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The weekly voice of the students

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News of rapes reported at safety forum Bell will face big shoes and challenges

By Rachelle Flynn
Staff Reporter

Three rapes have been reported on campus within the last year, college officials revealed at a safety forum this week.

The news was a shock on a campus where violent crime is relatively rare, and many of the 70 people in attendance ex-

pressed worry and concern at the news.

The forum followed a brief in a recent Thunderword about the latest of the rapes, which was the first to be revealed to the campus by Campus Security.

Security Chief Richard Fisher told the gathering that the first two rapes were not reported because in those two cases, the

victims knew their assailants. Fisher said college officials didn't want to make people unnecessarily worried.

"If we had a serial rapist on this campus and we didn't know who it was then, yeah, we would let people know," Fisher said. Highline, he said, is one of the safest colleges in the state. The last rape was reported

after adoption of a federal law in January that requires colleges to let people know when sexual assaults occur on campus.

Frustration from the audience put Fisher on the spot.

"I used to walk from the library to my car every night, and

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Bell will face big shoes and challenges

By Rachele Corolla
Staff Reporter

Dr. Priscilla Bell knows that she has some big shoes to fill. Highline's newest president complimented Dr. Ed Command on a presidential job well done during her campus visit from May 20-22.

"I have a great deal of enthusiasm and excitement associated with taking over the reins from Dr. Command," Bell said at a press conference on Monday. "I also have some huge challenges ahead of me, because Dr. Command has done an excellent job in the last 10 years."

Bell also said that she plans to continue in the tradition of Command and those who shaped Highline before him. "I know Highline... to be an excellent community college with very strong traditions of providing quality, comprehensive, affordable education to the community served," she said, adding that she believes Highline is the best community college around.

Bell wanted to work at Highline for personal as well as professional reasons.

"I feel like this is home, and I've missed being in the Pacific Northwest," said Bell, who worked in Tacoma for 17 years before serving as president of Fulton-Montgomery Commu-

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the Spring Festival. See story and page 13

Eleven students file for student elections

By Soean Romani
Staff Reporter

Eleven students will be competing for positions on Student Government on May 31 and June 1.

Benjamin McNelley, Candra Grant and Carbon Argo have filed for president.

Bryan Sharick, Rebecca

Dakin and Jovanna Harrietha are running for the two positions available for student senators.

The remaining races have one candidate each. Dustin West is running for vice president of legislation.

Bryan Gaylord Jr. has filed for vice president of administration.

Sylvie Jovet has filed for

club diplomat/treasurer.

Gurbrinder Kaur is running for evening student senator.

Laura Soracco is running for international student senator.

A forum for the candidates will not be held this year due to the late extension of deadline dates.

The original days for the elections were May 17-19.

Due to lack of students filing for the offices, the elections have been moved to May 31 and

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Crime Blotter for May 19-24

Tug of War over child

A man and woman were found in the east lot on May 18 arguing over who would take the baby. The woman ended up blocking the male into a parking stall in the visitor area of the lot in front of Building 6.

Security arrived and had the man turn the baby over to the woman.

Dominos are not to be played in the parking lot

A student reported that she had been in an accident in a parking lot on campus May 18. A student was sitting in a Nissan and shifted out of park and hit the driver-side rear of her Saturn.

They veered off the Saturn and hit a Honda. The Honda hit another Saturn and that Saturn hit a Ford Mustang. The driver of the first Saturn suffered from a slight back injury.

Security called the DMPD and District 26 to help with the accident.

Gravity always wins out

A custodian was removing legs from a desk in Building 25 on the 6 floor May 22. As he was removing the legs the desktop fell on his head leaving a small bump above his right ear.

Thefts can happen to you

A routine patrol of the parking lots by security found a window and door open on a Toyota 4-Runner in the south end of the east lot on May 20.

Security waited for the owner to whom was at the Midway swap meet.

Stealthy figures allude security

A suspicious person was reported on campus by the payphone in front of Building 17 on May 22. Security tried to make contact with the suspect but he darted behind the building. Security called the DMPD to help search. The suspect was never found.

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Kramer speaks of need for touch

By A.K. Cords
Staff Reporter

How small this world is becoming, how alone we all are. How can a race created and perpetuated by touch, survive with no touch?

Dr. Eric Kramer was this week's Honors Colloquy guest speaker. He comes to Highline a tenured position at the University of Oklahoma. He broke the traditional format of the colloquy and read a paper he has written, entitled "Magic ain't silly, it's all we've got."

In this ever-shrinking world, amid the race to become a global society, there is an enormous focus on becoming a mono-cultural society. Kramer likened this trend to a fascist government, making us all one unit pushing towards the same goal. A world as large as ours with so much to offer all its inhabitants cannot survive in one frame of mind.

Our lives continue to push through this infinite and enormous amount of space. But space itself has two meanings in this modern world. The first of which may have originated in Greek and Roman times and says that space is continuing, never ending. It is a combination of God and time.

The modern idea of space is a vast emptiness in which we exist alone as a human race propeled towards nothing. In



Photo by Petra Sokolova

Erik Kramer speaks at the Honors Colloquy.

this huge universe we feel we are alone, even though there are billions of us here struggling together.

The human race is pushing itself into isolation. It is unhealthy for people to live purely in a technological existence. Experts say that people who spend too much time in virtual relationships at first feel like they have someone, but wind up feeling alone and depressed.

Kramer reiterates the theory that depression is linked to the lack of human touch or even indirect touch, meaning coming into contact with an object that another human being has touched. The need to feel a part of something, to feel connected surpasses the technology of the Internet. We need to be touched by others and we need to touch to not feel alone, because within the human touch is magic.

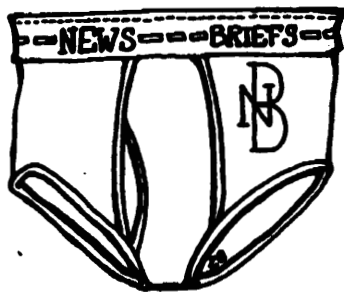
"Magic is irrational, and touch is magic," said Kramer. To feel like you are a part of this world you must go out in it and let those things touch you. Some people pull away from touch and love in this world because they are afraid. But by denying this most fundamental need for human contact they are in fact threatening the very heart they wish to protect.

In the words of a Buddhist monk Kramer quoted in his speech "Everything I touch is soft, because I am soft."

Touch is vital for life because by touching an object we can in a way relate to an event, and feels closer to the person or place in which the object originated, Kramer said.

Retrieving a real letter from a real friend at the real mailbox mailbox, is much more personal and beneficial to the human function than an everyday E-mail. You know that friend actually touched that paper and licked that stamp. They took the time and effort, rather than a hurried attempt to contact you when they signed on to their personal computers.

Isolation is increasing; we all keep pulling away from one another. But touch and close human relationships are the things that will let this human race survive. By reaching out to others, we can charge into this new century and make a New World.



buried in the ground are leaking power. The cables carry over 12,500 volts of electricity and is not only potentially lethal but also a fire hazard.

Those repairs are not currently being made, they will be made shortly.

Veterans celebrated

A dedication ceremony will be held to honor the veterans on May 26.

The Veteran's club and few Highline students have helped put a memorial day ceremony together to honor the veterans of

America.

The dedication ceremony will take place this Friday, May 26, from noon to 12:30 p.m. in the southwest corner of Building 6.

The program includes speeches from guest speakers from the campus and speakers from the local community.

The ceremony will also include a dedication to the veterans and the raising of the flag.

Classes go global

Seven classes are now approved for the Diversity/Globalism Requirement. The new courses approved are: Poli Sce 130, Poli Sci 180, Poli Sci 190, Legal 160, Nursing 251, Psych 220 and Geog 120. There are now 33 courses that fulfill the Diversity/Globalism Requirement.

Campus shutdown

The Highline campus will shutdown its power from Saturday, May 27 until Sunday, afternoon.

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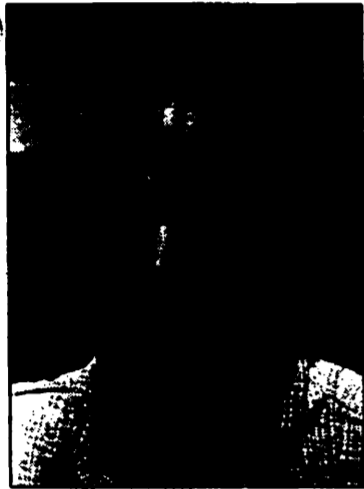
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Election 2000

Meet the people who would be elected

President



Benjamin McNelley

Benjamin McNelley says he has the desire and drive to be the next student body president.

"As president I wish to enhance the student body's experience at HCC with my leadership, experience, discipline, selflessness and energy. I believe I can fulfill this goal and all the duties required of me as president," said McNelley.

If he is picked as president, McNelley would like to encourage students to do well in college and see more participation in educational and extra-curricular clubs.

McNelley has a long list of accomplishments. In high school he served as student government executive and senior treasurer. He has been a high school counselor, camp counselor and director.

Currently McNelley dedicates one weekend a month to the Marines. McNelley was also on Highline's cross-country team.

Candra Grant

"I believe I'm an excellent candidate for president because of my leadership skills that have developed through experience. Also, I am a team player with a lot of ideas to benefit HCC," said Candra Grant.

Grant will be a sophomore next year and said she will have a lot of extra time available for student government.

Grant wants to see more awareness of student programs and activities. "I would also like to see more acknowledgement of academically centered achievements," she said.

Grant's leadership experience range from class representative in high school to holding offices in the many extra curric-

ular activities that she participates in.

Carbon R. Argo

Carbon Argo said he will take the time and energy necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of the office.

Argo thinks that he would be the best president because, "I have excellent leadership skills, social skills and give my best to everything."

Argo, who is a member of the basketball team, would like to see more student involvement in campus activities and better student-faculty relationships.

In high school he was a student body representative. Argo said that experience would help him he was chosen as president.

Vice President of Legislation

Dustin Lee West

A member of the track team, Dustin West is running unopposed. West says he is the ideal candidate because he has past experience in student government. He also says that he has the interpersonal skills to be able to work well other people.

In his application for the office, West wrote that if elected he wants "to make student life more easier, to help out others with all of their problems and to try to make Highline a funner place."

Vice President for Administration

Byron Gaylord Jr.

Byron Gaylord is running unopposed. "I feel that I am the best candidate because I have an excellent take-charge attitude. I work extremely well with others and their opinions," said Gaylord.

One thing Gaylord wants to see accomplished at Highline is a more efficient exit from the east parking lot.

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Club Liaison/ Treasurer



Sylvie C. Jovet

Sylvie Jovet is running unopposed for Club Liaison/Treasurer.

"I have experience with budgeting and scheduling activities. I am also an extremely organized person. I always have a list of things to do and about two or three calendars hanging up," said Jovet.

Jovet would like to see more organized campus activities and word of mouth of events to spread faster. She would also like to increase student participation in these events.

Jovet's past experience included helping girls camp. "I have organized and helped budget for a girls camp for the past four years," said Jovet.

Evening Senator

Gurbrinder Kaur

Gurbrinder Kaur believes she is the best for the position because she can relate and understand their needs.

"I would like to see more and more students participating in campus activities and do fun stuff beneficial for the students and the school overall. Also

work a little bit more on improving the science department," Kaur said about what she wants accomplished at Highline.

International Student Senator

Laura Adele Soracco

Laura Soracco is the sole candidate for International Student Senator.

"I'm sure I can understand international students needs because I'm as well new in this country. I'm always concerned about the opportunities we have as students coming from a different country and I'm willing to help and learn from everybody," said Soracco.

"I would like to see most students satisfied with the educational possibilities here at Highline. It is my goal to promote interaction and a friendly experience between international students and people here at Highline," said Soracco.

Soracco has been an Italian and Spanish Interpreter in her community for a year.

Student Senator

Rebecca Dakin

For Rebecca Dakin, classes are her first priority, but she feels she will have enough time to fulfill the duties of a senator.

"I think education is a noble pursuit. I'd love to help students get the most out of college and enjoy being here in the meantime. I'll listen to anybody," said Dakin.

Dakin hopes that if she is elected that she will learn more about the issues that affect the college especially issues surrounding the pool.

Jovanna Harrietha

"I am the best candidate for this position because I want to make a difference at Highline by keeping students involved. My organizational, leadership and interpersonal skills will exemplify my competence for this position," said Jovanna Harrietha.

Experience on the debate team and as junior class representative in high school, she says has "given me an edge to provide great ideas, insight and knowledge about the underrepresented students at Highline."



Bryan Sharick

"I want to be involved and help make next year a good year," said Bryan Sharick.

Sharick, a member of the track team, says that he is a hard worker and will be able to work well with others.

"I am the best candidate because whenever I do something I put 100 percent of my effort into it," said Sharick.

"I would like to see more student involvement in elections. I want to make more students aware of what's happening around campus," said Sharick.

Sharick's previous experience includes being on student government in high school and editor of his high school paper.

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S&A needs committed students next year

The Services and Activities Budget Committee has finished the budget for next year's clubs and activities.

The process of funding each non-academic club and activity on campus took the committee the better part of the school year to figure out.

The committee did have some problems this year, poor attendance by committee members ranked high on their list of dilemmas.

Few meetings had perfect attendance, especially by student members of the committee. There are talks scheduled right now to possibly formulate some rules for next year's committee members, including but not limited to attendance guidelines.

With few applicants in the beginning however, the committee had trouble initially with just finding enough students.

Anyone with an interest in this committee who is a student at Highline can apply for the 2000-2001 committee. More information can be found upstairs in Building 8 in the Student Programs office. Students who want to apply however should consider the huge responsibility that comes with sitting on this committee.

There is a large time commitment as the committee meets at times twice a week for up to three hours a day.

Students who do think this sounds like an interesting or beneficial opportunity should try to familiarize themselves with the various clubs and activities on campus.

There is another facet of the committee that people should take into consideration; at least one student government member will probably end up on the committee. This means that anyone who holds any interest in one of more of the clubs on campus (this includes athletics), should look closely at the people they vote for Student Government.

The application process for the Services and Activities Budget Committee should begin fall quarter 2000.

Congratulations to NWAACC qualifiers

The 2000 NWAACC track championships are back today and tomorrow in Oregon City, Oregon.

The track team this year is lucky enough to be sending over 30 athletes, an unprecedented number especially considering that the women's team is sending nine athletes in only its second year of existence.

This meet is a huge honor to attend, and definitely the icing on the cake of a great season. When the athletes return, we should all try to congratulate them on this huge achievement.

One unfortunate last minute change has set back a few field event competitors. Originally NWAACC rules stated that the top 16 competitors from every event. In a release sent only within the last couple of days, the NWAACC changed the cutoff to the top 12 athletes from the field events. This eleventh hour decision is keeping a few Thunderbirds from competing. It is yet another shortsighted decision from the league.

The athletes who are still going, however, will have to look past this upset and give it their all at this meet.

The women's team members who have qualified are Juanita Agard, Susan Hansen, Monica Angeline, Rachel Moyer, Vickie Upchurch, Angie Upchurch, Karla Booth, Jenoa Potter and Erin Johnson.

The men's team has several competitors, Sydney Brathwaite, Aaron Reader, Djonovan Dobbins, Beauford Brown, Chris Peterson, Manzell Blakely, Tim Richart, Pat Boyd, Justin Broughton, Joey Phillips, Jeff Parker, Peter Rutter, Mike Barney, Shawn Thayer, Danny Murphy, Antonio Bush, Mel Frank, Jared Paxton, Bryan Sharick, Rey Nitsche, Brian Davi, John Fox and Dustin West.

The team will surely do a great job representing Highline, as they are some of our brightest athletes.

These athletes have worked hard all season to get there and we wish them all well.

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Goodbye to my favorite gang

My favorite zip code no longer has a place in prime time television.

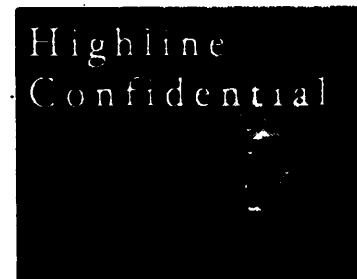
Last Wednesday brought with it the passing of an era. *Beverly Hills 90210* provided 10 years of dramatic ingenue to a close.

There are people out there who don't understand what an amazing show *90210* was. I don't personally associate with those kinds of people, but I've heard that they are out there.

Before *90210*, there were no shows that really addressed problems that teens were facing. Sure Molly Ringwald and her friends in the '80s had wild parties with sex and alcohol, but there were never any serious issues surrounding them.

90210 changed that, they addressed everything. Sure most of it was in a slightly melodramatic fashion, but it was addressed.

I was thinking the other day



about the real issue all of us *90210* junkies are going to have to face. What are we going to do with our Wednesday nights?

For the past 10 years I've sat in my room and watched *90210* every Wednesday from 8 to 9 p.m. Now, I can't see myself starting in with another group of overly-dramatic tv teens, even if they do live across the country, and *90210* is no longer around, I'd feel like a traitor.

I have to find a Wednesday night hobby. Until then though, I guess I'll just revel in my memories of the gang. That should be easy, not only do they

show re-runs on the FX channel every day, I think they're up to four a day on weekdays, but I also have my favorite episodes on tape.

Maybe I'll take it upon myself to start writing the screenplay for the *90210* reunion. I'm thinking the big screen, all of the gang back together, maybe in Hawaii, then Brandon could find a native good luck charm, but it would really bring them bad luck. David could have a terrible surfing accident... oh wait, that may have already been done, but I'll figure something out, don't worry.

Regardless of whether we ever see them together again I have faith that everyone from the gang will be successful in whatever they do.

Just look at how well Luke Perry did when he left, no wait, that's a bad example. It doesn't matter he's still hot for an old guy.

The Thunderword

Somebody has a birthday today.

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Student Government did all right this year

What is student government supposed to be? I have been in student government for a year and I am still not entirely sure. I can't speak for the entire group, but only my own experience.

I as student senator was paid for five hours per week. One of my projects alone, the presidential selection committee was a 300-hour commitment. I can leave well assured that I have at least fulfilled my hourly commitment to the students. I still feel that have somehow let all of you down.

The major decisions that affect Highline students are made by a small group of students; members of student government, Team Highline and Thunderword reporters. If you have any interest in getting involved next year I can guarantee that next years group will be happy to have you.

One of our main jobs as stu-

Guest Commentary By Joe Nalley

dent leaders is to advocate for students in campus issues. This is difficult when many students don't know, don't care and don't have an opinion about campus issues. This year decisions have been made that will greatly affect the future at Highline. Plans for a new student center have been developed. A new college president has been hired and the Vice President of Student Services has resigned.

The Board of Trustees and our new president, Pricilla Bell are both very interested in the student point of view. I have seen through my work with them that these individuals highly value quality student in-

put. As individual students each of our opinions our not powerful, but when we are able to coordinate our views together and speak with one voice it is very powerful. We as Student Government are here to unite the student voice.

One of our weaknesses as student government was lack of follow through with ideas. On the other hand one of our strength was coming up with good ideas. I know that I too am guilty of this we had great plans for this year.

We were going to unite students on our campus with students at other two-year colleges to share ideas and to form a statewide student advocacy group to speak to the state legislature about such issues as keeping tuition down and getting more state funding for students.

We also were going to have a financial aid and scholarship



Joe Nalley

fair to help students with the financial burdens of college. Another neglected project for two years now is the student government brochure. These ideas like many others were never completed, but

We are doing elections May 30 and 31 and new student government members will be

elected. These individuals will face the same challenges as we did. If you want to get involved in the decisions at Highline. You should attend an Associated Council meeting. Anyone is invited to attend. You can even have an issue put on the agenda simply by contacting members of student government. We are in BLD 8 upstairs.

After a decision regarding the issue is made at the council meeting the results are passed on to different places throughout campus.

On Some issues student government possess actual decision-making power. On issues that affect faculty and staff they are also represented in the decision making process.

Good luck to those of you who choose to take part in ASHCC next year and remember to get out and vote May 31 and June 1.

Letters to the Editor

Headline on story was very misleading

Dear Editor:

I was disappointed to see the headline on the front page of the last Thunderword "Highline teaching positions are not attracting qualified applicants." The headline was very misleading, and in my mind far from the truth. A quick review of the new faculty that the college has hired in recent years indicates that we have hired some very qualified faculty. Names that immediately come to mind include: Derek Greenfield, Angi Caster, Wendy Swyt and Eric Baer.

The article actually addressed that small number of applicants that the college has received for both the computer science and manufacturing/drafting positions and what Highline was doing to help increase this number; the article was not about whether or not we were attracting qualified applicants.

Because the headline was misleading, I'd like to clarify a few points. Most teaching positions at Highline result in between 25 and 60 applications. In comparison, both the computer science and manufacturing/drafting positions have typically resulted in between two to six applicants. The discrepancy between industry and faculty salaries may have something to do with this, as these two professions earn very high salaries and currently qualified applicants are in high demand. In order to increase the number of

applicants applying for these two positions, the college changed the requirements and made the master's degree a desired qualification rather than a required qualification. However, I would say that the college would still prefer to hire faculty with either a master's or a PhD in these two areas.

I hope this clarifies my comments and point of view. I would never suggest we have not been hiring qualified instructors.

Bob Maplestone
Chair Pure and Applied
Sciences Division

People are rude in student lounge

Dear Editor:

This letter is addressed to those who are concerned. I am a freshman this year and obviously having come from a background other than the current one here at Highline, I am prone to noticing rather unbecoming behavior especially one that is very existent in the student lounge.

Many a time I have sat at the student lounge, which is the upper level of Building 8 either enjoying my 1-hour break or just passing time waiting for my ride to show up when I am done with classes, and I have noticed a rather disturbing trend that has been going on. There are particular groups of students in the lounge that I have become completely intolerant to in terms of the noise production. Now I fail to see what in God's name can

cause I single group of people sitting close together to be so crudely (if I may use the term) loud. I am simply saying that there are times when one just feels like talking to his/her friend at the lounge, without having to compete with another group of people halfway across the room. What makes it worse is the fact that sometimes (and I myself have noticed this more than twice already) they are, at their best, good at yelling obscenities. Now I beg to differ here, though I may not be perfect, I'd rather listen to something else other than statements like "oh s*#! You look like a struck match!" which I'm quite sure to some of you must be really humorous. I once read a certain philosopher's writing (one whose name slips my mind) change is not good if we do not need it. Now in this case, is of paramount importance to let us see a more civilized way to behave ourselves.

Just to emphasize, I attended the mini-forums that were held in the lounge for the students to get a chance to meet the presidential selection committee's last three candidates. Granted that this may not be an important thing to all the Highline Community College students, I don't think it so inconceivable that there might be one or more students who may be interested. I mean how long were these forums... what 20-25 minutes? And even for such a short duration, it took the Director of Student Programs, a variety of staff, and even our beloved student government officials to urge one particular crowd to be quiet. It is pathetic and sad, that our society has become rather shorthanded in that supposed grown ups have

to act like children. I pray that someone out there is listening, and granted not a whole lot may change in the short run, it is up to the concerned group and whosoever that this commentary implicitly points to, to deny themselves (as cruel and selfish as this may seem to be to some of them) the urge to be so loud and grant others some remote piece of mind.

Anonymous

Coach says thanks for help at meet

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who helped put our track meet together last Saturday. Planning and carrying out a 4-team track meet in less than 2 days is unprecedented and we

couldn't have done it without all of the help. First and foremost, I'd like to thank my fellow coaches; Whit Baker, Charlie Smith and Lonnie Merritt for staying late on Friday, getting up early on Saturday and gathering up all the needed equipment. Thanks also to the following Highline staff members for their help timing, starting, measuring, recording, etc: Louis D'Andrea, Shannon Proctor, Derek Greenfield, T.M. Sell, Donna Weber (and Christopher), Danette Prehm, John Pfeiffer, John Dunn and anyone else I forgot.... And, finally, thank you to the Highline track team members who, between competing in events, helped in the set-up and running of the meet as well. It is because of the positive support of this campus and the help that is so generously granted that make programs like athletics work! Thanks again.

Tracy Brigham
Track Coach

Check out next week's
Inside Scoop...

Milepost 2000

Featuring stories and photos on some of the talented and interesting graduates of the class of 2000.

See the June 1 issue of the Thunderword for details.

Action stars: the dinosaurs of the cinema

Where oh where have the action stars gone? Unless you flip on TNT Movies for Guys who Like Movies every now and again, the days of Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sylvester Stallone, Jean Claude Van Damme, and Steven Segall reigning supreme have come to an end.

We still have action films mind you, but the quintessential "action star" has gone by the way side.

The Roche Motel

By Derek Roche

Arnold and Sly are well into their 50s, and have simply lost the younger demographic. Things have gone so sour for both actors (I use that word lightly) they are beginning to scrape the bottom of the actioneer barrel.

Stallone has just penned the first draft for the long awaited (yeah right) *Rocky* sequel, the sixth film in a tired, tired series.

The Terminator himself is, well, in talks to make another *Terminator* sequel, but being that the franchise has been snatched up by a third party, don't expect Schwarzenegger to return if director James Cameron doesn't.

Segall has finally been resurrected from straight to video purgatory by Producer Ron Silver, who has signed up for an upcoming unnamed thriller.

But really, what does the pony tail bone breaker still have to offer today's audience? Not only has he lost his superstar status, but, by the looks of it, his will to exercise as well.

Van Damme is in perhaps the biggest slump. The *Muscles from Brussels* hasn't had a hit since Clinton's first term.

All his films come with title "International Superstar" before his name, but truth be told, Van Damme has never headlined a bona fide blockbuster.

Timecop and *Sudden Death* both did very well at the box office but fell short of reaching the \$100 million mark. He was just about to make his next big step up the ladder of superstar success, when he decided he wanted to direct. This ill-advised move, coupled with his insistence on recruiting unproven Hong Kong directors to helm his films, all but sank his career.

All for the better perhaps. Maybe as an audience we are simply too sophisticated for the no-nonsense action hero. How does one explain the WWF then?

Designing students take the stage ...

Graphic art students show off their work in show

By Takuya Nakajoh
Staff Reporter

Graphic design and illustration students will show off their art work at the annual Graphic Design Portfolio Show on June 1 and 2.

The exhibition will open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, in Building 16, room 158, where the students are usually taking classes.

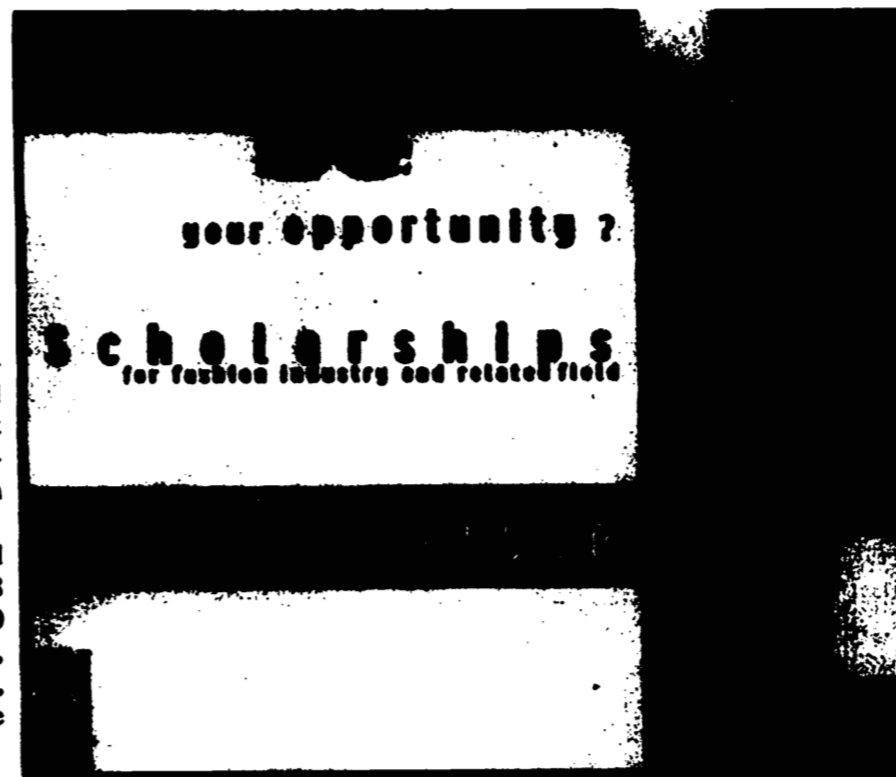
Most of the participating artists are students who have been taking graphic design and illustration classes for at least three quarters, and most of the exhibition planning is managed by those students.

"It started in 1980, and became an annual event," said Gary Nelson, coordinator of this program.

The year 1980 is also when Production Illustration was instituted as one of occupational programs at Highline.

The students who worked toward Associate of Applied Science degrees in Production Illustration are prepared for employment as illustrators and graphic designers. The students gain practical experience and skills through the program, and at graduation students have to show their portfolio to prove that they have acquired the necessary skill during the course.

"Portfolios will be evaluated by advisory committee and faculty," Nelson said.



Design By Petra Sokolova

"And the highest scored (students) will receive a scholarship from the Puget Sound Group of Northwest Painters."

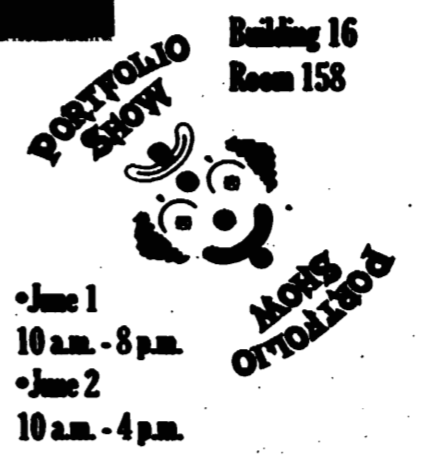
Also, prospective employers are coming to observe the portfolio show, Nelson said.

Many former students are coming to the show as prospective employers in order to hire new students, Nelson said.

The types of works vary from basic graphic design including drawing, lettering, and photography, to electronic design such as three dimensional design and computer freehand design.

"My work will be displayed on the computer screen," said Beth Johnson, one of the students working on the digital graphic design.

Other than on-the-wall-art, there will be computers set up in the studio for those digital graphic designs.



"All the students designed to communicate other people's messages, rather than fine art which is a personal statement by artist," said Nelson.

He said that the designing students create more commercial and nature; such as logos, glossaries, ads and web designs.

There will also be door prizes and food at the show.

... Artful designs grace library

Highline's finest fine artists take over gallery for sixth annual show

By Jess Waters
Staff Reporter

Students' artistic accomplishments are now on display for all of Highline to see.

The sixth consecutive Fine Art Show is back at Highline running from May 22 to June 2. The Fine Art Show deals with ideas of the students efforts to create great things. It is being held on the fourth floor of the library in Building 25.

Even though this is the sixth consecutive show, the first show was back in 1970 and ran sporadically through the '80s until six years ago, and has been an annual event since.

The exhibit features drawings, paint-

ings, photography, sculptures, ceramics, and designs created by students in art classes taught by all of the fine art instructors including Art Director Jim Gardiner.

This show will have something a little different than the photo illustration show, which is designed for the students to showcase their designs to prospective employers. The fine art show gives students the opportunity to simply have their work displayed.

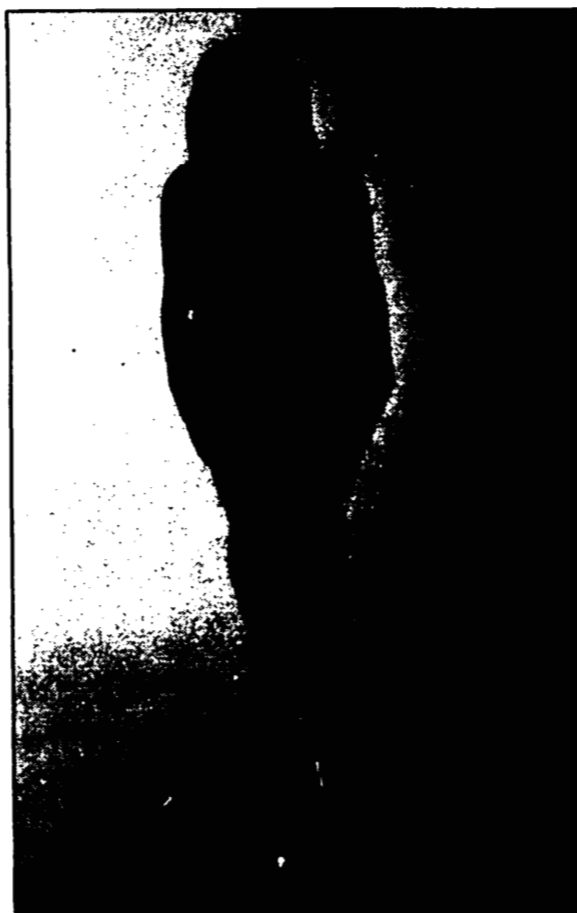
"We've got some terrific talent here at Highline," said Gardiner.

"They come away with a new understanding of art," said Misha VanDeVeire, art instructor.

"We get students without previous art background and they really flourish," said VanDeVeire.

Different instructors judged each of their own department works to select the best ones for the exhibit.

"Just come up and enjoy the show," said Gardiner.



Art By Randy Neymeyer: Figure, Wood and Resin Laminate

Six tales brought to life in one-act plays

By Connie Harshman
Staff Reporter

Highline's one-act plays brought down the house last week.

In all, six one-act plays were performed, ranging from four to 30 minutes.

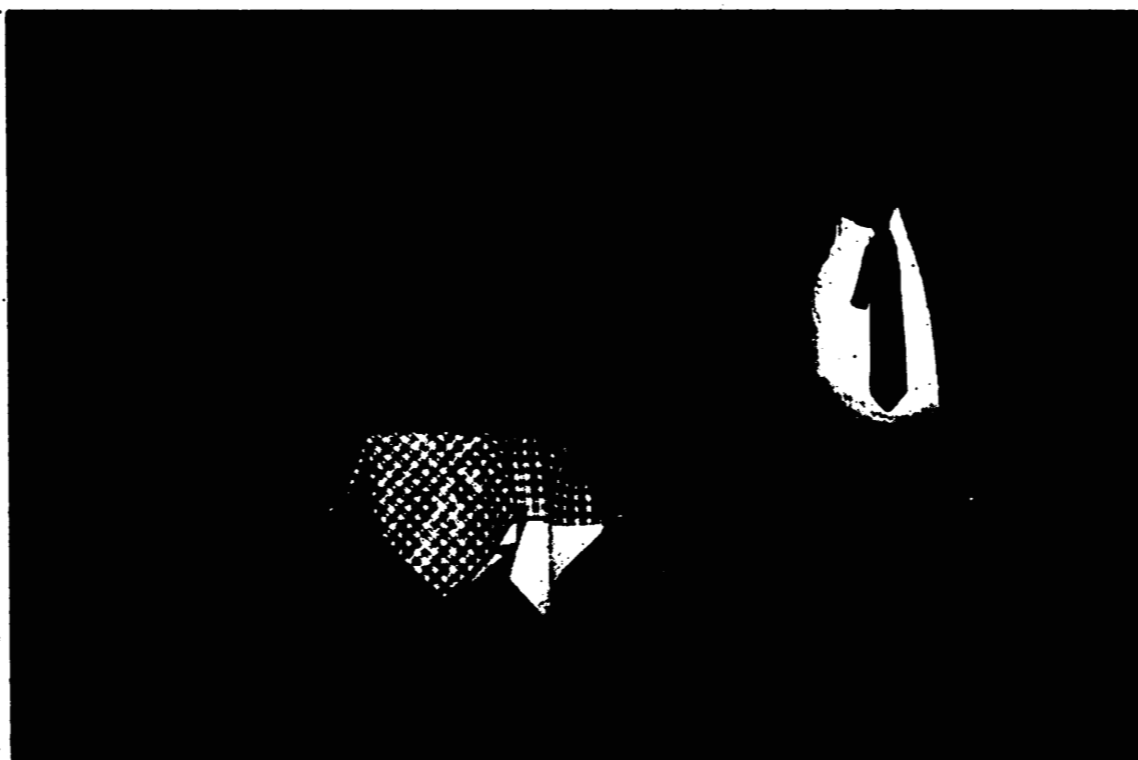
All the plays were well choreographed and performed.

The two showstoppers of the night were *Scapino* and *The Age of Pie*. Hugo Garcia was extremely funny and creative in his portrayal as the title character in *Scapino*, a slick 18th century Italian man.

Garcia had great range in his accents for the character, from Italian to Mexican to Chinese.

The rest of the *Scapino* cast was equally funny and full of energy. Robert Reilly was one of the night's scene-stealers, with his great accent and big gestures to the audience.

Actors are not the only ingredients that bring a play together,



Kristen Olds and Vincent Tala play out a scene in a one-act play titled *Scapino*.

Photo by Connie Harshman

costumes and set design are major factors.

The costumes of *Scapino* were the ones that stood out.

Yana Ivegash, Bonnie-Castle and Jennifer Jones created fun

and elaborate costumes. Kristen Olds wore a fabulous gypsy outfit, and Riley and Tula wore big costumes stuffed with padding to make it look like they weighed 300 pounds.

Scapino and *The Man who Turned Into A Stick* had original set designs that immediately drew audience attention. *The Man Who Turned Into A Stick* had four colorful canvases of a carnival scene that stood more than 6 feet high. The set of *Scapino* was equally fun and colorful. Rick Lorig created a great bright yellow house, which resembled an old Italian villa.

The other showstopper was *The Age of Pie*, directed by Colin Hovde.

The premise of this production deals with eight colorful people sitting around talking about their problems and idiosyncrasies - a satirical take on an

See *One-Act*, page 8

Impressive visuals overshadow story in 'Dinosaurs'

By Derek Roche
Staff Reporter

Animation, unlike live-action, is an unconstrained way of creating a story through imagery that is free flowing, vibrant, and limitless. Entire worlds are actualized that would otherwise be



too expensive through conventional cinema.

Unfortunately, Hollywood has yet to fully grasp this sentiment and narrows the spectrum of animation to infantile subject matter where little animals talk, sing, inject pop references, and well, act like humans.

Every now and again, Dreamworks (*Antz*) or Disney (*Toy Story*) release an animated feature where adults won't feel the need to check their watch every 15 minutes.

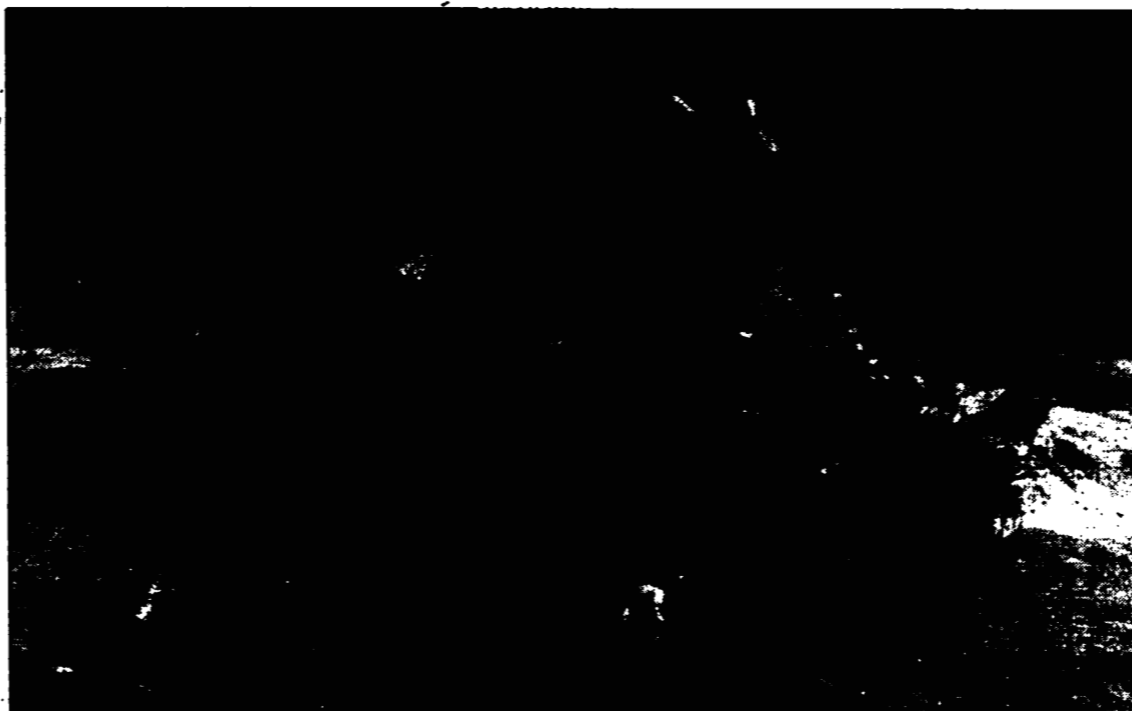
Dinosaur, also from Disney, doesn't quite regurgitate the formula that has been so successful in the past with films like *The Little Mermaid*, *The Lion King* (still the best), and *Hercules* (the worst). But it disrupts the norm a bit and benefits from an exquisite musical score and dino-

saurs that look damn real.

Dinosaur's story is passable, the characters likable, and the dialogue tolerable, I guess, but what makes the film a near gem are its jaw-dropping technical achievements. The film is indeed a feast for the eyes, a visual spectacle in which nearly every frame contains extraordinary images to behold - usually one in the background and then one in the foreground as well.

The movie's about dinosaurs, who yes, speak like wisecracking inhabitants of any given sitcom, but the characters in *Star Wars* don't necessarily articulate in Shakespearean soliloquy either. Because the screenplay is contrived, hokey and not the least bit interested in character development, I have decided to not waste time explaining the storyline in this review.

I will, however, enthusiastically applaud the filmmakers' effort in producing awe-inspiring imagery that intertwines computer generated effects and live action. I dunno, maybe I was simply in the forgiving mood, but I looked past the plastic dialogue and cardboard cut-out characters and found myself caught up in the brilliant



Aladar the Iguanodon, Emma the Styracosaur and Plio, in front, all pause for a playful moment in the new film *Dinosaur*.

colors, herds of realistic dinosaurs, and enterprising action set pieces.

Maybe it's my lost inner child grasping for a breath of innocence in a cinematic world of bloodshed all too deficient of joy.

But it's Hollywood that has deemed animation as suitable only for the kiddies. I haven't.

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One-Act

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Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. In the end, the only way these people could release their worries was to shove a pie in their faces and dance around the stage.

Mimi Day stood out as a shy woman, named Connie, who breaks out of her shell to get excited by Chris Allen, who played a Skip, an observer who comes to assist Connie in opening up to the group.

Frozen Dog, directed by Vincent Tula, was the only dramatic

piece of the night.

The shortest play, *Guillotine*, was four minutes in length and was directed by Colin Hovde and written by Steve Martin. The curtain comes up and the audience sees a shop where guillotines are sold and a customer has just bought one. Next we see the customer's home, where a maid is cleaning the guillotine. She sticks her head in the guillotine, trips the release cord and off comes her head.

Guillotine was perhaps the crudest but most entertaining of the plays.

Overall, the one-act plays were attention-grabbing, funny and peppered with great acting.

Entertainment Ideas: May

* Authors will be featured at the Arcturus reading Thursday, May 25 at noon in Building 7. The annual literary magazine features works by Highline students. Free copies of the magazine will be available only at the reading.

* The Tutor Club Fun Run

2000 is on. Runners will lace up their shoes on Friday, May 26 from noon to 2 p.m. The run will begin at the Tutoring Center, Building 19-206, and end at the bottom of the North parking lot. Call Tenaya Carter to register or for more information at 206-878-3710 ext. 3444.

Solution to last issue's crossword puzzle

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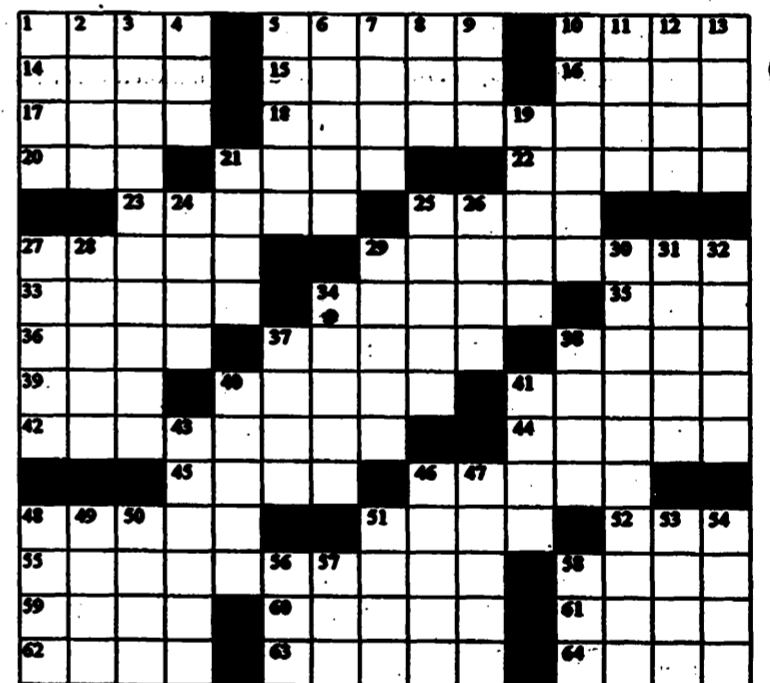
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Crossword 101

"Mixed-up Authors"

By Ed Canty

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 - One deposit
 - Bay window
 - Herb
 - Ms. Bancroft
 - WELL NO GOLF
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 - Mix a salad
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 - Experienced
 - Spread over
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 - Popular street name
 - Garb
 - Produce
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 - Sound
 - French melon
 - Cozy can residents
 - Snail mail's antithesis
 - Scores high
 - Eucharistic plate
 - Antic
 - Work units
 - No longer is
 - GRIN AT KNOT
 - Soft drink
 - Curved molding
 - Backwoodsman
 - Mail classification
 - Scorch
 - Ice cream places
 - Type of terrier
- DOWN**
- Strip
 - Pitch
 - FREE BRA END
 - Tiger's platform
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 - Trip part
 - North pole worker
 - Wrapping cotton
 - Gov. Grasso
 - Implement
 - Hacks
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 - Overdue
 - Recolled
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The NWAACCS pretenders and contenders

NWAACC coaches give the lowdown on the championships

By Nicole Ulrich
Staff Reporter

Spokane is once again the team to beat in this year's NWAACC championships.

Three-time defending champs, Spokane has a really good chance to win it all again this year.

"Both the men and the women have good chances," said Head Coach Larry Beatty. "Our men could win by 10 or lose by 10, it'll be close."

The Sasquatch women have a shot to win as well, and Beatty feels they'll place in the top five, most likely the top three.

Spokane's men's team feels the only team they need to worry about is Clackamas, and the women feel Lane will be tough.

Once again, the Spokane will have many possible first place contenders competing in the NWAACC championships.

Athletes to watch:

For the men, Seth Morris is expected to be a standout in the 100-meter dash and the 200-meter dash, Kelan McKierman in the 800-meter run, Sean McLachlan in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, Joel Gordon in the high jump, and Keith Gill in the 110-meter hurdles.

The women have some talented athletes as well.

Celina Ingalls has a good chance to take first in the 800-meter run, Rachael Johnson in the 100-meter dash and the triple jump, Jenny Rodgers in the 3,000-meter run, Amy Mortensen in the pole-vault, and Karie Pruett in the javelin throw.

•**Clackamas Cougars:** Head Coach Jack Kegg has high expectations for his track team this season.

"Both the men's and women's teams have a chance to finish in the top two this year," said Kegg.

Kegg's feels Mt. Hood and Spokane will be tough competitors for the men, and Spokane and Lane will be tough for the women.

Athletes to watch:

A definite first-place possibility is David Lemen. He previously set a national junior college record for the decathlon, and is currently favored to win at least three different events in this year's championships.



Photo by Connie Harshman

From front to right: An unidentified Thunderbird, Peter Rutter, Tim Richart and Sydney Brathwaite in a practice run on Highline's track. The team has a hard road ahead of them competing against NWAACC powerhouse Spokane.

Mike Bondarver is also expected to do well, currently leading the conference in the high jump.

For the women, Trina Rogers holds the national record in the javelin and is also the conference leader and defending champ.

Mary Murphy is another possible first place candidate, being the conference leader in the high jump.

Becky Holliday is another conference leader, and plans to do well in the pole vault.

•**Lane Titans:** The Titan men's team has unfortunately had some muscle injuries, and are currently too thin to win the championships, but Head Coach Grady O'Connor has high hopes for his women's team.

"Our men will try their best and we'll see what happens, but we just had some bad luck," said O'Connor.

The women were the Southern Region champions and have a good chance to place high.

"I feel pretty good about our women's chances. It's going to be a battle, but we like challenges," said O'Connor.

O'Connor says Clackamas, Clark, Spokane and Mt. Hood will all be tough competitors on the women's side, and Mt. Hood, Clackamas, and Spokane on the men's side.

"Actually, Highline is the only school we haven't seen, so I'm only going on what I've seen," said O'Connor.

Athletes to watch:

Amy Hill is a definite standout. She won the High Point award this season, and leads the league in the high jump and the long jump for the

heptathlon.

Cameo Davis is expected to do well in both the hurdle events, and is currently the leader in the 100-meter dash and the 400-meter run.

On the men's side, Everado Santillan has a good chance for a first place finish in the 800-meter run.

•**Mt. Hood Saints:** Finishing the season as Southern Region Champions, Saints Head Coach Keith Maneval is very excited for his men's team going into the championships.

"I feel they have a shot at finishing in the top three," said Maneval.

The women are lacking in team depth, and Maneval doubts they'll be able to make a good run at it, but has hopes to finish third or fourth.

Maneval says Spokane, Clackamas, Lane and Highline will be tough to beat on the men's side, and Clackamas, Lane, and Spokane on the women's side.

Athletes to watch:

On the men's side, the Saints are pretty strong all across the board, but a few do really stand out.

Bryan Strot is expected to do well in the discus, and Ryan Gunderson should finish respectably in the shot put.

For the women, three strong athletes stand out in the 100-meter dash and the 200-meter dash. Kabbiba Wincher, Stacey Fitzgerald and Amber Peck all have good chances of finishing ahead of the rest of the league in these events.

•**Southwestern Oregon Lakers:** As a team, the Lakers are not very deep, but the

meter run. With a best time of 49.8, so he has a good chance to make it to the finals.

Another top athlete for the Saints is John Gurney, who is expected to do well in the shot put.

•**Highline Thunderbirds:** The Thunderbirds expect to do well in the championships. Assistant coach Tracy Brigham feels the men should finish at least fourth, and the women could get fourth, fifth, or sixth.

On the men's side, Spokane, Clackamas, and Mt. Hood will be the teams to beat, but Brigham feels her team will be fighting with Lane and Clark for fourth.

"Our men have a good chance to finish fourth, we have some of the best sprinters and jumpers in the league," said Brigham.

Athletes to watch:

Sydney Brathwaite has a very good chance to take first in the 100-meter and the 200-meter dash.

Look for Antonio Bush to finish first in the high jump with his athletic talent, and Djonovan Dobbins in the long jump.

Manzell Blakeley has a shot at taking first in the 400-meter run, and Pat Boyd has a chance at the 800-meter run.

For the women, Erin Johnson and Jenoa Potter have very good chances of taking first and second in the high jump.

"If they jump their best, I wouldn't be surprised if they finished in the top three," said Brigham.

Lower Columbia College, Chemeketa Community College, Clark College and Linn-Benton Community College are also sending some qualified athletes to the championships.

Unfortunately, none of these schools coaches were available for questioning before the NWAACC championships.

Kim Courtwright should do well in the javelin, and Karesa Fraser has a good chance of doing well in the hurdles.

The women's 400-meter relay team is currently running a 50.2, and has a good chance to finish in the top three overall.

The men have a couple of standouts as well.

David Grantlin hopes to finish in the top six in the 400-



Photo by Connie Harshman

Juanita Agard works on her starts at a practice earlier this week. Agard is qualified in the 100 and 200 meter dash along with the 4x100 and 4x400 meter relays.

Men look to place high at championships

By Nicole Ulrich
Staff Reporter

With the NWAACC championships around the corner, Highline men's track team has high expectations.

On May 24 the men will be on their way to Portland, Ore., where they'll be staying in a hotel while they compete about 45 minutes away in Oregon City on Thursday and Friday at Clackamas Community College for the last time this season.

Highline is just one of the 11 teams that will be competing at Clackamas and they hope to finish in the top four.

"I think Lane and Clark will be battling with us for fourth, but we have a good chance to take it," said Assistant Coach Tracy Brigham.

Many of the Highline men qualified for the championships with only the top 12 in the league invited for each field event, and the top 16 for each running event.

In the 100-meter dash, Sydney Brathwaite, Aaron Reader, Djonovan Dobbins and Beauford Brown all qualified.

"I feel I have a really good chance to win. It's my time to shine and that's all I have to say," said Brathwaite.

The 200-meter dash will be quite similar, with the exception



Photo by Connie Harshman

Djonovan Dobbins plants his feet in the sand while practicing the long jump earlier this week.

of Dobbins, who will not be competing in the 200 this year.

"I thought the final list of qualifiers was it, but the weekend we took off, someone passed Djonovan up, bumping him out of the 200," said

Brigham.

Manzell Blakeley and Tim Richart will be competing in the 400-meter run, and Pat Boyd, Jeff Parker, and Richart will be competing in the 800-meter run.

For long distance, Shawn

Thayer and Peter Rutter will be running in the 5,000-meter and the 10,000-meter events. Rutter will also be competing in the steeplechase.

In the high hurdles, Justin Broughton and Danny Murphy qualified, and in the low hurdles Broughton, Chris Peterson and Joey Phillips qualified.

Antonio Bush and Dobbins plan to do extremely well in the long jump, and Peterson and Dobbins have similar plans for the triple jump.

Bush and Peterson will also be competing in the high jump.

"Antonio has a good chance of getting first in the high jump, and Djonovan has a good chance of finishing first in the long jump," said Brigham.

Both the 400-meter and the 1,600-meter relay teams have qualified for the championships as well.

The 400-meter team will consist of Brown, Brathwaite, Reader and Dobbins, and the 1,600-meter relay team will be Richart, Boyd, Blakeley, and Peterson or Reader (not determined at press time).

Many of the men's track throwers weren't quite as fortunate as Dobbins, who though got bumped out of the 200 meters, still gets the chance to compete in other events.

Since only the top 12 partici-

pants are able to compete in each field event Highline will only have Mel Frank competing in the discus this year.

"It's kind of messed up that it's only the top 12, because Jared (Paxton) was 13th in the shot put and would've got to go if it was the top 16 like we thought it was," said Frank.

Bryan Sharick was also disappointed when told that only the top 12 get to compete.

He had a possibility of competing in the shot put as well, that is if it were the top 16, but now his season is over.

Another thrower, Dustin West, thought he had a definite shot in the hammer since there aren't even 16 participants in the league, but was let down when he found out that only the top 12 were qualified.

West was 13th when he was informed he wasn't going to be competing.

In the pole vault, Rey Nitsche, Brian Davi and John Fox will all be competing for the championships.

Nitsche was ranked fifth in the event with Davi following close behind with a rank of seventh overall.

Both the coaches and the men expect to finish the season strong as they compete against the best in the league at the NWAACC championships.

Looking toward the big time

NWAACCs are coming up and I'm way nervous.

This season has been a huge let down. I have not lived up to the expectations that I have put on myself. I feel like I have let my team down this season.

I should be at least a 15-foot vaulter but I'm not. This season

Track Diary

By John Fox



I have developed a lot of bad habits that I have not been able to break. NWAACC is my last chance to make something of this season.

Us vaulters are working with our real coach and have made improvements, but some more than others.

I am very happy with Rey and Brian and the progress that they have made this season. The two of them should do very well and score points for the Thunderbirds on Thursday.

However, the way that I have been vaulting this season leaves reason for me to doubt myself.

I look forward to going down to Oregon City for the experience, but I also know that I hate not being able to do what I know I should be doing.

I have been making steady improvements since we started practicing with our coach, but I am not sure if they are enough to succeed at NWAACC.

This week has been hectic since I have test and presentations on Thursday and Friday that I had to get moved to Monday.

I want to make sure that all of my classes are taken care of to make sure that I can transfer and get out of here after this quarter.

I want to transfer down to Louisiana and hopefully pole vault down there, but I need to perform well at NWAACC and so that I will have a decent base to build on when I get there.

I'm excited but nervous to go to NWAACCs and I hope that everything goes well but we'll have to see when it is all over.

I dyed my hair last night to do something different for NWAACCs.

No matter how many road

trips I go on for track or otherwise, I still wait till the last minute to pack and get ready and I always feel like I am forgetting something.

I had to spend \$30 on batteries yesterday so that we could listen to music by the pole vault pits if the NWAACC people will let us.

From what I understand they decided to take only the top 12 for all of the field events, so I guess a lot of the people on the bubble were let down, and people that thought they were in were now cutting it close.

I wonder what made them do that?

I don't see how it would be all that much faster to get through them, but I am not in charge, obviously so it is not my decision to make.

It just bothers me to think that all of those athletes that worked their ass off to get into the top sixteen were just let down because only the top twelve made it.

I just think it sucks, that's all. Hopefully, everybody does well this week.

Either way I am proud of all of my teammates, participating at NWAACC or not.

Track star Blakeley eyes championship watch

By Matt Davis
Staff Reporter

Highline track star Manzell Blakeley is gearing up for the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) championships.

On the way to qualifying for the 400 meter race, Blakeley won two meets in that event this year.

He has shattered his personal record in the 400 meters by one second running at 49.5 seconds.

Blakeley attributes his recent success to getting stronger as the season progresses and preparing better for the meets physically and mentally.

"I try to visualize myself winning every race the night before the meets," Blakeley said. "It seems to work for me so far."

With the weather getting

warmer, Blakeley's times in the 400 meters have gotten faster as well.

He works a lot with Assistant Coach Charlie Smith on speed, bungee resistance and distance running techniques.

Blakeley also works out a lot on his own, but tries to make enough time to play other sports.

"I play basketball and volleyball a lot, so I don't get burned out from running," Blakeley said.

He is also working on qualifying for the 200 meters where he also has broken his personal record by one second.

Blakeley is currently taking math, skepticism, and life and death at Highline.

Born in Minneapolis, Blakeley and his family moved to Seattle where he graduated from Ingraham High School in 1998.

He ran track his junior and senior year where his events included the 400 meters, 200 meters and the 800 relay events.

Blakeley hopes to earn a track scholarship to Central Washington University and major in architecture or fashion design.

Lady T-Birds head to league for second year

By Michael Barney
Staff Reporter

The Lady Thunderbirds have some high hopes for the NWAACC track championships May 24-25 in Oregon City, Ore.

The women have a lot of hopes competing at this meet. Rachel Moyer will be competing in the 400 meters, the 400-meter hurdles and the 4x400-meter relay.

"I am expecting to do well in the hurdles. I want to run them in 1:05," said Moyer.

"We should be in the middle of the pack if every one runs really good on their leg of the 4x4. I am just gonna run the 400 and not really worry about it too much," said Moyer.

She wants to run at least a 1:05, which is about 3 seconds off of her personal record (PR).

"I am using it as a warm up for the hurdles," she said.

Angie Upchurch will be running in the 1,500 meters and the 400-meter hurdles.



Photo by Connie Harshman

Juanita Agard, Monica Angeline, Erin Johnson and Susan Hansen prepare for the 4x100 meter relay. They will be competing in the event at the NWAACC championships that will take place today and tomorrow.

"My main goal is to PR in both of my events," said Angie Upchurch.

Twin sister Vickie Upchurch will be competing in the 1,500

meters, the 800 meters and the 400-meter hurdles.

"I am excited to run in the 1,500 meters, and all I want to do is place as high as I possibly

"My main goal is to PR in both my events."

--Angie Upchurch

can in the 8 and the hurdles," said Upchurch.

Monica Angeline has qualified to run in the 400 meters the 4x100-meter relay, the 4x400-meter relay and the long jump. She has a pretty good chance to place high in the 400 if she runs well.

Jenae Potter will be competing in the high jump where she will have a really good chance to place in the top five.

Erin Johnson will be part of the 4x100 team, which is going in ranked last. She is ranked in the top five in both the triple jump and the high jump. She

has a really good shot at taking first in both of her jumping events.

Juanita Agard is ranked in the top 10 in the 100-meter dash and will have an excellent chance at placing in this event.

She will be competing in the 200 and both the 4x100 and the 4x400 both of which are ranked at the bottom of the list.

Susan Hansen is ranked in the middle of the pack for the 200-meter dash and if she has an excellent day she will be able to do well enough to place in the top 10.

Hansen is also part of the 4x100 and the 4x400 relays.

Karla Booth who has been consistent at the distance races has qualified to run in the 5,000- and the 10,000-meter runs.

Overall the women's team has a fairly decent chance at placing near the top of the pack.

"All we can do is wait and see," said Assistant Coach Tracy Brigham.

Sprinter blazes his way to the top within his team and league

By Michael Barney
Staff Reporter

If you have ever gone to a track meet that Highline has competed in, then you might have seen the man that is ranked No. 1 in the NWAACCs in the 100-meter dash. With blazing speed and a keen sense of knowing when to give everything he has to take the blue ribbon, Sydney Brathwaite has made a name for himself as a fierce competitor and a nice guy in only his first year here at Highline.

Sydney Melvin Brathwaite is not at all what you might think he is. His ethnic background is one of mixed heritage. His father is of West Indian descent and his mother is of Korean.

"Being the only one on the team with West Indian in me was cool at first until I found out that I wasn't the only one. Juanita (Agard) and Seneca (Hector) both have West Indian in them," said Brathwaite.

Brathwaite is proud of his heritage and he displays his pride with a tattoo of the Chinese characters B.A.P., which stand for black Asian pride.

"I was an Army brat," said Brathwaite. "I was born in Colorado Springs, Colo. but moved and lived in California and Korea and the Virgin Islands."

"I lived with my grandparents when I lived in the Virgin Islands because my parents di-

vorced and my dad didn't want me to be by myself when I came home from school," said Brathwaite. "I lived there from the age of 7 to 12."

Brathwaite's father now works for the Seattle Police Department and his mother owns and manages a restaurant in Tacoma.

Brathwaite went to elementary and junior high in Federal Way where his first love was baseball.

"I played from first grade to seventh grade I missed out on the try-outs for my eighth grade year at Illassee Junior High so I tried track," said Brathwaite. "I was really good and speedy on the base paths and in the field. My nickname was speedy or Mr. Speed."

In junior high he ran the 100 the 4x100 relay and sometimes the 4x200 relay. At the district meet he lost in the 100-meter dash after being ranked No. 1 all season long.

"When I got to high school it was a different kind of competition. In junior high it was for fun and in high school it was for the victory. High school offered real competition," said Brathwaite.

"My sophomore year I was the only one on the 4x100 relay team until the end of the season when I was joined by another sophomore we wound up fourth at the state meet. My junior year I was the only sprinter on the team, we had a shot putter



Photo by Petra Selkoleva

Sydney Brathwaite has lead the Thunderbirds through the season, scoring points in numerous events. He has qualified for the NWAACCs that take place this weekend.

start us off and a hurdler as the third leg. We were decent that year.

"My senior year I made it in the 100 and the 200 but I pulled my hamstrings so I wasn't able to run the 200. It didn't hurt my

feelings though as I am not a 200 runner. Our 4x100-relay team missed out but our 4x400-relay team made it by the slimmest margins every time. Everyone on the 4x4 wanted someone to choke but I didn't want it

to be me. We wound up third overall. I placed ninth over all in the 100 meters."

Brathwaite looks up to the boxer Roy Jones, Jr. "...because of his competitive attitude and his physical and mental toughness. He just has pure confidence. Yeah, he showboats, but he can back it up. When he talks he displays that he has smarts and an education."

"I also look up to my pops because of the man he is. I see how other parents raise their kids, he raised me different. He's got the all around package for a father and as a friend."

"Highline has been a good experience for me. I didn't know what to expect from Highline's track team. The coaches treated every one like a star athlete."

"I really didn't know anybody here on the team but that changed fast as Aaron Reader got me out and pushed me to come out and run. He pushed me and made me work," said Brathwaite.

"I expect to do well at NWAACCs. Highline's gonna represent," said Brathwaite.

Sydney has qualified for the 100, 200 and as a part of the 4x100-meter relay team.

After Highline Sydney plans on going to the University of Washington and major in Forensic Psychology.

"My plans are to eventually get into the FBI," said Brathwaite.



John Dunn

Highline still kicking around for new coach

By Yoshi Tamuri
Staff Reporter

The Highline Women's Soccer Team is now looking for a new head coach.

Head Coach Shari Andresen stepped aside after coaching seven seasons for the Lady Thunderbirds.

"Her mother has been very sick and she needed to be there to help care for her. Also, I think she was ready for some different sorts of challenges in her life," said Athletic Director John Dunn, who is currently leading the search for a new coach.

"We have several candidates interested and are working on getting a few more before we start to interview the pool of candidates," he said.

Absence of the head coach at this time of the year is critical for many college teams because it may affect recruiting. However, Highline is coping with the situation well, Dunn said.

"Teresa (Almer-)Aloe, our assistant coach from last year, has been actively recruiting and, in fact has signed several women already," he said.

Highline also has two Physical Education positions but Dunn said the coaching and teaching positions are not necessarily linked.

"The PE job is separate from the coaching position. In my ideal world, I would love to be able to hire a soccer coach who could also have a full-time job on campus," he said.

The Lady Thunderbirds are still on the way for the next season. But Dunn's "expectations for the next year's team are the same as for all of the teams."

"We want student athletes who go to class, work hard in the classroom, compete at their highest level, and represent Highline College in a positive manner," said Dunn.

Soccer field in the making

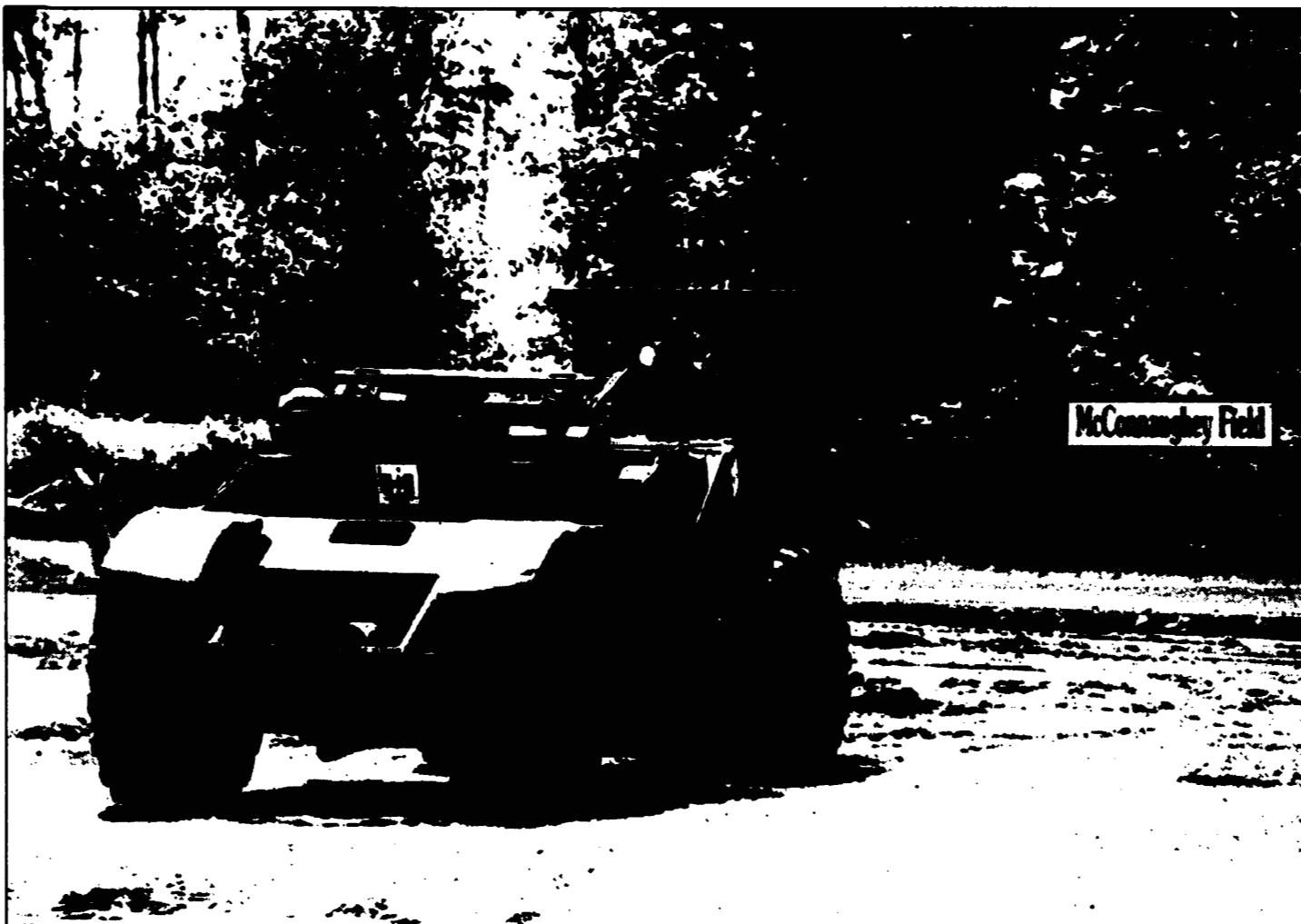


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Work has begun on recreating Highline's soccer field. With help from a grant from King County, the field is being dug up, given improved drainage and new sod. In the meantime, however, you can't run around the track until the heavy equipment is gone, and Highline still won't be able to play home soccer games until the new grass has a chance to take hold.

Let's be Frank: This guy can throw stuff

Big improvement lands T-Bird in NWAACC meet

By Kristin Zampetti
Staff Reporter

After a slow start to this season, Mel Frank has improved and qualified for the NWAACC track championships.

The freshman discus thrower has improved his distance by more than 30 feet this season.

"At the beginning of the season I was one of the worst discus throwers on the team and now I'm one of the best," Frank said.

"I started throwing around 90 feet and now I'm throwing 126 feet -- that's a huge improvement for one season," Frank also said.

He is also the only Highline thrower who has qualified for the NWAACC championships.

After the qualifications were changed from the top 16 to only the top 12 going in each event, Frank was the only thrower left.

"It doesn't seem fair that they changed the rules during the season. They could have just changed them for next season," Frank said.

Frank owes most of his success this season to assistant



Photo by Connie Harshman

Mel Frank practices the discus earlier this season. Frank was Highline's only NWAACC weight qualifier.

track coach Charlie Smith.

"Charlie helped to change my form at the beginning of the season. I didn't even realize everything that I was doing wrong," Frank said.

Frank attended Thomas Jefferson High School, where he played football as well as track. He earned honorable mention in football.

Frank participated in track his junior and senior years. He qualified for districts in his only two years throwing in high school.

"I did track to see if it would be fun, and to see how much I could improve," Frank said.

While in high school, Frank also won an academic athlete award, for his success in the classroom as well as on the field.

In the future he has set many goals for himself.

"First of all I want to do well in NWAACCs this weekend, and next season I want to throw at least 160," Frank said.

He also wants to throw at whatever university he transfers to. Frank is currently undecided on a major.

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T-Bird wrestling stacks team for next year

By Evan Keck
Staff Reporter

Potential new recruits have been showing up at wrestling workouts for the last three weeks. Now, they are signing letters of intent.

Most are coming out of high school and some from other colleges. Wherever the recruits are coming from they are going to make an impact on the team and the season this fall.

This could be the best recruiting year for Head Coach Todd Owens. He has over 20 signatures of new wrestlers.

So far he has signed two-time high school state champion Ben Barkley.

Along with his two championships, Barkley placed fifth his sophomore year as well as taking first in league and regionals three times. He was nationally recognized by USA Wrestling Magazine in '97 and '98 at 148 pounds. He was the Puget Sound Wrestler of the Year in 1998 at 148 and was a high school All-American honorable mention.

He graduated from Orting High School in 1998 and started at Highline the following year but left school to work and take a break from wrestling.

Now he is rested up and ready to compete.

"I had to let a few injuries heal up and make some money too," said Barkley. "I hope to at least place in nationals."

At 125 pounds, Lelo Martinez and Josh Thayer will be joining the team as well. Martinez is a two-time state champ from Warden High School. Thayer is from Spanaway Lake High School.

The 133-pound weight class will have a lot of depth this season. Brandon Howard from Fife High School won the state championships at 135 pounds in 3A. He took second the previous year at 129.

Carlos Adamy was last year's state champion at 135 in 4A from Moses Lake High School.

Both wrestlers will be strong and all have the potential to grab that starting spot which is currently filled by returner Bobby Brokenshire.

Shad Lierly is returning at the 141 pound spot.

"Shad is coming back with national experience, which is indispensable," said Owens.

Daryl Gardner, a state champion from Ferris High School, will help add depth to the weight class.

A real battle will take place for the top 149 spot. Barkley will be challenging returner Jason King. King competed at the weight class last year while also challenging Lierly for the 141



Photo by Erik Guyll
Jeremiah Barney works on his opponent during a recent Thunderbird practice. Barney is just one of the men who lead the T-Birds to the National championships this past season.

pound spot. Vic Gardenhire from Shelton High School and Stephon Crimm from Port Townsend will back up the weight class.

The 157 pound class will also have plenty of depth. Chad Keck is expected to take the reins at that weight class. He spent most of the season behind Joe Castro. Barkley might make a challenge at 157 if he decides not to wrestle at 149. Preston Crow is a two-time state champ from Raymond High School and he could also make a try for the spot.

Castro will be red-shirting this year at the 165 pound spot. The alternate for nationals is taking the year off to concentrate on school.

"I'll be here for another year and it will be better to wrestle that year," said Castro.

Tanner Stahl will occupy the 165 pound spot and gain more mat experience. Charles Moore from Auburn High School will also wrestle at that weight.

Andy Olson can be a national champion at 174 pounds. Though depth is depleted due to Jeremiah Barney, who competed at the national tournament last year, leaving, the weight class will be strong. Franco Santiago from Auburn Riverside High School will back up Olson well. Santiago is a state champion and runner-up.

With no one returning at 184 pounds, incoming freshman Trevor Smith will be expected to step up. Smith is a state champion from Mark Morris High School. Terry Wiley will also compete for top position. Wiley is also a state champ from North Kitsap High School.

The 197-pound class has several options. Returners Ryan Doerge and Jamie Verderico will be competing for the starting spot, but Iven Carlson might come back as well and be thrown into the mix.

"Verderico is tough. If he

keeps learning as a wrestler he'll be an All-American. He just has to get his head in it," said Owens.

Returning All-American Brian Hamilton will solidify the heavyweight position. Hamilton took seventh place at the national tournament last season.

Behind him is Scotti Ross from Auburn Riverside who took third and seventh at the state tournament. Brandon Root will come from Moses Lake to wrestle for the T-Birds too.

With three recruits yet to sign, Owens is looking forward to the season.

"If I get three more we'll have the best recruitment year ever," said Owens.

So far the coach is happy with the way the team is looking now.

"I feel pretty good with most of them," said Owens. "We're going to be a little stronger to start with. I don't have that empty feeling I had last year."

Last year was a bad year as far as numbers.

The wrestling program has always had trouble keeping the numbers up throughout the year. With the quality of recruits coming in the fall, there won't be as much of a concern as usual.

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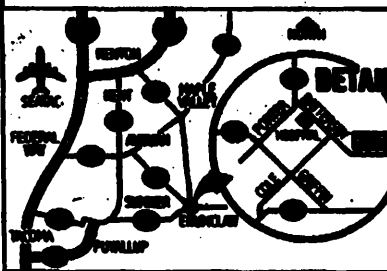
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Redshirt expected to bring a lot to next year's team

By Yoshi Tamuri
Staff Reporter

It was a pick-up game at the Highline Pavilion about a month ago. The point guard brought a basketball to the frontcourt.

He first fooled his defender with between-the-leg dribbles. Then he rattled the defender with a quick crossover move to create some space for himself and got "oohs" from the crowd.

The defender totally lost sight of the ball and by the time he found it, the point guard had already buried the jumper.

That was an amazing play.

Meet Daniel Aldrete, who could be the point guard for the Highline Thunderbird men's basketball team next season.

Aldrete had to redshirt his freshman season.

"I wasn't ready to play physically and mentally," he said.

He explained that last summer he could not get geared up for the upcoming season because he had to work.

"A year before I came to Highline, all I did was basketball. That was my main focus (last summer), but I just didn't



Photo by Petra Sokolova

Daniel Aldrete practices his moves in the Pavilion earlier this week. He redshirted for the T-Birds this year.

have the time or the effort (for basketball) that I usually did," he said. "I wasn't confident enough."

It is very hard for a player to sit on the bench and not be able to play in games, but 19-year-old Aldrete thinks positively about his redshirt season.

"It was a learning experience to me. I learned a lot from watching," he said.

After last year's disappointing first-round playoff loss, coaches expect a lot from him.

"Daniel brings us good ball-handling and outside shooting," said men's basketball Head Coach Jeff Albrecht. "I want him to bring leadership, too."

If Aldrete becomes a valuable player for the Thunderbirds, the team will have to thank former Highline point guard and Aldrete's Mt. Rainier High School teammate, Brain Johnson.

"I was suppose to go to Eastern," said Aldrete, who made the all-Seamont League team for two consecutive years in high school. "He (Johnson) convinced me to come to Highline and get better."

NWAACC players should not look down on his 5'10" figure. Despite the size disadvantage, he's got strength.

"I like Daniel's ability to knock down open-shots," Albrecht said. "I like his quickness too."

Most of all the best of his strength is "dedication" to basketball.

Off campus, Aldrete, a Des Moines resident, usually hangs out with friends and does his homework in his spare time.

A fan of Sacramento King Jason Williams, Aldrete never forgets to improve his basketball skills.

"I work on my new moves," said Aldrete who plays basketball to "impress people." "I work on things people have never seen before."

Aldrete, who was born in New Mexico and moved to Washington when he was 8, is currently working on his associate of arts degree.

Aldrete hopes to transfer to a four-year university "somewhere in California" and continue to play basketball.

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Spring festival 2000

Local high school students along with Highline students take a break from the classroom

By Takuya Nakajoh
Staff Reporter

The sun was shining and the music was blaring as Highline welcomed more than 600 high school students to the Spring Festival on Friday, May 19.

The whole package of events included the annual Career Fair, College Fair, workshops, sports activities and various entertainment.

The career and college fairs camped out in the Pavilion, where more than 50 employers and representatives from over 15 four-year colleges and universities all vied to recruit students.

Many visitors came in and sought for available occupations at the career fair corresponding to the employers who were each looking for a different age group of people to hire, including college students.

At the entrance of the Pavilion, high school students were given festival cards, which reduced the price of the sumptuous hot dog lunch in the Library Plaza, but only if they gathered eight initials of employers at career fair booths on the backs of the cards.

More career and college workshops were available in the Library.

"I could get a lot of new information from the seminar," said Claudia Zapata, a student from Evergreen High School, after taking a workshop on college survival tips.

"I'm actually thinking about coming to Highline," Zapata said. "It's a good school. They have good instructors and materials."



Students get close at the dance party down at the Library Plaza

Photos by Connie Harshman

All the workshops were scheduled at the visitors' convenience.

"We tried to choose workshop topics that could benefit everybody, both high school students and college students," said Jamie Chestnut, Outreach Services Assistant.

Attendance was up. Last year about a half dozen buses hauled in students from area high schools; this year there were 16. College officials said they publicized the event more this year, resulting in workshops filled with those students.

"The workshops were very informative. All the programs were put together and things ran smooth and it also had some entertainment," said Jan Kresse, a

career center specialist from Auburn Riverside High School.

"Two of my students actually had a chance to audit an engineering class," she said.

Kresse said that this experience of taking seminars conducted by college faculty gave students a real insight into college.

Besides the fairs and seminars, high

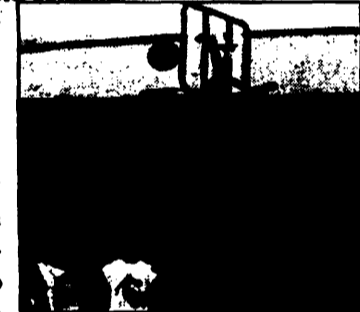


school and Highline students got to loosen up at the barbecue and party down in the plaza.

Pink, green, orange and white leis donned students' necks and heads. Student Government members shimmied in their grass skirts as they served hot dogs to the hungry crowd.

Students appeared to have a fun time dancing the hour away. Some students also showcased their break dancing skills on the cold cement.

Other students said, "Gnarley, dude!" as they tried desperately to stay on the simulated surfing ride.



Overall students filled their minds and shook their stuff at the Spring Festival.



Photo by Connie Harshman



Photo by Connie Harshman

Amy Studley serves up hot dogs



On the left : Students socialize and participate in the many events at the Spring Festival

Photos by Erik Gyll

Safety

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I always had a security escort," said library technician Darlene Rangitsch.

"But if there is a rape on campus I want to know about it, so I can take precautions," she said.

Dawn Merydith of Women's Programs facilitated the meeting.

"When I hear that someone's been raped I don't want to believe it," Merydith said, "because it means I'm not safe."

Merydith said that only 2 percent of all reported rapes are false.

Also speaking at the meeting were Cristen Storm and Sara Johnson of Home Alive,

an organization that offers support and self-defense for sexual assault.

"We want to discuss what sexual assault is," Storm said.

Sexual assault isn't just a stranger lurking in the bushes; more than 80 percent of all victims know their attacker, she said.

Storm and Johnson urged people to be aware of their surroundings, and try to create a safe environment wherever you're at.

Chief Fisher agreed.

"Be as vigilant (at Highline) as you are at Southcenter," Fisher said.

"I'm sure when you are walking in a mall parking lot you are aware of your surroundings," he said. "It shouldn't be any different at Highline."

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nity College in Johnstown, NY, for the last five years.

Although she plans to stay in close touch with Highline and Command via e-mail, Bell will face some challenges in coming from across the country.

"The advantage of coming from inside is you know where most of the skeletons are—maybe because you put a few of them there," joked Command, who himself worked at Highline for 20 years before becoming president. "You have a feel for the interior structure of the institution. Someone from outside, though, brings a fresh perspective."

Bell will also have some changes to adjust to, including Highline's diversity and the role that it plays on our cam-

pus. "Fulton-Montgomery Community College exists in an area that is more homogenous, and diversity is something that we focus on, but it is more difficult to achieve because of the area in which the college is located," said Bell, who has observed Highline to be "richly diverse" in its students, faculty and staff.

As far as her style of leadership, however, Bell feels that she will have no problem blending in with Highline.

"My philosophy is very consistent with the philosophy that has been guiding this college for the past several years," she said.

And as far as those Ed Command-sized shoes go, Bell thinks that time will allow her the opportunity to adjust to Highline.

"I have big shoes to fill, and I don't anticipate that I will be able to fill those shoes initially."

Elections

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June 1. This also caused the application deadline to be extended from May 5 to May 19.

All the of 11 candidates are encouraged to be present at the last Student Government meeting held on May 31, in the library board room at 2 p.m.

"We are requesting all candidates to be present so if students have any questions, they can ask them," said John Fox, vice president of legislation. Otherwise, the usual candidate forum will not be held.

Voting for the officers is simple.

One can log on to the Highline website, access the web via computers in the library or vote from computer on wheels (COWs). They will be located in Buildings 6 and 8.

The newly elected officers will begin their terms in Fall Quarter 2000.

Students get recognized for achievements

More than 100 students were honored Wednesday night for their academic and student activity achievements.

Vice President of Administration Stewart Wainaina was the master of ceremonies.

Video presentation of the past year was choreographed and developed by Raul Sedano.

Renee Jovet put together a special presentation to honor Dr. Ed Command and his 30 years of service to the community college.

Jenny Clayton won the Highest Scholastic Achievement Award.

The Washington Award for Vocational Excellence went to Sherry L. Carroll and Eugene M. Cauvin.

Shannon Alton won the \$12,000 Next Step Scholarship from University of Washington-

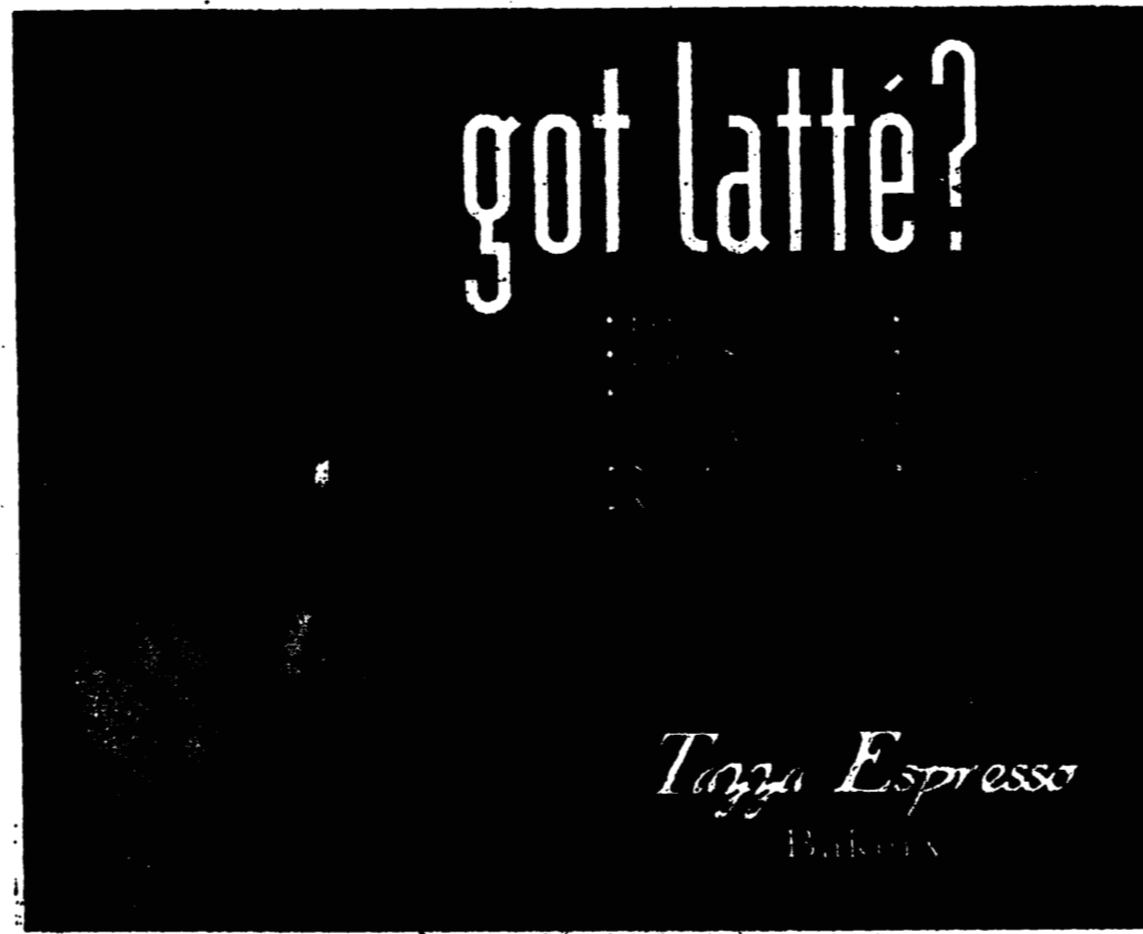
Tacoma campus.

Christine Stevenson won the Shirley B. Gordon Award for her service to the college and the surrounding community.

The following is list of awards given out.

Administration of Justice: Brenda Belcher Computer Information Systems and Computer Science: Rick Campbell, Leslie Koch, Ann Marie Milford and Fayal Snej Culture Gender and Global Studies: Kara Booth and Angella Ford Economics: Shannon Alton English: Grady Lambo Foreign Language: Neil Atkinson, Curtis Beck, Lucas Deuser and Chelsea Stevenson High School Completion: Lisa Baarden History: Andrew Bohr Humanities/Philosophy/Literature: Andrea Connor, Andrew T. Fitzgerald, Allison L. Lee, Adam Lewis and Kimberly Mattson Interests: Steve Motta: Sharon Holman Journalism: Patrick Alton and Evan Koch Mathematics: Brittany Young Medical Assisting: Amy K. Fausler Office Management: Yoko Tamura Office Printing: Hu Li, My Nguyen and Susanna Sekly Physical Science: Grady Lambo and Lynn O'Brien Psychology and Behavioral Science: Lisa Boyd and David E. Mowen Sociology: Chelsi Mott and Han Nguyen Writing: Shannon Alton, Lucas Deuser, Andrew Fitzgerald and Joe Hoo Kang.

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