Thunder down under

Lady T-Birds take second in the NWAACC championships

By Charlie Steele
Staff Reporter

PORTLAND — The Lady T-Birds came up short in their bid to win the second place finish at the NWAACC softball championships last weekend.

Highline came within a game of the championship, falling their way through the field before falling to Lower Columbia, 5-1, in the championship game.

The Lady T-Birds lost to Lower Columbia 5-1 in the opener before taking Ms. Head 5-4 on Sunday. On Sunday, the T-Birds lost to Lower Columbia 3-1 before beating Mt. Hood 5-2 again in a rematch with Lower Columbia. A Lady T-Birds victory would have been a remarkable season. Highline would have gone 15-15 in conference play.

"We came in underdogs, and couldn't believe it," Johnson about the T-Birds' outperformance of the championship. After each win at least one person could be heard saying "they won again," like they couldn't believe it.

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Lonetime professor Powell dies

By Gabe Bonner
Staff Reporter

Roger Balen Powell, former engineering instructor at Highline, died at the age of 61 on Wednesday, May 19, after a two-month battle with cancer. Powell was born Feb. 21, 1938, in Tacoma. He attended Stadium High School in Tacoma and earned undergraduate degrees in mechanical and industrial engineering and a master's degree in business administration at the University of Washington. He was in the middle of writing his dissertation for a doctorate in education at Oregon State University when he died.

Not only was Powell active in education, he was also involved in the Catholic Church, serving as a curricular leader, marriage counselor and religious education teacher.

Powell taught the first engineering classes at Highline in 1964. He taught here for 25 years, then moved to Moses Lake to become a vocational director at Big Bend Community College and then was the associate dean at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, Ore. He left in 1989, but came back to teach three classes at Highline in the spring of 1998 after an instructor had to leave at the last minute.

His last second fill-in was greatly appreciated by friends and faculty who knew him for the first time in 1989.

"He was a visionary, always pushing the envelope on changes that should be made at (Highline)," said Bob Maples- stone, who was hired by Powell to teach in the engineering program at Highline in 1974.

"In 1971 he realized that all the manufacturing programs were located on the East Coast, so he went to Detroit for a while, came back, and created the first manufacturing and technology program on the West Coast. Now every school has one," Maples-stone said.

"He was a first class teacher," said Phil Sell, a fellow engineering instructor and Powell's longtime friend. "He worked his students hard, but fairly and honestly."

Sell worked with Powell early in his career at Boeing, in the engineering department. Powell quit the job to take a full-time job teaching classes at Highline, then four years later convinced Sell to join him.

Powell is survived by his wife, Mary; and his two daughters, Suzanne and Carin. Powell's memorial mass was Monday, May 24, at Our Lady Fatima Catholic Church in Moses Lake. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Northwest, 1550 N. 115th St., Seattle, WA 98133. Maples-stone is building a mailing list in order to collect donations to start the Roger Powell Memorial Scholarship to benefit the engineering department. Interested persons can contact Maples-stone at 206-878-3710, ext. 3521.

Crime Blotter for the week of May 27

Medical problems cause concern

Two recent medical emergencies have caused Highline Security officers to keep a close watch on faculty, staff, students and visitors.

Stressed student found unconscious

A Highline student reportedly fainted due to a combination of a diabetic relapse and stress. The unconscious student was found in Building 10-206 on May 23.

Visitor falls fair

A recent visitor, from the Wanderers Group, also passed out. The incident occurred in Building 7 on May 22.

Hit and run ride student and Security

A Highline student reported a hit and run to Security, when they found their car had been damaged during a hit and run.

The damage was sustained in the East parking lot on May 22.

Dastardly driver ditches damage

Another hit and run was reported after a Highline student witnessed a car hit another parked car. The incident occurred on May 21.

Stolen ornament returns student

A blue Honda hood ornament was reported stolen from a student's car parked in the East lot. The theft occurred on May 20.

Badge missing owner

A wallet, containing a Port of Seattle police badge, was reported lost or stolen on May 24.

Lost keys see happy ending

A student, who lost a set of keys, was pleasantly surprised when another student found the keys and returned them to the Security office on May 24.

You don't have to break your back to find a career.

Find an exciting career as a Chiropractic Technician, right here at Highline. Chiropractic technicians are in high demand. Learn to make x-rays, make spinal assessments, and process insurance claims. Lots of job opportunities; earn $12-$15 an hour.

For more information, call Dr. John Huber. 206-878-3710, ext. 3845.
Santana Villa thrives on presidential voyage

Last year Santana Villa shocked everyone, including himself, by winning election for student body president. "I didn't think I was gonna be elected," Villa said. "I was really shocked. I knew that I could win, but I didn't believe it."

Villa had strong candidates running against him who were viewed as being far more popular.

He believes that his strong relationship with clubs and organizations on campus while he was a student senator allowed him to win by a slim margin.

"My strong relationship with them is probably what helped me to win," Villa said.

As president of the Associated Students of Highline Community College (ASHCC), Villa pushed the cause of unity on campus and teamwork in Student Government.

"That was my platform when I ran for the election and I stuck with it," Villa said.

But things weren't all peaches and cream for this international student born in Mexico. Villa wrestled here his first two years and will graduate this spring with his AA, hoping to major in Computer Science at either the University of Washington or Pacific Lutheran University.

Before Fall Quarter started, Villa was obligated to speak at Opening Week ceremonies and things didn't go very well.

Not only did his thick latino accent and the fact that he was scared to death make it hard for people to understand what he was saying, but the sound system went out halfway through his speech and he had to keep going.

"I felt like I was going to die," Villa said of Opening Week ceremonies. "For the next two weeks I was so embarrassed that I didn't want to be president anymore."

He eventually got over it, and has had what he characterizes as a very successful reign as student body president.

"I think I have accomplished what I wanted to do," he said. "I'm glad with how things turned out."

At first his greatest challenge, other than public speaking, was getting members of Student Government to work together as a team. Villa persevered and eventually they all learned to work together.

"One of my most important goals..., every quarter... was to support every officer," Villa said. "In the beginning not everyone was behind me, and I could feel that. But I just kept supporting them and eventually we all learned to work together and overcome our differences."

The single biggest challenge for all of Student Government was how to get students on campus more involved.

"I think we did as much as we could do," Villa said about helping to get students more involved in things like clubs and events on campus. "I feel like we did our job."

Several new issues came up this year that the ASHCC had not tackled before. One of them was the smoke-free zones of which Villa was a major supporter.

"Students came to me and complained and asked me to do something about it," Villa said.

He believes that the smoke-free zones around the entrances to all of the buildings will be approved by the school's Board of Trustees soon.

Villa also had to deal with trying to get a vote on a new student center to happen this year. "Thanks to the efforts of Dr. [Jim] Sorrenson and Dr. [Laura] Saunders, who speeded up the process, we will be able to vote on it this spring," Villa said. And now with Rome Jovet ready to take over, Villa can sit back and relax knowing that his term is almost complete.

He does have some advice for the next student body president.

"Always be a mediator and keep good relationships," Villa said. "Work for a solution."

Villa believes he has conquered his fear of public speaking as well.

"I feel like I can get up there now and not feel like I'm going to die," he said.

He will get a chance to try again in front of everyone as Villa will be the master of ceremonies for graduation this year.

Three Highline students have won the Washington Award for Vocational Excellence for 1999: Emma Dionisio, Lesley A. Koch and Teresa A. Wicerek.

The WAVE award was created in 1984 to honor students for outstanding achievement. Recipients receive a grant for up to six quarters of tuition.

Dionisio, a nursing student, is currently the secretary of the Highline chapter of the National Student Nurses Association.

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By Takehito Fukui
Staff Reporter

Science, math and engineering students may get a new option for getting a degree from Highline.

Faculty in the Engineering and Applied Sciences Division are working on creating a new associate of science degree.

"The degree would include more math and science courses, and fewer offerings from arts, humanities and social sciences."

The State Board of Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) is promoting more flexible and better designed degrees for science students.

Officials at the board hope that eventually all state community colleges will offer such a degree.

Each school will have to approve the new degree as well. At Highline, the task falls to the Faculty Senate.

"We definitely will have an A.S. degree, but it won't be offered soon since we have to design these three groups of study areas in one degree for state wide. It probably will take a couple more quarters to start," said Bob Mapleton, chairman of Highline's Pure and Applied Science Division and an engineering professor.

Some Highline faculty say this degree will work well especially for students majoring in engineering and other sciences.

"What this whole thing is about is to make the degree more flexible for engineering and science students to transfer to the university," said Phil Selt, chairman of the Faculty Senate and an engineering professor.

Right now, science students can choose an associate of arts degree in option A or B.

Option A is a traditional liberal arts program; option B allows students to specialize with more credits in a particular subject.

However, neither of the options makes it easy for science students to satisfy the requirements for most four-year universities to which they will transfer.

Satisfying traditional A.A. requirements makes it hard for students to achieve junior standing in a science major within 90 credits total.

At Highline, only about 25 engineering and science students complete A.A. option B each year.

"There are many students transferring without finishing either degree," said Mapleton. The associate of science degree is specifically designed for science students who are planning to transfer to four-year institutions.

Proponents say this will give students an opportunity to have a more balanced distribution of science and non-science coursework at both the two-year colleges and four-year institutions.

Three different committees are working on designing the A.S. degree, to create options for mathematics, engineering and science students.

Mapleton just attended a meeting at the University at Washington to discuss requirements for the engineering division, and Richard Plagge, a mathematics professor, will attend a meeting for the mathematics, physics, and computer science divisions.

By Dustin Richardson
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Editorials

Student ID numbers put financial security at risk

When students enter Highline, they are required to fill out a form that includes a line for their Social Security number. At the time, they are generally unaware that the inclusion of the social security number also becomes their student ID number. The student ID number appears prominently on the student ID card, which is openly presented quite frequently for things like student discounts.

The number also is used in registration, both on touch-tone and on add/drop and registration forms.

Of all the numbers associated with a person in this country, no matter how often or where it is used, the Social Security number is stolen, a criminal could use it.

Most colleges have gone away from using the social security number as the student ID number because it is not the thing to do, but it is also a reasonably easy thing to do, as well.

Assigning student ID numbers can go many different ways. Since social security numbers are nine digits, using the year of birth may be a way to simplify. The social security number clearly printed on the upper right corner of a student's ID card could be used to run up debts in the student's name.

It would be quite a task for the student to somehow get those debts removed from their credit record and get things straightened out.

This is just one of the dangers associated with social security numbers.

All a person would have to do to steal a Highline student's social security number would be to wait around Building 6 in the beginning of a quarter. With such a high amount of add/drop slips in the opening weeks, a quick scan around the registration area would probably yield some, with an unsuspecting student's social security number clearly printed at the top.

Also, when students retrieve registration schedule, grade information off of the school's web site, they have to enter their student ID number. The site where the number is entered in is not secured, so an adept hacker could easily steal it from there.

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The track team heads to Portland last week-end. With identity theft a growing problem in this nation, if a student's social security number is stolen, a criminal could use their name and social security number to run up debts in the student's name.

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Despite starting out the season slowly and compiling the second-worst regular season record of any team in the finals, they fought their way through the pack and finished in second place.

After barely scraping by and having their playoff hopes almost dashed in the season's final week, they faced a tough challenge in the championship game.

To make it even tougher, the sun is starting to peak out more often. It is starting to peak out more often. The beach is calling, the days in the sun are becoming more and more possible. It makes it tough to study.

No reason to worry about finals

Finals are coming, it's time to study, it's time to cram, it's time to learn real quick.

I think it's time to start reading the book.

I'm not worried, I don't have any finals. It's tough to be a journalism major.

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Graduation is coming up.

Two years ago, I was getting ready to graduate from high school, now I am preparing to walk away from this school. One thing is very similar, my parents are way more excited than I am.

I think it's because I'm not really that excited about graduating from Highline, because it has not been the hard. I have better grades now than I did in high school and seem to have more free time.

Actually, maybe it is because I studied harder here. Maybe classes should be moved outside. I hear it is easier to study on grass. It would work. That way more instructors could spot more students walking off campus to go to the beach.

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Letters to the Editor

Multicultural issues need to be considered

Dear editor,

I would like to congratulate this newspaper on some interesting articles and some funny features too. Your two-part article about the woman on the stairs? There are groups of multicultural issues this newspaper on some interesting articles (and some funny features too). Your two-part article about the woman on the stairs may be eye-opening to those of us who have not had it happen in our lives. The segregation of the different cultural groups on campus, especially in the lunchroom and up-stairs, is very eye-opening to me. I have noticed the lunchroom and up-stairs as well. I have met a few Japanese students and some Latinos who try to mix it up, but they are sitting by themselves. There are also many people who do not speak English. The media would have me believe the Makah tribe is villains for killing a whale. I do not agree with the media or the protesters. I believe the Makah tribe is not villains but survivors.

David

Opinion

Whale hunt signals life of Makah culture

A whale is dead, a culture is alive. Looking at the big picture, there is one less whale in the world today. The Makah tribe slew their whale. The law is on their side. Their culture and tradition involves killing whales to survive.

The Makah tribe did not bring the gray whales to the brink of extinction. The Makah tribe prayed for the whale and prayed for the whale's death and prayed a prayer of thanks when the whale did die. This is their tradition and part of their culture. I heard a tribe member say on the news that "the whale will give himself to us when it is ready." And, indeed, watching the coverage of the hunt, the whale did rise to meet the canoe of whalers, and the hunters did pray when the whale had died. I can't explain or understand the reason the whale did that. The Makah understand.

The media would have me believe that the Makah tribe is the villain in this story because they killed a whale, and having the right by treaty to kill four more whales this year, if they choose to.

Watching a whale get shot in the head is not a pleasant sight, and I will not be watching the news for a week or so. It is like watching the Rocky Horror Picture Show over and over. It is like watch the atomic bomb explosion over and over. It is like watching the violence? Are they protesting the survival of the food chain unless we end up in the wrong place at the wrong time.

The Makah tribe chooses to pray on a mammal near the top of our food chain to survive. This does not make them villains.

I haven't seen much protesting in Colorado where 13 students were slaughtered.

The protesters would have me believe the Makah tribesmen are villains for killing a whale. I do not agree with the media or the protesters. We all kill something to survive. We are all part of the food chain.

We just happen not to be a chosen prey for anything else in the food chain unless we end up in the wrong place at the wrong time.

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They make them survivors.

Yes, it is hard to watch a whale be shot in the head. It is much harder to watch a culture die.

Tom Fletcher

Commentary

Rumra Head

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The protesters would have me believe the Makah tribesmen are villains for killing a whale. I do not agree with the media or the protesters. We all kill something to survive. We are all part of the food chain.

We just happen not to be a chosen prey for anything else in the food chain unless we end up in the wrong place at the wrong time.

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They make them survivors.

Yes, it is hard to watch a whale be shot in the head. It is much harder to watch a culture die.

Tom Fletcher

got beef?

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'Buffy' killed off by network fraidy cats

The last-minute cancellation of Buffy the Vampire Slayer's season finale has got me hummed.

Months of repeats, and now they go and pull the plug on the second of a two-part finale. Jamie Kellner, the president of The WB, deemed the finale as inappropriate in light of recent school violence.

The episode, which involved a 60-foot serpent threatening Sunnydale High's graduating class, was replaced by "Bad Candy," a repeat where Sunnydale's adults are turned back into teenagers.

While the network's intentions are honorable, it is unfair that a show with so many fans gets postponed for a second time, (they postponed another episode, from its original airing because the storyline involved Buffy overhearing students' plot to kill some classmates.)

Granted, Buffy's always kicking ass and taking names, but she appreciates human life.

Despite the high mortality rate on the show, Buffy the Vampire Slayer has always drawn a clear line on violence.

While Buffy and the gang continue to fight vampires on a daily basis, they always make it clear that vampires are already dead, therefore they don't really kill them.

The line between fantasy and real-life was clearly drawn this season when Faith (Sunnydale's other slayer) accidently killed a man, mistaking him for a vampire. The murder sent the one slayer over the edge and made the other more respectful of life.

Even worse is that the network already aired the first part of the finale, instead leaving a hanging question mark where an exciting and moving episode would have been.

The finale was also to be the springboard for Buffy spin-off Angel, featuring David Boreanaz and Charisma Carpenter, (Cordelia) leaving many questions as to how key characters leave Sunnydale.

This season of Buffy has just been ruined. Will Buffy be starring in Wanda the Werewolf Domesticate next season on Fox?...

Happiness through art

By Christina Morano
Staff Reporter

Seattle Repertory Theater Artistic Director Sharon Ott believes people possess a strong desire to tell stories in almost any type of gathering and that it is what comprises many conversations.

On recently moved to Seattle from the San Francisco area where she worked at Berkeley Repertory Theater as their artistic director for the past 13 years. Ott has also been the recipient of numerous awards such as the 1997 Tony Award.

Ott's lecture last week focused on the philosophy and history of the arts. She spoke about contributions the arts have given to sociopolitical movements and how it is a constant record of how society's views have developed over the years.

Happiness is living a legacy of your time through art, said Ott. Ott also recommended two plays that will be presented next season to get people hooked on arts.

The first play, Metamorphosis, by Mary Zimmerman, and will begin playing in February. It is a very visual play that is performed in water.

The second play recommended by Ott was Top Kiss, by Diana Son. It is a play about two young women struck by tragedy shortly after developing a relationship.

Ott encourages young people to attend the plays for their own personal growth. "The arts have given me a tremendous amount of happiness," said Ott.

Ott concluded by stating that The Seattle Repertory Theater offers $10 tickets for anyone under 25 years of age. For more information contact the Seattle Repertory Theater box office at 206-443-2222.

A rave for 'Phantom Menace'

By Marta D. Pelayo
Staff Reporter

Now that the hype for Star Wars Episode One: The Phantom Menace has taken a breath, it's time to get down to the nitty-gritty: Was it worth it?

Perhaps it is because the principal cast (Lisa Neeson, Ewan McGregor and Natalie Portman) are much talented and seasoned performers that they seem unchallenged in Menace.

As for kid actor Jake Lloyd, he handles his task well, which is to portray Anakin Skywalker as a normal, happy-go-lucky kid. The only flaw is that Lloyd does not portray Anakin's feelings of loneliness and isolation well.

Director George Lucas compensates for that with fantastic sets which require several viewings to drink in all the details. (One surprise: During the Senate Council meeting, look to the left of your screen and you'll find 16 Vitwings to drink in all)

They are also offering musical instruments and accessories from around the country.

Ewan McGregor kicks Sith hero tall in Episode One.

Seattle Center is going to be alive with music, dance, and abounding with food this Memorial Day Weekend. The 74-acre area will host the 28th Annual Folklife Festival, representing 100 countries through music, dance and art, with over 1,000 performances. Average turnout for this four-day event in the past has been roughly 250,000 people.

This festival is the largest of its kind in the nation, and has maintained itself as a free event. There is, however, a suggested donation of $5 per person per day to help cover the festival's numerous expenses.

Its mission states: "Northwest Folklife creates opportunities for individuals and communities to celebrate, share and sustain the vitality of ethnic and traditional arts for present and future generations."

This year the festival kicks off with a traditional Chinese Lion Dance, a vibrant parade of drums, gongs, and cymbals, that begins at the Fun Forest, winds around the International Fountain, and ends with a lively performance at the Flag Plaza.

Other highlights of the festival include:

* Special concerts focusing on different cultures and musical styles, such as Blues, Bluegrass, African marimbas, reggae, Hawaiian, Asian, and Celtic.

* Dance and Music workshops that will teach a multitude of dance and music styles to anyone interested, from beginners to advanced, from children to seniors.

* International Folk dancing with live music, performances, and workshops in the Center House.

* Visual arts and exhibits showcasing the work of Northwest communities and their cultural myths, rites, and rituals.

* A Crafts Marketplace, featuring handmade goods from 150 different countries.

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Well-acted 'Instinct' bails out mediocre script

By Derek Roche
Staff Reporter

Sir Anthony Hopkins is arguably the finest English speaking actor to ever grace the silver screen — ironically equaled only by his greatest profession — the role of Dr. Ethan Powell, a moderately intelligent, if somewhat overwrought psychological thriller wrought psychological thriller and an adept performance playing aAvailability. Unfortunately, the production ended in Murphy's demise. Taking a more serious tone, Lynette and Gail confess their love for each other in the act Anything For You. Marcella Bowman and Jember Woldeab played best friends who were married, but want to take a roll in the hay together. They probably would have if they were not in a restaurant. The last act was food for thought. Director Vincent Tula took on an extremely difficult task and turned it to gold. The Family Continues, a satirical dark comedy, chronicles the event-laden life of Steve, played smartly by Adam Sanders. Steve grows up, goes to

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Academy Award winners Anthony Hopkins and Cuba Gooding Jr. in Instinct. While the script lacked originality and intrigue, the principal actors had a strong screen presence. Of the hard work and per- spiration paid off for the several cast members, who delivered excellent performances in well-directed productions.

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and spontaneous music making. Any instrument is welcome, so bring out the didgeridoo and those congas. The grassy area behind the Bagley Lawn Stage has been set aside for jamming musicians to congregate. Swing, contra, and square dancing, available at the many workshops and participatory dances.

The Ethnic Food Village, with 35 booths serving international cuisine.

The Folklife Festival begins on Friday, May 28. For more information, call 206-684-7300.

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Flop Cap was a high energy comedic romp.

School gets married, and dies all in control of the narrator (Feianni Ombac). The acting was marvelous, and the script (which has numerous situations happening in the back and foreground) was highly original and inventive. All of the hard work and per- spiration paid off for the several cast members, who delivered excellent performances in well-directed productions.
T-Birds savor triumphant season

By Charlie Steele

PORTLAND — It was a rough ride, but a good one.

"Wow! It was like being on a roller coaster ride the whole time," said Melissa Macfarlane, freshman first baseman on Highline's fastpitch team. "We never knew what was going to happen next."

Macfarlane wasn't alone.

After a season marked by surprising expectations and high frustrations, the T-Birds pulled it all together at the end for a second-place finish at last weekend's NWAACC championship tournament.

"The team bounced between soaring highs and grinding downs," said Hoyt after the loss. "But, she added, "The team will have tough games against the South." Next year's team should also be very successful."

Highline ended the season with an overall mark of 26-21.

"It started off good, then got rough, then it came together at the end," said freshman Jodi Wolfe.

In the end, team members agreed that they were completely happy with second place.

"We proved we could do it. We expected success and we had it," said pitcher and rightfielder Lynne Hawrys.

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"The team should be happy with its season. Second place is great considering what the team went through. The team as a whole had the conference's best batting average, near the top in ERA. The T-Birds also had plenty of individual accomplishments. Third baseman Heather Saw finished second in the conference in batting average.

Pitcher Tami Manish had one of the conference's best ERA's. Saw was also named to the NWAACC all-tournament team along with teammates Hawrys, Case, and centerfielder Annie Johnson."

The team also had three players nominated for all-star play at the end of the season, and all three—Saw, Manish, and Johnson—were chosen.

"I know Tami will do well, and the others (Saw and Johnson) will add to the offense," said Head Coach Hoyt about the T-Birds who are playing in the all-star game.

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Highline advanced to the semi-finals to face Lower Columbia on Sunday morning. It turned out to be the most exciting game of the tournament, featuring a pitching duel between Mansigh and Lower Columbia's ace Jennifer LyBrand.

The two teams combined for only seven hits, four by the T-Birds, and three runs, as the Devils outlasted Highline 2-1 in the opening game of the tournament.

"We outplayed them, the Lady Devils were simply the best," said Hoyt.

However, LyBrand was the dominating factor in every game Lower Columbia played in the tournament. She started all four of their games, allowed no more than one run a game, and won all four. She took tournament MVP honors to go along with her team's championship.

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After our final practice of the season it was time to head to the NWAACC Championships to be held in Portland, Oregon. Departure time was 4 p.m. on Friday the 22nd.

It took us four hours to reach our destination. We hit rush hour traffic and the confusion of an accident, but due to some expert driving of our portable map, coach Kelly, we were able to bypass a lot of it.

We arrived at the Embassy Suites around 8 p.m. After checking into our room we went directly to the coach's room for a team meeting.

We discussed what we were doing here, what we wanted to accomplish, and how we were going to do it. And after some encouraging words from coach Hoyt we left to our rooms for the night.

I fell the room with a sense of what victory was going to taste like. The entire team seemed to be on the same page in the chapter of "Having Heart!"

It's Saturday morning, the phone rings, it's the wake-up call. I don't remember another time that I have been so excited to receive a wake-up call. It's only 6:30 a.m. and already the sun is streaming in through the blinds. It's going to be a great day.

As the rest of the room still sleeps, I slip out the door and go down to the fitness center where I engage in my pre-game ritual of a light work-out and mental visualization.

At around 7 a.m. I head to the dining area for breakfast. The area is colored with girls in softball uniforms representing Rainier, Westacres, and yours truly, Highline. Just seeing our opponents, our challenge, makes me all the more eager to win and show everyone where Highline stands.

After a breakfast ranging in beverages, juice, cereal, toast, bagels, fruit, pancakes, eggs, toast, potatoes, and bacon we're fueled and ready. At 9:15 we meet at the vans and depart for Delta Park.

When we get there we pack our stuff to the field, where we'll play Clackamas, the number one seed in the Southern division.

We have a great warm-up. I could feel the adrenaline pumping through my veins and my heart pounding faster and faster as game time got nearer.

We were ready, we showed up to play ball that day and there was no stopping us.

We defeated Clackamas 7-2. Our offense was on fire. We went through all three Clackamas pitchers in one game. Our own Heather "Tommy" Saw started it off when she jacked one over the fence. We were on our way.

We had a couple of hours to rest until our next game at 3:30. We ate and tried to stay out of the sun. Although, I found this to be difficult due to my excitement and anxiety over everything going on around me. I watched our opponents play and planned in my head a million different versions of how we would beat them.

Our second opponent was Mt. Hood. At the beginning of this game I began to wonder where the Highline team who had just spoiled Clackamas had won. Until a double...
Men's event schedule for championships

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Spokane Sasquatch: After taking first place in last year's NWACC championships, Spokane is coming in as the favorite for first place. After combining two schools to become the Community Colleges of Spokane, the Sasquatch have been virtually unstoppable. Spokane is led by decathlete Dusty Lane, who has the fastest times in the 100m, 200m, 110m hurdles, and the 400m hurdles. Lane is also at the top of the list for the long jump and the discus. Both the 4x100m relay and the 4x400m relay teams look promising for first place finishes. Spokane's head coach was unavailable for comment at press time.

Athletes to watch: Besides Lane, Spokane has numerous athletes in the top 16 of most of the events. Seth Morris has some of the top 16 times in the 100m, 200m and the 400m. Spokane reports Lane, Ryan Bergman, Evan Lopez and Morris hold the No. 2-5 spots in the 200m sprint. Tim Marks is at the top in the high jump. His highest jump to date was 7'10".

Clackamas Cougars: Expectations are high for this season, according to Head Coach Jack Kegg, who hopes to place in the top three.

"Putting it succinctly, Kegg said "Mt. Hood, Highline, Spokane and us are the four teams vying for three trophies."

Clackamas is heavy on sprinters, and leads the NWACCs in three of its 21 events.

Athletes to watch: Atul Bhusan leads the top of the 5,000m, with an unbeat of 16 and second seed ahead of the next runner, and is also qualified for the 1,500m and 10,000m. Mike Rivers leads in the javelin, and Brian Rohrer tops the long jump. Mike Bernini has a chance at the high jump with only two inches between him and the top score.

Highline Thunderbirds: Although the Thunderbirds are not a large team, they have what it takes to land a second or third place finish.

"I don't think anyone is going to go for the title, but we're right there," said Bernie Do.

Justin Clark in the 400m and Andrew Russell in the 800m also have great chances in placing high.

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Mt. Hood Saints: Loaded with distance runners, Mt. Hood has 21 athletes qualified between the 800m, 1,500m, 5,000m, 10,000m, and the 3,000m steeplechase. They hope to place well in these events and garner as many points as possible. Their 400m and 1,600m relays have a good chance of getting first, and they have a chance at placing in the distance events.

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**Thunderbirds send 16 to NWACCs today**

By Paris Hansen

Staff Reporter

Last year's third place team hopes to repeat their performance if not better it.

Today the men's track team starts its fight for the top three honors. The NWACC track championships will feature the best of the best from the league colleges.

Highline is sending 16 talented individuals to Eugene, Ore., to help bring home the gold. Among them are Dominique Demouchet, 100m dash, 200m dash, 400m hurdles, long jump, triple jump, and the 4x100m and 4x400m relay teams; Dagen Beshide, 5,000m and the 10,000m runs, and Andrew Russell, 800m run and the 4x400m relay team.

Highline has very high hopes for NWACCs.

"Everyone we are taking down there is going to be tough," said Whit Baker, assistant track coach.

"Most of the athletes feel Baker's enthusiasm, but also point out that experience will be a factor.

"I expect that the sophomores will place good," said Tim Richter. "The freshmen will need another year until they are in the top eight."

Most of the team predicts that Demouchet will do well in his six events. He only says he can do his best.

"I have six chances to do my best," said Demouchet.

Beshide is also a favorite to place high. He is ranked second in the 3,000m run and third in the high jump, triple jump, and both the 4x100m relay and the 4x400m relay teams.

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Spokane, Clark battle for first in Eugene

Spokane Aquatics: The Community Colleges of Spokane have assembled a strong team to compete in this year's NWAACC finals. No category is without a Saucinch, and if it isn't one of the 11 of 21 events that they lead in, then they are sure to have athletes in second or third. Although they are not guaranteed a surefire conference title, they are the favorites.

Athletes to watch: W. Schaljohn leads the 100m and 200m, and has the second fastest time in the 400m. Cydy Edmonds leads the heptathlon, the long jump, and is second in the 100m hurdles. These are two of the standout athletes. The rest of Spokane's points will come from women who specialize in only one event.

Clark Penguins: With one of the best women's teams that Clark has had in the past several years, they hope to place first in NWAACCs and beat conference favorite Spokane. Clark has several talented women this year, who are leading the conference in many events such as the 800m, 400m intermediate hurdles, triple jump, and shot put.

Their only problem is lack of quantity, as they have only one athlete in any events, and only one athlete in the 100m hurdles, 400m, and shot put. Clark Penguins hopes for points in the 800m relay, heptathlon, and the 1600m run.

Clark athletes to watch: Jenessa Porter is ranked third in the 800m high jump and has a good shot at the gold. Rachael Schwartz could also place high in the 400m relay, but since this is its first year in NWAACC competition, it is a non-scoring event.

Young team takes off for first ever championships

By Parry Hansen

Highline is sending its women's team to the track NWAACC championships.

A total of eight girls have qualified or made the top ten in their events to compete for Highline.

Highline to gain points:

Jenessa Porter, Booth, 100m run; Angie Upchurch, 1,500m run; Rachel Moyer, 200m dash, 400m sprint; Rachael Schwartz, pole vault; Stephanie Allen, 400m sprint; the 4x100m relay team, Schwartz, Harper, Potter and Moyer; and the 4x400m relay team Moyer, Upchurch, Allen and Schwartz.

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Women's events schedule for championships in Eugene, Ore.

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After noon on Monday, Upchurch was told she had moved from a ranking of 21 to 9 because people had scratched out of the event. "I don't know how well I'm going to do because I don't know who I'm running against," said Upchurch.

Schwartz has very high hopes for the entire team. "I think we are all going to P.R.," said Schwartz. "I feel that some people will be in the top ten." Harper is expected to do well in the triple jump and is the only T-Bird in the event. Moyer is having mixed feelings about her trip to NWAACC.

"I think we are all going to P.R."

-- Rachael Schwartz

"I'm kind of excited and nervous and scared," said Moyer. "I've been kind of on the edge of the season in the 400. I'd like to make the finals, but I'm not expecting to place high."

Vickie Upchurch who is still recovering from tonsillitis and mono in the 800 run and will be the alternate in the 4x400 relay team. Because of her illness, Vickie Upchurch will not be running the 800m.
**NWAACC FASTPITCH**

**Personal Stats as of May 26, 1999**

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**Scoreboard**

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**NWAACC Track Championship Qualifiers**

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**T-Birds pumped up for NWAACC championships**

Coming up on the NWAACC championships, our team keeps getting more and more pumped up about the last three days that we got to spend together.

This year has been a success all of its own. This whole year I’ve watched people win races, break record and achieve goals that amazed not only their teammates but the individuals as well. The team this year has become not only a team but as a family in support of everybody.

Last year there were the jumpers and throwers who made up one clique, the distance runners that made up another, and then there were those who really didn’t fit in anywhere.

Nothing can take place of last year’s memories that we all shared but they’re just different. Like when Dagen Bendixen closed his eyes twice as he ran down the final 100 meters in the 4x400m relay and the little shimmy afterwards.

This year all the memories involve everyone else. Whether it was the team parties, the bald eagles, Chinese food, cherries, and through victories or defeats, this year will go down as one of the most memorable experiences shared.

The NWAACCs are just a week away. Some people who have earned a place in the family will not be allowed to take part in that journey to Eugene with us that they have earned. It sucks that some people who deserve to go can’t, and that some people who should have qualified for an event didn’t. Like my boy Tim Richart for example. He practices harder than anyone I have ever seen, never misses a practice and always runs with all his heart, and he will not be able to travel.

We are pumped up, ready to go out there to make a difference. Everyone’s dream is to win the NWAACC team championship, but realistically no one will be able to touch Spokane as a team. Ever since their schools joined into the Community Colleges of Spokane they have been untouchable.

We are going to do our best to hurt them individually. Most of our team has the capability of winning individual titles. Justin Clark, Micah Adams, Andrew “Drewski” Russell, Sean Steele, Bendixen, Jenna Potter, and both of our relays. Last year we left the championship with third place as a team and five All-Americans. This year we are all set to do better for both the men and women.

With the level of competition and the caliber of our team there is no way that we shouldn’t place second as a team, third at worst for the men and place in the top seven for women.

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At 7:10 a.m. we left the vans, and headed to the ball field for the final day of our season. It all comes down to today. We play Lower Columbia College (LCC) in our first game this morning. I can feel the vibes, everybody is ready to play. However, despite all our effort we lose to LCC 2-1. But, we don’t let this get us down. We know that we out played them and are ready for our next opponent.

The next game is Mt.Hood again. We have no mercy. We are fired up and with a great game pitched by Lynne and some offensive highlights we take them 5-2.

We did it, we’re in the championship game! Despite the nearly 90 degree weather and exhaustion from the previous games, we’re ready to face LCC again. The adrenaline is high.

The next game is Mt.Hood again. We have no mercy. We are fired up and with a great game pitched by Lynne and some offensive highlights we take them 5-2.

The game seemed to be a battle from the beginning, our bats struggled, while LCC managed to produce runs on us. We gave it all we had, but wasn’t enough. The well rested Lady Devils beat us 5-1 to end our season.

Although we had our hearts set on first place, we were proud of our bitter-sweet second place finish.

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State Rep. Keiser juggles issues and jobs

By Nikki Woodhouse

State Rep. Karen Keiser, D-33rd District, could be a circus performer with a great juggling act.

Every day, Keiser splits her time and energy between being a wife, a mother of three, a state legislator, and a member of the Highline Board of Trustees.

"I have no free time," said Keiser.

She said she wouldn't have been able without the support of her helpful husband and her three children: David; 17; Elizabeth; 16; and Marc, 12. However hectic her life is, she seems content with where she is now and is happy with where her life has taken her.

Keiser was born Sept. 29, 1947 in Sioux City, Iowa, where she stayed until moving with her parents to California just before her senior year of high school. She said that it was because of the move that she really learned how to study. She didn't know anybody in the area.

"My perspective changed. It was phenomenal," said Keiser. In her senior year, Keiser went from a C average to being on the honor roll.

When Keiser went to college, she had her sights set on becoming an attorney. She quickly changed her mind after working for a year as a paralegal.

Keiser earned a B.A. in political science and her master's in journalism. Karen's interest in politics stemmed from her family environment. Her parents were always interested about politics and discussing the news. From them, she learned to look outward.

Before studying journalism in college, Keiser had no experience in news writing. She compares being in public office to being a reporter.

"In both positions, you have a chance to meet a lot of people, learn new things. You're not stuck in an office but rather have a chance to move around, encountering many different approaches," said Keiser.

Before taking public office, Keiser worked as the communications director at the Washington State Labor Council.

"I never planned on being in public office," said Keiser. She recalls her first time running for office.

"The most important thing is to know your vision, why you want to work, and being able to communicate that," she said.

Keiser was appointed to the Washington State House of Representatives in January 1996 and re-elected in November 1996 and 98.

"I don't think of the Legislature as a lifetime career," said Keiser. "The first two years are a learning period." She feels that in such a complex system, you're most effective after you've served a couple of terms.

"After serving the first couple of terms already, I'll probably serve two to three more. That will be the extent of my patience," said Keiser. Keiser has three committee assignments, including Appropriations, Education, and Financial Institutions and Insurance. The Appropriations Committee is the gate-keeper for funding.

The committee for financial institutions and insurance oversees banks, credit unions and insurance industry practices.

"I have to try to avoid unintended negative consequences." There are rewards to serving on the Legislature.

"I think that we can make this state a better place. My watchword is to do no harm, but my goal is to make things better," said Keiser.

Keiser has been able to be an advocate for colleges in the legislature. Highline in particular.

"It's a juggle, no doubt about that," said Keiser.

Keiser feels she had more of a say this session due to the even 49-49 split in the house.

"It was a 180 degree change from being a minority member," she said. As a minority member in the House, a legislator has less of a voice in positive policy and has to work on many issues in cooperation.

This session, there was no majority.

"We all had a voice. To make things work, we had to agree," said Keiser.

She is also a advocate for Highline at a more local level as she serves on the Highline Board of Trustees.

"It is hard for her to make the board meetings during the legislative session, but she keeps on top of what is going on nonetheless.

"We have the position of being responsible and responsive to the college and the community we serve," said Keiser.

The kinds of issues that the board addresses are the budget, wants and needs of the students and the community.

Last year, the board voted on whether to continue the jewelry and goldsmith program.

Aside from serving on the board, the Legislature, and being a mother and a wife, Keiser enjoys gardening. However, she has not had any time this year to do so. This could, in part, be due to the special session called by Gov. Locke.

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Veteran's Fountain will be rebuilt and rededicated

By William Straebaugh

The Veteran's Fountain is to be rebuilt and rededicated by Highline, said Chris Britten, buildings and grounds supervisor. The fountain was built in 1968.

The fountain is being rebuilt using more energy efficient pumps and more durable materials.

The old fountain was eventually filled in with gravel due to leaking problems and the old pump was wearing out.

The new materials and underground pump filters will only have to be changed twice a year, said Britten.

Funding for the rebuild will come from the money left over from Federal Emergency Management Association money that was given to the college for damage inflicted by the big wind storm two years ago.

Photo courtesy of Virg Staiger

Governor Gary Locke, Highline student Lianne Lindeke, Vice President of Administration Laura Saunders, State Representative Dow Constantine, D-34, and State Rep. Karen Keiser, D-33, at the State Capitol Building in Olympia.
Islam is good to women, man says

By BJ Stephensenson

Islam doesn't discriminate against women, a speaker said here last week.

Mohammed Joban of Indonesia spoke on "Women in Islam" May 24 in Toad Hall.

"People in the West find it difficult to differentiate between religion and culture," he said. He said that the duties, responsibilities, and rights of men and women were not determined by him or any other man, but by God. These laws of God were set down in the Islamic Koran by Mohammed.

He pointed out that the Koran never places men above women, or says that women are subjugated to themselves to their husbands. Joban said that this is in direct contrast to the Christian, Jewish and Hindu conceptions that blame women for sin.

Prior to Islam, women had no rights anywhere, according to Joban. "Islam was ahead of its time," he said.

Joban discussed what he called the "nature of women." "Women have their own special nature, and shouldn't be imitated men," he said.

Women have similar rights in the Koran with regard to the consequences for good or bad behavior. Women have the right to do whatever they want to do with their own property. Joban said that until the early 1900s no western culture acknowledged property ownership or political influence of women.

Islamic law sets out strict rules for inheritance. No child or wife can be disinherited or given an unequal portion. However, women inherit only a third of what male members in the same family inherit.

Joban again pointed out that this was the law of God, not man. According to Islamic law, a man is responsible for providing a dowry to a prospective bride's family, and for all family financial obligations thus, he is in need of more money. In fact, if a woman is without male support, the state must support her if she chooses not to work.

Islamic law instructs families to educate both man and woman. Women should be educated, as are the first teachers of the family.

Joban stressed that an Islamic woman is free to choose her own husband. She also keeps her own name. She may seek any career, but emphasis is on ensuring a stable home environment for the family.

Motherhood and pregnancy are highly respected states, said Joban. Pregnancy is considered a blessing and husbands are to treat their wives with special care.

Joban pointed out that the pains of childbirth are seen by Christians and Jews as punishment for Eve's supposed original sin.

The headscarf worn by Muslim women is symbolic and serves two purposes, said Joban. It allows women to be seen as persons rather than bodies, and it serves as protection from the lustful eyes of men.

Like the headscarf, poetry is seen as a protection for women. It allows widows to be married to brothers-in-law so they will have someone to support them. It ensures that if a wife is barren, another can be taken to provide heirs without abandoning the first.

Women couldn't have more than one husband, Joban said. "It would be too confusing when children are born," he said.

Joban reiterated that we must separate the conventional classroom and the study of marine life in the Puget Sound. He feels it's really important to have direct contact with the biological world.

"Diving's just a tool to explore marine biology," said Shabb. He focuses on the natural history of marine life in the Puget Sound with an emphasis on subtidal research.

Students will have the opportunity to dive in waters surrounding the Seattle area. In past years they have dove at Saltwater State Park, Alki Point, Alki Beach, Edmonds Underwater Recreation, and Edmonds Old Dock.

Students will need to be NAUI or PADI scuba diving certified and provide all their own equipment. Each diver will receive approximately 45 to 50 minutes of bottom time in the water.

"I want my students to gain a better appreciation for biological diversity, and what causes that diversity," said Shabb.

Originally designed as a continuing education class, the course has a 12-person limit, but can be taken for regular credits.

"The class is probably best for those who are recently certified and want to learn more about marine life. But experts are just as welcome."
Highline makes a happy Feller

By Omenka Nnadi
Staff Reporter

Megan Feller has a new sense of herself. She has self-confidence and self-esteem she didn’t have before she started school in the fall of 1998 at Highline. She loves school and believes going to school is a privilege.

Feller is a mother of three children, and the grandmother of three more. Arthritis made working impossible because she couldn’t be on her feet all day anymore. Her daughter suggested she go to back to school and recommend Highline.

Feller applied for financial aid and used the Career Center to find out what careers she could pursue.

“I took all the tests at the Career Center, and one of the career options that came back from the testing was legal secretary. I remembered that I had wanted to be a legal secretary way back in high school,” Feller said.

Feller enrolled in the legal secretary degree program at Highline. Her first day of school was very frightening.

“I was scared to death,” Feller said. “I felt like I was jumping off a cliff without a safety net.” She remembers wondering if she would remember how to learn, if she was really going to be able to accomplish her goal of graduating with a two-year degree.

“The teachers were wonderful. They helped me ease back into being a student after so many years out in the world,” Feller said.

Megan Feller is one of many older students that attend Highline.

She has stayed in school, and her greatest accomplishment so far was in Winter Quarter of 1999 when she achieved a 3.45 GPA. “I have learned lots about myself. I know that school is not just book learning, it’s a learning experience about myself,” Feller said.

“I have learned what I can do, what I like, and I fully understand why a person would choose to be a professional student,” Feller said.

Feller plans to be part of the graduating class of 2000. “My goal five years from now is to be a really good legal secretary — someone’s right arm in a smaller office. I am not looking to get rich, just to get paid for what I am worth,” Feller said.

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New drainage system coming soon

By Carrie Rhodes
Staff Reporter

The water drainage problem will be solved, the biology department will get an outdoor laboratory, the PE department will get a fun trail to walk on, and the rest of Highline campus will get to enjoy a beautiful and environmentally helpful park.

A few years ago, Pete Babington, director of facilities had a problem on his hands. The city, Des Moines, wasn’t able to students seemed like a waste.

Although ours won’t look anything like it, our pond park is modeled after a water treatment center/park in Renton on Monster Road, said Babington. This water treatment plant is a beautiful and that people have weddings there.

Along with cleaning up the environment, this park will be a great addition to the Highline biology department.

There will be six distinct Pacific Northwest Biology zones spread across the six acres. Mountain, meadow, wetland with open water emergent sub-zone, riparian, northwest forest and a transitional forest.

“The biology department will use this project as a living laboratory,” said Gary Barclay, head of the department.

Birds will be encouraged to find a home in this new forest by putting bird boxes around the park. Barclay hopes that the park will become a natural habitat for all kinds of forests species, not just birds.

The PE department will benefit from the looping trail around the park which will be a lot nicer to walk or jog thru than the track.

Around the park there will be information boards so people can understand how the system works to take pollution out of the water and slow the water flow down the ravine.

This project will start around May 1, the design done by Chuck Warstine of Susan Black and Associates, and will be done some time in October before the rains come.

Because of the massiveness of the project and the fact that thousands of plants must be planted, the area will look pretty unfinished and sparse the first year, said Babington.

As soon as it all grows up Highline will have a lush beautiful park, the biology department will have a living laboratory, the PE department will have a forest trail, and the fast flowing dirty water will be cleaned and slowed.

New staff members and administrators have come and gone, and White has stayed.

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White has gone from being a club coordinator to working with child care to bookkeeping and for the S&A Budget Committee. As an accounting major from the University of Washington she felt right at home with her last job transition.

“I wanted to do the job the best I could,” said White. “And I feel I did that.”

Three years ago White’s husband retired from the Federal Way School District as a teacher of 35 years, she has had the feeling to do the same.

After waiting a year to retire the White family has been looking forward to driving their 34 foot RV around the country.

She is also looking forward to spending more time with her grandchildren.

“I always wanted to work in education, and I have enjoyed working here,” she said.

Fellow staff and faculty members gave a retirement/birthday party for White at 2 p.m. in the Student Programs office in Building 8 on Tuesday, May 25.

White leaves Highline behind

By Evan Keck
Staff Reporter

On June 1, Student Programs will be losing a close friend. One of their own, Darlene White, will be retiring from her position as office lead.

Before she came to Highline White went to the University of Washington as an accounting major during the Korean War. While there she met her husband at a school dance and left school to get married.

While came to Highline Community College because of the beautiful campus and it was only seven miles from her house.

White is moving on after being at Highline for 25 years.

White has seen many changes on the campus. One of the biggest changes has been the growth of Student Programs.

Starting out with just a coordinator and herself, Student Programs has grown and White’s duties have changed as well.

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