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## Sports

## Dean finally catches on

By BRYAN SHARICK  
Staff Reporter

Four years ago Jessica Dean was supposed to be playing Thunderbird fastpitch for Head Coach Cara Hoyt.

Now in 2002, under current Head Coach Kirstin Jensen, Dean is the starting catcher, co-captain and playing an influential role on this year's squad after having her career slowed by quitting and an injury.

Dean, 21, was born in Seattle and currently resides in Covington. She graduated from Kentwood High School and played fastpitch there for three years.

Dean got into fastpitch by way of her dad. He was her first coach in t-ball, then she went to softball and finally fastpitch.

"I played fastpitch because it was something that I was always good at, so I kept playing," said Dean.

Before fastpitch, Dean played volleyball until eighth grade when she broke her ankle and needed three surgeries. After that, Dean said she quit sports for a year.

In 1998, Coach Hoyt came to Dean and asked her to play for Highline. Dean had offers from larger schools such as Brigham Young University-Hawaii and Oregon State, but she was too scared to move to a four-year college to play fastpitch.

"Basically I couldn't say goodbye to family and relationships I had here," said Dean.

During fall ball in 1998, Dean quit the team because she wasn't focused on fastpitch.

"I had been playing all of my life and I didn't know why I was playing again," she said.

Last year, Dean came back to play again for Hoyt, but suffered yet another setback.

In February of the 2001 sea-

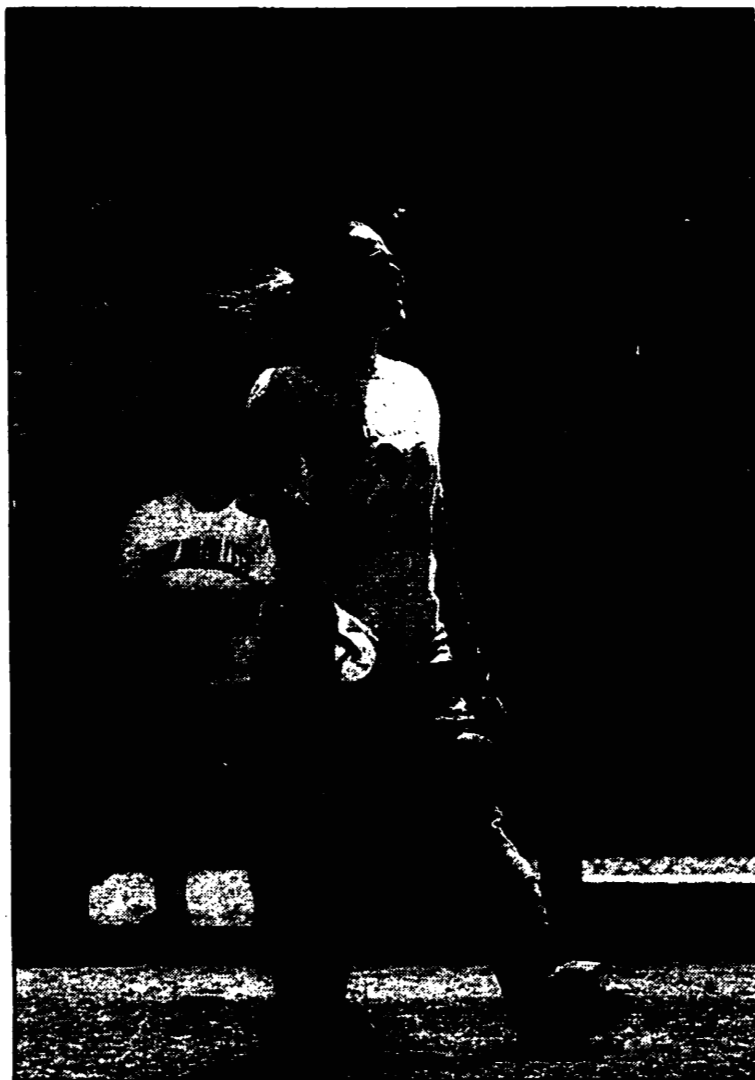


Photo by Joe Walker

Healthy again, Jessica Dean is the backbone of a Highline fastpitch team that hopes to go deep into the playoffs.

son, Dean suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and this ended her second stint as a T-Bird.

Now, Dean is healthy again and back playing for Highline.

"After coming back from an ACL injury, which is the worst injury besides breaking bone, and with all the blood clots I had from that injury, I didn't think I'd ever play fastpitch again," said Dean.

She's enjoyed the season so far and is looking forward to what's to come.

Dean said she had some catching up to do after being out

of fastpitch for four years.

"Being the catcher, you have to know the game," she said.

Away from the field, Dean also works part time at the Des Moines Red Robin. Dean supports herself while playing ball and going to school, which she said makes it tough for her to keep a steady schedule and income.

"I'm financially screwed because of the rainouts that have happened," said Dean with a laugh. Dean said she's had some help this quarter, however, from Foundation Director Mark McKay, who paid her tuition for

her this quarter.

Dean has taken on a leadership role this year along with Cherisse Stumpf. Co-captain Stumpf said that Dean brings her loud voice, which is important as a catcher, and she keeps the team's spirits up on the field.

Coaches and teammates say Dean comes onto the field fired up every day. "The nice thing about Jess is that I don't have to wait for her to get going," said Coach Jensen.

Dean has high aspirations and goals for this year's team and she hopes to see them finish higher than the seventh place finish they had at the NWAACC Tournament last year.

"My goal for the team this year is to go show them that we're better than they think we are. The team is really a new team even with the returning players in new positions," said Dean.

Dean said that Highline is talented enough to make it work.

After Dean graduates from Highline this year, she plans on transferring to California State-Hayward to finally get to play for Hoyt, who got the head coaching position there this season.

"I've always wanted to play for Cara Hoyt. She's a great coach and I love her coaching style," said Dean.

Dean said she had some offers from other schools such as Seattle University and Concordia, which is in Oregon.

"If I'm going to go to college then I'm going to do the thing that makes me stay in school."

She said the main reasons she was going to California State-Hayward is because she has friends going with her and it will be cheaper than the other schools.

Dean was batting .367 as of April 9.

## Fastpitch ranked 7th after week off

By BRYAN SHARICK  
Staff Reporter

Highline didn't play any fastpitch games this week. The Lady Thunderbirds (15-1, 16-6) remain in second place behind Edmonds (13-0, 17-8) in the North Division.

The new NWAACC/Horizon Air Coaches' Poll came out on April 28 and has Highline as the No. 7 team in the poll.

The rest of the rankings, as voted on by the coaches, are as follows: Lower Columbia, Walla Walla, Clackamas, Spokane, Mt. Hood, Edmonds and, the No. 8 team, Green River.

The final coaches poll will be released on May 12. You can find up-to-date statistics, standings and scores for fastpitch at <http://www.nwaacc.org>.

The next game for the Thunderbirds is a double header beginning at 1 p.m. on the road against Green River.

Then Highline comes back home on Friday, May 3 for a twin bill against Bellevue at 2 p.m.

Next, Highline travels to Olympic for two games on Saturday, May 4 at 2 p.m.

To end the week, Highline heads off to take on Shoreline for a pair of games beginning at 1 p.m.

These last few games will be crucial down the stretch because many teams' NWAACC fates will be decided due to rainouts that happened earlier in the year.

Highline has had a lot of rainouts this season and will have a very busy last couple weeks of the season.

## T-Bird women flock to University of Oregon

## Palermo places second in 400-meter dash

By ADRIENNE HUGHES  
Staff Reporter

The Lady Thunderbirds track team sent only a small flock of qualified women, but they placed well at the University of Oregon for the Oregon Invite in Eugene last Friday and Satur-

day.

Olivia Palermo zipped through the 400-meter dash finishing with second place in 59.29. Palermo also ran the 200-meter dash in 26.74 placing 12th last Saturday.

"I did OK, but I could do better," Palermo said. "My favorite event to run in is the 400-meter dash."

Palermo is now working toward participating in the 100-meter and the 800-meter dash for the upcoming meet.

"I haven't tried the 800-meter dash all year, but I expect to do well," Palermo said.

"I think the season's going well for me so far, a lot better than last season," Palermo added.

Kristen Boyd placed well in the 400-meter hurdles with fifth place and a time of 1:05.81.

"I feel I could run well, but I need to practice harder to get to my best," Boyd said.

Wogahata Haile ran the 10,000-meter in 43:03.93 and

placed sixth last Friday on the Hayward Field.

Daryllyn Harris also, ran well in the 400-meter dash, finishing in sixth place in 1:00.97, just behind her teammate Palermo.

Kharmyn Williams threw in two field events, the discus finishing in 13th place and the shot put placing 16th.

Williams threw 124' 8" in the discus event and 35' 4" in the shot put.

"If everyone goes focused at

a meet we all run our best," Boyd said. "We have the top times in our league."

The Northwest Athletic Association of Community College Championships is May 23-24.

"All of us will run our best before the NWAACC," Boyd said.

This coming Saturday, May 4, the women's track team will compete in the Ray Burns Open at 10 a.m. at Clark College in Vancouver, Wash.

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## Impressive Boyd bound for Portland State

### Four T-Bird's have places to play next season

By MATTHEW MILLER  
Staff Reporter

Highline's Kristin Boyd has accepted a full athletic scholarship to play basketball at Division I Portland State University next year.

Boyd, a guard, played an influential role on last season's T-Bird team that won the Western Division championship with a record of 15-1.

Highline finished the season 25-7 and made a trip to the NWAACC tournament in March.

The tournament was where Portland State Head Coach George Wolfe discovered Boyd, who averaged more than 10 points a game. Wolfe watched the tournament from start to finish and Boyd caught his eye.

"We need some leadership, someone who can defend and someone who is positive. Kristin displayed all of those characteristics," said Wolfe. "Most coaches look for players who stand out and she stood out to me."

Wolfe feels that Boyd's best basketball is in front of her and

that she will make an immediate impact next year.

Boyd, who was not expecting any scholarships for basketball, sees the opportunity to play Division I ball as a blessing.

"I didn't want my parents to have to pay for my last two years of college and now they won't have to," said Boyd.

Boyd visited the Portland State campus earlier this quarter and was shocked by the treatment her and her family received.

"It was cool, they put us up in a hotel and everything. But the team was what I was most impressed with. They all seemed like genuine people. I think it's the right place for me."

The team was just as impressed with Boyd as she was with them.

"After she visited, the team kept asking me everyday if she had signed yet. She's got a great personality and the team was really impressed with her," said Wolfe.

Three of Boyd's Highline teammates, guards Niki White, Leslie Jeffries, and forward Lauryn Jones will all be continuing their basketball careers at Division III Pacific University in Oregon.

All three played major roles in Highline's success last season.

"We are really fortunate to



File Photo

Kristin Boyd impressed Portland State Head Coach George Wolfe with her defense and leadership at the NWAACC tournament last March.

have three recruits coming from Highline," said Pacific Head Coach LeeAnn Kreigh, who also hopes to sign a fourth T-

Bird, Shalynn Leonard. "Anytime you can add experience and talent to the lineup, it's obviously a good thing."

Kreigh said that all three players will have a powerful impact next season and should lift the team into the playoffs.

## Men's track holds its own at U of O invitational



Photo by Joe Walker

Rian Barta leaps a hurdle at track practice earlier this week. The next meet is in Vancouver on Saturday.

By JOSH LEWIS  
Staff Reporter

The Thunderbird men's track team performed well last Saturday at the University of Oregon's invitational-only meet.

"I don't think we did as well as we could have because of the weather," said Corey Lehoskey, a spectator at the meet after breaking his ankle last week during practice. Lehoskey's injury will take him out for the rest of the season after leading the NWAACC in the shot put and discus for the past three weeks.

Highline's track athletes ran in the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes and the 110- and 400-meter hurdles as well.

Omari Gildon, currently third in the NWAACC standings for the 100-meter dash, placed fifth in the 100- with a time of 11.06. In the 200-meter dash, Gildon

ran a 22.30 (a new personal record) to place fourth just behind Brandon Sutton, who finished third with a time of 22.16.

Sutton went on to place fifth in the twilight 400-meter dash.

Three of Highline's athletes ran the day 400-meter dash. Malcom McLemore finished sixth with a time of 56.83, followed by Aron Reader in 10th with a time of 51.53 and Loyal Allen in 11th in 51.94.

"We had good competition at the meet Saturday, but I think we did pretty well. No one sloughed off, we all ran really hard and I think we did pretty good overall," said Jerishon Foyston.

Foyston ran in the 110-meter hurdles with Reggie Requindan and Rian Barta. Foyston finished 14th in 15.95 in the 110-, but came back in the 400-meter hurdles to finish third in 53.94. Requindan placed sixth in 15.5 and Barta took 15th in 16.46.

Running in the 400- with Foyston, Requindan finished 11th with a time of 57.49.

Gildon, Sutton, McLemore and Loyal Allen ran together in the 4x100-meter relay. The team finished fifth on Saturday but they are currently third in the NWAACC standings. The team finished the race with a time of 42.64.

The 4x400-meter relay team Jeff Hynman, Allen, Requindan and Reader, currently leading the NWAACC standings, finished eighth on Saturday with a time of 3:23.92.

In the men's field events, Nathan Carter, who is currently second in the NWAACC standings, placed ninth in the shot put with a throw of 46' 3".

The Thunderbirds will be competing this Saturday against Clark and Treasure Valley at the Roy Burns Clark Invitational in Vancouver, Wash. The meet starts at 10 a.m.

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## Scoreboard

SOFTBALL STANDINGS  
As of 4/23/02.

## NORTH DIVISION

LEAGUE	SEASON
Edmonds	11-0 15-8
Highline	11-1 12-6
Green River	10-2 15-6
Olympic	10-5 14-11
Bellevue	6-6 6-10
Peninsula	7-8 7-10
Everett	4-14 7-18
Shoreline	1-12 1-18
Skagit Valley	1-13 1-13

## EAST DIVISION

LEAGUE	SEASON
Walla Walla	15-4 25-8
Spokane	14-4 19-10
Blue Mountain	10-6 16-11
Wenatchee Val	7-9 10-13
Big Bend	8-11 10-13
Columbia Basin	7-13 8-15
Yakima Valley	3-17 5-23

## SOUTH DIVISION

LEAGUE	SEASON
Lower Columbia	13-0 20-1
Clackamas	11-4 19-10
Chemeketa	8-3 13-7
Mt. Hood	5-5 15-6
SW Oregon	3-10 8-12
S Puget Sound	2-10 6-16
Centralia	0-10 2-14

5/1  
at Walla Walla 5, Wen. Val. 0  
WWCC-5r,17h,0e  
WVC-0r,3h,1e  
W-Darretta L-Mitchell

4/30  
Game 1  
at Edmonds 8, Everett 0  
EdCC-8r,9h,0e  
EvCC-0r,0h,3e  
W-Dinsmore L-Fagan

Game 2  
at Edmonds 8, Everett 0  
EdCC-8r,9h,1e  
EvCC-0r,4h,4e  
W-Porter L-Elliott

Game 1  
Green River 10, at Bellevue 0  
GRCC-10r,13h,1e  
BCC-0r,4h,2e  
W-Whitney L-Tabert

Game 2  
Green River 13, at Bellevue 5  
GRCC-13r,14h,1e  
BCC-5r,7h,3e  
W-Rediske L-Bowsher  
HR-Sankey (GR)

Game 1  
at Shoreline 3, Peninsula 2  
ShCC-3r,5h,2e  
PeC-2r,7h,5e  
W-Hathaway L-Moore

Game 2  
Peninsula 15, at Shoreline 0

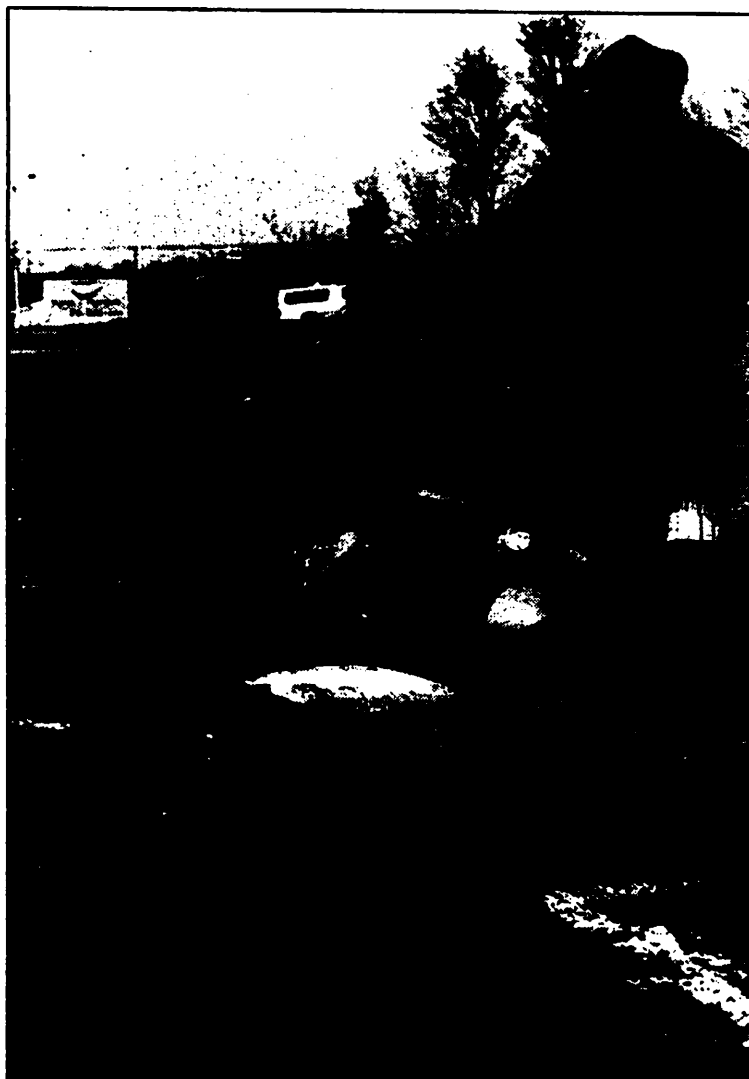


Photo by Joe Walker

Wendy Janway slides into third base against Shoreline. Highline won the first game and Shoreline forfeited the second game because some members of the team had to attend classes.

PeC-15r,16h,0e  
ShCC-0r,2h,4e  
W-Leno L-Stokes  
HR-Scilley (P)

Game 1  
at Olympic 10, Skagit Valley 2  
OC-10r,11h,0e  
SVC-2r,6h,0e  
W-Lefler L-Sadler  
HR-Sumner (Oly)

Game 2  
at Olympic 18, Skagit Valley 4  
OC-18r,7h,4e  
SVC-4r,6h,1e  
W-MacMillan L-Sadler

Game 1  
Big Bend 9, at Yakima Valley 1  
BBCC-9r,12h,2e  
YVCC-1r,5h,3e  
W-Perdue L-Joly

Game 2  
at Yakima Valley 5, Big Bend 3  
YVCC-5r,7h,3e  
BBCC-3r,8h,0e  
W-Gribble L-Perdue

Game 2

Walla Walla 6, at Blue Mountain 4  
WWCC-6r,5h,1e  
BMCC-4r,5h,4e  
W-Darretta L-Swift

Game 2  
at Blue Mountain 4, Walla Walla 1  
BMCC-4r,8h,2e  
WWCC-1r,5h,1e  
W-Shirts L-Young  
HR-Gamel (BM)

Game 1  
Wenatchee Val 6, at Col Basin 1  
WVC-6r,6h,2e  
CBC-1r,9h,1e  
W-Mitchell L-E.Smith

Game 2  
Wenatchee Val 15, at Col Basin 2  
WVC-15r,11h,1e  
CBC-2r,7h,2e  
W-Schreiber L-Rino

Game 1  
Chemeketa 10, at Centralia 1  
ChCC-10r,11h,0e  
CenC-1r,2h,2e  
W-Kmetec L-Hope

Game 2  
Chemeketa 9, at Centralia 1  
ChCC-9r,14h,2e  
CenC-1r,3h,2e  
W-Tribbey L-Talbot

Game 3  
Chemeketa 10, at Centralia 0  
ChCC-10r,13h,1e  
CenC-0r,2h,2e  
W-Howell L-Talbot  
Lyzell (Ch) 4 for 4

Game 1  
L. Columbia 4, at Clackamas 1  
LCC-4r,12h,0e  
CICC-1r,5h,0e  
W-Sims L-Holm  
HR-Wright (LC), Bisbing (C)

Game 2  
L. Columbia 7, at Clackamas 2  
LCC-7r,9h,1e  
CICC-2r,4h,3e  
W-Sheppard L-Lapp  
HR-Jezierski (LC)  
Wilhoit (LC)

4/28

Game 1  
Clackamas 6, at SW Oregon 0  
CICC-6r,14h,2e  
SWOCC-0r,6h,3e  
W-Gillaspie L-Wiedeman

Game 2  
Clackamas 7, at SW Oregon 2  
CICC-7r,12h,5e  
SWOCC-2r,4h,1e  
W-Lapp L-Flyaw

4/27

Highline at Green River (2)  
(rained out)

Game 1  
at Olympic 6, Peninsula 4  
OC-6r,6h,2e  
PeC-4r,11h,1e  
W-Tiller L-Moore

Game 2  
at Olympic 8, Peninsula 4  
OC-8r,8h,0e  
PeC-4r,7h,3e  
W-MacMillan L-Leno

Game 1  
Shoreline 3, at Everett 2  
ShCC-3r,3h,0e  
EvCC-2r,8h,0e  
W-Hathaway L-Elliott

Game 2  
at Everett 9, Shoreline 0  
EvCC-9r,12h,0e  
ShCC-0r,1h,1e  
W-Fagan L-Stokes

Skagit Valley at Bellevue (2)  
(rained out)

Game 1  
Big Bend 6, at Blue Mountain 3  
BBCC-6r,10h,0e  
BMCC-3r,6h,2e

W-Perdue L-Shirts  
HR-Gamel (BM)

Game 2  
Big Bend 6, at Blue Mountain 2  
BBCC-6r,10h,0e  
BMCC-2r,10h,2e  
W-Iverson L-Anderson

Game 1  
at Spokane 8, Col Basin 0  
CCS-8r,7h,0e  
CBC-0r,5h,0e  
W-Merrill L-Rino  
HR-Ehnes (S)

Game 2  
at Spokane 8, Col Basin 2  
CCS-8r,4h,2e  
CBC-2r,6h,4e  
W-Sulser L-Monteagudo

Game 1  
Walla Walla 6, at Wenatchee Val 4  
WWCC-6r,14h,2e  
WVC-4r,10h,4e  
W-Young L-Mitchell  
Ocanaz (WW) 4 for 4.

Game 2  
Walla Walla 3, at Wenatchee Val 0  
WWCC-3r,8h,2e  
WVC-0r,3h,3e  
W-Darretta L-Schreiber

Game 1  
at SW Oregon 12, Centralia 0  
SWOCC-12r,12h,0e  
CenC-0r,1h,4e  
W-Wiedeman L-Hope

Game 2  
at SW Oregon 9, Centralia 4  
SWOCC-9r,10h,4e  
CenC-4r,7h,2e  
W-Wiedeman L-Hadaller

Game 3  
at SW Oregon 6, Centralia 5  
SWOCC-6r,10h,3e  
CenC-5r,6h,6e  
W-Pierce L-Hope

Game 1  
L. Columbia 9, at Chemeketa 5  
LCC-9r,14h,2e  
ChCC-5r,9h,3e  
W-Sims L-Kmetec

Game 2  
L. Columbia 5, at Chemeketa 0  
LCC-5r,14h,0e  
ChCC-0r,9h,2e  
W-Sims L-Tribbey

Clackamas 9, S PUG Sound 0  
CICC-9r,4h,0e  
SPSCC-0r,2h,7e  
W-Holm L-Avery

4/26  
Bellevue 3, at Everett 1  
BCC-3r,6h,0e  
EvCC-1r,5h,0e  
W-Tabert L-Fagan



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# Diversity week ends with song and food

By JOYCLYN BELL  
Staff Reporter

A small but lively crowd moved and grooved to the multilingual sounds of Gina Salá at the closing ceremony of Unity Through Diversity Week.

Highline's fifth annual celebration came to a close last Friday in Building 7, as Salá and an accompanying band performed in numerous languages in a call and response atmosphere.

In addition to the unique sounds of Salá, Unity Through Diversity offered a sample of delicious multicultural dishes, thanks to Highline's Union Café. The menu consisted of:

- Chips with mild salsa (Mexican)
- Red cheese ravioli (Italian)
- Pot stickers with sauce (Asian)
- Spanakopita (Greek, filled filodough with spinach and feta cheese).

As the guests helped themselves to the various foods, Salá began her performance with soft music by her band members: Andy Zadrozny, who performed on the Saranghi, as well as bass and accompanying vocals, and Tim Miller, who added percussion and guitar. Miller's inimitable mastery and good humor kept the crowd smiling throughout the performance.

Unfortunately, the crowd was so involved in Salá's passionate performance, time ran short and she was unable to perform all the songs she had intended.

The first piece was Greek, entitled *Ehe Jia*. Salá played the cymbal accompanied by Zadrozny on bass. The tempo maintained a slow rhythm as her body conformed to the movements and chanting of the relaxing tone.

*Esta Noche Serena* was the second piece performed in Spanish. Miller added flavor with the use of the bass, while Salá gave it a Spanish jazz feeling with the addition of the trumpet.

Salá mentioned that majority of the songs she performs have a sentimental value to her.

*Ragupati Raaghava*, the third piece performed, originated from India. According to Salá, "it was one of Gandhi's favorite songs, and translates to unity through love." Indian classical music is something that is an acquired taste. But the way Salá presented the song



Photo by Janice Cotton

Gina Salá is accompanied by Tim Miller on the guitar and Andy Zadrozny as they perform at the closing ceremony of Unity Through Diversity Week.

made one feel as though classical Indian music is something one could definitely learn to appreciate.

*Uskudar*, the fourth piece, was from Turkey. Spoons were a major instrumental component of the piece, as well as bass and drums.

Salá explained that sometimes food is scarce in Turkey, so in light of that hardship, this piece relates to the act of bringing food.

Throughout the performance

Salá and the band encouraged crowd participation.

Before she performed her final piece, *Babala Gumbala*, originating from South Africa, the audience was instructed to stand and take section in the call and response part of the song. The final piece, as explained by Salá, helped the understanding of different tribes in South Africa. The translation of this song would amount to "my momma, your momma, our momma."

The audience responded well to this piece. Whether it was the moving, the calling of the words or the fact that everyone there was unique in their own way but together they united by singing and dancing as one.

What stood out the most about Unity Week's closing ceremony was how interactive everyone was. Although many of the words were foreign, everyone participated with open minds and bodies and almost everyone clapped or tapped their hands or

feet.

"Salá definitely showed and proved her abilities as an exceptional vocalist, composer and a great lover of music."

The evening closed with thanks to all those responsible for making Highline's fifth Unity Through Diversity Week a success.

"Highline has shown me how devoted they are to unity and diversity issues and the willingness to want to educate themselves as well," Salá said.

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# Couples recount racial receptions

BY ANDREW PINNELL  
Staff Reporter

Many families face racism because of their chosen mate. Interracial mixing in the United States is not as easy as you might think.

During Diversity Week at Highline, some faculty and staff shared their personal feelings on how the public views them. Last Thursday, in Building 7, five couples shared what it was like to live in a racial land full of prejudice.

Rolita Ezeonu, who is from the Philippines and is a speech professor at Highline, married a man from Nigeria. At first her grandma was a little concerned about his skin color. But after the family got use to the mixed pair, they were more accepting of it.

Fred Capestany and his wife, Sheila, are both from different cultural backgrounds. Capestany's wife is of African-American descent, while his family is from Cuba.

Capestany's family moved to Seattle during the '60s, where he was born.

As a couple, they don't let



Photo by Joe Walker

James Peyton and Jennifer Jones share the challenges of their interracial relationship.

their cultural differences stand in their way.

"On a daily basis, I look at my husband as Freddy, my man," said Sheila Capestany.

Amal Mahmoud, who

teaches English as a second language, is Egyptian and married an American from Long Island, N.Y. They have great differences because of where they are from.

Because of these two different nationalities, Mahmoud and his wife gave their children two different names. One name is American and the other name is Egyptian, so that their children can choose which one they want to go by when they are older.

Jennifer Jones and her husband, James Peyton, both met in Dominican Republic where they were studying the culture and social life there.

"In America we are from different cultures; in the Dominican Republic we are of the same culture, American," said Jones.

In the Dominican Republic they were widely accepted by the people. However, when they returned to the United States they got a negative response from some people.

Some places in the United States are easier for mixed families, Jones said.

"Where you live in America makes a big difference of how you are accepted," she said.

The last couple to share their experience of living in an interracial family was Donald Scott, who is the Director of Entry Services, and his partner Felipe Primera.

They are not just of different cultural backgrounds but are also living an alternative lifestyle.

While growing up, they both lived in different environments. Scott came from Montana and was raised in a Catholic family. Primera, who is Hispanic, grew up in a farming community.

As a child Primera learned what it meant to be of a different race than the norm.

"The white kids at school were the farm owners, the Hispanic kids were the workers," said Primera.

For a while he was ashamed of his culture and he wanted to be white.

"I finally embraced my Mexican culture, it only took me about 40 years," said Primera. "Your culture is who you are."

"If we were all the same culture, it would be boring," Primera said.

## Mixed dates can pose challenges

BY ROSS TIMBROOK  
Staff Reporter

Dating a person from another race can be an experience that teaches you about other cultures.

"I think dating a person from another race or culture can be a good thing because it helps you to learn about the differences in cultures," said Shawn Hogan, a student at Highline.

Derek Greenfield, a professor of sociology at Highline, said that research shows that there is an increase in interracial dating but not necessarily in interracial marriages.

"I am not sure if I would marry someone of a different race or culture but I have definitely had the experience of dating someone from a different race," said one student, who asked to remain anonymous.

One of the benefits of dating a person from another race or culture is the opportunity to learn more about other cultures and to learn more about our own cultures, said Greenfield. It also helps us to see the world as a

place that we can all inhabit, said Greenfield.

"I had a very good experience with a person of another race when we were dating. We both were from very different cultures and it was fun to learn the differences in them from each other," said one anonymous student.

There are some disadvantages to dating a person of another race, said Greenfield, one of which is that it can be a more challenging relationship.

"Some of the older people seem to have a problem with people dating outside their race but the younger generation seem to embrace the idea," said Hogan.

Many of the people of the younger generation believe that skin color or cultural differences are not very big of issues when looking for a potential partner or mate, said Mohamed Umer.

"It shows that people are trying to connect and make peace with other cultures," said Umer.

"My own personal experience tells me that it is harder to maintain an interracial relationship than it is to maintain one


where you are in the same race as the person you are dating. People are always going to give you looks when you are with them and some people might even go so far as to say something to you," said Mark Hauck, a student at Highline.

"Certain people from different races might see it as an invasion into their territory. They have the mentality that if you are dating someone of their race you are trying to become one of them," said Hauck.

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## Basking in the sun

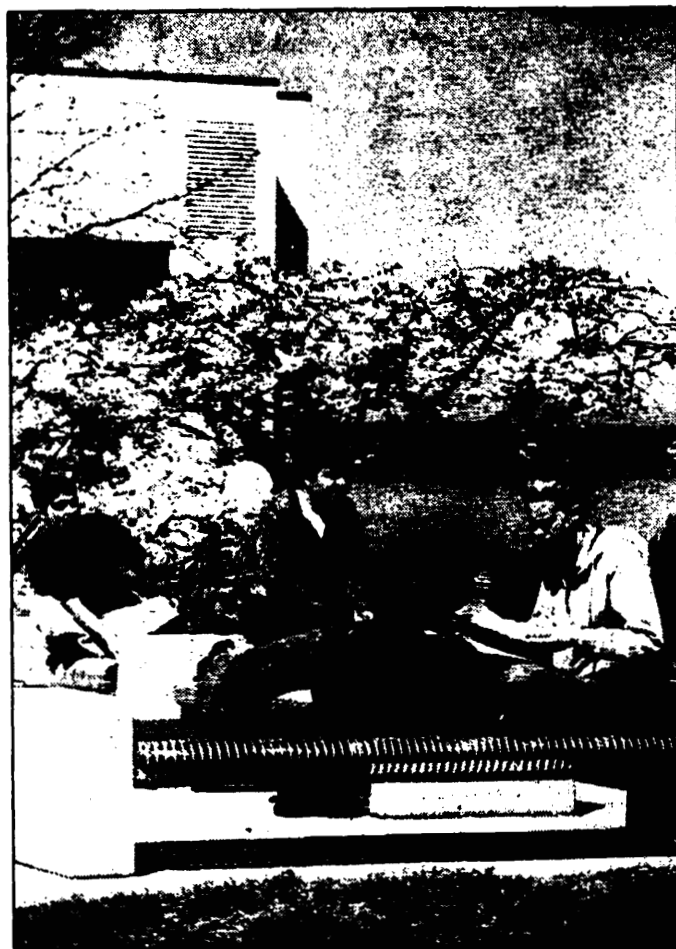


Photo by Joe Walker

Omar Bahadory, Farid Karzai and Laura Stone enjoy Tuesday's sunny weather near Building 23.

## Keeping a language alive

By TIFFANY WORK  
Staff Reporter

Native American tribes are in danger of losing their languages, a member of the Muckleshoot tribe said here last week.

The Muckleshoot tribe is preserving their language of Whulshootseed by teaching young generations and speaking out to the public. Valerie Bellack, director of promoting and preserving Whulshootseed through a three-year federal grant, spoke during Unity Through Diversity Week last Thursday in Building 7.

Bellack tries to educate people about misconceptions they may have gathered from textbooks and television.

The lecture opened with a hand-drum beat and customary introduction. The frame of a hand drum is yellow cedar, deer hide on the front and is tied in the back by 18 feet of leather. In the end, the audience showed a native appreciation by raising hands above their heads to say thank you.

Muckleshoot people were originally from the West Seattle

area. The U.S. government forced natives into tribes on reservations to gain land. Muckleshoot is an American name of a military fort that used to be on the prairie of the reservation in Auburn.

The Whulshootseed language region ranged from the upper Skagit south to Squaxin Island. Only five Muckleshoot tribal members speak Whulshootseed fluently and their ages are from 79 to 85. It didn't become written until translated in 1972 by Dr. Thomas Hews.

"Most of our culture was wiped out by boarding schools," said Bellack.

The U.S. government took native children off reservations and put them in boarding schools. While in boarding schools, the children were forced to assimilate into American culture. When the children graduated from the schools, they forgot their native identity and language.

Bellack left the reservation early.

"My mother and father weren't walking in the right

path," said Bellack. She thought it would be a good idea to be in foster care. At the age of 11, Bellack was removed from the reservation and put in foster care in Idaho. The experience of being in an all-white high school degraded her native appearance and identity.

"English is my first language and I didn't grow up hearing my native language," said Bellack.

"I never knew who I was," said Bellack.

She discovered her identity at 37 years old through the process of learning Whulshootseed as a second language.

Now she's teaching the language to others.

"It has to be a community effort to preserve our language," said Bellack. Native children attending Chinook Elementary in Auburn are fascinated to be educated in Whulshootseed and Bellack will be teaching them after school.

Whulshootseed has a spirit she keeps on living and doesn't want to die, she said.

"It holds within it a key to understand who we are as native people," said Bellack.

## Students to share their stories of success with the campus

By ANDREW PINNELL  
Staff Reporter

Coming to a new school where you don't know anyone can be a scary situation.

A forum of speakers will share their stories of how they overcame some of college's hardships as new students, today on the fourth floor of the Library at 6 p.m.

The purpose of this forum is to inspire students to see a future in the work they are doing at Highline.

Mohamud Esmail, Vinh Tran, Quynh Tran and Linda Heil are the guest speakers.

Esmail, who was a refugee in Kenya for five years, came to Highline and was put on academic probation due to dropping too many classes.

He kept his hope. "Hope was the savior that kept me alive," said Esmail.

After getting back into gear, Esmail went from academic

probation to being a 4.0 student.

Esmail is currently studying in the business school at the University of Washington. He is hoping to attend law school in the fall of 2003.

Vinh Tran came to Highline as a new student who did not have much motivation.

"I had low self-esteem and was such a procrastinator. I came close to not going to college at all," said Tran.

A good friend signed him up for college at Highline, which turned his life around.

Still without motivation, Tran's friends kept pushing him to do better.

Tran is in his junior year at the University of Washington. He has declared English as his major and is currently enrolled in drama classes.

Quynh Tran came to America from Vietnam during her ninth grade year and finished high school in the United States.

Since English was her second language, friends discour-

aged her as she made plans to attend college.

Keeping her father in mind, who wanted her to gain a four-year degree, she continued her education.

After succeeding at Highline, she is now at a univer-

sity pursuing her father's dream, a four-year degree.

Linda Heil, a current student at Highline, started at the College in 1999 while in her 50s and plans to finish in June 2002.

In the beginning of her Highline experience, she was


afraid of certain areas of the college, places such as the bookstore, student lounge and the cafeteria.

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# Kimball talks of global epidemics

BY SEAN MCFARLANE  
Staff Reporter

Globalization is a main cause of epidemic diseases, said Dr. Ann Marie Kimball, professor at the University of Washington and speaker at the Honors Colloquy yesterday. Kimball offered some explanations for the source and existence of global diseases.

Kimball grew up on the east side of a "segregated Seattle." At Bellevue High, during the Civil Rights Movement, there were only two non-white students in the entire student body.

Besides race inequality, there was gender inequality in the field Kimball wanted to go into. In one of her college classes, there were 120 people, ten of whom were women.

However, Kimball's "never give up" attitude helped her through medical school, where she found her passion: global health. She now is the Director of the Masters in Public Health Program.

Infectious diseases exist more so in developing countries. As Kimball pointed out, developing countries have high populations and low sanitation. These high populations are mainly located in urban settings. With lack of proper sanitation,



Photo by Takeshi Kojima

Dr. Ann Marie Kimball speaks about the spread of epidemic diseases on a global scale.

these areas are more susceptible for spreading disease.

One disease in particular that Kimball studies is HIV/AIDS. In 2001, approximately 40 million people were infected with this disease worldwide, with 28.1 million living in Sub-Saharan Africa. Back in the '80s,

services such as blood screening and individual counseling and screening were not offered in South Africa. Kimball noted that this region had too many people and not enough money to help prevent the spread of HIV.

"HIV carries a stigma," said

Kimball.

People "pointed fingers" at gay men for the cause and spread of the disease instead of working together to solve the problem.

"Viruses travel on the global express," Kimball said.

World trade is a major cause

in the spread of infectious diseases. Imports from certain areas in highly infected countries can carry diseases to other countries.

Kimball warned the audience of upcoming epidemic diseases. "AIDS isn't the last epidemic," said Kimball.

There are diseases now that we are just as unaware of as when the AIDS virus started.

Some things that led to Kimball's success included visualizing a fair alternative along with assembling evidence and learning the science of the problem.

One important aspect was inviting leadership other than your own. Most of all, Kimball emphasized to "never give up."

"A door won't open today, but it will open tomorrow," said Kimball.

A Stanford graduate, Kimball also directs the APEC Emerging Infections Network and the Fogarty International Scholars program in Health Informatics. In addition, she is on the International Faculty Council of the university.

Next week's colloquy has Deidre Skinner, a University of Washington honor student, coming to speak. A Highline graduate, Skinner will talk about how doors opened in her life.

## Green travels south

BY NICOLE SCOCCOLO  
Staff Reporter

Students will be spending a summer in Costa Rica while studying abroad.

An expected 20 students will be participating in this program presented by the Washington Community College Consortium for Study Abroad.

Local Costa Rican families will host the students studying abroad. This will allow students the opportunity to experience and understand the culture and customs of Costa Rica.

This six-week program begins June 29 and ends Aug. 10. Classes are held in Costa Rica's language institute. Literature and all levels of Spanish will be offered. The classes are taught by instructors from Washington state community colleges.

Among faculty teaching abroad is Highline's own Allison Green, currently teaching writing, literature and

women's studies at Highline.

Green looks forward to teaching Central American literature in Costa Rica.

"I was just ready to do something different and to challenge myself," said Green.

Green has been studying Spanish at Highline for the past three quarters. Green is also currently reading Central American literature that she will be teaching this summer.

"It's exciting because not only do I get to use Spanish, but I get to teach literature," said Green.

Green feels this experience abroad will be very enriching to her. She anticipates broadening her literature curriculum at Highline. Green strongly encourages students to become involved in this study abroad program.

"You really learn a lot about yourself when you get out of what you're used to," said Green.

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## Sittin' on the dock of the bay



Photo by Joe Walker

Boats float at rest in the Des Moines Marina on Puget Sound.

## Women's Programs presents brown bag lucheon

By BO BAE  
Staff Reporter

Sack lunches will come together at the Women's Programs Brown Bag Series where women will explore a variety of information, from finding ways to access job sources to applying for daycare.

"The Brown Bag Series is all about meeting and networking with other people. The workshops are for meeting friends, finding a career and empowering yourself," said Liz Cantrell of Women's Programs.

There is no cost for the brown bag lunch series and it will start on Wednesday, May 8. Two more workshops will follow on May 15 and 22. All

workshops take place from noon to 1 p.m. in Building 22, room 206.

"One thing that I've noticed about people is that they are afraid to ask. Getting out there is vital. These workshops will enable people to get the information that they need," said Jean Munro, facilitator of the workshops.

Though the final line-up is still being decided, Munro plans to get a feel for what the population wants during the first workshop.

"If people want to know more about job opportunities, than that's what I'll be focusing on," she said.

Here's what will be offered in the Brown Bag Series:

•An opportunity to explore different career paths.

•Lessons on how to make educational choices.

•Discover new friendships and connect with other people.

•Learn how to spend time and money wisely.

The goal for the Brown Bag Series is to help people get good paying careers, interesting experiences with others and gain vital skills.

Besides the intense networking, the main focus of the workshops, Munro and Cantrell want this to be a relaxing experience.

"The workshops invite people to drop by with a sack lunch and enjoy an afternoon learning about yourself," Cantrell said.

## Fraud

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the check must be repaid for the amount of days the student did not attend. Students' checks are allocated out of Title IV funds, which include the Pell grant, the Stafford student loan, and the Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant.

Students who receive a withdrawal, no credit or a 0.0 GPA on their transcript are held responsible for repayment. Students are notified by mail of their financial obligation to repayment. The amount must be repaid within 45 days or the balance is turned over to the Department of Education.

"We generally have 10 to 15 students a quarter who end up in

repayment," said Seeman.

Some of the students end up in repayment due to circumstances beyond their control, such as illness, a death in the family or something that would prevent them from attending class. Others end up in repayment because they are taking advantage of the system by keeping the money and not attending class.

"There is a certain amount of abuse for any agency that has some sort of benefit that can be obtained," said Seeman.

The issue of repayment has always existed but the problem has grown over the past two years. A data system was developed to keep a national record of those who owe repayment. The system is called the National Student Data Loan System (NSLDS). The NSLDS is accessible to all national col-

leges and institutions. The system gives information on a student's repayment status.

A student's status can be accessed at any college or institute a student may apply for financial aid at. The data system has been an effective tool in preventing those abusing the benefit.

"It prevents people from doing this multiple times," said Seeman.

Before the data system was established, students were able to enroll in other colleges and receive financial aid even if they owed repayment to a financial aid fund at a previous college. Students were essentially doing the same scam over and over just at different colleges. The data system had been effective in protecting colleges from students who are fraudulently using financial aid.

## Women's Programs to give workshop on choices

By BO BAE  
Staff Reporter

The Women's Programs will be presenting a six-week Choices seminar that will focus on women who are in transition.

"The workshop has a more personal focus. It incorporates life dreams and goals for the future," said Liz Cantrell of Women's Programs.

Cantrell went to the Choices seminar nine years ago and it led her to explore a career at Highline.

"When you're in transition it's tough to see where you are headed, but through the assessment and lectures the fog clears," said Cantrell.

The workshop began April 30. The workshops will continue every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. until June 6. Classes for the seminar will be held in Building 10,

room 208. Though there is a \$69 fee for the seminar, women can apply for scholarships at the Women's Programs office in Building 6 if they can't afford the full cost of the workshop. Women can still register for the seminar, which is item number 8106.

"The workshop provides a supportive environment where women are encouraged to focus on themselves and what they want to accomplish. Each session is important because there's exercises and tests that are taken to determine what career path is right for them," said Cantrell.

Women who will be attending the workshop will be able to go to the Career Center and get tested on their interests, abilities and skills.

"Hopefully with the knowledge that will be gained, women will be able to formulate where they're headed," said Cantrell.

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## Carolyn Ho finds a home at Highline

By TAKESHI KOJIMA  
Staff Reporter

For graduate school, Carolyn Ho went to community college.

"I want to gain experience at a community college and also want to work with incoming international students," said International Student Activities Coordinator Ho, who works as an intern at Highline.

She is studying student development administration in a master's degree program at Seattle University.

"I focus on higher education student services. I am learning how students develop in college, how they change, how they enroll," said Ho.

She studied music at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign during her undergraduate days.

"I studied music history, theory, played in orchestra, wind ensemble and chamber ensemble. Flute was my main focus," said Ho.

She is working here and at the University of Washington through this quarter.

"I work for UW two days a week and it's so big and so many employees and students are there. It is hard to get to know each other, because it has such a big campus," said Ho.



Photo by Takeshi Kojima

Carolyn Ho has her fingers in a lot of pies as she dives in to helping out around Highline.

She said she likes to work for a two-year college such as Highline.

"Two-year colleges are really committed to students' success. They are more flexible for stu-

dents' needs," said Ho.

She plans and manages international programs with other faculty members and students here.

"I enjoy working with them.

They are friendly and welcome," said Ho.

Among the programs that Ho advises is the Global Lunch Table, which is held every Wednesday at the Cafeteria's

Union Bay Room from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"Global Lunch Table is to help international students, domestic students, as well as faculty and staff to meet and enjoy lunch together," said Ho.

Cultural Cafe takes place on the upper floor of Building 8 every other Tuesday from 3-4 p.m.

"That is a chance for international students and domestic students to talk about various topics such as cultural differences," said Ho.

Ho also worked on International Women's Day, which was celebrated on March 6.

"That (International Women's Day) is sponsored with Women's Programs. It was an opportunity to celebrate women's history month. We brought some food to share and celebrated the day," said Ho.

Ho has traveled overseas and she wants to work with students who want to go abroad.

"I plan to look for a job in international education at a college or university working with international students or domestic students who wish to study abroad during their undergraduate degree. I was an exchange student at the University of Sydney and the Conservation of Music in Sydney during my undergraduate work," said Ho.

## Baez helps students on campus with health insurance

By KATHY SURA  
Staff Reporter

Students can now get help navigating through the maze of insurance and health care concerns.

Sharon D. Baez is an outreach worker affiliated with the Public Health Department of Seattle and King County who is available to help students the first, second and fourth Thursday of every month.

"My job on campus is to encourage access to students to health care coverage," she said.

Baez is especially helpful to low income students.

Baez can steer students toward several programs if they are in need of health care insurance.

Factors that will affect the cost and available programs include age, number of family members and income.

Copayments can be from \$10 down to zero per month, which

includes multiple physician visits. The Community Health Plan of Washington serves a lot of Baez's clients and she also refers folks to Group Health.

Baez is also available to act as a liaison for people needing help with all health issues. She gives referrals to public health clinics, provides resources to

family planning clinics and, in general, helps students to get and stay healthy.

Applications and information on these and other programs are

available through her office at the Women's Programs, which is located in the lower level of Building 6. Her office hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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# Running Start students increase

By DAVID MARTUSHEV  
Staff Reporter

The amount of students in the Running Start program has increased from winter 2002 to spring 2002.

According to Joanne Jordan, administrative assistant to the vice president for student services, there are 8,825 students enrolled at Highline as of Spring Quarter. Of those students, 560 are Running Start students. There were 544 Running Start students enrolled during Winter

Quarter.

The yearly number of Running Start students has increased every year from 1992 to 2000. It wasn't until 2001 that the yearly numbers decreased.

The number of Running Start students decreased from winter 2001 to fall 2001 from 595 to 549. The numbers went down again from fall 2001 to winter

2002 from 549 to 544.

College officials cannot explain why the numbers have decreased from winter 2001 to winter 2002 or why the numbers increased from fall 2002 to spring 2002.

Karen Steinbach, Running Start coordinator, said the exact reason for the increase is unknown.

"Some students are taking it for credit retrieval, some students are taking classes that aren't offered at their high school," Steinbach said. Some

are here for "a change in the environment as another option."

Leona Higashi, a Running Start student, said high school students come to Highline "because you get two years of your college done by the time you graduate high school."

John Nelson, another Running Start student, said, "Running Start classes give me more freedom than high school classes."

"Some students come to experience college" and "some students are here because of

strong parental encouragement," Steinbach said.

The Federal Way school district has the highest number of high school students taking classes at Highline with 268.

The Highline school district is second with 162.

There are high school students taking classes at Highline from Federal Way, Kent, Burien, and Tukwila.

Highline even enrolls high school students from more distant cities such as Sumner, Snoqualmie and Edmonds.

## Highline's history is accessible in Library

By KiyOUNG KIM  
Staff Reporter

Highline's 40-year history is in the boxes. Several boxes, in fact, in the Highline Library.

It is a collection of old publications from Highline. There are many documents about its founding, buildings' registration and every historical event of Highline. Adding to the documents are many photos and other media that have been kept by the college.

Originally Highline's Communications and Marketing department, previously the Public Relations department, had gathered these materials. They compiled the documents over a period of many years.

Last year, the historical materials came to the Library, and, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Highline, the Library has opened its collection of Highline history to everybody.

The materials are organized in 49 boxes.

There are many pictures, films and documents showing all about Highline's past 40 years. From the photos of the school's early years to the '90s administration documents of the school, the boxes are filled with important, interesting, but not-easy-to-find materials.

"It will be interesting to see famous alumni in the classroom as a student in the photos," said Library Technician Lyn Playle.

So far, few people have looked at the collection.

"Because many students don't know about this service," said Librarian Karen Fernandez. But, she said, it's easy to access the collection.

In the Library contact any librarian, especially the reference desk personnel on the second floor library plaza, can help you. At first, ask them for lists of the materials. And request opening the room that holds the reserved historical boxes.

If you want to get some of these materials, librarians will help you photocopy the resources that you need duplicated.

"But we can't lend these things because some of these are very important things for Highline. Many of these materials are the soul of Highline," said Fernandez.

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## .edu - .ctc = new web address

By JESSICA FLESCHE  
Staff Reporter

Highline recently simplified its web and e-mail addresses from the current "highline.ctc.edu" to "highline.edu".

"The change is simply that we're moving our e-mail and website addresses from using the 'hcc.ctc.edu' suffix to using the more friendly 'highline.edu,'" said Gary McCune, computer support technician.

McCune explained that up until now Highline and other two-year colleges had been restricted from using "edu" and were required to use additional designators like "ctc".

As of this year, the restriction was lifted and Highline rushed

to apply for the new addresses. Early in Winter Quarter, Highline got approval to use the new address. Having now completed the necessary testing, Highline has begun making the changes to the web and e-mail servers.

Highline is taking steps to insure that the change will be widespread before the old address is terminated.

"In order to make sure that off-campus contacts with our old 'hcc.ctc.edu' address can still get through to us, we are leaving the old 'hcc.ctc.edu' address operational through July 1, 2004," McCune said.

This should give everyone enough time to adjust to the changes. Students will, for the most part, be unaffected; although it is recommended that

bookmarks and links be updated promptly.

Faculty and staff have a couple more changes to deal with; e-mail addresses and links to Highline's site must be changed, as well as changes to business cards and other publications.

It is suggested that faculty and staff wait for their current supply of business cards and miscellaneous publications to run out and then get them updated with new prints.

Regarding the cost to Highline, McCune stated it will cost a fairly modest amount for Highline to purchase the new domain name.

"The biggest cost will be the time of our employees working to make the changes necessary for this to work," said McCune.

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## News

## Picnic in the park



Photo by Takeshi Kojima

Assistant Director of Student Programs, Fred Capastany, and his wife Sheila enjoy a lunch together on the grass outside of Building 9 with their child on Tuesday.

## Office Occupations changes name as of Spring Quarter

By DAVID MARTUSHEV  
Staff Reporter

The Office Occupations department has changed to the Business Information Technology (BTech) department as of Spring Quarter.

Joy Smucker, coordinator of the department and Jessica Gilmore, an instructor in the department, said the change was made for several reasons.

"The name of the department has changed to be more in line with other local community colleges as well as mirror the national organization's name," said Gilmore.

"We're updating the curriculum to meet the demands of the industry," Smucker said.

Through the Business Information Technology department, students can acquire an administrative assistant degree, an administrative assistant certificate, an office management degree and a bookkeeping certificate.

"There are currently 150-200

students taking classes and pursuing degrees in the department," Smucker said.

Students can either go to work with a two-year degree or one-year certificate, or, with additional classes, transfer to a university.

Areas offered through the department, such as Internet skills, PowerPoint and web design, can be applicable for any degree program.

Lower level basic keyboarding has changed from requirements to prerequisites. All students at Highline who want to improve keyboarding skills can take 1-5 credits.

The department will be holding two student orientations to explain the changes, one on May 14 from noon to 1:30 p.m. and the other on May 15 from 4:30 -6 p.m. Both orientations will be held in Building 7.

"We are moving into the 21st century and are excited to be offering new classes and degrees," Smucker said.

## Phi Theta Kappa seeks new leadership

By JULIANNA D'ANGELO  
Staff Reporter

Phi Theta Kappa, the honors society club on Highline's campus, is again opening their doors for any students who want to be involved and take advantage of the opportunities it has to offer.

According to Highline's club directory, Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges and Highline's chapter, Pi Sigma, is one of the largest in the region. With both leadership and service being their main focus, PTK is actively involved both on and off campus. The purpose of PTK is to offer students the chance to succeed and grow in and outside the classroom and to develop as responsible members of the community, members say.

"Phi Theta Kappa is an excellent organization that teaches students the value of getting involved and making a difference, while placing an emphasis on academic success," said club member Jewel Fitzgerald. "I think it is important to strive and succeed both academically as

well as being involved in activities that enhance other areas of your life."

PTK has four hallmarks on which they base their club on: Scholarships, Service, Fellowship and Leadership. Each activity they take part in is based on these hallmarks, members say.

Highline's chapter has been involved in many activities this past year including hosting the Speech Slam, Satellite Seminars series, the spring regional conference and the PTK Fun Night Extravaganza. They have also performed at the Vietnamese Student Association TET festival, volunteered their services tutoring at Des Moines Elementary and Kent Regional Library, and took part in a beach clean up and an adopt a highway program.

The most recent activity PTK had the opportunity to be involved in was the International Phi Theta Kappa Conference in Nashville, Tenn.

Six members of Highline's chapter left to attend this conference, which took place April 4-

6. The weekend featured famous motivational speakers including the original Patch Adams, Newt Gingrich and Bill Clinton's famous political consultant, James Carville.

For some among the group they had already attended the conference, but for others, it was their first time.

Dan Fortin, one of the members of Highline's chapter, had not attended the conference before.

"I was excited to meet other chapters from around the nation and get ideas," said Fortin. "It was a lot bigger and lot more energy than I anticipated. They (the other chapters) had air horns and people had signs. It was insane."

Fitzgerald had also never attended the conference before.

"I was intrigued with the opportunity to see James Carville and Newt Gingrich debate and also a chance to go to Nashville because I love to travel and see different places," she said.

"The biggest benefit our chapter gained from the conference was a sense of belonging

and support."

"It was amazing to see how many people are involved in Phi Theta Kappa and the time and energy others put into their organizations," Fitzgerald said.

"The accomplishments of other chapters, along with distinguished figures like (former Highline president) Shirley B. Gordon and famous alumni like Trisha Yearwood continues to

motivate us to do the best we can in our own community."

PTK also has other Highline events

planned for this quarter. They are involved in the welcoming of new members during orientation and induction, as well as appointing new team leaders. They also plan to have a presentation, in honor of Highline's 40th Anniversary, displaying PTK's involvement throughout Highline's history.

If you are interested in becoming a member or team

leader in this club, no experience or huge requirements are needed. In fact, if you are qualified, they are the ones that take the initiative to invite you. If you have a cumulative GPA of a 3.5 or better and you have taken at least 12 credits at Highline, then you are eligible and should receive an invitation to the orientation. Fitzgerald adds that if you have a 3.5 or better and you didn't receive an invitation, you can contact the advisers, Tara Houston or Shannon Proctor, and they will be able to guide you in the right direction.

"Among scholarship opportunities and resume building, I would say that I personally have met some great friends through the club and we always have fun. If you want to be involved in a club that is pro-active in making a difference on campus and in the community- then Phi Theta Kappa would love to have you around," said Fitzgerald.

The general meeting time for Phi Theta Kappa is the second Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m. and for Leadership Team, the first Friday of month at noon.



## Fee

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Stefan Alano, Highline student senator.

Students and faculty will have the opportunity to voice their questions and concerns about the new Student Center in an information forum on May 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Building 7.

In 1999, the first vote to institute a \$2.50 fee per credit for a

maximum of 10 credits was voted on and approved by the small number of students that voted. Student government officials want to raise the fee to \$3 per credit and set the cap at 15 credits instead of the current 10.

Student Government approval has already put the measure on the ballot and the vote by the students will take place on May 22 and 23.

This means that the fee would be raised from \$25 per quarter, for more than 15 credits, to \$45 per quarter.

If the new measure is not ap-

proved the officials plan to better inform students of the benefits of the new Student Center and vote again.

A student union is even more important at a community college to enhance the experience because most of the students are commuters, said Student Services Vice President Ivan Gorme. The purpose of the new Student Center would be to bring the students together.

"Statistics have shown that students who are involved tend to do better in their school work," said Student Senator

Dan Fortin.

The new Student Center will be 40,000 square feet. In comparison, the current Student Center is 17,000 square feet. The bookstore would be moved from Building 6 to Building 8 and expanded. The cafeteria would be larger and there would also be an Internet café. Plans also include a fireplace on the second floor and a huge glass wall that would provide for unobstructed views of Puget Sound and the surrounding area, according to Student Government and Administrators.

The new building would also feature larger areas for Team Highline and Student Government offices.

"The Student Center that we have now feels like a shoebox and the kitchen seems like it is out of a prison," said Fortin.

The new building would take 16 months to complete and, if construction started on schedule, would be ready in time for Fall Quarter 2004.

Temporary facilities for the food services during the construction of the new building have not yet been decided on.

## SID

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someone else used her Social Security number.

"Highline has been relatively fortunate that this has not been a major problem here," said Faison, in regards to social security fraud on our campus.

Social Security numbers of

former and continuing students and employees are being electronically converted to the new ID numbers which are assigned by the Center for Information Services. The Center provides computing and technology services to the community and technical college system in Washington.

There are 4.9 million numbers in each range assigned to the 35 Washington State Community and Technical Colleges.

When students register for classes, they will need to use their new SID number, but PIN numbers, which are determined by birthdays, will not change.

You won't have to try to remember your new student ID number either. Highline has a way for you to be able to look it up.

"In addition to a 'Display New SID' link on the student kiosks in Building 6, students can access their new SID num-

ber via Highline's website, [www.highline.edu](http://www.highline.edu) by clicking on the Admissions, Registration & Records link, then click on Get Your New SID Number," Faison explained.

Not only is Highline changing Student Identification numbers, but they are also making a new photo identification system in the Registration office. Beginning on Friday, May 3, students with an existing Highline ID may obtain a new one at no

cost. The new ID will contain their new SID number, but in order to get on students must turn in their old ID at the Registration window in the lower lobby of Building 6 when they get their new one.

Current Highline students should have received their new ID numbers in the mail the week of April 15. Employees should have received their new number from Human Resources during the week of April 22.



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