee has started hammering out a budget for the 1999-2000 school year at Highline.

The budget committee is allotted nearly \$700,000 in student funds. This supports a variety of activities on campus.

The committee has received almost \$750,000 worth of requests, but expects a revenue of approximately \$691,000 for the 1999-2000 school year.

The budget committee has broken into three subcommittees, each preparing its own budget proposal for the coming year.

The group's March 31 meeting was the first time the three subcommittees had come together to review each other's budgeting plans. They will continue working on a unified plan of function.

One issue under discussion concerns the child care budget proposal. Highline's Child Care Center asked for a \$19,107 increase over the previous year's funds to cover a 2 percent state salary increase and for additional help during the regular school year and summer months. The requested funding would nearly consume the expected \$20,000 revenue increase in the S&A budget for the 1999-2000 school year.

Another topic of debate was how to fund the \$14,000 request for a men's and women's cross country track team.

"To have a good track program you need a cross county program as well," said Santana Villa, committee member and student body president.

Highline's Cross country team was cut last year to help pay for the addition of the women's track team.

Funding for Readers Theater and Honors Colloquy were also hot topics. Some committee members felt that they should be funded from instruction for classroom activity and not S&A.

"We're hoping that instruction could pick it up," said committee member and student Kari Steele.

There were two Contingency requests, Fine & Performing Arts requested \$617.40 for the Spring Arts Festival and Student Government/Student Programs asked for \$690 for a Student Award program. Both passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 14 at 2 p.m. in Building 10, room 102.

Women's Programs more visible

By Omenka Nnadi
Staff Reporter

The Women's Programs office has experienced an increase in foot traffic since the move to Building 6, which is next to the Campus Security Office.

"Our new office location is visible to students going through the registration and financial aid processes and is much more convenient for other departments," said Kelli Johnston, director of Women's Programs. "Our staff feels much more connected to everything going on."

Johnston says that it's a good thing, because there is a lot of work to do.

"The women who contact our office want to be here, they want to use education to benefit themselves and their families," Johnston said. "They need a place to come to if they hit a roadblock."

The Women's Programs office offers extra help, support, and guidance by providing college advising, job search assistance, resource referral, workshops, classes, and ongoing events.

The next event will be held Thursday, April 8. Guila Muir



Photo by Kirk Elliott

Women's Programs Director Kelli Johnston talks to service worker Krista Hall.

will be featured in the monthly Women's Breakfast Forum at Highline's Federal Way campus. Muir will be speaking on "What Drives Us? What Feeds Us? - Keeping our Souls Sane in the Face of Constant Change." She will be teaching techniques for reducing stress among professional women.

The forum is not the only

place that Highline will have speakers. Johnston is excited about the participation of Stacy Allison, the first American woman to stand on top of Mount Everest, as a keynote speaker at the Highline Spring Festival dinner May 7.

Barbara Jack will be featured at the May 13 Women's Breakfast Forum. The topic is "Cre-

ating Magic on the Job and In Your Life!"

For more information about Women's Programs services, classes, scholarships, and special events, call the office at 206-878-3710, ext. 3340, log on to the Highline College homepage at www.hcc.ctc.edu, or stop by their new-convenient location.

Melissa misses campus computers

Wrye says college need not worry

By Dale V. Bird
Staff Reporter

The Melissa virus wreaked havoc throughout the business world last week. However, according to Highline staff, there have been no cases of the virus on campus.

The Melissa virus is transmitted as an attachment to a Microsoft document.

The Melissa virus that circulated was attached to a



Microsoft Word document. When it arrives in a computer, it goes to the outlook address book and e-mails itself to your 50 closest friends.

"I haven't seen it on campus at all," said Tim Wrye, director of Highline's computer center.

According to Wrye, the Mel-

issa virus mainly attacks a combination of Microsoft Word and Microsoft Outlook programs.

"What Outlook we do have, nobody is using it as an individual, so there aren't any addresses for it to use," said Wrye.

Despite the number of students using the computer center, they seem to have a good handle on viruses. Wrye believes students should not worry about getting computer viruses from the center.

Wrye said that although the virus is definitely a concern, instances of actual infection are rather rare.

"I have not heard of any instances of the Melissa virus on

campus, but we have had instances of other word macro virus's on campus," said Charles Moody, Desktop System Specialist for Highline. "We rely on our anti-virus software; the current antivirus software is called Dr. Solomon."

Advice for students who may be worried about getting computer viruses is simple: Take it seriously, but do not be afraid. Get virus protection. Ask others what they have. Check out the web. Here are some places to start:

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State Rep. Karen Keiser, D-Des Moines, who serves on Highline's Board of Trustees, is excited by the budget.

"Community colleges in general have a lot of friends here in Olympia, especially Highline. We want a good learning environment and need the ability to provide for the growing enrollment," said Keiser. "It is highly likely that this budget will get through the Senate without a huge amount of change."

The operating budget will be trickier, thanks to the 49-49 split between Republicans and Democrats in the House.

The two parties' operating budgets are very similar in ev-

ery area except salaries.

Republicans and Democrats both have proposed new enrollment of 2,180 FTEs (full time equivalents) in 1999-00 and 2,965 in 2000-01, \$3.5 million for faculty increments, and \$1.9 million to extend part-time faculty retirement benefits.

Both are allotting \$2 million for a faculty recruitment and retention pool and \$7.1 million for vocational programs.

The two bills propose tuition increases of 4 percent in 1999-00 and 3.2 percent in 2000-01. Further 2 percent increases or decreases may be implemented by the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

On salaries, the Democrats have proposed increases averaging 3 percent per year for all employees while Republicans propose 3 percent for faculty and librarians, but only 2 percent for all other staff.

A lot is riding on this budget.

The actual cost of educating students is \$4,548 each year at a state community college. Washington taxpayers contribute \$3,336 or 74 percent of that.

April 25 is the last day of this year's 105-day regular session. If the budget is not completed by then, a special session will be called. The Legislature has historically had difficulty wrapping up a budget in the allotted time. In 1979, the only other 49-49 split year, the session did not end until June 2.

Highline officials are fairly confident the Legislature will come through for the school.

"I'm very pleased with the way the legislature has treated us this far," said Vice President of Administration Laura Saunders.

"They are responding to our efforts to continue to try to improve the education and training of Washington residents," said Saunders.

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ent aspects of their job and participate in a two-day leadership conference with student government.

"They're going to learn a lot as they go along. This does a pretty good job of training them," Burley said.

New members are hired each spring and have to go through an application and interview process.

The process includes a group interview and group project. The project is to measure how well each individual operates within a team.

Potential members need to possess leadership potential, be representative of the campus, teamwork skills, and able to benefit from the experience.

Once they are hired they

must maintain a 2.5 GPA and take a minimum of eight credits per quarter.

Members are proud of the job that they have done in spite of the criticism that has been leveled at them.

"I don't think we are here just for entertainment value," said Rachel Thorne, second-year member. "A lot of the stuff we do challenges people."

Not all of the events they put on have been successful. The Fall Quarter '98 pool party, which was co-sponsored by student government, had almost no one in attendance.

"Even if it's not successful, it's a learning experience," Thorne said.

"You learn what works and what doesn't," Studley said.

Despite all of the problems no one is ready to give up on the organization yet.

"Team Highline is a great idea," Prenovost said.

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day, Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment will hold a lecture in Building 7, discussing, among other things, historical and contemporary perspectives and behaviors related to race.

Events scheduled for Tuesday, April 13 include the showing of *500 years of Chicano History*, a critically praised two-part educational video that explores Mexican Americans' pre-Colombian origins, Spanish colonization, Chicano student Vietnam protests, and the various struggles Mexican-Americans face today.

Theresa Guerrero, United Latino Association President says *500 Years*, scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. in Building 7, is a "revealing, powerful, and educational piece of filmmaking that will hopefully dispel many of the stereotypes Mexican-Americans must endure.

"I think the video not only educates students about Mexican American history but will inspire Mexican-American students on campus to get a good job after college," Guerrero said.

Kermet Apio, a popular comedian whose credits include *Star Search*, *Almost Live* and *Comedy Showcase* is scheduled to perform in Building 8 at noon.

Cultural tea and coffee hour in Building 6 at 8:30 a.m. will jump start Wednesday's activities, followed by a video, *Litany for Survival: The Life and Work of Audre Lorde*. The film, which starts at 10 a.m. in Building 7, is a portrait of the award-winning black lesbian, poet, mother, teacher and activist.

A noon there will be a Town Hall Meeting in Building 12 (moderated by Derek Greenfield, Jennifer Jones and other Highline faculty). The meeting will provide students and staff a forum to voice their concerns and opinions dealing with race and diversity.

Thursday's activities begin at 9 a.m. in Building 8 with the Chief Leschi Dancing Eagles, a traditional Native American dance group.

This will be followed at 11 a.m. by a lecture in Building 7: "Beyond Blame and Guilt: Understanding White Privilege." Allison Green and other Highline faculty will be the facilitators.

Unity Week's final day on Friday, April 16 will consist of three events.

First a panel will convene at 10 a.m. in Building 7 to discuss "Looking Beyond Labels: Gay and Straight Allies."

The closing reception, featuring a Latin Jazz Band, refreshments and a raffle, will take place at noon in Building 8.

The festivities, officially conclude Friday with a Hip Hop dance at 8 p.m. in Building 8.

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