

# The Thunderword

Volume 38, Issue 29

Highline Community College

June 3, 1999

## Highline grads stay in state to transfer

By Derek Roche  
Staff Reporter

Leaving Highline's scholastic drudgery behind, many of the graduating class of '99 are ready to move on and begin the journey of university academia.

As Denny Steussy, Highline educational planner, explains, the popularity of the four-year colleges here in the state, and



Steussy  
versity of Washington. It's an

students chosen areas of study, remain relatively consistent with years past.

"Most students are transferring to the University of Washington. It's an

extremely popular school, particularly if you're looking at engineering degrees, and also in computer science, yet it's extremely competitive," says Steussy. "The University of Washington Business Administration program is also up there, but again very, very competitive."

Students, however, who perhaps lack the marks, qualifying

SAT test scores, or simply have other interests, are looking elsewhere to continue schooling.

Steussy, who consults students daily on their future blueprints, says a healthy portion of this year's class have chosen Central Washington University, Western Washington

See Transfer, page A16

## Tuition hike set for fall '99

By Nikki Woodhouse  
Staff Reporter

If you are a student at Highline, you may be glad that you can now pay tuition for fall quarter 1999-00, as tuition rates have been decided. However, you may not like the fact that tuition costs have been raised 4.6 percent for the 1999-00 academic year.

For the first time, the power to set tuition rates has been handed over to the state board for community and technical colleges, by the state Legislature.

The state board met in Aberdeen May 19 and 20 to discuss and decide what the tuition would be for Washington's two year colleges for the next two years.

Although the Legislature is no longer setting the rates, they do set a cap on how much the board can raise it. The cap of 4.6 percent for 1999-00 and 3.6 percent the following year, is based on the rising per capita personal income of Washington residents.

Local board of trustees have the option to approve a lower increase or no increase at all, but do not have the power to cut existing tuition rates.

Members of the board have felt throughout the legislative session that an average increase of 4 percent per year was fair, said Scott Morgan, Director of financial services at the State Board.

The increases are to balance the need to keep the cost of education affordable to students and the need to generate sufficient revenues for college operations.

"It's been my position and

## NOT SILENT

LISTEN CAREFULLY. DEAF STUDENTS HERE HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY

By Sarah Sechrist  
Staff Reporter

Your world is silent. You have never experienced the sound of the ocean or even the hum of your car. When people talk, you hear nothing.

For many people it is hard to imagine a world without sound, but for a handful of students at Highline, they know what it is like firsthand. They are deaf, unable to hear sound.

Classes at Highline are not designed for deaf students, but faculty try to make it as comfortable as possible for those students. Deaf students also get an interpreter in every class.

Nancy Allen is the coordinator of interpreting services, which assists the deaf students at Highline. She is there to help advise those students and match students to instructors.

"Nancy has been great, she helped me with a lot, from note taking to planning my transfer," said Scott Fulwiler.

At 2 years of age Scott Fulwiler's parents discovered that he was deaf; they learned and taught him how to use sign language. He is the only deaf

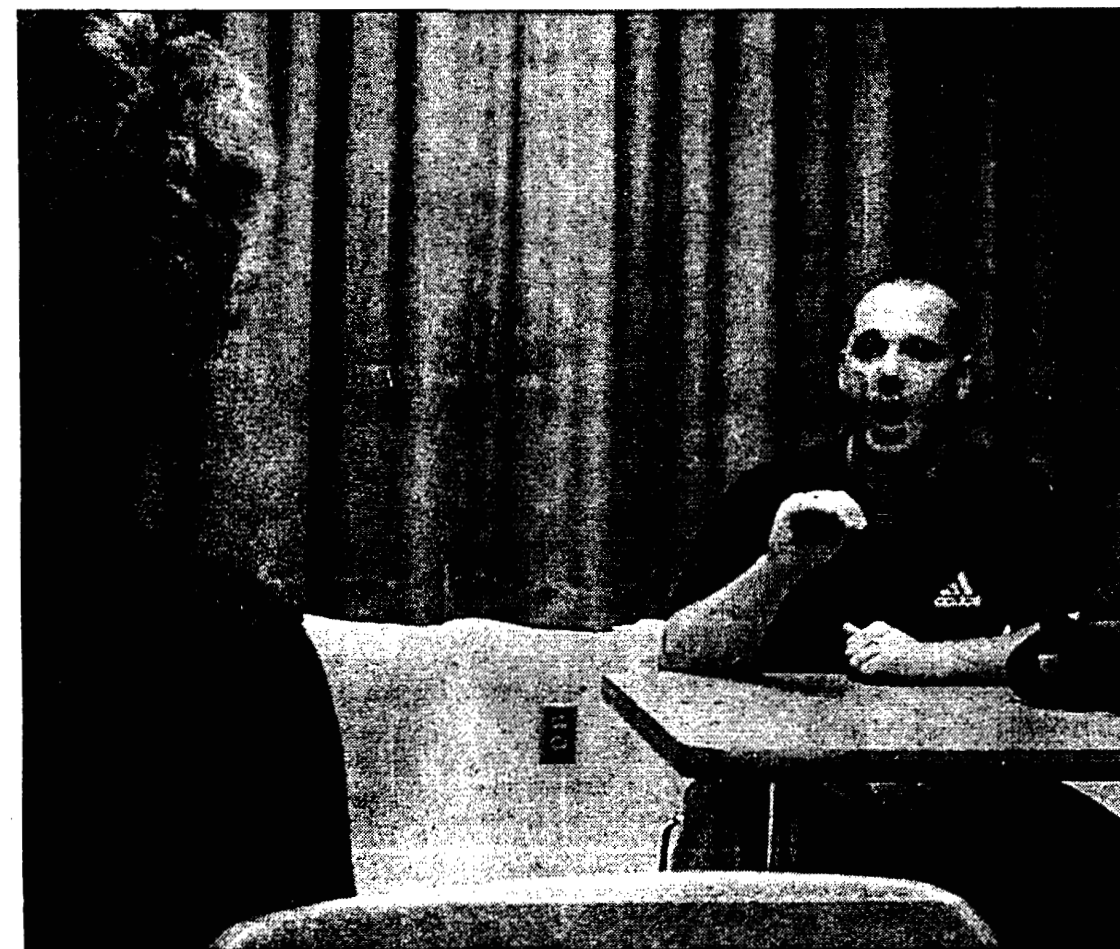


Photo by Kirk Elliott

Scott Fulwiler signs to an interpreter during a class this week. He is one of a handful of deaf students on campus.

person in his family.

Fulwiler is used to attending deaf schools, with teachers and students who use American Sign Language (ASL), but this is not his first time attending a hearing school.

Fulwiler is attending Highline to complete his AA degree and then plans to transfer to Rochester Institute of Technology in New York. RIT is the largest technical school in the

world for the deaf; around 1,500 deaf students attend each year.

"There are top-notch deaf student services at RIT, there are some deaf professors and I could learn from my deaf classmates quicker and flawlessly," said Fulwiler.

"Here at Highline I rely a lot on the notes the note-taker takes for me and whatever I pick up in the class visually from the interpreter," said Fulwiler. "I'm still

a bit concerned with how well the interpreters pick up my ASL or whatever I'm saying. I do feel very uncomfortable participating or giving presentations at Highline."

Instructors are required to find someone to take notes for their deaf student and make sure that when showing a video, the

See Deaf, page A16

### Index

Arts.....pages A7-A8  
Briefs.....page A2  
Campus Life.....pages A2-A3  
Crime Blotter.....page A2  
Ed Commando.....page A6

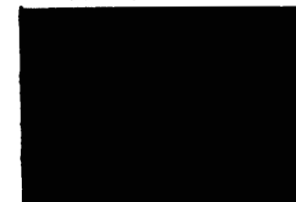
Marta's Moment.....page A7  
News.....pages A1, A13-A16  
Opinion.....pages A4-A5  
Sports.....pages A9-A12  
Stampalia.....page A3  
The Scorecard.....page A10  
Thinking Out Loud.....page A4

### Inside

"I met people, I partied, I dated..." See page A4



Men take fourth at NWAACCs  
See page A9



Inside Scoop:  
Nine from '99  
See pages B1-B8



## Crime Blotter for the week of June 3

### Pranksters caught smashing windows

Two Mount Rainier High-school students were arrested by the Des Moines Police Department after being caught throwing rocks at passing vehicles. The suspects were apprehended as they ran from the wooded area they were hiding in. A Highline School District bus and a student's truck were damaged by the rocks. Both vehicles had smashed windows. The suspects will both face felony charges. This incident occurred on Tuesday, June 1.

### Student loses keys

A Highline student reported a set of keys lost or stolen on Tuesday, June 1.

### Small calculations a little off...

Another Highline student claimed he was missing his pocket calculator on Wednesday, June 2.

### Keys lost again

A set of keys was reported lost or stolen by a student on June 2.

### Plastic money found

A Seafirst bankcard was found by a student in the North parking lot on June 1.

### Students finds watch at the right time

While walking through the East parking lot on June 1, a student found a wrist watch, then turned it in to Highline's Security office.

### Check cards must be easy to lose...

One Versatel card was handed over to the Security Office after being found by a student in Building 6. This card was found on June 1.

### More keys found

A set of keys was found by a Security officer in the North parking lot. Three keys were on the ring. The keys were found on June 1.

Compiled by  
S.M. Crowley

# Robin Buchan now part of history

By Gabe Bonner  
Staff Reporter

Everybody loves Buchan. At the end of Spring Quarter 1999, Highline history professor Robin Buchan plans to retire.

Buchan is very popular among the students who have taken his class.

"He's the best teacher," said a former student of Buchan's. "I almost want to take his history class again cause I liked it so much."

Buchan teaches more than 140 students every quarter, and nearly all of his classes are filled to capacity, a few beyond. The formula that Buchan uses to impress so many of his students is deceptively simple: "I try to be the best teacher that I can be," he said.

Buchan has been teaching here at Highline for the past 29 years, since 1970, before most of his students were even born.

A brief history of his childhood years can be found in one of the textbooks for his class, "Northwest Corner: A Story of the Pacific Northwest." Buchan wrote the book - with minimal help from colleagues - specifically for his Northwest History class, one of his most popular courses. Normal history classes take two to three quarters to finish, but Buchan trimmed his class down and redesigned it to where he could cover all the material in only one quarter. He



File Photo

Buchan has one of the more popular history courses on campus, having to sign in overload students every quarter.

is quite proud of his history class and has a lot to say about it.

"It's a wake-up call for lots of students. I don't take roll... and a number of them are not psychologically prepared to deal with the freedom that I give them," he said.

One of the more unusual things about Buchan's history class is his style of teaching. "I lecture. There aren't many instructors that lecture these days, and some that do lecture probably shouldn't be."

Buchan was inspired to lecture and teach by one of the instructors that he had at Western Washington University, Jim McAree.

"He was a showman, always well prepared, and his classes were never boring," said Buchan. He forged a close relationship with McAree, and decided that in the future he was going to teach history.

"Until that time I had never liked history," said Buchan. "As far as I was concerned, it wasn't history that repeated it-

self, it was history teachers. But after (McAree's) class, I found that history could be exciting and interesting, if it was presented in the right way."

In addition to Buchan's lectures, his students have to look at maps, drawings, pictures, movies, and many other forms of media to keep his students from sleeping through class.

Buchan came to regard his classes as lecture production, more of an educational theatrical performance that keeps the listener interested while still absorbing information.

"I like to perform," he said.

Buchan's performances have changed over the past 30 years, however. "Back when I started teaching at Highline, I taught classes like African American History, and Latin American Studies. . . . It was just what was needed at that time."

Buchan plans to publish a book he has been working on for the past few years, about Northwest basketball teams from the 1950s and the first National Basketball championships that his father and grandfather played in.

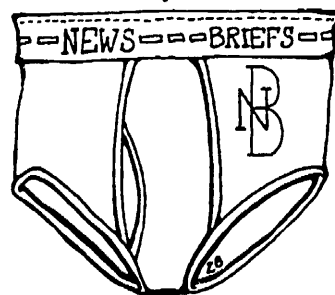
Although Buchan is going to retire, his wife Margo, who is also employed at Highline as a Biology teacher and athletic advisor, will keep working.

"I'm glad that he taught for this long, but I'm sorry to see him leaving," said Margo Buchan.

## Crammers prepare to face finals

Team Highline will once more be hosting Cram Nights, June 6, 7 and 8, Sunday through Tuesday in the Library.

Mathematics tutors will be available from 9:30 to 11p.m. on Sunday and Monday. All students are encouraged to at-



tend. For more information contact Denney Steussy or Es-

ther Kihuga at 206-878-3710 ext. 3534.

## Apply for summer work study now

All students eligible for Federal or State Work Study and are interested in summer employment must attend an employment workshop. The workshops are designed to inform

students of their employment options and restrictions.

All currently eligible students will be mailed a schedule of workshops. Students must be enrolled for six credits.

If you are a faculty member with questions or a student interested in Federal or State Work Study contact Steve Seeman at 206-878-3710.

**CLIMB THE LADDER TO SUCCESS!**

The possibilities are endless with a degree in **HUMAN SERVICES**

**Go For It!**

..... **TURN YOUR PEOPLE SKILLS INTO A SELF-FULFILLING CAREER.**

..... Learn basic communication skills, case management, client assessment, and social service program development. Work with the developmentally disabled, survivors of family violence, and at-risk youths & older adults.

**Make A Difference! Call Now!!**

APRIL WEST-BAKER, MSW  
(206) 878-3710 ext. 3321



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

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

**For more information, call Dr. John Huber. 206-878-3710. ext. 3843.**



# Sorensen, the man who would be president

By Teresa C. Moreau  
Staff Reporter

Vice President of Students Jim Sorensen interviewed for a college president's job in Maine earlier this month. But he's not leaving Highline.

Although he was a finalist, he did not get the position. However, Sorensen has every intent of becoming a college president.

"I am very picky on where I go," he said.

Sorensen's also picky about coffee, along with music and the arts. He volunteered in his community working in the Rotary for more than 20 years. He was

also the Dean of Admissions for 26 years, at Skagit Valley in Mt. Vernon.

Sorensen chose to become Highline's fifth vice president in five years and after staying for three, Sorensen broke the string of administrators leaving.

The prior dean of students, Michael Grubiak, took a leave of absence last year and that was the last Highline saw of him. Grubiak currently is a dean in Centralia, so the dean position was dropped and absorbed into positions, such as Sorensen's. This inevitably saved money.

"Highline is doing well. It has grown and enrollment has stabilized," said Sorensen.

Student programs and activities have also improved.

With the passing of the new student center under his belt, Sorensen is busy making things happen. He sees the center's passage as one of the accomplishments that he has contributed to during his three year duration at Highline.

Sorensen continues to keep up with technology. Numbers of students using the Internet to enroll are up from 70 to 250.

"Entry services have become more time efficient," said Sorensen.

In the past, new students faced horrific scheduling problems and meandered about cam-

pus searching for programs.

With the new one-step registration process the outreach programs have become intertwined. Registration is a now a simple process.

Part of Sorensen's agenda is getting students to come to Highline and help them stay. This entails items such as, deferred payments of tuition and book loans.

Sorensen is here to serve the



Sorensen

athletes, veterans, students, welfare recipients, and everyone in need of help.

Currently, Highline dispenses \$8.5 million in financial aid a year and may need to give more. Now that housing is getting cheaper in the surrounding area, poorer families are moving in. Sorensen vows to stay ahead of financial issues and be prepared for changes.

He also feels parking and smoking are major issues on campus and within the student body.

"He is a man that gets things done, running 100 miles per hour," said his secretary Molly Reitz.

## Highline enjoys a bouquet of Fowers

By Cassie Thompson  
Staff Reporter

Rod Fowers likes to talk about people. Fortunately, that's what he gets paid to do.

Fowers, human sexuality and psychology teacher, has landed his first permanent teaching position here at Highline after 21 years of part time work.

"I am glad that I finally have received a full-time teaching job here at Highline. I plan to retire here, whenever that is," Fowers said.

After receiving his master of arts degree, Fowers proceeded to teach among three other schools including Renton Technical College, North Seattle Community College and sporadically off and on for 12 years at Weber State College in Ogden, Utah. He then moved on to Highline to begin part-time teaching six years ago.

Out of the six years that Fowers has taught part time here at Highline, four of those years have been dedicated to his human sexuality classes and the other two have been in the psychology department. Currently, Fowers is still teaching both of the subjects that interest him the most, psychology and human sexuality.



Photo by Dale V. Bird

Sex isn't dirty to Fowers, who teaches one of the more popular sex education classes here at Highline.

"I have an emphasis in sexuality and psychology. I like to teach both classes because I get burned out if I only teach one,"

Fowers said.

Throughout his education, Fowers had many teachers who influenced him and he wants to

make that same impact among his students now.

"I believe that my students should have the same influence from their teachers as I did throughout my education. I want to be a good influence to my students as well," Fowers said.

Fowers is known for his outrageous guest speaker panels and the open-minded classes that he teaches. Fowers encourages his students to speak their minds inside and outside of his classrooms.

"My classes are in a real life-real person format and they do not start fights. I do not like my classes in a Jerry Springer format where everyone is fighting over things. My classes are more dignified than that," Fowers said.

Outside of teaching at Highline, Fowers enjoys reading, cooking and bicycle riding in the beautiful Southern Utah desert referred to the "Valley of the Gods." He also has a private practice therapy that he practices very minimally out of his home.

Fowers would like to try to start up a program that would be a sequel to his human sexuality class, to talk about relationships here at Highline.

## Students honored at ceremony

By Evan Keck  
Staff Reporter

Highline students, friends, and family at Thursday's Awards Program endured a two and a half-hour production.

Nashonne Watkins, ASHCC vice president of administration was mistress of ceremonies and introduced all the speakers.

Lynn Russell won a Highest Scholastic Achievement Award, a Scholastic Achievement Award for her outstanding excellence in organic chemistry, and the Shirley B. Gordon Award. Russell is graduating with a 4.0 GPA and is transferring to the University of Washington School of Pharmacy. Over the summer Russell will intern at Valley Medical Center.

"I'm really shocked that I got it," said Russell. "It means a lot that they (faculty) think enough of me for me to get it."

Liliana L. Olsen and Josef Larsson also won a Highest Scholastic Achievement Award. Both have earned a 4.0.

Josef Larsson earned a Scholastic Achievement Award for his outstanding performance in calculus based physics as well.

Winners of the Washington Award for Vocational Excellence were Emma Dionisio, Lesley A. Koch, and Teresa A. Wicorek. Dionisio was awarded for her work in the nursing program.

Marije A. Otte also won a Scholastic Achievement Award for excellence in Japanese. Coming to school in America from Sweden, Otte already speaks fluent French, German, and Dutch.

Most students enjoyed the slide show.

"It was cool to see the campus and people that I see everyday," said one student attending.

## Not all cafeteria food will be missed

Things I will miss most about Highline:

\* The Philadelphia cheese steaks in the cafeteria. Mmm...

\* Stubs the campus cat. Who else could get away with interrupting class by walking up to the instructor and laying on their lesson plan? I wish it were that easy to get attention.

\* Student Government. Believe it or not, I really liked the way they kept me on my toes.

\* Dr. Command, who is without exception one of the



By Mike Stampalla

most exceptional men I have ever met, and easily the best president Highline could ever hope for.

\* Getting the run-around from administrators. No, I

NEED to talk to you, not that other guy! They have no idea how much they taught me about difficult interviews.

Things I won't miss:

\* Mean-spirited letters to the editor. Where are all the people who enjoy reading my columns?

\* Trying to find a parking spot after 7 a.m. in the main lot.

\* The car stereo thieves. The reason I left my keys in the car is because I wanted you to steal whole thing!

## Editorials

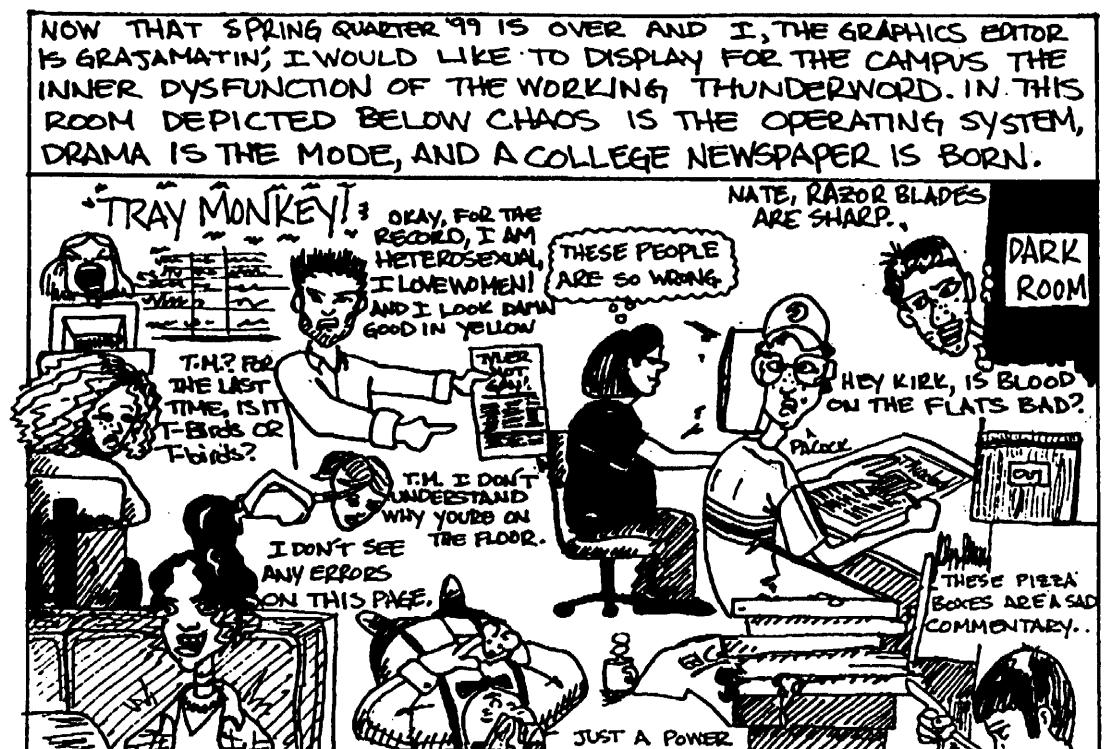
## Athletics completes very successful '98-'99 campaign

Highline Athletic Director Fred Harrison's tenure is drawing to a close. Harrison's retirement comes after a Thunderbird career which spans almost the length of the school's existence.

It is only fitting that this year has been such a successful one for Highline athletics.

While the final memories from last year were capped off by a bitter battle between athletics and the track team over the proposed elimination of the program, this year managed to get off to a good start.

With cross country demoted to a club sport, the runners kept their heads up and ran competitively against other Northwest college teams. Although their final finish wasn't as high as it might have been with the benefit of a full budget, they competed hard and won respect.



## As Y2K approaches, new world order will emerge from Illuminati

Hey Highline, wake up! It's time to recognize and realize what's going on behind the scene of our government. Have you ever had the feeling that our government has some major secrets to share? You're right.

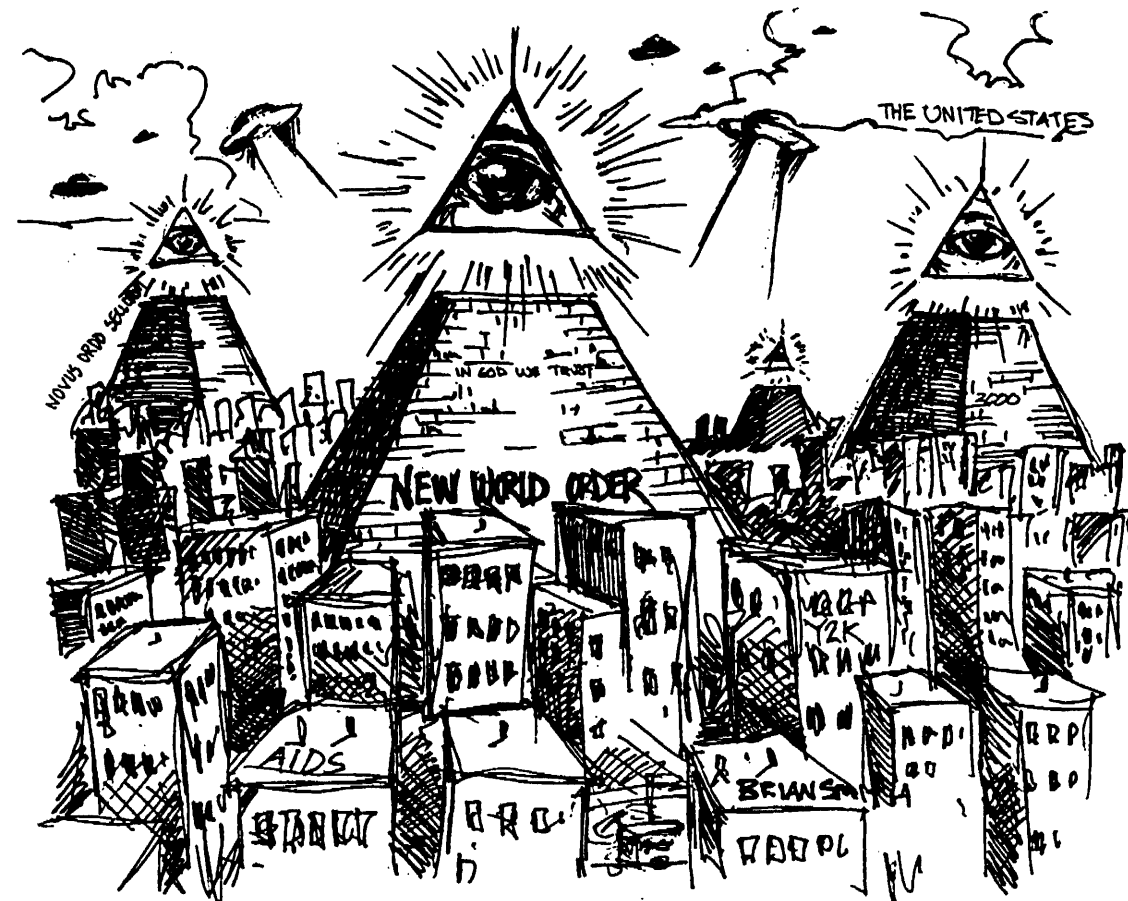
There is a powerful secret society behind our government known as the Illuminati that has plotted a conspiracy against the United States. These plans of ruling the world have been underway since the 18th century.

### Commentary Brian Smith

In the recent decades, the plans to bring about a New World Order have emerged. This may sound far reaching, but the final stages may be at hand.

The term Illuminati comes from the Latin word illumin which means light. It implies that those who hold the light are brilliant.

The Illuminati is intertwined within the fraternal organization of Freemasonry which is based on secrecy that has existed for centuries. The average mason is not even aware of this. These ancient Illuminatis sent us the Statue of Liberty which holds the torch of illumination which is the Promethean torch of Free-



masonry. In the statue, a plaque states that it was given to the government of America by the French masons and is a sign of Freemasonry in America.

In 1826, an American Freemason wrote a book revealing Masonic Secrets entitled, *Illustrations of Freemasonry*. One of the secrets revealed is that the last mystery at the top of the Masonic pyramid is the worship

of Lucifer.

Take a look at a dollar bill and you will find on the great seal of the United States the ancient Masonic symbols such as the all-seeing eye at the top of the pyramid. This represents Lucifer in the form of wisdom. Below the pyramid it is written, "Novus Ordo Seclorum," which translated means New World Order. According to author Stan

Deyo, 13 is the mystical number assigned to Lucifer. Can it be a accident that there are 13 leaves on the branch, 13 bars and stripes, arrows, stars, stones in the pyramid etc. Something weird is going on.

During the Middle East crisis, George Bush publicly spoke of a New World Order. He is a freemason, along with 97 percent of our presidents. When

asked what was in store for the coming decades, Henry Kissinger said this, "Everything is going to be different. Many people will suffer. A New World Order will emerge. This will be a better world for those who survive. In the long run, life will be better. The world we have wanted will be reality."

The Illuminati have already made important moves on the chess board to succeed in their goal. They have placed agents behind banking, media, and government to play important decision making roles. This elite group of men believe that man cannot be trusted to take care of what little is left of our natural resources. When the Illuminati bring about the collapse of our economy (Y2K?), create more war and more disease (like AIDS) when enough people have suffered, we will beg for an answer to the madness and chaos. The New World Order will be established.

Things will change. People's actions based on their beliefs will affect you. It will not matter what you believe in, if the elite see that it is time to conclude their "perfect plan."

*Brian Smith is a Thunderword staff reporter and runs faster than Dagen Bendixen at certain distances.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Rainbow Pride Club makes impact for Highline students

Dear Editors:

I am one of the many students moving on from Highline's campus, and I want to thank some of the people who have made this campus a friendlier place for me. The Rainbow Pride club, a student club for gay/lesbian/bisexual and transgendered people and their friends, welcomed me with their bright pink triangle posters, their informative programs during Unity Week this year and last, and their supportive friendship. The very organized and dedicated group leader Jim Spack gave Rainbow Pride two years of service and made sure our group was consistently visible. Founding adviser Allison Green helped change the atmosphere of this campus for all gay/lesbian/bisexual students by supporting Rainbow Pride as a very out faculty member. I also want to thank those faculty and staff who have supported us when others didn't like our presence on this campus. When our pink triangle posters were ripped down our posters were consistently replaced. Our voice in Unity Week was sup-

ported by Multicultural Services and the other clubs.

Some gay students don't have time for our club meetings, but I see many gay students who have felt comfortable congregating on our campus, around the cafeteria, in classes, and speaking up for themselves. I believe that this comfort is due in large part to the existence of Rainbow Pride Club, the anti-discrimination policy of HCC, and the support of Allison Green and other faculty and staff. Thank you all, and I wish the Rainbow Pride Club, Randy their new adviser, and all gay/lesbian/bisexual and transgendered students a successful new year.

Catherine Tlapak  
Highline Student

### Islamic speakers were misrepresented by Thunderword articles

Dear Editors:

I'd like to respond to the article written last week titled "Islam is good to women, man says." I must say that I am very upset with this article along with the past three articles about our club that the Thunderword has produced. I feel that it is such a shame that we must constantly

be misquoted over and over again. It's as if people are afraid to produce the truth so they must change our words around and purposely defeat our purpose of clearing up the stereotypes about Islam.

The previous articles I am speaking of are as follows: "Muslim group rises again" published Feb. 11, 1999, "Speaker sings praises of Islamic religion," Feb. 18, 1999, and the most offensive of all, "Islam is good to women, man says," May 27, 1999.

The Feb. 18 article states, "The prophet of Islam, and his companions developed and established a complete model of Islam on this earth for mankind to follow." Imam Johan was misquoted here and Muhammad (Pbuh) is in no way the founder of Islam. He is solely the messenger that received the revelation from Gabriel (Jibril), as the same with all the other prophets, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, etc. The only exception of Muhammad is that he is the last messenger. Only God (Allah) is the founder.

Now on May 27, we held another lecture on Women in Islam. Already starting with the title I find the negative image portrayed. "Islam is good to women, man says." What's that! How is it that we want rid the stereotypes of treatment of women in Islam and the report-

er can come up with a title as such.

I quote, "These laws were set down in the Islamic Koran by Muhammad." I don't think the speaker ever said this. Although he did say that the laws were revealed to Muhammad but never "by" Muhammad, this would imply that Muhammad was the author and this is false. If you look at a Qura'n you would see that there is no author and every single letter comes from Allah and is pure revelation undisturbed my man.

On the subject of polygamy, it reads, "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." Where did this come from? Nowhere, no how did Joban mention this. On the subject of polygamy he mentioned that polygamy is not a practice in Islam, it is only a solution to a problem in a given society. For example: When the revelation was revealed, it was during the time of war. The husbands would travel for years at a time and most did not return. This left behind many widows with children. And since the men are the providers in Islam how are these widows going to find food for their children? In this case a man would ask permission of his first wife, if she agreed then would take on the responsibility

of caring for another family.

In conclusion, I'd simply like to say that I do not mean to seem harsh. But I must state the facts otherwise people will always have a negative picture of Islam. I'm really beginning to think that the writers know exactly what they're doing. And not only that, every time we post information about upcoming events, some mystery person tears them down and we constantly have to keep re-posting. One other thing, despite all the negative messages produced about Islam, Islam continues to be the fastest growing religion in the world. People will forever try to prevent Islam from spreading but people will eventually find out for themselves.

Hawwa Djuned,  
Muslim Students  
Association President

### got beef?

The Thunderword would like to run your letter or commentary. Bring letters and commentaries to the Thunderword office, room 106, Building 10. Or call at ext. 3318 or e-mail thunderword@hotmail.com. **We will shorten letters over 300 words.** Deadline for the Thursday, July 1 issue is Monday, June 28, at 12:30 p.m.



VERY SPECIAL #26 ED COMMANDO "THE FAREWELL OF ED" ILLUSTRATED, WRITTEN BY: ZAC BEDELL, A.A.

# Ed Commando

**Ed Commando** LAST ONE KIDS!  
"Ed says Goodbye Highline..."

HUGS FOR ALL 'YEA!

WHAT'S THIS? CAN IT BE? IS THE GREATEST DEFENDER OF GOOD AND ACADEMICS THAT HIGHLINE COLLEGE HAS EVER SEEN RETIRING?

HANGING UP THE TIE?  
SLIDING INTO THE GOLDEN YEARS?  
HITTIN' THAT RETIRIN' TIMER?  
WE SHALL SEE.

UPON HIS RETURN FROM OLYMPIA AND THE DEFEAT OF SLAVE GORGON, ED WAS BACK TO THE PULSE AT HIGHLINE.

EVERYBODY KNEW THAT ED WAS SUCH A GOOD GUY. ED LOVED EVERYBODY, AFTER ALL HE LOVES HIGHLINE.

ONE NIGHT ED FELT THAT SOMETHING NEW WAS IN THE STARS...

HE REALIZED THAT HIGHLINE WAS SAFE... HIGHLINE COLLEGE NEEDED NO MORE DEPENDING

THE DAY HE THOUGHT WOULD NEVER COME HAD ARRIVED ALL TOO SOON.

ED KNEW HIMSELF WELL, HE KNEW THAT THESE FEELINGS MEANT CHANGE.

ED WAS GOING TO RETIRE. ED COMMANDO WAS TO LEAVE HIGHLINE.

FOR HE KNEW THAT NO MATTER HOW MUCH HE LOVED HIGHLINE THERE WERE OTHER DANGERS ELSEWHERE.

A WORLD OUTSIDE OF HIGHLINE SEEMED, MORE THAN EVER, TO NEED A HERO LIKE ED.

THE WORLD LOOKED TO ED COMMANDO TO LEAVE HIS FIRST LOVE AND BRING GOOD TO EVERYONE.

OR AT LEAST HE THOUGHT SO.

AND SO, BEING THAT SELF-SACRIFICING KIND OF GUY, ED LOOKED NOT ONTO THE SETTING SUN OF RETIREMENT...

...BUT TO THE RISING STAR OF THE FUTURE.

THANKS ED FANS,

THANKS TO EVERYONE...ESPECIALLY THOSE LISTED, MENTIONED, DESCRIBED, OR OTHERWISE NODDED TOWARDS BELOW: WOW, WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT? WELL, IT WAS A COMIC STRIP CALLED ED COMMANDO, AND MAN, IT WAS FUN. I STARTED DRAWING THIS IN SPRING OF 98 AND HAVEN'T MISSED A THUNDERWORD SINCE, THANK YOU ALL. BIG UPS TO THE OLD SCHOOL CREW, MY FORMER EDITOR A.P.H., T.M. SELL IS THE MAN. AND THIS COMIC WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED IF NOT FOR HIS IMAGINATION, WIT, AND UTTER DISRESPECT FOR AUTHORITY OF ANY KIND. MAY THE COURSE BE WITH MY FAMILY, ESPECIALLY MY GRANDMA. THANKS TO LOW-OVER-HEAD-EARL WHO MADE THOSE HOT SELLING T-SHIRTS. THAT THE THUNDERWORD WILL SOON BE USING AS NAPKINS FOR TERIYAKI SAUCE. THANKS TO T.M. SELL, DR. DOOM, JUDGE DREAD, DR. DOOLITS, DR. JEKYLL, THE GOOD DOCTOR, AND THE DAMN DOCTOR. SO WHAT NEXT? WHAT OF ED? WELL, WORRY NOT ALL YOU DIE-HARD FANS, ED WILL RETURN, ONLY FOR THE FAIS AT HIGHLINE. THIS COMIC HAS GROWN WITH ME AND ITS TIME TO LET THE OLD ED COMMANDO REST. AS I MOVE ON TO WESTERN, THANKS TO ED COMMAND, HIGHLINE'S PRESIDENT, FOR ALLOWING SUCH A SILLY CARTOONIST TO WALK ABOUT FREELY, HELLO TO THE GALS. IN REGISTRATION, THANKS FOR THE PHONE CALL.

SEE YA,  
**ZAC BEDELL**  
©1999

## This summer's best bet for laughs, tears: 'American Pie'

Finally, a teen comedy to shout about.

After a year filled with mindless drivel passed off for movies, I can't believe one came along that actually shows potential for humor.

Nonsense movies like *She's All That* and *Varsity Blues* made millions for no other reason than a cute cast, and so-called "smart" flicks like *10 Things I Hate About You* and *Cruel Intentions* proved that producers really underestimate their target audience.

*American Pie*, about four teens who make a pact to lose

### Marta's Moment



By Marta D. Pelayo

their virginity, will be compared to *Something About Mary* for its obscene humor, but don't expect to laugh at mentally challenged individuals.

While the Farrelly Brothers got big laughs by making fun of others, *American Pie* gets laughs by reminding us how humiliating our sexual exploration years were.

And while I hope *American Pie* performs as well as *Mary* in the box office, I hope it won't be compared to *Mary* for its obscene humor and dirty language. It's a far superior film in both script and performances. The trailer alone shows how unique *Pie* is.

Granted, the plot is about as basic as any of this year's teen flicks, but the content is truly unique and is a much more honest portrayal of just how x-rated teens can be.

Well, at least it honestly portrays how x-rated teens' thoughts are.

At the very least, you'll learn a few things.

You'll find out what "MILF" means, and you'll learn another meaning for the "peace" hand gesture.

You'll also learn what really goes on in band camp and why you should always watch out for the flute girl.

Most importantly, you'll laugh your tail off.

So July 9, run to the cineplex to see *American Pie*.

Marta will be starring this summer in the teen-oriented *Something About Marta's Evil Eye*, loosely based on Shakespeare's *Coriolanus*.

## Pomp and Circumstance



Photo by Raul Sedano

Second-place winner Cathy Fisher wishes Highline graduates good luck via Team Highline's Painting Competition.

## Readers Theater explores gender issues with words

By Cassie Thompson  
Staff Reporter

Close Encounters II: Gender and Relationships scripted and directed by Highline's own Lee Buxton was a smash hit among the audience of approximately 60 college students and staff last Friday.

Lee Buxton along with seven other speakers put on this extraordinary presentation. These speakers include William Brown, Anshu Deo, George M. Kelley Jr., Nancy K. Lennstrom, Gary Nelson, Malia Watters and Tony Wilson.

"What you are about to hear today is a theater presentation in speech form out of rhetoric. In other words these people on stage are going to be reading to you in a mommy, mommy read

me a story sort of way," Lee Buxton said.

Close Encounters dealt with the so-called "battle of the sexes" and a collection of stories about how each speaker discovered they were female or male. Each speaker took turns reading specific pieces by known and unknown authors dealing with the topic of gender and relationships.

Along with reading from specific pieces, the speakers also put on little presentations expressing the differences between the ways that males and females think.

Overall, the presentation went very well and it was truly a well prepared for presentation. Buxton and the other speakers worked very hard on putting on a perfect presentation.

## 'Notting Hill' worth a climb

### Comedy hoping for anti-*Star Wars* audience

BJ Stephenson  
Staff Reporter

*Notting Hill*, starring Julia Roberts and Hugh Grant, is a romp in bizarre minor characters. I mean that in the most entertaining sense of the word



Universal Studios

Anna (Julia Roberts) and William (Hugh Grant) give romance a go in *Notting Hill*.

Famous actresses are always suckers for the honest charm of floppy-haired booksellers who try to save them a buck, make that a pound, as we are in England.

After posing as a journalist from Horse and Hound, Thacker gains entry to see Ms. Scott at the Ritz and leaves with a date for that evening to his sister's birthday party.

Now it gets interesting. First we meet party hosts Max, who is cooking and burning the guinea fowl, and Bella, who is in a wheelchair for life due to a recent accident. They are appropriately slack-jawed when they set eyes on the celebrity accompanying their usually dateless friend Thacker.

Next comes Thacker's wacky sister Honey, played by Emma Chambers. Honey is visually memorable, with wild red hair

going in all directions, petite avant garde dress (or the cheap London interpretation of avant garde), and bug eyes. You love her immediately as much as she seems to love Scott, whom she giddily declares her best friend.

The one person missing from the party who plays hugely in this funny drama is Thacker's flat mate now that Thacker's wife has left him. Spike is his name and an accurate physical description.

I love British actors because

they are so real. They have warts, bad breath, or whatever, and are seldom too gorgeous for words. People we can all identify with and think it just might be possible to be an actor, too.

Spike is actor Rhys Ifans. Spike has the worst teeth, lankiest, most illkempt body, and not connected to the world we know beyond the animal level of mating. He is a hoot, and in the end, saves the day . . . more or less. After all, love never comes without mishaps (think spilled orange juice, paparazzi misunderstanding . . .)

Roger Michel has directed a well-paced piece of entertainment in *Notting Hill*. Hugh Grant plays his usual Hugh Grant. Julia Roberts showed more depth, but I just couldn't buy the poor me, misunderstood and exploited by the media Hollywood actress. "... remember, I'm just a girl standing in front of a guy wanting him to love her." You either want to gag or go "aww."

The supporting characters are what make this film worth seeing. The writer's central characters are a bit trite and predictable, but the supporting characters are memorable. This may be due to creative writing, exemplary acting, astute directing, or all three. You decide.

.....  
This space could have been yours for  
about \$15. Thunderword ads are  
inexpensive, reach lots of people  
every week and heck, we'll even  
design them for you. Call our ad  
goddess Sherry at 206-878-3710, ext.  
3291.  
.....



# The best (and worst) of 1999

Where it's at

I was going to preview Hollywood's summertime offering, but alas, a depressing realization popped into my head - there's little to report.

I usually look forward to the big budget eye candy studios unleash during the relaxing dog days between May and August. Tis not the case this year.

*Wild Wild West?* No thank you (well maybe for Salma Hayek). *Inspector Gadget?* No

## The Roche Motel

By Derek Roche

comment. *Tarzan?* No friggin way (well maybe for Jane).

So, I will instead revisit my filmgoing adventures between last Fall and this Spring.

**Best Movie:** *Saving Private Ryan*. In a landslide, by far, Fugeddaboutit. An intense, authentically recreated and expertly directed cinematic experience. In no way a glorification of warfare, rather an illustration of first rate filmmaking.

**Worst Movie:** *Soldier*: An uninspired, tedious, unsightly sci-fi western starring Kurt Russell that shamelessly recycles bits and parts from other films. Director Paul Anderson (*Mortal Kombat*, *Event Horizon*) should find another racket before he



Dreamworks Pictures

Steven Spielberg's *Saving Private Ryan*, co-starring Barry Pepper, was one the year's best movies.

emits a fourth consecutive dud.

**Biggest Disappointment(s):** *Psycho*: Gus Van Sant's remake, single-handedly proves that classics should simply be unmoled. What next, Tim Burton's *Casablanca*?

*The Thin Red Line*: War through the eyes of a soldier on an acid trip is perhaps the only way to describe Terrence Malick's, incoherent, supposedly poetic WWII drama based on

James Jones 1962 novel. By no means a poorly crafted film (gorgeous cinematography), but with expectations rivaling Spielberg's similar themed project, the unspectacular result was that much more accentuated.

**Best Sci Fi:** *The Matrix* - A triumph of cinematography, art direction, and state of the art special effects; a film so visually stunning and awe inspiring that when the enigmatic screen-

play descends into an exercise of preposterousness, you willingly suspend all disbelief.

**Worst sequel:** *I Still Know What You Did Last Summer*: I even hated typing that title. Not one original, gruesomely imaginative, or remotely scary moment in this insipid sequel. Love Hewitt/Brandy/Slasher flick — no skin? I want my money back.

**Best Comedy:** *Very Bad Things* - First time director Peter Berg's underappreciated comedy about a bachelor party that goes awry, was genuinely hilarious and just about as cleverly written as such a film could be.

**Worst Comedy:** *Waterboy*: I hated, despised, loathed just about every moronic minute of this Adam Sandler "comedy."

**Good Movies no one saw:** *Pleasantville*, *A Simple Plan*, *American History X*, *Beloved*.

**Unnecessary remakes:** *Meet Joe Black*, *Mighty Joe Young*, *Gloria*.

**Breakthrough Performances:** Reese Witherspoon (*Election*) Joseph Fiennes (*Shakespeare in Love*.)

**Guilty Pleasures:** *Simon Birch*, *Babe*, *Pig in the City*, *Urban Legend*.

**Bottom Line:** I really need to get out more.

• Graphic design students are presenting a folio show of visual communication today and tomorrow. The presentation will be held in Building 16 in room 158. For more information contact Gary Nelson at 206-878-3710 ext. 3506.

• The Spring Quarter choral concert is tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Building 7. The concert is free for everyone, so come and enjoy a medley from *The Sound of Music*, a rousing rendition of *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, and many other songs from the concert choir.

The Vocal Jazz Ensemble will also take the stage, performing tunes like *Route 66*, *Down by the Riverside*, and *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*.

Come and enjoy a night of wonderful music!

• Shoreline Community College is offering summer art classes. The college is offering courses in "Landscape Painting in Oils" and "Introduction to Relief Printmaking." Call the Continuing Education office for information on class supplies at 206-546-4652

• Saxophone legend Maceo Parker and singer Ani DiFranco will perform at the Snoqualmie Winery in Seattle. Call 1-800-992-8499 for more information.

## Is your future in the stars? Ask humorscopes

By Gabe Bonner  
Laugh Reporter

### Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 20)

The stars agree, you are a special person, and this is your week to shine. Trek to Washington DC, and get a bill proclaiming a holiday in your honor.

### Aquarius (Jan 21-Feb 19)

The stars know that you aren't getting the grades you want, so here's what you do: Don't wear any clothes to school next Friday, and a scout from an international modeling agency will notice you. You'll get paid lots of money to walk around in a swimsuit on tropical islands all day. You grades won't be better...but who gives a damn anymore!

### Pisces (Feb 20-Mar 20)

It is a bad week for you, Pisces. Go home right now and eat a whole bunch of high fat food. Then climb into bed and sleep for the next seven days. Trust the stars now, thank them later.

### Aries (Mar 21-Apr 20)

The stars foretell that the world is going to end unless you get married this week. To prevent this, go to the cafeteria at noon on Friday, June 4, and spin around in a circle with one arm extended. After 69 spins, stop, and propose to whomever your

arm points at.

### Taurus (Apr 21-May 20)

Quit looking at that hottie in your second class of the day, they're really a bisexual crack whore who will only use you to get close to one of your friends.

### Gemini (May 21-Jun 21)

It's unfortunate that you find out this late in life, Gemini, but you are really an alien. You parents were coming from the planet Esrevinuhtfodog in the solar system Ebag to visit relatives on Mars, and were stranded on Earth when their spaceship broke down. They assumed human form to live on this planet and grew you out of a test tube.

### Cancer (Jun 22-Jul 22)

First things first, get that piece of lettuce off your front tooth. Then go to the Student Center and pick up an application for student government. Uh oh, elections are over already? That's OK, you'll have a

head start on next year's candidates.

### Leo (Jul 23-Aug 23)

Your affair with cheesecake is going to get you in trouble this week. The only way to prevent it is to either: a.) fast for the next seven days, in which case you will only be bitten by a large angry cobra or b.) eat all the cheesecake you can, and only suffer the minor pain of getting hit by an old lady on a bicycle.

### Virgo (Aug 24-Sep 22)

Virgo, the stars have a short but sweet message to give to you, pay careful attention. It may seem a little strange since it's written in limerick form, but follow it to a "T." Here goes: "Sometimes you feel like a nut, sometimes you don't. Make friends with squirrels this week, not goats."

### Libra (Sep 23-Oct 23)

The stars say that it's time to

spice up your love life. Slather yourself in Hugo, and go hang out at the Vu this weekend. Go out with the first Texan that tries to talk to you and you won't be disappointed. The stars could go into more detail, but this is a family newspaper.

### Scorpio (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Life is gonna throw you a few punches this week, so try to roll with the blow. Here's a tip: Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee. Don't get pissed when you get hit by lightning this week, God is just testing you. Play

like a palm tree in a hurricane and then come back with a vengeance next week and kick Fate right in the ass.

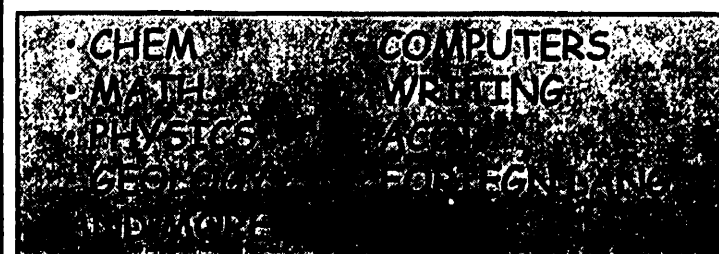
### Sagittarius (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Everyone knows that cars aren't your bag, baby, so don't try to fix one this week when it breaks down. Also keep your eyes on the sky, there's an APB on your ass from that bird you almost hit a few days ago. Wear a wide brimmed hat and trashy clothes to school, because they will be crapping on your head for the next seven days.

# Do You Have QUESTIONS?

COME GET THEM ANSWERED!

AT YOUR TUTORING CENTER WE HAVE TUTORS IN...



Bldg. 19 \* IT'S FREE! Rm. 206

**Flexible Summer Employment**  
**\$8.00 hr + Bonus**  
**(solid potential exceeds \$1,000 wk)**

On Metro bus route #194

Face-to-face people skills a must

No telemarketing, no sales

3 to 6 day flexible schedule, 3pm to 8pm

Heritage, Inc.

Flexible Summer Employment  
Jim Profit 1-800-400-2131



## T-Bird men finish fourth by seconds

By Jamie Kirk  
Staff Reporter

**EUGENE, Ore.** — The Highline men's track team narrowly missed a third-place finish at the NWAACC track and field championships last week.

The entire team heaved sighs of disappointment when their fourth place finish was announced.

Highline was hoping to take home third place, which would be quite an accomplishment for the small team which was missing two prominent competitors. Micah Adams was injured and Eric Simonson was ineligible due to lack of credits. Still they only missed their goal by two points and were a surprising 12 points out of second.

Leading the team with 38 points was Dominique Demouchet who competed in six events.

Demouchet took first in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 53.26 seconds, achieving all-American status.

"I ran my heart out," said Demouchet.

Chris Hall and Frank Walton

took fourth and seventh place in the event. Walton and Hall also came away with fifth and eighth place finishes in the 110m high hurdles.

All-American is given to any who place third or higher. Highline had nine men who earned this honor.

Demouchet placed second in the long jump with a jump of 23'8", a new personal record.

"It felt good but, I lost to the one person I did not want to lose to Devion Tensley (of Spokane)," said Demouchet.

Thunderbird Andy Hanson placed 10th in the long jump with a jump of 20'8.75". Hanson also placed eighth in the 100m dash.

Demouchet placed fourth in the triple jump and the 100m dash.

Highline's Justin Clark placed second in the 400m dash with a time of 50.02 seconds.

"I went out too slow (in the prelims). I played the catch up game," said Clark.

Highline got another first place from Andrew Russell in the 800m, tearing up the field with a time of 1:57.34.

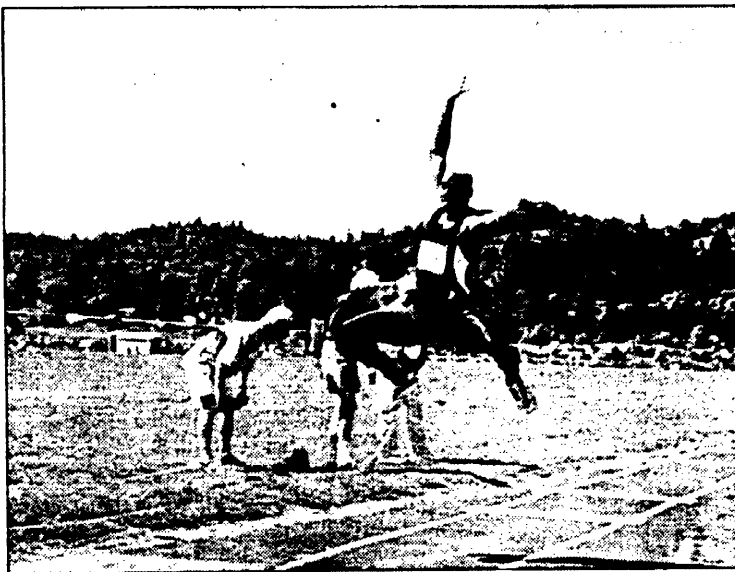


Photo by Gabe Bonner

The Bald Eagle soars to a 23'8" jump, over a foot past his previous best.

"The last 200m I knew I had to go, I knew I was going to get it," said Russell. "I just wanted to get the watch."

"I was very happy to see Andy do as well as he did" said Head Coach Tracy Brigham.

High jumper Sean Steele placed second with a jump of 6'9".

T-Bird John Fox placed sixth in the pole vault with a height of 13'6".

"I was really excited to be here," said Fox. "I really needed a bigger pole."

Adams was a contender for NWAACC champion in the pole vault but due to a pulled hamstring was unable to compete in the pole vault or any running events.

Andrew Gist took third in the steeplechase with a time of 9:53.19.

"Andy is amazingly good at

finding something extra on championship day," said Coach Adam Leahy. "He got passed and then got it back, a very gutsy race."

"The last lap was phenom. I felt really good about that," said Gist.

Distance runner Dagen Bendixen finished third in the 10,000m run and fifth in the 5,000m.

"Dagen did exactly what he should have done. He ran a good solid race," said Leahy.

The only Highline thrower, Vedran Kadric, placed fifth in the javelin with a throw of 173'3".

The 4x100m relay team took third with a time of 43 seconds. Running the relay were Walton, who took the place of Adams, Demouchet, Hanson, and Clark.

"We should have run better but it feels good to be an All-American," said Hanson.

The 4x400m relay also took third.

They were nudged out of second place by .01 of a second. The squad consisted of Demouchet, Clark, Tim Richart and Russell.

## Forget the scores, it was a great track season

**EUGENE, Ore.** — What happens now? That's the question that everyone in Highline's track program is asking.

For about seven months, everyday after school you would find athletes running frantically on the track or running away

### Diary

Dominique Demouchet

from the track trying to get out of practice.

Now that we're done, some til next year, and others forever, there seems to be an abundance of this thing that none of us are used to called time.

During the season there was never enough time to work, study, run, and maintain a social life. Now that track is done, and school is almost over, time seems to be plentiful.

I am starting to hate the theory behind time actually. It's the thing you never have enough of when you want it, have too much when you don't, and the fact that my life is ruled by it in the world of running.

The '99 NWAACC track championships were held at Lane College in Eugene, Ore. Thursday was the first day of competition. It was the prelims for all the running events and the finals for the field events. We all started the day off by



Photo by Jamie Kirk

Dominique Demouchet embraces teammate Andrew Russell after becoming the new NWAACC champion in the 400m hurdles.

watching Jenoa Potter high jump.

Although at first she looked disappointed in her efforts I think that she knew that her team supported her. The fact that she got second as a freshman should give her some ambitions for next year. I know from last year's experience that when you come so close to achieving victory and it's taken from you, it's kind of hard to deal with at first but it makes you a stronger person.

Speaking of people being strong: Soon after, I saw Rachael Schwartz sitting on the

ground with her uniform on but she was wearing her casual shoes. I walked up to her to see a single tear trickle down her cheek. All I could do was give her a hug and tell her that everything would be all right. After a season of practicing and competing so hard to make it to NWAACCs and then unfortunately no-heighting, I knew she was in pain. I couldn't think of a worse thing that could happen to a good person. I was wrong.

My Halfcrican brother Micah Adams had been fighting an illness all week and at the UW meet two weeks ago he pulled

his hamstring. After a week of babying it and constantly massaging his leg, it stayed strong up until the point he needed it. Warming up for the pole vault, which he was a favorite to win, his leg gave out one last time, striking him from the two-day competition.

This got me thinking. At first I was wandering around complaining at every chance I got about having to do a partial decathlon at NWAACC, how everyone else got to save themselves for that one special race they get to run and then this happened to my teammates.

It made me realize that I had no place to complain. That there are people who participated on teams this year and couldn't qualify in one event and I was complaining because I got the chance to do several.

The best time I had that whole weekend was when I watched Andrew Russell win the 800m.

I will never forget it because as I ran down the side line to cheer him on I yelled and jumped up as he passed me and I slipped and fell on my butt in front of everyone. I felt completely stupid. I guess It was like God's way of getting back at me for the utter embarrassment I caused for another individual the previous day. Needless to say I felt bad, heard about

it from everyone, and no matter how much I could apologize it wasn't even a fragment of how bad I felt or the pain I caused for that matter.

Friday was a new day and it was time to see who was who. After the 110m high hurdles my boy Chris Hall was pumped up to run the 400m hurdles. The 400m hurdles is one of those bittersweet things that people talk about. The race sucks. The last thing you want to do when you're dead tired is jump over obstacles that get higher and higher the more tired you get, but Chris was all hyped up.

He kept yelling "The Bald Eagles are coming, kooo kooo." I was proud of him. Not only did he place fourth but PR'd as well.

Like I said no one could touch Spokane's sprinters and distance runners, or Jim Reed and Dusty Lane, who pretty much beat every school by themselves. Lane's throwers proved to be too much for all other opposing teams.

One point took our third place team trophy and gave it to Mt. Hood. We could play the "what if" game but they deserve it and we did our best. No team I ever compete for will bring the laughs and the triumphs that we have shared.

*Dominique is a Thunderword staff reporter.*

## Potter, relay team lead women at track finale

First Thunderbird women's team does its best, finishes eighth at NWAACC meet

By Jamie Kirk  
Staff Reporter

EUGENE, Ore. - With everyone holding their breath in anticipation, Highline's Jenoa Potter cleared the high jump bar set a 5'2".

Everyone let out a gasp of air when Potter landed on the mat with the bar still in position.

Highline's top finisher Potter cleared the bar with inches to spare on her third attempt. Potter took second place with a jump of 5'2" two inches off of her personal best from high

school of 5'4". She also earned all-American status.

Highline finished eighth overall with 10 points. The Community Colleges of Spokane clobbered the teams with 212 points followed by Clark with 116 and Lane with 85.

"It was a perfect day to jump. The weather was great," said Potter.

"I was just thinking to myself, I had to do my best to stay with the other girls or even be competitive," said Potter.

Potter was also a member of the 4x100 meter relay team

which took seventh place with a time of 54.46 seconds.

The team also consisted of Yavan Harper, Rachel Moyer and Rachael Schwartz.

"I definitely think we could have done better. We had our work cut out for us but when it came down to it we couldn't get our hand-offs together," said Potter.

Harper took 11th in the triple jump with a jump of 33' 5.5".

Harper did what she hoped to accomplish by going up in the placing.

"If I would have gotten my form earlier in the season I would have been more of a contender," said Harper.

"Scary" is all that would come out of Moyer's mouth before her 400m race.

Moyer placed eighth in the 400m dash with a time of 65.09 seconds.

"I did not have my blocks they were lost. So that began my frustration," said Moyer.

"I got to the 200m mark and hit a wind block, and lane eight was the worst for the wind," said Moyer.

Pole vaulter Schwartz was one of two vaulters to no height. Schwartz cleared the bar with her body, but her pole came back to knock the bar off of the standards.

Distance runner Angela Upchurch fighting a bad cold placed eighth in the 1,500m run



Photo By Paris Hansen

Victoria Upchurch in her last minute entry in the 4x400m relay, in the NWAACC championships.

with a time of 6:12.36.

Victoria Upchurch qualified for the 800m dash but was scratched from the race because of mono and tonsillitis.

Angela Upchurch was to run in the 4x400m relay but was to sick to compete, so her sister came to the rescue and filled in as the third leg.

"I was really excited to run. I thought that I had only gone as a spectator," said Victoria Upchurch. "It was a great opportunity for me."

The three other relay team members were Schwartz, Moyer

and, Stephanie Allen.

The 4x400m relay took fifth with a time of 4:34.07, 15 seconds better than their previous best.

"It was the hardest thing I have ever done. I just wanted to finish," said Schwartz. "I got what I wanted, a medal."

"I am very proud of our 4x400m relay, I loved running second," said Moyer.

The women did excellent were Head Coach Tracy Brigham sentiments after the meet.

"I am proud of them," said Brigham.



Photo by Paris Hansen

The 4x400m relay receive their medals for fifth place. The team improved their time by 15 seconds.

## Men's track team comes through when it counts

I don't understand how the guys did it.

The wind was blowing so hard that I saw a really skinny, tired, 10,000 meter runner get picked up and blown into third place (well maybe that was a slight exaggeration). And the pollen count was off the charts so that instead gasping for breath you were gasping to sneeze. Highline's men's track

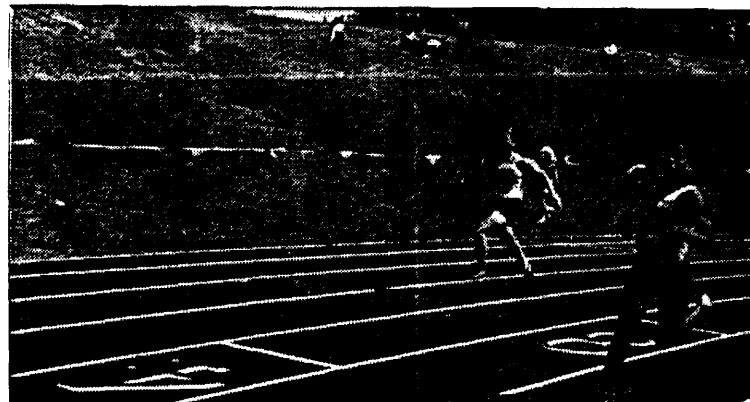


Photo by Gabe Bonner

The red-headed Steph child rounds the curve in the 400m run at the NWAACC meet last week.

### The Score Card

By Stephanie Allen

& field team still managed to place fourth in NWAACCs.

Mother nature's distractions didn't seem to phase them all that much, but her distractions sure phased me. I didn't need to warm up on the track, I ran to the bathroom so much to blow my nose that my muscles were plenty warm.

"If it wasn't for the wind it could have been a greater day," said 800 meter runner Andrew Russell.

Athletes such as Russell, Dominique Demouchet and Sean Steele performed incredibly, almost prospering in the blustery weather.

Demouchet placed first in the 400 meter hurdles; Russell placed first in the 800 meter dash and Steele placing second in the high jump.

"I did better than I expected to," said Demouchet.

They made it look all too easy, like nothing could hold them down. And they ran like it to. Even though they were small in number they were big in heart.

"I just wanted to get that watch," said Russell. You get a watch for first place.

But it is evident that this is where all the hard work paid off. All the Tuesday workouts, the

tired, pulled, cramped muscles, the successes, and the failures.

It made me wish I had started the season earlier so I could have been in better shape. Because when the guys were running across the finish line in first, second, or third place, I was running across last, barely

making it to the Gatorade before collapsing under my own weight. So I guess it goes to show what goes around comes around.

The more work you put into training the better results you'll get. The guys on the track team are proof of that.

### Intermediate Library Assistant Kent Regional Library - Full Time



Perform advanced circulation & clerical functions while serving as lead. REQ: Min. 11 years of library training and/or exp. Supervisory skills, previous public contact exp., excellent comm. skills & ability to serve a diverse patron base are required. MS Word & Excel skills & ability to work a varied schedule. Salary: \$12.95/hr + exc. benefits. Submit KCLS Application by 5 PM on 6/16/99 to:

Human Resources, King County Library System  
300 8th Ave N., Seattle, WA 98109  
phone (206) 684-6601, fax (206) 373-7006

<http://www.kcls.org>

EOE

## T-Birds have fun in sun

By Gabe Bonner  
Staff Reporter

EUGENE, Ore. — For some, June 27 and 28 were their final days competing in collegiate athletics. For others, it was only one year down, one to go.

For some it was simply the end of a really long season. For even others it was the reward for many years of hard work.

The NWAACC Track and Field finals at Lane Community College was the culmination of a season's worth of practice and determination to succeed. And according to Highline pole vaulter Rachael Schwartz, there couldn't have been better days to compete. "The weather was great, sunny on Thursday, and comfortable on Friday. It was a little windy both days, but it helped some of the athletes get better times."

Sprinter Andy Hanson agreed. "The wind would push you in the back in the 100 and 200, making you run faster," he said.

Hanson's teammate Andrew Russell wasn't as optimistic about the wind, though. "(The wind) was killer when I ran the 800," said Russell. "It was blowing right against me in the back stretch of the track. It's OK though, I still got my watch."

Javelin thrower Vedran Kadric was also displeased with the gusts. "It blew my second throw out of bounds," he said.

Some of Highline's athletes weren't as worried about the

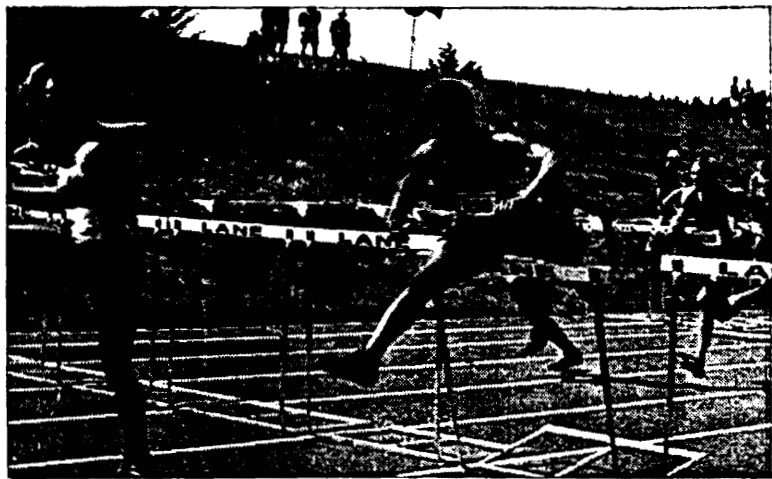


Photo by Gabe Bonner

Highline's Frank Walton clears a hurdle in the 110m race.

wind as they were about the sun. "I was sitting on the ground with my legs crossed for a while, and when I got up I had the worst sunburn ever on the insides of my legs. I could hardly even walk after that," said one Highline athlete.

Although the weather played a small role in the final results, it wasn't what sprinter Dominique Demouchet was thinking about. "I wish I had worked harder during the season," he said. "I know that I could have done even better." This was Demouchet's last run for Highline, he will be going to Southwest Louisiana State University with teammate Micah Adams.

Adams, coming into the NWAACC championships ranked in the top five at the pole vault and top 10 in the 100, had a strained hamstring for the finals, and regretted that he couldn't compete. "I think I could have got those 11 points

to get us second place if I had been healthy," he said.

Although the men's team didn't get as high a placing as they wanted, Head Coach Tracy Brigham was impressed nonetheless. "When I calculated on paper I thought the men's team would come out fifth. To be a point away from third, and only 11 away from second is quite an accomplishment," she said. "I would have loved to get second, but I'm proud of the work the men put in to get fourth."

The women's team point leader, Jenoa Potter, was happy with her performance in the finals. "I got second this year, but I'm going to work my butt off and hopefully do better next year."

Next year the NWAACC finals will be held at Clackamas Community College in Oregon. Athletes hoping to get a NWAACC watch have exactly one year to prepare.

## Coach Leahy to leave T-Birds' distance team

By Dagen Bendixen  
Staff Reporter

Highline's cross country and track programs will be losing an important resource of professional experience and training next year.

Adam Leahy has been the assistant cross country and distance track coach at Highline for the past three years. Leahy has helped train and prepare athletes to their best potential in each event.

Everyone who was coached by Leahy shared very similar thoughts.

"It's simple, without Adam I wouldn't have ran the times I did. He brought out the best in me," said former All-American distance runner Brian Smith.

"Adam is an awesome coach. Not many coaches can run faster than all their athletes. Adam will run with any of us, pushing us to our best in practice," said all-American runner Andrew Russell.

"He is very dedicated and keeps you accountable. I couldn't ask for a better coach," said all-American distance runner Andy Gist.

Leahy came to Highline right out of Pasco High School. While here, he broke the Highline freshman record in the 5,000 meters with a time of 14:45. Leahy also led Highline's cross country team to first-place NWAACC finishes

both years, placing first individually his freshman year and fourth his sophomore year.

After completing his AA degree Leahy transferred to the University of Washington where he continued his amazing improvement. Leahy dropped his 5,000 meter time to an awesome 13:54, the second best time ever run by a UW distance runner.

Leahy helped the University of Washington earn fourth place in the NCAA Cross Country Championships, the highest the university has ever placed at this meet. Leahy also qualified for the NCAA Track and Field Championships, a very prestigious event.

After completing his collegiate career Leahy ran for Club Northwest, competing in a number of big races including professional races such as the Prefontaine Classic. Leahy competed strongly against some of the best distance runners in America.

Leahy and his wife Karen had a child, Marcus Leahy, on April 23, 1998. Leahy has had little time to train, spending most of his time with his son.

Leahy is now taking classes at Bates Technical College for a vocational teaching certificate. He wants to teach graphic design at the high school level and coach track and cross country.

"The next team who gets Leahy as their coach is very fortunate," said runner Brian Reed.

## Kadric spearheads T-Bird throwers

By Stephanie Allen  
Staff Reporter

Highline has a world class athlete competing for the track and field team, literally.

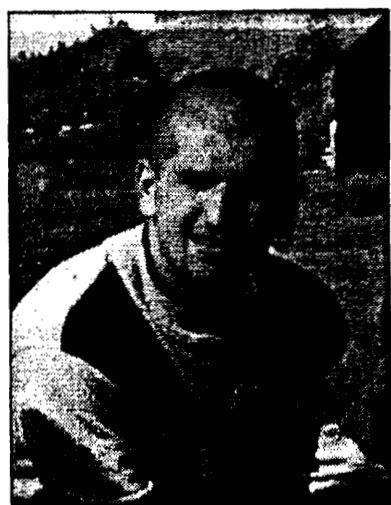
His name is Vedran Kadric and he is one of the best junior javelin throwers in the world.

Kadric has excelled in sports, specifically the javelin, for almost a decade in both his home country and the United States. Many of his achievements have gone unnoticed in the United States because of the athlete's modesty.

"I'm just playing for myself," said Kadric.

Kadric's home country is Bosnia where he began throwing the javelin in his 1990-1991 school year. He chose the javelin because a friend of his was going to throw also. The years to follow proved that it was a very smart choice.

Kadric placed fifth in the NWAACC championship meet last week. But when he's had time to train, he's done even bet-



Vedran Kadric

**"He is a nice guy and he's humble about his athletic status."**

--Justin Clark

ter.

Between 1993-1997, Kadric was the National Bosnian Junior Champion javelin thrower five consecutive years in a row.

In 1995, Kadric competed in the Youth Olympic Games held in London, and placed eighth out of all of Europe. That same year he became the best junior all sport Bosnian athlete, and

captured the Bosnian junior javelin record that he still holds to this day.

The very next year Kadric let the world know that he was one of the best junior javelin throwers it had with a throw of 220 some feet. He placed 21st in the World Junior Championships down in Sydney, Australia.

"I'm just going for my best

result any time I'm throwing," said Kadric.

Kadric moved to the United States in July of 1997, and attended Tyee High School where he graduated in 1998.

The javelins in the United States were no different in weight or style then the javelins he threw in Bosnia, except for a slight difference in the tip, so Kadric continued to compete.

That year he competed in the National Scholastic Outdoor Championships in North Carolina, and placed third. He also took the Tyee school record.

Kadric decided to attend Highline because he wanted to go to a two year school to improve his English, it was near his home, and he wanted to compete in the javelin.

Kadric said that he likes competing for Highline's team. He thinks the coaches are fine, the team is very good, and everyone is practicing hard.

Before the championships, Assistant Head Track Coach Whit Baker said that Kadric is a

real conscientious, good worker, and that if he continues to progress well he should be able to throw 210 feet by the end of the season.

"He has a really good work ethic," said teammate Sean Steele.

"He's a nice guy and he's humble about his athletic status," said teammate Justin Clark.

Kadric's training schedule has dropped from almost every day in Bosnia to a couple times a week here at Highline.

After Highline Kadric plans to attend a university, and major in physical education or a medical profession.

Besides being an incredible athlete, Kadric is a full time Highline student, works at a bowling alley, is a registered nurse, and has graduated from a six-year music school, where he studied guitar.

Kadric says he hardly picks up his guitar anymore. It's a good thing he picks up his javelin.



**NWAACC FASTPITCH**  
**All-star games**  
 at Edmonds  
 May 27

 Southwest 9, Northeast 3  
 Northeast 2, Southwest 0

**NWAACC TRACK**  
**Championship Results**  
 at Lane CC  
 May 27-28
**WOMEN**
 High Jump  
 2. Jenoa Potter  
**4x400m Relay**  
 5. Highline, 04:34.07,  
 Stephanie Allen, Rachel

# SCOREBOARD

 HOME  
 N.E. ALLSTARS  
 2

 Softball @  
 Edmonds CC

 VISITOR  
 S.W. ALLSTARS  
 0

 Moyer, Vickie Upchurch, and  
 Rachael Schwartz

**TEAM**  
 10 points
**MEN**
**Javelin**  
 5. Vedran Kadric, 173'3"  
**High Jump**  
 2. Sean Steele, 6'9"  
**Triple Jump**

 4. Dominique Demouchet,  
 44'6"

**110 High Hurdles**  
 5. Frank Walton, 00:15.35

**400 Intermediate Hurdles**  
 1. Dominique Demouchet,  
 00:53.26; 4. Chris Hall,  
 00:55.53

**100m**

 4. Dominique Demouchet,  
 00:10.79
**400m**

2. Justin Clark, 00:50.02

**800m**

1. Andrew Russell, 01:57.34

**3000m Steeplechase**  
 3. Andy Gist, 09:52.87
**5000m**

5. Dagen Bendixen, 16:06.00

**4x100m Relay**
 3. Highline, 00:43.00, Frank  
 Walton, Dominique

 Demouchet, Andy Hanson,  
 and Justin Clark  
**4x400m Relay**  
 3. Highline, 03:23.71, Domin-  
 ique Demouchet, Justin  
 Clark, Tim Richart, and  
 Andrew Russell  
**TEAM**  
 87 points
**Team Standings**

	M	W
Spokane	204	212
Lane	98	85
Mt. Hood	88	72.8
Highline	87	10
Clackamas	83	27.6
Clark	70	116
Chemeketa	20	73.6

## Prenovost hopes to rebuild after losing starters

 By Druzella White  
 Staff Reporter

Although the men's soccer team is rebuilding, they look to score another successful season.

The Highline men's soccer team has a solid core of five returners, and have signed four players from various high school teams.

"We may not have a quantity of returners from this season's [division] championship team. But what we do have is solid, quality ones," said Head Coach Jason Prenovost, of his team next season.

The Highline men's soccer team is losing team captains Gerry DiPietro, the league MVP, and Dusty Richardson, one of the team's most solid defenders. Along with the loss of the team captains, the team is



File Photo

**Men's soccer Head Coach Jason Prenovost goes over tips with his team last year.**

also losing three quarters of its starting midfield, half of its defense, the entire starting front line, and their goalkeeper, but Prenovost is still optimistic.

"We have five major, impor-

tant role players returning next season to add leadership and experience to the team," Prenovost said. "As long as we get the same leadership from the returners next year, as we did

this year, we will be very successful."

Those five returners include:  
 •Defender Clement Chiabi who was a starter and member of the NWAACC all-star team;

•Peter Wilson, a starter and solid defender who Prenovost is expecting to contribute even more in the next season;

•Midfielder Michael Koo, who, when healthy, is considered one of the best midfielders in the league;

•Rajwinder Bal, who gave quality minutes in the midfield, and is expected to improve;

•Jason Soper who had a huge year off of the bench, scoring 12 goals. He should add a strong offensive presence to next year's team.

Not only does the men's team have quality returners, they also have a strong assistant

coaching staff in Keith Paton and ex-player Steve Mullinax.

"Keith Paton is an excellent assistant. He gets the guys in great physical condition, and is just a great coach all around," said Prenovost.

Prenovost has four players signed, and at least four more that are expected to sign. Signees include Brandon Johnson a midfielder from Mt. Rainier; forward Brian Ibling and defender Brett Cardenas from Auburn Riverside; and Koichi Yokoyama, a defender from Japan.

Though next season will be a rebuilding one, Prenovost is not too worried.

"We have set very high standards for this team, and we expect to compete at the NWAACC championship tournament next year," he said.

## Fred Harrison closes a long career at Highline

 By Druzella White  
 Staff Reporter

Athletic Director Fred Harrison will be retiring in two weeks, after serving Highline students and faculty for 23 years.

The people who work with him say he will be missed tremendously.

"Fred is the reason I came to Highline as the women's basketball head coach this season. I'll miss him, but I know that he will be at our games next season," said Dennis Olson, head coach of the women's basketball team.

"His smiling face and charming personality will be missed greatly next year," said men's basketball Coach Jeff Albrecht.

Harrison first came to Highline in 1964 to play basketball. His 1965-66 team finished second in the conference.

He returned in the fall of 1976 as a health and physical education instructor and men's basketball coach. After 13 years of coaching, in '89, Harrison



Fred Harrison

hung up his whistle, and assumed the role of No. 1 fan.

It wasn't until fall of 1991 that Harrison was named as Athletic Director of Highline, succeeding his friend and mentor Don McConnaghey.

"I am just an extension of what Jack Hubbard, and Don McConnaghey started," said Harrison. "They were my mentors, and I was just trying to continue on with the tradition of excellence that they began."

In 1996 through 1998, Harrison relaced his sneakers, grabbed a clipboard, and assisted Head Coach Joe Callero and

his 1997-1998 men's basketball teams in winning back to back championship titles.

The reins, and tradition is now passed on to John Dunn who was formerly Harrison's assistant. Dunn and Keith Paton

will look to continue the tradition in the years to come.

Harrison has these words of wisdom for his successors Dunn and Paton: "Be yourself and project your good ideas. Good luck!"

### cÄTWÄLK STUDIO

-- Announcing --

**Master Nail Technician**

•Specializing in acrylics and pedicures

**Massage Therapist**

•Focusing on Swedish, sport, and deep tissue

**ULTRA BRONZ tanning for a deep golden tan**  
**10% off any specialty service with your student ID**

**206 • 824 • 2423**  
23100 PACIFIC HWY S. 205 • DES MOINES, WA 98198

## Ed Commando

DEFENDER OF HIGHLINE COLLEGE

**Official Ed Commando T-shirts!**

Only 10 freakin' bucks!

Call 3317 and order now!

Hurry, get yours before Ed Commando (our prez) outlaws these original masterpieces!

**Ed Commando t-shirts are available now!**

REPELL © 1999

# Get to know Team Highline

Largely new group has big plans for next school year

By Gabe Bonner  
Tracy Fischer,  
and Nate Patterson  
Staff Reporters

They have a budget of nearly \$50,000, which they will use to entertain and educate current students and even recruit a few new ones.

The people in charge of those funds comprise Team Highline, whose five new members and two veterans hope to use their various skills and talents to squeeze every last drop of entertainment from their \$50K budget.

Miyoung Tran, one of the five newly picked members, who previously served on Student Government, is very excited to be a part of Team Highline.

"I liked Student Government," she said, "but I'm more of the fun type." Tran said that she loves to be involved and is also looking forward to working with the new Team Highline co-



Tran



Nichols

adviser, Fred Capestany.

Next year, Tran hopes to coordinate a bigger Spring Fling and wants to see more people at events.

"Basically, I want to hype everything up," she said.

Kim Nichols, another newbie to Team Highline, is also looking forward to next year, but is nervous at the same time.

"It's a new thing," she said.

Nichols said that she received her communication skills from a very special role model. Her cousin, Nashonne Watkins, served in Student Government and has always inspired her to get involved.

Nichols hopes that her personality and people skills will help her get along well with the other members of the team.

One thing Nichols would like to organize for next year is a formal dance, at which Highline students could dress up and enjoy.

Amy Studley, one of Team Highline's two returnees, already has a year worth of experience under her belt, but is excited none the less.

"I can't wait!" she said. "I haven't met everybody yet, but I like the ones I have."

Studley believes that next year Team Highline will be more stable with two great advisers and a full team, as opposed to this year when they lost a member and had only one adviser. She said that it was tough losing a part of their team, but



Studley

they worked through it.

For next year, Studley hopes to accomplish bigger and better things. She has lots of new ideas for events and how to make them better.

"Any mistakes from this year have prepared us for the next," said Studley.

Esther Kihuga, another returning member, can't wait to work with the new members. Kihuga has only met two, but believes that the team will work well together contributing new ideas.

"I love working for Team Highline because I can express myself with all kinds of different people," said Kihuga.

One thing that Kihuga asks of students here at Highline is, that they contribute any ideas they may have that they would like to see happen.

Another member of Team Highline who will help in turning students' ideas into actual events is Josh Siebenaler.

Siebenaler hopes to take students' ideas and some creative ones of his own and make them into exciting events, that will interest people here at Highline and prospective students as well.



Kihuga



Siebenaler

"I was thinking maybe a battle of the bands or a benefit concert in the Pavilion, something that would get people interested in Highline," said Siebenaler.

Besides getting people interested, Siebenaler hopes to help meld Team Highline so it will work even better than it has in the past.

"I want to make Team Highline into a cohesive unit," he said.

Siebenaler hopes to get all members on the same page and working as efficiently as possible, which should help team members to spend equal time planning and promoting events so that all students on campus are informed.

Siebenaler was talked into applying by one of the returning Team Highline members, Amy Studley.

"I didn't have to talk to him too much," she said. "He's always hung out and helped us with a lot of stuff. I'm sure he'll do well next year."

Another newly elected member who

hopes to do well on Team Highline is Sarah Hollowell. Hollowell is in her fourth quarter at Highline, after taking classes last summer. Like Siebenaler, she has her own ideas about events that could interest students at Highline.

"I want to have dances here, like salsa dances and Mexican hat dances," said Hollowell. "I



Hollowell

think there are a lot of people here, that would enjoy things like that."

Hollowell is also the secretary of the United Latino Association, which may explain her interest in promoting different ethnic events on campus.

"There are many different cultures here, so I think we should have many different cultural types of things to interest everybody," said Hollowell.

The final member of Team Highline is Richard W. MacLean, is a Running Start student from Decatur High School in Federal Way.

MacLean is a full time student in his third quarter at Highline. His main goals for Team Highline are to; do a survey of the campus asking what the students want for events, and "to get events properly advertised and in the right time slots."

He would also like to get more high school students interested in Highline.

"I've noticed a lot of Running Start students at Highline and I'd like to get them more involved," said MacLean.

Together these seven students and their two advisers form a group that will plan and co-ordinate events next year which will hopefully go as well as some of their hits this year, like the Comedy Cafe or the Mardi Gras cruise.

"I think it will go well next year," said Hollowell. "We're going to have a lot of fun."

## Gunderson returns to work after accident

By Christina Morano  
Staff Reporter

Highline Campus Police Officer Kevin Gunderson returned to work last week after suffering second degree burns to his legs. He was treated at Harborview and released the same day after rescuing Highline Maintenance Mechanic Lee Hall.

"It's still very painful to walk," said Gunderson. It's possible that he may have to undergo skin grafts sometime during his expected six to eight weeks of recovery.

Gunderson and Hall were injured May 13 when a coupling from a hot water pipe burst in the Library showering them both.

Gunderson was patrolling in the south lot of the college when he received a radio call asking him to open the central services

area of the Library for Hall. Hall was following up on a reported leak, but did not have the key to gain access to it.

The two men made their way to the bottom floor of the Library, where central services is located.

"You couldn't see your hand in front of your face because it was so steamy and dark," said Gunderson.

Gunderson held open the door to central services while Hall proceeded to the mechanical room.

The two men were conversing when Hall opened the door to the awaiting four feet of built up hot water.

"It was a waterfall, just tons of water came out of there," said Gunderson as he recalled the events of that day.

The instant burn from the water, which reached up to

Hall's waist, sent him into shock.

With the force of the water making its way out, it closed the door that Gunderson was trying desperately to keep open for Hall and burned him in the process.

Gunderson immediately reopened the door, pulled Hall out and called for help.

"My main concern was making sure I got Lee," said Gunderson.

Hall suffered first, second and third degree burns, as a result of the accident and remains hospitalized at Harborview.

"If Lee hadn't needed a key for central services, he would not have been able to call for help," said Gunderson who has visited Hall twice since the accident.

Both men are expected to make a full recovery.

## Can you afford to PASS this up?

WASHINGTON  
AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Fuel Your Future

Air National Guard

Work 1 weekend a month, 2 weeks per year, and receive:

- Student Loan Repayment (up to \$10,000.00)
- Montgomery G. I. Bill (Reserve G. I. Bill up to \$21,636.00)
- College Tuition Waived (selected courses)
- Excellent Pay for Training (fully paid initial full-time training)

LET US HELP WITH YOUR COLLEGE EXPENSES

TSgt Warren Frazier  
(206) 764-4298  
1-800-344-8339

Fuel Your Future

6736 Ellis Avenue South  
Seattle, WA 98108

# McClure psyched about teaching

By Vickie Upchurch  
Staff Reporter

Eve McClure has been at Highline since 1966. She started as a counselor and part-time instructor at Highline. When that program was cut, she began putting on workshops for applications of applied psychology and in 1984 she became a full-time instructor.

She earned her master's degree in psychology at Columbia University. She chose to go to New York because she loves to watch plays and went to them every week.

McClure came to Highline to return to Washington state. She grew up in Eastern Washington. She also made plans to get her bachelor's degree from the University of Washington.

"I really like it here at Highline due to the diversity in classes. It makes it fun to teach and fun to watch students interact and discover each other," said McClure.

Lethargy in change is what she dislikes.

She also likes all of the new faculty that has been hired lately.

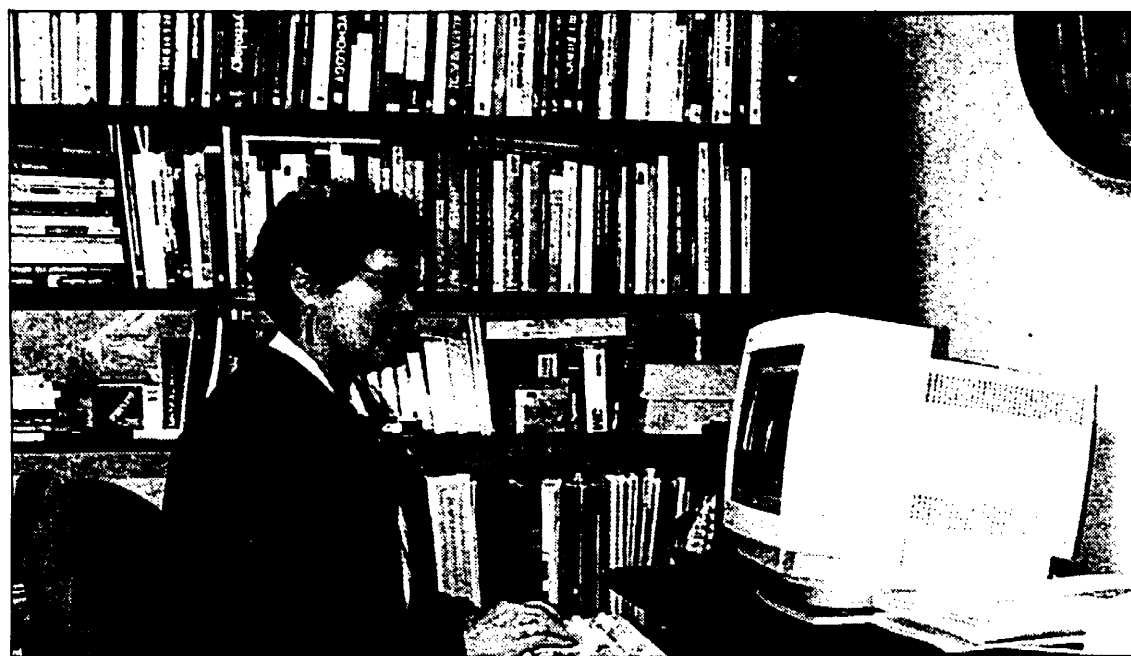


Photo by Tyler Hurst

Psychology instructor Eve McClure believes that most important thing a student can learn is how to think, thus enabling them to tackle more difficult subjects.

"They have added a richness to Highline," said McClure.

She is also the unofficial head of a critical thinking committee here on campus. It is an informal group of faculty who are interested in teaching critical thinking. They meet in a very small room every two weeks as they have for two years. The

group varies from four to 16 people.

Most of the members of the group have been down to Sonoma, Calif. to the Center for Critical Thinking and that has helped them expand their teaching.

Putting critical thinking into their teaching crosses all the dis-

ciplines; it teaches students how to think well.

McClure is happy with her career and she plans to continue teaching and working. She enjoys looking at racial identity and having students recognize and change their prejudices.

"It's real important to me," said McClure.

# Learn how to manage hotels

By Vickie Upchurch  
Staff Reporter

Highline offers the only two-year program in Washington for Hotel and Tourism Management.

The program prepares students for entry level management in the industry.

"I think the program is really good," said Chris Brandmeir, coordinator of the program.

Currently 40 students are enrolled in the new program. The program is finishing its third year, graduating six students.

"There are many, many positions, the demand is high," said Brandmeir.

After completing the program, students could make up to \$81,000 a year in hotel operation, but there are a variety of different jobs available. Courses offered at Highline prepare for front desk operations, food and beverage operations, housekeeping management, customer service, communications and more.

Many Highline students enrolled in the program have participated in internships, at places such as Emerald Downs, cruise ship lines and front desk, housekeeping, and accounting at local hotels varying in size.

"The industry is growing faster than we can keep up with the demand," said Brandmeir.

Tourism is projected to continue to grow and expand, it has become Washington's third largest industry. This field is popular not only in the United States, but other countries as well.

"They can work anywhere in the world," said Brandmeir.

If a student wants to continue his or her education after Highline, the program has articulation agreements with four-year schools.

Those interested can contact Chris Brandmeir at 206-878-3710, ext. 3855.

# CWU, Highline to create new building

By Carrie Rhodes  
Staff Reporter

Although it's still in the pre-design stage, the 21st Century Career's Building is a solid plan for the future.

The 21st Century Building is going to take the place of the pool. It will be a large building dedicated to computer labs and vocational labs.

The early idea of having Central Washington University share the building has been slightly modified. Instead of sharing the building, CWU will be constructing their own building right next to Highline's on the south side of the 21st Century Building, said Laura Saunders, the vice president of

administration. The two buildings will be connected via skybridge.

"Central decided to do it this way because separate capital funding will be easier to come by," said Berry Carruthers, the academic planning officer at the SeaTac branch of CWU.

The Child Care Center, which was not part of the original plan, will move into the 21st Century Building. Being located so close to the south parking lot makes this a convenient place for parents to drop off their children.

"We will get rid of those crummy portables," said Saunders. The portables that currently house child care are very old and outdated, she said.

There will also be a playground constructed on the west

side of either the Highline building or the Central building (this is yet to be decided).

Two legislative hurdles lie in front of the project, said Saunders. The first is design funding. Highline will ask for this money in the legislative budget session spring of 2001.

The second hurdle will come in 2003 when Highline must ask for construction funding. If Highline clears both hurdles in the next four years, the project should be done in 2005.

CWU must also clear these hurdles. This biennium they asked the Legislature, but did not receive design money, so they must ask again in the next biennium, which will be 2001.

"We were really disappointed this year that we didn't receive the design money," said

**"We will get rid of those crummy (child care) portables."**

--Laura Saunders, vice president of administration

Carruthers. If all goes well they will receive the money and construction will start around 2001.

Officials from Highline and Central are both very excited about the new buildings.

The partnership of the two schools will make the transition of two-year students to a four year school convenient, easy, and most of all local, said Carruthers.



Saunders

## Need More Money?

Don't have time for another J.O.B.?

Earn \$1,200 This week!

Call Now 24 hours a day

(3 min. recording)

Toll-Free

1-888-478-3833

Modoo Hana TKDAcademy

sponsored by the World Tae Kwon Do Federation

Women-only

Cardio Kickboxing

Lose weight • Get in shape • Feel great

WITH GUARANTEED RESULTS

Flexible hours - 5/6/7 p.m. M/W/F

206-870-8922

Close to college - S. 192nd and Pacific Highway South

Mention this ad and get the first class free

Hey Mon!

Here's To Your Health!

**reggae juice**

**2 for 1**

**Smoothie & Veggie Juice Drink**

One coupon per customer per visit. Not valid with any other offer. Expires 6/30/99

**Five Corners Shopping Center - Next to Albertsons**

**Phone Orders (206) 444-0477**



## Burke puts book back on the shelf

By Sarah Sechrist  
Staff Reporter

After 29 years of teaching, math instructor Ron Burke is retiring.

Burke has taught at Highline since 1970 and has taught all levels of math. The classes he enjoys teaching the most are Calculus and Linear Algebra because "the students are interested in learning the math, and it is appreciated," said Burke.

He also likes the math lab classes.

"It's one-on-one, and there are a wide variety of questions asked, so it is a fun teaching experience," said Burke.

"He is one of the best teachers I have had here at Highline. If a student needs extra help he takes the extra time to do just that," said one of Burke's math students.

Through the years he has seen many changes.

One such change is graphing calculators. Burke has positive and negative feelings about them.

"They are nice because students can check their work, but some students use them without learning the math," said Burke.

Burke says that retirement now "feels right, and it's time to



Photo by Kirk Elliott

Ron Burke works with Katie Leamer in the math lab located in Building 17 on the second floor. Burke will be retiring after this quarter.

sit back and relax."

He does have mixed feelings about leaving. Burke will miss the students and his colleagues, but will not miss the early mornings and late nights that he has put in over the years.

Burke does a lot of community service work. He has been the chairman of the City of

Seattle's Matching Fund Committee. This committee matches funds toward communities around the Seattle area, who have a project that is in need of money such as matching funds to build a new playhouse in West Seattle.

He plans to continue his volunteer work with them as well

as in his own community.

He also would like to travel the world. He wants to hike the Andes, see Ireland, and Africa and even do some sightseeing around the states.

After taking some time off, Burke plans to come back Winter of 2000 to work part-time.

Burke's last day is June 7.

## AS degree not favored by all

By Takehito Fukui  
Staff Reporter

Faculty in some divisions are unsure about the idea of a new associate of science degree at Highline.

Currently, faculty in the Engineering and Applied Science Division are working on creating the new degree. This degree would be more flexible for science students who plan to transfer to a university. However, the AS degree would have fewer requirements in these courses.

"This is not a well-rounded degree for transferring to a university. Until this idea is articulated and agreed to by all the universities in the state, this should not be offered," said Bruce Roberts, chairman of the Social Sciences Division.

He said this idea doesn't satisfy the agreement for the degree offered now.

"It will limit students' education too much and in the long run, it is doing a disservice," said Vickie Ropp, speech professor.

She is afraid that science students won't be in communication, humanity, or social science classes any more since the AS degree won't require students to have many credits from these courses.

"If I'm a science student, I am not going to take social science or other humanities classes if I don't need them. Then that student will leave without a well-rounded education," said Ropp.

"If the students will end up working at a science lab in the future, they might not need communication skills very much," said Lonnie Kaneko, chairman of Arts and Humanities. "However, higher positions would require students to have good skills in communication, teamwork, or understanding people."

He said students wouldn't have the opportunity to learn diversity, history, communication, or other appreciation of cultural things from just science courses.

Ropp thinks students should be ready to compete with other students who have skills in communication, or other skills that could be learned from social science and humanity courses when they transfer to a university.



Ropp

## Meet the president: Jovet speaks out

By Heather Baker  
Staff Reporter

On the outside Renee Jovet looks like the typical student, nothing unusual or special. On the inside Jovet radiates enthusiasm and leadership.

She will need those skills next year, when she becomes Highline's new student body president.

For now, Jovet is enjoying life. Her white rose hair clips seem to move in the direction of the sun, absorbing the energy.

Jovet smiles up at the sun, thanking it for the great weather, but not minding she wore a sweater vest. She wears a necklace strung with soda can tabs and quarters, not a fashion statement, but to remind her of past and present friends.

This 19-year-old is looking forward to her sophomore year at Highline. Jovet credits a cousin for getting her involved in Highline the first place. In the 1997-98 school year Jovet registered for classes but had to withdraw because of sickness and later having her tonsils removed.

"I was scared because I had been out of school so long," said Jovet.

Her cousin convinced her to take the Compass test, and she



Renee Jovet

registered for classes last fall. During registration she met the person who influenced her to run for student body president, Toni Castro, director of multicultural programs.

Besides having a cousin on campus, her sister is also here as a Running Start student.

Jovet plans to go to the University of Washington and major in communications with an emphasis in media broadcasting.

In her spare time Jovet likes to do community service.

"At Christmas time we (Highline students) did the KIRO kids gift party," said

Jovet. "We donated our time to help sort gifts. I teach a Sunday school class. I spend my time tutoring students at my sister's school. Just recently, I spent my time with kids that don't have dads."

Jovet is also involved in United Latino Association on campus.

Jovet likes to set the record straight about the rumors that she was a vegan.

"I am a partial vegetarian. I eat chicken for protein. I am not a big animal rights activist. It is something I just chose to do," said Jovet.

As president, Jovet wants to pursue issues that the outgoing student government did not have time to do, but she also wants to hear from the students.

Jovet can see the concerns that students have with the new student center.

"I understand it is a monetary thing. One student made a really good point to me and said that we never really never know when we're coming back for worker retraining. The center will be a good thing to have," said Jovet.

"I hope that people on campus are not afraid to approach me and say 'Hey this is an issue if you weren't aware of it,'" said Jovet.

**"I hope that people on campus are not afraid to approach me and say, 'Hey this is an issue if you weren't aware of it.'"**

--Renee Jovet

Jovet is still learning about the government process. She knows that it will be hard to fill the shoes of Santana Villa, the outgoing student body president.

"I think a lot of people when they chose to run weren't aware of all the issues that were going on," said Jovet. "I think the longer I have to realize that this is a really big thing; it's almost kinda scary."

"We (Highline students) don't know the effort it takes to be in the student government," said Jovet.

She clasps her SoBe bottle and gets up and walks away, blending into the rest of the Highline populace.

## Thunderword wins award, names fall, summer editors

The Thunderword has taken third place in the General Excellence competition of the Society of Professional Journalists.

The competition is open to newspapers from the state's more than 30 two-year colleges. It was the newspaper's second consecutive third-place finish.

Editors for the issues entered were Lisa Curdy and Michael Stampalia.

On a related note, Sarah Crowley has been named editor for Summer Quarter, said adviser Dr. T.M. Sell.

Crowley previously served as a reporter and as managing editor of the paper.

Also appointed for summer are Marta Pelayo, managing editor; Tyler Hurst, photo editor; Paris Hansen, arts and sports editor; and Jordan Whiteley, graphics editor.

Chi Lieu, business manager, and Sherry Leavens, advertising manager, are continuing with the paper.

K.M. Peterson has been named editor for Fall Quarter. Peterson previously has served as a reporter, sports editor and opinion editor for the paper.

Pelayo will continue as managing editor for fall and Whiteley as graphics editor.

Other fall appointments include Heather Baker, news editor; Derek Roche, arts editor; and Hansen, sports editor.

The Thunderword has not hired an opinion editor or a photo editor for fall.

## Transfer

continued from page A1

University, or The University of Washington Tacoma, in which the Business Administration program is similar to UW Seattle's.

Private four-year colleges, such as Seattle Pacific University and Seattle University, which naturally carry higher tuition rates, have also garnered interest from Highline graduates, especially those enticed by their first-rate engineering programs.

Students pursuing degrees in the extensive field of communication, particularly broadcast journalism, have, more than likely, explored the prospect of attending Washington State University, where the specific program's accommodating curriculum is a strong priority for luring in-state students, said Steussy.

"It's (WSU) also a little stronger if you want to be a pharmacist. I would say that the University of Washington has the better medical school, how-

ever. Actually I don't believe Washington State even has a medical school," said Steussy.

Those attracted to the arts (music, or drama) are also provided top-notch education to successfully pursue their passions within the state.

"If you're looking to get a music degree or you want to be a music instructor I think the two likely schools you're looking at are Pacific Lutheran University, particularly vocal music, and then potentially University of Washington," said Steussy.

"If you're looking at an arts and science program like the drama area, the University of Washington program is very good and very popular, as well as Western Washington University. Whitworth College has a very interesting and excellent program for those who would like to transfer to a program there," said Steussy.

Obviously students are not required to completely be dead set on a particular major. However, many find that the longer they stall, the tougher it is to find particular classes that are essential to their intended area of study.

## Deaf

continued from page A1

VCR has closed-captioning.

"I try to include Scott in discussions. It's frustrating that I can't talk to him," said one of Fulwiler's instructors. "I blame myself for that.

"When Scott has a question, he usually e-mails me," the instructor added.

As for Sara Nudell, who is

also a deaf student attending Highline, she has always gone to mainstream schools, with hearing people.

"I like it here at Highline; it's real close to my house; there are great interpreters," said Nudell.

Nudell wants to be a teacher's assistant.

"I would like to work with deaf children, because I know that they need deaf adults to look up too," said Nudell. "Ninety percent of parents do not sign with their children.

## Increase

continued from page A1

that of other college presidents, that we would support raising student tuition until it reaches the national level," said Highline President Ed Command. "We would advocate that the Legislature also raise state support for full time equivalent students to the national level as well."

The raises set each year for two-year colleges have kept tuition costs in Washington very close to the national level for the last four to five years. However, the support from the state has been nowhere near the national average.

This is a big concern for legislators as they would like to be able to match the support given by students through tuition, with support from the state. There just isn't enough money.

As of now, the tuition costs at Washington's two-year schools are \$29 behind the national average. The board expects Washington's and the national average to be identical by 2000-01, assuming that the national

average grows at its historical rate of 3.1 percent per year.

In trying to reach this goal, the board members voted unanimously on raising tuition to the maximum amount allowed by law. Annual resident tuition was increased from \$1,505 to \$1,584 in 1999-00 and \$1,641 in 2000-01.


Students have mixed feelings about the raise in tuition.

"I feel like tuition here is cheap, what's another few dollars?" asked Joyce Watts, Highline student.

"I could barely afford to pay tuition this year. An increase in tuition puts more strain on my already tight budget. This sucks," said student Elizabeth Willoughby.

The State Board meeting was open to the public, however not one student that came to testify against the raises.

**The  
Thunderword  
needs you to  
write, edit  
and  
photograph  
this thing.  
How can you  
resist? Visit  
us in 10-  
106, or sign  
up for Jour-  
nalism 101  
summer or  
fall  
quarters.**



### Central Washington University

SeaTac Center      Lynnwood Center  
(206) 439-3800      (206) 640-1574

**Earn your Bachelor's degree  
in the Puget Sound Area**


**Affordable Tuition**

**Convenient Locations and Parking**

**Day and Evening Classes**

<p><b>Accounting</b></p> <p><b>Business Administration</b></p> <p>Marketing</p> <p>Finance</p> <p>Management</p> <p>International Business</p> <p>Human Resource Management</p>	<p><b>Business Education</b></p> <p><b>Law and Justice</b></p> <p>Pre-Law</p> <p>Paralegal</p> <p>Law Enforcement</p> <p>Corrections</p>
---	--

**For complete information about our programs  
call us at one of our Centers.**



EEO/AA/TITLE IX INSTITUTION TDD 509-963-3323



### WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

WOODRING COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

*Earn a*  
**Bachelor of Arts Degree in Human  
Services in SEATTLE**

- ◆ Applications are being accepted now with your transferable A.A. degree
- ◆ Day & evening classes

**CONVENIENT LOCATION  
FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE**

**May 14th, 10am-1pm  
Lower Level Bldg. 6**

**POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:** case manager; community educator; counselor; family advocate; grant writer; human resource specialist; fundraiser; trainer; volunteer coordinator; juvenile probation

**CALL TODAY!**  
WWU Everett Education Center  
801 Wetmore Avenue ♦ Everett, WA 98201  
Phone: (425) 257-1645  
E-mail: gscott@wce.wwu.edu

An affirmative action/equal opportunity and equal employment opportunity institution