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Survey says: No new student center

By Evan Keck
Staff Reporter

A slight plurality of Highline students are not in favor of paying a \$2.50 per credit fee to help build a new student center, according to a survey taken this week.

One hundred Highline students were asked how they will vote in the May 19-20 vote on the new student center. Of those polled, 40 percent said they will

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vote no, 30 percent said yes, 20 percent said they won't vote, and 10 percent were undecided.

The student vote will determine the fate of the plan to replace Building 8 with a newer, larger facility. If students say no to the new fee, backers of the proposal will have to start from the basement again next year.

Most students who were surveyed did not even know about the vote. Some said they had heard a rumor about a mysterious fee and some kind of new building.

"I haven't heard anything," was a common response.

Several students who are graduating this year said that they are not willing to impose

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Election draws 12 candidates

By Paris Hansen
Staff Reporter

Voting for Student Government elections begins next week.

Six positions are open and 12 people are vying for a seat in government. At least two people are running for each

position, which does not always happen.

The elections are scheduled to take place May 19 and 20, but Student Government officials say they are considering having the website open all

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Diamonds in the rough

Jewelry program counts down the days until it ends for good

By Tracy Fischer
Staff Reporter

The end of the Jewelry Department doesn't seem to be making its students very happy.

"We've been ignored and forgotten," student Don Peltier said of the jewelry program. "The maintenance sucks."

He said the building these students work in has not been taken care of for years. They take their finals with dim lighting and broken equipment.

These are the last few weeks of Highline's Jewelry Program, which was canceled by the college last summer. College officials said the expense and complexity of the program were not worth it. The Board of Trustees decided that the space in Building 3, which is being remodeled this summer, could be better used for other classes.

Students say the program has been valuable to them.

Peltier, a second year student from Panama, explains that when he goes to interviews, employers seem to be extremely impressed with how he has been trained and also with his knowledge of jewelry. People on campus have purchased and worn his jewelry.



Photo by Kirk Elliott

Jewelry program student Chris Telford completes a clasp for a bracelet. This is the last quarter for Highline's jewelry program.

The setting of diamonds, rubies, sapphires, emeralds, and amethysts is only part of what he does. He has worked with gold, silver, and platinum, and even does wax carving. Peltier has turned asparagus, roses, and lace into silver and even leather into gold.

Chris Telford, a first year student, says

that you get a taste of every aspect of working with jewelry while in this program. Even though this is Telford's first year, he has grown a passion for working with jewelry and has already had three

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Command shoots down guns at HCC

By Lisa Campolo
Staff Reporter

No more guns on campus, Highline President Ed Command has declared.

"After the tragedy in Littleton, Colorado, and at the urging of many here on campus, I am announcing henceforth that Highline Community College is a gun-free zone," Command wrote in a campus-wide e-mail sent out on Monday.

"The college will be posting signs announcing this decision and I am asking your personal cooperation in making Highline a safe place for all students and employees to study and work," Command wrote. "Any person bringing a gun onto campus will be asked to leave, thus removing the weapons."

In the past, anyone who wanted to bring a gun to school had to contact Campus Security and fill out a form for each day the weapon was to be carried.

Security Chief Richard Fisher said the decision was Command's.

Only law enforcement officers now may carry a gun on campus, Fisher said.

Highline Security officers typically don't carry guns, but Des Moines Police do. Des Moines officers are called in the event of any serious crime on campus.

Command's decision follows a series of gun-related incidents at schools around the country, the most recent being the aforementioned Colorado tragedy in which 15 people were killed.

The college has had no gun-related incidents in recent memory, although other state schools have.

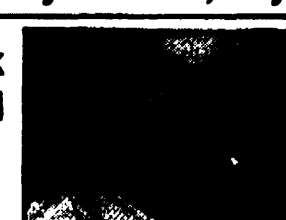
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Crime Blotter for the week of May 13

Unknown ailment hospitalizes student

A student fell unconscious for a moment, and was experiencing abdominal pains and an irregular pulse. The student was transported to Highline Community Hospital for further medical evaluation. There is no further information at this time. The incident occurred on May 5.

Hit & run leaves irate owner with damage

A student who parked in the upper parking lot, returned from her classes to find a small dent with other damage from a previous accident on the driver's side back passenger door of her car. The damage occurred on May 6.

Knife alarms police

As police were driving by they noticed a juvenile male showing two juvenile females a knife. The three juveniles had just gotten off of a Metro bus. The incident occurred on April 28. Police were unable to make contact with the suspects.

Another stereo stolen

A stereo was stolen from a vehicle parked at the Saddlebrook Apartments, near Highline on May 1. There is no suspect information at this time.

No clues in car theft

A white Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme was stolen near South 223rd Street on May 2. No suspects have yet been named.

Property dumped on

Dumped trash was noticed on Des Moines city property at 216th Street and 20th Avenue South, on May 3. It is unknown who dumped the trash.

Checks found

A checkbook was found in Building 6, on May 5. The checkbook was turned into Highline's security office.

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Kim Nichols

Sill moves on with new strength

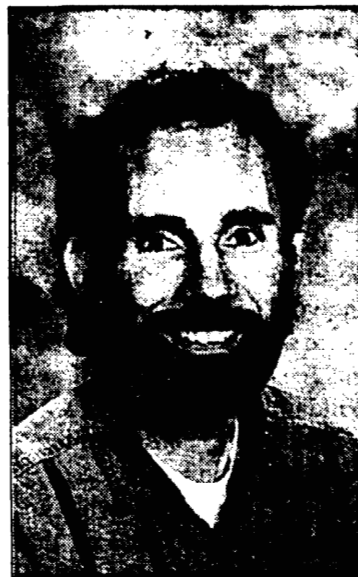
Sill excited with new position at Christian college

By Sarah Sechrist
Staff Reporter

There is a happy ending for Tom Sill, a Highline accounting instructor. After being denied tenure earlier this year, he has accepted a position at Northwest College, in Kirkland, starting in the Fall 1999.

At Northwest College Sill will be the business department program coordinator. Consisting of 250 students, their business department offers bachelor's degrees in general business, business management, non-profit administration, health care administration, and computer systems engineering.

Even though he was recently refused a permanent position at Highline, Sill will continue



Tom Sill

teaching classes through Spring Quarter of 1999. Tenure is the status of holding a position on a permanent basis and is granted by a committee consisting of teachers and administrators.

Highline officials have declined to comment on Sill's failure to gain tenure.

Sill has been a popular in-

structor at Highline.

"Tom Sill is a great teacher, it's too bad that Highline has failed to see this," said a former student of Sill.

As a result of being denied tenure, Sill has several suggestions how faculty and administrators should evaluate other faculty:

"Evaluators should conduct meetings in a professional manner. At my final meeting with the tenure committee, one evaluator spent his time picking through a large bowl of M&Ms and making a pile of 15-20 yellow ones in front of him, while I was speaking. I will forever remember this committee as the M&M Tenure Committee," said Sill.

"Evaluators should be based on how effectively the instructor supports the needs of students and the campus community," said Sill. "Evaluators should first examine their own interactions with students and the cam-

"Tom Sill is a great teacher."

--Former student of Sill

pus community and correct their own failing. Evaluators should examine the evidence and not use personal motives, religious or multicultural discrimination in making decisions."

Sill is looking forward to the unique Christian-based, 60-acre campus overlooking Lake Washington.

He is excited about teaching a four-year curriculum and pursuing his doctorate in business.

"Highline has been a beneficial experience, and I have met many excellent people here, students, faculty, and administrators alike. I invite everyone to come and visit me at Northwest College. Thanks," said Sill.



Fabulous five are chosen

Team Highline's search for its new members has come to an end.

Last Friday, five new students including: Sarah Howell, Richard Maclean, Kim Nichols, Josh Siebenaler, and Miyoung Tran were notified they are now part of Team Highline's busy staff.

With two returning members, Amy Studley and Esther Kihuga, Team Highline will consist of seven members this

coming year.

A new co-advisor, Fred Capestany, has also been hired to work with Erin Burley.

Britain and U.S. compare colleges

Bernie Hayward is an exchange professor and expert on the United Kingdom. He is from Wales.

The topic of discussion will be a comparison of British and U.S. Community College programs.

The presentation will be held in Building 13-105, on Tuesday May 18 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. If you have any questions please contact Sara Chaney at 206-878-3710 ext. 3711.

S&A almost done

The Service and Activity-committee heard last minute contingency fund requests on Wednesday, but delayed one de-

cision and three equipment requests until May 26.

The panel pushed back a decision on a Tutoring Center request for \$4,000 to cover budget overruns. Also left undecided were equipment requests from Drama, the Thunderword and the track team.

The committee approved a \$266.77 request from the Thunderword to send a reporter and a photographer to cover the women's fastpitch NWAACC tournament in Portland.

A motion was also passed to create a sub-committee to explore criteria of the contingency

Women's Programs honors five people

Three Highline students, one faculty member, and a woman from the community each accepted Extraordinary Ordinary Women awards at the Spring Festival Community Dinner

May 7.

The awards went to Karin Loy, Lianne Lindeke, and Teresa Britt, all students; Diana Bender, faculty; and Sandra Isabel, a community member.

Evening child care hours to change

Evening Childcare is still available for Highline students, faculty and staff with children from toddler to kindergarten planning to attend the Summer Quarter 1999. Registration is now in progress.

Summer Quarter starts on June 21 and will run for 8 weeks. The hours will be 7:30 a.m. till 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, no childcare on Friday.

Current hours are Monday to Thursday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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12 students fight for six seats in government

Editor's Note: Twelve students are running for six positions. The following are brief thumbnails on each candidate.

President



Dru White
Major:
Physical
Education
GPA:
2.82

Dru White is a member of Highline's women's basketball team.

White would like to see more students at Highline get into clubs and school activities.

"Highline can be more than just another community college if we can get more students involved," she said.



Renee Jovet

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everyone at Highline (faculty, staff, and students) to make Highline a safe and enjoyable place for everyone.

Vice-President of Legislation



John Fox
Major:
undecided
GPA:
3.4

John Fox believes that his interest in legislation and the process of lawmaking, plus his friendly personality will help him relay the views of his fellow students.

Fox is involved with Highline's track team, has a full time job, and takes 20 credits. If elected he plans to cut his work hours down to fulfill his duties to the best of his ability.

Fox feels being on sports teams has helped to develop his

social issues in the past.

If elected, he plans on being the voice of the students. He would like to see higher education more within the financial reach of working class people.

Vice-President of Administration



Stewart Wainaina
Major:
Economics
GPA:
3.7

Stewart Wainaina would like to see more interaction between the Executive Council, Associated Council, and the student body.

"Having spoken to some students on campus, they feel that there's not enough that the student government does to associate itself directly with them," he said. "I'd like to see that change."

"I want to work for the students of Highline Community College," Renner said.

He wants to see more student involvement at Highline. He says the lack of students running for student government means that there is a lack of involvement.

He believes that his time in the U.S. Navy gave him leadership experience that he could not get anywhere else.

Student Club Diplomat/Treasurer



Janice Valdez
Major:
Nursing
GPA:
2.9

Janice Valdez believes her involvement in high school will help her at Highline. She served as treasurer of Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta.

are there for each other," said Kitty Richmire.

In high school she helped plan events as a member of the activities support class.

She feels that she applies herself to every task she takes on.

"If I volunteer or apply myself to anything, I make it my number one agenda and work until it is done," she said.

Student Senator



Kyle Maschhoff
Major:
Business
GPA:
2.9

Kyle Maschhoff feels that he is the best man for the job because of his leadership skills and his ability to work well in groups.

Maschhoff would like to see more unity at Highline. He wants students to feel at home when they come to the campus.

"A sense of family should course through our veins," Maschhoff said. "We also need more Thunderbird pride."

He hopes his involvement in leadership programs in junior high and high school will help him at Highline if elected.

Editorials

Vote yes in upcoming student center election

With the question of the new student center blowing in the wind, it seems some T-Birds get their feathers ruffled trying to decide.

The current student center has been a popular building since 1961 when the school was founded. But it's older than the Kingdome, and it's not big enough to serve a campus of almost 10,000 people.

Over the past few years a special committee has investigated the possibility of a new center, only recently moving ahead with a definite plan. All of this is two quarters too late; the committee has inexplicably kept the plans low-key for much of the year. They should have been building support for the new center all year. Trying to rally students now is too little too late. By doing this they have doomed themselves to a voter turnout below 400 students, or little more than 4 percent of the 9,000-person student body. Some 96 percent of students' voices will go unheard.

Certainly the committee cannot deny that a large portion of the students has no inkling of the tax that it may be about to impose on itself, an extra \$2.50 a credit up to \$25 per quarter. That's \$75 a year for a full time student, on top of an expected 4.6 percent tuition hike.

It's tempting to argue that since so many students will pay for the center but not get or need to use it, that it's a bad deal. But it's not.

Students need to think beyond their own few years at Highline. If such short-sighted logic was applied to most things, there wouldn't be a Highline College, since who uses it for more than three or four years? Why build anything at all except what you're going to use yourself?

Obviously, that wouldn't work. The new student center will be a gift to the students to come, many of whom will be your co-workers, employees, and even, someday, students and children. A new student center, with room for meetings and activities, with better facilities, with a look and feel that won't embarrass the college, will be better and will be worth it.

By voting no, we deny future students the luxury of a useful center, but will save them enough to buy 76 egg Exactas, Internet access for three months, or two textbooks (at our bookstore, anyway).

So the question you have to ask yourself when you're thinking about yes or no is: Should future Highline graduates be able to buy 25 Beanie Babies with the money you saved them by voting no?

Who needs Beanie Babies anyway, when you can have pool tables, a diaper changing room and kiosks?

Vote yes May 19-20 for the new Thunderbird Union Building.

Congratulations to new Team Highline members

Team Highline has named its new members for the next year. Kim Nichols, Miyoung Tran, Sarah Hollowell, Richard MacLean, and Josh Siebenhaler join returning members Esther Kihuga and Amy Studley.

The group should feel proud for being given this opportunity to represent the college to the outside community, as well as play a major role in the planning of on-campus events.

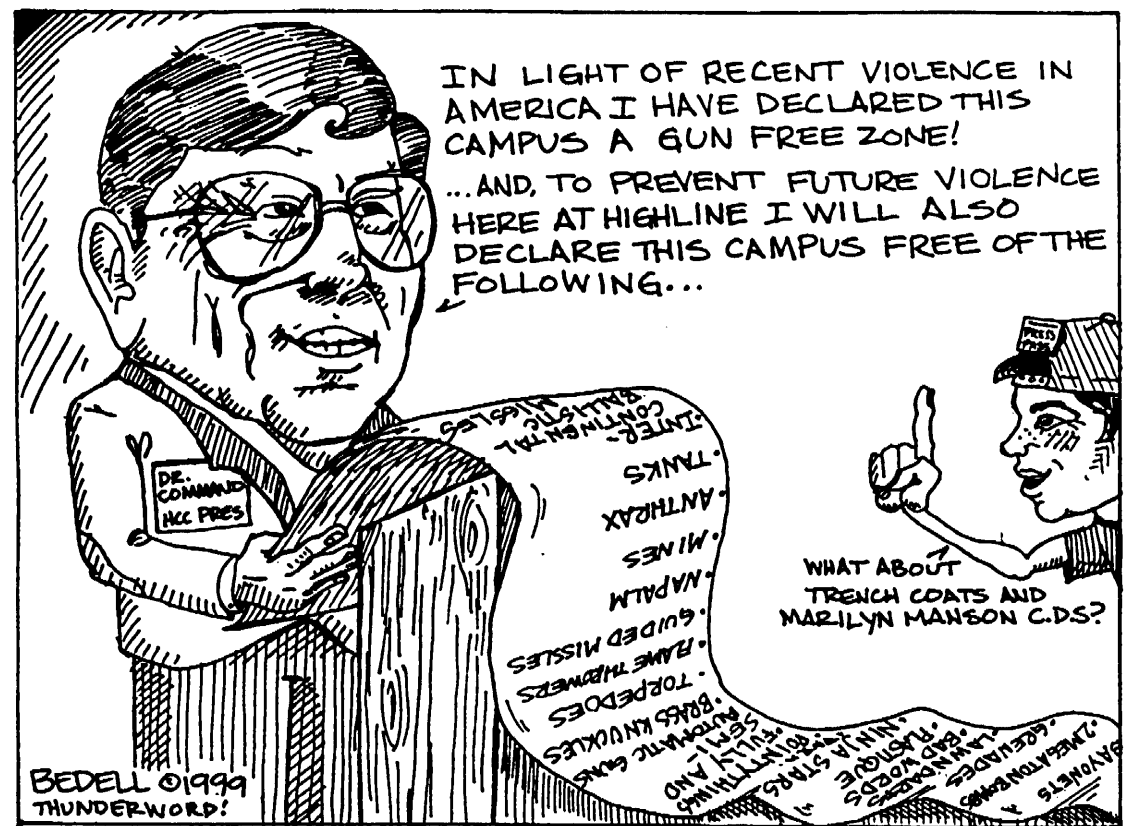
The team's role on campus is proven by their almost \$45,000 budget. With such a great amount of money invested in them, going to both the actual programs and employee salaries through the school year, as well as a six-week summer training session, they need to consider the importance of what they do.

As such, the group, going into only its third year of existence after replacing the Events Board, needs to look back and learn from the successes and failures of the previous teams.

Events such as Comedy Cafe, the Martin Luther King Week Lock-In, and the Really Big Art Show highlight Team Highline's successes, and next year they will have more responsibility for Unity Through Diversity Week.

While the team has had successes, perhaps the new members should attempt to pay more attention to detail. Often times, events were underpublicized and group members were hard to reach for information. A calendar that lists Christmas as Dec. 26, starting a Music in the Morning program at noon, and hosting a Mardi Gras cruise in May all speak to a lack of attention to detail.

Team Highline can achieve a lot if it focuses on getting things done as opposed to maintaining a warm and fuzzy work environment. They're spending students money, and the emphasis should be on results.



Instructor provides perspective

Tianyi Tang says that the United States bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Yugoslavia was an accident.

Last week's bombing killed three Chinese journalists, and injured many more people working in the embassy.

He says that many Chinese are still ticked off about it, and for good reason.

Tang, a writing instructor here at Highline, cited many events over the past 150 years that still have China up in arms.

He believes much of the China bashing began with the Opium War, and Britain's take over of Hong Kong.

Then came the open door policy with the U.S., and since then, many Chinese feel that the major world powers have been kicking them around.

"Ever since the Soviet Union broke up, China has been the No.1 enemy because they're Communists," said Tang.

Thinking
Out Loud

He asked his students what they thought of China, and most considered it an evil place to be because of their government. This upsets him, because it shows the ignorance of today's college youth.

"China has been around for 5,000 years, and communism only for the past 50," said Tang.

He also blames the U.S. media for the "demonization" of China, as he believes that respected magazines such as U.S. News go out of their way to show only bad things about China.

He just wants to educate stu-

dents at Highline that China is not a bad country, rather a different one.

"It's hard to call all one billion Chinese bad people," said Tang.

He thinks that many American students are miseducated about communism, and many just assume that it is a bad way to govern.

For the most part I agree, but hey, we as a country are taught to distrust other countries, is it really our fault if we still do?

China is a good country, but hey, they can't blame their image on the rest of the world, because they created it.

Tang just wants students to look past the media's supposed bashing of his country and see it for what it is, and that is just another country striving to excel, even if it is burdened with the world's largest population.

Tyler is editor of the Thunderword.

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A vision for Highline Community College: a new student center

It is our intent to build a 21st Century Student Center at Highline funded through a partnership between students and the College. This model Student Center will be a focal point for students outside the classroom.

It is ironic that Highline, with a slogan that in part says "Student Centered," has a Student Center that does not meet the needs of its students. Thirty years ago, when Highline was still in its beginnings as a college, with a student population of 1,000, among the buildings constructed was a Student Center. Now, as the college heads towards the 21st century, it has a student population of almost 9,500 who are trying to use a 30-year-old Student Center that has outgrown its usefulness. Students at Highline need and deserve a new Student Center. Here is why:

Going to college is more than going to class. While academics are still the core of college, the college experience involves much more than what happens in the classroom. Just look at a student at Highline. New students might be just out of high school or returning to school after many years. In their second year, they could be looking to eventually transfer to a four-year college or university or get their degree in an occupational program. Whatever the case, these students' college experiences outside the classroom have a tremendous impact on their individual growth and learning while in college. This is why Highline needs a new Student Center; a Student Center which would act as the focal

Commentary Jim Sorenson

point for college life outside the classroom. At Highline, a college that values diversity, think of the importance to students of having a place where they can interact informally with other students, faculty, and staff from different backgrounds, cultures, and lifestyles, and hear about new ideas and ways of thinking and being. It is the Student Center where a student can go to become involved in student organizations and government, honor societies, community service, student publications, clubs, intramural sports, and other activities that contribute towards the development of leadership qualities, social skills, and interpersonal growth. It is a college's Student Center that symbolizes these opportunities, and to an extent symbolizes the college's commitment to making a difference with its students.

Highline has a Student Center that does not meet the needs of its students. Simply stated, the existing Student Center is sadly inadequate to contribute to the overall college experience of its students. As the college has grown, both in its mission and student and staff size, the Student Center has been unable to keep up. It is old, crowded, limited in function, and not able to keep up with increased use. In looking at some of the specifics that a modern Student Center should have, it is easy to see how Highline's current Center is lacking. A true Student Center

is where students go to eat, talk, debate, meet, play, relax, find out about and attend campus events such as lectures, readings, forums, arts performances, and more. It has adequate office space for student clubs, organizations, and government. It has a modern cafeteria, a campus information center, conference rooms, a bookstore and perhaps retail shops, study rooms, areas for multicultural and women's programs, an international center, lounges, recreation areas, cash machines, telephones, computer kiosks, and more. In short, a Student Center should act as the central hub for the campus community.

The Student Center built for Highline may have met the needs of its students 30 years ago. Today, however, it cannot be considered an effective and integral part of the college's learning environment. A Student Center of the past does not belong at or contribute to a college looking towards the future. The college's current Student Center was designed for a time and student body that is long gone. The future is upon us, and the campus community at Highline deserves better than what it has. Simply stated, it is time for a new Student Center at Highline.

Highline and students are hoping to establish a partnership to build a new Student Center (approximately 40,000 square feet) that becomes a focal point for students outside the classroom. The new structure would be located on the current location with increased space to adequately provide the outlined purposes and services.

The current Center was built in the early '60s and is of poor quality and very inadequate for programs and services. The current Center was designed for an enrollment of 1,000 students. Current enrollment exceeds 9,000 and many more students are anticipated in the next few years.

The new Center would be approximately 40,000 square feet. The current facility is about 17,000 square feet.

Why a partnership to fund the Center?

- * The state does not fund student centers through state-regulated funding.

- * This is the only timely method to build a Student Center.

- * Other community colleges have used this method, such as: South Seattle, Tacoma, Lower Columbia, Spokane, and South Puget Sound

Why wouldn't the college fund more?

- * This would be a fixed and permanent budgeted amount for 20 years.

- * Any college funds expended for the Student Center would not be available for other necessary educational programs or services.

Can this Student Center be funded?

Yes-having a 21st Century Student Center is our choice.

Will students be included in the design of the building?

Yes-students have been included in the process over the past three years and will be included in the design of the space and its use.

Will the building be used to house additional staff or regular

student services?

The design will be used to house current activities and additional programs as desired by students. It is not a way to get additional office space.

Will the cost increase over time beyond the \$2.50 per credit to 10 credits, or \$25 maximum per quarter?

No-this cost is fixed by the student vote and will remain unchanged.

It would be nice to have an architectural design of the building, however, we feel it is important to secure a funding resource before we proceed to additional student input and an architectural design. Designs quickly become very expensive.

What would be the process over the next two-year period?

It is approximately as follows:

- * Student approval of the \$2.50 per credit fee.

- * Administrative approval of the project and college funding portion.

- * Recommendation for the project to the Board of Trustees for approval.

- * Begin fee collection in Fall quarter 1999 and begin the architectural design process. Design process to include student input.

- * Begin pre-planning cycle.

- * Recommendation to the Legislature and numerous state agencies for approvals.

- * Summer 2001-begin demolition of Building 8, current Student Center and construction of new facility.

- * Fall 2002-occupy new Student Center.

Jim Sorenson is Highline's Vice President for Students.

May the force be with us in season of movie hype

I think it's time that we as a nation stop celebrating the release of *Star Wars: Episode One*.

Look, I'm all for quality films, which I'm sure *Phantom Menace* is, but this is ridiculous.

The hype has just gotten too big. There are too many expectations for people to ever be satisfied.

Marta's Moment

By Marta
D. Pelayo



I'm sure many people will disagree with me, but fact is there's just no movie worth spending the night on cold concrete for.

My buddy Chris invited me to camp out with him and his buddies while they waited in line for tickets to *Episode One*, an offer I declined due to, um, scheduling conflicts. Yeah.

As enjoyable as the movie looks, I have a life that does not allow me the luxury of spending days on end waiting for a movie. Apparently, I'm the only one.

I remember hanging out with Chris the night before the re-release of *The Empire Strikes Back* opened, back in winter of '97.

Around 2 a.m. we decided to swing by the local cineplex to see if any *Star Wars* fanatics were camped out.

We could not believe our eyes.

Three dozen people snuggled into sleeping bags, wearing Chewbacca costumes, and holding plastic lightsabers.

"So," Chris asked the crowd, "you all here to see *Vegas Vacation*?"

Apparently, *Star Wars* is nothing to joke about.

So if you don't get to be first to wow over Queen Amidala's costumes or to make fun of Jar Jar Binks, don't fret over it.

Rumor has it, theaters will show the movie more than once.

The problem with all this hoopla is that it means too much to people.

We've gotten so wrapped up in the mythology of the story, we've forgotten that it is a film to be enjoyed.

So go on May 19, or go on June 19. Either way, just relax and enjoy the show.

Princess Marta soon will return to her home world.

A paint brush dipped in love

Art instructor
Nancy Morrow
loves her job
and her students

By Brian Smith
Staff Reporter

Highline art instructor Nancy Morrow has always loved spending time drawing and painting.

Morrow spent the first two years of her college education at Spokane Falls Community College. After receiving her AA she transferred to the University of Washington where she earned a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts. She then returned to the University of Washington several years later to attain her master's degree in Fine Arts.

In 1990, during her work as a graduate student, Morrow also taught some art classes at Pierce College in Puyallup. She has had several teaching appointments over the years at the University of Washington School of Art, and has also instructed for the Washington State Department of Corrections.

Morrow has been a Highline art instructor for four years and has enjoyed every minute. She especially enjoys the interaction between her and her students.

"The thing I love most about



Courtesy of Nancy Morrow

Nancy Morrow's *Red Hot (Aphrodite's Magic Girdle)*.

teaching is working with the beginning art students. I really care about student development," Morrow said.

She is involved in more than teaching at Highline. She is constantly fighting for the adequate funding of the school's various art programs, and hopes that students would take better

advantage of the program. "We have a lot of good offerings," Morrow said.

Although Morrow is not the least bit interested in politics, she remains an outspoken force behind the constant struggle for proper funding.

Morrow believes that art programs, which tend to be consid-

erably more expensive than other classes at Highline, require better funding, and hopes her cause will not go unheard.

Morrow's talents in art do not only revolve around school. She is also a professional painter in her own right, and has a studio in downtown Seattle.

The medium Morrow uses for her artwork of include acrylics and painting oil onto wood. She says her art work is intended to provoke thought — to be controversial in a humorous way. She refers to her pieces, which has been on display in New York, Hungary, Chicago, and all around the Northwest, as "parodies."



Morrow

Morrow says that working with art students actually helps with her personal art work away from her job at Highline.

"As I help my students with the basics of the art they are working on, it makes me rethink my own work," Morrow said.

It's rare, as Morrow explains to make a living doing what you enjoy most in life.

Nancy Morrow is one of those lucky people who can say, "I really enjoy what I do."

A guide to the Spring Fine Arts Festival

By Marta D. Pelayo
Staff reporter

Next week's Fine Arts Festival is sure to bring culture and entertainment to Highline's population.

The festival required multiple departments to work together and develop an event that will illuminate Highline's fine arts community.

The result is a week-long of events that cover the entire spectrum of the arts community.

Events are as follows:

- The annual Readers Theater. Organized and directed by Speech instructor Lee Buxton, Readers Theater will hold two performances. One on Thursday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Building 7 and Friday, May 21 at noon in Building 7.

Sponsored by Student Services, Readers Theater is a polished reading of literature by performers.

- World renowned artist Alden Mason will be giving a lecture that includes a slide show. The retired UW art professor



Acclaimed painter Alden Mason's *Salmon Serenade*.

specializes in figurative work and organic forms of abstract art. Mason's lecture is from noon to 1 p.m. in Building 7.

- The Drama Department's One Acts will be presented

Wednesday, May 19, at 8 p.m., and Thursday, May 20, at 8 p.m. in the Little Theater in Building 4. These student-directed plays have been in production all quarter, and should be a real

treat to see in its final form.

- The Annual Juried Fine Arts exhibition opens on Monday, May 17 in the fourth floor of the Library, Building 25. The exhibit will run for the rest of the quarter. This is the only art exhibit to be juried by the Art department faculty. The opening reception will be 2 to 4 p.m.

- The Vocal Jazz Ensemble, lead by Dr. Victoria Kinkaid, will hold an outdoor concert from 1 to 2 p.m. outside of Building 2 on Tuesday, May 18 and Friday, May 21.

- The Vocal Choir, also lead by Dr. Victoria Kinkaid, will perform on Thursday, May 20, from noon to 12:30 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. in Building 2.

- Pianist Yu-Ting Chen will perform a concert at 1:15 p.m. in Building 2.

- Music Department faculty member Butch Nordal will perform an informal outdoor jazz piano concert on Friday, May 21 on the covered sidewalk in mid-campus.

Festival-goers will surely enjoy the variety of arts events.

By Sasha Vaillancourt



contact Kay Gribble, ext. 3405

Graphics class a hit by design

Two-year program offers students artistic freedom

By Takehito Fukui
Staff Reporter

Gary Nelson and his students openly discuss their work in class, noting the color, style, and design -- going over each piece's strengths and weaknesses.

"We please the audience through graphic design and illustration instead of putting ourselves into the art," said Karen Ongking, a student in the program.

The Graphic Design Program has been offered at Highline since 1980.

It's a two year occupational program within the Associate of Applied Science degree, or a certificate of completion for a one-year program.

Ongking believes it is a great program, and enjoys being part of it. She especially loves the way in which she can communicate with people through her art.

The program, which prepares



By Nate Patterson

Gary Nelson instructs students on the finer points of design.

students for future employment in the field of graphic design, is highly beneficial.

Students study in digital ready art, layout printed matter such as brochures, packages, advertisement, and other documents in this program.

Students also gain in depth and hands on knowledge of many forms of computer software.

There are various opportunities for students to gain more experience by participating in

professional organizations and internships as well.

Completion of this program supplies students the knowledge to be successful in a number of occupations including graphic designer, desktop publisher, electronic production artist, production illustrator, art director ad layout artist, design consultant, and preflight technician.

"Graphic Design is not just for the printed page, it is a communication art which is visual to the audience," said Nelson.

Students can experiment with print production and other graphic images, while exploring the technology.

Most of the posters and advertisements that you see on Highline campus are designed and produced by the Print Department and Publications in Building 16.

"Graphic Design is very creative and fun," said Jana Tucker, a student in the program. Tucker said that she wants to learn more about computer-based Graphic Design while she is in the program.

Each year, the program has a Portfolio Review for people to come in and see the student's work in the program.

The date for this year's review is June 3 and 4 in Building 16.

"We please the audience through graphic design and illustration."

--Karen Ongking

A 'fair' amount of fun

By Angie Upchurch
Staff Reporter

Fascinating and unusual events are taking place in the Bookstore today.

It is the Renaissance Fair 2000.

Organizers hope the fair will be a huge success and expect the bookstore to be quite busy.

The fair will feature henna tattoos, magic crystal wands, mystical candlestick holders, incense, candles, hemp jewelry, fairies, UFOs, alien plaques, glassware, and books.

A number of activities will be offered, and the bookstore will supply several of the items.

Another activity for enjoyment is to make your own UFOs.

The Bookstore will offer a table with various craft supplies necessary to make your very own UFO. The Bookstore will then proudly display your work of art around the store.

Randy Fisher, manager of the bookstore, is excited about the event, which is an extension of the ongoing sidewalk sale, and hopes to incorporate many themes.

"We are trying in all of the zodiac, tarot, and numerology stuff, along with astrology, with the year 2000," said Fisher.

The Bookstore will also be featuring guests who have experience in the areas of numerology and Celtic runes; ancient reading devices.

On the very same day, in Building 8, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Team Highline is sponsoring Phenomenon Day. Famed hypnotist Robert Mac and palm readers will be offering their services throughout the event.

Arcturus has writers' talents shining

By Eileen Lambert
Staff Reporter

Free door prizes, free food, free live readings, and a free copy of an award-winning literary magazine. All this is yours for the taking at the Arcturus reading on Thursday, May 27, in the Lecture Hall, Building 7.

The literary event will take place twice during the day; at 12:30 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.

Selections for the readings will come from students, faculty, and alumni whose work was selected for this year's edition of Arcturus. The deadline for sub-

missions was in December.

Editors are made up from students in the Writing 261 class, taught by Sharon Hashimoto, which teaches, and then involves students in the process of editing Arcturus. The class is offered fall, winter, and spring quarters.

Many of the magazine's editors have had their writing published in Arcturus.

Chai Leenhiavue, co-editor this year, has been involved with Arcturus in the class all three quarters this year, as well as one quarter last year.

"Arcturus is a good platform

for budding authors. It gives writers a chance to be noticed. There's so much competition out there. It (being published) is something that writers can take with them," says Leenhiavue.

The magazine is a completely student-produced effort, put together with hours of work from the Arcturus staff, and volunteers from the graphic design and press production departments.

Out of hundreds of essays, poems, and short stories, only a select few were chosen.

The magazine's editors went through each individual entry,

and believes they successfully narrowed down the field.

Following the reading, copies of the newly published magazine will be sold in the bookstore for \$5 each.

Reading in front of an audience is something that authors rarely have a chance to do.

Hashimoto, Arcturus adviser, hopes others will come support the literary talent on display. "Look at what an empowering experience this is!" she said.

For more information about the Arcturus reading, contact Hashimoto, at 206-878-3710, ext. 3158.

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Playoffs on the horizon for Lady T-Birds

By Charlie Steele
Staff Reporter

Highline's fastpitch softball team has ended its regular season with the playoffs possibly looming in the near future.

The Lady Thunderbirds are stuck in a three-way tie for third place in the NWAACC Northern Division with Wenatchee Valley and Big Bend.

Two of the three teams will make the NWAACC tournament that is played on May 22-23 at Erv Lind Field in Portland, Ore., and the other will stay home. The three teams found out on Wednesday, May 12 what games will be played to determine the final spots, but results were not available at press time.

"We're excited to play whoever we have to," said pitcher Tai Mansigh.

After a tough week in which the T-Birds lost three of five games, the team finished the season with a final record at 16-10 in the northern division (22-19 overall).

On Thursday, Highline played Bellevue making up a

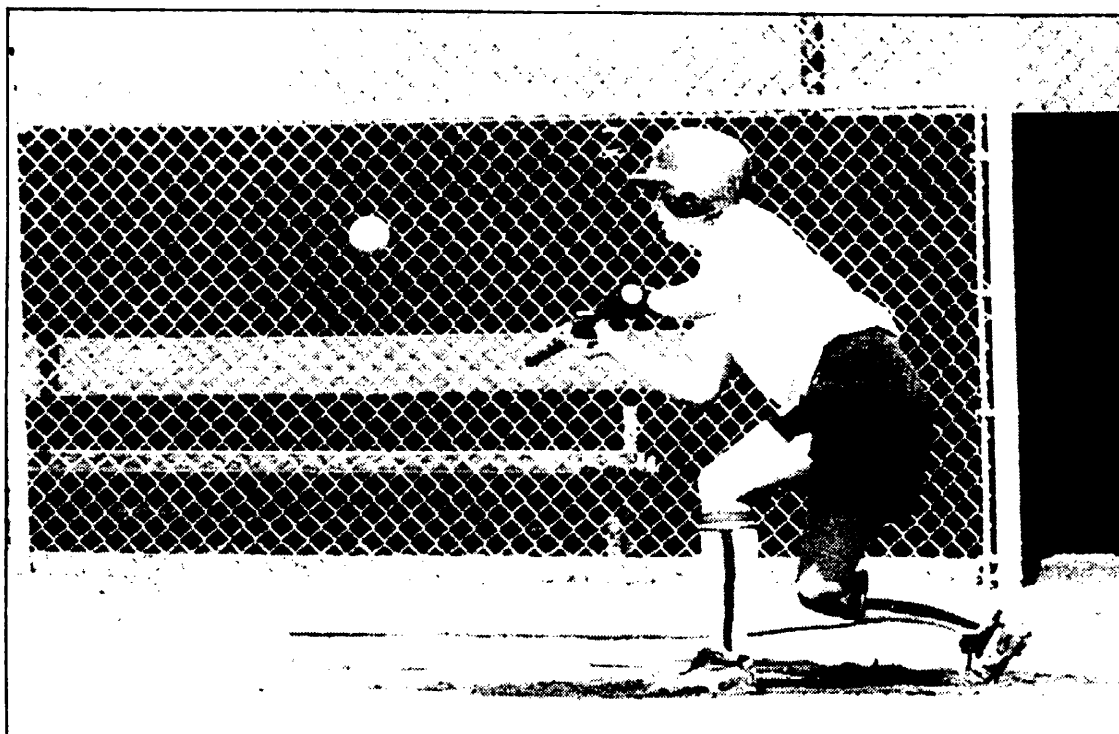


Photo by Raul Sedano

Thunderbird at batting practice early this week in anticipation for this weekend playoffs.

previously canceled game. The T-Birds battled in the rain and hail and came out on the disappointing end of a 2-1 game.

Mansigh suffered the loss on the mound and Meghann Hall

went 2-4 and scored the only run for Highline.

On Friday the T-Birds swept a doubleheader against Skagit Valley with scores of 4-2 and 8-0.

The team was led by back-to-back complete games with Hall on the mound. Amy Strieb completed the doubleheader 4-6 with two doubles and six RBIs. Heather Saw added four hits in

seven at-bats, and in the second game Hall went 2-4 helping her own cause.

Against Edmonds on Saturday, Highline's league leading hitters did not show up. The team lost 8-0 and 3-2.

In the first game the Lady Thunderbirds could only manage three hits.

In the second pitcher Lynn Hawryls held Edmonds powerful offense down, but was unable to get enough run support to pick up a victory.

Highline's offense ended the season number one in the NWAACC in team batting average (.433 as of April 27), around 50 points higher than any other team.

The potent T-Bird offense was led by Heather Saw who was hitting .513 as of April 27 and was one of seven Lady Thunderbirds in the league's top 35 in batting. T-Bird pitching was great throughout the year also. The team finished with the third lowest earned run average in the league (1.71) with the help of pitcher Tai Mansigh's 0.75 era.

Fireball on first base for Thunderbirds fastpitch

By Gabe Bonner
Staff Reporter

Don't call Melissa MacFarlane Big Red, or you've got a surprise coming. "My dad taught me how to punch," she said.

Highline softball's fiery redhead at first base provides quite a spark for the Thunderbirds.

"She's always got a positive attitude, and she pumps everybody up," says pitcher Tai Mansigh.

MacFarlane has been playing ball for a long time, even before she could walk. "My dad put a ball in my crib when I was little," she said.

All that experience is coming in handy as she is starting to heat things up in the NWAACCs. On Tuesday's game versus Bellevue she was, 2-2, with a double, 2 RBIs, and 2 stolen bases.

"She had a great game," said fellow teammate Jodie Wolfe.

MacFarlane attributes her success to many things, such as the lucky dime she keeps in her left cleat during games, and the prodigious amounts of Fuji apples and string cheese she eats before every game.

A major factor, though, is the team, which she says is "like a big family. We're all friends. Everybody has a sense of humor

and we have fun together. It's hard to think that we have only a few weeks left to play together."

Another factor is the support she receives from her family and friends. "When I was in high school my parents, my sister, my grandparents, my great grandma and my cousins came to every game."

Besides all the hard work she puts in for the softball team, she also maintains high grades this quarter with a full class load, and is even taking 18 credits this summer.

"I just want to get a little ahead," she said.

MacFarlane graduated from Puyallup High School in 1998, and came to Highline with fellow Puyallup alumnus Michelle Lee.

"We've played together for the past five years, and she's a great player," Lee said.

Even great players have weak spots, and MacFarlane says hers is her ankles. In her freshman year in high school she slid into home plate and caught her cleats under the base, tearing all the ligaments in her left ankle. Eventually it healed most of the way but she still has to tape it and wear a brace for every practice and game.

This year at the start of the season, she was playing basket-



Melissa MacFarlane

ball in the gym and tore all the ligaments in her right ankle by landing on someone's foot after grabbing a rebound. "I wasn't sure if I was going to play this year, but after staying off it for two weeks and another month of rehab, it felt good enough to play on," she said.

And play she does. "She has one of the best defensive percentages on the team, which is important because she is the first baseman, and handles the ball a lot," said Wolfe, who keeps a close eye on the T-Birds' stats.

"Her hitting percentage

"It's hard to think that we have only a few weeks left to play together"

--Melissa MacFarlane

should be even higher, but since she is such a versatile hitter, we use her for sacrifice hits a lot to move people around the bases," Wolfe said.

MacFarlane doesn't mind, though. "As long as I can contribute to the team I'm happy," she said.

Hidden underneath her solid numbers, however, is a flair for the dramatic. "Several times she's done the splits catching a ball," said Mansigh.

"I'm not quite sure how it happens," said MacFarlane, "I just reach out for the ball, and sometimes I have to do the splits to grab it. It just happens."

MacFarlane hopes to use her dramatic catches and considerable talent to catch the eye of four year colleges' scouts. Although she isn't planning on softball to fund her way through college, she wouldn't be unhap-

py if it did. "If (softball) does, it does, if it doesn't, playing all these years hasn't hurt me any."

MacFarlane hopes to major in veterinary medicine in the future, because she loves animals. "I love all animals excepts for bats...(Bats) really freak me out. The winged flying kind, that is," she said, with a smile.

As for what college she wants to transfer to get her veterinary medicine degree in is still a mystery, but she isn't worried about it yet.

"I still have another year to narrow my choices down and decide on one," she said.

MacFarlane plans to come to Highline next year to get her Associate of Arts Degree, and to play softball. She says it will be tough, though, to have another year as full of camaraderie and friendships as this one has been.

"Although there have been a few ups and down on the team this season, I'm really glad to have played with all my teammates this year," she said.

Some advice though. Whatever you do, don't call her Big Red. If you do, you'd better be able to run fast and far, and even that might not be enough to escape her.

"I've played ball my whole life, so I'm pretty good at playing catch," she said, with a wink.

Highline coach resigns

By Gabe Bonner
Staff Reporter

Janelle Oakeley, an assistant coach for the women's basketball team for the past three years, has resigned.

She turned in a resignation letter to Fred Harrison, Highline's athletic director, on May 1.

Harrison commented that "It is always a pleasure to have alumni come back and help."

Although Oakeley did not go into the details of why she departed the team, in the letter she wished the team good luck in the future, and thanked them for the opportunity and the fun times she had with the team.

Coaches for the woman's team declined to comment on the reasons for her resignation, but Assistant Coach Phil Sell said that "She was very nice, and all the players liked her."

Oakeley is not sure what she wants to do in the future.

She is looking at area high schools needing women's head coaches.

Men in stellar form in Vancouver

By Jewanna Carver
Staff Reporter

Once again the Thunderbird men's track team dominated their competition and walked, or should I say ran away with a victory.

Highline blew away Clark Community College at the May 8, Clark Invitational, 176-156.

"It felt good to beat a good team this close to the NWAACCs," said distance runner Dagen Bendixen.

The whole team contributed to the win with all-around outstanding performances from every event.

Sprinters had quite a showing with Justin Clark and Tim Richart taking the top two spots in the 400 meter run.

Highline's Dominique Demouchet, Chris Hall, and Jorge Guevara swept the 400m hurdles with times ranging from 54.0 to 57.5.

Then Hall, Guevara, and Frank Walton dominated the 110 high hurdles taking the second, third and fourth places. Andy Hanson placed fifth in the 100m with a time of 11.6, and third in the 200m with 23.0.

Highline's relay teams were

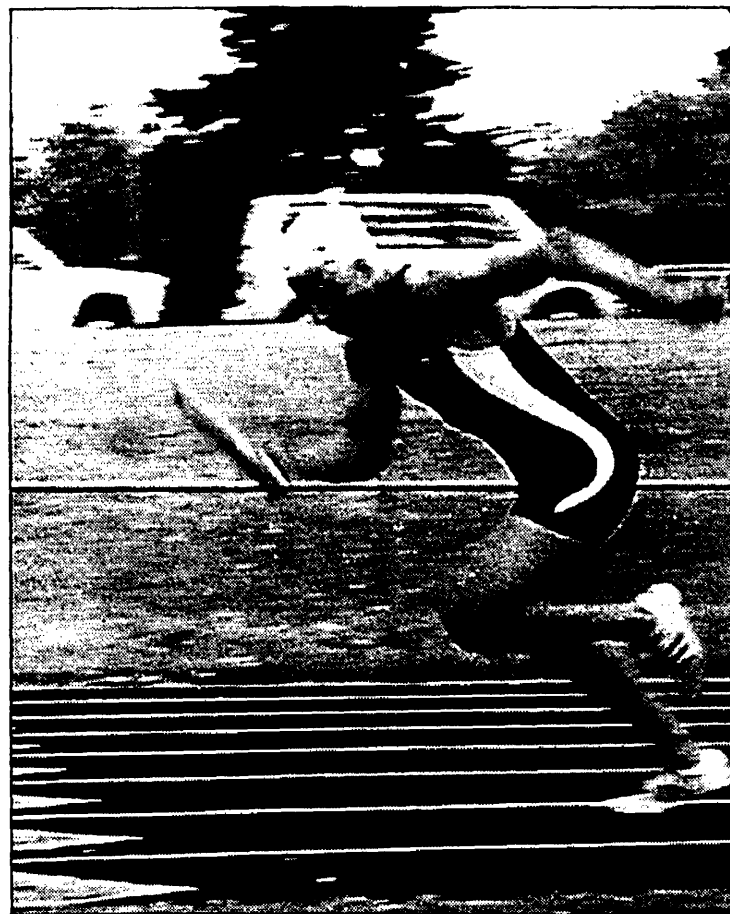


Photo by Jamie Kirk

Micah Adams in the first leg of the first place 4x100m relay at the Clark Invitational last Saturday.

unstoppable winning the 4x100m and the 4x400m, beating the competition by a full second in both.

The 4x100m relay consisted of Micah Adams, Demouchet, Hanson and Clark. The 4x400m relay was run by Andrew Rus-

sell, Demouchet, Clark and Richart.

Middle distance runners Russell, Richart, and Peter Rutter brought in major points running the 800m and taking first, fourth and sixth. Then the talented Russell and Rutter along with Fred Lekanoff and Bendixen competed in the 1,500m placing first, third, fourth and fifth.

The men also did well in the field events with Vedran Kadric throwing the javelin 177'10" for first place, leaving the nearest competitor 10 feet behind.

David Debond tossed the shot put 27'3.5" for sixth place and threw the discus 112'06" for fourth.

Demouchet had two first place finishes in the long jump, and triple jump.

Demouchet vaulted 11'6" to take third place, while teammate Sean Steele high jumped 6'6".

"It wasn't a big meet, but the guys came through with good times and good races," said Bendixen.

The Thunderbirds' next meet marks the end of the season for those runners who failed to qualify for the NWAACCs. Their last outing will be against Seattle Pacific University in

T-Birds say it's fun to run with Drew

By Angie Upchurch
Staff Reporter

Andrew Russell brings more than speed and endurance to the track team. He also brings humor and hard work.

Russell is known for cracking up his teammates on both the track and cross country teams, which he has been a member of for two years.

"He's definitely the kind of person that makes things fun. Drew always has something funny to say," said Jenoa Potter.

Russell maintains a 3.35 GPA while participating in track and working a part-time job.

Russell graduated in 1996 from Foss High School in Tacoma. He then went to the University of Washington for one year, then took some time off and came to Highline.

Off of the track, he also does community service at a local elementary school where he student teaches in a program called Junior Achievement.

"I came to Highline because I was unsure of what I wanted to major in and they had a track program," said Russell.

With only one track meet before NWAACC championships, Russell has already qualified to compete at the championships in the 800 meters with a time of 1:57. Last year his best time was 1:55 and he hopes to get down to that time before the



Photo by Raul Sedano

Andrew Russell at practice this week preparing for NWAACCs.

championships.

"He is a very hard worker and is always willing to do longer workouts," said Adam Leahy, Highline's distance coach. "I expect his time to improve within the next few weeks."

Russell is also a part of the undefeated 4X400m relay team.

"He's a good anchor for the relay, we haven't lost yet," said Tim Richart.

Russell was also very successful his senior year in high

school where he placed third in state in the 800m. He also finished 13th in the mile.

Track has been a part of his life for quite some time.

"My brother ran track and that is what got me interested," said Russell.

When Russell was younger he participated on a club team for two years. He also ran for a year in middle school. In high school he was forced to make a decision between football and

cross country.

"My friend convinced me to run cross country. After that I ran all four years in both cross country and track," said Russell.

"He is the king of 200s," added Richart.

Russell brings a positive attitude to the track team, and he also motivates his fellow teammates to start and finish their workouts, said Leahy.

"The coaches are awesome because they bring experience and knowledge to our team," said Russell.

Russell continues to run because it's fun and he likes being part of a team. He also likes track because it keeps him in shape and he enjoys bringing his running to the next level.

After this school year is over, Russell hopes to continue his education at University of Washington-Tacoma, where he has already been accepted.

He has also applied at University of Washington in Seattle, and if accepted might attend there. He is unsure at this time if he will participate in track next year.

Until then he hopes to place in the top three in the 800m at the NWAACC championship. And hopes that the 4X400m relay also places high.

"Drew is a hard worker and always makes people laugh. He is a great asset to the team," said Potter.

Do that crazy paddle thing

By Christina Morano
Staff Reporter

Highline will hold its first kayaking trip at Liberty Bay in Poulsbo. The trip was organized by Team Highline and is expected to be very successful. The Olympic Outdoor Center will be hosting the trip which is to be held on Saturday, May 22.

The event is open to everyone and all equipment is necessary. Everyone is asked to bring their own lunch as there will be a 30-45 minute lunch break during the trip. The trip is expected to last approximately four hours.

People are encouraged to dress according to the weather.

Transportation will be provided by Highline and everyone is expected to meet there promptly at 9 a.m. Saturday morning. The drive is approximately one hour long.

For those who wish to drive themselves information sheets with directions will be available at the Student Programs office in Building 8.

The cost is \$25 per person and tickets can be purchased in the Student Programs office. There are only fifteen tickets available for purchase.

For more information contact the Student Programs office at 206- 878-3710 ext. 3636 or Rachel Thorne at ext. 3537.

Lady T-Birds make their mark at Clark

By D.T. Demouchet
Staff Reporter

In chilly weather and on a poor little track the T-Birds soared to a fifth place finish with multiple victories and personal records.

Saturday, May 8, was the Clark College Invitational held at Hudson's Bay High School in Vancouver, Wash. Seven teams consisting of Clark, Chemeketa, Highline, Lewis-Clark, Linn-Benton, Lower Columbia, and Southwest Oregon came ready to jump, throw, hurdle and run.

Competition began early in the morning with field events where relentless T-Birds Jenoa Potter, Yavan Harper, and Jamie Kirk excelled in their events. Potter placed third and seventh in the high jump and long jump with respectable jumps of 4'8" and 12'9.5". Harper leapt and bound her way to a sixth place finish in the long jump (13'7") and third in the triple jump (32'8.24") and threw for eleventh place in the shot put (30'01").

Rounding out the field events

were the shot put and the pole vault where Jamie Kirk tied for twelfth place with a throw of 27'1". Racheal Schwartz had a hard day after she no-heighted in the pole vault due to a rain storm. Bad luck didn't end there for Schwartz when she was late to her heat of the 200 meter dash and couldn't get a lane to run in.

"It was a crappy track with crappy equipment," said Schwartz. "They didn't do a good job of running the meet because they had a lot of events that coincided with one another making it difficult to concentrate on the event at hand."

Distance powerhouses Karla Booth and Vickie Upchurch ran for fourth and fifth place in the 5000 meter run. Vickie Upchurch learned that she would be running her first ever 5000 minutes before the race. In the wind and rain, and still in her sweat pants and T-shirt, Vickie Upchurch ran a 25:19.1 which was exactly two minutes behind Booth to help aid her team with more team points. Booth also placed sixth in the 1500 meter



Photo by Jamie Kirk

High jumper Jenoa Potter last Saturday at the Clark Invitational. Potter finished third with a jump of 4'8" and helped Highline to a fifth place finish.

run with a time of 6:04.1.

Big personal records and points can from Rachel Moyer and Angie Upchurch. Moyer ran 1:03.7 as she placed fifth in the 400 meter dash. Angie Up-

church ran for seventh place and a new career record when she ran 2:46.2.

"We keep getting better with every meet," said Angie Upchurch.

Hopefully this holds true because this Saturday May 15, at UW stadium will be the Lady T-Birds last chance to make qualifying marks for NWAACC championships May 27-28.

Booth breaks barriers for women's track team

By Dagen Bendixen
Staff Reporter

Highline distance runner Karla Booth is having a great season, improving in almost every race from the 1,500 to the 5,000 meter races.

Booth currently holds the record at Highline in the 3,000 and 5,000 meter races.

With a time of 23:19.1 in the 5,000 and a 13:03.76 in the 3,000. She ran her first 5,000 on the track last weekend at the Clark Invitational, placing a respectable fourth.

Booth competed in cross-country, basketball, and track at Evergreen High School.

"I continued in cross-country and track at Highline because I love to run," said Booth.

"With her great attitude, determination, and work ethic, she adds a lot to the team," said Coach Tracy Brigham.

Her hard work ethic and determination is evident to her teammates also, during practice and in the races.

"She's a hard worker and has been improving in races throughout the season," said



Photo by Kirk Elliott

Karla Booth in preparation for the upcoming NWAACCs.

teammate Vickie Upchurch.

"She has also been improving a lot during practices," said

teammate Angie Upchurch.

Improvement is very important to Booth.



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"I feel I am getting faster and in better shape than earlier this season," said Booth.

Booth gets her workouts from coach and former Highline and University of Washington distance running legend Adam Leahy.

"Adam brings a lot of experience in distance running and I respect him as a coach," said Karla.

Booth's success not only comes in track and field but also in karate.

She competed in a tournament a few weeks ago placing first in two forms. She also is a karate instructor on Monday nights.

Besides going to school full time, running track, and karate, Booth works two jobs. She works as an intern every morning at the Seattle Tacoma International Airport and on the weekends works at the Des Moines Parks and Recreation department.

Booth is planning on attending Highline next year and will continue to compete in cross-country at Highline.

After completing her Associate of Arts degree with an emphasis in education at Highline.

She plans on attending a four-year university possibly Western Washington University to major in education.

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Big Bend	16-10	21-17	3			Jenoa Potter, 12-9.5		
Walla Walla	15-11	22-19	Pierce 10-13 14-21			Women's Triple Jump		
Skagit Valley	12-12	16-17	SW Oregon 7-14 9-21			3. Yavan Harper, 32'8.24"		
Bellevue	8-18	11-26	Olympic 4-17 9-25			Women's Shot Put		
Yakima Valley	7-19	14-27	Green River 1-25 1-29			11. Yavan Harper, 30-1.0; 14.		
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Clackamas	21-5	27-10	May 8			Women's 1500		
Mt. Hood	20-5	30-12	Men's High Jump			6. Carla Booth, 06:04.1		
Lo. Columbia	15-5	29-11	1. Sean Steele, 6'6"			Women's 400		
S. P. Sound	16-10	21-20	Men's Long Jump			5. Rachel Moyer, 01:03.7		
Centralia	12-10	18-16	1. Dominique Demouchet,			Women's 800		
Grays Harbor	10-12	15-22	22-00.0			7. Angie Upchurch, 02:46.2		
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			3. Dominique Demouchet,					
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New rotating scoreboard to be a hit Pavilion to get new look

By Dustin Richardson
Staff Reporter

King County has given Highline the money to fund a new athletic field which will be ready by fall of 2000. Along with the field, trails and a possible driving range will be constructed as well.

The old field will be dug out as well as the long jump pit and concrete slab which currently are inside the track, nestled close to the sideline. The long jump pit will be moved to outside the track by the McConnaughey Field sign and the concrete slab destroyed. A state-of-the-art drainage system will be implemented to keep the field in good shape.

The dimensions of the field will be about 66 yards wide and as long as can be placed inside the track.

The man behind the scenes making this all possible was Athletic Director Fred Harrison. "Without him (Harrison) we would never have gotten this field," said Jason Prenovost,



Photo By Raul Sedano

The new rotating scoreboard that brandishes the softball field and McConnaughey field.

Highline men's soccer coach. "Fred worked really hard to get this for us."

It should be comparable if not better than other community college facilities in the area, allowing Highline to play home games at home for the first time.

"We are really excited about

this. We have never had any good facilities like other schools in our conference, like Skagit Valley and Clark community colleges," Prenovost said.

The construction should begin in March 2000, and should be ready to be seeded by June. It should be ready for use by fall

2000 if everything goes on schedule.

A new rotating scoreboard has already been placed on the hill between the softball field and McConnaughey Field.

This will be roughly a \$250,000 project, all of which will be picked up by the county.

Field was named for great coach

By Vickie Upchurch
Staff Reporter

Highline athletes make the most of McConnaughey Field, but few know where it got the name.

In 1997 the field was named after Don McConnaughey, a former coach and instructor here at Highline.

"It was great, it was a real honor," said McConnaughey.

It started in 1962 when he came to Highline as a part-time instructor and the first track coach.

"I really like track and field," said McConnaughey.

Before Highline, he was head track and football coach for one

of the largest high schools in Texas and led them both to three district championships.

Highline originally wanted him to coach football, but a team was never started.

In 1964, he became a full-time instructor, head track coach, and the assistant basketball coach.

He later became the Athletic Director after Jack Hubbard retired.

The track conditions at Highline were not what a respectable coach had expected. McConnaughey used his own truck to drag the track and the track athletes had to pick the big rocks off the track themselves.

If they didn't, they would

have to use the facilities at Highline High School or Federal Way High School.

His efforts to improve these conditions took a very long time to go from dirt to an all-purpose track.

The all-purpose track wasn't completed until after he retired in 1993.

"He is one of the most important people who has impacted me," said Fred Harrison, athletic director.

Harrison, who worked closely with McConnaughey, had nothing but good things to say about him.

"He is my most important mentor," said Harrison.

McConnaughey is currently

enjoying his retirement and his spare time. He is doing all the things that he couldn't do before.

He spends his winters in Arizona and the rest of his time in a house on a lake in Grays Harbor with his wife. He spends his time playing in the water and catching up on yard work.

His hard work and dedication to Highline for thirty years made McConnaughey someone Highline will not soon forget.

"I had an enjoyable time at Highline," said McConnaughey. "I dearly love Highline College."

Harrison summed it up best when he said, "he's history, he is Highline College."

By Dustin Richardson
Staff Reporter

The interior of the Pavilion is going to get a serious facelift starting this summer.

Along with the annual resurfacing of the floor, there will be many more upgrades to the aging interior of the college's gymnasium.

This includes new scoreboards, new bleachers, and paint on the roof, said Assistant Athletic Director John Dunn.

Plans include the installment of energy efficient lighting, which will save a lot of money. Some cosmetic work on the roof will brighten the place up substantially.

The bleachers, which have been in place since 1963, will also get the boot. They will be replaced by numerous sets of bleachers as well as stadium seats.

The installment of these will increase the seating in the building by an estimated 400-500 seats, allowing the pavilion to hold up to 1,400 people.

Two new scoreboards will also be replacing the older models. Three brand new lighted scoring tables will be donated to the facility thanks to Pepsi and will have advertisements for Highline on the front of two of them.

The Athletic Department is very excited about the upcoming improvements.

"People will be proud just to walk in the place," said Dunn.

The gym will be closed from July 5-24 due to repairs on the roof, and August 8-22 for the resurfacing of the gym floor.

More improvements are planned for over winter break.

Top, Guaneiri Underground rocks out in Building 8. Below, a therapist gives a massage at the Treat Yourself booth. Bottom, Occupational Programs booth drew a few older volunteers at the Career Fair in the Pavilion.



A cold start to spring

By Heather Baker
Staff Reporter

Mother Nature was up to her old tricks again.

Cold wind and rain had Highline students dashing to their cars instead of enjoying the Spring Festival's activities. Many thought the weather reminded people more of February than May.

The on and off rain put a damper on Spring Festival activities.

Director of Cooperative Education, Carol Stiefer was disappointed at the dismal turnout at events and workshops.

Approximately 500 students were bused in from area high schools to attend the Career Fair. High school counselors had good comments about the fair and

career workshops held, said Stiefer.

Popular workshops at the fair included: financing your education, how to choose the college for you and the employer panel.

Sports activities and the Fun Run/Walk was canceled due to the inclement weather. Despite the rain, five people decided to go on with the Fun Run/Walk, a five kilometer race, even with the cancellation of the event.

"When it hailed, I lost hope in the afternoon activities," said Stiefer.

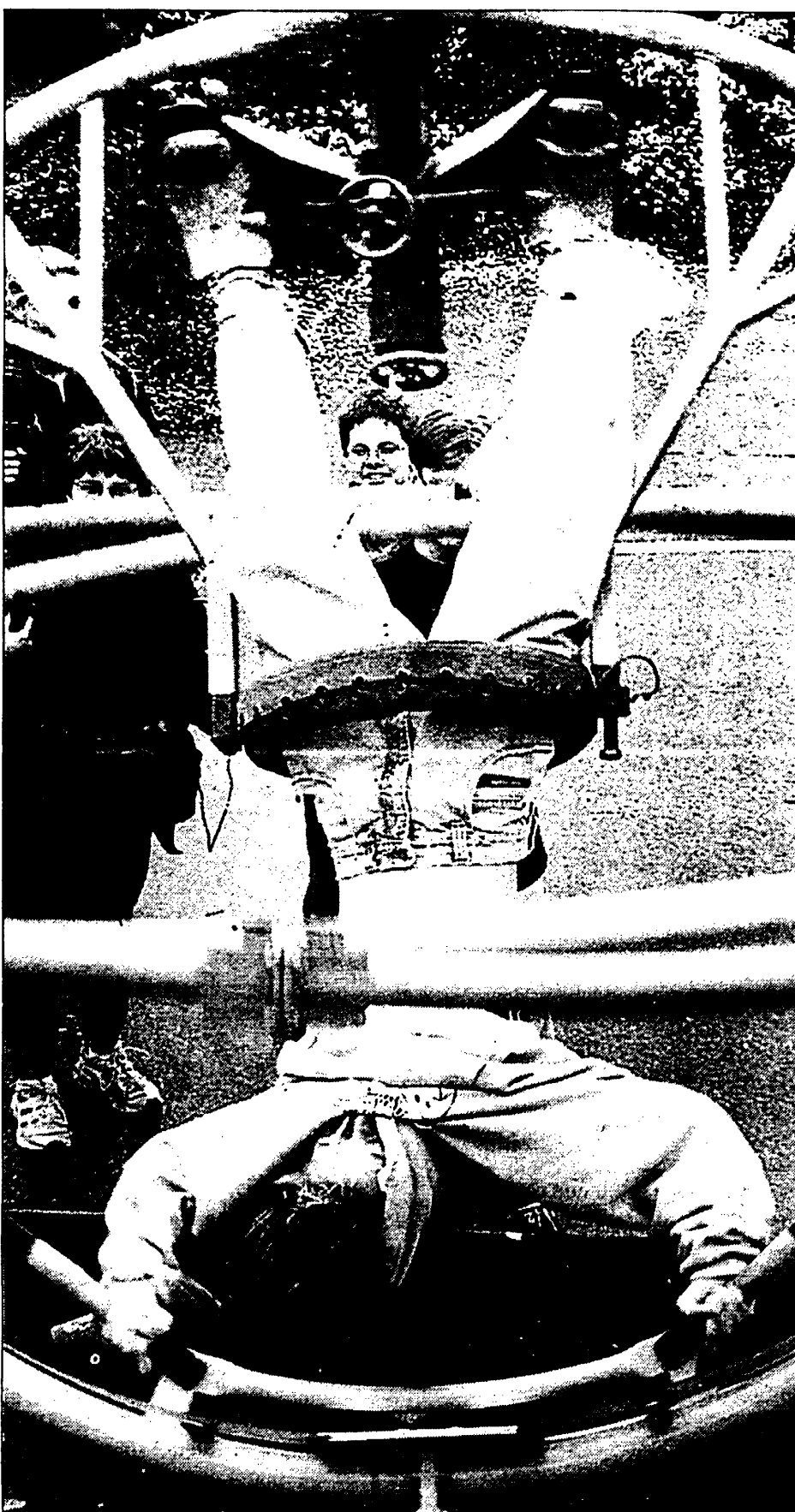
Alexis Charrow, representative from Children's Theater and an actor with the company Living Voices, was disappointed at the turnout. She had various activities planned for participants. Instead she had to cancel the workshop due to the lack of eager visitors.

Fundraising efforts at the fair were successful, especially for the Womens' Programs. The program held a silent auction that brought in \$2100. A percentage of the sales at the Books for Fun book sale brought in funds as well.

In Buildings 8 and 10 booths were set up for the Treat Yourself portion of the festival.

"The most popular treat yourself was the chocolate tasting and the massage," said Stiefer.

The Community Dinner put the finishing touches to Spring Festival. It was successful, as 85 of the 120 people who bought tickets showed up to see keynote speaker Stacy Allison.



Above, a high school student has a little clothes trouble on the Gyro. She was able to pull her shirt back down, but never got a hold of the handles again. Bottom, members of Team Highline and volunteers feed hungry participants outside of Building 8.



Jack Harton

When it comes to books, Harton knows the library cover to cover

By Nikki Woodhouse
Staff Reporter

To understand Jack Harton, you must first understand his attitude toward neckties.

For his last birthday, Highline instructors and friends held a party for him. As gifts, they each presented Jack with a new tie. These were not just any ties. They had to be obnoxious or loud, out of the ordinary.

When Jack first got a job that required wearing a tie, he hated the idea of dressing like that. So he decided that if he had to wear a tie, he would wear silly, ridiculous ones.

"My ties sum up my appreciation for the ridiculous," said Harton. You can catch Harton wearing a tie with cartoons on it or Mona Lisa, but it would be tough to catch him in stripes, unless perhaps, the stripes were fluorescent.

"He's certainly different from a stereotypical librarian," said Karen Fernandez, a fellow Highline reference librarian.

"I am not a repressed little old lady with a bun in my hair and glasses on the tip of my nose, going around shushing people. Isn't that what a typical librarian is?" asked Harton.

Harton was born in Chincoteague, part of a small island on the Eastern shore of Virginia. He lived, worked, and attended school in Virginia throughout his childhood and into adulthood.

"In school, I was above average, but not great, about a B plus average," said Harton. He said that it was too easy and he just didn't push himself. Besides, he was always too busy reading everything in sight. Less than 100 feet from his childhood home was a 7-11 and a library.

"When I walked across the street, it wasn't for fudge bars, but rather for something new to read," said Harton.

Throughout all of his undergraduate work, Harton paid for school himself by working frozen food and dairy at a supermarket. Harton attended Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va. where he first earned a bachelor of science degree in Criminal Justice. It would prob-



by the book...

ably shock anyone who knows him now, Jack was once an officer of the law.

"I was a cop for one year. I could have been an average police officer as I had the ability, but I found I didn't like it very much. I wanted to find something I enjoyed and did very well at, and be that," said Harton.

After deciding that law enforcement was not his forte, Harton enrolled at Old Dominion again and received a bachelor's degree in education. He then attended the University of North Carolina where he completed his master's in library science. School at UNC was Harton's first venture of living outside of Va.

"North Carolina was the nearest university that offered a graduate program in library science," Harton said. As a student in that program, he worked in a few libraries to help pay his way through his graduate work.

"That's where I first found out about the joys of reference," said Harton.

He didn't stay away from

"I think about what kind of person I want to be and how I can get there."

--Jack Harton

Old Dominion too long. He returned after being offered a position there as a social sciences reference librarian. He worked there for a total of five years.

"Working at Old Dominion, I found out what I liked doing as a librarian. I like collection management, overseeing collection, deciding what materials to order," said Harton. He not only orders books, but periodicals and electronic databases as well.

After spending his whole life in Virginia, other than two years in North Carolina, Jack was restless.

Harton found the job opening at Highline on the Internet. Strangely enough, anyone who has ever heard Harton give a presentation about the Internet, has heard him say, "If you know a lot of really long web addresses, it means you need to work on having a life away from computers. Get outside, take a walk, buy a puppy, whatever."

The opening was for a reference librarian who specialized in collection development.

"I packed my car with everything I owned and drove from Virginia to Pennsylvania, turned left heading west, and here I

am," said Harton.

Harton is finishing his fifth year as a reference librarian at Highline.

"My favorite part of my job is looking through all the catalogs and reviews, trying to find out what will enable students to have the materials they need when they come in here," said Harton.

"I'm a generalist. I try to know something about a lot of areas, but haven't specialized in any one particular area," said Harton.

"I love what I do because it is such important work. Education is the great equalizer in life. Besides, I've been told I have a talent for it. My talents and interests match up here. I also love to shop for books. I will shop till our budget drops," said Harton.

Harton loves working for Highline and plans to be here for some time. He dreams of owning a big house with a view of the water. He says that after being born on an island and growing up close to the ocean, he still loves looking at the water.

Harton is very goal-oriented.

"I think about what kind of person I want to be and how I can get there," he said.

He will always have a deep appreciation for the ridiculous, as he loves the Three Stooges and The Far Side.

"Jack has a wicked, yet witty sense of humor, and he is excellent at what he does. Jack is also a wonderful friend. If your lucky enough to be a true friend of Jack's, you've got a friend for life," said Joy Smucker, paralegal instructor at Highline.



Photo by Nate Patterson

Harton has been interested in books for most of his life. He says that buying books is his great passion, and will continue to do so until the library's budget is gone.

Constitution changes to be made

By BJ Stephenson
Staff Reporter

The wheels have been set in motion to make changes in the Faculty Senate Constitution.

The Faculty Senate deals with college policy. Policy is what determines academic standards and degree requirements. Highline history is controlled by academic standards and degree requirements.

The Faculty Senate is involved in setting policy for grading and suspensions also. The proposed membership changes state that membership will be restricted to people in instruction. Officers will come from tenured faculty only. Those who sit as members of the Faculty Senate will have a strong voice in reviewing grading and suspension policy, as well as academic standards and degree requirements.

At this point the Faculty Senate is reviewing a proposal from the Engineering and Applied Sciences Division to include an Associate of Science program in the next school year. In Senate Chair Phil Sell's opinion, the Senate "needs to be taken seriously because it deals with serious stuff."

It is hoped that the updating of the constitution will "attract faculty interest" and enhance the credibility of the Faculty Senate, said Sell.

The original constitution was last updated in the '70s. However, it was still poorly written and lacked organization, said Sell. An ad hoc committee from the Faculty Senate was formed to rectify these problems.

The purpose of the Senate is clarified in the revised version. It recommends that the Senate should "serve as the paramount recommending body ... to establish and revise college-wide academic standards, grading policies ... [and] provide recognition for exemplary faculty ..."

It presented its new and improved version of the constitution to the Senate for approval last month. The Senate approved the changes and sent it to Highline faculty for a vote. The faculty approved it Wednesday, April 21. The amended constitution now sits with the Counsel on Counsels for approval. If, and when, it passes this committee, the new and improved constitution will go to the Board of Trustees for a final vote.



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Computer math classes add up

By Takehito Fukui
Staff Reporter

All Marie Pothan has to do to answer a question is click a mouse.

Pothan is taking a computer-based math class, and is showing more improvement in her math skills than she did 10 years ago.

"You don't really have to know about computers to be in this class. All you do is click the mouse and type the numbers in. It works for me," said Pothan.

Pothan said she is doing better than she did in a lecture-based math classes.

The computer-based math class has been offered since fall of 1996. From summer of 1999, Highline offers these instructor-led, computer-based math classes for Math 91, 97, and 111.

In these computer-based math courses, students develop their math skills by using Academic Systems' Interactive Mathematics software in the math lab. The program has step-by-step instructions with narration, animation, and movies provided in the lesson.

Pothan was afraid to ask questions when she was in a lecture-based class. However, in the computer-based math class, there is an instructor available for one-to-one interaction with the students. Since the instruc-



Photo by Nate Patterson

Misty Hansen finishes her math in the computing center. Many students find these self-paced classes easier.

tion is given in the computer program, teachers are more flexible to help student in one-to-one format interaction.

There are also tutors available in the lab besides the class time.

"Although it is not self-

based, they can work on ahead, it really works for certain students and they are often quiet about it," said Professor Helen Burn, mathematics department coordinator.

Burn said that in this course, students don't have to be frus-

"All you do is click the mouse and type the numbers in."

--Marie Pothan, student

trated in the classroom or afraid to ask questions and interact with classmates or have extra assignments.

Burn said that students have improved in this class more than they did in the other lecture-based math classes.

"The Interactive Mathematics System gives me more flexibility in teaching," said Burn.

"Even if you think you are not familiar with computers, you should give it a try. Once you get comfortable with it, you will learn and do better," said Pothan.

Highline also offers on-line algebra courses for students who cannot attend classes or labs on campus, as well as the fast-speed classes that gives an opportunity for students to take Math 91 and 97 in one quarter.

Burn expects more students to try these instructor-led, computer-based math classes. For more information contact Helen Burn at 206-878-3710, ext. 3496 or e-mail at hburn@hcc.ctc.edu.

Homeless people just want a chance

By Omenka Nnadi
Staff Reporter

Homeless people don't want to be judged, they just want a chance for dignity.

This was part of the message delivered to a full house in Building 7 Thursday, May 6, at a presentation and panel discussion by the Real Change Newspaper.

Three speakers who work with the homeless advocate newspaper told compelling stories.

Teri Kabb, a vendor, talked about social pressures and realities that lead to homelessness.

"We don't fit into a category

- we are not all lazy, or druggies, or alcoholics, or mentally ill - we do have problems and we do need a chance," Kabb said.

Dr. Wes Browning, who has a doctorate in mathematics, and is a representative to the National Homeless Coalition, was the second speaker.

The death of his father triggered post-traumatic-stress syndrome due to abuse he had suffered in his childhood.

Mental illness and panic attacks made him unable to be a professor anymore, and ended up homeless in Seattle.

Ten years went by and he was finally able to become a cab driver.

"The risk of being stabbed to death for cab fare was easier to deal with than teaching," Dr. Browning said.

He now writes a column called "Adventures in Poetry" for the Real Change newspaper.

Davio Ritche, the third speaker, became homeless when his wife died, he lost his job, and he had a heart attack - all within two week's time.

"I bought a case of vodka, drank more than two bottles of it, and laid down on the railroad tracks near the Spaghetti Factory at Pier 56 to die," Ritche said. "But God wasn't ready for me to die, he sent an angel in the form of a lost little girl - she

shook my hand and woke me up. I struggled off the tracks and helped her find her mother. I heard the train go by as I saw the mother coming to find her little girl."

He also works on the paper.

The bi-monthly paper was started five years ago. One goal of the newspaper is to offer a chance for dignity for the homeless in Seattle.

The printed mission statement from the paper is: "Real Change organizes, educates, and builds alliances to find community-based solutions to homelessness and poverty."

The newspaper's website is <http://www.realchangenews.org>.

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Joe Nalley
Major:
undecided
GPA:
3.5

Joe Nalley feels that the most important issue at Highline is the new student center. If elected he would work toward a solution that better meets the needs of Highline students.

Nalley says he supports the idea of a new student center, but is unsure if it is worth paying \$25 per student each quarter.

Serving as student senator, Nalley feels, will help him be the voice of the students. He wants to help plan more activities and make Highline a place where all students feel welcome. He wants to see more students participating in school functions.

Nalley spent the last four quarters as a Running Start student from Decatur. While attending Highline, he also

played football at Decatur, was a member of the Honor Society, and worked at Anthony's Homeport.



April Pennix-Garvin
Major:
Journalism
GPA:
2.5

April Pennix-Garvin would like to hear more opinions from the students at Highline, what activities they want to see, what would make Highline a better school, and anything else they want to express.

Pennix-Garvin feels she would be good for the position because she's a "people person" and she will represent the clubs and students of Highline as best as she can.

After running for International Student Senator last fall, Pennix-Garvin has an idea of what the elections process is all about. She also has a feel for leadership as vice president of the Highline Gospel Choir Club and as a member of the Black Student Union.

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week long. The website, which will be easier to use, will be accessible from the front page of the college website and will be up by Monday, May 17.

Vice President of Legislation Riko Durret has been in charge of the election since day one and has seen many prospective candidates come and go. She advises looking at previous experi-

ence and the seriousness of the candidate.

"We've all heard of the saying 'It's not what you know, it's who you know.' Don't use that to determine who you vote for," Durret said.

Students looking for more information on the candidates can access the webpage which will feature pictures and bios on each candidate.

Also, a candidate forum will be held Tuesday, May 18 from 11 a.m. to noon upstairs in Building 8.

Jewelry

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job offers.

Telford explains that anything you may think of that has any relation to jewelry, they will know about and can construct. Most of the work is done by hand; machinery does very little work in this class.

"Closing this program is stupid!" Telford replies. "People from all over the world come here for this program."

The class is extremely diverse.

Up to eight different languages are spoken throughout the day. The students are both male and female; the oldest is 72 years old, the youngest, 18.

Students say the class is very casual, with the students being self sufficient and able to sell their own work.

Based on conversations they've had with professional jewelers, the students said they have better training than people already in the field. The jobs are well-paid, too: A graduate

can earn \$15 an hour to start.

This course definitely pays off, but just as everything else, it does have its hardships. It not only requires jewelry making coursework, but also calls for chemistry, engineering, the studies of stones and gemology, math, and even physics.

And, not to mention, the money and time.

Telford and Peltier own over \$35,000 worth of tools and at times put in a 12-hour day to their work.

Their hands show the cost of working with hot metal.

Both Peltier's and Telford's hands show burn scars. Telford was gifted with six stitches, split thumbs, and nitric acid on both hands.

Telford said he has set his hair on fire three times.

Highline has the only vocational program here in Washington that is geared to produce a student who is qualified to work in the Jewelry industry career wise.

Now it will be gone, forever. "I'm very angry because it's a good program," said Linn Booth, a first-year student.

Financial aid
up for grabs

Deadlines for federal student aid for the year 2000 school year are as the following: for Fall Quarter, June 30; for Winter Quarter, Oct. 13; Spring Quarter, Feb. 2, 2000, and for Summer Quarter 2000, April 27, 2000.

Applying for federal student aid is easy.

"We encourage students to apply for financial aid over the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov," says Steve Seeman, associate director of financial aid.

"The reason that we encourage students to apply this way is because of the error rate," Seeman said. "If you apply over the web there is less than a one percent error processing rate in processing their application, whereas if you apply for financial aid using the paper application there is a 10 to 15 percent error rate in the processing."

It is always best to get your application in early, so that you can have a better chance to get funding.

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the fee on other students since they will not be here.

The biggest reason many students are opposed to the plan is no one but the teachers will be around to see the new building.

"I don't have a problem with this (the current) building," student Brian said.

With an estimated cost of \$13 million, Highline students

are being asked to fund \$462,000 a year for 20 years. The new center is projected at 40,000 square feet and will replace the current building, which is 30 years old and is 17,000 square feet.

Some students said they will vote yes, however.

"I'll vote yes," said Highline student Christian Comstock. "For future students."

Though some students felt the rise in tuition next year will effect their vote, many were unfazed by the 4.6 percent hike

they are likely to face next year.

"It won't change my vote," Katrina Gilberts said. "I'm not tight with my money."

An open forum is scheduled today upstairs in Building 8. All students with questions regarding the new student center are invited. Vice President of Students Jim Sorensen and Diane Anderson director of student programs along with student government officials will be there to answer any questions and provide additional information.

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