

NWAACC scholarship rules are just not fair

Scholarship rules for the NWAACC need to be changed.

The NWAACC is the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges. Highline and most of the schools in Washington and Oregon belong to this group for sports, instead of the jock-factory National Junior College Athletic Association.

The problem with the NWAACC is that it has two sets of rules: Oregon schools can offer full tuition assistance, while Washington schools can only offer \$200 per athlete per quarter. The idea of an association with rules that obviously favor some members over others is unacceptable.

In the National Collegiate Athletic Association, a school's most feared punishment is having their scholarships reduced, putting them at a disadvantage against the other teams in the conference.

In the NWAACC, simply being located in Washington is apparently an offense equal to buying new Ferraris for your blue-chip recruits.

The two solutions to this problem are for Washington schools to raise their scholarship levels, or for Oregon schools to lower theirs, each of which has been voted down by the majority of community college athletic commissioners.

Washington schools will never raise their scholarship amounts because it would make the playing field even more uneven. The only difference would be that the larger schools would have an advantage instead of the Oregonians.

Things will change only if the Oregon schools lower their scholarships.

However until there are no athletic commissioners left from the time when the Oregon schools were inducted, and promised they wouldn't have to change, this is not likely to happen.

One has to wonder, if the Oregon schools were promised the advantage of six-man basketball teams upon entering the league, would the same commissioners voting against the Oregon schools lowering their scholarships vote against Oregon playing with five players?

Bell has big jobs to fill and keep filled

Highline's new president, Dr. Priscilla Bell, needs to get to work on shoring up Highline's administration.

Since Bell's hiring, two high ranking administrators from Highline have decided to explore other career options. Dean of Instruction for Transfer Students Bob Hughes has taken a teaching job in California. Vice President of Student Services Jim Sorensen has taken an administrative job at an Oregon college. And Dean of Professional and Technical Programs Bob Eley is retiring.

The two remaining vice presidents, Laura Saunders and Jack Bermingham, were candidates to replace Ed Command as Highline's president. If they leave, Highline will face a total turnover at the top. That won't be a good thing.

Students rarely cross path with administrators, yet their work is important. They direct the behind-the-scenes operation of the college, and they set the tone that lets professors do their jobs.

Bell and the college have their work cut out for them to find quality replacements in an expedient fashion. Bell has commented that she will not be bringing any administrators from her college in New York, so this leaves her with the option of hiring outside of the college or promoting current administrators.

The latter seems to be a reasonable option, as keeping some continuity within the administrative staff would be a favorable notion. Any in-house applicants should get a serious look from hiring committees and from the Board of Trustees.

Bell has commented that she does not believe her new position requires a training period. This means that the Board of Trustees, who have the final say in the new hires anyway, need to take a more active role in the process. Bell's plethora of experience — she's already been a college president — may be her saving grace in helping to fill these positions.

Meanwhile, encouraging the two remaining vice presidents, Laura Saunders and Jack Bermingham, to stay on should be on the top of Bell's agenda. Both are valuable administrators who have worked hard to make the college the place that it is.

Highline is a good place to get an education. Let's keep it that way.



Dreams come true with work

When I was younger I had these great dreams for my future. I always told my parents that when I grew up I was going to do amazing things. I was either going to be the first female president, or a cocktail waitress at the Circus Circus Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. OK, I was only 9 at the time, so those two goals didn't seem unreasonable.

I've noticed, though, that these kinds of goals weren't unusual for kids in my generation; my friends and I all believed that we could do anything we wanted to. Regardless of race, gender, creed or socio-economic status, every door was open to us.

I have, however, started to realize one important fact about this adventure called life: There is work involved in realizing these dreams, and this factor weeds out members of my generation, separating the future presidents from the future drive-

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thru employees.

Sure, not everyone has the same opportunities the day they come out of the womb, a kid from Normandy Park is of course going to have a much easier go at some things than a kid from the trailer park. Money does make a difference. Those who have it have the advantages that it brings, and those who don't have to deal with the disadvantages therein.

So, life's easier for rich kids. That's the conclusion, yet there are things even poor kids can do to get ahead. It may sound similar to the archaic philosophy

you're used to hearing from your grandfather, but hard work will pay off and ultimately enable you to realize your dreams, a lot further, anyway, than complaining about your lot in life.

We think we're different than every generation before us, but we're not. Every generation has different obstacles and opportunities than the proceeding.

I doubt that my childhood dreams were any different than any other kid from any part of the world. I may have more opportunities to achieve my goals than some people, and I'm positive that some people have more opportunities presented to them than I have.

We all have to work for our goals though, and regardless of who got a head start via their parents' pocketbook, in the end we can all get there.

Ericka of Sunnybrook Farm believes the world is ruled by a giant bunny named "Jim."

The Thunderword

Singing in the rain is great if you're on key

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Greenlighting a film: the do's and don'ts

Pitch man 1: OK, so we have this broad script outline for a mammoth production. I'm talking huge, sir. It will make *Titanic* look like the kayaking hour on ESPN.

Studio head: Well, whaddya got?

Pitch man 2: We're already thinking about marquee names. Say Ice Cube and Will Ferrel.

The Roche Motel

By Derek Roche

It's a cop buddy movie, which ensures double star power, and double the demographic lure.

Studio head: I'm intrigued, proceed.

Pitch man 1: The film begins with an explosion. We'll completely skip the explanation of the explosion's origination, reason for being, and deny the audience any reasonable payoff, but we'll make it really, really big, with lots of debris.

Studio head: Like a flying cow?

Pitch man 1: Maybe, but were gonna place the production in New York City, so later in the film we can blow up the Statue of Liberty, Time Square, and the Empire State building, preferably followed with the stars out-running large, slow moving fireballs, which physics affirms is impossible, but never mind.

Studio head: But I want a flying cow, you know like in *Twister*. And we need to attract a female audience. My 5-year-old daughter saw *Titanic* 17 times.

Pitchman 2: We were thinking Julia Roberts, but with all the special effects and the A-list cast already in place, we don't think we can afford her, but that's OK because we're gonna use computer-generated effects to create her likeness.

Studio head: Or better yet, we can place her CGI head on the body of the flying cow, right?

Pitch man 1: That's possible of course, but...

Studio Head: Go on, go on.

Pitch man 2: A thriller lives or dies by the effectiveness of the villain. He definitely needs an accent and an indestructible, mute henchman whom our heroes will have a hard time offing, before reaching the boss.

Studio Head: I'm confused on the plot.

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Book it: Highline honors authors

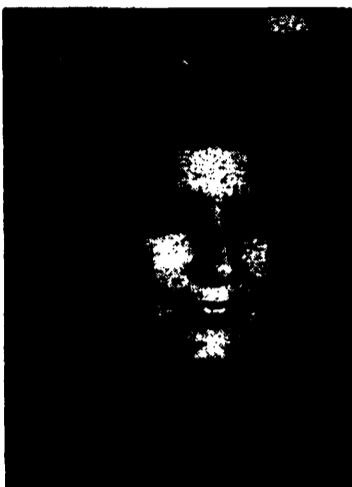
By Elizabeth Outlaw
Staff Reporter

Their names aren't on the Oprah book club, but Highline has some published authors.

"It's a chance for us to recognize those who've been published in the past two to three years," said Reesa Wabaunsee, Title III project manager.

The informal ceremony, on Monday, May 15 from 4-6 p.m. on the top level of Building 6, will honor authors whose work varies from novels, textbooks, articles for journals and newspapers, and monographs.

The event is being hosted by Jack Bermingham, vice presi-



Susan Rich

dent of instruction and organized by Wabaunsee and Sabine

Slowik. Some of the featured authors include Allison Green, Sharon Hashimoto, Emmanuel Chiabi, Barbara Clinton, Cheedy Jaja, and Susan Landgraf.

Everyone is invited to browse the displays. Some copies of the published work will be available as well as a bio on the author.

The Cartographers Notes by Susan Rich is just one of the many books to be on display. This book of poetry is her first publication.

"I've written them all over the past 10 years... never dreaming they'd all be published together," Rich said.

Rich's book is in dual publication in the U.S. and South Africa. The White Pine Press, based in South Africa where Rich was living, publishes work relating to international literacy and humanitarianism.

"It's a good fit," she said, since both of these issues are of interest to Rich.

After the White Pine Press gained an interest, Rich moved back to America and approached publishers about printing here.

Now, she said, the hardest part about writing is finding the time.

"I'm looking forward to summer," she said.

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Game show mania done Highline style

By Rachelle Flynn
Staff Reporter

The stakes were high. With no lifelines left, Kyle Maschoff was taking a huge risk.

"I told myself if I got this far, I'd stop," he said.

It was the big \$10 question.

Which administration enacted the New Deal?

a. Nixon b. Roosevelt c. Truman d. Jefferson

Maschoff took the risk and picked answer b.

Is that his final answer?

Yes.

Is it right?

Yes.

Maschoff bowed to the audience before claiming his prize, \$10 and a Highline T-shirt.

On Tuesday, May 9, students gathered in the Student Center on the top floor of Building 8 to play a mock version of *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*.

The contest came complete with Regis Philbin fill-in Miyoung Tran as host.

Ben McNalley occupied the "hot seat" first, answering the 25-cent question, How many licks does it take to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop?

Answer: three.

McNalley made his way to the top with help from the audience.

Where is the Benaroya Hall?

"If it was in Seattle I would know about it," said McNalley.

Chuckles from the audience made him think twice about his response.

Answer: Seattle.

AND A T-SHIRT



Photo by Petra Sokolova

Student Chris Moist prepares for his final answer as Kyle Maschoff taunts him with his grand prize winnings.

McNalley made it to the \$7 question but got it wrong, leaving him to claim a \$1 prize.

"Oh, well, I had fun," he said.

Just like the game show,

questions started out easy

and progressed to much

harder ones.

Patrick Allcorn started his round with the 25-cent question, What credit card should you not leave home without?

Answer: American Express.

He won his round by answering the \$10

question: Who is Alan

Greenspan?

Do you know?

He's the chairman of the

Federal Reserve.

Another winner, Derek

Roche, with help from the

audience, won the top prizes

as well by answering WWF

trivia.

What is the Rock's real name?

a. Reggie Rockingham b. Derek Greenfield c. John Rocker d. Dwayne Johnson.
Answer: d. Dwayne Johnson

Is that your final answer?

Yes.

In the end, three of six contestants

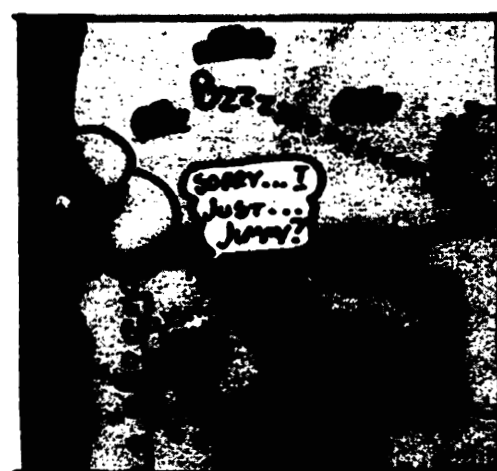
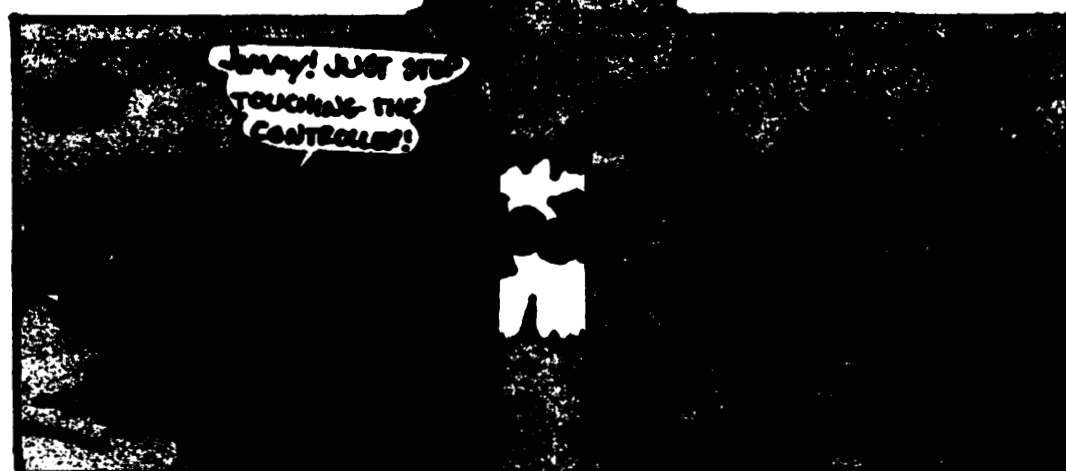
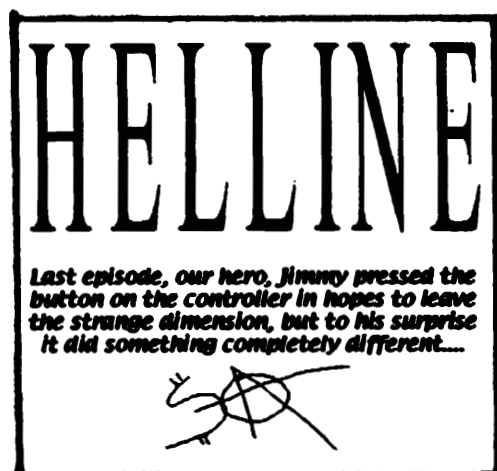
won \$10 and a t-shirt.

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It seems that the film may possibly have one, and that, my friends, is completely unacceptable.

Pitch man 1: We can take care of that, sir.

Pitch man 2: Yeah, we're actually thinking of making the movie one long-running car chase, with an explosion at every turn. Things will get blown up real good, and we'll let the heroes exchange humorous quips that will make great sound bytes in the ads, but make absolutely no sense within the context of

the film.

Studio head: That's better, but it's missing something: Aliens -- five of the top 10 grossing films of all times feature otherworldly creatures. And they need big ray guns. Ignore the fact they are capable of interstellar travel, their weaponry should plateau at ray gun technology, so instead of one big explosion, we can have several throughout the film. All we need now is a title.

Pitch man 1: Um sir, we have to write the screenplay as well.

Studio head: Details, details.
Derek is the Joey Fatone ('N Sync) of the Bluesy News Boyz.

Entertainment Ideas: May

* There is still time to see *Traces*, a play created by Mew Chang Tsing and John D. Pai., put on by The Northwest Asian American Theatre. It will play until May 14, at 8 p.m. at 409 7th Ave. S., Seattle. For more information and ticket prices, call 206-340-1049.

*The Sea of Dreams Boat Cruise is scheduled for May 12. Boarding will begin at 7:30 p.m., and will depart from Argosy Pier at 8:30 p.m. The cruise will return at 11 p.m. Tickets can still be purchased for the event in the Student Programs Office, Building 8.

Solution to last issue's crossword puzzle

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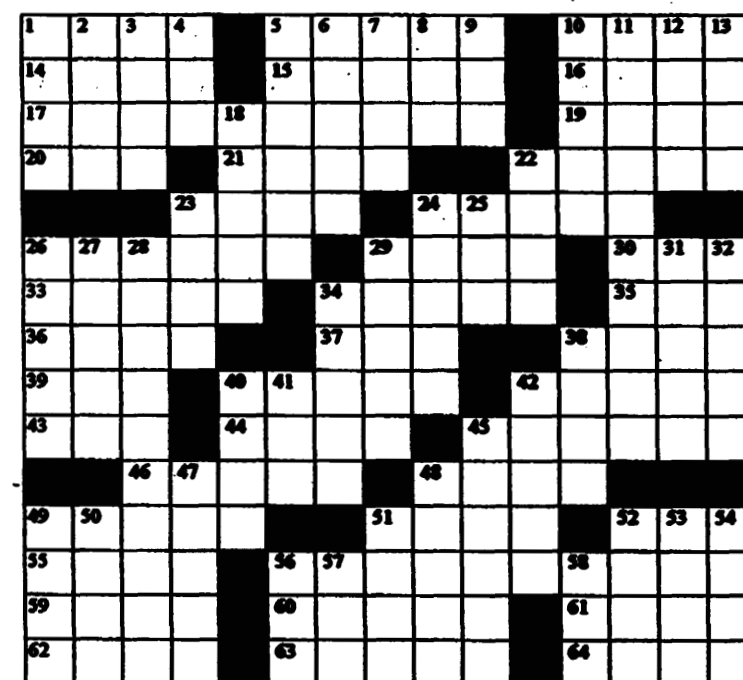
"The Brady Brunch"

By Ed Canty

- ACROSS**
- 1 Thick piece
 - 5 Enthusiastic
 - 10 Urban problem
 - 14 Emanation
 - 15 Positive pole
 - 16 Oz coward
 - 17 Brady Brunch order
 - 19 Ms. Bomback
 - 20 Red, for one
 - 21 Ship's toilet
 - 22 Like junior's room
 - 23 Christmas trees
 - 24 Type of infection
 - 26 Xeroxes
 - 29 Beige
 - 30 "NYPD Blue" network
 - 33 Set right
 - 34 Modern convenience
 - 35 Paulo
 - 36 Fill
 - 37 Play part
 - 38 Headliner
 - 39 One and only
 - 40 Room to grow?
 - 42 War-horse
 - 43 Corn unit
 - 44 A narrow road
 - 45 Caesar et al
 - 46 Cruises
 - 48 Elite game
 - 49 Took part in a bee
 - 51 Bargain event
 - 52 Stomach muscles
 - 55 Les Miserables author
 - 56 Brady Brunch order
 - 59 Entreat
 - 60 Fill with high spirits
 - 61 Alpha follower
 - 62 Famous loch
 - 63 Recorded
 - 64 Lead in for friend or man

DOWN

- 1 Droops
- 2 Angler's need
- 3 Spot



- 4 Luggage
- 5 Beef or ant add on
- 6 Buffaloes
- 7 Encourage
- 8 Bradley and Begley
- 9 No longer working: abbr.
- 10 Forty winks
- 11 Brady Brunch order
- 12 Resistance units
- 13 Certain area?
- 18 Recolled
- 22 Savagely beat
- 23 Penalty
- 24 Sings like Ella
- 25 Three; prefix
- 26 Social class
- 27 Missouri River town
- 28 Brady Brunch order
- 29 Host
- 31 Blessed
- 32 Some trousers
- 34 Makes
- 38 WWII battle site

- 40 Settled down
- 41 Ripken
- 42 Witch-hunt site
- 45 Went alone
- 47 Medicinal plants
- 48 Sticky stuff
- 49 Evade
- 50 100%
- 51 Follows Ginger
- 52 Away from wind
- 53 Stakes
- 54 ERA or RBI
- 56 Plane
- 57 King
- 58 Wane

Quotable Quote

"Television has brought back murder into the home where it belongs."

... Alfred Hitchcock

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Track coach running away to Africa

By Talitha Vanzo
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Despite the necessary shots and the unwelcome side effects, Assistant Track Coach Tracy Brigham will be taking a professional leave of eight months to travel to Africa.

Brigham will be researching third world health, nutrition and epidemiology (the spread of disease) in southern African countries. Her primary research, though, will be AIDS education.

"I am going to do a broad range of research, but my primary project is AIDS education," said Brigham.

There are countries in Africa that are at least 50 percent HIV positive and are resistant to education. Some countries have made good-hearted attempts at trying to stop the spread of the disease.

In Cape Town, for example, they handed out pamphlets with condoms stapled to them in an attempt to try to educate people on the proper use of them. The only problem was that they stapled right in the middle of the condom so it didn't do any real



Tracy Brigham

good.

Condoms were handed out at the border of Malawi by the Border Patrol. This country has one of the worst AIDS epidemics in the area. This might have been a good plan if the condoms were not expired by a couple of years.

"I don't know if I have all of the answers, but I am going to make an effort at it," said Brigham. "It will help me teach my classes now and help other instructors with theirs."

Brigham will be traveling pretty much on her own, carrying everything she will need in



Photo by Petra Sokolova

Assistant Track Coach Tracy Brigham talks to a few of the track athletes at Clark this past weekend. Brigham will be leaving for Africa in fall 2000.

her backpack.

"It's a little bit scary heading out on my own, but it's very exciting. I am looking forward not only to what I will learn but what I will learn about myself," said Brigham.

Traveling is not something new to Brigham; she has been to almost every continent except for Antarctica. The last time

that she counted (which was a long time ago) the total was more than 50 countries that she had been to.

Out of all the places that she has been to, which is a lot, Africa is by far her favorite. That is why she is so excited to go back there.

Brigham says that she is "just excited to be down there and

become more involved and less of a traveler."

She believes that as a tourist we take from wherever we are visiting and she wants to be able to give something back.

She will have to face many challenges along with traveling on her own. She will be facing resistance from most of the communities that she will be visiting.

"I have to be in tune with their current way of life and in an essence tiptoe around," said Brigham.

Brigham is also planning on "taking all the necessary precautions. My backpack will be half camping, half first aid and hopefully there will be room for clothes."

While on leave, Brigham's coaching duties will be taken over by Assistant Track Coach Charlie Smith. Smith will also coach cross country in the fall.

"Everyone will miss her, but they are here for one thing," said Smith. "I hope that they will act professionally about her leaving. She is a good coach, a good person and a good friend, but she will be back."

Sociology professor plays ball with the big boys

Derek Greenfield lends motivational skills to Milwaukee Bucks

By Paris Hansen
Staff Reporter

Derek Greenfield doesn't look like he'd be a big player in the NBA. He's under 6' tall and no more athletic than you'd expect a sociology professor to be.

But this year Greenfield was a key member of the Milwaukee Bucks.

The popular professor is the Voice of Highline at home basketball games. In his off time he gives motivational speeches and volunteers with the Friends of Hoop Organization, where he has worked with numerous local high school basketball teams.

It is through the Friends of Hoop that he was first introduced to George Karl, head coach of the Bucks.

Karl heard Greenfield speak during a Friends of Hoop camp held at Highline during the summer. Karl expressed interest in having Greenfield speak with his team.

"We had a little conversation and then kind of let it go," said Greenfield. "It didn't seem like

it needed to happen."

In February, the Bucks went into a downslide and one of the guys from Friends of Hoop suggested that Karl give Greenfield a call.

Karl called and offered to fly Greenfield out to work with the team.

Greenfield spent three weekends with the team, giving 10-minute motivational speeches before games, talking with players and being readily available for coaches and staff. He was there to help the team process what was taking place.

"At first I encountered some resistance to what I was doing, but then I gained acceptance," said Greenfield. "Before one game I wrote a rap and did it for the guys. One player said that was when he totally had respect for me because it took a lot for me to get up and do that."

Greenfield says that despite popular perception, all of the players were positive people and great individuals.

The Bucks, meanwhile, recovered and went on to make the NBA playoffs.

"I am quite pleased with the way things turned out," he said. "It was a tremendous opportunity. I like to think there would be a place for me with the Bucks in the future. I did some important work with them, they turned their season around, but sometimes you get involved, make a mark and then move on."

Greenfield plans on continuing his work with local high school teams.

He recently received a letter from Kentwood basketball coach Doug Galloway that demonstrated to him that his work was important.

When Greenfield first went to the school and spoke with the team they were 8-4, they went on to finish the season 17-4, beating some of the top-ranked teams in the league.



Photo by Petra Sokolova

Derek Greenfield, the Voice of Highline, spent three weekends with the Milwaukee Bucks this year, helping the team to get over its losing streak.

"The turning point [in our season] was when Derek first met with us," said Galloway in his letter.

Greenfield would love the

opportunity to work with other teams and other sports.

"I have a great deal of fun doing this and I have a lot to offer," he said.

T-Birds fly to strong finish at Clark Invite

By Nicole Ulrich
Staff Reporter

Freshman track star Djonovan Dobbins did exceptionally well in the Clark Invitational as he received "Athlete of the Meet" on his 21st birthday.

Dobbins placed first in the long jump, breaking his personal record jumping 22'11.5". He also anchored the 400-meter relay team helping them finish first.

He was just one of the many who helped lead Highline to a second place finish.

The Clark Invitational on May 6 was a new experience for the Highline men's track team considering the competition consisted of only four other community colleges.

"I think our men would've won it all, but Clark's throwers were much stronger," said Coach Tracy Brigham.

Clark finished first with a total score of 202, and Highline not too far behind with a total score of 188.5. The other community colleges were far behind as the third place team scored only 60 points.

In the 100-meter dash Sydney Brathwaite, Beauford Brown, Aaron Reader and Dobbins placed first, second, third and fourth all finishing within milliseconds of each other with a time of 11.2.

The 200-meter was quite similar since Highline sprinters placed second, third, fourth and fifth. Brathwaite took second with a time of 22.6, Dobbins finished third in 22.7 seconds and Reader and Brown placed fourth and fifth both finishing in 22.8.

Manzell Blakeley also placed in the 200-meter finishing 11th in 25 seconds, and Sandeep Dugale took 12th in 25.6.

The 400-meter was an exciting event as Blakeley barely crossed the finish line before Pat Boyd, both finishing in 49.5 placing first and second.

Jeff Parker ran the 800-meter placing third with a time of 2:01.2, taking 14 seconds off his personal record (PR).

"Just about everyone PR'd. The men did very well," Brigham said.

Mike Barney finished fourth in the 1,500-meter run taking about 52 seconds off his PR. He finished with a time of 4:35.5.

"I put all my effort into this event since I didn't have to run in any others [events] this meet. I did a lot better than I expected," said Barney.

Shawn Thayer took third in the 5,000-meter run and Jeff Parker placed fifth. Thayer finished in 16:39 and Parker in 18:04.

Highline won the 110-meter high hurdles as Danny Murphy



Photos by Petra Sokolova

Highline's Tim Richart and Jeff Parker, above, pace themselves during the 800m run at Clark.

Below right: Brian Davi cleared 13'6" to place second at the invite.

took first with a time of 15.6.

In the 400-meter hurdles Boyd placed second in 58.8, Joey Phillips took third in 58.9 and Justin Broughton finished fourth in 58.9 as well.

The 400-meter relay team finished first in 42.4, and the 1,600-meter relay team took first as well finishing in 3:25.7.

"Our relay teams just blew other teams away," said Brigham. "Our 400-meter relay team should be the fastest in the league."

Antonio Bush jumped 6'9" in the high jump, placing first in the meet and setting a meet record. Bush is now first in NWAACC as well.

Bush also placed second in the long jump, breaking his PR jumping 22'8".

Danny Murphy also placed in the long jump finishing fifth

with a jump of 19'4". Brown placed seventh jumping 18'11", and Sean Christopher placed eighth with a jump of 18'3".

"Our sprinters and jumpers definitely dominated," Brigham said.

In the pole vault, Rey Nitsche placed first jumping 14'8" also breaking his PR and Brian Davi and John Fox tied for second jumping 13'6".

Jared Paxton placed sixth in the shot put, throwing 38'6", Mel Frank finished seventh with a throw of 34'9" and Bryan Sharick took eighth throwing 32'0".

Frank also placed in the discus throw taking fourth throwing 126'9", and Sharick placed ninth with a throw of 101'7".

Dustin West placed seventh in the javelin, throwing 130'10", and Paxton finished ninth

throwing 115'4".

In the hammer throw West placed fourth throwing 101'9".

Next Saturday will be another competitive meet since the team will be competing in the Seattle Pacific Invitational.

"It's an elite meet that the majority of the men will be competing in, but not everyone," said Brigham.

Chris Peterson took the weekend off after participating in the NWAACC Multi-Championships on May 1-2. He was coming off some minor injuries the previous weeks, but will definitely be participating at the Seattle Pacific Invitational.

"He looked strong, over his injuries more or less in the decathlon," said Coach Brigham.

Peterson took fourth in the decathlon, scoring 6,027 points and breaking his PRs in five out of the 10 events.

After a bad start in the 100-meter dash, he finished in 12.17.

"He fell out of the blocks, or else I think he would've finished second or third," said Brigham.

He broke his PR's in the long jump, jumping 21'2", and in the shot put at 34'9".

In the high jump he jumped 6'0".

In the 400-meter run, his strongest event, he finished in 51.72.

He finished the 110-meter high hurdles in 17.38, and the 1,500-meter run in 4:58.74 breaking his PR in the 1,500.

The discus throw and the pole vault are the other two events he PR'd in. In the discus he threw for 112', and in the pole vault he jumped 13'3 1/2".

In the javelin throw he threw for 140'6".

"Chris did pretty darn impressive if you ask me," Brigham said. "He worked really hard and needed some rest before the Seattle Pacific Invitational this Saturday."

Peterson as well as the rest of the men's track team will be looking forward to seeing some fans at the SPU invite Saturday, May 13.

The invite is held at the University of Washington, and only the top 16 athletes in each event will be invited.

This may be the last chance Highline fans get to see some of the best athletes perform, so don't miss it.



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Lady T-Birds soar to second place in Vancouver

By Michael Barney
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's track team traveled to Vancouver, Wash. this past weekend to compete in the Roy Burns Invitational, coming away with a second place overall finish.

Host Clark won the meet with 167 points, followed by Highline with 100, Southwest Oregon with 96, Linn-Benton with 67 and Lower Columbia with 27.

"Last year we didn't do that well, maybe fourth or fifth place, so to come back and do this well the next year is amazing," said Tracy Brigham, assistant track coach.

For the third week in a row, jumper Erin Johnson posted a double victory in the high jump and the triple jump, with leaps of 5'2" in the high jump and 33'7" in the triple jump.

Juanita Agard won the 100 meters with a time of 12.8 seconds. Teammate Susan Hansen placed third with a time of 13.5 seconds.

The combo of Agard and Hansen put up a good race and placed fourth and fifth respectively in the 200 meters with times of 27.9 seconds and 28.2 seconds.

In the 400 meters, Rachel Moyer placed fifth with a time of 1:05.2.

"At the 300-meter mark somebody was playing with bricks out on the track and built a brick wall, yeah and I hit it,"



Photo by Petra Sokolova

Freshman Erin Johnson took first place in the high jump at the Clark Invitational, helping the Lady T-Birds to a second place finish overall.

said Moyer. Moyer qualified to go to the NWAACC championship in the 400 meters earlier this season.

The 800-meter race started off really slow and the times show it. Angie Upchurch was the sole Highline runner. Her time of 2:51.2 placed her fourth.

"I didn't do as well as I was hoping for," she said.

The slow starting pace was to blame for the slow times as well in the 1,500 meters. Both Angie Upchurch and Teresa Moreau ran in this race.

"I ran really slow this meet. I told myself that I had to stay behind Angie. I did and I did terrible," said Moreau.

"I am more consistent in the 1,500 meters. My time is pretty

much where I ran it last week," said Upchurch.

Vickie Upchurch set a new school record in the 3,000 meters. Her time of 12:28 was good enough for a fifth place finish.

Former record holder Karla Booth also ran in this race, finishing seventh with a time of 13:42.

For the first time this season

teammates Vickie Upchurch and Rachel Moyer ran in the 400-meter hurdles. Vickie Upchurch's time of 1:15.8 placed her second at the meet and seventh in NWAACCs. Moyer's time of 1:17.7 was good enough for a fifth place finish and also good enough to qualify her for NWAACCs.

"The 400 hurdles are fun if you don't have to run a 400 before it," said Moyer.

The 400-meter relay team placed third with a time of 52.3 seconds. "We really need to work on our handoffs this week," said Brigham.

The 1,600-meter relay team placed third again with a time of 4:54.8. "We didn't do as well as we could have done," said Susan Hansen.

The long jump was led by two Highline women: Juanita Agard, who won it with a leap of 14'11" and Jenoa Potter, who placed second with a 13'8".

Monica Angeline didn't compete in Vancouver after competing in the NWAACC Multi-event Championships on May 1-2. Angeline scored a school-record 3,351 points to put her in 10th place overall in the heptathlon.

"She ran well and we are proud of her. She got three PRs (personal records) in the meet and she is happy," said Brigham.

The women are at the University of Washington for the SPU Invite this Saturday, May 13.

Sophomore jumper flies high and scores big for T-Birds

By Michael Barney
Staff Reporter

Jenoa Potter became a part of track in high school. Due to an injury suffered in the summer because of softball, Potter decided to pick up running as a sport.

"I became interested in track the summer before junior high, but didn't compete until high school except for a few invitationals," said Potter.

Jenoa (pronounced Jen-o-ah) Potter is a happy-go-lucky girl with a positive attitude toward life.

She was born in Burien at Highline Hospital on April 14, 1980.

Growing up she received a couple of nicknames like Italy, Noa, and Jena.

Her family consists of her "scary sister" Laurel and her dad. Potter lives in the basement of her father's place.

"Yes, I live in a basement. It's a cool room and I have the whole floor to myself," Potter said.



Photo by Petra Sokolova

This season Jenoa Potter has decided to concentrate on her jumps. She has placed in the top five in each of her events.

A couple of hobbies Potter enjoys are volleyball and softball.

"I played volleyball for five

years. I loved it," she said. Potter played for Highline this past fall.

"I started track because I was

bored. In the summer I had to quit softball because of an injury so I figured 'Why not?' Besides there are always cute boys on the team," said Potter.

Potter is an all-around athlete. This year alone she has been a scoring threat for the women's team in multiple events.

Potter's main event is the high jump. Although this year isn't going as well as planned, she is doing quite well.

"This is a frustrating year for me. This season I have been consistent but only at five feet. My personal record (PR) is 5'4" so I am way off from where I want to be," said Potter.

Potter and teammate Erin Johnson have posted first and second place finishes most of the season for Highline in the high jump.

Potter has also competed in the long jump, where this past weekend she brought home a second-place finish from the Clark College Invitational.

Potter prefers jumping to running. "I try not to run any-

more. I've gotten a bit lazy. I just want to high jump," Potter said.

Although she only wants to jump, Potter has been seen running in events such as the 4x100-meter relay and the 200-meters, where she displays her speed.

Potter's inspiration comes from such women as Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Gabrielle Reese.

"As for people I look up to, of course, are Marilyn Monroe and John Travolta," said Potter.

"We expect Jenoa to do fairly well at NWAACCs this year," said Tracy Brigham, assistant track coach.

Potter's future is still up in the air but her plans are to major in sports medicine hopefully at Central Washington University. "I have applied there and plan on going unless something major happens between now and then," said Potter.

You can catch Jenoa Potter and the rest of the women's track team this Saturday at the SPU Invite at Husky Stadium.

Track star learns from mistakes; juggles new life

By Matt Davis
Staff Reporter

Prom night is remembered by most high school students as one of the best times in their lives. For Highline track star Antonio Bush, it was one of the worst.

During his 1999 Fife High School prom, Antonio Bush gave up all his achievements and future aspirations. He didn't spend prom night with his friends partying. Instead he spent it in King County Jail. He was arrested, and later convicted, for drunk driving and selling narcotics.

"When the police arrested me I knew all the hard work and preparation I had done to achieve a Georgia Tech track scholarship was lost," Bush said.

It turned out to be a long night as Bush pondered the things that took place that evening.

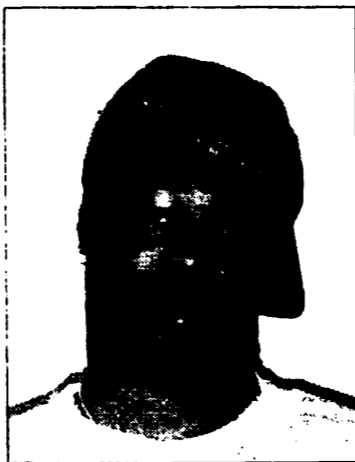
"I realized that drinking and driving were not worth it," he said.

That night Bush became a man.

"At Fife High School I high jumped 6'11", which is great, so I didn't think drinking and smoking weed had any negative effect," he said.

Losing a scholarship to a major university proved him wrong.

Bush graduated from Fife in



Antonio Bush

'99 and was an outstanding three-sport athlete.

The Pierce County League recognized him in both basketball and football. He was selected first-team defense in basketball, as well as an offensive second-team member.

In football he was selected a member of the first-team special teams.

At Fife he was the track team's Most Valuable Player.

Bush is currently on the Highline track team as well as taking writing, math, and first aid.

Bush is rated second in the high jump in the NWAACC, despite his high jump being down five inches to 6'6". He attributes this to not being patient and not holding his arch long enough in the air.

Bush has been working with Assistant Track Coach Charlie

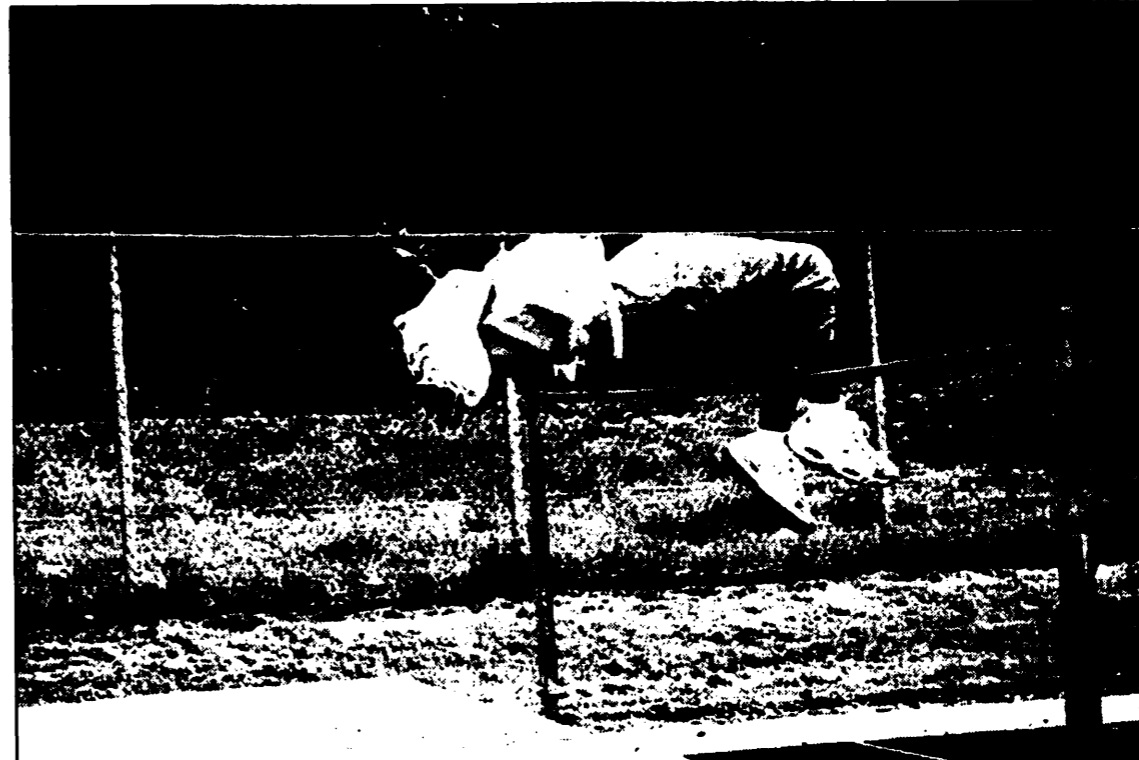


Photo by Connie Harshman

Antonio Bush perfects his form during a recent practice. Bush has taken top honors most of the season in the high jump.

Smith on his form and says he is improving with each practice. His long jump performance has improved dramatically from 22'0" to 22'6".

As a member of the track team, Bush has a tough schedule.

Balancing school, track, and an outpatient program for drugs and alcohol, he also has to manage transportation for himself, because his driver's license has been revoked until 2002.

This experience doesn't seem to have soured him.

"My teachers have been great, helping me work school around my outpatient program," he said.

But most of all, Bush looks forward to participating in track meets.

"At the college level they all feel like high school state meets," he said.

He also enjoys practice as well. "It's cool because every-

body on the team hangs out together, so we're all pretty close."

Bush's dream may have been damaged but not destroyed. He still hopes to attend Georgia Tech on a track scholarship, after earning his two year associate of arts degree from Highline.

"If I don't go to Georgia Tech," Bush said, "I will transfer to a school somewhere in the southeast. This experience has made me work even harder."

Up and down softball season finally comes to an end

By Patrick Allcorn
Staff Reporter

It's finally over.

After numerous injuries, the death of a friend and teammate in Meghann Hall, and a whole lot of other hard-luck events, Highline's fastpitch team can finally close the book on the 2000 season.

When the final week started, Highline had a meager 8-14 record and already knew that a miracle playoff run was impossible.

They were playing simply for pride and they showed a lot of it.

On May 4, the team traveled to Aberdeen for a doubleheader against the cellar-dwelling Grays Harbor Chokers.

The twin-bill was scheduled to get underway at 2 p.m., but the teams ended up waiting three hours and 45 minutes for umpires to arrive.

After the long wait, Highline was able to sweep the set, and the season, from Grays Harbor.

The games were closer than the Thunderbirds are used to



Photo by Connie Harshman

Ali Payne throws out a pitch during a game against Chemeketa Community College last Friday.

playing against the Chokers. Each game was won by only one run, the first 10-9 and the

second 4-3.

"It's good to have the wins. We could have played a lot bet-

ter though, we didn't hit well," Highline third baseman Jessica Whitehead said.

Highline upped its record to 10-14 and with four games left, they still had a chance to finish with an even record.

On Friday, the T-Birds received a visit from the 8-14 Chemeketa Storm.

The free pregame barbecue drew a large crowd but gusts of wind, sprinkles of rain, and an intimidating gray sky drove most of them away by the time the first pitch was thrown.

Those who left were spared from witnessing their T-Birds receive a 15-2 drubbing in the first game.

The T-Birds showed a lot of heart in the second game where they managed to keep their heads up enough to squeak out a 5-4 victory.

On the very next day Highline had another doubleheader, making it three in a row, this time against second place Clackamas.

Highline lost the first game 5-3 and got beat in the second 8-2.

The Thunderbirds finished the 2000 season with disappointing 11-17 record.

"We just had some bad luck this year," pitcher/catcher Sarah Short said.

"We could have done so much better this season. We had a lot of off-the-field distractions," Whitehead said.

So Highline will have to wait until next year to relive the magic of last season when their late-season surge landed them in the championship game.

With a roster full of freshmen this year, experience will definitely be on the T-Birds' side.

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Lo. Columbia	27-3 31-5
Clackamas	22-8 29-11
S. P. Sound	18-10 23-16
Olympic	17-11 23-18
Mt. Hood	18-12 19-18
Centralia	15-15 16-21
SW Oregon	12-16 18-24
Chemeketa	11-17 15-21
Highline	11-17 13-22
Grays Harbor	2-22 6-27
Green River	1-23 3-29

Northeast	Lee Sea
Spokane	29-3 31-9
Walla Walla	28-4 38-6
Edmonds	26-6 30-11
Col. Basin	20-12 26-14
Wenatchee	18-14 22-18
Bellevue	17-15 18-17
Blue Mountain	14-18 18-24
Big Bend	13-19 15-27
Yakima Valley	12-20 12-24
Skagit Valley	11-21 12-28
Shoreline	3-29 3-37
Everett	1-31 1-31

Women's Track

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Team scores: Clark 167, Highline 100, SWOCC 96, Linn-Benton 67, L. Columbia 27
 100m: 1. Juanita Agard, H, 13.04; 2. Diggins, C, 12.9; 3. Susan Hansen, H, 13.74.
 200m: 1. Diggins, C, 27.1; 2. Ocampo, C, 27.7; 3. Cook, L-B, 27.7; 4. Juanita Agard, H, 28.14
 5. Susan Hansen, H, 28.44
 400m: 1. Sharp, SWOCC, 1:00.3; 2. Cook, L-B, 1:02.5; 3. Pitchlyn, C, 1:02.8; 4. Ocampo, C, 1:05.0; 5. Rachel Moyer, H, 1:06.2.
 800m: 1. Glenn, C, 2:14.5; 2. Li-aBraaten, C, 2:25.7; 3. Diehl, SWOCC, 2:36; 4. Angie Upchurch, H, 2:51.2,
 1500m: 1. Lund, C, 5:247.7; 2. Jones, C, 5:31; 3. Gorman, LC, 5:41.8; 4. Angie Upchurch, H, 5:42.8; 5. Cornigal, SWOCC, 6:11; 6. Terese Moreau, H, 7:10.
 3000m: 1. Roberson, C, 11:14;

2. Ralston, C, 11:44; 3. New, C, 12:16; 4. Gorman, LC, 12:19; 5. Vickie Upchurch, H, 12:28; 6. Peck, C, 13:09; 7. Karla Booth, H, 13:42.

400 Hurdles: 1. Fraser, SWOCC, 1:08.9; 2. Vickie Upchurch, H, 1:15.8; 3. Nelson, C, 1:15.9; 4. Tiffany, SWOCC, 1:16.9; 5. Rachel Moyer, H, 1:17.7.

4x100 Relay: 1. Clark, 51.0; 2. SWOCC, 51.5; 3. Highline, 52.3.
 4x400 Relay: 1. Clark A, 4:06.9; 2. Clark B, 4:27.2; 3. Highline, 4:54.8.

High Jump: 1. Erin Johnson, H, 5'2"; 2. Jenos Potter, H, 5'0".

Long Jump: 1. Juanita Agard, H, 14'11"; 2. Jenos Potter, H, 13'8".

Triple Jump: 1. Erin Johnson, H, 33'7".

Men's Track

Team scores: Clark 202, Highline 188.5, SWOCC 60, Linn-Benton 56.5; L. Columbia

31.
 100m: 1. Sydney Brathwaite, H, 11.44; 2. Beauford Brown, H, 11.44; 3. Aaron Reader, H, 11.44; 4. Djonovan Dobbins, H, 11.44.

200m: 1. Tyner, C, 22.3; 2. Sydney Brathwaite, H, 22.84; 3. Djonovan Dobbins, H, 22.94; 4. Aaron Reader, H, 22.9; 5. Beauford Brown, H, 23.04.

400m: 1. Marshall Blakeley, H, 48.64; 2. Pat Boyd, H, 48.64.

800m: 1. Dolan, C, 2:00.3; 2. Lee, SWOCC, 2:01; 3. Jeff Parker, H, 2:01.34; 4. Tim Richart, H, 2:02.9.

1500m: 1. Dolan, C, 4:10.3; 2. Parmenter, L-B, 4:15.5; 3. Holcom, C, 4:21.6; 4. Mike Barney, H, 4:35.5.

5000m: 1. Dolan, C, 16:30; 2. Holcom, C, 16:33; 3. Shawn Thayer, H, 16:39; 4. DeLeon, C, 17:07; 5. Jeff Parker, H, 18:04.

110 Hurdles: 1. Denny Murphy, H, 15.6; 2. Elam, C, 15.8; 3. Justin Broughton, H, 16.0.

400 Hurdles: 1. Vise, C, 54.5; 2. Pat Boyd, H, 58.8; 3. Joey Phil-

lips, H, 58.9; 4. Justin Broughton, H, 58.9.

4x100 Relay: 1. Highline, 42.4.
 4x400 Relay: 1. Highline, 3:25.7.

High Jump: 1. Antonio Bush, H, 6'9"; 2. Elam, C, 6'2"; 3. Filley, LC, 6'0".

Long Jump: 1. Djonovan Dobbins, H, 22'11 1/2"; 2. Antonio Bush, H, 22'8"; 3. Roca, C, 20'5"; 4. Mohoric, LC, 20'1"; 5. Denny Murphy, H, 19'4".

Pole Vault: 1. Roy Nitsche, H, 14'8"; 2. Brian Davi, H, 13'6"; 3. Eikenberry, L-B, 13'6"; 4. John Fox, H, 13'6".

Shot Put: 1. Snyder, C, 42-3; 2. Bruhn, C, 40'4"; 3. Jared Paxton, H, 38'6"; 7. Mel Frank, H, 34'9"; 8. Bryan Sharick, H, 32'0".

Discus: 1. Snyder, C, 146-0; 4. Mel Frank, H, 126'9"; 9. Bryan Sharick, H, 101'7".

Javelin: 1. Ampania, C, 186-8; 7. Dustin West, H, 130'10"; 9. Jared Paxton, H, 115'4".

Hammer: 1. Snyder, C, 176-10; 4. Dustin West, H, 101'9".

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In with the new for Team Highline

By Jess Waters
Staff Reporter

Team Highline is reinventing itself with seven new members for the next academic school year.

The newest members for Team Highline are Eleanor Aquino, Chandra Brown, Evangeline Café, Isabelle Darq, Steve Scribner, Kirsten Timeus, and Svetlana Valieva. Brown and Café are Running Start students and Darq is an international student from Kenya.

These members will plan events for campus, participated in outreach programs, give campus tours to new students and be ambassadors to the school.

Selections were made last week after two weeks of interviews by a panel of students, faculty and staff.

Each member participated in individual interviews and group interviews, in which they had to plan a group project within 15 minutes and present it to the interview panel.

The selection committee comprised Erin Burley, Student Programs adviser; Fred Capestany, multicultural student programs adviser; T.M. Sell, faculty member; Karen Steinbach, high school programs coordinator; and Miyoung Tran and Josh Siebenaler, both current Team Highline members.

Training for the new Team Highline members will start on July 31. The training will last for eight weeks, with each member working 30 hours a week.

"They each bring different perspectives and strengths," said Burley of the new members.

The term of Team Highline will last for the whole academic school year from Fall Quarter beginning on Sept. 25, 2000 until the Spring Quarter ending in June 2001.

"I'm really excited about this group," said Burley.

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Breakfast served up with a smile

By Chad Kershner
Staff Reporter

It's 6 in the morning and Derek Lentz has just come into work in Building 8. He unlocks the doors, opens the safe, lights up the equipment, and starts prepping the day's food.

In a short amount of time, the building's buzz begins to grow. Students stagger in under freight-loads of books, buying cheap breakfasts and pretending the Egg Exacta is really an Egg McMuffin.

The morning may not be cheery, but the man at the grill is.

If Lentz was eggs, he'd be sunny side up. Whatever you order, he's going to make it better. "Excellent choice!" he says, whatever you choose. Somehow it makes the food taste better.

Lentz, 33, is a man of average height, lean build, and buoyant spirits. His straight brown hair sticks out from under his ever-present blue baseball cap.

Lentz is a cook and also the supervisor of the kitchen staff at Highline, and you're likely to see him if you go into the cafeteria. Above all, Lentz is an extremely personable and friendly guy to talk to.

How does someone have such a positive attitude on such a consistent day-to-day basis? Take a moment to chat with Lentz when he's in the kitchen or ringing up your purchase and you'll see that he's a person who genuinely believes in the Golden Rule.

"People are like mirrors, you put something positive out and you usually get it back," he said.

"A lot of times it seems like



Photo by Erik Gyll

Derek Lentz serves up a tasty pile of grub in the cafeteria.

I'm having a lot of fun back in the kitchen, and I do, but I do take my position and responsibilities very seriously," he said. "I just prefer to do it with a smile."

Lentz's food service background goes back more than a decade. The Janesville, Wis. native took his first cook job in 1984, worked there four years then moved to Idaho.

"I worked in a scratch kitchen awhile, then swore off the business," Lentz said, who came to Washington in 1989.

Even though it appears as though Lentz has everything under control, not everything about his job is easy.

The hardest thing about his position is "having to police and/or supervise my staff," he said.

Lentz has worked in the Highline cafeteria for a little more than four years. In all his time here, only one thing stands out as a negative point.

About three years ago, "a guy grabbed some food and silverware, and when I asked him if he was going to pay for it, he

got in my face and started grabbing and shaking me around," he said. "He was later apprehended by campus security."

Lentz says his position at Highline works well for him. His favorite thing about it is "probably a tie between having my nights and weekends off,

and holidays off. It's just a kind of upbeat, fun kind of atmosphere to work in," he said.

To relieve the stress of serving food to Highline students all day, he and a close friend find solace in their music.

"I play drums with a guy. We write music and it's pretty aggressive. It's great," he said.

When 2:30 on a Friday afternoon rolls around, he's ready to settle down.

"I'm outta here, I've got band practice, and I'm all jacked up," he said.

So where does Derek Lentz get his good-natured personality?

"I guess I'm just a pretty fortunate guy; I've had a lot of good things and people in my life, and I think this is one of them," he said.

"I'd like to stay around here and see what happens with the new student center and hopefully be a part of that," he said.

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Kaplan International Program a success in any language

By Takuya Nakajoh
Staff Reporter

Not all the students on campus are attending Highline.

Kaplan International Programs, formerly Language Center of the Pacific, has its office on the fifth floor of the library.

"On this campus, we have 70 international students attending this language program," said Ingrid Moa, the director of Kaplan at Highline.

Kaplan International Programs has several locations around the country, including Boston, at Suffolk University, in California, at UC Berkley and UCLA, and in Manhattan, New York. The local programs reside at Highline and in downtown Seattle.

This intensive English learning program is similar to other programs instituted for international students who are planning to go to college, but it has distinctive features.

Usually, international students are required to take a Test of English Foreign Language score to apply to college. The required TOEFL score at Highline is 470.

"But, by completing five lev-

els of the program at Kaplan, students will be able to enroll at Highline without TOEFL," Moa said.

Kaplan students usually, but not by rule, are new to the U.S.

In addition to learning English, the students are encouraged to participate in activities to get to know the U.S. better.

"These activities give those students a lot of opportunities to interact with Americans and they can get to know the Seattle area," said Charlotte Taylor, activity coordinator. Taylor also is assistant director of the program.

In Taylor's office, students can find a drawer filled with files of activities, and are then allowed to actually pick activities that they want to join.

"We are trying to involve students with the planning," Taylor said. "Right now, the problem is low involvement of the students."

They go tubing at Snoqualmie, take a trip to tulip festivals, and join a free conversation class at a local library. Last month, they went to Victoria, B.C.

Right now, six instructors are teaching classes.

Well-traveled teacher finds home at Highline

By Takuya Nakajoh
Staff Reporter

Omar Mustafa knows how it feels to be an international student.

Mustafa is teaching English at the Kaplan International Program, but he was an ESL student when he came from Libya 22 years ago.

"I started from zero. I knew no vocabulary. I could not speak English at all when I first came and took English as a Second Language classes in Texas," Mustafa said.

After spending one year studying English in Texas, he attended Gonzaga University and acquired a bachelor of arts in English literature, a bachelor of science in mathematics, and a master of arts in English and education. He also received a certificate in teaching ESL from Portland State University.

"Education in Libya is very traditional. Teachers know ev-



Photo by Erik Gyll

Omar Mustafa teaches English in the Kaplan International Program, which has several locations around the country.

erything, and students just listen to the lecture," Mustafa said. "However, education in the U.S. is like an academic dialogue. The students and the teachers interact with each other."

Mustafa also has experience teaching English in a small private college in Tokyo for three years. It gave him another opportunity to learn and understand other cultural norms.

"Having a good command of English was a dream and the major factor in my learning and teaching English," Mustafa said.

"From my experience I learned that every culture has a different style in educating students," Mustafa said. "And I took the good parts from my experience in Tokyo and created my own style to deal with students from diverse backgrounds."

Students say his experience pays off in the classroom.

"He is a good teacher, I think he knows what difficulties we have in the class," said Suheil Alamer, one of the students who has taken Mustafa's class.



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Eric Kramer enjoying his status at Highline

By Takuya Nakajoh
Staff Reporter

Highline welcomes a new educational extender for intercultural communication.

Eric Kramer, who taught intercultural mass communication, and international communications at the University of Oklahoma for the last 10 years, came to Highline and started teaching Speech 100 this quarter.

Kramer is already complaining about his new environment.

"I'm deceived by the weather," Kramer said.

He laughed, and said that he liked it here at Highline, especially the smaller, more intimate class sizes and the diversity of the student population.

Spending years teaching and researching intercultural communication, which he defines as interpersonal (between two people from different cultures) he does not have much experience teaching a speech class.

"But, it is the easiest class to teach," he said. "Because each student in class knows their turn to speak up, and they know that they cannot escape."

In the class, each student has presentations on a determined time and day, and classmates serve as their audience.

"Students tend to be attentive when classmates are making a

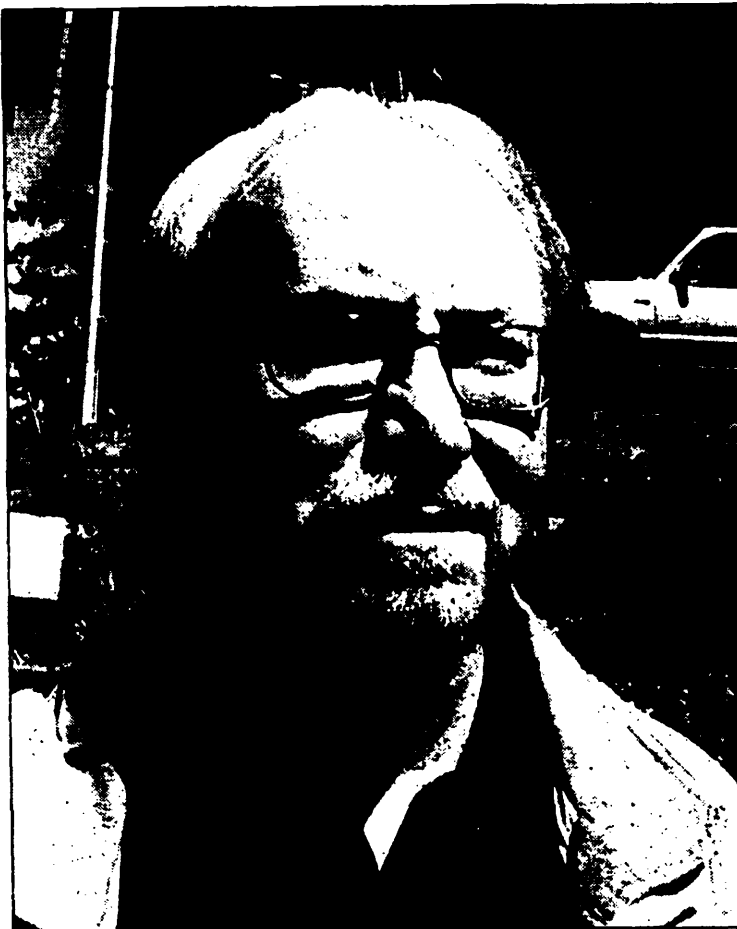


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The always pensive Eric Kramer on Highline's campus.

speech," Kramer said.

Students observe carefully what other students do to make themselves sound better.

Some enjoy making public speeches, but there are, of course others who don't says Kramer.

"It's stage fright," Kramer

said.

He explains that students learn step by step and this learned behavior often diminishes stage fright.

"(In the class) I talk about many things," Kramer said. "For example, I talked about the clock, the first machine that hu-

mans invented."

He explains how clocks dictate our lives, how they deprive humans' of their natural rhythms, and how they control human relationships.

"There are two different kinds of talk, instrumental and organic," Kramer said.

He describes instrument as a tool to get information.

"Organic is a talk to maintain the relationship. People talking for its own sake," Kramer said.

Here at Highline, he is teaching only speech this spring. Eventually, however, he is going

to start up teaching intercultural communication.

"I believe that's what I was hired for," Kramer said.

He said that he hopes many students will take this class because it happens so often that people from different cultures and countries are talking to each other and representing themselves in different ways.

With the new study field, Highline anticipates to give students more opportunities to learn cultural fusion and a system of intercultural communication.

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A revised 601 yields more money for schools

By Aidan Martin
Staff Reporter

Schools across the state, including Highline, could reap the rewards of a revision included in the finalized supplemental budget.

In 1993, Initiative 601 was passed, requiring the state to build a \$1 billion "rainy day" emergency fund. After the money was put away, all of the surplus would go into an education construction account. The problem is that there was very little to no surplus available.

"This 'trigger' (I-601) had been set so high before that no money ever flowed into the account," said State Rep. Karen Keiser, D-33rd District, "and predictions were that we would never have enough surplus funds to deposit anything into that account."

The new supplemental budget cut the emergency fund to \$500 million, which is less than the state already has in its piggy bank.

The revision leaves more than \$130 million to be added to the account.

"In this session we helped secure our future by investing more than \$130 million in schools—an investment that will yield smaller classes, safer schools and more effective teachers for our children," said State Sen. Julia Patterson, D-33rd District.

"That (the extra money) should help fund some of the capital projects on our college campuses, as well as help with funding school construction in our K-12 system," added Keiser, a member of Highline's Board of Trustees.

The 33rd District includes parts of Des Moines, Burien, SeaTac and Federal Way, including Highline.

The 2000 Legislature also created a Patients' Bill of Rights.

"For years we've been fighting for a Patients' Bill of Rights, and this session saw those rights become law," said Patterson.

State Rep. Shay Schual-Berke, D-33rd District, was a prime sponsor of the new law. She said it "tightens consumer protection for HMO patients; allows challenge of medical decisions by health plans before an independent panel and in court."

"It also restricts release of medical records," said Schual-Berke.

After 109 days of meeting in Olympia, including two special sessions, the local legislators said they were glad to be done.

"Like any good story, the 2000 session had drama, ten-

"... the 2000 session had drama, tension, humor, compassion and a few moments of disbelief."

--State Sen. Julia Patterson

sion, humor, compassion and a few moments of disbelief," said Patterson. "But the dominant story line is simply: accomplishment."

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million, which will fund the WorkSafe program.

The Institute will focus on several industries including chemical, construction and agriculture production.

Along with Highline, Central Washington University and Skagit Valley College will use the grant. The schools selected a partnership and submitted a proposal for the grant.

"The WorkSafe Institute of Washington wants to provide a healthy working environment through specialized training," said Highline's Steve Fenton, who will serve as director of the program.

Fenton said Highline has provided safety classes before but on a much smaller scale.

The money, he said, will give them a chance to produce a larger institute. The institute will have classes on campus and will go out to sites for specialized training.

Classes will focus on what the industry needs. In oil refineries workers will be taught how to manage chemicals.

Its main goal is to prevent accidents and injuries in the workplace, officials say.

"We believe that this Institute will bring us closer to the goal of making Washington workplaces safer and more healthful by preventing needless injury and illness," said Dr. Michael Silverstein of the state Department of Labor and Industries.

Nominations for staff and faculty being accepted

Applications for Outstanding Faculty Award and Employee of the Year are currently being accepted.

Key Bank is providing a \$1,000 award for Highline's Employee of the Year 2000. All permanent classified and exempt employees are eligible for the award.

Deadline to turn in applications is May 12 by 5 p.m. in the College Human Resources Office, Mailstop 9-7, in a sealed envelope marked CONFIDENTIAL-Nomination for Employee of the Year.

Applications are available in Buildings 6 and 8.

Another \$1,500 award is being presented by Puget Sound Energy to the recipient of Outstanding Faculty Award at Highline. All full-time tenured faculty are eligible for this award.

Both nominations can be made by any Highline student, staff member, faculty member, or administrator.

Applications must be turned in by May 12 in the Office of Instruction, Mailstop 9-3 by 5 p.m.

Applications are available in Building 9

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posters in hopes of getting more people to apply.

The officers have signed the petition form so that a candidate needs to get only 40 more signatures instead of 50.

They are signing them so that the candidates have something to get started on, Fox said. "We're handing out to all those who we think are qualified."

"(We) need at least four people so they could hold elections for the rest of the officials in Fall Quarter," said Fox.

"Hopefully by extending the date, we'll get enough people to run," Fox said.

A candidate needs to have a 2.5 grade point average and be enrolled with at least eight credit hours at Highline.

So far, Dustin West has filed for vice president of leg-

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--John Fox

islation, and Bryan Sharick has filed for student senator.

Positions open include president; vice presidents of legislation and administration; four student senators, including evening and international student senators; and club diplomat/treasurer. All positions are paid.

Applications are available in the Student Government office located in Building 8.

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receive here at Highline, Maplestone said.

A professor is more qualified with a master's, but the classes taught here don't really need the comprehension gained with one.

No one really knows why people don't want to come here except that these areas are some of the most in-demand jobs in the industry right now.

"Students graduate from the two-year program and can go out and make as much as the faculty teaching them and they're expected to enter the teaching position with a master's," Maplestone said.

Rebecca Sliger, hired for the Engineering department last year, realizes the money she's missing out on.

Currently on leave to work on her doctorate, Sliger decided it wasn't all about money.

She discovered as a teaching

assistant in grad school that she enjoyed teaching.

To help with recruiting, Sliger said she has approached individuals within her department at the UW who she knows would be good professors.

"They express an interest, but when they hear the salary they say they can't make that sacrifice at the expense of their families," she said.

Highline has upgraded its advertising campaign for these positions.

The college has placed job announcements on internet sites like job.com, monster.com and trade magazines in the hopes of attracting more applicants.

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