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## Lovin' Spring



## Crime ring larger than thought

By Talitha Vanzo  
Staff Reporter

Highline and other colleges in Washington and Oregon are targets in what is suspected to be a data projector crime ring in the Northwest.

Two more data projectors were stolen from Highline on March 13, following earlier, unsuccessful attempts on Jan. 17 and 18 and projector theft on Dec. 3, 1999.

The thieves are believed to be striking college campuses up and down the I-5 corridor, com-

ing into classrooms and taking the \$6,000 projectors. When confronted, the suspects often say they have to take the machines away for repair. The projectors are used in PowerPoint presentations.

The suspects are described as two African-American males. Seattle Police, who are heading up the investigation, haven't released any more information.

The first of the most recent incidents occurred in the morning in Building 3, room 103. The second happened that night in Building 10, room 103.

In the second incident the suspects walked in to the classroom during a test and tried to act like they belonged there, according to witnesses. The pair ended up walking out with a data projector.

"They don't seem to be afraid of being caught. They walked into a classroom while they were giving a test to seem as if they were in the class," said Highline Chief of Security Richard Fisher.

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## Campus greets presidential trio

By Rachele Corella  
Staff Reporter

They came and they saw, but no one quite knows which of the three remaining candidates for Highline's presidency will conquer.

Dr. Bruce H. Leslie, Dr. Priscilla J. Bell, and Dr. Jack Bermingham checked out Highline during their campus visits last week.

A report on the candidates was prepared by the Interview Committee and given to the Board of Trustees at their meeting on March 4. Committee member Marie Zimmermann says that at the request of the board, the report did not rank the candidates. It incorporated feedback from the forums. Representatives from the faculty, students, staff, administrators, and the board comprised the committee. The representatives from each group prepared a report based on the feedback sheets from the forums, and these reports were presented at the Interview Committee meeting on March 4.

A collaborative report was created after the committee members shared their reports and discussed the candidates.

"We still have another stage of information gathering to go," said Zimmermann. A site visit is scheduled for Fulton-Montgomery Community College, home of candidate Priscilla J. Bell.

Ruth Windhover will be representing the faculty on this visit, along with Mike Emerson as a representative of the Board and Zimmermann representing the rest of the employee base.

Additional information gathering will be done on Bruce Leslie and Jack Bermingham, but site visits will not be possible. Leslie left his last job late in 1999 and Bermingham's

## Replacing



home base is Highline.

Two other candidates were originally supposed to be a part of the race for Highline's presidency, but both dropped out. John T. Turner ended up accepting the presidency at another college and Barbara Bollmann dropped out for personal reasons.

Visits were scheduled for March 28-31, and the two days that each candidate spent here allowed for interaction with all of Highline's community.

The candidates toured the campus, dined with Ed Command and the Board of Trustees, met with the Interview Committee, and had forums with students, faculty, staff, and administrators.

Ed Morris, math instructor, who facilitated the morning campus tours said that each candidate had asked different types of questions during the tour. Leslie asked a lot of questions to students about their relationship with the faculty, said Morris. "(It seemed like) he gone through this process before and was savvy with his re-

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### Crime Blotter for week of April 3-7

#### Searching the couch cushions is an old fad

A staff member parked her car in the administration lot March 9 at 3 p.m. and when she returned at 4:45 p.m. the right rear window on her car had been smashed in. All that was reported stolen from her car was 50 cents.

#### Students are starting to get desperate

A student's bike was stolen in front of the library March 11. The bike's value was estimated at \$30.

#### Even superheroes get hurt

A staff member received a contusion on her left foot after catching a child that fell from a wooden stove in the childcare center. As she was catching the child she bumped into a wooden high chair that fell on her foot.

She was taken to St. Francis Hospital after the incident where she was treated for her injuries.

#### Cat fight in the halls

Two students were found fighting in Building 22 March 14. An instructor broke it up. Both were told to take it off campus and information was taken from them just in case something happened later on.

#### Cars are becoming the victim

A student reported that a Red Cadillac had put a scratch on her Toyota March 14. Damage was estimated at below \$20.

#### Shoes attack student

A student fell outside of Building 22 March 28. She said that the culprit was the new platform shoes that she was getting used to.

Compiled by  
Talitha Vanzo

## Get ready for the future, Glennon says

By Amy Cords  
Staff Reporter

Change is all around us, and if you're not fast enough to keep up with it you will be left behind.

That point was driven home Wednesday, April 5 by Highline History Professor Jim Glennon, speaking at the first presentation of the Spring Quarter Honors Colloquy.

Under this year's theme of "The Past as Prologue," Glennon's message was clear: The world is changing and you better get ready.

In his lecture he included many quotes from himself and his favorite author, Alvin Toffler. "You must be eloquent, in speech and in writing," he said. "You will need to be able sell your thoughts and ideas."

Public speaking for Glennon was not a talent easily mastered, in fact speaking at all was a challenge that was realized early in life. Glennon had a severe speech impediment as a child.

Eventually a very special teacher helped him work through his speech problems

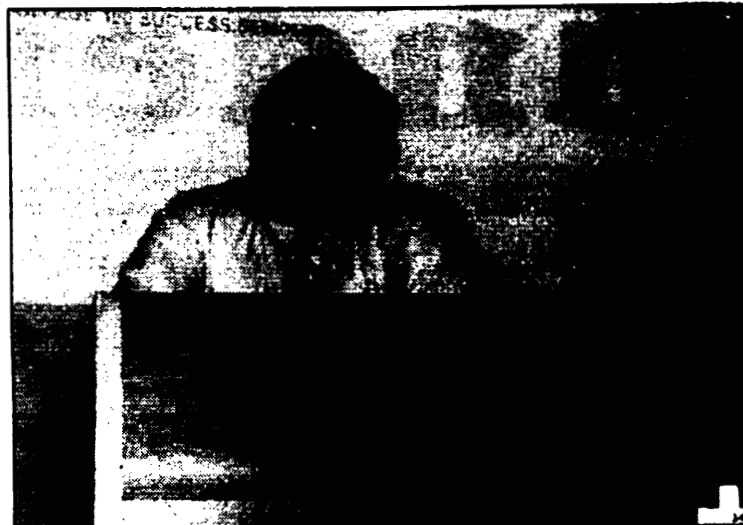


Photo by Petra Sokolova

Jim Glennon speaks about the future and the lessons of the past.

and in the process inspired him to become a teacher himself.

"The greatest joy for a teacher is to see their students succeed," said Glennon.

Glennon credits that same teacher for many of his successes because he believes that her efforts awakened a positive self-image within him.

Toffler is a prominent futurist, whose work includes the

books *Future Shock* (1970), *The Third Wave* (1980), and *Power Shift* (1990).

This author was predicting things about the future before anyone around him was even able to conceive them, Glennon said, such as mass communication, mass transportation, the disintegration of the family and the computer revolution.

Glennon himself uses these

books as teaching tools in his classes and his lectures.

Glennon teaches History as well as Current Events, and he states that one thing remains true: "You must know what has happened in the past in order to understand your present and be ready for your future."

"We are possessed, held in bondage by our past, we will never escape it, but learn from it. The reason I have been teaching for so long is because I absolutely believe in everything I say. If I help just one person open the door in their mind and help them prepare for the future than I have succeeded," said Glennon.

Glennon has noticed the world shrinking and the pace of our lives getting faster and more difficult to keep up with. "I walk around this campus and see the student population and realize that they are incredibly and profoundly lost and they are not ready for the next wave. They need to focus and realize they are not here for the grades, they are here to survive in an ever changing world," said Glennon.



### Want to be an electric engineer?

UW electrical engineering department will visit on Thursday, April 13 from 1-3 p.m.

To sign up to meet with an advisor call Siew at ext. 329 or stop by the Educational Planning & Advising Center in Bldg. 6.

### Blood Drive

Puget Sound Blood center is at Highline today from 9-11:30 a.m. and 12:15-3 p.m. A bus will be parked between Building 8 and Building 23.

### Speak and Eat

The Women's Breakfast Forum will be held on Thursday, April 13 from 7:30-9 a.m. Norma Reiss, M.A., owner of Wisdom at Work will be speaking. Preregistration required, a \$10 fee included. Please call Betsy Fradd at Ext. 3757.

### Colleges Visiting on Campus for April

Antioch University Thursday, April 13 & 27 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Central Washington University, Monday, April 10 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

UW School of Social Work, Thursday, April 13 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Eastern Washington University, Tuesday, April 18 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The Evergreen State College, Tuesday, April 18 from 9 a.m.-1

p.m.

WSU Extended Degree Program, Tuesday, April 18 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

UW Tacoma, Thursday, April 20 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

University of Phoenix, Tuesday, April 25 from 4-7 p.m.

Seattle University School of Business, Wednesday, April 26 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Seattle Pacific University, April 27 from 5-7 p.m.

### Dialogue with Doug

Children's Home Society of Washington (CHSW) is sponsoring a public speak with Doug Hill, Director of Special Education Services for the Office of Superintendent of Public Schools on quality of Special

Education services in the state of Washington. The forum will be held on Thursday, April 27 from 6:30-9 p.m. at Auburn Riverside High School Theater. For info and directions call Suann Lundsberg, at (206) 695-3232.

### UW Career Fair

UW Tacoma is inviting Highline students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree to attend Career Fair 2000 April 11 and 12. The fair is for job, internship options and advice from dozens of regional employers. The fair will be held at 1-5 p.m. in the Academic Building of the UW Tacoma campus. Admission is free, for more info, call Judy Colburn, Career Services, (253) 692-4421.

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## Strong economy may be trimming enrollment

By Sosan Romani  
Staff Reporter

Student enrollment has declined for Spring Quarter.

As of April 4, 2000 the student enrollment for Spring Quarter was 8,437.

Out of those are 4,336 full-time students, 4,101 part-time students and 482 Running Start students.

"With the exception of Summer Quarter, Spring Quarter always has the lowest turnout,"

said Scott Hardin, Associate Dean of Enrollment Services.

Compared to the end of Spring 1999, current student population has declined by less than 2 percent from 9,148.

"The number will go up before the quarter is over," said Hardin.

While the enrollment may be low, 213 out of a total of 1,128 courses, (excluding continuing education) have been filled completely.

Enrollment varies throughout

the year, college officials say.

The highest enrollment is in Fall Quarter, the student population decreases in Winter Quarter and by Spring Quarter even less students are attending Highline.

"Many new college students expect something different from college and it doesn't seem to work out for them, so they drop out," said Hardin.

Another reason why the enrollment rate has declined is because of the increasing availability of Internet and telecourse

classes.

"It is a growing part of our schedule (Internet classes)," said Hardin. "We are increasing the number of on-line classes to give students more options."

Bob Maplestone, chairman of Pure & Applied Sciences Division, said that starting from fall, the classes run in sequence.

Those who drop the first class or don't pass cannot sign up for the next class.

This way the student population decreases in Winter and the

same happens by Spring.

Job opportunities also increase by the time Spring arrives.

"A lot of people find jobs in the professional and technical areas," said Maplestone.

They cannot commit to school so they take fewer classes, he added.

Other students just decide they're not ready for college and drop out, said Bruce Roberts, chairman of the Social Science Division.

## S&A committee rounding off budget numbers

By Amy Cords  
Staff Reporter

It's crunch time for the Services & Activities Budget Committee. The seven-member panel must decide how to divide some \$700,000 in student money among dozens of campus activities in the next two months.

S&A fees come from student tuition, or about \$50 a quarter for a full-time student. Enrollment, which has not grown this year, determines how much money is available.

"Running Start enrollment is up and the interest rates in the accounts in which the money is held are up, but the actual amount of money going into the account has stayed the same," said Diane Anderson, associate dean of Student Programs.

"There are \$800,000 in budget requests, and only \$700,000 in available funds. Someone is not going to be happy," said Dr. T.M. Sell, faculty member of the committee.

"No one's requests will be inched out, we will look to see which programs will be more beneficial to the student population," said Leanna Albrecht of Student Programs, another S&A committee member.

All clubs, new or established have a fair chance at receiving funding from the college, as long as they are able to submit proposals and proof that their program will contribute to the growth of students on this campus.

S&A Committee members say they are dedicated to supporting existing programs on campus.

"We look at each program's effectiveness and appropriate-

ness here on campus, as well as the legitimate need for the increase of funds to that program," said Albrecht.

The S&A Committee is made up of three instructors and four students who evaluate clubs and activities on campus to see if they are worth funding, plus several non-voting members, including Albrecht.

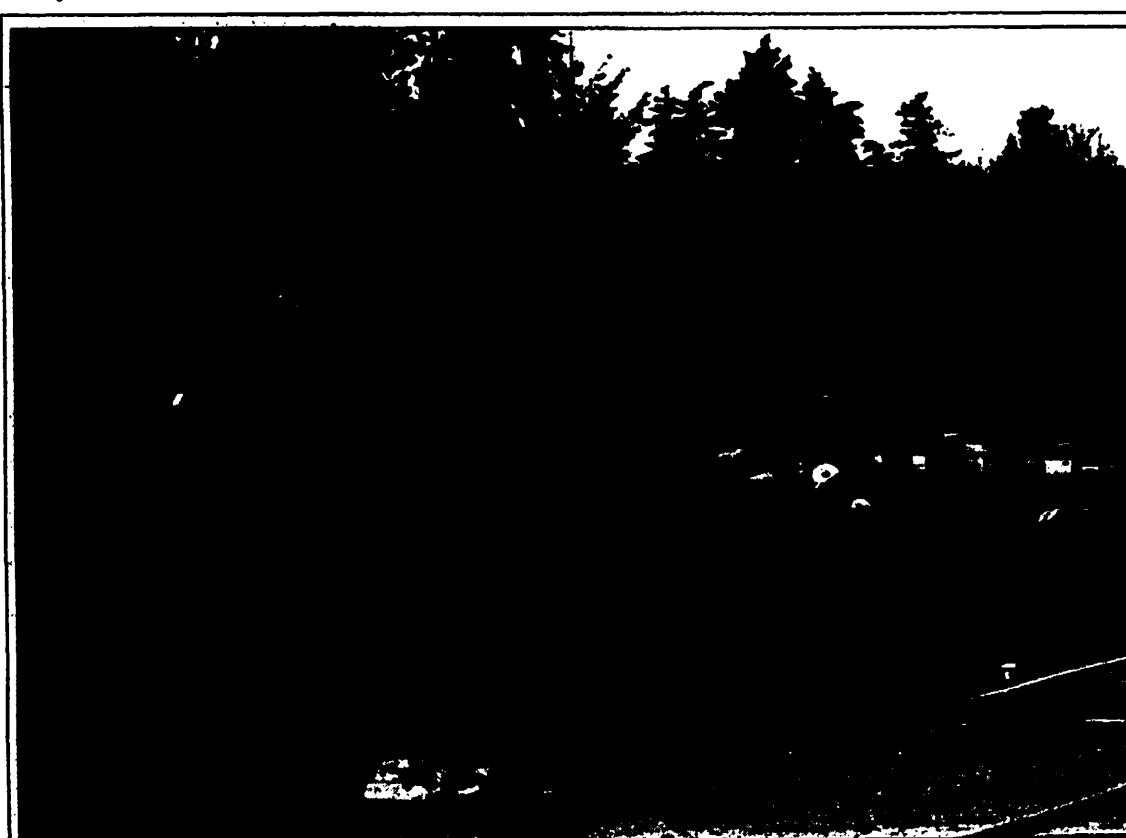
"We encourage and even require that the committee members go out on campus and spend time with each individual group or program so that they can really get a feel for what they are supporting. Not only to see how it works but to see how many students are involved and how it benefits students and the campus as a whole," said Anderson.

Other factors looked upon by the S&A Committee for a club or organization seeking funds, are the willingness and successfulness of that organization to seek out other funding.

Due to the sheer unavailability of funds some requests have been tabled, in other words not voted on at all and handed back to the presenter.

This very thing happened to Eena Hibbs, director of the Tutoring center. The request for \$12,000 to fund staffing and supplies at the tutoring center was tabled.

"The purpose of tabling the tutoring center request is to be able to encourage them to seek funding from the instruction de-



Photos by Erik Gyll

Crews are still working to repair a broken water main at Southwest 16th Street near Kent-Des Moines Road. The break occurred over spring break, but the ongoing work has disrupted commuting patterns for people coming to Highline from Burien and Des Moines.

partment. This will eventually benefit them by enabling the college to request more funds for instruction to benefit the tutoring center," said Jack Harton, reference librarian and S&A Committee member.

"S&A primarily funds activities outside the classroom that directly effects how students behave in class, the tutoring center is essentially a classroom itself," Harton said.

"I believe that tutoring is one of the most important services we have here on campus, because it is students teaching students," he said. "Everyone is learning. That's why we felt it was important for the tutoring center to make their need known to the Instructional Department so that they don't continue to short themselves in the future."

The next S&A budget meeting is set for Monday, April 10 from 2-3 p.m. A location is still undetermined. Meetings are open to all.

## Annual Unity Week celebrates cultural diversity at Highline

By Sally Lawson  
Staff Reporter

Unity through Diversity Week, happening April 17-21, will offer performances and workshops ranging from book readings to theater to lectures by local community leaders.

"When people hear the word 'diversity,' they tend to think of racial issues," said Fred Capestany, co-chairman of the committee organizing the event. "And, when people think of race, they tend to just consider black people and white people. Unity through Diversity Week is designed to expose people to the full definition of the word."

The annual week begins with an opening celebration at noon in upper Building 8, with Maya Soleil, a world music and dance

group, presenting a mix of traditional rhythms with a contemporary touch.

The week continues on Tuesday, April 18, with a musical performance by Catishun, covering the traditional music of the indigenous people of the Andean Mountains in South America. Later in the afternoon, a book reading club presents *Reaching Up For Manhood*, by Geoffrey Canada, which examines the socialization of young boys in America.

"We hope to achieve a multicultural awareness among our students and staff, by touching as many issues as possible, including race, gender, disabilities, sexual orientation throughout the week," explained LaShawn Morgan, the other co-chair of the committee.



## Editorials

All should contribute  
to selection process

Highline is currently searching for a new president. Although, many students are aware of this, it is not clear how many actually care.

The presidential search, now down to three finalists is in the home stretch, just last week the candidates held many forums for each of the candidates. Each candidate held a forum for students, faculty and staff. The student forums were held March 28-30 all upstairs in Building 8 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Each student forum had approximately 20 students in attendance. With over 9,000 students attending Highline this quarter, those numbers were staggeringly low.

This general apathy towards anything having to do with administration of the college, seems to be a theme among students however.

Possibly if students realized how much of an affect these administrative decisions had on them, they would take a more active interest. For instance, Spring Quarter 1999, less than five percent of students voted in an election which enacted the \$25 quarterly fee all students now pay for the new student center fund. Barely anyone voted, yet many now complain about the fee.

This could end up being the case with the new college president as well. Returning students need to realize that this person will have power over the entire college. So to see such blatant disregard for the matter is extremely disheartening.

Possibly the worst part of the apathetic nature of students in these matters is the disrespect that it breeds. At each of the forums, it was difficult to keep any semblance of order due to the noise level of other students in the room. Even after being asked many times to keep it down, students were still as loud as ever completely ignoring that there was anything going on in the room except the conversation they were having.

Even if students aren't concerned with the presidential search, the least they could do is show some respect for those around them, and that holds true for any situation.

There is still one important outlet for student, faculty and staff input into this decision. After each forum there was a questionnaire that people could fill out, to be considered by the interview committee. The interview committee has also set up a box in the library for comment forms.

The old adage really holds true here as well, if you have a comment, tell someone, because chances are other people may be thinking it too.

Registration process  
hinders transfer students

"Student centered, career focused," is the motto at Highline. This doesn't seem to hold true in every situation.

As far as registration goes, it seems there are some policies that don't favor transfer students. This seems odd, as Highline is a transfer institution, one would think they would be more sensitive to transfer student needs.

The current registration program gives priority registration based on the number of quarters the student has attended Highline, with limited exceptions. So, a transfer student, regardless of her or his academic status, is given the equivalent of freshman status for registration.

This wouldn't seem to matter, unless of course, the student was set to graduate and due to a later registration appointment they couldn't get the classes they needed.

A registration official indicated that the reason behind the current method is to give priority to Highline students; however, every student enrolled at Highline is technically a Highline student. It doesn't quite add up.

It is a good idea if one were trying to promote multiple quarters of attendance at Highline, but for many students this is a transitional school, and they only spend a couple of quarters here before graduating, or moving on. They really shouldn't be penalized for that.

We're all aware of the trials and tribulations that come with registering every quarter, however this is one obvious problem that should be looked at more closely.

Students with concerns about this procedure should voice them. But yelling at the computer-prompted voice that comes over the registration hotline isn't going to do any good.

NEW SECURITY MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO KEEP ROWDY STUDENTS  
UNDER CONTROL...

## I have nicer clothes than you

As everyone sheds their parkas and scarves we're seeing a whole new world of fashion fun -- spring.

Boy is it fun, with everything coming off of the runway looking brighter and sportier. Personally, I love it, bright is great! Just putting on bright clothes can make you happy. So yes, we're OK on bright.

Now for the things I'm not OK with.

One, capri pants. They're great on people like Rebecca Romjin-Stamos, and Cindy Crawford, not people like Roseanne. You get my drift. It's sad but true, some fashion items just weren't made for everyone.

Moving on from capris we get to the latest in fashion disasters - floods. What in the world were the designers thinking? Why would you want to wear pants that would have made you the laughing stock of every elementary school in the country?

Now moving on to things that are out of style: platform

Highline

Confid

By Ericka

tennis shoes. We all know the Spice Girls broke up, so maybe we should let the fashion inspiration they brought go with them.

There are some cute new ideas though. I love these new bandana inspired tops and skirts. I don't really think that you can mess those up (unless of course you really horribly mixed prints, but I hope that in the world of higher education we're all too smart for that).

Another new idea I love is vibrant make-up. I've always thought that gobs of bright blue (or pink or green or yellow or orange...) eye-shadow is a good thing if you wear it right. If

you're going to try this though, you have to be ready to take the heat. Some people will make fun of you. They just don't understand; ignore them.

Another thing we start seeing a lot more of as the weather gets nicer are undergarments. Low-rise pants without a belt are not a great idea if you plan on bending over. As far as pants go, underwear outlines are not so nice either. If you have trouble taking a deep breath with your pants zipped, they just might be too tight. Also, if you're going bare-shouldered, go strapless. You may think these things are obvious but for some people they aren't. Basically, underwear is a great thing, but everyone doesn't want to see yours.

Fashion isn't that hard, and if you really don't get it, stay simple. This is one case where it's worse to try and fail than to just not try at all.

*Ericka won first prize at a Mandy Moore look-alike contest.*

## The Thunderword

The only thing we miss about high school  
are the food fights.

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# Racism blocks help to nation in conflict

Sierra Leone's violent present is cause for a violent future.

Sierra Leone is situated on the west coast of Africa. A tropical country with temperatures averaging 80 degrees. Through its period of British colonization, Sierra Leone also served as the seat of government for other British colonies along the West African Coast.

The first college for higher education in West Africa and in tropical Africa, Fourah Bay College was established in Sierra Leone in 1827. The country is well known for its early achievement in the fields of medicine, law and education which originally earned it the name The Athens of West Africa.

On Jan 7, 1999 rebel armies swept into Freetown, the capital city it was less a battle than a crime against humanity, the worst in recent times. Thousands were killed, tens of thousands uprooted from their homes. Murder, mutilation, rape, it all happened in Freetown.

Rebel leaders want power and Sierra Leone's diamond wealth. The rebels say their offensive is aimed at forcing the elected government of president Ahmed Tejan Kabbah to negoti-

## Commentary

Fatmata Ellis

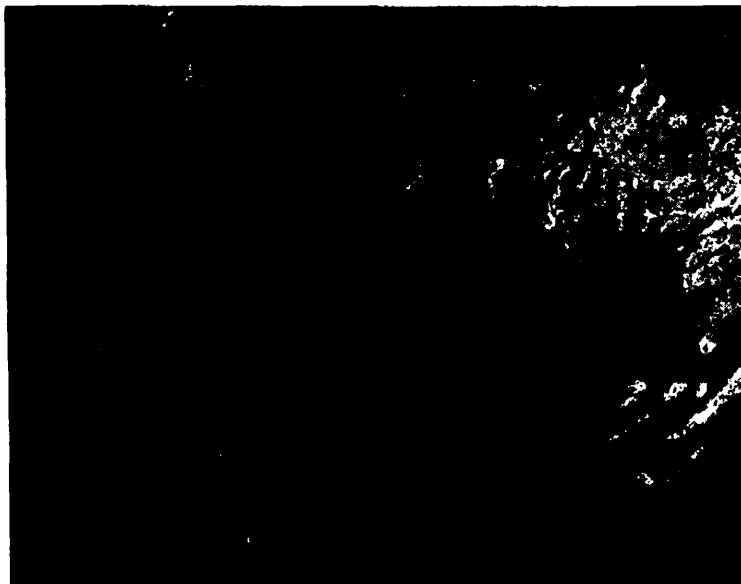
ate a political settlement. Their demands include the release of a key rebel leader, Foday Sankoh who was sentenced to death in October for treason. Sankoh was accused of collaborating with the former military government which took power in a coup in May 1997, and was forced to flee by the West Africa intervention force, ECOMOG in February 1998.

A United Nations report blamed rebel forces for most of the atrocities during an attack in Freetown, as well as carrying out executions.

At least 150,000 people lost their homes in the attack. In the space of two weeks, thousands were killed. Rebels captured more than 300 children during their attack and forced them to fight.

One woman saw her husband and her son shot dead in front of her. She found some of her husband's remains lying among the city's ruined buildings, his head severed from his body. She buried the remains herself.

A Sierra Leonean cameraman was secretly filming the rebels from inside his house.



They discovered him and forced him into the street to film their supporters burning a family alive inside their home.

It's difficult to explain what motivates a man to hack off the arm of an 18-month-old baby girl. Or what impulse drives somebody to push a man into a burning house with his family.

Men and women with bandaged stumps of limbs told how the rebels had attacked them with machetes, cutting off hands and feet in order to discourage them and others from supporting the government.

The tens of thousands who were made homeless by the war

took refuge in a football stadium. Most foreign aid workers fled during the conflict, but the local Sierra Leone charities did a good job distributing what food aid they had available. Aid will alleviate their discomfort but only the soldiers and politicians can end their misery.

This year the World Food Program(WFP) delivered over 14,000 metric tons of food aid to Sierra Leone. Every month on average 105,000 people were helped through vulnerable group feeding, school feeding, training, agriculture, nutrition and road rehabilitation programs.

During the time of the war, Kosovo was also in a state of civil unrest. Media attention was on Kosovo the entire time. They got all the help they could need from the U.S. and other parts of the Western world, but no one cared enough to lend a hand or even talk about what was going on in Sierra Leone. It seems like the Western world would only help a third world country when there is something to gain from it.

It seems to be all about race. Even though slavery was abolished two-hundred years ago, there is still racism around us to this day. Concerning the topic of Sierra Leone and Kosovo, racism did play a part in the decision made by the United Nations to wait and see how far and how bad things would get before they would help.

Is Sierra Leone secondary to Kosovo? I wouldn't think so because as a Sierra Leonean myself I don't think I'm secondary to anyone be you white, beige, or green, neither would the people in Sierra Leone.

The war in Sierra Leone is without a doubt the most brutal being waged anywhere in the world. It is a country whose agony words can no longer describe.

## Letters to the Editor

### Dean disagrees with story on UW-Tacoma

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the article, "UW-Tacoma doesn't ease transferring process" in the 3/9/00 issue of the Thunderword. I am concerned that the authors of that article leave readers with the erroneous impression that the UW Tacoma has policies that are unfriendly to community college transfer students. My guess is that some students reading your article will assume that UW Tacoma has overall standards that limit students from community college. In fact, that's just not the case. While the programs that you identify have different entrance standards than similar programs at other institutions, that sort of difference can be found among any four-year programs either in the state or without. Additionally, your article omits or glosses over some very important distinctions between college admission standard!\* and departmental entrance standards at the four year colleges. The result of your omissions is that students are left with an unnecessarily negative impression about a school which has a pri-

mary mission of serving community college transfer students.

To clarify where you went wrong, you need to understand the difference between college admission standards and departmental admission standards. The public four-year colleges in Washington have an agreement with the community colleges in this state that they will accept students who completed an AA transfer degree and a specific GPA. The GPA varies from school to school, with the UW campuses requiring the highest GPA at 2.75. UW-T uses this policy for all AA transfer students who apply. However, getting into your college of choice is just a start. Then you also must be accepted into the specific department - not just at UW-T, but at all of the four-year schools in the state. That's where the kinds of specific guidelines mentioned in your article fit.

In colleges (both two-year and four-year) individual departments establish the standards that they have for entry into their program. These departmental standards are different than the requirements for entrance into the college. The department has to determine what it takes for a student to be successful in the course work they offer. Since that course work is

determined by the strengths and skills of a particular department's faculty, it varies in each college or university. And because of that variation, you can pick departments at random and discover that they will differ from one institution to another. One department may require four science courses, and another may require five. That difference is not because one department is setting up more barriers to students. The differences exist because of the types of courses that a student will need to succeed in the last two years in a particular department. In effect, you can pick schools and departments at random and always find that one will have different requirements than the other.

For the Thunderword writers to have done a fair job on covering the topic, you needed to analyze all of the programs that UW-T offers. After that analysis, you needed to provide explanations of why the different departments have different requirements. For example, one department may require additional chemistry because the upper division courses that you take in that department demand more chemistry. Instead of looking at these more complex questions, you went for the easiest possible answer. As a result, your simplistic analysis leads readers to mistaken conclusions

about a school that is working very hard to provide opportunities for community college students.

I encourage you to be more thorough in your information gathering - especially for stories that run above the fold on page one. These stories' headlines often make as much impression as the articles themselves. A student reading this article quickly may make a decision not to explore UWT's offerings, and that would be a mistake. Normally, I don't respond to errors in the T-word. This one, however, needs correction. Students all need to understand why they would or would not choose UWT as an option. However, this article creates a mistaken impression that community college students will have a difficult time getting into the programs there.

I encourage you to dig deeper into a story before publishing misleading information to your readers. The authors of this article missed important details because they either didn't discover or ignored key facts. In the future, I recommend that if your staff is writing about transfer programs that they either contact me or Gwen Spencer, the Director of the Educational Planning Center at Highline, to get a better picture.

Bob Hughes

Dean of Instruction for Academic Transfer Programs

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## Academy Awards show may as well be a rerun

If there was an acclamatory sidebar accompanying the 72nd Academy Awards last week, it was retaining the simple knowledge that I missed the entire

### The Roche Motel

By Derek Roche

broadcast. It's a tradition I hold dear in fact, one that makes the excruciatingly long ceremony considerably more endurable. I watched videotape of the telecast later that night, of course, but minus the musical numbers, commercials, superfluous acceptance speeches and Billy Crystal's vexatious shtick. Eleven minutes later I'm off to bed.

In a bizarre build-up to the actual event that included the (loss) and recovery of voter ballots, and likewise with 51 of the statues (of which 48 were retrieved by Willy the trash man), I was hoping (believing all good things come in threes) that someone would misplace Roberto Benigni.

One of the three missing statues was actually reclaimed that same night. The Academy later apologized for giving the award, out of sheer habit, to Meryl Streep prior to the show.

Surprisingly, Haley Joel Osment didn't cry after losing in the Best Supporting Actor category like he did at the Golden Globes, but at Vanity Fair's post Oscar party he did drink himself into a stupor, groping Angelene Jolie several times, before being eighty-sixed by the bartender. If that's not disturbing enough, he also groped Michael Caine. Speaking of groping, Warren Beatty was presented the Thalberg Lifetime Achievement award for his contribution to the cinema. He didn't announce his presidency like some thought he would, but in a very presidential display, admitted his philandering ways.

Beatty's speech did go on longer than expected, and the show, like years past, clocked in at nearly four hours long. By the end of the evening not only did Annette Benning have her child, but celebrated the kid's second birthday as well.

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## Students show off talent at audition

By Connie Harshman  
Staff Reporter

In Highline's Drama Department, at least for Spring Quarter, the students are in control.

The department once again is presenting its showcase of student-directed one-act plays. The eight plays will be performed some time in May.

Auditions were March 30-31. The auditions were open to everyone, the only requirement was reading a monologue and performing a short song on an empty stage in front of onlookers.

The auditions were lively, with people performing Elvis and Irish impersonations. One woman sang and one aspiring actor proceeded to remove his clothing during his monologue.

For Spring Quarter six directors will direct eight different one-act plays. The directors have previous experience in both acting and directing.

The directors are Jim Cooper, Vincent Tula, Michelle Day, Kirsten Olds, Luke Chen and Colin Hovde. All of the directors were castmates in the critically acclaimed Highline drama production of *As You Like It*.

"They are not full blown plays," said Chen. They vary in time from 10 to 15 minutes.

Day has some directing ex-



Photo by Connie Harshman  
Student Vincent Tula shows his dramatic side as he auditions for the upcoming drama production.

perience from a Shakespeare class, but this is her first time directing a play. "I'm excited," she said.

All of the six directors have chosen comedies.

Day has chosen a Japanese play called *The Man Who*

Turned Into A Stick by Kobo Abe, translated by Donald Keene. She describes it as sort of a comedy, it all depends on personal interpretation.

Tula has the most directorial experience, with eight productions on his resume. Tula is di-

recting two one-acts, *Frozen Dog* by John Pintauro and *Breakfast At The Track* by Landford Wilson.

Chen is directing *Canker Sores* and other Distractions by Christopher Durang.

Hovde is directing *Guillotine* by Steve Martin and *The Age of Pie* by Peter Hodge.

Jim Cooper is directing an adaption of Moliere's play *Scapin*.

Cooper also has previous directorial experience, he has taken a Shakespeare class and directed two other productions.

Olds has directed three other shows in acting classes and is in the Script to Stage class. She is undecided about her choice of plays.

"It's an exciting challenge, it makes you nervous, the possibilities and the outcome," said Olds.

The one thing all the directors agreed on was that there are going to be casting problems. For example, two directors might want the same person to act in their plays and so that person might be double cast.

The plays will open in May and the performances will go on for only one weekend instead of two, and have one performance at noon during the week. Dates for the shows will be announced later.

## Native American artifacts donated to Library

By Heather Baker  
Staff Reporter

After three years of organizing, the extensive Stan Owen Native American collection, which includes 2,400 books, 18 journal titles, 36 videotapes and music, is now available to the public in Highline's Library.

The college received the collection in December 1997. Because the collection was vast it took several years to catalog it. The entire collection is not housed in the Library; rare books that needed tending to were donated to the University of Washington.

The college celebrated the opening of the collection on March 27 on the fourth floor of the Library.

After one walks off the elevator they are greeted with the melodic sounds of Native American music.

The walls of the Library art gallery are covered with artwork and pictures of Native Americans.

A great number of people attended the opening ceremony. The ceremony included a blessing from Lee Piper, former

Highline multicultural director.

She faced the east and began to talk in a Native American tongue. She gave thanks to the creator and asked him to bless the students and the school.

Highline President Ed Command gave a plaque of thanks to Owen for choosing Highline to house the collection.

Owen appreciated the hard work the Library did to catalog the collection and donated yet another book for the collection.

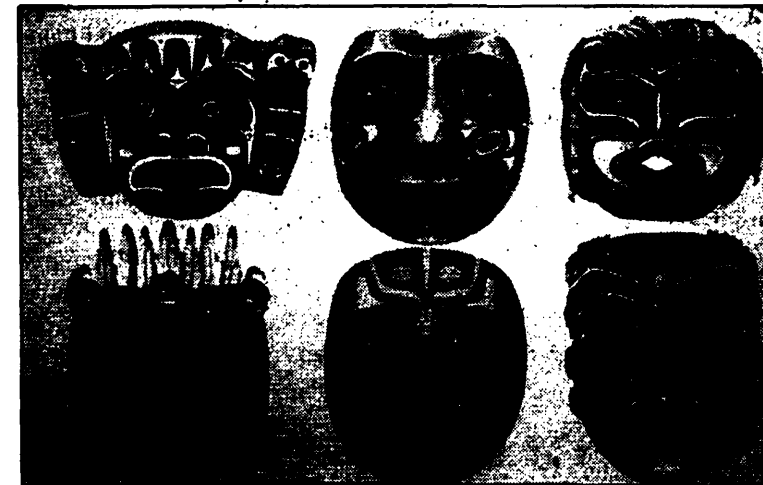
The college foundation thanked the Muckleshoot Charity for donating money to the project.

The collection will not be displayed in a central location, rather in the subject areas each part belongs to.

The public can access the titles of the works through a print bibliography book of the collection or on-line at the Library's website.

The collection is already being used by Patrick Pynes' Native American Studies class.

"I am overwhelmed, it's beautiful, it's beyond my expectations," said Valarie Ballack, from the Muckleshoot Charity Fund. "Till you understand



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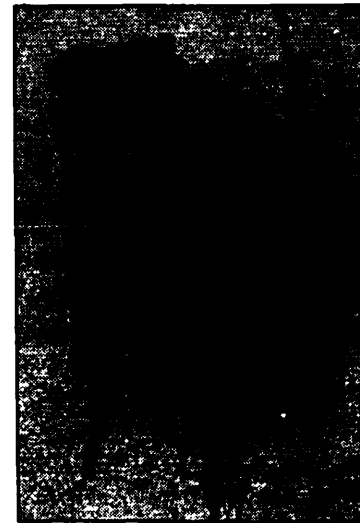
Native American masks and sketch prints will adorn the fourth floor Library walls until the end of month.

one's culture you don't understand who they are."

Ballack used her time to introduce to one of the eldest and most respected elders in her tribe, Vi Hilbert.

Hilbert is the director of Lushootseed Research, which is an organization dedicated to preserve and catalog Native American heritage and language.

Hilbert said that it was important to collect books in order to preserve the Native American heritage.



## Cusak, cast shine in 'Fidelity'

By **Rachelle Flynn**  
Staff Reporter

*High Fidelity* shines as the must-see romantic comedy of the year.

Rob Gordon (John Cusack) owns a record store called Championship Vinyl. His heart feels like a broken record when his girlfriend Laura (Iben Hjejle) walks out on him. The breakup leaves Rob compiling lists of top five: girlfriends, reasons why Laura left him and why he loved Laura. We can only sympathize with Rob when he looks into the camera and says "Who needs a drink?"

The supporting cast includes Dick (Todd Louiso) and Barry (Jack Black) as Rob's employees at Championship Vinyl.

Barry (Jack Black) is fast becoming the next Chris Farley as he yells at the customers and doesn't let them buy records. Along with Dick, the two are as different as night and day. Dick can barely mumble a word without Barry yelling that he is wrong.

Director Stephen Frears (*The Grifters*) catches the cast in their most hilarious ways. In a sort of a Ferris Bueller's Day off, first-person narrative, Gordon talks into the camera while sitting in a restaurant or on the bus. Flashbacks to scenes with his old girlfriends have Rob wondering why they left him for other guys.

*High Fidelity* is based on a book by Nick Hornby. Published in the UK, it won a Writers Guild Award for Fiction in 1996. John Cusack, D.V. DeVincentis, and Steve Pink adapted the screenplay after their achievement in the successful movie, *Grosse Pointe Blank*.

This movie is the comedy of the year. Guys can connect to it because it explains their view of relationships and why they can't commit to just one person.

Girls can relate to at least one of Rob's girlfriends and the "I didn't leave you, you left me" scenario. If you liked *Something About Mary*, you'll like this movie.

Top Five Reasons to see *High Fidelity*

1. John Cusack as a lovable struggling 30-something-year-old.
2. Catherine Zeta-Jones as an snobby rich girl and one of Rob's ex-girlfriends.
3. Bruce Springsteen
4. Lisa Bonet as a rastafarian hippie folk singer.
5. Sara Gilbert (Roseanne) as a love interest of one of Rob's employees.

## Rainier Symphony in full swing

Annual pops  
concert showcases  
Hollywood music

By **Jess Waters**  
Staff Reporter

Movies come alive again in music by Rainier Symphony.

Paul Mori, the music director for the Rainier Symphony and a music instructor at Highline, will be conducting a concert on Sunday, April 9 at 3 p.m. at Foster High School, Tukwila. A second concert will be Saturday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Kent-Meridian High School, Kent.

The symphony does a pops concert every spring. Previous themes have included Classic American Songs and America the Beautiful. This year the theme is Music and the Movies.

The orchestra has 70 members, ranging from young students to retirees. Some members are music teachers at other schools. "They are a real joy to conduct," said Mori. "All of the members have to audition for their spots and are chosen by a committee."



Dr. Paul Mori conducts the Rainier Symphony.

File photo

Before a concert, the symphony has five or six rehearsals on Tuesday nights for two to three hours.

"They are wonderful people, who play extraordinarily well," said Mori.

For this concert, soprano Corinna Lapid-Munter will solo with the symphony by singing: *My Heart Will Go On* from *Ti-*

*anic*, *Reflections* from Disney's *Mulan* and songs from *Pretty Woman*. "She is an outstanding singer and a wonderful performer," said Mori.

The symphony will also play some classical music such as *William Tell Overture* by Rossini. Rainier will also perform covers from *Star Wars: the Phantom Menace*, *The Wizard*

of *Oz* and much more.

Tickets can be purchased by phone at (206) 781-5618 or at Kent East Hill Meridian Travel. Tickets cost \$12 general admission and \$8 for students and seniors. For a family package for two adults and two students, the cost is \$35.

"It's a great show for the entire family," Mori said.

## Campus Crusade to rock in the Millennium

By **Rachelle Flynn**  
Staff Reporter

Campus Crusade 2000 is here. Check out local bands Anonymous Planet, Acceptance, Kurt Gordon and SoulDeep.

The concert will feature ministry blended with up-and-coming bands. The concert is Friday, April 14 at 7 p.m. in the Highline Student Center, Building 8.

Tickets are \$5 each. They can be bought on-line at <http://www.geocities.com/cc4cbig2000> or at the Highline Student Programs office upstairs in Building 8.

A raffle will be held during the show for CDs from the bands. Tickets for the raffle are 50 cents a piece and can be bought before the show.

Organizers of the show, and band members, say these bands are here to reach God and you through their music.

"Whether it's in a tavern or a church their main goal is to glorify God, they may have all played different venues but their focus is still the same," said Highline student Jacob Mertens, who spearheaded bringing the concert here.

He says their aim is "to Minister to Christians and other people in a way that God has

given them to minister," which is through their music.

Mertens said each of the bands has a different style.

SoulDeep likes to get the audience jumping with hard rock, he said. Kurt Gordon (named after a friend of the band) will

slow it down with a relaxed acoustic guitar. Anonymous Planet has an alternative sound.

Acceptance has a light punk sound. They just signed a record deal with Rocket-Star recordings and have been on samples with MxPx.

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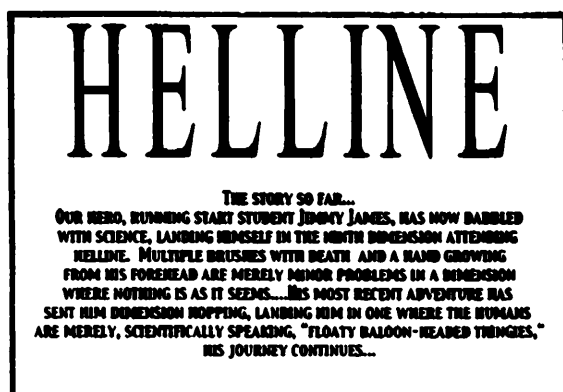
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## Academy

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lade to an otherwise predictable evening was Hilary Swank taking home the gold statue for Best Actress. Benning, held in a delicate condition all night, was the front-runner, but The Academy felt Swank's gender switching role packed a greater emotional punch, ultimately

edging out the likes of veterans Benning and Streep.

I may decide next year to boycott the Awards ceremony all together. I'm still fuming from '95 when Pamela Anderson wasn't recognized for her brilliant, tour de force work in *Barb Wire*. "Don't call me babe." Oh, I get chills just typing that.

*Derek was nominated for the Cy Borg award for robotic performances.*

## Entertainment ideas: April

•There will be a battle of the sexes on April 11 in Building 8 from noon to 1 p.m. This event will be hosted by Team Highline.

•Get ready to warm up those vocal cords because Team Highline is putting on a karaoke event. It will take place in Building 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday April 13.

•The Campus Crusade Big 2000 Christian alternative concert will be held April 14 in Building 8, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. It will feature the bands Kurt Gordon, Anonymous Planet, Soul Deep and Ac-

ceptance.

•Springtime means that the Little Puyallup Spring Fair has again arrived. It will take place April 14-16 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday. Admission to the fair will cost adults \$6, youth (6-18) \$4 and children 5 and under are free. Parking is also free.

•The 36th Polish Spring Bazar will take place Saturday April 15, from noon to 7 p.m. Admission and parking are free. You can find it at 1714 18th Ave., just off Madison on Capital Hill.

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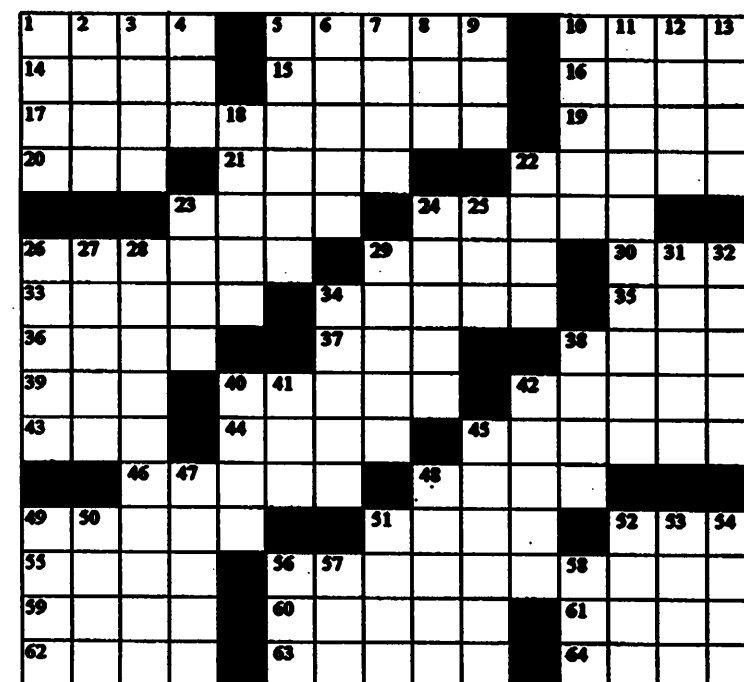
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## Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

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  - 5 Greek mountain
  - 10 TV control
  - 14 Chills and fever
  - 15 Plunder
  - 16 Thomas \_\_, British composer, 1700
  - 17 Pierre's entranceway
  - 19 Quarry
  - 20 Small amount
  - 21 Rage lead in
  - 22 Plateaus
  - 23 Bird's nest
  - 24 Turn red
  - 26 Des \_\_, Iowa
  - 29 Compensates
  - 30 Highland headgear
  - 33 Performed
  - 34 Worries
  - 35 European money: Abbr.
  - 36 Use chewing tobacco
  - 37 Airline gathering point
  - 38 Make a sweater
  - 39 Soft-finned fish
  - 40 Tehran moola
  - 42 Sierra
  - 43 \_\_ Lanka
  - 44 Hairstyle
  - 45 Actor Richard \_\_
  - 46 Bottomless pit
  - 48 Dime
  - 49 Grandmothers
  - 51 Alert
  - 52 Elsie's call
  - 55 "Exodus" author
  - 56 Vatican secret service
  - 59 Pleasant French city
  - 60 Wigwag
  - 61 Turn tail
  - 62 Luge need
  - 63 Boy Scout tasks
  - 64 Native American people
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- 1 Huck Finn's boat
  - 2 Taj Mahal site
  - 3 Prompted



- 4 Mr. Starr
- 5 Dislikes intensely
- 6 TV show
- 7 College in Frederick, MD.
- 8 Ear: Prefix
- 9 Damascus locale: Abbr.
- 10 Some British women
- 11 John McCormack for one
- 12 O'Neill's Christie
- 13 Spike and Robert
- 18 Articles of faith
- 22 Rump the hair
- 23 For the second time
- 24 Fishhook parts
- 25 Soap ingredient
- 26 Ceremonial staffs
- 27 Orange yellow
- 28 Summer treat
- 29 Sao \_\_, city in Brazil
- 31 Grape
- 32 TV controls
- 34 Bracelet item
- 38 Song writer Jerome
- 40 Leonard and Charles
- 41 Ands and buts lead in
- 42 "The Facts of Life" author
- 45 Aqueduct animals
- 47 Displaced
- 48 Packed
- 49 Mother Teresa & others
- 50 Seed covering
- 51 Dry dishes
- 52 Beer ingredient
- 53 Cooke
- 54 Lyric poems
- 56 Benchmark: Abbr.
- 57 Teeny
- 58 Flying saucer

### Quotable Quote

"They spell it Vinci and pronounce it Vinchy; Foreigners always spell better than they pronounce."

... Mark Twain

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## Fastpitch team faces new challenges

By Jahmal Corner  
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's fast pitch softball team has two league "W's" and nothing in the "L" column. But these days the losses seem to far outweigh the wins.

Two months after losing the heart and soul of their club, Meghann Hall, the Thunderbirds must now chew on some more distasteful news.

Head Coach Cara Hoyt is taking a leave of absence for an unspecified amount of time due to personal issues. The team is understandably shocked.

Sara Short didn't pull any punches when telling how she felt. "This sucks. We've had the worst luck lately," she said. "At least we'll have Amie until Cara comes back."

That would be Amie Ludwig, a one-year removed T-Bird softball player, who has always wanted to coach, but never thought her number would be called so soon. A year ago, as Amie Johnson, she was a stand-out centerfielder and lunch-bucket power forward for the basketball team.

"I hope I'm ready; it's a role



Cara Hoyt

Right: Pitcher Sara Short and catcher Roberta Qunell give each other support during a recent game against Green River.

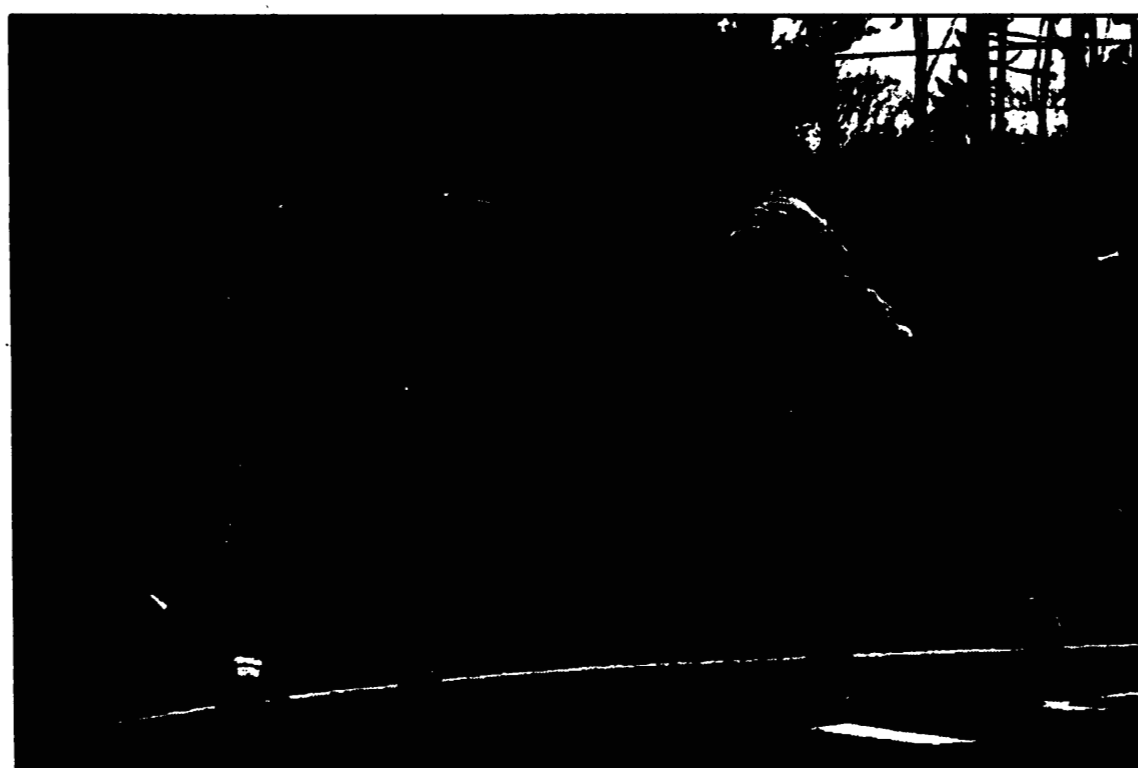


Photo by Erik Gyll

I've never played before," she said. "I'm coaching a great group of girls who could basically do the job themselves. I'm just here to supervise."

Athletic Director John Dunn further described the nuts and bolts of Ludwig's role.

"Amie Ludwig will be taking over the void of head coach, with Tyler Geving filling in as

assistant," he said. "Amie will be assisted by a general support group while Cara takes her time off." He further added, "She (Cara) could be gone for a week or maybe two. We want to give her that option and leave the job open."

Her players think Hoyt will be back sooner rather than later.

"She's definitely coming back, she loves us too much not to," said shortstop Mari Farrens.

Catcher Roberta Qunell boasts the same kind of confidence in her new coach. "This isn't just someone we're bringing in off the streets," she said. "Amie really knows what she's doing."

Only time will truly tell if the T-Birds can successfully bite yet another bullet. They opened the season with two victories over Green River, but in a way the season must now start from scratch.

They'll sport a patch for Meghann Hall, and rally behind Amie Ludwig for Cara Hoyt.

## Thunderbirds off to fast start in fastpitch season

By Patrick Alcorn  
Staff Reporter

Highline's women's fastpitch team has begun the season with a 6-2 overall record and are 4-0 in league.

The Thunderbirds started the season in the heated desert of Tucson, Ariz. for the Aztec Classic.

The tournament was a two day event which took place on the weekend of March 17-18.

Twenty-two teams, spanning from Arizona all the way up to Washington, participated in this preseason tournament. Highline finished a strong seventh.

"We did better than any previous Highline team," said Highline shortstop Mari Farrens. "We really came together as a team."

One of the goals the team typically sets before each game is to achieve ten or more hits. This goal was reached in each of the four tournament games.

The Thunderbirds finished the tournament with a 2-2 mark, but that's not what made it a successful trip.

"Every time you go down there it improves you 100 percent," said Highline Coach Cara Hoyt.

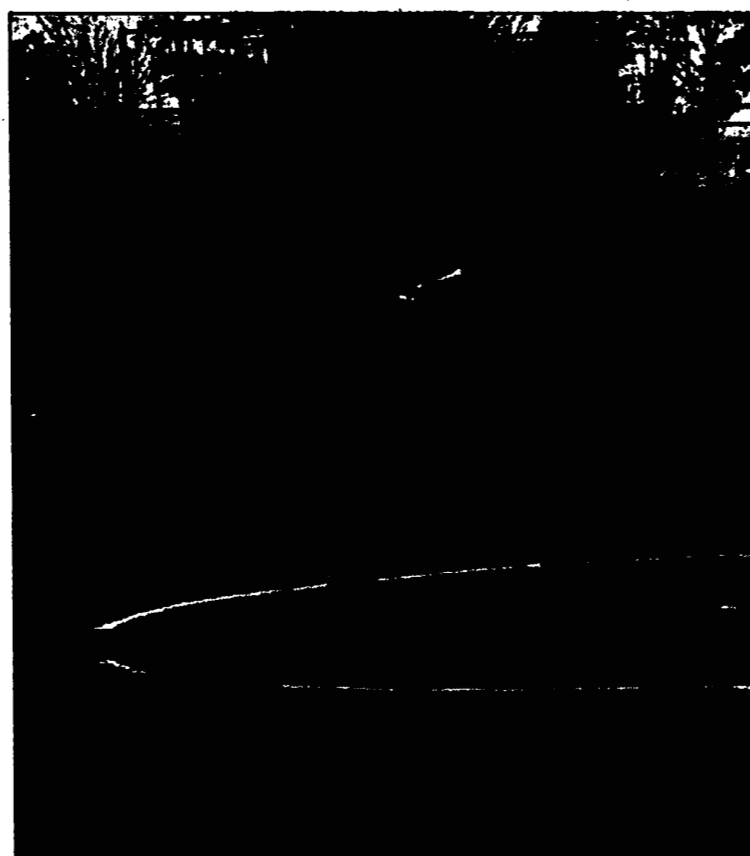


Photo by Erik Gyll

Pitcher Sara Short played the entire first game against Green River in the first home game of the season. She came away from the game with a win.

Facing tough competition at the start of a season is very important regardless of the outcome.

The experience was even more valuable for this years

team whose vast majority were facing their first collegiate competition.

Highline's league schedule started with a double-header against Green River March 28.

In the first game of the twin bill Highline was led by the great pitching of Sarah Short.

Green River finished the game with just four hits and scored their only run in the first inning.

"I warmed up and then had to wait a half hour for the umps to show up," Short said. "It took me the first inning to get warm again."

Nellie Peterson contributed on the offensive end with a three-run triple in the third. Highline posted two more runs in the third, giving them the 5-1 lead that would end up being the final score.

In the second game Highline's offense exploded for 11 runs and 11 hits. Pitching for this game was provided by freshman Ali Payne.

The Thunderbirds took a 2-0 lead in the second inning and didn't trail for the whole game. Green River tied it in the top of the fourth but in the bottom of the same inning Highline posted a six spot to regain the lead.

Tiffany and Roberta Qunell each had two runs batted in, and Short, the pitching heroine of game one, went 2-2 with one RBI.

"I think we communicated

really well both offensively and defensively. We were very supportive of each other," centerfielder Julie Hull said of the two wins.

To keep the momentum rolling Hoyt says the team will need to "focus on goals each game and just take care of what's in front of them at that specific time."

Highline had three more double-headers scheduled between March 31 and April 4 but ended up not playing a single game.

The games against Olympic and South Puget Sound were postponed when Hoyt was called away on a personal matter.

The third double-header was scheduled against Pierce but since the Raiders don't have enough women to field a team, Highline was credited with two wins by forfeit.

The Thunderbirds will head to Coos Bay, Ore. tomorrow for a double header against Southwest Oregon Community College.

They will then play a double-header at home against South Puget Sound Community College on Tuesday, April 11.

The first game will start at 2 p.m. on the softball field.

# Men's track team takes second in Oregon

By Nicole Ulrich  
Staff Reporter

After doing well at the Dusty Lane Open in Spokane on March 18, Highline's men's track team only improved as they finished second in the Willamette Open in Oregon last Saturday.

Weather played a big role in the two meets. Snow boots were necessary in Spokane, whereas at Willamette those who didn't use sunscreen came home red.

"It was cold and snowy at the Spokane meet, and some of the track team suffered pulled muscles—but nothing that serious and overall the team did well," said coach Tracy Brigham. "Really, the men didn't begin breaking their PRs (personal records) until Willamette."

Though Highline didn't have one particular star at the Dusty Lane Open, the decathlon, held on Wednesday and Thursday prior to the meet, was a different story. Highline's Chris Peterson was a definite standout.

Besides setting a freshman record, he also got the second highest score in the NWAACC with a total of 6,091 points.

At Willamette, Peterson followed that up by winning the triple jump in his first attempt and placing third in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 58.12.



Photo by Petra Sokolova

Members of the men's track team warm-up during a recent practice.

Peterson's coaches were happy with his performance. "Chris Peterson is a stud," said Brigham.

Peterson wasn't the only stud T-Bird in Oregon, where the men finished behind only Western Oregon University last Saturday.

Out of eight teams, Highline was the only community college participating.

"Almost every sprinter PR'd and both relays did as well. I was very pleased with the outcome," Brigham said. "It was the best meet we've had yet."

Sophomore Pat Boyd spent the first part of the season ineligible, but has jumped back to

qualify for NWAACC in the 800-meter dash.

At Willamette, Boyd ran a 1:57.72 and he's confident he'll go far this season.

"Competing against UW and other universities has prepared me to win it all when I face other community colleges. It's my year this year," he said.

Besides getting fourth in the 800, Boyd also helped the 4x100 relay team place second with a time of 49.6.

"Overall it was a good meet," Boyd said.

Boyd wasn't the only NWAACC qualifier last weekend. Justin Broughton, a freshman, made his mark in the 110-

meter high hurdles last Saturday with a time of 15.69.

Another outstanding freshman, Antonio Bush, finished second in team competition, jumping 6'6" in the high jump. In the long jump he also placed second at 22'5".

"It felt like a state meet in high school, I was so nervous," Bush admitted. He feels he'll improve throughout the season and hopes to break his high jump personal record of 6'11".

Djonovan Dobbins, another freshman long jumper, also did well in Oregon, finishing third with a jump of 22'3".

"He's really improving, not just in the long jump, but in all

of his events," Brigham said.

Dobbins is just one of the members of the 4x100 relay team, which took second at both the Spokane and Willamette meets.

The 4x400 relay team also placed second at Willamette with a time of 3:22.41, only losing to George Fox by a couple seconds.

With a few more participants, Highline placed well in the pole vault last weekend. Rey Nitsche jumped 14'1" placing third, Brian Davi placed sixth with a 13'1" jump, and John Fox also jumped 13'1", finishing eighth.

Once again Highline's sprinters did exceptionally well.

In the 100-meter dash Sydney Brathwaite took fourth place with 11.27, Djonovan Dobbins placed sixth with 11.28, and Aaron Reader took 10th with a time of 11.40.

The 200-meter dash looked quite similar. Brathwaite took fifth finishing in 22.92, Brown placed sixth in 23.04.

"Every thrower has PR'd and each of them are improving each week," said Brigham.

"On and off the field everyone gets along, and we have a lot of young talent. We should go far as a team," said sophomore team captain Tim Richart.

The men's track team will be at the Mt. Hood Relays in Gresham, Ore. this weekend

## Lady T-Birds start second season off with a bang

By Michael Barney  
Staff Reporter

In only their second year in existence, Highline's women's track team has proven it can run with the best and do well.

On March 18, the women traveled to Spokane Community College to compete in the inaugural Dusty Lane Invitational. Although the weather conditions were not the greatest, the overall results were favorable.

Freshman Erin Johnson placed second in the high jump at 5'1" and fourth in the triple jump at 34'5". Sophomore Jenoa Potter jumped 4'11", good enough for fifth place in the high jump.

Sophomore Rachel Schwartz jumped 8'8 1/4" inches in the pole vault, enough to put her in fourth place. Her time in the 200 meters of 30.99 seconds placed her 11th.

Sophomores Rachel Moyer and Vickie Upchurch ran the 800 meters with times of 2:37.34 and 2:51.44 respectively.

Sophomore Karla Booth ran



Monica Angeline

the grueling 5000 meter run in a time of 20:18.71 seconds.

Freshman Monica Angeline was the only woman athlete to travel over early for the Multi-Event Meet, held just before the Dusty Lane Invitational. This was for athletes in the decathlon, pentathlon, and heptathlon.

"For it being my first time competing in the heptathlon, I did well," she said, scoring a personal best of 3,300 points. "Out of about 20 women I was in the middle somewhere."

On Saturday, April 1, the

women traveled to Salem, Ore., to compete in the Willamette University Invitational.

The weather conditions were ideal for holding a track meet as it was close to 70 degrees.

"The weather was great, we were warming up in just our shorts and t-shirts," said freshman sprinter Juanita Agard.

Assistant Coach Charlie Smith liked the performances of the women.

"I like where the women are at now. Pretty much everyone had a personal best at this meet," he said.

In the 100 meter dash Agard tied for sixth place with a time of 13.37 seconds. She also ran in the 200 meter dash with a personal best of 28.81 seconds to put her 16th overall.

Teammates Susan Hansen and Rachael Schwartz also ran the 200 meters with times of 28.86 seconds and 29.9 seconds respectively. Hansen also ran the 400 meters in a time of 1:06.57.

Vickie Upchurch ran the 800 meters in 2:38.8 seconds.

"I did pretty good, my time

was what I was hoping for," she said.

Angie Upchurch, Karla Booth and Teresa Moreau all ran in the 1,500 meters. Upchurch was disappointed with her time, but Moreau was happy with hers as it was 32 seconds faster than her previous best of 7:36.

"For it being my first time running competitively I can't expect myself to finish like everyone else, but it's a good feeling to finish something I start. It's all about how hard you train and how bad you want it," said Moreau.

The 4x100 meter relay and the 4x400 meter relay teams did OK.

"For it being a patchwork team we ran well," said Agard who ran on both the 4x100 and the 4x400 relays.

"Erin Johnson surprised us this meet," said Smith. "She did well in both the high jump and the triple jump placing third in both. But the big surprise came in the 4x100 meter relay where she did an outstanding job for the team."

Schwartz's pole vault of 8'6" on a borrowed pole, was 4 inches short of her personal best of 9 feet.

"The women are doing well. If we can get everyone healthy we can more than double our points," said Tracy Brigham assistant track coach. "Injuries have hurt us this year but the future looks bright as they start coming back. We are looking at taking most of our women to the NWAACC championships this year."

The women run next at the Mt. Hood Relays in Gresham, Ore. on April 8.

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Clackamas	5-1	8-2
Lo. Columbia	5-1	5-3
SW Oregon	3-1	4-6
Centralia	3-1	4-7
Olympic	2-2	6-7
S. P. Sound	2-2	3-7
Mt. Hood	2-4	2-8
Chemeketa	1-5	4-7
Green River	1-5	2-9
Grays Harbor	0-4	4-7

Notheast	Lea	Sea
Spokane	6-0	8-4
Walla Walla	5-1	11-2
Edmonds	3-1	6-4
Big Bend	4-2	4-8
Yakima Valley	4-2	4-4
Blue Mountain	3-3	5-5
Wenatchee	3-3	5-5
Bellevue	2-4	2-4
Columbian Basin	2-4	6-5
Everett	0-4	0-4

Shoreline	0-4	0-10
Skagit Valley	0-4	1-9

## Women's Track

### Williamette Open

100m - 6. Juanita Agard, Highline 13.37
200m - 16. Juanita Agard, Highline 28.81
17. Susan Hansen, Highline 28.86
20. Rachael Schwartz, Highline 29.90
400m - 14. Susan Hansen, Highline 1:06.57
800m - 12. Vicki Upchurch, Highline 2:38.81
1500m - 21. Angie Upchurch, Highline 6:03.64
22. Karla Booth, Highline 6:08.87
23. Teresa Morseau, Highline 7:04.89
3000m - 16. Karla Booth, Highline 13:35.08
4x100 - 4. Highline 52.82

4x400 - 4. Highline 4:53.30
High Jump - 3. Erin Johnson, Highline 5'3"
7. Jenae Potter, Highline 4'11"
Pole Vault - 7. Rachael Schwartz, Highline 8'6"
Long Jump - 8. Juanita Agard, Highline 15'2"
10. Jenae Potter, Highline 14'7"
Triple Jump - 3. Erin Johnson, Highline 33'1"

## Men's Track

100m - 4. Sydney Braithwaite, Highline 11.27
6. Djonovan Dobbins, Highline 11.28
10. Aaron Reader, Highline 11.36
12. Beuford Brown, Highline 11.40
16. Dustin West, Highline 11.54
200m - 5. Sydney Braithwaite, Highline 22.92
6. Beuford Brown, Highline 23.04
9. Manzell Blakely, Highline 23.14

9. Aaron Reader, Highline 23.14
12. Djonovan Dobbins, Highline 23.17
25. Dustin West, Highline 25.23
26. Sandro Dugale, Highline 25.51
400m - 3. Manzell Blakely, Highline 51.65
9. Joe Phillips, Highline 55.18
800m - 4. Pat Boyd, Highline 1:57.72
18. Tim Richart, Highline 2:04.47
21. Peter Rutter, Highline 2:08.99
1500m - 18. Sean Christopher, Highline 5:24.98

5000m - 18. Shawn Thayer, Highline 16:59.48
110m Hurdles - 7. Justin Broughton, Highline 15.69
10. Danny Murphy, Highline 15.91
400m Hurdles - 3. Chris Peterson, Highline 58.12
9. Justin Broughton, Highline 1:00.43
Steeplechase - 9. Peter Rutter, Highline 10:50.76

Highline 10:50.76
4x100 - 2. Highline 42.91
4x400 - 2. Highline 3:22.41
High Jump - 2. Antonio Bush, Highline 6'6"
Pole Vault - 3. Ray Nitsche, Highline 14'1"
6. Brian Davi, Highline 13'1"
8. John Fox, Highline 13'1"
Long Jump - 2. Antonio Bush, Highline 22'5"
3. Djonovan Dobbins, Highline 22'3"
14. Sandro Dugale, Highline 17'5"
Triple Jump - 1. Chris Peterson, Highline 43'6"
Shot Put - 16. Mel Frank, Highline 31'3"
Discus - 13. Jared Paxton, Highline 118'
16. Mel Frank, Highline 112'11"
18. Bryan Sherick, Highline 94'10"
Javelin - 14. Jared Paxton, Highline 142'10"

## Soccer coach kicks the habit

Shari Andresen, Highline's head women's soccer coach for the last six years, has decided to step down.

Andresen led the Thunderbirds to numerous playoff appearances and an NWAAC championship in 1995.

"It's terrible losing Shari but finding somebody new is excit-

ing. It presents a new set of challenges," said Highline Athletic Director John Dunn.

Dunn doesn't think that Andresen's absence will have a strong negative effect on this year's recruiting class.

"Shari's going to help us out with the girls she's been talking to. They traditionally don't sign

right away anyway, and when they come here it's for the program," Dunn said.

Andresen's husband Bob was an assistant on her staff last season and is also leaving the team.

The other assistant, Teresa Almer-Aloe, will be looked at as

a possible replacement.

Dunn said the vacancy certainly can't be filled by just anyone. He said he already has a few key factors he'll be looking for in his search.

"We obviously want someone with experience, someone

that has recruiting skills, and somebody that wants to be here and doesn't think of it as just another job," Dunn said.

No time frame for finding a new coach has been set, but Dunn said the sooner he finds one the better.

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## Here's the money: Scholarship deadline approaches

By Laura Adele Soracco  
Staff Reporter

From scholarships for courageous students to scholarships for "turnaround" students, Highline's Foundation wants to give everybody an opportunity to get money for college.

The Foundation has \$25,000 for scholarships this quarter, and it will have \$40,000 for Fall Quarter.

"Our biggest concern is to make students aware of the scholarships and apply for them," said Foundation Execu-

tive Director Mark McKay.

He said that not many students are taking advantage of the scholarships listed. On average only 200 students apply.

A sophomore student, who didn't want to give his name, believes that the reason is that "if you've never done it, it's hard. But it's no different from applying for a job, only that writing skills are involved."

McKay recommends students applying for a scholarship to "read your cover letter really closely before you send the application, and don't forget that

you can always apply for more than one scholarship."

The Financial Aid office studies every application and determines the need of the student. Most scholarships are pretty broad, and other factors such as career goals or past achievements might be key factors in getting one, said McKay.

The Foundation offers 26 different scholarships. Every scholarship has different requirements. Some will require a high grade point average while others are focused on the student's financial needs.

There is everything from an arts scholarship for women with an aptitude in writing, to scholarships for health and physical education students who must be currently enrolled in specific health programs.

The Les Rowley Turnaround Award is for "turnaround" students with school difficulties in the past. The person applying must be able to show a positive change in their attitude.

One new scholarship wants to give a chance to students with past substance addiction struggles. The Vern & Jean Warmbo

Scholarship requires a written document with references to substantiate the problem and resolution.

The process to apply has been simplified for any person with Internet access. All scholarships are listed on the Foundation web page ([www.highline.ctc.edu/foundation.htm](http://www.highline.ctc.edu/foundation.htm)) from which you can print out any form and send it in the mail. The deadline to turn in applications is April 14. Visit the Foundation office in Building 9 for more information.

## Conversation pals help students learn to speak English

By Chika Shimizu  
Staff Reporter

The International Conversation Pal Program, sponsored by International Student Programs, provides students, faculty and staff a chance to make new friends, have fun and learn more about different cultures and customs.

"This program's goal is to create multicultural and friendly surroundings on Highline's campus and to enhance multicultural awareness," said Mari-ko Fujiwara, the international student program adviser.

The program is offered every quarter. Right now about 20

people have applied, including International, American and ESL students as well as faculty, staff and community members.

This program requires a one-hour per week commitment for one quarter. You and your conversation partner can decide when you will meet and what you will talk about. You will be paired with someone who was matched based on your application.

"I enjoyed spending time with my partner by going shopping and learning new English expressions. I was able to make friends through this program," said Yuri Sato, who participated last quarter.

"This program is for anybody and everybody. I recommend it. Growing up in the great Pacific Northwest it's so easy to take for granted how wonderful America is. Hearing stories from different countries can be so interesting. It made me appreciate the freedom I've had right here," said former conversation pal Ginger Plocher.

Spring Quarter participants are invited to an introduction party from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Union Bay room on April 13. Activities such as bowling, international food potluck day, and restaurant-hopping day will happen later this quarter.

Space is still available; appli-

cation deadline is April 10. Visit International Student Programs in Building 6 for more information.

"I want more American students to participate in this pro-

gram," said Fujiwara. "By attending this program I hope that more and more students get to know each other and create a friendly multicultural environment."

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## Team Highline is looking for new members that possess creative skills

By Jess Waters  
Staff Reporter

Team Highline is looking for new members.

The student events and promotion board has openings for up to seven new students, who will start working this summer.

The types of students they look for in this program are diverse, creative, enthusiastic, have some leadership and a range of experience.

Application deadline is April 14. Applications are available from the Student Programs office in Building 8.

Team Highline consists of seven students who work 15 to 19 hours a week during the academic calendar year and 30 hours during a summer leadership program lasting eight weeks.

Not only do you get an opportunity to be a part of school programs you get paid as well, \$6.50 an hour.

The students who are in this program give campus tours, do outreach at high schools, and they are even ambassadors for Highline.

Some of the programs and events that the team has assisted in are Unity Week, music groups, and blood drives.

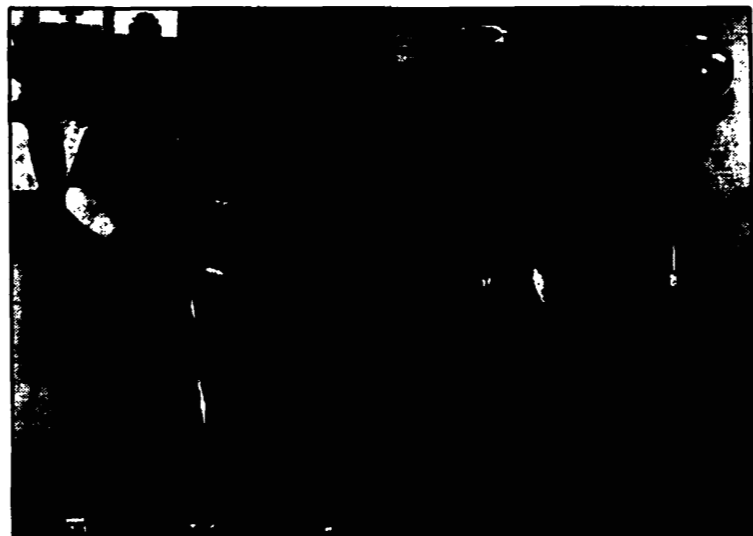


Photo by Connie Harshmann

The band Wine Field played in the student center yesterday. Hosting bands to play is one of the many things Team Highline does for the school.

The students in this program come out with stronger sense of leadership and a great deal of experience, said Erin Burley, student programs and Team Highline adviser.

"I've seen more confidence in the students," said Burley.

Current Team Highline members are Miyoung Tran, Josh Siebenaler, Sarah Hollowell, Amy Studley, Rich MacLean, Kim Nichols and Esther Kihuga.

To become a part of Team Highline you must fill out an application and it must be accom-

panied by two letters of recommendation.

Then the process of group and individual interviews begin in late April, conducted by a committee of students, faculty and staff.

As of right now none of the current students are coming back.

Team Highline members can stay members from the time they enroll for school to the time they graduate. "I am really happy with the program," said Burley.

## Free tax preparation and electronic filing

By Aidan Martin  
Staff Reporter

Uncle Sam wants you. No, we're not going to war (at least not at the moment), but it is time to pay the man.

As is the same every year, April 15 is the last day to file taxes. And as of today, there will be only one week and two days to pay off everybody's favorite branch of government, the Internal Revenue Service.

Luckily, Highline offers free tax assistance to not just students, but community members as well. Anyone who is filing their taxes using a 1040A or EZ form is eligible for this free service offered in Building 3.

Highline students who have been trained and certified to prepare tax forms provide the assistance.

In order to be certified these students must take an eight-hour course and pass a tax test afterwards.

In addition to preparation, the tax assistance service offers free electronic filing.

Unless this is your first time filing taxes, you know that both tax preparation and electronic filing can be quite expensive.

At H&R Block, these two services combined will cost you a minimum of \$56. In Building 3, it's free.

In addition, they can tell you if you are eligible for any earned

income credit or if you're able to take a deduction for the Hope Scholarship.

The free tax assistance is available on Tuesdays from 12:30-4:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 12:30-6:30 p.m., and on Thursdays from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

"Come early," said certified tax preparer and Highline student Richmond Nguyen. "In the afternoons there could be up to 30 people."

The last day to take advantage of this free service is April 13, so chances are that it might get pretty busy in Building 3 next week.

"It's a good thing we're not open at night," said Nguyen.

## Part-time faculty will not see benefits of a new law until 2002

By Aidan Martin  
Staff Reporter

With the exception of a special session currently underway to iron out a budget proposal, the 2000 legislative session is basically over.

As is usually the case, there is some good news, and some bad.

The best news of all is also part of the bad news as far as Highline part-time faculty are concerned. Senate Bill 6811, which allows for part-time faculty to share vacation and sick leave among the various campuses on which they teach, passed unanimously through both the House and the Senate. It was signed by Gov. Gary Locke on March 24, and will go into effect on June 8.

"(We) cheer to part-time faculty," said State Sen. Jeanne Kohl-Welles, D-36th District, who also was the main sponsor of the bill. "It's the least we could do."

SB 6811 could prove to be very beneficial to part-time faculty on community college campuses all around the state.

At Highline though, it might be a while until those faculty members get to reap the rewards that the bill provides.

Unfortunately, the part-timers here just signed a new contract before SB 6811 was made into law.

This new contract doesn't allow any sick leave whatsoever.

So the 250-300 part-time faculty members that work on campus from quarter to quarter will have to wait until the year 2002 (when the new contract expires) to benefit from the passing of this bill.

As for exactly how the

school will incorporate the new law into the next contract, that's a whole other story.

"It remains to be seen how and when it's implemented, and how it's interpreted," said part-time psychology and behavioral science instructor Ruth Frickle. "I imagine there will be a lot of confusion."

"(We) have to have more guidelines," said Denise Kledzick, who is in charge of benefits in the Personnel Department.

So over the course of the next year and a half, the faculty union and the school will have to work out some type of deal to satisfy both parties involved.

The House and Senate also have approved the Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board's 2000 master plan.

The new plan is concerned with expanding e-learning technologies and including education to reflect the diversity of our state's population, among other things.

The Legislature is required to approve the plan, so one can imagine how hard it might be to satisfy all of the members of the Legislature.

"It took some work," said Kohl-Welles.

Another bill with implications for Highline, Senate Bill 6296, was put on the back burner for the time being.

This bill would have established the Independence through College for Achievers in Need (I-CAN) program.

The bill would have allowed a small number of parents currently enrolled in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families to go to college for up to four years and still receive full benefits.

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# Birmingham a familiar face at Highline

By Derek Roche  
Staff Reporter

Dr. Jack Birmingham is by no means a stranger to the faculty, staff and students at Highline. The highly esteemed faculty candidate — whom many consider the front runner to replace Dr. Ed Command — is also the sole remaining internal applicant.

## Replacing



# ED

The week of March 27 -31 saw the three finalists trying to establish a stronger personal rapport with the campus community — participating in campus tours, holding formal and informal forums, and even having lunch with Command.

Birmingham, currently the vice president for Academic Affairs at Highline, made the same rounds as the other finalists despite his unique status as an internal candidate.

He waged an aggressive campaign last Thursday and Friday which included two days of meetings, tours and forums,



Photo by Erik Gyll

Presidential hopeful Jack Birmingham speaks to faculty.

each with its own distinct purpose and tone.

Birmingham's impressive resume includes a Ph.D. in history from the University of California, Santa Barbara; a master's in history and a BA in history and political science from California State University, Northridge.

Much of his scholastic accomplishments were forged at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, where he held the title of acting director, Legal Studies from 1993 to 1994, and associate professor of history from 1983 to 1994. He also was assistant professor of history at the University of Idaho from 1982

to 1983. He has been at Highline since 1994.

Birmingham began the day partaking in a general campus tour, and later was taken on a facility tour, both accompanied by Team Highline member Rich MacLean, who acted as student guide.

MacLean likes what Birmingham has to offer.

"I think he can continue a lot of the good things that have been going on so far," MacLean said. "Being from the school already, he has a better idea of where things are going and where they can be taken. He knows the faculty."

Later that morning, on the

upper level of Building 8, Birmingham held a student-oriented forum to address various issues and concerns. A diminutive turnout, comprised of mainly of representatives from Student Government, Team Highline, and other on-campus clubs and program representatives, convened in a corner to hear Birmingham answer questions posed from students.

Topics ranged from Foundation fund-raising, on-campus jobs, student-run programs, diversity, and evening student concerns.

"We try to survey students at different times. We need to have events that focus on the evening program," Birmingham said. "Fortunately the library is still open seven days a week and the computer center has now expanded its hours."

The forum's facilitator and Student Senator Joe Nalley was forced to quiet roaming students who were not involved in the event but were fraternizing in the building nonetheless. Also Birmingham, on several occasions, asked the participants to speak louder due to constant side chatter, which often made communication arduous or even impossible.

A far larger and well-mannered turnout, however, showed up at the faculty and staff forums, both held in Building 7. Birmingham answered questions, some obviously prepared, others perhaps spontaneously conjured by members of

Highline's faculty and staff, many of whom Birmingham is familiar with.

At one point during the faculty forum, Writing/Journalism Professor Susan Landgraf stepped up to the microphone and asked Birmingham how he would efficiently utilize the talents and expertise of the college's diverse faculty.

"I like to think people have jobs and I let them do it and stay out of their way, to take advantage of their passions and what interests them," Birmingham said.

Birmingham, an imposing figure, shifted at the podium, oftentimes incubating a pregnant pause prior to interjecting his response.

His intimidating presence is counteracted by a frequent tendency to implant facetious quips within his answer, peppered with occasional smiles.

Birmingham also spoke on questions dealing with the theory of student's as consumers, brought up by Economics professor Bruce Roberts, diversity, The Thunderword, and the essential ingredients of strong leadership.

"Issues related to leadership have more context than just a list," Birmingham said.

"Some of those reasons are larger issues that probably relate to leadership style and success," he said. "One aspect of being an effective leader is having done a core part of the job in what you are leading."

# Bruce Leslie has 'student impact in mind'

By Rachele Corella  
Staff Reporter

He looks like a president. Light gray suit, almost precisely the color of his neatly combed hair, glasses with thin frames. If he didn't speak, you might wonder if Bruce Leslie is the stern administrator type.

But he does speak, and it is immediately evident that this man is more like a pleasant relative than a strict and stuffy presidential candidate. He is inquisitive and friendly, asking how students feel about Highline's issues and actually seeming to care about their answers.

This is a major part of Dr. Bruce Leslie's style in being a leader.

"Our job as administrators is to put student interests above other things. It is crucial that decisions are made with student impact in mind," said Leslie.

Leslie, who is a finalist for the position of president at Highline, spoke at a series of

forums on March 28 and 29. He is one of three remaining candidates to replace Ed Command.

Leslie says that being a mentor is a very important part of his life. His mentors were the ones who encouraged him to leave a career as a history professor and get a degree in administration.

"They felt that I could be a leader," Leslie said. These same mentors were responsible for encouraging Leslie to apply for the position of president at Highline. Leslie said that they saw value in a community college environment.

He also chose to apply for the position of president at Highline because he has relatives in the area and had already seen Highline as a school with a good reputation.

"I have encountered wonderful hospitality here and seen that Highline has rich culture and diversity," said Leslie.

Leslie's resume includes chancellor of the Community-Technical Colleges of Connect-



Photo by Erik Gyll

Bruce Leslie (middle) tours the campus with Highline staff.

icut, president of Onondaga Community College in New York, and various other administrative positions. He taught history at both Sam Houston State University and the College

of the Mainland in Texas.

During a student forum, Leslie was asked to address such issues as diversity, evening student concerns, sports, parking and smoking. He was hesitant

to propose specific solutions to any problems, citing the fact that he is not completely familiar with all of these problems at Highline.

He did, however, state that he firmly believes in constant communication with students.

"The students are the reason why we administrators exist," he said.

Leslie believes that a president is responsible for helping people come together to build a common agenda.

"A president is someone who cares about and is committed to the people at his school," Leslie said. "The president's job is to challenge people to continuously evaluate where we are and where we're going."

At the faculty forum, Leslie explained why he left his job as chancellor, stating that he did not feel that he had enough interaction with students and didn't feel that he could solve some of the problems that the

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# Bell hopes to ring in a new era at Highline

By Heather Baker  
Staff Reporter

Dr. Priscilla Bell tap-danced her way through Highline.

She is one of the three remaining finalists to replace Highline President Ed Command. Command announced his retirement in June of 1999. The campus visit is one part of the extensive interview process to find a president.

It was easy to see why Bell was a finalist. She has a sense of humor and a long list of accomplishments.

If one could tell a book by its

## Replacing



cover, Bell was dressed for success. Her cloak-type coat with the dark green collar accentuated her height. Her golden bob had every hair in place. She looked strong and her handshake was firm. At the same time she flashed a 100-watt smile.

The way she carried herself set her apart from the normal crowd at Highline. Students, staff and faculty were able to recognize that she was a presidential candidate finalist when she went on her morning tour.

The morning tour of the campus got Bell to see what makes Highline such a good school. She took an opportuni-



Photo by Eric Guyl

Dr. Priscilla Bell chats with Highline students during her visit on Thursday.

ty to peer into a classroom and see Sydney Stegall flailing his arms during his engrossing lecture.

The Puget Sound area is not new to Bell. She worked at Tacoma Community College for 18 years. The last position she held there was dean of Student Services.

Bell is looking forward to moving back home.

"It's nice to be back in an area where there is a demand for education," said Bell.

Bell also has experience in running a community college. She is currently the president at Fulton-Montgomery Community College, which is 40 miles west of Albany, NY.

At every forum she reiterated her accomplishments at FMCC.

Her political and community involvement in New York helped her secure several sources of funding such as a Title III grant, and capital campaign donations from local businesses. She said these donations and

grants turned FMCC from a technologically backward school into a high-tech learning center.

"I don't have a problem with raising money. They (the community) hardly say no," said Bell.

Having worked in the Student Programs office at TCC, she is very student-oriented. At FMCC she works closely with the student government.

"She is very into student government and she is highly involved with students," said Stanislava Mladenova, vice president of student government at FMCC. "For example, every time there is a bake sale or a band playing, she will always take time out of her busy schedule to stop by."

Bell says students' concerns are paramount. "Student life is No. 1," said Bell.

Bell said that all key issues should have a student's voice. She gave an example of a student trustee who would vote on

school decisions with the rest of the board.

"I found that the student (trustee) take their work seriously... (and) votes in the best interest of the institution," said Bell.

Recently the Washington Legislature considered and dropped a bill that would have eliminated sales tax on textbooks. Bell said that New York already has passed a sales tax exemption for textbooks. She said the success of that campaign was due to statewide student support and lobbying. It also helped that the New York Association of College Presidents took on the issue.

"Even more powerful are the students. They are a huge voting block," said Bell.

She views students as learners and not customers because in the classroom students are not always right. When it comes to designing programs for students then the school needs to take the view that they are our customers

and design academic programs that fit their needs said Bell.

Her belief that students should be No. 1 goes so far that she believes in no reserved parking, which had many staffers' mouths drop at the staff forum. Bell thinks that parking is for the students, but she said that she would not go against clauses in staff and faculty contracts that give them reserved parking.

Her method of communicating with staff and faculty is very socially oriented. At both forums she says that she holds separate monthly breakfasts or luncheons for faculty and staff in which they are able to freely express ideas and opinions. Bell said that she would want to share governance on campus between administration and faculty and staff. "I'd rather be inclusive than exclusive."

Bell said that faculty need to work closer with K-12 classes, so that every student who graduates high school with a diploma can start in a college level course when they enter college.

Diversity and multiculturalism is a very important topic at Highline, including graduation requirements.

Bell explained that in the area that FMCC serves there is hardly any diversity. The second largest ethnic group, Latinos, reside in Amsterdam, NY, which is not close to the campus. Bell said that the school has ESL classes located there and encourages ESL students to take vocational training or credit classes. During Bell's tenure there she established a Multicultural Office.

Bell said she is committed to having a campus community that reflects the diverse ethnicities and culture of the community it serves.

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school was facing.

He was also asked to state his views on the student-as-consumer debate.

"The goal of colleges is serving the needs of students, but we do need to establish standards and maintain levels of quality," he said.

He also believes that faculty members should have input in important decisions. "My style has been to look for ways to expand faculty and staff involvement in decision making," he said.

Leslie feels that it will be a challenge to look out for the needs of Highline's diverse group of students.

"I think it's a matter of being able to provide a variety of op-

tions," he said. "All students do have the needs for respect and support in common. These cross boundaries between age, race and sex."

Leslie described himself as persistent, oriented toward collaboration, and responsive to issues that come up.

His visit included forums with students, faculty and staff, as well as lunch with current president Ed Command, a campus tour, and various interviews and meetings.

Impressions of Leslie were positive after his visit.

"I felt that he was an outstanding person and prospect," said Lance Gibson, Highline's Director of Counseling. "It was obvious that he'd read thoroughly about Highline. He had a good grasp of what's going on here."

Team Highline member Amy Studley was also impressed by

## "The goal of colleges is serving the needs of students..."

--Bruce Leslie

Leslie. "He really took time to show interest in my point of view," said Studley. "I thought that he was great."

Memories of Dr. Leslie at the Community-Technical Colleges of Connecticut, his last place of employment, were also positive.

"I think everyone here would agree that he was very pleasant, was enjoyable to work with, and had interesting ideas," said Mary Anne Cox, director of communications and assistant to the chancellor.

"I enjoyed working with him and wish him the best."

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sponses," said Morris.

"She (Bell) seemed really at ease. She related some of things happening at her community college with Highline," Morris said.

Morris found the tour with Bermingham to be humorous. Morris found it funny introducing Bermingham to staff and faculty that he already knew as one of the presidential candidates. At one point during the tour, Bermingham called a timeout to help an instructor at the computer lab. Even though Bermingham works at Highline, "we tried to make it (the process) duplicated as can be," said Morris.

"It was quite interesting, the way that the candidates differed

in personality and the way that they answered questions," said basketball coach Jeff Albrecht.

Many others agreed that the candidates were very different. "They each have their own strengths," said Margaret Brown, a psychology professor at Highline. "Jack Bermingham was familiar with Highline and could address specific issues, but the others can bring experiences from other settings."

Although Bermingham is currently the vice president of Academic Affairs at Highline, his visit was conducted as if he had never been to Highline before, included the campus tours. This was done to ensure equality among the candidates.

"It's always hard to evaluate differences in style as well as differences in the way they communicate and their interests," said Speech Professor Barbara Clinton.



## Parking at Midway is a viable choice

By Jaime Ducharme  
Staff Reporter

Security has been cracking down on people who park on campus without a designated parking pass.

Generally tickets are not written during the first week to let students become situated. The first week is more of a grace period for students to get all of their necessities in order.

"We're not giving tickets to make money, we are doing it to educate students on where to park," said Chief of Campus Security Richard Fisher.

"Students parking on Baskin-Robbins property are in jeopardy of having their vehicle impounded," Fisher said.

Students aren't happy about the early tickets. "There really isn't enough student parking to

**"Student's don't realize that it is the same distance from Midway as it is from the far end of the parking lots."**

**--Laura Saunders**

cover the excessive students at Highline," said one student.

Parking is a longstanding issue at Highline. The Midway parking program was designed to eliminate overcrowding of student parking on campus.

Only 398 Midway-only passes have been sold this quarter, but many students who purchased on-campus passes still have to park there due to lack of space on campus.

"The program has not been as successful as planned, due to



**Saunders**  
students not wanting to walk," Fisher said.

Vice President of Administration Laura Saunders does not see a different plan in sight for changing the Midway program.

"Students don't realize that it is the same distance from Midway as it is from the far end of the parking lots," said Saunders.

"We'll give it one more year to see if people can become more encouraged to use it," said Saunders.

Saunders plans to create more publicity for Midway and encourage students to get more use out of the lot.

More than 1,000 parking passes have been sold to students on campus.

Many students also resort to parking in the wrong areas such as carpooling, staff, visitor, and handicapped without a valid pass, which leaves them with parking tickets. Parking fines range from \$10 and up. Outstanding tickets will block a student's transcripts from being released.

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In one incident in Tacoma, the suspects pulled up in a Ryder truck and took off with a truckload of equipment.

"They are a bold bunch of men. . . They know that they aren't going to be challenged on campuses," said Chief Fisher.

Students should not be afraid to challenge anyone that they see on campus who is messing around with equipment and looks like they don't really belong.

"The protection of college property is everyone's business," said Fisher. "There is nothing wrong with checking people out."

Highline is proposing that anyone on campus that will at some point in time be moving around computer equipment has to wear a photo ID badge around their neck at all times.

## Electrical problems kept maintenance crews busy

By Elizabeth Outlaw  
Staff Reporter

Multiple electrical problems during Spring Break kept the Highline maintenance crew busier than usual.

The Des Moines Fire Department was called Monday, March 20 because of a fire in Building 9's transformer. Tonya Kashubskaya, Human Resource secretary, first discovered the problem at about 7 a.m.

"I walked in and heard 'beep, beep' from the other room, smelled something and then I called everybody," said Kashubskaya.

Maintenance crews discovered that a primary fuse had blown up. Bob Eley, dean of instruction, wasn't even aware of the problem until Security officers entered his office informing him of an evacuation of the building.

"There was a slight odor of smoke as I left the building," said Eley. "We were notified promptly and it was all handled efficiently," he said.

To fix the problem the crews had to shut off electricity in the building, which is part of the west campus electrical loop. Twelve buildings share that loop and were forced to lose power. All the buildings had to be evacuated because of the absence of functioning fire alarms and lighting.

The problem was thought to be fixed. At 6 p.m. it was discovered that a load-break connector had arched. The electricity was shut off again. A temporary fix was constructed until crews could fix the problem permanently on Tuesday.

Other electrical problems

continued to plague Highline, Tuesday and again on Wednesday.

On Friday, March 24 a "main circuit breaker went bad and stopped the heating and lighting systems in Building 12, 13, 14," stated a report from Gus Nyquist, lead maintenance mechanic.

"This outage isn't connected to our other power grid failures," Nyquist said.

Luckily, none of the science critters were effected because the aquariums and terrariums are connected to a different circuit.

"That's what saved us," said Camille Fuhrman, a lab assistant.

Other effects could be felt all over Highline concerning the scheduled maintenance operations. The library was scheduled to have new carpet installed but the lack of electricity meant lost workdays.

Consequently, computers on the main floor of the library weren't set up in time for the beginning of the quarter.

"It's created a backlog," said Suzy Holmes, acting associate director of Facilities.

Maintenance crews planned to work on preventative maintenance issues but were unable to keep the scheduled plans. Large, major projects are scheduled during slow times on campus, typically breaks in-between quarters. Now crews have to wait until summer.

Every problem last week affected Lydia Bracco, Facilities office administrator.

"I was on the radio going 'Where are you?' 'What are you doing?' Mostly the guys just had to work a lot of overtime," said Bracco.

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