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 its scholarships reduced, putting them at a disadvantage against the other teams in the conference. In the NWAACC, this is being located in Washington is apparently an offense equal to buying new Ferraris for your blue-chip employees.

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 they have voted down a scholarship that has been voted down by the majority of community college athletic commissioners.

Bell has big jobs to fill and keep filled

Highline’s new president, Dr. Priscilla Bell, needs to get to work on streamlining 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 Sorenson has taken an administrative job at an Oregon college. And Dean of Professional and Technical Programs Bob Eley is retiring.

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

Students need to do well in their jobs, and they want their work to be 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 to work out the conflict between the two to find quality replacements in an expedient fashion. Bell has commented that she will not be bringing any administrators from her college in New Mexico, 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 consistency 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 hire, now 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, the two remaining vice presidents, Laura Saunders and Jack Berlingham, 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.

Opinion

NEW TEAM HIGHLINE EVENTS...

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 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 works out members of my generation, separating the future presidents from the future drive.

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 do much better because he is a kid from the trailer park. Money does make a difference.

Those who have it have the advantages that 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 aphoristic philosophy you’re used to hearing from your grandfather, but hard work will pay off and ultimately enable you to realize your dreams. Hard work will pay off and ultimately enable you to realize your dreams. Hard work will pay off and ultimately enable you to realize your dreams!

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Greenlighting a film: the do's and don't's

Pitch man 1: OK, so we have this broad script outline for a mammoth production. I'm talking huge, sir. It will makeTitanic 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 Ferrell.

By Derek Roc'h

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

Studio head: I'm intrigued.

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

Pitch man 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 stage her banishment.

Pitch man 1: Maybe, but where gonna place the production in New York City, no later than 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 we'll 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 thinks 18 times.

Pitch man 2: We were thinking Susan Rich, but with all the special effects and the A-list cast, she's forced into the audience with our signature name-Philbin fill-in Miyungneu in an 80s cop film

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 inescapable, most handsome whom our heroes will have a hard time off-ing, before reaching the box.

Studio head: I'm confused on the plot.

See Roche, page 6

Book it: Highline honors authors

By Elizabeth Outlaw

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 Wabaunse, 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 more.

The event is being hosted by Jack Birmingham, vice president of instruction and organization. "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.

Student Chris Roche prepares for his final answer as Kyle Maschhoff tosses him with his grand prize winnings.

TEN Game show mania-don Highline style

By Rachelle Flynn

The stakes were high. With no lifelines left, Kyle Maschhoff 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?


Maschhoff took the risk and picked answer b.

Is that his final answer?

Yes.

Is it right?

Yes.

Maschhoff 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 6 to play a mock version of Who Wants to be a Millionaire.

The contest was complete with Regis Philbin fill-in Miyungneu as host. But Miyungneu 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.

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

Where is the Banffaya Hall?

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

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

Answer: Seattle.

More students competed against each other, answering the 50-cent question.

What is the Rock's real name?

Answer: John Lennon.
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"The Brady Brunch"

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Last weekend, our hero, Benny pressed the button on the controller in hopes to score something different...

It was something completely different...

Roche the film. Studio head: That's better, 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 human quips that will make great soundbytes in the ad, 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, air, we have to write the screenplay as well.

Studio head: Details, details. Derek in the Joey Fatone ('N Sync) of the Bayside News Boys.

Entertainment Ideas: May

There is still time to see "The Sea of Dreams," a play created by Mew Chang Ting and John D. Pai, put on by The Northwest Asian American Theate. 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.

Solution to last issue's crossword puzzle

By Ed Casy

"The Brady Brunch"

4 Luggage 7 Boa or art add on
5 Beef or art add on 8 Buffalo
9 Catmarn 10 Burglar's
14 Mandrake 17 Below
15 Pennies 18 Beagley
16 Decor 19 Bradley’s
24 Not longer wonderful: abbrev.
31 Forty winks 25 Bradley’s
34 Follow’s Ginger 32 Raffe’s
36 Away from wind 33 Siva or RBA
38 Beagle’s 34 Swede
41 Red 35 Plane
42 Witch hunt site 36 Plane
43 West 49 Bad stuff
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52 Away from wind 56 Water
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41 Red
42 Witch hunt site
43 West
44 Hen
45 Bad stuff
46 Plane
47 Medicinal plants
48 Bad
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51 Follow’s Ginger
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By Ed Casy

"Crossword 101"

ACROSS
1 Thick place
5 Enthusiastic
10 Urban problem
14 Earmark
15 Positive pole
16 Diwendi
17 Brady-Bunch order
19 M. Sondheim
20 Red, red
21 Spy’s tone
22 Use junior’s room
27 Christmas tree
28 Type of infection
29 Xenosaurs
30 "NYU Blue" network
33 Sit right
34 Modern convenience
35 Paulo
36 PE
37 Play part
38 Headlines
39 One and only
40 Room to grow?
42 War-horse
43 Com unit
44 A narrow road
45 Caesar et al
46 Cruises
48 Elle game
49 Took part in a bee
51 Bargain event
52 Stomach muscles
53 Les Miserable’s author
56 Brady-Bunch order
57 Ernest
58 Email
60 Fill with high spirits
61 Alpha follower
62 Famous lorch
63 Recorded
64 Lead in for friend or man
65 House
66 Droops
67 Angelo’s need
68 Spot
69 West

DOWN
1 Droops
2 Some brunch
3 Angell’s need
4 Malone
5 Spot
68 WWII battle site

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Track coach running away to Africa

By Taliitha Vanzo
Staff Reporter

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 stopping the spread of the disease.

In Cape Town, for example, they handed out pamphlets with condoms stapled to them in an attempt to get kids to use them. The problem was that they stapled right in the middle of the condoms so it didn’t go any real 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," said Brigham.

"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 by herself, carrying everything she will need in 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 isn’t something new to Brigham, who has been to almost every continent except Antarctica. "The last time 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 Paras Hansen
Staff Reporter

Derek Greenfield doesn’t look like he’d be a big player in the NBA. He’s under 6’1 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 volunteer 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 Greenfield spent 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. "I didn’t seem like it needed to happen."

In February, the Bucks went into a downhill 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.

Karl 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 wasn’t too sure. I thought Karl would be there with the team and then find out," said Greenfield. "Before one game I wore a cap and did it for the guys. One player said that was the last time he 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 think I would think there would be a place for me with the Bucks in the future. I did some important work with them, I 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 5-4, they went on to finish the season 17-4, beating some of the top-ranked teams in the league.

"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

Freshman track star Djontay Dobbins did exceptionally well in the Clark Invitational as he received "Athlete of the Meet" on his 21st birthday. Dobbins placed fifth 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 2 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 282, and Highline not too far behind with a total score of 183. The other community colleges were far behind as the third place team scored only 60 points.

In the 100-meter dash Sydney Brathwaite, Beaverton Brown, Aaron Reader and Dobbin 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.

Massiel 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 running along about 52 seconds of 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 other 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 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.

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

Jared Paxon placed sixth in the shot put, throwing 38'9". Dustin West placed seventh in the hammer throw, taking fourth 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 in 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 in the long jump, jumping 21'2" in and in the shot put at 34'9".

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

Below the invite.

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In the high jump he jumped 60'8". In the 400-meter run, his strongest event, he finished in 51.72.

He finished the 110-meter hurdles in 17.38, and the 1,500-meter run in 4:38.14 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 he threw for 140'6".

"Chris did pretty damn 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 SPFU invite Saturday, May 27.

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.
**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 O'pena 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 Meyer 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," said Meyer. Meyer 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 2:25.2 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 as the 1,500-meter. Both Angie Upchurch and Teresa Moeau ran in this race.

"I ran really slow this meet," said Moeau. "I told myself that I had to stay behind Angie. I did and I did terrible," said Moeau. "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 13:42. For the first time this season teammates Vickie Upchurch and Rachel Meyer ran in the 400-meter hurdles. Vickie Upchurch's time of 1:15.8 placed her second at the meet and seventh in NWAACCs. Meyer'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," said Meyer.

The 400-meter relay team placed third with a time of 32.3 seconds. "We really need to work on our handsoffs 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 with a leap of 14'-1" and Janes Potter, who placed second with a 13'-8".

Monica Angelino didn't compete in Vancouver after competing in the NWAACC Multi-event Championships on May 1-2. Angelino 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

Jenas Potter became a part of track in high school. As a junior, she injured her knee and did not compete until high school except for a few invitational," said Potter.

Jenas (pronounced Jem-o-ab) Potter is a happy-go-lucky girl with a positive attitude toward life.

She was born in Butte, Montana on April 14, 1980.

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

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.

This season Jenas 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 anyway. 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-Kersee and Gabrielle Reece. "As for people I look up to, of course, are Marilyn Monroe and John Travolta," said Potter. "We expect Jenas to do fairly well at NWAACCs this year," said Tracy Brigham, assistant track coach.

Potter's future is still up in the air but plans on 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 Jenas 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.

Leaving a scholarship to a major university proved him wrong.

Bush graduated from Fife in '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 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 Smith on his form and says he is improving with each practice. His long jump performance has improved dramatically from 22'0" to 23'6".

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 collegiate level they all feel like high school state meets," he said.

He also enjoys practice as well. "It's cool because everybody 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 Mégan Hall, and a whole lot of other hard-luck events, Highline's softball 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, but we didn't win," 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 Thunderbirds 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 Thunderbirds receive a 15-2 drubbing in the first game.

The Thunderbirds 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 beat 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," pitching coach 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 the Thunderbirds' side.
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Breakfast served up with a smile

By Chad Kerschner
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 frightful loads of books, buying cheap breakfasts and pretending the Egg McMuffin is really an Egg McMorning.

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 difficult job? Lentz says his position at Highline works well for him.

His favorite thing about it is probably a tie between having his 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 rent a small music studio. "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 smile down.

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

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Kaplan International Program a success in any language

By Takuya Nakajoh
Staff Reporter

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

Kaplan student 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. The students and the teachers interact with each other."

"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.

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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 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 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 say a word.

"It's stage fright," Kramer said.

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.

The always pensive Eric Kramer on Highline's campus.

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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. Kawn Keiser, D-33rd District. "And predictions were that we would never have enough surplus funds to deposit anything into the 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 Schueler-Berke, D-33rd District, was a prime sponsor of the new law. She said it "strengthens 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 Schueler-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, tension, humor, compassion and a few moments of disbelief," said Patterson. "But the dominant story line is simply: accomplishment."

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