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Broken pipe leaves man hospitalized

By Christina Morano
Staff Reporter

Highline maintenance mechanic Lee Hall suffered first and second degree burns over 20 percent of his body after a coupling on a hot water pipe burst in the Library last Thurs-

day night.

Hall remains in serious but stable condition at Harborview Medical Center.

About 6:40 p.m. a call was placed to campus maintenance reporting a water leak in the bottom floor of the library. Hall made his way to the mechanical

shaft room containing the hot water pipes.

No water was coming from the door, but when Hall opened it he was drenched with three to four feet of scalding hot water.

Kevin Gunderson, a security officer, responded to Hall's screams for help. He pulled

Hall out of the hot water and called 911.

The local fire department, police and ambulance arrived on the scene within minutes of the call. Gunderson suffered mild burns as a result of the rescue. Both men were taken to Harborview, a premier burn unit

with the only level III trauma center in the Northwest.

Gunderson was treated and released while Hall was admitted into the intensive care unit but is expected to make a full

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Students wrestle with welfare reform

By Teresa C. Moreau
Staff Reporter

Brandy Buck wants to get off welfare forever.

But she's concerned that Washington state's welfare reform won't let her get enough schooling to stay off welfare for good.

"I am damned if I do, and damned if I don't," Buck said.

Gov. Gary Locke signed the WorkFirst Act last year. The act, which followed years of public criticism of welfare programs in general, aims to get welfare recipients off public assistance and into work. It can make it harder for welfare recipients to go to school, however.

Buck says she wants to work. For the last several months, Buck has been working over-time — full time student, mother, and part-time retail worker.

At the beginning of Spring Quarter, Buck was getting up at 4 a.m. to go to school. She got out of school at 9 a.m. and headed to work, where she "stares at walls for hours on end." At 5 p.m. she left work



Photo by Kirk Elliott

Brandy Buck wants more time with her daughter, LaTia, and to be off welfare for good.

and returned to school until 9 p.m.

She found it hard to stay

awake and study. Buck feared she wouldn't make it through the quarter. The bills were pil-

ing up and she was in dire need of a good night of shut-eye.

Three nights a week she saw her daughter LaTia long enough to tuck her into bed. Buck was terrified that the lack of time spent with her daughter might affect their relationship in the future.

She wanted to be able to spend more time with her daughter, work only 20 hours a week, and remain a full time student. Her case manager told her this would not be possible.

Buck is not alone. About 1,000 Highline students are involved in WorkFirst, the state's reformed welfare program.

"If we don't have an education where are we going to go? I don't even know how to use a computer. I can't get a good job without knowing how to use a computer," Buck said.

In the past, students were able to go to school and receive benefits without having to work.

Now many have to combine child-raising and school with full or part-time work.

Students currently on the

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Senator resigns position

By Tyler Hurst
Staff Reporter

Evening Student Senator Liah Walker resigned her position early May 17.

Her resignation came hours before Student Government's Judiciary Committee would have informed her of the termination of her employment.

"Liah (Walker) wasn't able to fulfill her duties," said Riko Durret, vice president of legislation.

Walker cited numerous family issues as the reason she had to quit. Her daughter, a chronic asthma sufferer, forced her to be home for three weeks during Winter Quarter 1999 after she came down with pneumonia. She then suffered two deaths in her family in early April, and feels that Student Government was not sympathetic enough.

"They told me to stop thinking of myself," said Walker. "I was made to feel I made the wrong choice."

After her three-week stint at home, Walker said that she came to an agreement with Santana Villa, student body



Walker

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Candidates make no promises at forum

By Heather Baker
Staff Reporter

Student candidates proposed everything from a shuttle to Highline from Midway to a new student center without a student tax, new ways to end parking woes and a happier coexistence

among students and faculty.

At an open candidate forum on May 18, around 40 students got to know what the candidates want to do for them and what issues they stand behind.

Students crowded into Building 8, normally their lunch hour, unaware a forum was about to

begin.

Students who were there for the forum broke up into little cheer squads trying to give their candidates the edge.

All candidates running were not present at the forum. John Fox, running for vice president of legislation, was late. Janice

Valdez, running for student club diplomat/treasurer, and George Kelley for vice president of legislation, were not present.

The forum started off with a serious tone. Candidates gave a

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Crime Blotter for the week of May 20

Book bag burglar prepares for rain

A student's book bag was stolen from in front of the bookstore, on May 17. Fortunately, the bag was later found by another student in the North parking lot, with just an umbrella missing.

Breaking glass not music to ears

A student returned to the East parking lot to discover that his car had been broken into, and that a Kenwood compact disc player was stolen. The incident occurred on May 14.

Only one keychain, perhaps?

A Highline staff member lost his college keys. Last Friday the staff member claimed he'd forgotten the keys on the top of his vehicle and drove off with them on the top of the vehicle. The incident was reported to Security on May 13.

Claim lost items, or they will still be lost

Various items were found in the Library and turned into the Security Office on May 14. The items included three wristwatches, a maroon sweater, a yellow and brown wallet, and a white glove.

Black wallet found, needs a home

A black wallet was found in Building 8 on May 14. The wallet had a variety of items in it. It was turned in to the Security Office in Building 6.

Necklace recovered

A gold necklace was found on May 11. The necklace was found outside of Building 17, and turned in to the security office.

Tune player found in Building 10

A portable CD player was found in Building 10, on May 10. The CD player was turned in to the security office.

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Kim Nichols

Proctor shines in her first year

Proctor builds relationships with students

By Dru White
Staff Reporter

Shannon Proctor is one of the youngest professors here on the Highline campus, but she is wise beyond her years. Though she is only in her first year here, she has already begun to make her mark here at Highline, and has been very influential in the learning growth of several of her students.

"Shannon may be young, but I really feel that she identifies well with her students because of that youth. She's just awesome!" said student Nicole Ulrich.

Coming to Highline and Washington was a homecoming as Proctor was originally born



Shannon Proctor

here but later moved to the Chicago area with her family. Proctor believes divine intervention brought her back to Washington.

"I was on break from one of my classes that I taught in Chicago when I picked up a Seattle Times classified ad. In the mid-

dle of the page in bold type it said speech instructor wanted at Highline Community College," said Proctor. "I couldn't believe it. I had thought about coming back here to teach, but I was waiting for an open position somewhere."

Just like her students and others before her, Proctor also began at the community college level and then transferred to a four-year institution. Proctor received her associate of arts degree at the College of DuPage, and then transferred to Arizona State where she earned her bachelor's degree in broadcasting. It wasn't until she transferred to the University of Illinois that she got her master's degree in speech.

"Everything that you do in life will involve one type of communication skill or another," said Proctor.

Before teaching speech, she was a Fox news broadcaster in

Phoenix. Not liking the job much, she taught speech at various colleges in Chicago before coming to Highline.

Proctor's teaching style differs from other professors. She teaches through example rather than lecture. She tries to create a safe environment in her classroom for her students to feel comfortable expressing themselves, and learning from one another. So far, she has done just that, as her classes are some of the first to fill up the past two quarters.

"When I was told that I needed to take Speech 100 this quarter to transfer to the UW, all of my friends told me to take Shannon, and I'm glad I did!" said sophomore Andrew Russell.

Proctor is a very energetic teacher. She has taken learning to a new level in the eyes of many of her students.

"I just infuse creativity," she said.



Men's soccer to hold car wash

Highline's men's soccer team will be having a car wash to get some cash.

The car wash will take place in the east parking lot off of South 240th Street. They will accept donations. The car wash is May 26-27 from 10-2 p.m.

They are raising money to go to Chilliwack, British Columbia for a pre-season tournament against other colleges. The tournament will be held at Simon Fraser University in early

September.

The car wash will take place rain, hail, snow or shine.

Graduation time

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

There is no charge to participate. Tassels, gowns and invitations will be included. For information contact Joanne Jordan at 206-878-3710, ext. 3244.

New multicultural adviser is chosen

Student Programs has chosen Fred Capestany as the new Multicultural Student Programs Adviser.

Capestany is finishing his master's degree in Student De-

velopment at Seattle University, where he worked in the office of Student Life, advising student groups. Capestany's other experience include community education with Planned Parenthood, program development with the Ethnic Heritage Council and college outreach recruitment with the University of Puget Sound.

Capestany's first day was May 17.

Evening child care hours to change

Evening child care is still available for Highline students, faculty and staff with children from toddler to kindergarten attending Summer Quarter 1999. Registration is now in progress.

The hours will be 7:30 a.m. till 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, with no child care on Friday.

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

Fall Quarter 1999 registration will start June 14.

Correction

Pictures of Joe Nalley and Matthew Renner were inadvertently switched in last week's voter's guide.

The photos are correctly identified at right.

Voting will run through Friday, May 20. Students can vote online in Bldg. 8.



Renner



Nalley

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Campus prepared for millenium

By Dale V. Bird
Staff Reporter

Y2K will cause computer system problems, experts say.

But the King County Office of Emergency Management is more concerned over the social problems that the hysteria over Y2K may cause, said Eric Holdeman, manager of the King County Office of Emergency Management.

A Y2K forum sponsored by the Interactive Media Program and Team Highline was held on May 10. The forum included an interactive media presentation and a panel discussion. The panel also included Angie Parsons, assistant director for planning and development for Highline; and Carol Randall, vice president of Win Services Technologies.

Y2K refers to the year 2000, when computers programmed to read two-digit dates may interpret the year 00 as 1900 and freak out. Doomsayers have predicted catastrophe as everything from banking to electricity failing in a huge computer crash.

People who actually work on such problems are a lot less excited.

"As of March 31, 1999, King County is prepared," said Holdeman.

Included in these prepara-



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tions is a contingency to deal with social problems. The State Patrol and King County Police have canceled all vacation and leaves for the night of Dec. 31, 1999.

"Highline Community College will be prepared," said Parsons. Holdeman and Parsons were quick to say that there are no guarantees.

Of special concern for the Office of Emergency Management is a portion of the population that has not made any preparations.

"About 90 percent of the

population has made no effort to prepare for the problems that may occur on Jan. 1, 2000," said Holdeman.

The uncertainty of what will happen has caused a variety of reactions.

"It would be prudent to prepare as you would for a winter storm," said Randall. "Many people have been labeled wacko by the press for gathering a supply a food and water, I have been using empty one-liter bottles of pop to store water and I don't consider myself a wacko."

Bad press may have kept people from preparing.

"If we are not prepared, it may cause a panic," said a Highline student.

The Interactive Media Program has put together a newsletter and a web page to distribute information about Y2K.

There is a more detailed list of preparation on the Internet at <http://www.metrokc.gov/prepare>. You can also contact the American Red Cross at 206-323-2345, or the Office of Emergency Management at 206-296-3830.

Welsh professor speaks

By Takehito Fukui
Staff Reporter

Students in the United Kingdom get a head start in a college.

Highline's exchange professor Bernie Hayward from Wales introduced the British system in education in a presentation here on Tuesday.

Hayward talked about the students, faculty, academic and grading system, and costs of college in the UK.

Hayward said in the United Kingdom, there are pre-schools for 3-year-olds and up, and they will be free for every 4-year-olds by the year of 2000. Then children start their first grade of full time education at age 6. In primary education, students mainly focus on mathematics, English, and science. Secondary school starts from seventh grade and runs through 11th grade.

By the age 16, students have some options to choose from. One of the options gives the opportunity to students to earn credits by working. Free tuition is provided for the full time students who are ages 16-19, which also includes materials such as textbooks.

Barry College offers more instructional formatted classes for students to prepare for their future jobs.

"Many people with degrees apply for the job, but they do not have real skills that they can use at work," said Hayward.

Barry College focuses on developing students' key skills such as communication, applied math, information technology, teamwork skills, and students' own learning and development. These important skills are identified by employers for students to have when they apply for jobs.

For grading students, the college uses criteria instead of numbers or percentages. Hayward said it is very difficult to distinguish the difference between a student who achieved 76 percent and other student achieved 72 percent in their grade. Therefore, on the student's record, the instructor gives written criteria based on the student's performance on the assignment.

Hayward said he would bring the idea of the quarter system to his college in Wales from Highline. On the other hand, he would forward the idea of inexpensive school material to Highline for students. He also likes Highline's campus, faculty, and staff. He will be staying at Highline until the end of this quarter.

Forum

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serious tone. Candidates gave a brief explanation of what their Student Government jobs would be and what they would do for the school while in those jobs.

"I would put Highline on the map," said Dru White, candidate for president.

Each member of the current student government posed a question or a hypothetical situation to the candidate who is running for his or her office.

"I don't want to boast, but I am a leader," said Renee Jovet about her solution to arguments among officers. White said she would agree to disagree because everybody has different

Senator Christina Ly asked Matthew Renner and Stewart Wainaina how they would motivate students to attend the Associated Students of Highline (ASHCC) meetings.

"If students are not coming then it is the fault of the vice-president of administration," said Renner. It is the vice-



Wainaina

president of administration job to promote and preside at Associated Council meetings, said Renner.

When it was Fox's turn to speak, the audience could barely hear his response. Fox could not recollect what duties he would be responsible for, or what the current legislative issues are such as tuition increases.

Kitty Richmire, for club diplomat/treasurer, said that to promote clubs on campus she would inform new students when registering about them.

Five office hours is not enough, said the senator candidates. Evan Keck, Kyle Maschhoff and Joe Nalley all vowed to spend as much time as needed to complete their job to the fullest.

Questions varied from the proposed new student center to the relationship between the Student Government and the Thunderword.

Renner was animate about that he did not support taxing the students to build a new student center.

Richmire was first to speak about the government's relationship with the Thunderword.

"I am aware of two instances where the Thunderword has made mistakes. They quoted me in sentence fragments and they got two other candidates pictures wrong," said Richmire.

"I read the paper every week.

I can't find all the mistakes, but I am sure they are there," said Richmire.

"In the future the student government should have students that they write about read their articles (before publication) because it affects the students."

Renner and Nalley concurred, but also drew a conclusion that everybody makes mistakes, even school newspapers.

After questions from Student Government the floor was open to the audience.

Renner proposed shuttling students from the Midway lot to Highline. Ly shouted out to Renner and asked would he rather pay for a shuttle or a "beautiful" new student center.

Renner was upset by the outburst, and explained that he is not familiar with the issue because he walks a mile to school.

Wainaina proposed dividing the parking lot by class. For example, freshmen would park in the Midway lot and sophomores will get the campus lot. This drew applause from the crowd.

Voting concludes today in Building 8 at 9 p.m.

The student government encourages students to vote.

Resign

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President, and Diane Anderson, director of student programs, that if she had another family crisis, she would step down. She didn't want to have to choose between her position and her family, but she feels she was forced to.

"I don't think anyone in my position should have to feel I made the wrong choice to be with my child," said Walker. "When I campaigned, I made it clear that my child came first."

Walker said that when she stayed home with her child, she left her phone number at school for anyone who needed to talk to her. She received zero calls.

"I live five minutes from campus. If someone needed to talk to me, it would have seemed like I was just across campus," said Walker.

Durret wishes that her resignation could have come earlier in the quarter, so Student Government could have found someone else. She said it's important to inform evening students about the student center, something that Walker apparently did not do well.

"It just wasn't working out with her family situation," said Durret. "We like her as a person."



Richmire

Editorials

Make sure to get out and vote in today's election

The ASHCC spring election is taking place. Today is the final day of the election, which decides not only student government offices, but also bylaw changes, as well as the ever-controversial student center plan.

It is important that students get out to vote today. The people who make up Student Government next year will make decisions that will affect everyone on campus.

Student government officers need to have certain qualities to be successful. Most importantly, prospective officers need to be proven, capable students. If they are not already successful students, with the added stress of their positions, they may create instability within the government.

Beside getting it done in the classroom, officers need to be responsible so they can do well in the day-to-day functions of their positions.

Having an outgoing personality also helps. That will allow students to feel comfortable in going to their elected representatives and will allow representatives to connect better with other students.

While all of the candidates present strengths, some stand out as best able to serve the students of Highline:

- For president, Dru White should be considered. White is a member of the school's women's basketball team, so she is already well connected on campus. With a full year of going to Highline under her belt, plus prior experience attending Bellevue CC, White's background will allow her to view ASHCC through different eyes than most students. But one of White's most important strengths is her outgoing personality. She has no problems talking with any student on campus, which is vital, given Highline's remarkable diversity.

Her opponent, Renee Jovet, is also a solid candidate, but doesn't seem to have White's energy and passion.

- For vice-president of legislation, John Fox needs to do his homework on just what his job will entail. But his credentials are otherwise impressive, and unlike his opponent, George Kelley Jr., he attended Tuesday's candidate forum. Despite being a pole-vaulter on the college's track team, working full time, and taking a 20-credit course load, he maintains a 3.4 GPA. Much like White, Fox's experience as an athlete has made him connected on campus and thus more able to get the job done.

- In the vice-president of administration election, Stewart Wainaina is a very strong candidate. An extremely bright individual, he has the highest GPA of any student involved in the election. Wainaina is likely to lend a needed practical focus to Student Government. In a position like vice-president of administration, that is one of the most necessary traits. His opponent, Matthew Renner, is a worthy candidate, but his constant protestations that he's not in it for the popularity makes us wonder.

- For club diplomat/treasurer, The Thunderword is not endorsing any candidate. Kitty Richmire has some fine qualities -- a positive attitude and experience at planning events. Unfortunately, she displays a lack of knowledge of First Amendment issues. Freedom of speech is the fundamental source of American political freedom, and her suggestion that student government members have the right to edit Thunderword stories before they are published is not only illegal, it's wrong. Nor is it entirely clear that she has the diplomatic skills to be a liaison between ASHCC and clubs. Meanwhile, her opponent, Janice Valdez, didn't show up to the forum and has waged a stealth campaign.

In the race for the two student senator positions, Kyle Maschhoff and Evan Keck are the two best candidates. Maschhoff was involved in leadership positions throughout his junior high and high school years, and such a background surely will help him out in student government work.

Despite the strengths of Joe Nalley's candidacy, Keck shows an excellent knowledge of many student government issues and understands what it takes to get the job done. His performance at the candidate forum was one of the best.

The editorial staff also supports the new Student Center -- discussed in last week's Thunderword -- and the proposed changes to the bylaws. Most of the changes are merely procedural, and in one case, officially recognizes the office of student senator, since the office was previously called student at-large.



Team Highline puts it together

Team Highline has finally done something worth recognition.

In this past week, they have hosted three successful events, beginning with a hypnotist and ending with karaoke in the cafeteria.

By far the most successful event was the Mardi Gras Cruise around Lake Union. It had dancing, sights, and food. I didn't figure out the Mardi Gras theme thing, save the few plastic masks they set on the tables. If they are going to have a theme, they need to go all out. More beads would be my first suggestion, because I'm sure a boat full of college students could figure out what to do with them.

A different theme could have worked better, maybe a costume ball or a luau.

Or no theme at all, because most students were happy just dressed up in their old high school dance outfits.

Thinking Out Loud

By Tyler Hurst



The cruise was well advertised. Team Highline actually planned this one well, with multiple fliers and advertisements in the paper well ahead of the date of the cruise.

I don't understand why Team Highline doesn't plan more big events. It seems easy; just call the place, rent it out, and that's it. Cruises aren't exactly fun in the winter, but I'm sure there are other places that could be rented out by the hour.

Why not ice skating? Or something like roller skating? It's cheap, simple to plan and easy to participate in.

Events like hypnotists and karaoke are both easy to plan, and are also a plus because they force students to become involved in events.

More events like this are needed, because very few students participate in campus events.

The one thing that Team Highline is slow to improve on is advertising. Very few people knew of these events, except for the athletes that frequent Building 8. The students getting lunch are always a captive audience, but they don't participate because they're eating.

Team Highline is doing better, but I have a message for next year's members.

ADVERTISE more. Call the paper. Set up banners. Talk to people. If more students show up, Team Highline looks that much better. Good luck.

Tyler went to Mardi Gras dressed as a traffic accident.

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Letters to the Editor

Thank you for coverage on athletic events this year

Dear Editor,
Just wanted to thank you for all the coverage this year. You guys and gals are the best. Remember, in the words of Donald Trump, "Negative publicity is better than no publicity."

John Dunn
Assistant Athletic Director

Interview for paper ended before points were made

Dear Editor,
Last week's Thunderword editorial "Instructor Provides Perspective" was the result of a 20-minute interview that ended before I had a chance to make all my points.

While the bombing of the Chinese embassy could be unintentional, the Chinese have good reasons to believe otherwise. A look at the Chinese modern history which is marked by a series of humiliations inflicted by Western powers including the U.S. and a tireless China bashing in the last decade led by the American media, and you'll understand calling the bombing a mere accident is hardly convincing to the Chinese people.

It is true that China has created its own image, but what has been brought before the eyes of the American people is a largely distorted picture. The major networks' coverage of the em-

bassy bombing is a case in point.

There is no doubt that the Chinese government encouraged protests for its own reasons, but to say that the protests in front of the embassy were nothing but a stage-managed reaction orchestrated by the Chinese government is an insult to the Chinese people. Ten years ago, it was the same people who defied the Chinese government and risked their own lives to fight for democracy in Tiananmen Square. Chinese people are not brainless puppets controlled by the government and its propaganda. Many Chinese students, contrary to what the U.S. media claims, were informed of the situation in Kosovo through the Internet and other connections to the world outside China. The protest is not about the Chinese government. It is about the Chinese people. It is about a nation that has been painfully wounded but still has the deepest pride.

You have seen the pictures of the three POWs over and over again. You have seen the image of a helpless U.S. ambassador looking out through a broken window on TV and in the newspapers. But have you seen the pictures of the three killed Chinese journalists (a newly-wed couple and the third one also a woman) covered with blood? Have you seen their aging parents cry over their loss? Did the American media bring you the real tragedy of the bombing? Did they ever even try to tell you how the Chinese people tru-

America should apologize for bombing

SHANGHAI, China -- It has been over a week now since the tragic bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Yugoslavia. Strong feelings run deep among the Chinese people and the people of the world. Americans in China, like Americans everywhere, were shocked and horrified at the news of this incident. I am personally distressed and saddened that such a tragedy has occurred and that innocent people doing good work have lost their lives.

I want to extend my deepest sympathy to the families of the journalists who died in Belgrade. They were clearly brave and dedicated people to have held to their responsibilities in the midst of the violent struggle in that distant part of the world. Their deaths are a great loss to the world.

I have looked into the stricken and angry faces of my students and seen the mixture of feelings this tragedy has brought up in them toward America.

ly felt? Is the American media playing a game of psychological manipulation and thought control too? Is propaganda the exclusive right of a communist regime?

Yes, there is always loss of lives in a war. But when hundreds of innocent civilians were killed, how could the deadly bombings be justified as a purely humanitarian act? When their fellow countrymen died due to senseless bombing, how could the Chinese people continue to

Commentary

Rosemary Adang

Most of them have been careful to make it clear that they do not hold individual Americans responsible for this act but that they do hold the American government responsible.

And the American government must take responsibility. In its role as a member of NATO, it was directly involved in this action, so the American government owes China and the world a heavy debt. It must provide detailed information to explain the cause of the bombing of the Embassy. It must hold individuals accountable for their actions. It must compensate for the destruction of the Embassy. It must make every effort to pay its respects and provide for the needs of the families of the deceased journalists. And it must continue to find ways to apologize to the families and to the

Chinese people until it is clear that the apologies are sincere and unqualified. China deserves no less, and Americans expect no less from their government.

As we all know, China and America's histories and cultures are extremely different. We have different views of the world and our places in it. Yet when we come together as individuals, we are usually rewarded with the knowledge that as human beings we still have much in common. Underneath all of our differences, we still grieve over the loss of loved ones, take joy in our times with family and friends, and dream of a better future of peace and harmony among the people of the world. It is my sincerest hope that, in spite of international tensions, we can continue to see each other as individuals who can be trusted and valued as friends.

Rosemary Adang is a Highline writing instructor currently involved in an exchange program, teaching in China.

look at America as the world's number one warrior of human rights?

The Chinese protests outside the U.S. embassy in Beijing were described by the American media as "vicious" and "violent". What is more vicious and more violent than the bombing of another country's embassy? Can't the American people tell the difference between throwing rocks and throwing bombs?!

Tianyi Tang
Highline faculty member

got beef?

The Thunderword would like to run your letter or commentary. Bring letters and commentaries to the Thunderword office, room 106, Building 10. Or call at ext. 3318 or e-mail thunderword@hotmail.com. We will not accept letters over 300 words. Deadline for Thursday's issue is Monday, 12:30 p.m.

TV's next big thing: 'The Family Guy'

The Family Guy is one great show.

I don't know when this show started, but I've only been aware of it for four weeks.

My oldest brother Art was trying to convince me to watch a cartoon with him.

This is the guy who still watches *Beastwars* and *X-Men*, so needless to say I was less than enthusiastic about watching anything with him.

Marta's Moment

By Marta D. Pelayo



Eventually he won me over, and we settled in to watch a little show called *The Family Guy*.

I didn't even make it through the opening sequence. I was laughing so hard and rewinding it so that I could laugh at it again and again.

The Family Guy is something of an animated *Married... with Children*, except with less crude humor and more innovative stories.

The show is about the Griffin family.

This clan is headed by Peter and Lois Griffin, your typical middle-class suburban folks.

Peter and Lois have three kids: oldest son Chris, middle daughter Meg, and baby Stewie, the genius in the family.

And then there's Brian, the Griffin's dog.

If you're wondering why he doesn't have a more canine moniker like Sparky or Lassie, that's because Brian is more like an all-knowing grandfather than a pet. Brian walks upright, sits at the dinner table in a chair, offers parenting advice to Peter and Lois, and is rarely seen without a stiff drink in his hand.

The best character, however, is little baby Stewie. Intent on leaving his family and destroying his mother, (after all, she did hold him hostage for nine months) Stewie is inexplicably voiced with a British accent. After his mother tricks him into eating broccoli using the old "here comes the airplane" trick, Stewie sputters, "damn the broccoli, damn you, and damn the Wright Brothers!"

This is classic entertainment folks, be sure to catch it Sunday nights before *X-Files*.

A cartoon based on Marta's life, *The Artsy Girl*, will be premiering next fall on Fox-3.

"I Will Survive . . ."



Photo by Kirk Elliott

Adrienne Rodriguez belts out *Como La Flor* by slain singer Selena. Team Highline brought Karaoke to the cafeteria last Monday. The event was extremely popular, with the karaoke DJ extending singing time an extra 20 minutes.

Students feel hypnotic effects at Highline

By Maple Medina
Staff Reporter

Several students were getting drunk and trying to strip down to their last layer of clothing in Toad Hall last week.

The only response these actions produced from college officials and students alike was laughter. The students in question were hypnotized.

They were guided by the voice of Robert Mach. Mach has been guiding the minds of people for more than 23 years.

"Anybody could be hypnotized and anybody could be a hypnotist," said Mach. "The easiest way to hypnotize people is to think of a past pleasant experience and make yourself different."

Mach managed to hypnotize five out of 11 people who came to the front of the stage. The other people failed to fall under hypnosis, due to their lack of concentration. Hypnosis is a mind game that demands the participant to remain focused.

Mach made five participants think that they had birds stuck on their fingers, which they had to get off.

"That damn bird," said Seneca Hector while nodding his head.

That is all that Hector remembered.

Mach also made volunteers

pretend that they were at the beach. He told them it was 98 degrees outside. The volunteers began taking off their clothes layer by layer.

People in the audience wondered how many layers were actually going to come off of this group.

"Remember this is a public beach," said Mach worrying that some of the volunteers would start taking off more clothes than they were supposed to.

"I don't remember a thing," said Kelly Barrett.

Mach asked the minds of many volunteers to go a party, at which they were to get really drunk. The group started stumbling and falling out of their chairs.

"I remember laughing really hard and it takes a lot to make me crack up," said Michelle Lee.

Mach told the students of Highline that you don't need alcohol to have fun.

"Just take off into another dimension," said Mach. "Partying is not in the booze, it is what you make of it."

Mach sent a message to the audience that all it takes to have fun is in your own mind.

"All routines are done in a spirit of fun and respect for those participants on both sides of the stage," said Mach.

Mason lecture relaxes, inspires

By Eileen Lambert
Staff Reporter

Picture Woody Allen, a foot and a half taller, wearing Airwalks and jeans, characteristic hat in place, but sans the annoying whiny voice and horn-rimmed glasses.

Alden Mason, renown artist and former art professor at the UW for 33 years, visited Highline in Building 7, Wednesday, May 19, and presented a lecture and slide show.

A reflection on his life and art, the event was included in the Spring Fine Arts Festival.

He opened his show with lighthearted flattery. Looking out at the crowd of students and faculty, he said, "You're the most beautiful people I've ever seen at Highline, does everyone look like you?" The crowd seemed to ease into their seats a bit, relieved that this artist's lecture was not going to be a dull affair.

The lecture hall echoed with laughter throughout his slide show; the reaction in part to some of the paintings and photographs, in part to some of the deadpan comments Mason made throughout the show.

Mason encouraged the audience to participate more by allowing themselves to laugh freely. He also invited any questions or comments after the show.

Mason's images were a visual feast; the



Courtesy of Alden Mason

Alden Mason's portrait of his wife.

bright colors in both the photographs and paintings captivated the crowd.

The slide show started at the beginning of his life in the Skagit Valley, and then moved to his campus days at the UW.

A majority of the photos and paintings were taken on or inspired by his many travels around the world. An avid traveler who

just two months ago returned from Kenya, he talked excitedly about his trips to Thailand, Mexico, Guatemala, Australia, New Guinea, of the natives he met in various villages, of the aboriginal art he admired and the impressive pyramids and architecture that he encountered.

In Mexico, in a village square, he saw a huge bust of an historical figure that inspired paintings that would later make up his most recent exhibit, aptly titled "Heads."

He has such a passion for art, he once sold his house to travel Europe and experience it firsthand.

"I've always painted not to please people, but because I felt I needed to paint," he said. Mason's desire and drive has led to great success in the art community. He has had 30 exhibitions across the United States, countless group exhibitions, and has been featured in corporate collections, including Nordstrom, the Sea-Tac Airport, King 5 Broadcasting, Seafirst Bank, and Swedish Hospital. His public collections have been seen in libraries, university museums, art institutes, and he once painted a mural in the state Senate chambers in Olympia.

He remains active in his art, and constantly reinvents himself, keeping current with new ideas and visions. "Everyone has to have an obsession. I'm obsessed creating art."



Gypsy Chick



Photo by Dale V. Bird

Linda Jewel dresses up as a gypsy woman for the book-store's Renaissance Fair. The Renaissance Fair took place last Thursday.

'Love Letter' delivers

By Marta D. Pelayo
Staff Reporter

Based on the best-selling novel by Cathleen Schine, *The Love Letter* is a movie that challenges people to lose their inhibitions and follow their heart.

A charming and romantic

Movie Review

tale set in the New England town of Loblolly on the Sea, *The Love Letter* is about an "emotionally celibate" bookstore owner (Kate Capshaw) who comes across an anonymous love letter that turns her world upside down.

The beautifully written letter, "Do you know how in love with you I am? Did I trip? Did I stumble? Lose my balance, graze my knee . . . graze my heart?" makes her obsess over the author of the letter.

Helen soon decides that her 20-year-old assistant Johnny, (Tom Everett Scott) wrote the letter, and the two begin an affair.

The letter also falls into the



DreamWorks Pictures

Ellen DeGeneres and Kate Capshaw in *The Love Letter*.

hands of many citizens of Loblolly, each time making the reader see their peers in a new, romantic, light.

The film also stars Ellen DeGeneres as Helen's best friend. It's good to see that DeGeneres

was not pigeonholed into playing her usual self-deprecating characters.

Also starring Gloria Stuart, Blythe Danner, and Tom Selleck, *The Love Letter* is a great movie to take a date to.

Cruise doesn't mask the fun

By Tyler Hurst
Staff Reporter

Some swayed to the music and some to the waves, but fun was had by all on the Mardi Gras Cruise.

Last Friday was Team Highline's Mardi Gras cruise around Lake Union.

"I had a great time," said one student attending. "It was the best event that Team Highline and Student Government have ever put on."

The boat was decorated with glittery masks and beads, as the boat tried to bring New Orleans to Seattle.

The ship sailed its way out of the harbor near the freeway, through the Montlake Cut, and then turned around.

Bill Gates' mansion was passed on the cruise, with many



Photo by Raul Sedano

A group of Mardi Gras revelers pose for a picture.

students snapping away as the ship slowly cruised by.

The Argosy cruise ship had two levels, with the bottom being a dance floor and the top offering free chips, pretzels and food from Subway.

"I think that the school

should have paid for the drinks," said another student. "But at least we got two pictures for our money."

Romance was in the air.

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Students display art in Library

By Amy K. Cords
Staff Reporter

Monday kicked off the annual Highline Fine Arts Festival with a gallery of art students' work in the Library.

The fine arts exhibit is a juried event designed to give aspiring artists some feedback on their best work. There is a wide range of art styles and types on display.

On display is everything from ceramic creations, to plaster and wire sculptures, to charcoal still lifes and infrared photography.

If you have never attended one of Highline's student art shows, this one might be worth your time.

The exhibit itself is small but in turn holds an immense amount of talent.

There are some truly amazing pieces on display there.

The Art Department is sponsoring this event to showcase the talent and also to promote awareness of the department.

One impressive piece was a charcoal portrait of a woman



Photo by Nate Patterson

Rose Haneck's drawing, now on display in the Library on the fourth floor.

drawn by artist Marilyn Rowly. Rowly has two charcoal sketches on display.

Some of the pieces in the show share a theme such as still life of kitchen utensils and another of clothes pins.

The artists experimenting

with different types of photography styles yielded pieces that were vibrant and elegant. Two that stand out are "Campus Poppies" by Gigi Bower, a hand colored photo, and an untitled infrared print piece by Karen Hickey.

The art show will only last through Friday June 4.

Show support for Highline's artists who are brave enough to put their work on display.

At the very least you will be impressed. Maybe even inspired.

Studio Brazil offers dance and defense

By Marta D. Pelayo
Staff Reporter

Brazilian culture will soon be coming to a studio near you.

Studio Brazil teaches samba, capoeira, and Brazilian percussion.

Formerly the Capoeira Oxala Academy, Studio Brazil has relocated to Burien in a new 2000 square foot studio.

To celebrate, Studio Brazil is holding an open house on Sunday, May 23.

They offer free workshops from 1 to 5 p.m., followed by a samba party (all ages, no alcohol) with live Brazilian music from 7 to 10 p.m.

Visitors will also get a chance to meet with the instructors of Studio Brazil.

With a full program in Brazilian cultural arts for all ages, there are courses in capoeira, a rhythmic and acrobatic martial art that is traditionally performed to Brazilian rhythms.

Escaped African slaves in 17th century Brazil first developed Capoeira.

Samba, the fast-tempo Brazilian dance, is also taught at Studio Brazil.

Studio Brazil will also be performing at the University of Washington's Student Union Building (HUB) on Saturday, May 22, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Admission is \$2 for the general public and free for UW students with ID and children un-



Photo courtesy of Studio Brazil

A capoeira artist displays a limber move.

der 12. The performance will feature capoeiristas from Berkeley, Calif., Vancouver, BC, and Minas

Gerai, Brazil.

Many of these world-class artists will also be at the open house on Sunday.

While most are unfamiliar with Capoeira, the style of martial arts has grown in popularity in recent years.

Many received their first taste of capoeira in the movie *Only the Strong*, in which a mestre (Mark Dacascos) taught inner-city kids capoeira.

So if you're looking for a different form of exercise, or even some new dance moves, check out Studio Brazil's open house on Sunday.

Studio Brazil is located at 406 SW 153rd Street in Burien.

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Where it's at

- Singing group The Trenchcoats will bring their cappella stylings to Bellevue Community College's Carlson Theater stage on Tuesday, May 25. Their performance will begin at 8 p.m. and they will join the BCC Vocal Jazz Ensemble for an evening vocal jazz celebration. Concert admission is \$8. For more information call 425-641-2403.

And if you're looking for some culture, the Wing Luke Asian Museum is celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with the following events:

- A discussion and Q & A with Philip Lee, publisher of Lee & Low Books, about the world of multicultural publishing. Wednesday, May 26 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Wing Luke Asian Museum. Admission is free.

- The Northwest premiere and director's reception of *Rabbit in the Moon*, Thursday, June 1 at 7 p.m. Advance tickets are \$10, or \$7.50 for museum members.

- Family book reading with Lenore Look. Meet *Love as Strong as Ginger* author Lenore Look for a book reading and signing. Saturday, June 12 from 5 - 6 p.m. This event is free.

- Fighting Words: Writers, Critics, and the Community. Tuesday, June 29 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Richard Hugo House, 1634 11th Ave. Fighting Words is a panel of writers and community activists, moderated by Doug Kim, Arts and Entertainment Editor of The Seattle Times. Call 206-322-7030 for more details.

And last but not least...

- *Star Wars Episode One: The Phantom Menace* is playing at Lewis and Clark Theaters as well as The Cinerama in downtown Seattle. Tickets can be purchased over the phone at Moviefone (206-44-FILMS) or on-line at Moviefone.com



Photo by Kirk Elliott

Gina Bourdage and Chris P. Flanders in 'Outlaws' in the Little Theatre on Tuesday.

Mastering the muses

By **Derek Roche**
Staff Reporter

In a truly ambitious collaboration, the Arts, Drama, and Music departments have teamed up to sponsor the Fine Arts Festival, which began Monday, May 17, and will conclude on Friday, May 21.

The week, being touted as a Celebration of the Arts, consists of several visual and performing arts oriented events, and has been advertised to more than 3,000 people on and off campus, including various local high schools.

The opening reception, featuring the Annual Juried Student Fine Arts Exhibition, ran from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Library (Building 25). The display, which covered much of the fourth floor, showcased various pieces from artists around the community. It witnessed a healthy turnout, and the art work varied from painting to sculptures. The exhibition will be running through June 4 and everyone is welcome to attend.

Throughout this week, in The Little Theater (Building 4), the Drama Department presents its annual offering of student-

directed one-act plays. Tuesday's noon offering was *The Family Continues*. This one humorously chronicles several phases (from childhood to old age and senility) in the tumultuous life of one man played by Adam Sanders.

The show's director, Vinnie Tula, is tremendously pleased with the outcome and couldn't offer more praise to his fellow drama students, cast and crew.

"It took about four or five weeks to prepare. I'm so proud of each and everyone who worked on this. They give their all, day in and day out and they



Photo by Nate Patterson

Untitled, by Marilyn Rowley, part of the Arts Fest library gallery show.

are so committed. They're workaholics," said Tula.

The one-acts are being performed in their entirety 8 p.m. nightly through Saturday, with another sampling today at 11 a.m.

Also on Tuesday, Highline's very own vocal jazz ensemble displayed their musical prowess from 1-2 p.m., with a stirring live performance outside of Building 2.

On Wednesday from noon to

1 p.m. in Building 7, noted painter Alden Mason gave an in-depth lecture on his paintings, and Yu-Ting Chen, a talented pianist, offered a live concert in Building 2.

Today's events consist of a choir performance in Building 2 at noon, and then again at 7 p.m.

Friday, the festival's final day, will have Butch Nordal, a gifted jazz pianist, and a jazz trio playing the Central Sidewalk at noon.



Yu-Ting Chen plays yesterday in Building 2.

Photo by Kirk Elliott

Photo by Carrie Rhodes



Alden Mason talks with a student Wednesday in Building 7.



Photo by Kirk Elliott

Vocal Jazz Choir performs Tuesday in front of Building 2.

Mansigh throws to win

God must have been listening to Tai Mansigh's prayers for a second chance on Saturday, because she got one.

As of Tuesday, the T-Birds thought they were through, until Big Bend lost two games. They tied for fourth place in the Northeast Division, the last playoff spot. Highline and Big Bend battled it out last Saturday in extra innings and the T-Birds won, 2-1.

If that was me competing un-

The Score Card



By Stephanie Allen

der that kind of pressure, I would have probably tripped over my feet and landed face first on my way up to bat.

The shows not over yet for Mansigh. "I never gave up," said Mansigh. "I just knew something was going to happen."

Mansigh was glad to see people out supporting the team. I would be too; it always makes an athlete's hard work so much more rewarding when it's recognized by the public.

This is Mansigh and the other nonreturning sophomores' last season playing for Highline. This, besides being in the championships, makes the games all the more special.

The team has had a season full of ups and downs with the loss of a coach, players, and injuries plaguing them. As a result the team has grown really close.

"This is probably one of the best teams I've played on," she said.

How exciting it must be to be competing in NWAACCs, but how sad it must be for this tight-knit team to be playing their last games of the season. At least Mansigh has a few more games to play with the team then she anticipated a week ago.

If the team can come together and envision themselves winning, they have a good chance at capturing the title. It's like a self-fulfilling prophecy. To be successful you have to imagine your success, not your failure.

"The only team that can beat us is ourselves, and we don't want that to happen," said Mansigh.

It would be awesome if Mansigh could remember her fastpitch days at Highline with a big, fat, trophy to show for it.

"I want to go out with a bang," said Mansigh.

T-Birds soar into tournament

By Charlie Steele
Staff Reporter

Down to their final three outs, Highline's fastpitch team pulled out a victory in extra innings Saturday, putting them in the NWAACC playoffs.

The team's next step will be 11:30 a.m. Saturday in Portland, against Clackamas, the No. 1 seed from the Southwest Division. Highline, the No. 4 seed from the Northeast Division, takes a 23-19 record against the 29-10 Cougars.

Tournament play continues throughout the weekend at Delta Park. But in the meantime, the T-Birds can savor a hard-fought win over Big Bend.

"The slates are wiped clean. We'll forget about any bads, remember the goods and take them with us to the championships," said Head Coach Cara Hoyt.

Highline and Big Bend tied for fourth and had to meet the extra game to determine the final Northeast Division playoff spot.

Highline and Big Bend played scoreless through seven innings while Highline's league-leading hitters managed to collect only five hits, two of which came from the bat of Meghann Hall.

The T-Birds struggled to hold Big Bend scoreless throughout the game. Bend had runners on base in six of the first seven in-

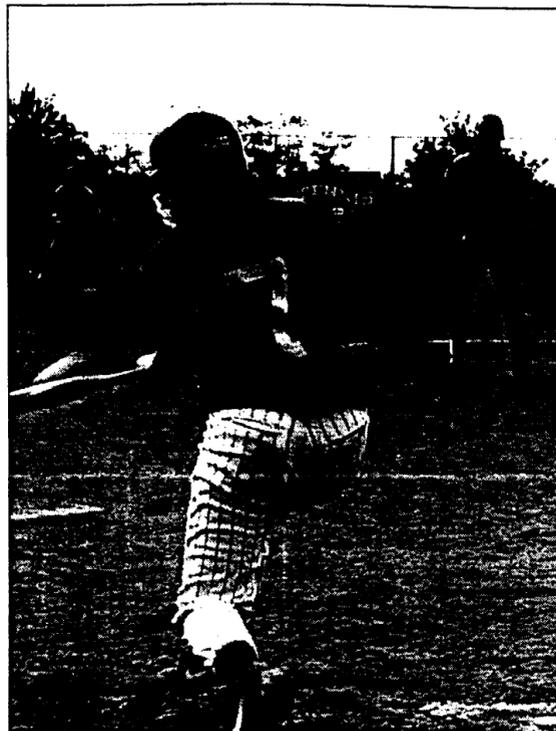


Photo by Raul Sedano

A Viking connects with a Tai Mansigh pitch on Saturday.

nings and at least one in scoring position three different times.

In the top of the third, Bend loaded the bases after an error on Hall at shortstop and two walks by pitcher Tai Mansigh. The Lady Thunderbirds managed to survive that scare when the runner on third broke a little too far toward home on a pitch

and catcher Jody Case picked her off.

In the following inning the Vikings put two runners on, both on singles, but with two outs Mansigh got a strikeout to end the threat, one of five in her eight innings of work on the mound.

The game moved into extra

innings with the score still knotted at zero.

Big Bend started the top of the eighth with two straight outs then started a rally with an infield hit followed by two straight singles that scored the first run of the game.

The T-Birds, down to their final three outs, showed the fight of a team that could have been leading the division.

"We really stepped up and showed our potential," said Hoyt.

The team's league leading hitting showed up and took over. The inning started with two straight singles up the middle by Melissa Macfarlane and Michele Lee. Then, Hall came to the plate and belted a line drive into the left-centerfield gap that rolled all the way to the fence. Macfarlane scored easily from second and Lee, hustling all the way from first, scored without a play at the plate ending the game 2-1.

"I was thinking just run, it's through (the hole), we won," said Lee rather modestly after scoring the game-winner.

Hall's hit, atoning for her two errors earlier in the game, made her 3-4 with the team's only two RBI and the star of the game.

After the game Hall was congratulated by her teammates, friends, and family.

"Are you gonna give me money for that?" Hall asked her dad.

What Highline can expect in Portland

By Charlie Steele
Staff Reporter

Like a high infield pop fly on a windy day, this weekend's NWAACC fastpitch tournament is anybody's to take.

Coaches of the conference's best fastpitch teams say it's anybody's trophy, with the teams as evenly matched as any year in recent memory.

"It's as wide open as the league has ever been," said Clackamas Head Coach Paul Fiskum.

The NWAACC women's fastpitch double elimination tournament is being played Saturday and Sunday at Delta Park in Portland.

After Highline's exciting extra-inning victory over Big Bend on Saturday in a one-game playoff, the Lady Thunderbirds are going to the tournament on a high note.

After three losses in five games to end the regular season, the team was forced to win the one-game playoff to land the last seed from the Northeast Di-



Cara Hoyt

vision. The team cheer "hell yeah!" at the end of that game showed the level of excitement the T-Birds have about making the tournament.

Highline, led by Head Coach Cara Hoyt, take the conference's No. 1-ranked offense into their opening game against the Southwest Division's No. 1 seed, the Clackamas Cougars.

The Thunderbirds will have

to be at their best to beat the Cougars. Clackamas finished atop the Southwest Division with a record of 29-10 and may have the deepest team in the tournament. They are led by their No. 3-4 hitters, Cecily Burton and Kati Brewster. Both are hitting over .400 for the season.

"Solid D and at least eight hits," said Hoyt about what the team needs to do to beat Clackamas."

Highline definitely has the talent to beat Clackamas and maybe even the rest of the field. Highline's pitching staff ERA was among the best in the league. A well-pitched game by the T-Birds, combined with their high-powered offense, should be enough to win the game and advance them in the winner's bracket to play the winner of Edmonds and Mt. Hood.

The Lady Thunderbirds played Mt. Hood once earlier this season and lost a tough game 2-1 in nine innings. In league play they played two doubleheaders versus Edmonds, and they lost three of the four

games despite playing well. Coach Hoyt prefers to have another crack at Mt. Hood in the second round.

The other half of the tournament bracket pits Spokane against Centralia. This game should be a great matchup. Spokane won the Northeast Division, finishing three games ahead of their nearest competitor.

Centralia has a very versatile team and one of the best defenses in the conference.

Lower Columbia versus Wenatchee Valley is the final game. This game could be the one mismatch of the tournament's opening round. Both teams come in evenly matched, No. 1-2, in the conference in slugging percentage.

However, the pitching it takes to overcome great offenses might be Wenatchee's downfall. Lower Columbia's staff posted the conference's best ERA, giving up less than one earned run per game. Wenatchee has the highest ERA of any team in the tournament.

NWAACC tournament contenders and pretenders

•SPOKANE, 28-10, first place, Northeast Division: Spokane has a very solid pitching staff and has great overall team speed. The team is led by a strong group of sophomores, including the league's leading hitter Janessa Karstens and pitcher Kylee Curry.



No real weakness have been exposed this season, but the team has had trouble controlling the damage after errors and walks. Head Coach Janet Skaike says her team and Clackamas are the co-favorites.

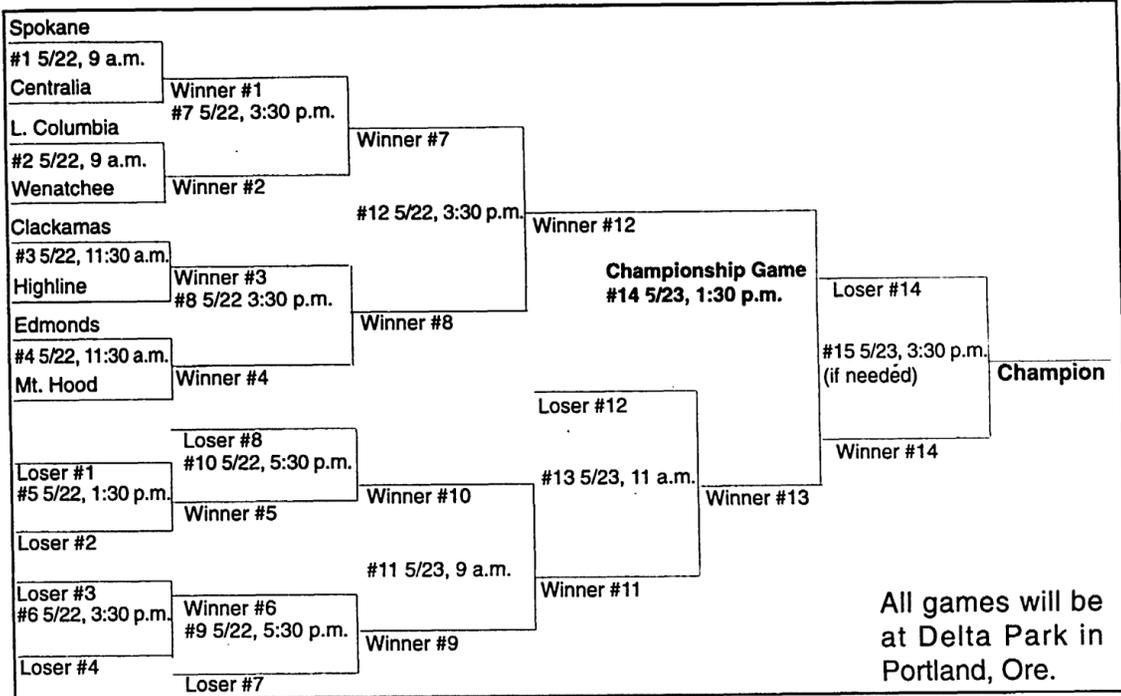
•CENTRALIA, 20-18, fifth place, Southwest Division: Centralia has a very versatile team and when the team is on, everyone contributes. The team has no real stars so every player's game has been essential to their success. The pitching staff as a whole has been excellent this season. Head Coach Pat Hunt picks Clackamas, Lower Columbia, or Spokane to take it all.



•WENATCHEE VALLEY, 23-16, third place, Northeast Division: Wenatchee, like Spokane, has good team speed. Their offense has also been a major contributor to their success this season. Their star players include pitchers Jacquie Swindell and Crystal Malsom. Wenatchee's team is very young and inexperienced, and a lack



of team unity hurts them. Head Coach Tammi Ellerbroek picks Lower Columbia as the favorite.



All games will be at Delta Park in Portland, Ore.

•CLACKAMAS, 29-10, first place, Southwest Division: Clackamas's main strength is good depth in all areas. They have put up great numbers offensively and defensively. Cecily Burton and Katie Brewster, their No. 3-4 hitters, are two of the biggest sluggers in the conference. Head Coach Paul Fiskum believes the team has no real weakness, but declines to pick a tournament favorite.



•HIGHLINE, 23-19, fourth place, Northeast Division: The Thunderbirds have the No. 1 hitting offense in the conference, led by third baseman Heather Saw. Saw has been second in the conference in batting for most of the year, and finished first last year. Also, the rest of the T-Bird offense has

put up great numbers this season. Behind the rubber arm of Tai Mansigh, their pitching staff has one of the best ERAs in the conference. One problem: lack of timely hitting. Base hits with runners in scoring position have been scarce at times. Head Coach Cara Hoyt picks someone from the Southeast to win.

•EDMONDS, 27-12, second place, Northeast Division: Edmonds' attack has been balanced this season. Their offense and defense have both put up good numbers this season. Their team is led by pitchers Linsi Moy and Molly McLean, and Jen Rice has been their most consistent hitter throughout the year. They fin-

ished the season on a roll, playing themselves back into the playoffs after a mid-season slump. Head Coach Lonnie Hicks was unavailable for comment.

•MT. HOOD, 32-14, third place, Southwest Division: Mt. Hood is the most uneven team in the tournament. The pitching staff has been outstanding all year long, but they are by far the worst-hitting team that made the playoffs this season. The leaders of the team are pitchers Andrea Tomey, Meadow McWhorter and Amber Blume. Mt. Hood comes into the tournament with a disappointing final few games this season despite finishing in a three-way tie for first place in the Southwest Division. Head Coach Lonny Sargent was unavailable for comment.

•LOWER COLUMBIA, 36-12, second place, Southwest Division: Lower Columbia put up the best numbers of anyone in the conference this season. They had the best team ERA and they were near the top in every offensive category. Pitcher Jennifer LyBrand finished the season 28-7 on the mound and Jill Powell, who hit 16 homers, was named league MVP. Otherwise, the rest of the team has been inconsistent at the plate this season.



Head Coach Tim Makin's says his team is a favorite along with Spokane and Clackamas.

-- Charlie Steele

Canadian catcher makes a Case for Highline

By Maple Medina
Staff Reporter

Highline fastpitch catcher Jody Case loves the mental aspect of the game.

Case has been playing ball since the age of 6 in Okanogan Canada, where she was born.

The Canadian's first real game was when she was in the first grade and her position back then was a pitcher, but soon later realized that pitching wasn't her thing.

"I didn't like pitching because I felt like I couldn't see the whole game," said Case.

Case attended A.L. Fortune High School and went on to Langara College in Canada. She played softball in the summer-time because fastpitch was not that popular among the Canadians. Her personal best in Cana-

da was at the provincial tournament and her batting average at the game was a .435 and no one stole any bases while she was behind the plate.

"The difference between America and Canada is that there is no ball in high schools, just summer ball," said Case. "There is so much more opportunity here too."

This is when Case decided to go a little south to Highline.

Case is dedicated to the Thunderbird squad and has done really well juggling school and fastpitch.

She maintains a 3.3 GPA and has been playing with a sore shoulder. This Lady Thunderbird wants to work on her arm and might have surgery on her shoulder this summer to strengthen it.

Her devotion to the team has

made her teammates appreciate what Case has brought to the game.

"She has such intensity and love for the game," said short-stop Meghann Hall.

"She is a silent motivator," said third baseman Heather Saw.

"She adjusts so well when calling pitches for all of the pitchers," said left fielder Michelle Lee.

Highline has brought many good memories for this Canadian.

"I have made such good friends here and it will be really sad when we all go our separate ways," said Case. "I have never been on a team who was so dedicated and I am finally on a team that knows how to play college ball."

After Case finishes Highline,



Jody Case

she wants to attend St. Cloud State in Minnesota where she plans to study sports psychology.

At St. Cloud, she plans to

"I didn't like pitching because I felt like I couldn't see the whole game."

--Jody Case

play three more years and when she is done, Case wants to be a graduate coach while earning a master's degree.

When this quarter comes to a conclusion, Case plans to go back to Canada and relax.

"Can't wait to go home for the summer and see my family and go water-skiing," Case says with a smile.

Tough meet brings out best in T-Birds

By Jewanna Carver
Staff Reporter

The competition was incredibly tough for the Thunderbirds at their last track meet of the season.

Last weekend's meet against Seattle Pacific University sent the men home empty handed with no first place finishes.

"There were some really good athletes competing in every event," said distance runner Dagen Bendixen.

Though it wasn't the best outing for the 'Birds as a whole, there were some outstanding individual performances.

Andrew Russell received his best time for the year in the 800m with 1:55, a huge three-second improvement over his previous personal record.

"I was satisfied, but disappointed that I wasn't running in the faster heats," said Russell.

Andy Hanson had his best meet ever, gaining three personal records in the 100m, 200m and the long jump.

Justin Clark came in fourth in the 400m run with a time of 49.79; taking the highest placing out of all the men.

"I'm satisfied with my performance, but I feel that I could have done better if I'd taken a different approach to the race," said Clark. "I came out too hard."

"I'm looking forward to im-



Photo by Paris Hansen

Andy Hanson jumped a season-best 19'7.5" at last weekend's track meet at Husky Stadium.

proving at NWAACCs," said Clark.

Teammate Tim Richart took

seventh in the 400m and clocked a PR of 51.23. Unfortunately, he narrowly missed qual-

ifying for the NWAACCs.

"I didn't appreciate running with one other person in my heat," said Richart.

Highline's hurdlers were prominent in their races with Frank Walton placing seventh in the 110 high hurdles, and Dominique Demouchet placing fifth in the 400m intermediate hurdles.

Chris Hall was on his way to winning first place in the same event, but mistakenly stopped at the wrong finish line and was passed up by seven other runners before he could recover to finish the race.

Even with the mishap he ran his best time of the year with a 55.85.

Demouchet also had a personal best in the 100 and placed seventh in the 200m.

Bendixen competed in the 5,000m and blasted his way to a PR of 14:59.05, a 15-second improvement.

"I've been training hard all year and it's finally paid off," said Bendixen. "I hit a time better than I thought I would."

The T-Bird 4x100m relay team beat out Portland State for the seventh place spot and with a season-best 42.40.

Sean Steele high jumped his way to fifth place at a height of 6'06.75".

Pole vaulter Micah Adams was able to overcome an illness and a pulled hamstring to place

sixth with a vault of 15'01".

"I was doing great until I hurt myself," Adams said, "I was also battling the flu."

Javelin throwers Eric Simonson and Vedran Kadric, (also coming back from an injury) placed seventh and 13th in their event.

David Debond tossed the discus 107'07" to finish 17th.

In all, the T-Birds had 13 personal records set at this meet. The intense competition from the four-year colleges may have shut the 'Birds out, but it also made them work harder and prepare for the upcoming NWAACCs one week from today.

"It was kind of cool being the only community college in a big meet," said Demouchet.

To prepare for the next weeks showdown in Eugene, Ore. the men plan to taper off on their workouts and get rested.

"Instead of running 60 miles a week, I plan on running 30," said Bendixen.

To date the men's team has qualified 16 members of its team for the championship involving community colleges from Washington and Oregon.

"We should have a good showing," said Head Coach Tracy Brigham.

"I'm not thinking about NWAACCs," said Russell. "I'm thinking about the gold in the Olympics."

Paton gets physical when it comes to education

By Dagen Bendixen
Staff Reporter

Keith Paton has been promoted to Coordinator of the Physical Education Department at Highline.

With the new title comes new responsibilities. Along with teaching a full load, Paton will be in charge of deciding what physical education classes will be offered and what teachers will teach what classes.

Paton also will be in charge of evaluating full- and part-time teachers.

"This is an exciting time for the Physical Education and Athletic departments with the upcoming upgraded facilities," said Paton.

A new athletic field, trails, and a possible driving range will



Keith Paton

be some new upgrades in the facilities.

Not only is Paton a full time instructor and the physical edu-

cation coordinator, but he is also the assistant coach of the Highline men's soccer team.

"He is a great trainer. He is very supportive and knowledgeable about injuries and what to do when you're injured," said soccer player Paul Lower.

Paton's fellow PE instructors have confidence and respect for him.

"I am very confident that he will do a wonderful job as coordinator and I am looking forward to working with him," said physical education instructor and track coach Tracy Brigham.

"He is definitely the person for the job; he is very intelligent, organized, and is a great person to work with. I am also excited to work for him," said new Athletic Director John Dunn.

Born and raised in Kansas,

Paton graduated from the University of Kansas with a bachelor's degree in physical education and a master's in exercise physiology. Paton taught physical education and was the head soccer coach at a high school in Kansas City and ran the fitness center at a community college in Illinois.

Paton competed in soccer at the University of Kansas and played tennis and soccer at a

junior college in Kansas. Adding to his athletic background Paton started running and entered into a number of local road races after college.

Paton came and applied to a number of jobs here in the Northwest. He had vacationed here a number of times and really enjoyed the weather and environment.

"I have always liked the Northwest," said Paton.

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Highline	16-10	23-19
Big Bend	16-10	21-18
Walla Walla	15-11	22-19
Skagit Valley	13-13	17-18
Bellevue	8-18	11-26
Yakima Valley	7-19	14-27
Shoreline	0-26	1-36

Southern Div	LEA	SEA
Clackamas	21-5	29-10
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Olympic	5-20 10-28	200m Dash	5. Dominique Demouchet, 00:55.32
Green River	1-25 1-29	7. Dominique Demouchet, 00:22.39	8. Chris Hall, 00:55.85
NWAACC TRACK		12. Andy Hanson, 00:22.72	4x100m Relay
Seattle Pacific University Invite		4. Justin Clark, 00:49.79	7. HCC, 00:42.40
May 15 Highline Finishers		7. Tim Richart, 00:51.23	High Jump
MEN'S		16. Andrew Russell, 01:55.83	5. Sean Steele, 6'06.75
100m Dash		37. Tim Richart, 02:02.53	Pole Vault
5. Dominique Demouchet,		5000m Run	6. Micah Adams, 15'01.00
		5. Dagen Bendixen, 14:59.05	Long Jump
		110m High Hurdles	6. Dominique Demouchet, 21'02.75
			10. Andy Hanson, 19'07.50

Discus Throw
17. David Debond, 107'07.00

Javelin Throw
7. Eric Simonson, 184'03.00
13. Vedran Kadric, 176'00.00

WOMEN'S
200m Dash
8. Rachel Moyer, 00:28.05

400m Run
9. Rachel Moyer, 01:02.85

1500m Run
18. Angie Upchurch, 05:44.47

High Jump
6. Jenoa Potter, 5'03.00

Long Jump
10. Yavan Harper, 14'05.75

The Women's fastpitch will be going to the NWAACCs in Portland, Ore. on May 22-23. The Track Team will be going to the NWAACCs in Eugene, Ore. May 27-28.

Records, but no ribbons for women's track

By D. T. Demouchet
Staff Reporter

Highline's women's track program squared off with some of the best college athletes in the state. The Seattle Pacific University Invite was the last track meet before the NWAACC championships, the last chance for some to qualify and the last track meet of the year for others.

One thing that the meet definitely had was top-notch competition. Highline being the only community college at the meet, had to go head to head with such powerhouses as the University of Washington, Seattle Pacific University, University of Portland, Portland State University, Eastern, Central, and Western Washington Universities, and many more Division I, II, and III schools.

"This is definitely one of the toughest meets I've competed in and watched," said Angie Upchurch. "The girls out there running were so good."

Once again Jenoa Potter showed what she could do in the high jump when she tied for sixth place with a jump of 5'3". This was her highest jump of the season.

Also jumping well was Yavan Harper who jumped 14' 5.75" in the long jump. Harper scratched every jump in the triple jump disqualifying her for placing.

Rachel Moyer ran a fast 400 meter dash, but just missed the qualifying mark of 1:02.50

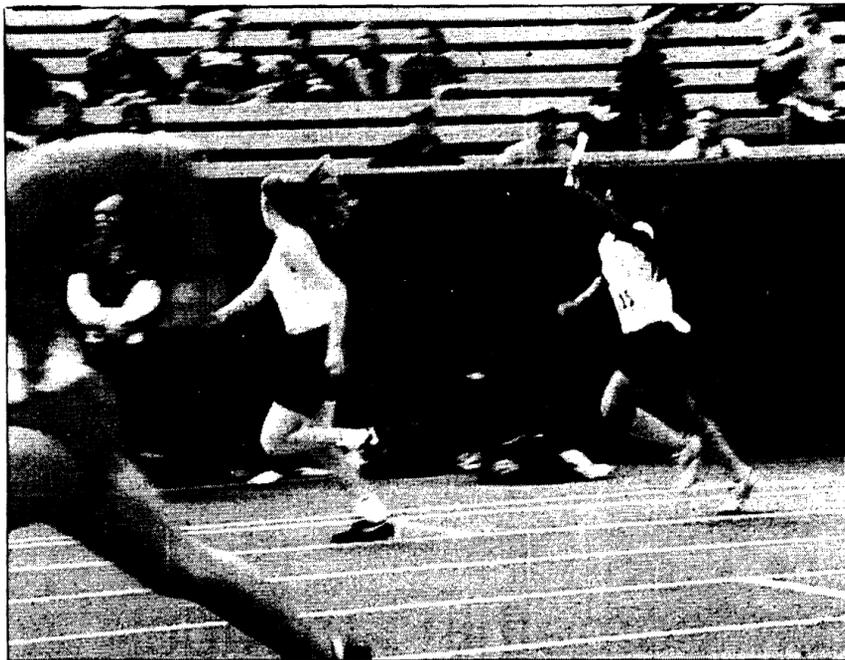


Photo By Jamie Kirk

Yavan Harper handing off to Jenoa Potter during the 4x100m Relay at the SPU Invite.

when she ran 1:02.85 her season personal record. Moyer finished in the top 16 in the NWAACC standings, so she will compete in the championships.

Big personal records came from the 4x100m relay team and Angie Upchurch.

The 4x100m relay, consist-

ing of Rachael Schwartz, Moyer, Harper, and Potter, lowered their time a full second as they ran to a seventh place finish.

Angie Upchurch ran the 1500m dash in a time of 5:44.47 besting her old time of 5:48.00 by 3.53 seconds.

When the women venture on to the NWAACC champion-

ships May 27-28 in Eugene they will have a full team despite losing two competitors, Jamie Kirk and Vickie Upchurch. Kirk joined the team late and despite her vast improvement from meet to meet, she barely missed the qualifying mark in the shot put.

Vickie Upchurch qualified in

the 800 and 4x400m relay. But despite her good times, she has had bad timing, managing to contract both mono and tonsillitis at the same time.

After going through surgery for removing her tonsils, she should still be recovering when the championships occur.

Highline will be represented well in almost each event. In the jumps, Potter will contend for NWAACC champion in the high jump. Harper will compete tough in the triple jump and run a strong leg in the 4x100m relay. Moyer, Angie Upchurch, Stephanie Allen and either Karla Booth or Schwartz will be the 4x400m relay.

Schwartz will also be entered and place high in the pole vault, unfortunately the pole vault is an unscored event until next year due to the recent participation of women in this event.

"It should be scored as a regular event. We work as hard as everybody else does and we don't get as much recognition as we should," said Schwartz.

The Lady T-Birds have a week of practice before championships and are looking to show what they can do.

"If we all compete at the level we know we can, than we should turn some heads at championships," said Harper.

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Bennett arrests teaching career

By Kim Nichols
Staff Reporter

Michelle Bennett is young and humorous, but she has a world of experience.

Bennett has been teaching in the Administration of Justice Program since Spring Quarter 1998. She has taught classes including Human Relations and Police Work, Juvenile Justice, Crisis Management, Communications and Criminal Investigation.

This will be Bennett's last quarter teaching at Highline. She maintains two jobs and feels it is too much at this time.

"I've had some great experiences at Highline, mostly with helping students to learn and reach toward their ultimate potentials," Bennett said.

"It's been a real blessing to be able to teach real life experiences. I truly enjoy watching as students graduate and move on with their careers. I feel fortunate if I have gotten to help them on the way," Bennett said.

She's brought some of her real life experiences here to Highline.

Bennett was an Edmonds Police cadet from 1989-90. She went to the Basic Law Enforcement Academy on 1990, taking her to police patrol work from 1991-93. In 1993-94, she was a field training officer actively training recruits. In 1996-97, she was a master police officer.

From 1997, Bennett was a tactical officer and criminal procedures instructor at the Washington State Basic Law Enforcement Academy. She was pro-



Photo by Dale V. Bird

Bennett speaks to her class last week. She hopes to write a book about her experiences as a cop.

moted to sergeant in January 1997. Bennett is currently a sergeant in the King County Sheriff's Office.

Before being a cop, Bennett worked for the Bon Marche as a store detective, at Children's Hospital as a security guard, and as a pizza delivery driver.

Bennett will leave Highline with many more experiences. Some bad experiences she's had at Highline have to do with students not being able to achieve their goals.

"Some students have a past history of their lives and they have tried to move on from their past. It can be frustrating that the system may not give them a second chance to succeed in this field, when someone may really deserve it," Bennett said. "The best is when you really truly help someone and make a difference in their lives. I love that, I live for that! The worst is when a child is hurt or affected, everything else is pretty manageable."

"It is a weird world out there. Someday I will write a book."

--Michelle Bennett

She told a story of a guy who used to store all of his urine in jars all over his house. He claimed to leave them on the kitchen counter for multiple days. One of her officers was in his house on a call and accidentally knocked a jar off of the counter, splashing it onto the bottom of her pant legs.

"It is a weird world out there. Someday I will write a book," said Bennett.

Bennett will need more time for that, something she hopes to gain by taking a break from teaching.

"I have to devote myself to one thing at this time in my life, and I would like to have a family at some point too. At this point I even have difficulty looking after my fish, and they are pretty self-sufficient," she said.

She said she would consider teaching at Highline again in the future, however.

"I have really enjoyed meeting the staff and working with some great people, especially Gary Wegner who is just a gem," Bennett said. "I have also learned a lot from interacting with the students and will take so much knowledge from that experience. I am very fortunate indeed."

Most foreign students satisfied with Highline

By Takehito Fukui
Staff Reporter

Highline has 246 international students this quarter.

"The number of international students grows each quarter," said Mariko Fujiwara, assistant director of International Student Programs.

In a survey of international students, it seems they are satisfied with Highline's campus, programs and environment.

"Highline's campus is beautiful," said Quyen Anh Nguyen, a student from Vietnam.

Raymond Lam, from Hong Kong, believes the best thing about Highline is that there are many bus stops around the area.

"Highline has good Travel and Transportation Program," said Linda Amundsen, a student from Norway.

Amundsen is one of many international students who are working on Travel and Transportation degrees. It is a very popular program for international students.

Nguyen likes the engineering program, and Hyung Sik Kim, a student from Korea, likes the business programs. Kim also said that international student advisors at Highline help those who need it.

A big complaint is the cost of education. Many international students agree that \$2,000 per quarter is too expensive.

"It is really inflexible to make a schedule at Highline, especially when I only need a few credits for a quarter. There is huge difference between tuition for five credits and 10 credits," said Lam.

In fact, the difference is about \$1,000. All the international students have to be in school full-time to stay in the United States. Their last quarter they are allowed to take fewer credits, but if they do earlier, they might have trouble with their visa status.

"I wish Highline had a more flexible tuition policy," said Nguyen.

Some students miss things from their home countries. Amundsen misses the food and wishes the cafeteria had more variety of foods to eat.

Kim sometimes doesn't feel safe on campus. He said the crime rate on campus has increased compared to before.

"My car has a bump on the body, but I am not going to fix it to keep robbers away from my car. Otherwise they will be attracted by my car," said Takayuki Yamamoto, a student from Japan.

Legal system something to mock

Students to play judge, jury in mock trial

By Nikki Woodhouse
Staff Reporter

Highline students, faculty, and guests will be participating in a mock trial on Tuesday, June 1. The trial will be held on campus in Building 23-108, from noon- 2:15 p.m.

Joy Smucker, paralegal program coordinator and instructor of Criminal Law and Procedures, is conducting the mock trial for this quarter. Each quarter, she comes up with a new mock case based on real-life cases. This quarter's class will be trying an obstruction of justice and criminal trespassing case.

Last quarter, the trial was based on a case involving shoplifting and possession of mari-



Joy Smucker

juana. The defendant in the actual case was caught at the Midway QFC.

The class will choose students and other volunteers to play the roles of actual participants involved Smucker's model criminal case. This will include the defendant, the defense counsel, the prosecution,

and witnesses.

People will also play the role of the judge and jurors.

Students in Criminal Law and Procedures will do research prior to the trial. They received their trial assignments last week and have already started working on the trial preparation, in and out of class.

All of the participants, except for the jurors, are doing research, practicing interview techniques and gaining valuable organization skills.

Jurors, however, will be creating jury instructions and learning to interview prospective jurors.

The judge and the bailiff will be doing some preliminary research in related areas of law.

Juror deliberations will be videotaped so that they may be reviewed later as the class reflects on how the trial went.

In the past, all verdicts have been split, meaning each charge was looked over thoroughly. A

"We have a lot of fun doing this."

--Joy Smucker

split verdict is when the defendant is guilty of one charge and not guilty of the other.

"In the feedback from students at the end of each quarter, most students have named the mock trial as the highlight of Criminal Law and Procedures class," said Smucker.

Students can learn firsthand what goes into preparing for trial and the actual litigation of a case. Students will gain a sense of what the players of a trial will go through, said Smucker.

Just as the O.J. Simpson case was open to the public, this one is as well. Anyone interested is welcome to come and watch.

"We have a lot of fun doing this," said Smucker.

Music offends some in Building 8

By Teresa C. Moreau
Staff Reporter

Some students are fed up with music that is being played in the student center.

"It annoys me, because I come here to relax," said Lynne Hawrys.

Hawrys, along with several other students, find it hard to relax, study, or talk with friends when music is blasting.

Another student, who asked to remain anonymous, does not want to complain about the music being so loud, because she feels they'll tell her to go to the Library.

Some students like the idea of studying in an environment that is more laid back than a library. In community college the rules are not strict. Actually, at times they barely exist.

The freedom to express yourself is now at large, unless you're violating other people's rights.

"One should be careful and find a balance when exercising their rights," said Student Senator Eric Worden.

The Students Rights and Responsibilities Code WAC 1321-



Photo Illustration by Jordan Whiteley

120, under WAC 1321-120-100 Student Responsibilities (2) ii reads: "Disorderly, abusive or bothersome conduct which interferes with the rights of others is prohibited."

Loud music with profane and violent lyrics on campus is a specific complaint about the student center.

"It is a fact that students should come to college to learn, not listen to music, that bothers

me," said Nabila Jaouhari.

Mardin Horiuchi, an avid music listener, feels the music makes the student center fun.

Hyong Kim, who plays music in Building 8, feels the student center is a free place, and would not mind if there were rules pertaining to the violent lyrics, or volume of the music. He does admit that his music might bother students.

"Don't be scared to approach

us to turn the music down," said Kim.

Ray Brown, a 25-year-old student, is upset because he has asked to have the music turned down, and has not been listened to.

Brown feels that the center needs structure, along with specific rules for music volume.

"They need to keep the music low so people can still talk," said Brown.

Happiness is full of ups and downs

By Christina Morano
Staff Reporter

Director of Providence Heart Institute, Dr. Peter Mansfield, believes that the pursuit of happiness is a complex idea which has its successes and downfalls.

"Happiness is a journey not necessarily a destination," said Mansfield. As a journey, happiness occurs along the way but may or may not be the end result.

Mansfield's lecture last week focused on how science and technology effect the pursuit of happiness. The lecture was hosted by Barbara Clinton's Contemporary Voices class as they continue to rediscover the pursuit of happiness through lectures, discussions and readings.

Mansfield opened his lecture by asking what seemed to be a simple question, "Does every individual have the unalienable right to pursue happiness?" Many people raised their hands in agreement.

Mansfield was going to ask that question once more but not before turning the tables and allowing people to see another side of life. He showed slides of child abuse victims. One of the slides presented was a picture of a child who had been beaten with a lamp cord. Another slide showed a child's hand badly burned after being held over an open fire as punishment for thumb sucking.

Mansfield asked the question again. This time fewer hands were raised as people realized the complexity of the question.

One example he gave was in regard to children born with congenital heart diseases. Ultimately one would think it would be best to save the child, however, Mansfield provided some interesting facts which makes that decision questionable.

Today's technology gives a child with a congenital heart defect a good chance of surviving. By saving these children they will go on to live their lives and possibly have children of their own, but those children are at a higher risk of having even more serious heart defects.

"Side effects don't relate just to medications but to people's actions as well," said Mansfield. Even though we all like to pursue happiness, do we pursue it if the side effects hurt others?

"If we all see happiness in a way that satisfies only ourselves, the side effects for others can be dramatic," said Mansfield.

Constitution revision up for vote today

By Heather Baker
Staff Reporter

Proposed changes to the Associated Students of Highline (ASHCC) Constitution will need a simple majority vote by students and then be approved by the Board of Trustees to become effective.

Today is the last day to vote. Voting is taking place in the upper half of Building 8 on a computer next to the student government office. Students can vote at home on the Internet at www.flightline.highline.ctc.edu/election/.

Along with student government elections and the self imposed student tax on the ballot, Highline students need to take a look at the proposed changes in the Constitution and vote on them.

The Constitution governs the student body and the Bylaws that govern Student Government.

For the past couple of weeks the Constitution/ Bylaws committee reviewed the constitution and bylaws to eliminate redundancy and add clarification where needed.



Worden

Eric Worden, chairman of the Constitution/Bylaws committee, posted the changes in an informational memo on May 10. The official posting that is required 10 instructional days before the election was made at a ASHCC meeting on May 5.

A change that was made in the bylaws last year was to add that when a student government official dropped below the required cumulative grade point average of 2.5, one of the following actions can be taken: probationary period of one quar-

ter, immediate removal of office, or any action that the Judiciary Committee deems fit for the given situation.

Worden said that the change is contradictory to current constitution. In the constitution it says, "if the student should drop below 2.5 any time, they shall be automatically removed from their positions."

"The main thing is that the Constitution is the general rules ASHCC has to live by and the order of operation. The Bylaws are supposed to decide how to enforce those rules and what the specific perimeters are," said Worden.

"So, that (2.5 rule in the constitution) didn't belong in the constitution anyway," Worden said.

The proposed change is to remove that section from the constitution (Article VII, Section 3, parts A and B) and keep the bylaw change from last year.

To eliminate confusion for

future student government members a proposed change is to rename Robert's Rules of Order to Parliamentary Procedure.

Another name change is to remove administrative council and add executive council that also includes the four senators. The administrative council included all government officials except for the senators.

"Originally it looks like that Senators were not a paid position, therefore not an important part of the government," said Worden.

The executive council will include everybody on student government.

Another proposed change is to add a section to Article X designating procedures for filling vacancies as it will be outlined in the bylaws.

Copies of the original constitution and a complete list of changes can be found in the student government and student program offices in Bldg 8.

Pipe

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recovery.

"Our first concern is for the safety of the people involved," said Vice President for Administration Laura Saunders. Procedures are going to be reviewed to ensure all safety precautions

are met.

The damage to the library was not extensive, even though there was flooding throughout the first floor. There was some carpet damage and the water managed to reach some paper products.

The broken coupling is a relatively inexpensive repair, however, the college has decided to contact a mechanical

consultant to inspect the pipes before repairs are made. The pipe inspections are expected to provide an insight as to what caused the coupling to burst. With the older buildings it is not uncommon to have pipe leaks all over campus, said Saunders, however the college's mechanics closely watch them.

The piping and couplings in the buildings are replaced as

funding is available.

"These replacements were done at the library only five years ago," Saunders said.

At this time the Library remains unheated due to the accident but with the warm weather it is not expected to be a problem.

The college hopes to have the problem fixed as soon as possible.

Welfare

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WorkFirst program say they are scared they won't make it through. Many are feeling overwhelmed, and are unaware of the resources that are available to them.

Suzette Cooke, a former legislator and the actual mother of the welfare reform, has been concerned with the lack of child care funding for WorkFirst participants.

She hypothesized that rotating videos that teach job skills at home could possibly be a solution to this problem. Unfortunately, this wouldn't come cheap.

Overall, Cooke is pleased with the WorkFirst program.

"It has unmasked the drug addicts and individuals with mental health problems that previously got by the system," she said.

Prior to WorkFirst welfare recipients only had to reapply to



Rebecca Rhodes

conform eligibility every six months to receive cash benefits. WorkFirst put an end to this and has forced many people to find jobs. The average wage WorkFirst clients make is \$8 an hour. Each WorkFirst participant earns more money by working than being on welfare.

According to the WorkFirst fact sheet, a client can keep one half of their job earnings, which are not calculated as income when determining benefits. The

client is also allowed to have a vehicle worth \$5,000 and keep \$3,000 in savings.

Gov. Locke's welfare coordinator Ken Miller says that there are shortcomings in the program, with room for improvement. He says that it is important WorkFirst clients learn how to utilize their resources.

Moreover, Miller says that many people are making the WorkFirst program become successful. Statistics show fewer people are going back on to welfare. Only one out of six clients goes back after attempting the WorkFirst program.

The majority of parents — 79 percent — who are receiving cash assistance are women. Of those, 51 percent have only a high school degree. Many of these are now receiving tuition assistance.

Highline's Women's Programs has seen many WorkFirst clients walk through their door.

When the program began clients faced difficulties with work study jobs, said Rebecca Rhodes, assistant director.

The state requires that a cli-

ent is working 20 hours a week, but work study jobs offered only 15-19 hours. This left many clients searching for another job that would bring them to the 20-hour requirement.

As of May 1, WorkFirst students are offered more child care benefits, if they are in work study. Now if a WorkFirst student is in work study longer than 16 hours a week, and is enrolled in basic education, job training or vocational education approved by a Washington state or community or technical college, they may be eligible for the Working Connections Child Care program. This program may pay for child care while the student is in school and work hours.

Rhodes sees this as a big step in the vocational program. She said they were able to enroll 120 students with funding this quarter.

If a WorkFirst student isn't interested in a vocational degree, however, she or he may be out of luck. WorkFirst does not support higher degrees regardless of grades or long-term goals

of clients. Henceforth, the students are guided toward getting an occupational degree.

Case managers, employers, community colleges, and advisers meet monthly to address problems with WorkFirst. They all collaborate in working towards progress, whereas in the past lines of communication between them barely existed.

"It is getting better slowly," says Rhodes.

Brandy Buck agrees that the reform maybe getting better, but she is still worried about putting dinner on the table.

After dropping her case-worker and making calls for action, Buck got what she wanted. She did so by signing an agreement saying that she would work 20 hours a week and would remain a full-time student.

Unfortunately she made a little extra money one month, so due to the way the system works she will have to live on \$500 a month.

All of the fancy statistics are not adding up for Buck.

"Welfare sucks," Buck said.

Earn credits while camping

By Teresa Moreau
Staff Reporter

This summer students can earn 10 science credits in a matter of six weeks. Geology Professor Eric Baer and Botany instructor Gerry Barclay are joining together to create an interesting coordinated study course.

This course is shaped to show the correlation between rocks and plants. Pacific North-



Baer

west Field Study will meet for three hours, four days a week, also requires weekend field trips. The class will enhance knowledge of the natural world by venturing to Mt. St. Helens,

the Olympic Mountain Range, and Eastern Washington.

Students must enroll in Geology 120 or Geology 225 and Biology 119 or Biology 145 to be a part of the coordinated study. An additional fee of \$150 is charged for this class, which covers camping, food, and transportation.

"I am looking forward to the coordinated study of botany and geology," said Baer.

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