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Thunder down under

Lady T-Birds take second in the NWAACC championships

By Charlie Steele
Staff Reporter

PORTLAND — The Lady Thunderbirds shined under the sun with a second-place finish at the NWAACC fastpitch championships last weekend.

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

On the way there, they beat Clackamas 7-2 and Mt. Hood 5-4 on Saturday. On Sunday, the T-Birds lost to Lower Columbia 2-1 before beating Mt. Hood 5-2 again to earn a rematch with Lower Columbia.

It was an extraordinary finish to a remarkable season. Highline wasn't among the favorites. After each win at least one person could be heard saying, "They won again," like they couldn't believe it.

"I'm very proud of the team. We came in underdogs, and knocked off two of the top teams," said centerfielder Amie Johnson about the T-Birds' outstanding tournament.

"They played to their potential. They put it all together on one weekend, the weekend that mattered most, and gave it their



Photo by Tyler Hurst

Amie Johnson celebrates after a teammate scored a run last weekend.

all on the field," said Head Coach Cara Hoyt. "They finished each day exhausted."

The team didn't wait long to jump into playoff mode. In game one versus No. 1 seed

Clackamas on Saturday, the T-Birds wasted no time in jumping on the Cougars on their way to a 7-2 victory.

Michelle Lee led off with a walk, and Saw jacked a two-run

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homer.

Clackamas came back with a run in the bottom half of the inning to make it 2-1, but that was the closest they would get.

Pitcher Tai Mansigh dominated the rest of the game. In innings two through six, every Clackamas batter was sent back to the bench hitless.

She finished the game with eight strikeouts while allowing only three hits and two runs.

Highline next faced the Mt. Hood Saints. This was Highline's worst-played game of the weekend and they still won 5-4. The team was flat the entire game while Hawrys battled the Saints from the pitching rubber.

Errors plagued Highline throughout the game. Four times they threw balls away after fielding bunts. Only one of the four runs the Saints scored on Hawrys was earned.

Highline got all their runs in one inning, a five-run fifth capped by Amy Strieb's bases-loaded double.

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Jovet beats out White for presidency

By Heather Baker
Staff Reporter

The results are in, and the winners have been notified.

With only 2.2 percent of the student body voting the election for new Student Government was close.

In the race for student body president, Renee Jovet outpolled Dru White 91-84.

The vice president of legisla-



Jovet

over Matthew Renner, 104-61. Next year Wainaina wants to

tion is John Fox, who beat George Kelley Jr., 84-76. Students chose Stewart Wainaina for vice president of administration

tackle the issues, especially parking, because he sees it as unresolved.

"I also want students to have more interaction with Student Government and the whole campus at-large," said Wainaina.

Kitty Richmire beat out Janice Valdez for club diplomat/treasurer, 89-81.

Richmire's main focus as club diplomat is to get more stu-

dents to participate in clubs.

"Basically, when (new) students come to orientation, I will inform them about clubs and also have club representatives there," said Richmire. "To get more current students involved, I will be out on campus advertising clubs and communicating with students about their inter-

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Fee for student center passes

By Evan Keck
Staff Reporter

Students will have to pay an extra \$25 this fall after a handful of their classmates voted to help pay for a new student center last week.

With only 202 of Highline's approximately 9,000 students voting, 104 said yes and 80 said no to helping pay for the \$13 million replacement for Building 8. The turnout was about 2 percent of the eligible voters.

"Most campuses have a 100-300 voter turnout," said Diane Anderson, Director of Student Programs. However, a recent election at Western Washington University, which has about 10,000 students, drew about 1,500 voters.

Though Student Government officials were disappointed with the voter turnout, they were pleased with the results.

"The students really worked hard getting the information out," Anderson said.

With voting made easier via the Internet -- it was possible to vote from anywhere on campus 24 hours a day -- Student Government expected a much bigger voter turnout.

"I'm mad about the amount of voters," said Vice President of Administration Nashonne Watkins. "It is sad that so many people didn't vote."

Some students were upset by news of the impending fees.

"What do we need a new three-story building for?" said student T. Rex. "I would meet a lot more people in a small building than in a great big building."

Other students were excited about the possibility of getting something new even if they are not around to actually see what they are investing their money

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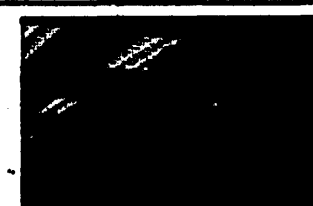
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Crime Blotter for the week of May 27

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 25.

Visitor falls faint

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

Hit and run riles student and Security

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

By Gabe Bonner
Staff Reporter

Roger Baden 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 cursillo leader, marriage counselor and religious education teacher.

Powell taught the first engi-



Roger Powell

neering classes at Highline, starting 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 Spring 1998 after an instructor had to leave at the last moment. His last second fill-in was greatly appreciated by friends and faculty who knew him since he first taught at Highline.

"He was a visionary, always pushing the envelope on changes that should be made at (Highline)," said Bob Maplestone, 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."

"He was a first class teacher," said Phil Sell, a fellow engineering instructor and Powell's long-

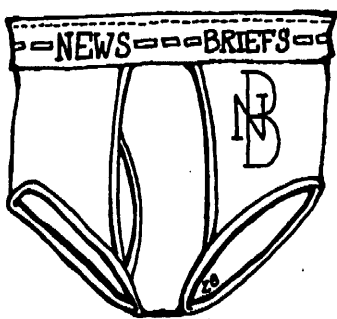
time friend. "He worked his students hard, but fairly and honestly."

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.

Maplestone 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 Maplestone at 206-878-3710, ext. 3521.



Volunteers needed for Cram Nights

Volunteers are needed to provide support to tired students cramming for finals.

Cram Nights will be Sunday, June 6 through Tuesday, June 8.

Shifts that need to be filled are 9:30-11:30 p.m. or 11:30 p.m.-1 a.m. every night.

They are also looking for donations of juice and snacks to feed both volunteers and those studying.

Anyone who would like to volunteer can call Denny

Steussy at 206-878-3710, ext. 3534.

Student Awards night held today

Student Programs will be holding their annual Student Awards banquet tonight in the Pavilion at 7 p.m. Awards will be given to students from all programs at the college.

A slide show entitled "A Portrait of Highline" will be shown. Refreshments will also be served.

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 invita-

tions will be included. For information contact Joanne Jordan at 206-878-3710, ext. 3244.

New accountant for business office

Consuelo Castro has been promoted from accounts receivable fiscal technician to accountant for the Highline business office.

She will be filling the vacancy left by April Hooks.

S&A budget panel wraps up year

The Service and Activities committee passed final contingency fund requests yesterday.

On the behalf of student government, Santana Villa, student body president, gave the S&A back \$1,200 to fund equipment requests.

A two part motion was passed to fund Thunderword

and Drama equipment requests. The motion was that the S&A will fund the equipment requests in full and any left over money will be given to the Tutoring Center.

Final good-byes were said to Diane White, secretary of the S&A committee, who is retiring this Friday.

S&A Budget Committee Chairman Mark Kissler reflected on the past year, "It has been enlightening to see how different things get funded and how the students interact with the school."

Correction to last week's fine arts fair

In a photo in last week's Thunderword, a woman participating in the Bookstore's Renaissance 2000 Fair was incorrectly identified as gypsy. She was, in fact, a jester.

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Santana Villa thrives on presidential voyage

Last year Santana Villa shocked everyone, including himself, by winning the 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



Photo by Raul Sedano

Santana Villa really didn't think he would be elected. He now waits for his term as president to be over.

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 quarter 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

"I didn't think I was going to be elected. I was really shocked."

--Santana Villa

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] Sorenson and Dr. [Laura] Saunders, who speeded up the process, we will be able to vote on it this spring," Villa said.

And now with Renee 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.

AS degree in the works for Highline

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.

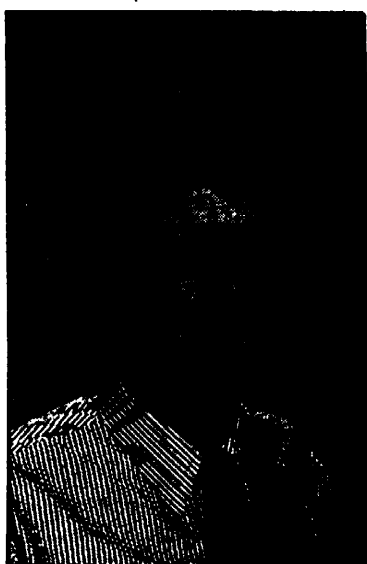
The degree would include more math and science courses, and fewer offerings from arts, humanities and social sciences.

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 of-



Bob Maplestone

fered soon since we have to design these three groups of study area in one degree for state wide. It probably will take a couple more quaters to start," said Bob Maplestone, 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 Sell, 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 stu-

dents complete A.A. option B each year.

"There are many students transferring without finishing either degree," said Maplestone.

The associate of science degree is specifically designed for science students who are planning to transfer to four-year institutions. Proponents say this would 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.

Maplestone just attended a meeting at the University of 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.

Three students win WAVE awards

By Dustin Richardson
Staff Reporter

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

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.

Koch, a computer information systems student, is treasurer of the computer club, a student government representative and a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Wicorek is studying in the library technician program. She is an active member in the HALT club and organizes tours and newsletters. She also records the minutes of the advisory board meetings and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

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 their 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, however, the social security number is quite possibly the worst to use in such an open, easy to steal method.

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.

It would then 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 out at the top.

Also, when students retrieve registration, schedule, or grade information off 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.

Most colleges have gone away from using the social security number as the student ID number because it is not only the right 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 a student enters in the beginning followed by either a random number assigned by a computer or the sequence in which the student registered would be a rather easy way to fill those nine digits.

Students are allowed to change their student ID number from the social security number, but most are unaware of this, and also unaware of what can happen when it is stolen, so they don't change them.

If registration can change the student ID numbers of those students who ask for it, surely they should be able to assign numbers to students as they enter.

This change is long overdue, and it as we approach the new millenium, it is about time that student ID numbers catch up with the security needs of students.

Softball team should be commended for high finish

The Thunderbird softball team headed to Portland last weekend, where they competed in the NWAACC championship tournament.

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.

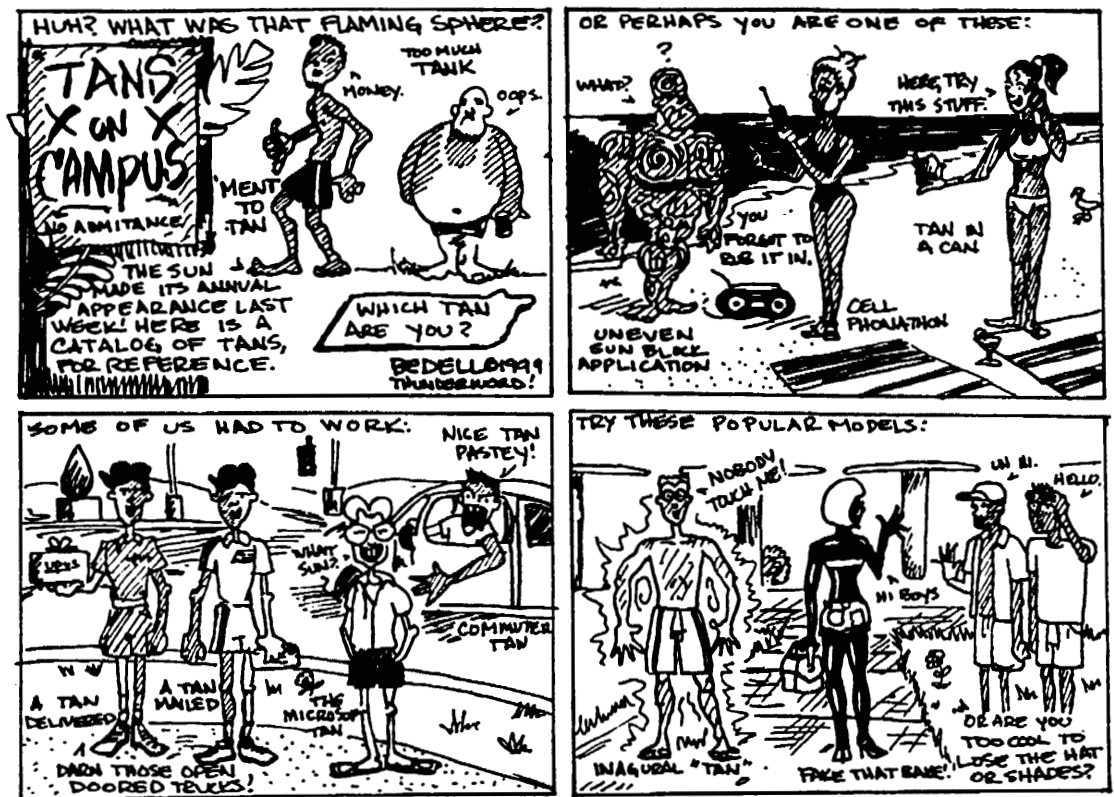
After barely scraping by and having their playoff hopes almost dashed in the season's final week, they had to face a tough Clackamas team, who was the top seed coming out of the Southwest.

From then on, they stood up to all challenges and played tough, eventually losing in the championship game.

Their togetherness through turmoil, including multiple midseason defections and the removal of a returning starter, is a testament to their toughness, as well as their coaching.

The track team heads in to this week's championships only a year removed from a fight for survival and acquainted with the kind of things the softball team has endured. Like the softball team, they haven't given up, and represent Highline with all they have.

The spring sports teams have accomplished things which the college community should be proud of.



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.

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

Fear not, I have a plan.

Next week, I will be introducing textbooks on tape, with a musical background. Mace has already been signed to do the mixing, so a couple of the more hip books, like sociology, can actually be played while barbecuing with friends.

These tapes will be available for the low price of \$29.99, a steal considering most textbooks cost four times that much.

Thinking
Out Loud

This is a market that has yet to be tapped, enabling students with less free time and minimal work ethic a chance to slack more.

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.

Or classes could be next to the volleyball court, enabling students waiting in line to play a chance to be lectured at while sitting in the grass.

Graduation is coming up, too.

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 that 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. Could be.

It is also nice being on track after two years, instead of behind a quarter or two like most of my friends who went to four year institutions. They spent too much time drinking and partying, while I, still living at home, didn't have quite the opportunity to party until I fell over.

I'll save all that for WSU.

Tyler fights, fights, fights for Washington State and victory.

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Too bad bees make honey instead of butter.

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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 streets was very eye-opening to those of us who have not had it as tough as her. Highline students need to make themselves aware of different people and happenings in this area and in the world.

Also, the articles about the segregation of the different cultural groups on campus were also much needed. These articles were printed just after multicultural week. Have you ever noticed the lunchroom and upstairs? There are groups of people here and there, and seldom do the colors and cultures mix. The reasons are more complex than just nobody bothers - or wants to - leave their group. Rather, it has to do with our comfort zones. For example, I would like to meet some students from Asia and the Middle East, and often times, I see a few people are sitting at a table in Building 8 and speaking a language other than English. How do I approach them? Some of them are just new here, and their English is not perfect, how do they meet people outside of their language group, just walk up to them and strike up a conversation? Unless someone is sitting alone, it is harder than you think. We all need to do our part. You can

learn a lot by meeting other people.

Black, white and Asian students from the United States also tend to separate. Ever see a white person at the ping pong table? How about on the Tazza side of the lunchroom? Usually only Japanese students coagulate there. I have also noticed that many black students remain upstairs as well. I have met a few Japanese students and some Latinos who try to mix it up, but not enough. There is an international table in the lunchroom on Wednesdays, but it is often empty. I also heard that the conversation club was in need of more English speakers, as there were plenty of non-native English speakers. Again, you can learn a lot by meeting different people. We all have a story to tell, just like the woman on the streets.

In 1989, I went to school at Washington State University. Even back then, I began to get used to the stares by the few leftover old-fashioned townspeople when I would enter the Taco Bell with my black friend. And I expected some other students to ask me why I would hang out with Mexicans, and they did (by the way, some of them were Colombians; not all Spanish speakers are Mexican). But now, there is every opportunity here to break stereotypes and mix it up-it can be fun. Let's talk about the many clubs at HCC, most say they are open to anybody. Try them out and make them live up to their word. Clubs range from the Sign Lan-

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 a prayer of thanks when the whale died. 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

guage club, to the computer club, and from the Christian Students Association, to the Rainbow Pride club and all things in between. You can get involved or just attend one of their functions to see where their group is coming from. You might actually make a friend- would that be so horrible?

In a recent party for all clubs, held in Building 8 upstairs, I decided to get involved. A few Latina women taught me how to dance a bit better, thank you. When I went to get some pizza

Commentary

Omonka Nnadi

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 Rodney King beating over and over. It is like watch the atomic bomb explosion over and over and over. It is violence.

Violence is justified for survival. Killing pigs and chickens and cows and buffalo for food to survive on is no different.

So I wonder what the protesters are protesting? Are they protesting the violence? Are they protesting the survival of an aboriginal tribe? Are they protesting the culture of an aboriginal tribe?

I haven't seen any protesting

however, the woman in charge of the food asked me for my ticket. I did not have one, when she asked me what club I was in, I told her "the conversation club." She said, "That's not good enough." Well I finally did get my pizza when she left, but that just about summarizes, my long article. Someone tries to get involved or get to know different people, but there is always something, or someone that stops us. Let's all do better. I'll try, won't you?

Tom Fletcher

down in Pioneer Square when a Native American dies in the gutter from drug overdosing and/or alcoholism.

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.

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

It makes them survivors.

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

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 bummed.

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 re-

Marta's Moment

By Marta D. Pelayo



cent 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 airdate 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) accidentally 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*, starring David Boreanaz and Charisma Carpenter, (Cordelia) leaving many questions as to how key characters leave Sunnydale.

This season of *Buffy* has just been ruined.

Marta will be starring in *Wanda the Werewolf Domesticator* next season on Fox.

Tickling the ivories

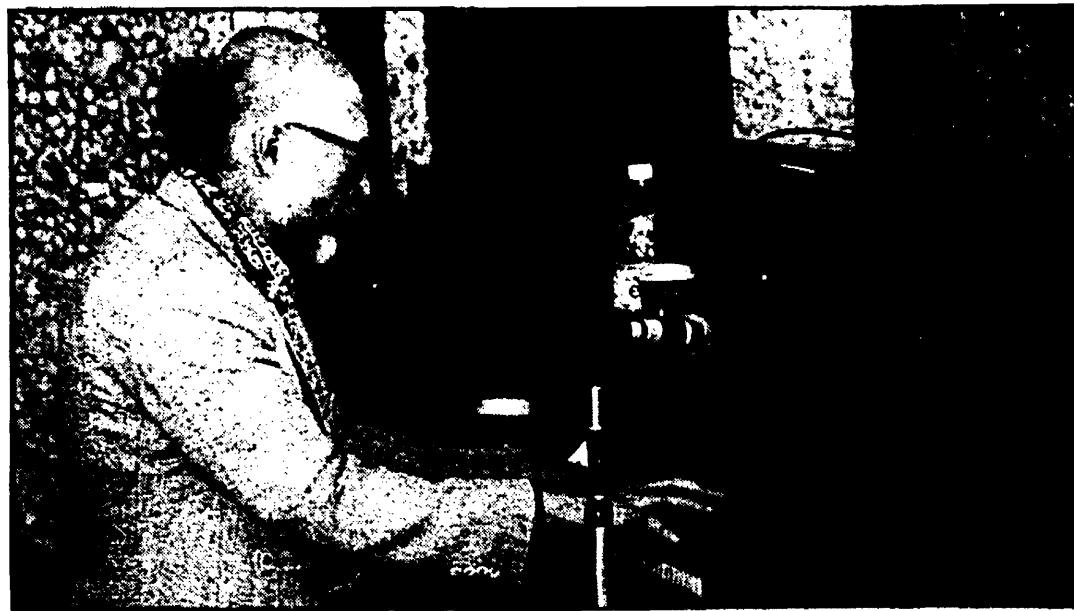


Photo by Raul Sedano

Butch Nordal performed last Friday as part of the Fine Arts Festival.

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.

Ott 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



Ott

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 *Stop 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 all plays to 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 breather, it's time to get down to the nitty-gritty: Was it worth it?

The answer: Heck yeah!

While *The Phantom Menace* is not without flaws, it is still an exceptional movie.

The never-ending barrage of elaborate costumes, hi-tech droids, and spectacular scenery more than make up for the lack of chemistry between the cast.

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

As for kid actor Jake Lloyd, he handles his task well, which



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Ewan McGregor kicks Sith lord tail in *Episode One*.

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.

Writer/director George Lucas compensates for that with fan-

tastic 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 a group of E.T. senators.)

So don't buy into the bandwagon bashing of *Star Wars*. Go see it, it's awesome.

Folklife festival this weekend

By Eileen Lambert
Staff Reporter

Seattle Center is going to be alive with music, awash with color, 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 beginning 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 artisans, the Uncommon Market featuring folk and ethnic imported and domestic products, and the Music Emporium offering musical instruments and accessories from around the country.

- Impromptu jam sessions

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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 professional influence — the late, great Sir Laurence Olivier.

In *Instinct*, a moderately intelligent, if somewhat overwrought psychological thriller from Director John Turteltaub (*Phenomenon*), Hopkins once again delivers a flawless performance — compelling and utterly convincing as Dr. Ethan Powell, an indisputably brilliant college professor who suffers a nervous breakdown and abruptly abandons civilized society to run with the wild gorillas. I won't dare reveal why or how this sudden loss of sanity is triggered, only to say that the mercury on the screenplay's plausibility thermometer reaches boiling point in this regard.

The film opens in the country of Rwanda as Hopkins is being transferred from African authorities to a maximum-security facility for the criminally insane somewhere in Florida.



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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.

We learn through fragmented flashbacks that in an attempt to defend his fellow apes from slaughter, Powell attacks a group of park rangers, killing two of them, and is subsequently placed in a solitary cell in a

dank African jail.

Upon returning to the states, Powell's case earns ample attention from the scientific community who are eager to learn how a once highly regarded professor can be reduced to a

murderous brute.

Dr. Theo Caulder, played by Cuba Gooding Jr., is a resident psychiatrist initially assigned to assist the sessions with Powell.

This is where the film flourishes — in these exquisitely act-

ed scenes involving Hopkins (a role at one time offered to Sean Connery) and Gooding Jr. who is ideally cast as the young, arrogant, and ultimately sympathetic protagonist.

There's a tired, overly sentimental subplot involving Powell's daughter (Maura Tierney) who hopes to salvage the damaged relationship with her estranged father.

There is also far too much psychological jargon that, when push comes to shove, is only mildly interesting and even less novel.

However, Hopkins delivers a well defined, wonderfully realized character — providing a multitude of complexities and intrigue.

But it's his riveting performance that works, rather than the overstrained, minimally serviced screenplay, and Turteltaub's unimaginative direction. An actor's film indeed.

Hopkins's unequivocal presence, coupled with powerful, stirring chemistry between he and Gooding Jr., result in passable drama — an alternative perhaps to that media-starved "indie" flick by George Lucas.

One-acts an overwhelming success

Folklife

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By Teresa C. Moreau
Staff Reporter

Saturday was the final evening of the Student Directed One Acts. The Little Theater in Building 4 was packed full of students, family, and friends on hand to support the drama department.

The first act, titled *Trifles*, was a whodunit murder mystery. The play, which takes place in the early 1900s, was hard to follow and moved a bit too slow for some. The male chauvinist sheriff constantly criticized the women, yet, in the end, the women provided the intended punchline. However, the humor drew few laughs.

The acting was decent, but the script tended to make for dry interaction.

The lights went down and up went *Outlaws*. Horace (Gina Bourdage) and Marvin (Chris P. Flanders) crouched behind a rock, while trying to talk them-

selves out of a gun fight. A truly terrific comedic effort.

Bourdage was dead on as the witty southern belle, who meets her fate from a band of cowboys -- her comic delivery well prepared.

Neil Simon's *California Suite* was about two couples' ongoing quarrel while on vacation. After a tiring tennis match, Beth (Michelle Day) sprains her ankle and her husband Mort (Robert Dale Riley) is fed up with the other couple and won't quit griping about the match.

Anna McKinley played Gert, a prissy Cosmo type girl, whose clumsy antics made for great physical comedy, and Colin Hovde was wonderful as Stu, her scrawny nerd husband who attempts to pick a fight with muscle man Mort. The act concluded with a pillow fight involving the two babes, while the men duked it out. Well done.

Flop Cop was a high energy

comedic romp.

Taylor, who turned in a strong performance playing a crazed loon, refuses to hand over his play to officer Mike Murphy, a black haired, light-eyed heartthrob played by Jason Holtzclaw. 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 are 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 script and turned it to gold. *The Family Continues*, a satiric dark comedy, chronicles the event-laden life of Steve, played smartly by Adam Sanders.

Steve grows up, goes to

Flop Cop was a high energy comedic romp

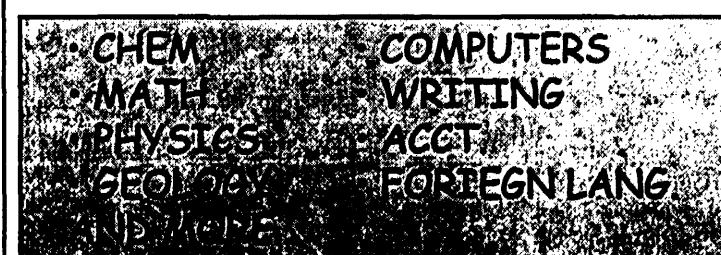
school, gets married, and dies all in control of the narrator (Feilani Ombac). The acting was marvelous, and the script (which has numerous situations happening in the back and foreground) was highly original and inventive.

All of the hard work and perspiration paid off for the several cast members, who delivered excellent performances in well-directed productions.

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T-Birds savor triumphant season

By Charlie Steele
Staff Reporter

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 high 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 lows," said Macfarlane about Highline's fastpitch season.

Things weren't always so great for the team this season. That's shown by their overall record of 26-21.

Coming into the final week of the regular season the team was in second place and everything looked great.

But the T-Birds then suffered three losses in five games, and their hopes of a post-season dropped to almost nothing.

With a stroke of luck Highline ended in a three-way tie with Wenatchee Valley and Big Bend for third place in the NWAACC Northeast Division.

The tie created a one-game playoff between Highline and Big Bend for the final playoff spot.

The team won that game and put together an amazing run at



Photo by Tyler Hurst

Catcher Jody Case, named to the tournament all star team, bangs out a hit against Mt. Hood last Saturday at the NWAACC tournament.

the championships.

That up and down play was typical of the whole season.

"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 right-fielder Lynne Hawrys.

"The games we had to win, we did," said catcher Jody Case. 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 Tai Mansigh had one of the conference's best ERAs.

Saw was also named to the NWAACC all-tournament team along with teammates Hawrys, Case, and centerfielder Amie Johnson.

The team also had three players nominated for all-star play at the end of the season, and all three—Saw, Mansigh, and

Johnson—were chosen.

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

But, she added, "The team will have tough games against the South."

Next year's team should also be very successful.

The team is moving to the Southwest Division, and they proved this weekend, beating Clackamas once and Mt. Hood twice, that they can play with the division's best.

"Looks good, really good," said Hoyt about next season.

T-Birds fly together at right time

Congratulations to the Lady T-Birds Fastpitch for placing second at NWAACCs.

The T-Birds were the underdogs going into the playoffs, but after strong performances from everyone on the team, they placed second and proved that they weren't to be messed with.

"I think we surprised a lot of people," said first baseman Melissa Macfarlane. "They thought we were nobodies."

The Score Card

By Stephanie Allen



"A two-run homer hit by third baseman Heather Saw in the first inning of the first game started off the whole weekend and it kept going from there," Head Coach Cara Hoyt said.

Hoyt said that she was happy everyone was playing their best. Players Amy Strieb, Amie Johnson, Jody Case, Saw, and Tai Mansigh all performed particularly well.

"We surprised a lot of teams," said Hoyt.

What a way to end the season. I'm sure there were discouraging times when the team had lost all hope for a chance at NWAACCs. It had been a pretty rocky ride but they've done well and came out on top.

"We were fired up to go and play," said catcher Jody Case.

So I guess my self-fulfilling prophecy advice worked then. They visualized their success and they got it. It may not be first place but the only thing better than second is first and the only things worse than second is: third, fourth, fifth, sixth, so on and so forth.

Besides it wasn't a fair fight for the T-Birds.

Lower Columbia had gotten a two hour break before playing the final game, and it was the T-Birds' third game of the day. They had to have been hot and tired. I hope this team that plays well together can party well together, because they should be out celebrating. Mansigh had once told me that they were a very close team, they're kinda like *A League of Their Own*.

It's funny to think that two weeks ago the T-Birds thought their season was through and that there was no chance at the playoffs. Now two weeks later they are the second best fastpitch team in all of NWAACC.

Fastpitch

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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.

Highline did its best battling LyBrand, who finished the regular season with a 28-7 record, but one run was all they could muster. Strieb doubled and scored with a perfect slide, avoiding the catcher's tag after the ball beat her to the plate.

"We outplayed them, the scoreboard says so. We made no errors, we out hit them, we should have won," said Mansigh after the loss. But, she added, "we're not through yet."

The loss forced the Lady

Thunderbirds into the loser's bracket to play Mt. Hood for a second time.

Hawrys, pitching for the second time in less than 24 hours, produced Highline's second dominating pitching performance of the championships. She threw a complete game, allowing only two unearned runs while walking two and giving up four hits, and striking out 10.

Most of Highline's offense again came in one big inning, this time on four runs in the fourth. The game ended with Johnson running down a deep line drive in left-centerfield.

The T-Birds' third victory of the tourney moved them into the championship to face Lower Columbia for a second time.

The Lady Thunderbirds came in almost completely drained after four games in just over 24 hours.

Plus they had to take their hacks against LyBrand again, and that proved to be their downfall.

Hawrys was forced to pitch a

second straight game, because Mansigh's arm was too sore to get loose.

Hawrys and LyBrand both sent their opposing line-ups down in order in the first inning. Then, after another 1-2-3 inning by LyBrand, second baseman Angie Ramos tagged a leadoff homer off Hawrys in the bottom of the second.

Helping herself out, Hawrys reached on an error to start the third.

She then advanced on a sacrifice bunt by Melissa Macfarlane before scoring to tie the game after an error on a ball hit by Lee.

The game didn't stay tied for long. Hawrys ran out of gas and Mansigh was forced to come in. But not before the Red Devils scored four runs on four hits, two errors, and one walk on their way to a 5-1 victory.

After the game, Saw didn't think LyBrand was as good as she seemed.

She thought she just threw harder than the team was used to

and that the T-Birds psyched themselves out.

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.

"We played a great game. Lower Columbia is a great team. They're hard to get around, but we gave it our best effort," said Hoyt.

"No bad feelings," said Johnson.

Lee led the team in runs (5), Strieb in hits (6) and RBIs (7). Saw had the team's only homer. Every player who saw action had at least one hit and either an RBI or run scored.

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

"It was awesome, it felt so good, but next year we'll take it all," said Strieb to fellow freshman Meghann Hall.



Catcher Jody Case, who was named to the all-tournament team, after missing a Mt. Hood runner at the plate.

Lynne Hawrys, left, fires a pitch in Highline's second round game versus Mt. Hood. Below, Meghann Hall slides to score a run.



Second to one

After our final practice of the season it was time to load the vans and 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 added to the commotion 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 at around 8 p.m. After checking into our rooms 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

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Tal Mansigh

how we were going to do it. And after some encouraging words from coach Hoyt we left to our rooms for the night.

I left 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 about "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 seeping 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 visualizations.

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

After a breakfast ranging in coffee, juice, cereal, toast, bagels, fruit, pancakes, eggs, muf-

fins, 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 spanked Clackamas had went. Until a double

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Photos by Tyler Hurst

Lynne Hawrys, right, named a tournament all-star, hugs first baseman Melissa Macfarlane after beating Mt. Hood.



The Lady T-Birds walk off the field after winning 5-4 against Mt. Hood.



On track: Can anyone catch the Sasquatch?

Spokane Sasquatch: After taking first place in last year's NWAACC 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 10 times in the 100m, 200m and the 400m.

Spokane runners Lane, Ryan Bergere, Pete Lopez and Morris hold the No. 2-5 spots in the 400m sprint. Tim Marks is looking at taking first in the high jump. His highest jump to date was 6'10".

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 NWAACCs in three of the 21 events.

Athletes to watch: Ahril Bauman heads the top of the 5,000m, with an unheard of 16 second lead ahead of the next runner, and is also qualified for the 1,500m and 10,000m. Mike

| Men's event schedule for championships | | |
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| May 27, 1999 | | |
| Start | Event | Round |
| Noon | Hammer Throw | Final |
| 1:00 p.m. | Pole Vault | Final |
| 2:00 p.m. | 10,000 Meter Run | Final |
| 3:00 p.m. | 110m High Hurdles | Preliminary |
| 3:00 p.m. | Long Jump | Final |
| 3:25 p.m. | 400m Sprint | Preliminary |
| 3:30 p.m. | Discus Throw | Final |
| 3:45 p.m. | 100m Dash | Preliminary |
| 4:05 p.m. | 800m Run | Preliminary |
| 4:30 p.m. | 400m Inter Hurdles | Preliminary |
| 4:50 p.m. | 200m Dash | Preliminary |
| May 28, 1999 | | |
| Noon | High Jump | Final |
| Noon | Javelin Throw | Final |
| 1:00 p.m. | 3,000m Steeplechase | Final |
| 1:25 p.m. | 4x100m Relay | Final |
| 1:40 p.m. | 1,500m Run | Final |
| 2:00 p.m. | Triple Jump | Final |
| 2:00 p.m. | Shot Put | Final |
| 2:05 p.m. | 110m High Hurdles | Final |
| 2:20 p.m. | 400m Sprint | Final |
| 2:30 p.m. | 100m Dash | Final |
| 2:45 p.m. | 800m Run | Final |
| 3:10 p.m. | 400m Inter Hurdles | Final |
| 3:25 p.m. | 200m Dash | Final |
| 3:50 p.m. | 5,000m Run | Final |
| 4:15 p.m. | 4x400m Relay | Final |

Rivers leads in the javelin throw, and Brian Rohrer tops the pole vault. Mike Bonadurer 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 touch Spokane," said Head Coach Tracy Brigham. "The T-Birds landed a third place finish at last year's NWAACCs, right behind Spokane and Clackamas. Brigham feels that the hurdles is where the T-Birds will do really well."

Athletes to watch: Dagen Bendixen is a likely candidate to place in the top three of the 5,000m and the 10,000m runs. He placed third in the 5,000m last year and is ranked second this year. Also likely to do well is Dominique Demouchet. Demouchet will be participating in six

events, including the long jump, triple jump, and both the 4x100m relay and the 4x400m relay teams.

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

Micah Adams could place in the pole vault if he is not bothered by a pulled hamstring that he suffered in the SPU Invitational.

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 discus.

"We have a chance at second, but we at least want to be in the top three," said Head Coach Keith Maneval.

Athletes to watch: Sergio Cabada is less than a second behind the fastest time in the 1,500m. Nick Wells is in contention for the long jump title, as well as Armando Grajeda for the 800m.

The Clark Penguins and the Lane Titans are also sending hopefuls to the championships, but are not expected to do as well.

Although a Clark runner holds the second best time in the 100m and the third best time in the 200m, Head Coach Joe Harlan does not feel they are really contenders. He does have a simple plan for success though: "Score as much as we can, and finish as high as we can."

— Compiled by
Gabe Bonner

Thunderbirds send 16 to NWAACCs 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 NWAACC 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 Bendixen, 5,000m and the 10,000m runs, and Andrew Russell, 800m run and the 4x400m relay team.

Highline has very high hopes for NWAACCs.

"Everyone we are taking down there is going to score," 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 Richart. "The freshmen will need another year until they're 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.

Bendixen is also a favorite to place high. He is ranked second in the 5,000m run and took third

in the event last year.

"I'm hoping for top three in either the 10k or the 5k," said Bendixen.

Jorge Guevara is excited to be going to NWAACCs.

"It's my first college championships," said Guevara. "I've been working real hard and I plan to do my best just like everyone else."

Guevara is qualified in the 110m high hurdles and the 400m intermediate hurdles. Head Coach Tracy Brigham expects the hurdlers to do really well. She believes the hurdles are one of their strong spots.

"I am expecting the bald eagles to sweep the 400 hurdles," said Chris Hall, who is qualified in both the 400 hurdles and the 110 hurdles.

Both of the relay teams are

expected to do well.

"I think our 4x100 has a great chance of beating Spokane," said Andy Hanson, who runs the third leg of the 4x100.

Some of Highline's hopefuls did not think they were going to make it. Their times did not place them in the top 16, so they figured it was over.

Due to people scratching out of events, Richart went from 21 to 11 in the 400m sprint, making him eligible to run.

In the field events, Highline is lacking in the throwing area, but is strong in the jumps.

Demouchet and Hanson are both qualified in the long jump and look promising for high places.

Micah Adams has a good chance at placing in the pole vault, but only if he is at 100

percent.

"I'm coming in with very high hopes," said Adams. "I have a chance at being champion in the pole vault."

In the high jump, Sean Steele is ranked in the top five, but has the capability of being No. 1.

"Sean could place in the top three," said Brigham. "He could win if he jumped to his potential."

Steele's personal best is 7' two inches higher than the No. 1 ranked person at NWAACCs. He finished second last year, but has been injured this year.

Brigham says it is hard to tell exactly how everyone will do, but says that Highline is in a tight battle with Mt. Hood, Clackamas, Lane and Clark to take home second and third place honors.

Spokane, Clark battle for first in Eugene

Spokane Squatch: The Community Colleges of Spokane have assembled a strong team to compete in this year's NWAACC finals. No category is without a Sasquatch, 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. Cydney Edmonds leads the heptathlon, the long jump, and is second in the 100m high 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. They have the quality athletes to place first in several events, but they don't have the quantity to secure the second and third place points that could put them ahead of Spokane, who will put 25 quality athletes into the finals.

Athletes to watch: Crystal Glenn leads the 800m, and has the second best time in the 1,500m and 3,000m. Emily George leads the 400m intermediate hurdles and is qualified in the heptathlon, along with teammate Alison Sheaffer. Sheaffer is also first in the triple jump and second in the high jump.

Lane Titans: Lane has only two athletes in leading categories, but they have many within striking distance. If they can garner enough second and first place points, they could have a shot at third.

Athletes to watch: N. Echavaria has the fastest time in the 100m high hurdles, and teammate Amy Hill leads the women's high jump.

Mt. Hood Saints: Although the Saints have many athletes

qualified to compete in almost every event, most don't seem to have the scores that will earn them medals. No Mt. Hood athletes lead any category, and only two are in second place. Three hold third place times or distances, and the rest of the team is fourth or below. Although the qualifying lists are obviously not the final say in who places where in the finals, they are a

fair indication of who will be on the podium when the dust settles. However, if all of their athletes have a good meet, it is conceivable that they might place third behind Spokane and Clark.

Athletes to watch: Angelique Davis is second in the triple jump, and is qualified in the long jump. Suzy Heidman is only six inches short of the best

mark in the conference, and the 400m relay is 0.12 second behind the lead.

Chemeketa Storm: Chemeketa is looking to place in the top three in NWAACCs, said Head Coach Ed Ford. "It's between us, Lane, and Mt. Hood for third place after Spokane and Clark. The key for us to be third is getting people to place where they are supposed to."

The Storm are heavy on sprinters, but somewhat underrepresented in field events. If their sprinters place high where they are supposed to, they will secure enough first and second place points to make a run for third. However, even if they do not perform as well as they like this year, the team is composed almost all freshmen, with only three athletes leaving after this year.

Athletes to watch: Daisy Pressley is a sprinting specialist, currently posting the fastest time in the 400m, and the second-fastest in the 100m and 200m. The 400m relay is first in the conference, and the 1,600m relay is second. Jackie Bashaw is a close third in both the 100m and 200m.

Highline Thunderbirds: The T-Birds only have eight athletes qualified for the finals, but even those don't have times or distances that can compete with most of the women leading the charts. Head Coach Tracy Brigham expects every athlete to do their best—but even their best might not be enough to place this year against powerhouses like Spokane and Clark.

Athletes to watch: Jenoa Potter is ranked third in the high jump, and has a good shot at the gold. Rachael Schwartz could place high in the pole vault, but since this is its first year in NWAACC competition, it is a non-scoring event.

— Gabe Bonner

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

May 27, 1999

| Start | Event | Round |
|-----------|--------------------|-------------|
| Noon | High Jump | Final |
| Noon | Pole Vault | Final |
| Noon | Shot Put | Final |
| 1:00 p.m. | 10,000m Ru | Final |
| 1:00 p.m. | Long Jump | Final |
| 2:30 p.m. | Javelin Throw | Final |
| 2:45 p.m. | 100m High Hurdles | Preliminary |
| 3:15 p.m. | 400m Sprint | Preliminary |
| 3:35 p.m. | 100m Dash | Preliminary |
| 3:55 p.m. | 800m Run | Preliminary |
| 4:15 p.m. | 400m Inter Hurdles | Preliminary |
| 4:40 p.m. | 200m Dash | Preliminary |
| 5:00 p.m. | 3,000m Run | Final |

May 28, 1999

| | | |
|-----------|--------------------|-------|
| Noon | Triple Jump | Final |
| Noon | Discus Throw | Final |
| 1:20 p.m. | 4x100m Relay | Final |
| 1:30 p.m. | 1,500m Run | Final |
| 1:55 p.m. | 100m High Hurdles | Final |
| 2:00 p.m. | Hammer Throw | Final |
| 2:15 p.m. | 400m Sprint | Final |
| 2:25 p.m. | 100m Dash | Final |
| 2:40 p.m. | 800m Run | Final |
| 3:00 p.m. | 400m Inter Hurdles | Final |
| 3:20 p.m. | 200m Dash | Final |
| 3:30 p.m. | 5,000m Run | Final |

Young team takes off for first ever championships

By Paris Hansen
Staff Reporter

For the first time ever Highline is sending a women's team to the track NWAACC championships.

A total of eight lady T-Birds qualified or made the top 16 in their event to be eligible to compete in the championships.

Highline has many athletes to gain points during the meet.

Competing in the meet are Jenoa Potter, high jump; Carrie Booth, 10,000m and 5,000m run; Yavan Harper, triple jump; Angie Upchurch, 1,500m run; Rachel Moyer, 200m dash, 400m sprint; Rachel 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.

Schwartz is disappointed that the pole vault is a non-scoring event.

"I feel like I'm going to feel good about my jumps," said Schwartz.

She is not the only one disappointed.

It is unfortunate that the pole vault is non-scoring because Schwartz could have a great chance at placing," said Head Coach Tracy Brigham.

The pole vault is still in the trial stages for women and will not become an official event

until next year.

Potter is expected to place the highest for the ladies. She is tied for second in the high jump with a personal best of 5'3".

"I'm expecting to pull everything together and really get my form down," said Potter. "I know if I jump the way I that I am capable of then I should do well."

Potter hopes to see the team better their splits which in the end will better their team time.

Upchurch was surprised to find out she was going to run at NWAACCs.

"I think I'm lucky to be going in the 1,500 because I didn't have a qualifying time," said Upchurch.

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 three."

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 NWAACCs.

"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 all season in the 400. I'd like to make it to the finals, but I'm not expecting to place high."

Vickie Upchurch who is still recovering from tonsillitis and mono and qualified in the 800m run and will be the alternate in the 4x400m relay team. Because of her illness, Vickie Upchurch will not be running the 800m.

NWAACC FASTPITCH

Personal Stats as of
May 26, 1999

| HITTING | AVG. | RBI |
|------------------|------|-----|
| Heather Saw | .505 | 16 |
| Amy Strieb | .500 | 11 |
| Jody Case | .416 | 13 |
| Tai Mansigh | .395 | 3 |
| Melissa Mac. | .390 | 9 |
| Tiffany Martinez | .385 | 7 |
| Meghann Hall | .378 | 7 |
| Michelle Lee | .368 | 12 |
| Lynne Hawrys | .353 | 11 |

| TEAM HITTING | AVG. |
|----------------|------|
| 1. Highline | .409 |
| 2. Wen. Valley | .383 |

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| PITCHING | ERA | W-L |
|--------------|------|------|
| Tai Mansigh | 0.68 | 11-7 |
| Meghann Hall | 2.05 | 6-3 |
| Lynne Hawrys | 2.88 | 3-9 |

| TEAM PITCHING | W-L |
|-----------------|-------|
| 1. Lo. Columbia | 35-11 |
| 2. Mt. Hood | 31-12 |
| 3. Highline | 22-19 |

NWAACC TRACK
Championship Qualifiers

WOMEN

HighJump, Potter
Pole Vault, Schwartz
Triple Jump, Harper
10K, Booth
4x100m, Moyer, Harper,
Potter, Schwartz
1500m, A. Upchurch

400m, Moyer and Allen
5k, Booth
4x400m, Moyer, A. Upchurch,
Allen, and Schwarz
200m, Moyer

MEN

High Jump, Steele
Javelin, Simonson and Kadric
Pole Vault, Adams and Fox

3K, Gist
4x100m, Adams, Demouchet,
Hansen, Clark, alt. Jarvis
10K Bendixen
110 High Hurdles, Walton,
Guevara, Hall
Triple Jump, Demouchet
Long Jump, Demouchet, and
Hansen
400m, Clark and Richart
Discus, Simonson
100M, Demouchet, Hansen,
Adams, and Henderson
800m, Russell
5k, Bendixen
4x400
400m Intermediate Hurdles,
Demouchet, Hall, Guevara,
and Walton
200m, Hansen

T-Birds pumped up for NWAACC championships

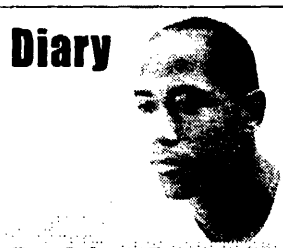
Coming up on the NWAACC championships, our team keeps getting more and more pumped up about the last three days that we get to spend together.

This year has been a success all of its own. This whole year I've watched people win races, break records 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 big family in support of everybody.

Last year there were the sprinters and jumpers who made up one clique, the distance/cross country 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 5,000, at Edmonds and at NWAACCs, both times out

Diary



Dominique Demouchet

leaning Frankie Cenicerros, earning All-American status. Then there was the time he ran the 10,000m run with bleeding blisters on both feet. Everyone remembers the time that Brian Smith ran down that Spokane guy who had about a hundred-meter lead in the 4x800m 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 missed qualifying for NWAACCs in the 400 by less than a couple tenths of a second and barley missed in the 800 as well.

Don't get me wrong, he didn't miss qualifying because he wasn't good enough, it was things like being placed in slower heats or heats with just one other person. It's harder to push yourself when you're almost alone.

Last year I was just happy to be one of the people getting to go to NWAACCs and a lot of

the freshmen were right there with me. This year 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, Jenoa 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.

Men have only to battle with Mt. Hood, who has come on strong after a poor showing at last year's NWAACCs, and Clark College, who Highline beat for third place after the victory of our 4x400m relay last year.

The women have a little tougher bracket where they have Spokane, Chemeketa, Clark, and Mt. Hood, who all have the capability of taking home the team title.

All in all there are great teams and great athletes, but it all comes down to how many of those great athletes on those great teams have a good day in their final meet of the year.

Dominique is a member of Highline's track team and a reporter for The Thunderword. He will compete in six events in the championships today and tomorrow.

He thinks his new RuPaul look will make him run faster at the NWAACC Championships.

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play ending in an out at home by Jodi Case (JC) gives us a new spark of desire, and we again came alive. We defeat Mt. Hood 5-4 and are on our way to the winners bracket.

After two games won and a bit of heat exhaustion, we're ready to eat and sleep.

We pile in the vans and head to BJ's where we chowed on some good grub. Bellies full, and freshly showered it's time to hit the sack for the night and prepare for tomorrow.

Sunday morning came before I had anticipated. I was even more excited than the day before to receive the wake-up call. After my pre-game routine it's time to eat, only today is a bit different. Highline green is the only color to fill the dining area, somebody had to go home, only this time it wasn't us!

At 7:10 a.m. we filed into 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 an all-out 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 two previ-

ous games, we're ready to face LCC again. The adrenaline seemed to keep us going.

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 that 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 trophy. We played some great ball this weekend and definitely turned some heads Highline's way.

I have never played ball with a team who wanted the championship as badly as I did, until this weekend...

Mansigh is a sophomore pitcher for the Lady T-Birds.

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State Rep. Keiser juggles issues and jobs

By Nikki Woodhouse
Staff Reporter

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 so she hit the books.

"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 at the University of California, she had her sights set on becoming an attorney. She quickly changed her mind after working for one as a paralegal.

Keiser earned a B.A. in political science and her masters in journalism. Karen's interest in politics stemmed from her family environment. Her parents were always interested about what was going on in the world 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



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.

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.

Being on the education committee is probably her most important legislative assignment.

"Education is one of the most important functions in our society as well as 46 percent of our state budget," said Keiser.

She says the greatest challenge to serving is knowing that

her decisions will affect people she has never met.

"Every rule and every law has a consequence and you don't know what they will be," said Keiser. "You 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.

Keiser felt 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 an 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 this year.

Keiser is just busy. "It is a juggle, no doubt about that," said Keiser.

Veteran's Fountain will be rebuilt and rededicated

By William Strasbaugh
Staff Reporter

The Veteran's Fountain is to be rebuilt and rededicated by Highline, said Chris Brixey, 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 the 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 Brixey.

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.

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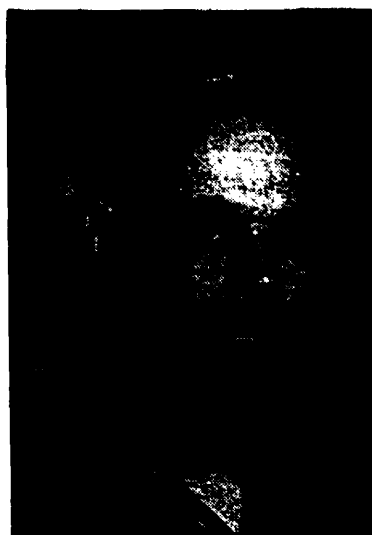
By Christina Morano
Staff Reporter

Highline maintenance mechanic Lee Hall was to begin receiving skin grafts Wednesday morning as he recovers from serious burns suffered in an accident two weeks ago.

Hall is now listed in stable condition at Harborview Medical Center. He was moved from the intensive care unit to the burn unit this week. His burns are down to 30 percent of his body.

Hall is expected to undergo skin graft surgery this week for the third degree burns he sustained as a direct result of scalding hot water which flooded his long protective boots. The surgery will put him back into the intensive care unit until he is well enough to be transferred back to the burn unit.

Hall was injured May 13 when a coupling from a hot water pipe burst in the Library,



Lee Hall

leaving him with first, second and third degree burns over parts of his body.

Hall's skin is tight due to the swelling. He must walk around the burn unit once a day at the minimum to keep adequate circulation in his legs. Although he endures painful scrubs to take off dead skin cells and reduce the possibility of infection,

Hall has still suffered some infection in his legs and occasional fevers.

Hall's previous military training as a Marine and a Vietnam veteran helped him keep a level head during the accident and continues to help him keep his focus on getting better despite the pain, said Molly Reitz administrative assistant to the vice president for students and a close family friend. She visited with Hall last Monday night.

Hall's wife, Sandi, who also works at Highline in the Continuing Education program, has been by her husband's bedside since the accident occurred. She reads aloud all the cards people have sent to her husband; hearing the comforting words of friends and family brings him a great sense of peace and happiness, said Reitz.

Reitz encourages those who would like to send cards or gifts to Hall to drop them off at her office in Building 6, room 218.

One can also e-mail Reitz at mreitz@hcc.ctc.edu for more information.

The Hall family had been in the middle of moving to another house when the accident occurred. With a moving truck half packed and Sandi Hall at her husband's bedside, the family's church, friends and family worked together to complete the job.

With the further treatment Hall requires, it is still uncertain when he will be released from the hospital or when he will be returning to work. Hall has worked at the college more than 10 years.

"He takes his work very seriously," said Reitz.

Kevin Gunderson, the Security officer who rescued Hall, also suffered mild burns. He also was taken to Harborview where he was treated and released that same day. Gunderson returned to work this week.

Diving class offers underwater experience

By Stephanie Allen
Staff Reporter

Biology 126 takes you out of the conventional classroom and into the depths below.

Diving biology is a class that incorporates scuba diving with the study of marine life in the Puget Sound.

The waters of the Puget Sound offer one of the most diverse marine environments in the world, says Sam Shabb, Highline's Biology 126 instructor. 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.

It 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 Oil 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," said Shabb.

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

Shabb says 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.

Islam is good to women, man says

By BJ Stephenson
Staff Reporter

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 to subjugate 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 imitate 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 they 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, the 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



Mohammed Joban

treat their wives with special care. He 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, polygamy 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."

An audience member asked how he explained the restrictive treatment of women in places such as Iran or Afghanistan. He reiterated that we must separate the religion from the culture. "There are bad Moslems, just as there are bad Christians. . . . There are no verses in the Koran where man is better than woman."

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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 recommended 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



Photo by Kirk Elliott

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

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.

She has stayed in school, and her greatest accomplishment so far came in Winter Quarter of 1999 - 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 un-

derstand 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.

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.



White

White 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 change 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.

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

New jobs and titles have come and gone, and White has adapted.

White has gone from being a club coordinator to working with child care to bookkeeping 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.

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 P.E 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 going to allow Highline to build any new buildings, parking lots or walk ways if the drainage problem wasn't solved.

Babington knew that a water treatment plant at the bottom of campus was the key, but spending all that money (approximately \$900,000) and making that space even more unavailable 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 so beautiful that people have weddings there.

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



Photo by Dale V. Bird

The new pond project plans to help drainage at the west end of campus.

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 Gerry 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 P.E 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 July 1 off the design done by Chuck Warsinke 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 P.E department will have a forest trail, and the fast flowing dirty water will be cleaned and slowed.

VSA plans events to get students involved

By Amy K. Cords
Staff Reporter

The Vietnamese Student Association is planning new events for spring and summer to encourage student involvement.

Like so many of Highline's clubs and student groups, the Vietnamese Student Association is all about cultural awareness.

"Our purpose in putting on activities is to bring Vietnamese culture to American-born Vietnamese students," said Ngh K. Pham, who has been the assistant adviser for the VSA for the past year.

Pham graduated from Highline in 1986. The VSA has been present on campus even before that.

The cultural club is veering from traditional international club activities to encourage student participation, such as a boat cruise and the upcoming hiking trip.



The VSA invites all interested students, their friends and family to be a part of their activities and meetings.

"We want to raise awareness and support within the community and among its members," said Pham.

"We have about 60 students

"We want to raise awareness and support within the community and among its members."

--Nga Pham

that actively participate in meetings, and usually more than 200 attend activities," said Pham.

Having more interesting and active events promotes student involvement, she said.

One event that is planned for the spring is an overnight camping trip to Flaming Geyser State

Park Saturday, May 29 through Sunday, May 30.

Students do have the option to only participate in the day activities if they are unable to stay overnight.

One event planned for June is a cultural show entitled "Unforgettable Summer."

This event will include Vietnamese student associations from the University of Washington, Washington State University, South Seattle, North Seattle, Shoreline and Highline.

"Putting on events that include so many schools with VSAs promotes community connections between members," said Pham.

Each school will be allowed 30 minutes for presentations, skits or readings to promote Vietnamese culture.

The cultural show will be held Saturday June 19, 1999 at The Rainier Community Center, 4600 38th St. in Seattle from 11

a.m. until 5 p.m.

The VSA is attempting to book speakers such as King County Executive Ron Sims and District 10 County Councilman Larry Gossett at this cultural show.

"These people were chosen because they have shown support and commitment to a wide variety of ethnic communities," said Pham.

This event will be free. Concession stands will be set up to sell refreshments and generate some revenue.

The VSA does solicit some funding from private business owners within the community to help fund their events.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Vietnamese Student Association contact Dennis Steussy, VSA adviser at 206-878-3710, ext. 3534 or Ngh Pham at ext. 3988, or visit or call Student Programs at ext. 3536.

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ests. Then set them up with a contact in a club."

The race for the two senate seats was tight with candidates winning by only a few votes.

Kyle "The Rock" Maschhoff and Joe Nalley won the seats, 89-84.

Experience as College in a College's vice president, was not enough for Evan Keck who won only 81 votes.

Issues Maschhoff is concerned with are the lack of unity on campus and the involvement between the student government and the student body.

"I would inform and educate people on issues because some students do not have enough information to form an opinion," said Maschhoff.

Next year Nalley wants to conduct a survey to see what issues students are concerned with. Since senators are only paid for 5 office hours, Nalley is willing to give out his home phone number and his e-mail address for students who want to get in contact with him.

The revised changes in the Constitution passed as expected with 128 votes approving it and 25 against.

The passed Constitution will now go to the Board of Trustees for the final approval.

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in.

A few students were still unaware of a class fee, new building, or that it was accepted by the student body. One student, Edlyn Flores, said she didn't vote because she didn't think it would pass.

The students will fund \$460,000 a year, the administration will fund \$300,000 a year, and food services will fund \$100,000 a year. The College

will also be looking for \$1 million in outside funding to help pay for the building as well.

The new building is projected at 40,000 square feet and will cost \$14 million. The student fee will be spread over 20 years. Construction tentatively is scheduled to begin in 2001, with the building expected to be open in 2002.

"Hopefully with a projected rise in student population over the next seven years we will buy out the loan faster," said Vice President of Students Jim Sorenson.

If the bookstore is moved into the new student center, revenue from the bookstore could be used to help fund the new building.

The next step will be a vote by the College Board of Trustees in June.

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