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Math policy points away from Compass

By ASHLEY FAWCETT
Staff Reporter

Highline students who have taken math classes within the last two years will no longer have to take the Compass test.

Under a new policy, students who have successfully completed mathematics courses in

the Highline, Kent, Federal Way and Tukwila school districts can enter Highline math courses based on their high school transcripts, without taking the Compass test.

The Compass test is still offered for those students who wish to place higher than the chart indicates.

"There have been problems for a while with placement below 100 level. Hopefully this will help place students so they will be in the right math level without wasting time," said

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Photo by Joe Walker

Architect Malcolm Jollie shows students and staff what the new Student Center will look like.

Student Center forum answers questions

By JANICA LOCKHART
Staff Reporter

Students will find the new Student Center more useful, the lead architect for the new Building 8 project said last week.

At an all-campus forum last Friday, students found out what the new \$13-15 million Student Center will include.

The new Student Center would be ready by Fall Quarter 2004 if a fee is passed that would raise the current \$2.50 per credit fee to \$3 per credit at a cap of 15 credits.

Currently the project has a

\$200,000 annual funding gap. The vote to raise the fee is May 22 and 23.

Students need to decide if the building is worth the increase, said Jonathan Brown, associate dean of Student Programs.

"It is important to have an informed vote," agreed Student Service Vice President Ivan Gorne.

The forum allowed students to get a look at the three-story building, which would include a new expanded bookstore, re-

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Graduation deadline is approaching

By VICTORIA ANTHONY
Staff Reporter

If you're planning on graduating in the near future, it's time to get your act together.

Technically you are supposed to apply two quarters before you plan on graduating, but don't worry- you won't be rejected even if you are waiting until the last minute.

Joanne Jordan, a member of the Graduation Evaluation Committee, said it's important to apply for graduation. It only costs \$10, and that fee includes your cap, gown and diploma. "We

throw in the ceremony," said Jordan, laughing.

When you apply for graduation, the evaluation committee sends you an invitation with all the details, asking you to reply. You can return the paper, or call the Commencement Line at 206-878-3710, ext. 6310, and leave your name and student ID. The deadline to reply to the invitation this year is May 20.

If you don't reply, the bookstore will not order your cap and gown. This doesn't necessarily

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Got milk? She does.



Photo by Joe Walker

One of the cows at Smith Brothers Farm in Kent, which still manages to deliver milk to doorsteps daily. Smith Brothers continues to succeed in a business that most dairies have abandoned. To find out why, see the story on page 15.

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Crime Blotter for May 2- May 9

Student hacks library computer

A Highline student has temporarily been banned from Building 25 and 30. On May 7 the student gained access to a restricted area of Highline's website. Library staff reported the hacker and he has been banned until further notice.

Student exposes himself

A 20-year-old student exposed himself to a female faculty member in Building 7. The student's pants were apparently too low.

Laptop stolen in Library

An unfortunate Highline student had his laptop stolen from the Library on May 3. The student's laptop was in a black leather bag in the plaza area of the Library, he went to look at a friend's computer and came back 15 minutes later to find his laptop gone.

Student starts fire

Someone's cigarette butt started a minor fire on May 7. The fire was found on the south west side of Building 25, near the construction area. A worker put the fire out before security arrived.

Student trips on root

Tree roots were the cause of an injury to a Highline student on May 3. The student tripped on the root while walking on a trail next to Building 4 and injured his left knee and right foot.

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Jessica Flesch

Silicon chips lead to pollution

By SARAH LARSON
Staff Reporter

The Silicon Valley aquifers are being saturated with pollution according to speaker of the May 3 Science Seminar Dr. James L. Peyton.

"You'd have to pay me to live there," said Peyton.

Economics instructor and director of the Center for Community Research and Evaluation, Peyton received his doctorate of agricultural and resource economics from the University of California at Davis recently. He studied the effects of the pollution in the Silicon Valley on the aquifers of the region.

"The companies that were making silicon chips in the southern part of Santa Clara County were considered to be 'clean' industries," said Peyton. "Yet industrial solvents were leaking from the underground storage tanks and contaminating the aquifers."

Peyton decided to study the correlation between the pollution and aquifers. Through this he would be able to see the effects the contamination has on people in the forms of cancer, drinking water and housing prices.

"There is linkage between the solvents contaminating the aquifers and cancer risks," Peyton said. "Fifty to 60 percent of this ground water is drinking water."

Peyton dove deeper into the 23 Superfund sites that he was studying, not to ignore the other 690 contaminated sites.

"Hewlett Packard and Intel were just two of the many companies which contributed to the



Photo by Takeshi Kojima

Dr. James Peyton, from the Center of Community Research and Evaluation says that companies that make silicon chips in Silicon Valley contaminate the environment.

pollution," Peyton said.

"The IBM Cottle Road plume is three miles long and IBM has put over \$60 million of their money into its cleanup," said Peyton. "By doing this they have been able to keep the plume the same size and prevent it from becoming any larger."

Peyton's studies included statistics on 10,092 house sales in 1992-1993 in the Silicon Valley. He also worked with different sources, commercial, and governmental to determine price effects on the homes affected by the Silicon Valley pol-

lution.

Peyton developed digital maps of the pollution to study the effects more closely. He saw that these sites were causing major trouble for the ecosystem and saw that the results of this damage were also going to have a strong correlation between housing prices and the economy.

"The plumes were reducing the sale prices of homes within two kilometers by at least \$6.7 million," Peyton said.

"The higher income neighborhoods had higher price effects from the plumes and

neighborhoods with limited English proficiency had lower price effects," Peyton said. "For example a home the same distance from a plume would cost \$200,000 in a white neighborhood that was predominately english speaking compared to \$220,000 in a neighborhood that does not have as many English speakers."

The next Science Seminar will be May 10 with speaker Dee Skinner, Computer Information Systems instructor. She will speak on "How to build a computer." It will be in Building 3, room 102 from 2:10-3 p.m.

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Campus life

Extraordinary women, celebrated

By BO BAE
AND NICOLE SCOCCOLO
Staff Reporters

Nine women were honored at the 20th Annual Women's Celebration dinner and over \$4,000 was raised for the Emergency Scholarship fund.

More than 100 people came together to celebrate the Extraordinary/Ordinary Women's Awards, presented by Highline's Women's Programs. A live auction, silent auction, business vendor fair and evening dinner were all a part of the annual celebration.

The Reflect to the Future: Sojourns and Survival theme molded well with the presentation of the two speakers. Both speakers talked about hardships broken and accomplishments born from discouragement.

Harvest Moon, Quinault tribal ambassador, started the night with a first-person characterization performance of Mary Sam.

The performance was about a history of a woman who was born into the Klickitat Tribe of Eastern Washington who learned to move comfortably between the Suquamish traditions and the white settlers, while also providing support for her family by weaving baskets.

Nancy J. Nelson, director of the African American Education at Eastern Washington University, recited a story about slavery and the difficulties of life. Nelson presented mixes of music, prose, poetry and humor that recounted the struggles and accomplishments of African Americans.

"The speakers were inspiring, they put me to tears," said Kerry Woodward, who attended the celebration and is a student worker for the Women's Programs.



Photo by Joe Walker

Harvest Moon, Quinault Tribal Ambassador, makes a speech about her culture at the 20th annual Women's Celebration dinner.

The atmosphere quickly shifted from tranquil and reflective to energetic in the live auction. Four items were auctioned off with a whirlwind of laughter as Mark McKay, the auctioneer, encouraged bidders to participate.

The items sold ranged from an acrylic painting by Alan Munroe to a one-night stay at the SeaTac Hilton hotel for two with breakfast and a wine basket. The live auction accumulated \$580, to support the Woman's Programs Emergency Scholarship fund, which goes toward providing scholarships for women who are in difficult situations who wish to return to school.

The Silent Auction, held earlier in the day, raised \$3,625 in

an additional effort to support the Emergency Scholarship fund.

"[The auction] was a win-win situation because I got what I wanted and it supported Women's Programs. It was a nice way to help," said Fred Capestany of Student Programs, who participated in the Silent Auction.

Toward the end of the night the anticipated Extraordinary/Ordinary awards were presented. Four staff members, two students and three special awards were presented to staff.

Among the winners were:

- Rhonda Stafford, a Highline graduate has worked for Highline's Child Care Center for more than 28 years.

- Gerie Ventura, an employee

and staff member at Highline, who also is a community volunteer.

- Nga Pham, a staff member who has graduated from UW with a degree in engineering.

"She works with students throughout the year, though she could be earning much more elsewhere," said Krista Fox of Women's Programs.

- Vickie Asher, a security officer at Highline who literally grew up in the school and aspired to protect Highline's campus and the safety of students.

- Debbie Pennick, a student at Highline who is a mother of three. She is a part of the print shop team at Highline and balances work and studies with motherhood.

- Shawna Hubbard, a student

at Highline who is a successful student and mother. She has been active on campus with Team Highline and off campus by working at the Community Justice Project where she helps those who can't afford legal advice.

Special recognitions went out to Kay Gribble and Gina Erikson, for their initiation of efforts to recognize women's issues. Liz Cantrell was also recognized for her contribution to Women's Programs over the past 10 years.

The night ended with door prizes and a final greeting by Cantrell and Fox of Women's Programs.

"It was a very successful evening," said Fox.

Slumping economy boosts Highline's enrollment

By ASHLEY FAWCETT
Staff Reporter

With the economy still soft, more students are turning to community colleges as an option instead of four-year universities.

While total Spring Quarter enrollment is down at Highline, the number of full-time students is up.

At the University of Washington alone tuition is going up

12 percent next year and private schools are going up 5 - 7 percent, forcing students to go to community colleges to save money.

"Highline has more of a push when times are down to give people the job skills they need whereas a university doesn't," said Gwen Spencer, director of Advising and Educational Planning.

Although the head count of all the students this spring is at

8,916 it is lower than last spring at 9,421, but the amount of FTEs (full time students) has risen from 4,713.8 students last spring to 4,893.7 this spring.

Since the economy is down, community colleges don't have the same base as a university for raising money. Universities are able to fall back on alumni for funding where community colleges rely largely on the state, Spencer said.

"Highline sets a quota at the

beginning of the year and if they go over it, they get more funding from the state, but when the economy is down the state can't help and classes get cut," said Spencer.

This quarter alone 156 classes were cut from the expected class schedule. Every department was effected.

"We tried to spread out the class cuts as much as possible so that we didn't take a big chunk out of one department,"

Spencer said.

"When an economy changes a community college feels it very quickly," Spencer said.

Even though the state has cut back funding for Highline it still pays two-thirds of every student's tuition.

"In a sense the state is investing in each student, hoping that in the future they will be successful and in turn, do good for the state," said Spencer.

editorials

Student officials need to follow through

You may have missed the fliers and posters urging you to vote for the new Student Center because, frankly, there aren't any posted. Student Government candidates, who found enough time to pin up portraits of themselves around campus for the upcoming election, so far have neglected to post notice for the election that is equally if not more important: the building of the new Student Center.

Even though the posters have, in fact, been made and will be put up some time this week, we should question officials why they have waited until less than two weeks before the election to inform students. Moreover, information should be posted throughout the campus, not just in Building 8. If we do not see information in bathroom stalls, on sandwich boards and in each of Highline's 30 buildings then officials are not doing their jobs.

Furthermore, allow us to disseminate this information to you.

There will be an election on May 22 and 23 for whether the sub fees should be raised. That's right, vote, not survey, so your opinion counts.

Since this is college, and college is a great time to start getting political, now is a good time for you to start voting. Too often students whine about a decision that costs them additional money that could have been prevented by themselves through the effortless act of a vote.

Students should look at the positive and negative sides of building a new Student Center: does the current one lack in its services and comfort and, is a new Student Center necessary?

Feel free to stop by the Student Government office in Building 8, where government officials have the floor plan for the new center and other such information readily available.

Extra classes will cost more

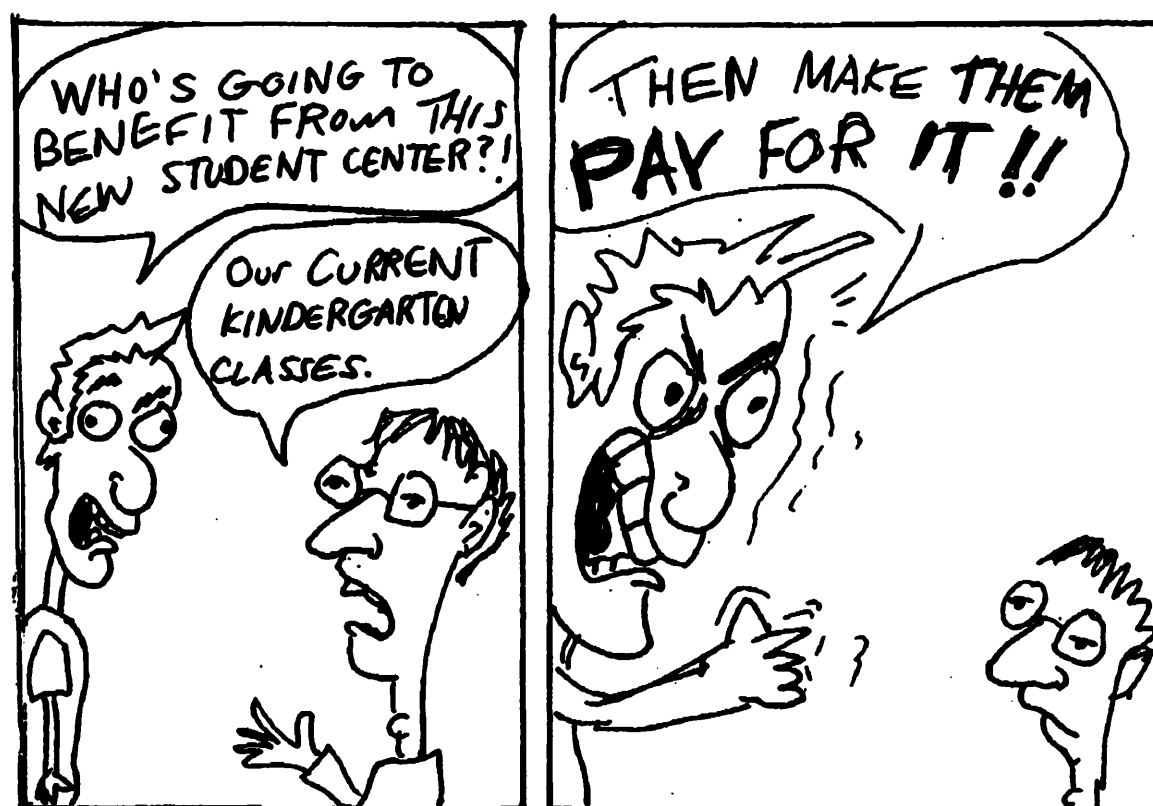
This year's college budget is tough and its belt is tighter than ever. And guess who gets to foot the bill? That's right- you!

In response to the 3 percent cut of state funding for two-year colleges, the Washington State Board of Community and Technical Colleges voted to increase tuition from a flat-rate for 12 to 17 credits to per-credit. This will not only hit the pocket books of students, but also some of the departments on campus.

Every time you sign up for something extra, you're going to get pounded.

This increase will hurt classes that aren't required, but are very useful and are key elements of campus, such as Honors Colloquy, Science Seminar, cooperative education, physical education and The Thunderword. This will hurt any department where students take extra credits because they want to as opposed to they have to.

However, we should remember that this increase should not be permanent. The board is planning to study the structure change after one year and see how it affects students and enrollment.



Must we all be engineers?

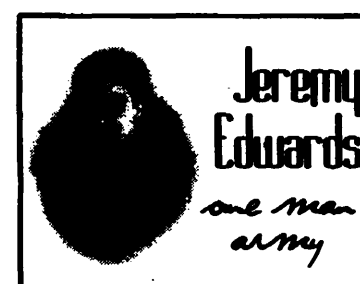
Did you use the Pythagorean theorem yesterday when you bought that sweater? What about the quadratic formula? I didn't think so.

Chances are, the vast majority of you didn't use the Pythagorean theorem yesterday. You won't use it tomorrow either. Most likely, you will never use it in your daily life. It will be forgotten, like all things you perceive to be worthless.

In my time, I have weathered geometry and five different algebra classes. I have never, nor will I ever, use any of the information learned in any of those classes. As a result, the information will fade beyond recognition within a year.

Why should I, or anyone for that matter, waste time in an algebra class when the job they seek will not require any knowledge from that subject?

On a grand scale, few jobs exist that require higher math



skills such as algebra, geometry or trigonometry.

So, if 90 to 95 percent of available jobs do not require higher math skills, then why are all students forced to take classes in higher math?

It is an obscene situation-unfortunately one that is not just confined to Highline.

How can this situation exist? History holds the answer to that question.

Late in 1957, the U.S.S.R. (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) successfully launched Sputnik, a man-made satellite, into orbit. Americans panicked.

Congress responded by passing the National Defense Education Act, which put a greater emphasis on mathematics, science and engineering.

Yet, although the Cold War is over - it has been for more than 10 years - these subjects have retained their inflated emphasis.

Today there is no need to extend "general requirements" in math past pre-algebra.

It is ridiculously inefficient to force higher math on non-math majors. Not only is it a waste of their money, but that math class takes up time that could be devoted to a worthwhile course.

So, the next time you're struggling with that algebra problem, give your representatives in Congress a call - they have the power to set things right.

Jeremy has exceeded his 50 word maximum.

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Indulge in whatever clothes that suit you

It would be really nice if the world would be one happy place to live in, where people wouldn't judge others by the way they appear and what they wear.

I've been a victim of such unfair judgment plenty of times in the U.S. to the point that I really don't care anymore. There are several reasons why people, especially young women could look at you and say, "Oh, what a slutty outfit!" or "Who is she trying to impress?" if one would wear something tight or revealing.

To me, these people are either insecure with themselves, jealous for whatever reasons, or just plain old ignorant. I can honestly say that personally, I have never ever hated on any female, just because I think that a part of being a woman is keeping oneself beautiful and well-



taken care of.

Whether a woman is wearing tight jeans or loose clothing, it doesn't matter. You, as a woman, should indulge yourself in whatever fits your body well.

It should be okay with females to see other girls that look good and dress well. Maybe, it's just who they are. Don't judge without knowing the person. She might just be the sweetest and nicest girl in a world, but yet, for some stupid reason judged by what she wore.

Come on people, it shouldn't

be this way, grow up and figure out who you are and why you have such hateful feelings. What makes America stronger is accepting the diversity it's built upon without unneeded discrimination.

A lot of what people wear really has to do with their culture and where they're coming from. Here in the United States, one can see people wear baggy jeans and loose t-shirts and not understand why would someone "dress-up" to go to school.

Well, to some people, including myself, dressing nice to go to school is a matter of comfort and being me.

I don't have to wear loose clothes to "fit" with everyone else here. Even though I've been in the U.S. for the past five years, I will always be who I am anywhere.

I absolutely do not dress to

impress anybody, never have. I don't need to do that because that's what the brain is for. I do it for me and me only.

I come from Moscow, Russia. Due to the fact that Moscow is highly Europe-oriented and up-to-date with fashion, I, including most of the Russian girls here on campus if noticed, have always worn tight and somewhat sexy clothes simply because I have been brought up to care about myself in a European fashion.

This is not to say that other American women don't do the same thing. This is to say that personally, I feel that being a woman, one should consider wearing whatever makes them feel wonderful and confident.

To those who carry a habit to judge what goes around comes around. Be careful with your attribution theories because they

might not apply to everyone.

Just because there are people who might be more privileged to have the looks it shouldn't mean that they're automatically bimboes or hoers.

Looks are not the way to get things in life because it will fade with time; brains are.

One will never see me walking around in a short skirt acting silly. As a woman, brought up with values and respect, I carry dignity with me.

Before you judge, ask yourself, is it fair and worth it to offend somebody just because they are pretty and show it? No.

You should be ashamed for feeling this way, because you showed your weakness with that: "Oh, look at her!"

Anna's favorite t-shirt reads, "Don't hate me because you ain't me, just congratulate me."

Meet and choose your favorite candidate

Greetings Highline students.

It's that time of year again, time to get to those ballot boxes and exercise your right to vote. No, it's not a presidential primary; it's student government elections. That's right, you, the student, have an opportunity to decide who will represent you next year.

But that's not all.

You'll have a chance on Tuesday, May 14, in Building 7 at 2 p.m. to hear the candidates answer questions at the Candidates Forum. A chance for you to come ask the really tough questions that make politics the great and often times tense enigma that it is.

But it's not all business, because on Thursday, May 16, upstairs in Building 8 at noon you'll have a chance to see your candidate's personal, maybe even quirky side at the Candidate's Fun Show. Come see the candidates as they perform something. It may make you laugh, it may make you cry (or wince really hard) but regardless it will be a grand ol'



time.

And finally, after all the long weeks of campaigning, meeting people, temper tantrums (and if you think the voters were bad, you should have seen the candidates) elections will finally arrive on Wednesday and Thursday, May 22 and 23. So get out there, campaign for your favorite candidate, shout holler and scream at the top of your lungs (if you feel the need) and vote.

And to all the candidates, good luck.

DJ Taylor is vice president of legislation for the Associated Students of Highline Community College.

Sex is the most intimate form of communication and should only be with two people who love each other and have made the commitment to be together forever. That is the purpose of marriage and yet so many men and women today only see it as a piece of paper.

More people are waiting to get married, which is a good thing, but most people are not waiting to have sex and this is a problem.

Marriage is the most special institution ever created: a way for both men and women who share common goals to be together successfully. Marriage is a sense of oneness and yet we are seeing more shacking up and one night stands than ever before. This is not to say that it didn't go on back in the day as much as it does today, but it wasn't considered open-minded to do so.

There is a huge misconception that couples that move in together and test the waters will make it. In fact they are more



likely to fail, according to my sociology class of the family.

I can't tell you how many stories I've heard from friends complaining about their boyfriends. What runs through my mind but I never have the heart to say is, "If you hadn't had sex with this guy, you wouldn't be so attached and you could move on." Who honestly wants to be attached to a loser? And yet you see nice, intelligent, beautiful women lowering their standards to meet the needs of a man, (i.e. temporary boyfriend.)

Women need to stick to their guns. Many men have told me that the woman runs the show. And they have a point. Women say when it is time to have sex.

As a woman, what is it that you are looking for? Sex or love? Sex is easy enough to get, but love takes work. It means saving yourself, it means sacrifice and it means waiting for the all-American-good boy. You can't change a bad boy and if you try, you'll get burned, but by deciding where you stand on sex, you can even eliminate the bad guys. Because if women aren't willing to have sex, then guys will have to conform.

If a woman takes on the image of the average guy, that she can handle a physical relationship without becoming emotionally attached, then she better get used to having only sexual relationships. A good guy doesn't want that kind of girl anyway. Even the bad boys don't. They like girls who are hard to get.

If women don't start getting better at the game their grandmothers played then they will end up unhappy and alone like their divorced mothers.

Sam is in charge.

Student has a view of Student Center

Dear editor:

I have been working on the development of our proposed new Student Union Building. I have been in favor of this building since I began work on the project, which I think may have

made my views about the current building a little extreme and my views of the proposed building idealistic. I have recently changed this extremist point of view because it doesn't truly represent my stance on the issue, nor does it address the true decision that needs to be made. It is clear that a state-of-the-art, 48,000-square-foot building

will be better than the building that we currently have; the issue is if the cost outweighs the benefits. Some have said that the cost is not worth it because what we have is adequate. It is possible that we can get by with what we have now, but even that would require repair of the building's heating systems, as well as putting up with its struc-

tural blemishes. But this is not the vision that I wish to have for this campus, nor is it the legacy that I wish to leave behind. I believe that we have been given an opportunity to make a positive change to the facilities on our campus that will benefit the future students of Highline. I do not think that a building has the power to change people, but I

do believe that its new resources will enhance the experience of students to come. This building can be a source of leisure, entertainment, study, student involvement, as well as an increased sense of pride in what is the Student's Union.

Dan Fortin
ASHCC Treasurer

Arts Night lets students shine

By JESSICA LOBIANCO
Staff Reporter

Student artists, ranging from storytelling poets to expressive musicians, showed their stuff at First Thursday / Arts Night on May 2.

All of the 11 performers seemed a bit tense, or nervous, and yet they all were able to pull through and give wonderful performances in Building 7. True, it wasn't quite a baker's dozen, but it still was tasty nonetheless.

Poet Krista Hanley delivered an intriguing poem, *Change!*, about the thoughts in a day of a homeless man. She verbalized physical and emotional states of a dispossessed man including what he was thinking when others were staring at him.

Poet Brandon Todd changed the frame of mind of the spectators by adding some whimsicality. He envisioned a day as a fast food worker and shared the "misses" of working at a drive-through window, such as, "the many missed chances of scoring a girl's phone number," which was comical and factual.

Along with poetry, students also performed the musical talents.

Vocalist Victor Nguyen sang about the care for another in *I Will Never Leave You*, from *Side Show*, Russell & Krieger. The song let him show feelings of great love. He seemed a slight bit tense as he stood next to the piano with his hands closed tightly at his sides. Upon finishing his musical performance, he had a slight grin of accomplishment as he trotted back to his seat.

Moving from English to German, Seung Hee Kim stood attentive and voiced from low to high musical vibrations from



Joshua Monuteaux plays on his guitar 'Grundig Majestic' at First Thursday/ Arts Night.

Fronde tenere...Ombra mai fu, from *Semele*, a German opera by Handel. Her voice carried throughout the building and

sounded like birds in the early morning.

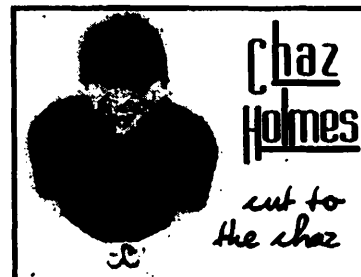
Voices weren't the only musical device at this event; instru-

ments were brought to bring other harmonies.

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Movies are a way of life

Last Saturday, I found myself waiting for an hour in a movie theater containing what seemed like hundreds of anxious filmgoers, all brought together by the prospect of seeing Tobey



Maguire swing his way through Manhattan in the big-screen adaptation of *Spiderman*.

Spiderman is, however, more than another film based on a comic book. It is the movie that officially ushers in the second "most wonderful time of the year," the summer movie season.

It's a time in which movies not only fill the multiplexes, but also our lives. Movies find their way into our daily grinds as *Spiderman* jumps to a cell phone with a webbed cover.

Hollywood invades the grocery stores as images of Anakin Skywalker and Queen Amidala grace packages of 3-D Doritos, Lay's potato chips and the unyielding series of magazine covers.

To many people this much exposure would seem excessive, but I, for one, love it. My realization that I was amidst the flood of summer movie merchandising piqued the other day as I ate a bowl of *Star Wars: Episode II Attack of the Clones* cereal for breakfast.

As I sat happily munching on marshmallow lightsabers, a TV spot for *Attack of the Clones* came on and the anticipation gave me a chill. I realized that having to wait until May 16 to watch Darth Vader's journey to the dark side would almost kill me.

However, this painful anticipation is equally exciting and is actually a blessing in disguise.

This time of the year is always when my inner-child emerges with the excitement surrounding the release of so many see-worthy movies.

Critics often ridicule this season for putting out big-budget drivel and not presenting intelligent material. However, the makers of these films allow movie fans to feel the excitement that kids get to feel the whole year as movies become their lives for the summer.

Deadline for writing contest approaches

By JULIANNA D'ANGELO
Staff Reporter

If you know how to pick up a pen and a paper, you could have a chance to win cash prizes at the 2002 Flight Path Writing Competition.

This competition, which is put on by Team Highline, invites written work of any skill level. It is open to any Highline students who want to exhibit their writing, said members of Team Highline.

"This competition is a fun opportunity where they (the par-

ticipants) can really show off their work," said Team Highline member Bo Bae. "It's also a great opener for becoming a writer."

The entry deadline for the competition is Monday, May 13. Entries may be submitted to Ania Michnicka or Bo Bae, upstairs in Building 8 in the Team Highline office.

Contestants can enter one piece of work in each of the three categories. Each category will be awarded three cash prizes: first place - \$50, second place - \$25 and third place -

\$15. The three categories are essays, short stories and poetry.

"Judging will be done by a select group of anonymous staff with different judges for each category," Bae said.

There are no requirements for the works except that they fit into one of the categories.

Any length and size is acceptable.

The awards ceremony for the competition will be held on Thursday, May 30, at 5 p.m., upstairs in Building 8. It will include the distribution of prizes plus the writing will be on dis-

play for others to enjoy, said Team Highline.

Team Highline has put on other competitions that influenced them to hold this particular one.

Bae said she hopes to have lots of students enter.

"In the past we (Team Highline) have been really successful with competitions," said Bae. "Both the recent Really Big Art Show and last fall's Battle of the Bands were awesome, so we were hoping this would be as successful as those."

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Art is focus of festival

By SHELLEY CHAMBERS
Staff Reporter

Highline's annual Spring Arts Festival is coming May 13-18, featuring the culture and creativity of some of Highline's most talented faculty and students.

- You can check out Melo o Hawaii in Building 7, on Monday, May 13, which will include Highline faculty member Sheryl Akaka playing traditional Hawaiian songs on the Hawaiian slack key guitar. You can also see an interpretive hula dance, as well as the Highline College Choir perform a few Hawaiian songs.

- The Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition will begin on Monday, May 13, which will display student artwork in the Fourth Floor Gallery of the Library through June 8.

- Weather permitting, you can see Highline's College Choir presenting selections from their spring concert on Tuesday, May 14, in different locations around campus, along with percussion ensemble per-

formance, which will include Samba and Brazilian pieces. These performances will take place in Building 4, room 123 if it rains.

From 1:10-2:20 p.m. you can hear Highline Arts faculty member Misha De Veire lecture on the creative process in the arts.

International Jazz Musician Jovino Santos Neto and one of Highline's music faculty members, Ben Thomas, will be presenting the Brazilian Jazz Spectacular in Building 7 at noon on Wednesday, May 15.

The music event will include original compositions by Jovino Santos Neto and Ben Thomas, as well as a piano and vibes duet.

Following the performance, a workshop will be available to young musicians free of charge that will cover the basics of Brazilian music in Building 4, room 104 starting at 1:10 p.m.

- Also on Wednesday, Highline's photography teacher, Bob Stahl will be speaking at noon in Building 26, room 318, on the subject of Travel Photography: A journey

through Antarctica, Nepal, Africa and India.

- It's opening night for Highline Drama Department's *One Acts*.

Come see five students-directed plays in the Little Theater, Building 4, room 122, at 8 p.m.

- Tacoma Opera Young Artists will be performing scenes from their production of *La Traviata*, by Giuseppe Verdi, in Building 7 at noon on Thursday, May 16. Following the scenes, a discussion on how to get into the opera, and opera singing, will take place for anyone interested.

- The *One Acts* will be performed at 8 p.m. in the Little Theater on Thursday, May 17.

- A student recital will take place in Building 7 at noon on Friday, May 17.

The recital will consist of "students who have worked in the music department and have achieved and improved their skills over the year," said Dr. Paul Mori, director of the college choir.

- You'll have two opportuni-



Photo by Bob Stahl

Bob Stahl's photograph 'Silhouetted Man in Rajasthan, India.'

ties to check out the *One Acts* on Friday, the first at 2 p.m. and then again at 8 p.m. in the Little

Theater. Also on Saturday there will be one last performance of the *One Acts* at 8 p.m.

Spring Festival allows students to talk to college representatives

By TIFFANY WORK
Staff Reporter

Discover a summer job and a future college at the fifth annual Spring Festival.

The Spring Festival will feature a Career Fair, College Fair, workshops and BBQ lunch all in one place. It will be held on Friday, May 10 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in Building 28.

The festival purpose is to assist Highline students and high

school students in career and college decisions, said Jason Prenovost, director of outreach.

Over 40 successful companies from the Puget Sound area have been scheduled. KUBE 93, New Century Media, Nordstrom, Pacific Science Center, Port of Seattle, Seattle Aquarium and the Tukwila School District are just a few that will be present. Remember to bring a resume for employers so they can look at your job

qualifications.

More than 30 colleges and universities are scheduled to attend. Four-year colleges and universities from all around the country will have representatives for questions and informational packs available.

A variety of workshops are

being offered, including "How to Choose a College," "Financing Your Education," "How to Write a Winning Resume" and more from 9:30-11 a.m.

The BBQ Lunch will be offered during 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and the cost is only \$3. KUBE 93 will provide music entertain-

ment.

There will be a free tuition drawing up to \$500 for current Highline students to use next Fall Quarter. Entry forms will be available at the college booth for information.

The winner must be present at 12:30 p.m. for the drawing.

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Frantz rocks the house Reggae gets unplugged

By ADAM BISHOP
Staff Reporter

Highline's Sue Frantz, of the Psychology Department, doesn't go to concerts but brings them directly into her home.

A year ago Frantz was living in southern New Mexico.

"In southern New Mexico, in the middle of the desert, there wasn't much in the way of live music. This was a wonderful, informal way to bring live music to the community and to bring the community together," Frantz said.

Frantz and her partner, Verla Peterson, have been hosting house concerts for over five years, averaging eight to 10 a year. The music hosted is usually folk with the occasional blues. Concerts filled with head banging drums and distorted guitars aren't the idea here, these concerts are very relaxed and intimate.

"Folk music crowds aren't known for their rowdiness," Frantz said.

Now concerts are held inside their home in the Renton Highlands area. When concerts are held, artists usually have a 45-60 minute set followed by an intermission, then another 45-60 minute set. The living room concert space is 250 square feet and fits about 32 people. The hardwood floors work well acoustically and rented chairs are positioned comfortably to enjoy the performers.

"All of our performers are professional singer-songwriters; all but a few of them tour nationally," Frantz said.

As of now in their current concert series, there's only been one performer, folk singer Jamie Anderson.

When Frantz moved up here a year ago, she was unsure about hosting another concert series. When one of her favorite performers (Anderson) contacted her about playing a show, Frantz and Peterson talked it over and decided that if they had a good turnout, they would host another series.

"She (Anderson) does a West Coast tour every year, and she was looking for another gig in the Puget Sound area. If we had a good turnout, we'd do a series. We had a good turnout."

Concerts are open to all, but reservations are required. At the Highlands House Concert Series website, information on upcoming concerts is posted along with a page to make reservations, announcements and more details on what this series is all



Sue Frantz

about.

The concert series doesn't profit at all, in fact, it operates at a loss. Frantz pays for chair rental and food. "The performer gets paid through the donations of audience members. We ask for \$10 per person, more if you can, less if you can't," Frantz said.

Not only do the artists get paid, they also get dinner and breakfast after staying the night. Any regular gig in a bar or club wouldn't come with a package like that.

Frantz isn't planning on opening a bar anytime soon. House concerts are very intimate in comparison and listening to the artist is important. At bars and clubs, people come to dance and drink and listening to performers isn't that important.

The next performance in Frantz's series is on Sunday, June 9 at 4 p.m. with entertainment by Elaine Townsend.

Reservations can be made at highlandsmusic.com.

By TIFFANY WORK
Staff Reporter

Upbeat rhythms of reggae music appealed to Highline students and staff as a talented musician took the Building 8 stage.

Clinton Fearon, lead singer of the Boogie Brown Band, performed an acoustic guitar solo act yesterday, May 8, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

"Unplugged makes understanding songs easier," said Fearon.

Perfectly sitting on a stool, one leg tapping against the floor to keep rhythm and the other leg propping up the guitar, Fearon transported the audience to Jamaican beaches as each song told a story of a free-spirited person. The songs had a relaxing and calm rhythm to them that allowed the audience to feel the music.

Chatting with Fearon, you discover the meaning of life again.

Fearon has been associated with reggae his whole life. Growing up in the hills of St. Catherine, Jamaica, he moved to Kingston at age 14.

Hearing music at church, on the radio and from local bands influenced Fearon to be a part of music scene.

He has been a professional musician for 34 years. In Kingston during the '70s he was a prominent bassist and vocalist.

After moving to the Seattle area 13 years ago, he played with the Defenders for five years. He is now the lead singer



Photo by Joe Walker

Clinton Fearon entertains the lunch crowd yesterday.

of the Boogie Brown Band.

Several things inspire him to play: Gospel music, Motown music and observing peoples' behavior and lives.

He has performed all round the world, including Europe, North and South America and Asia. Fearon just got done touring in Brazil.

His upcoming performances include May 11 at the Wild Buffalo in Bellingham and May 18

at the Rainbow in downtown Seattle. Another showcase of his talent will be at the Northwest Folklife Festival May 25 in the Olympic Room at the Seattle Center.

After many years of performing reggae, Fearon still enjoys what he does.

"First and foremost, I love playing music dearly and secondly seeing people enjoying it," Fearon said.


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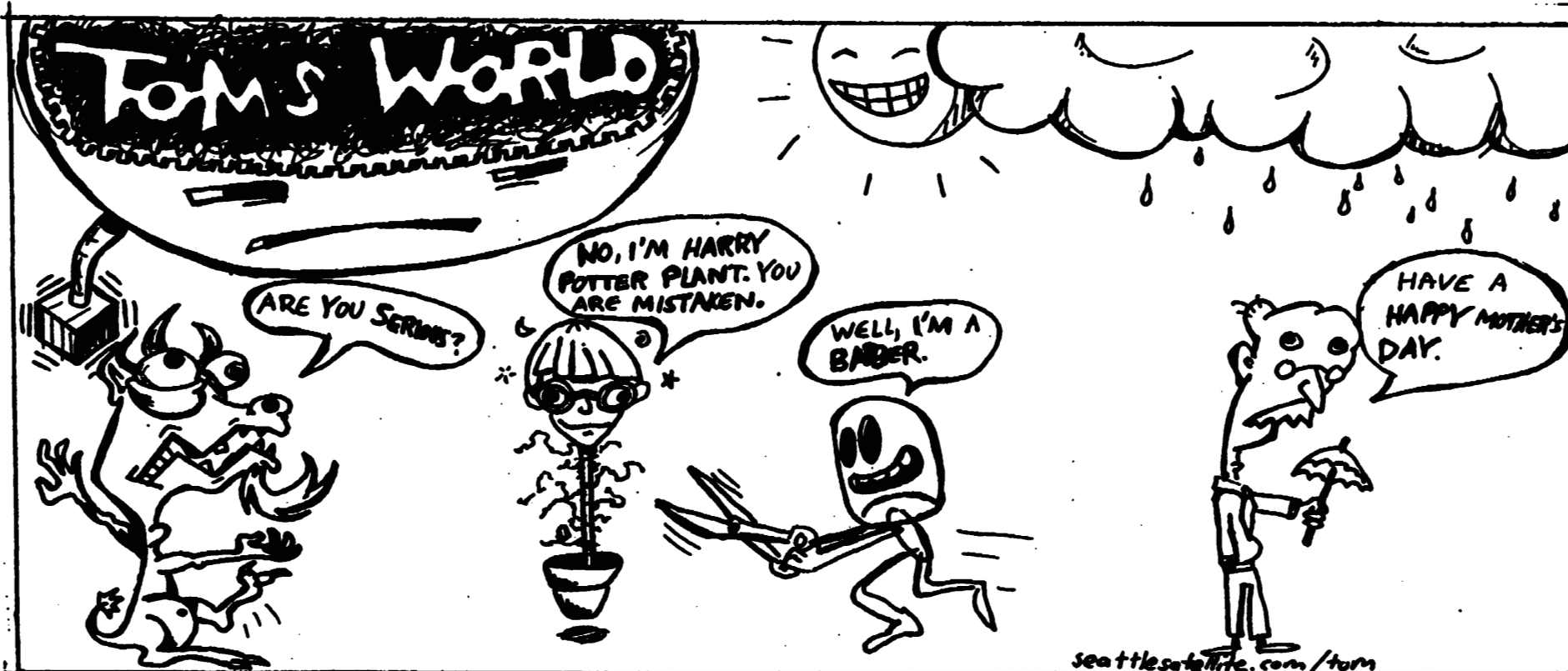
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We are now accepting applications for Team Highline, the college's student leadership and events planning team. Team Highline student leaders are responsible for organizing a variety of social, cultural, educational and recreational events for Highline's diverse population.

For more information or to have an application mailed to you, please call (206) 878-3710, ext. 3904, or e-mail fcapeta@highline.edu or stop by the Student Programs Office in Building 8 <http://www.highline.ctc.edu/stuserv/program>



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Arts Night

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Joshua Monuteaux strummed a guitar that carried out sounds with a late '60s feel. He called his original work *Grundig Majestic*.

Focusing only on the long strings tightly attached to his instrument, he showed a good feeling for the music. Well composed and well played, his sound extended throughout the room.

A graceful harmony arose from the piano as Albina Reznichenko chimed the music of *Mai, Les Nuits de Mai* by Tchaikovsky. Her music brought a warm and fuzzy blanket over the crowd of about 50. While she played, she swayed back and forth like a metronome, possibly her way of keeping time.

Trumpet player Neil Mueller

ended the evening with his performance by tonguing sixteenth notes to the piece *Concert Etude* by A. Goodicke.

"I've been playing for 10 years," Mueller said. He seemed like a professional with his facial expressions and his body movements.

All in all, the event was a success, raising more than \$200 for the Highline Foundation.

Community Band offers free concert

The Highline Community Symphonic Band directed by Ron Hazenberg will have a free concert featuring the songs, *Songs of Sailor and Sea* by Robert Smith and *Sea Songs* by Vaughn Williams.

The concert will be at Normandy Park Cove Building on Sunday, June 9, from 1-4 p.m.

For more information call Tammy Harris at 206-241-4780.

Solution to last week's puzzle

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Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

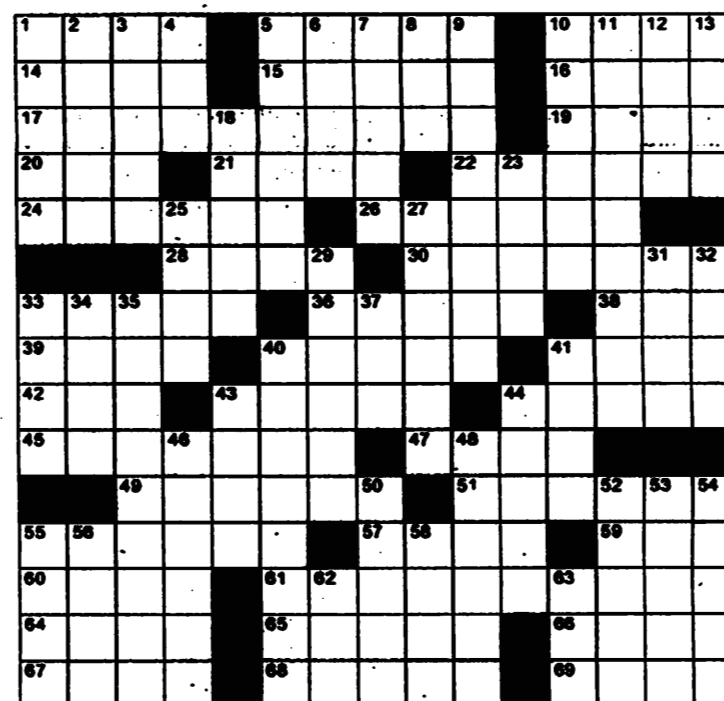
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63 Sphere

Quotable Quote

I have come to the conclusion that politics are too serious a matter to be left to the politicians.

--- Charles De Gaulle

Highline and Edmonds battle for first

BY BRYAN SHARICK
Staff Reporter

Highline (22-2, 23-7) sits atop the NWAACC North Division one game ahead of Edmonds (21-3, 25-11), but that could change since Highline played them yesterday. The results were unavailable at presstime for the game.

The division, as well as Highline's fate in the NWAACC tournament, will be decided this week after those two double headers against Edmonds.

Highline began the week by splitting a pair of games against Green River (20-4, 25-8) by scores of 2-0, Highline winning, and 5-2, Highline losing.

Next, Highline played Bellevue (7-14, 7-18) and won both games in the final innings by scores of 4-1 and 4-0.

Then Highline swept Olympic (17-8, 21-14) in the double-header with the football-like scores of 12-11 and 12-9.

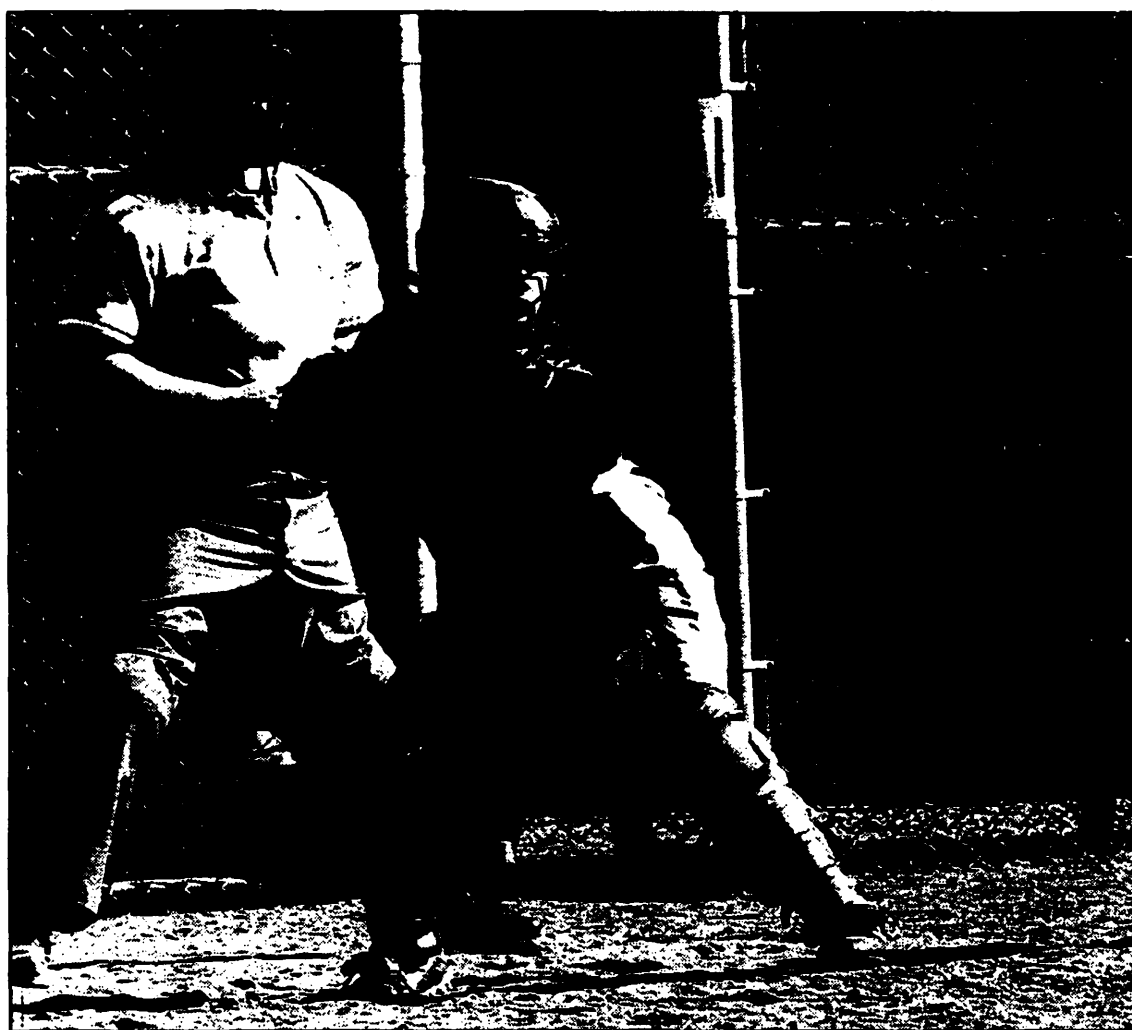
Highline then pounded Shoreline (3-22, 3-28) by two touchdowns and a couple two-point conversions, 16-0, in the first game. Shoreline then tried to save face the second game, but still lost 9-3.

Against the Green River Gators, Highline played two tough games, said Head Coach Kirstin Jensen.

Highline won the first game 2-0 with the Lady T-Birds accumulating seven hits and the Gators getting five. Teren Edgecomb picked up the victory for Highline.

"We did everything right. We had key hits and key plays," said Jensen.

In the second game, the Lady Gators came back and beat Highline 5-2. Green River scattered nine hits and Highline could only manage four.



Christi McVey gets ready to throw out a runner trying to steal in a game last week.

Photo by Joe Walker

Edgecomb ended up getting the loss for Highline. The Lady T-Birds also made two errors in the game.

Coach Jensen said that Highline can't let up on any team right now because they're all fighting for the four NWAACC playoff spots.

The first game against the Bellevue Helmswomen was close until the fourth inning. Bellevue actually had the lead 1-0, but Highline scored four runs in the fourth to gain the lead and eventually win the game.

Jensen said that Highline had

a tough time early on in the game because their bats weren't working early on.

"Hitting makes all the difference in the world," said Jensen.

Jessica Dean was 1 for 3 with a double and 1 RBI.

Lisa Crater got the win for the Lady T-Birds. She gave up one run, four hits and struck out two.

The second game against the Helmswomen was scoreless until Highline exploded for four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. The majority of the offense came from third baseman Selina Gatz, who pounded a

base-clearing three-RBI triple over the centerfielder's head to give the T-Birds the lead. Gatz was 2 for 3 in the game with a double and the triple.

In the complete game shutout victory, Edgecomb gave up seven hits and struck out 12.

Next Highline faced off against the Olympic Rangers (17-8, 21-14) and beat them 12-11 in eight innings. Olympic also had seven errors this game.

Edgecomb got the victory for Highline. DD Richardson had a big game, going 4 for 5 at the plate.

In the second game Highline

was victorious again 12-9. Highline and Olympic combined for 60 hits in the double-header.

Edgecomb got yet another victory for Highline. Tara Jansson had an in-the-park homerun for the Lady T-Birds and she was also 4 for 4. Highline's Wendy Janway was also 4 for 5 in the game.

In the first game against the Shoreline Dolphins, Highline had a bunch of help to score their 16 runs as the Dolphins made 12 errors. Highline only had five hits in the game.

Edgecomb got the victory and held Shoreline to only one hit.

With the victory Edgecombs overall record is 14-4 and her ERA as of April 30 was 2.48.

Jansson also had a home run for the Lady T-Birds.

In the second game, the Dolphins played a little better defense and only made four errors but still lost 9-3. Highline had seven hits and Shoreline only had three.

Crater got the victory for the Lady T-Birds and this raised her overall record to 9-3. Her ERA as of April 30 was 2.81.

The next game for Highline is today at Peninsula with the first pitch being thrown at 2 p.m.

After that, Highline is at home on Friday, May 10 against Everett with the doubleheader beginning at 2 p.m.

Finally, to end the week and the regular season, Highline plays at home against Edmonds on Saturday, May 11 in a game that could decide who will be the No. 1 team in the North Division. The first pitch is scheduled for 2 p.m.

The NWAACC championships for fastpitch are May 17-19 in Portland.

Palermo paces Highline as T-Birds finish second

BY ADRIENNE HUGHES
Staff Reporter

Highline's Olivia Palermo won three events, leading the women's track team to second place at the Roy Burns Invite at Clark College in Vancouver, Wash. last Saturday.

Clark College took first place with a score of 192. Highline placed second with 67 points. Treasure Valley finished third with 48. Southwest Oregon finished last with 35 points.

Palermo ran the 800-meter dash in 2:23.94, which was also her second school record. Palermo's other record is in the 400-meter.

Palermo also zipped through the 200-meter in 26.2 and the 100-meter in 12.3. She is fifth overall in the league, and is second in the 100-meter and 200-meter in the school's history.

"I did much better than I thought I was going to in the 800-meter," Palermo said. "I might run in the 800-meter at

NWAACC, but I am going to run in the 400-meter for sure."

"Olivia did a great job," Yates said. "She looked really good."

Daryllyn Harris placed second in all the events she ran in. Harris sped through the 200-meter in 27.4. She zipped through the 100-meter in 12.9.

Kharmyn Williams finished in second place in the shot put, throwing 36'10.5". Williams also placed second in the discus, throwing 129'8". Finally, Will-

iams threw 107'9" placing third in the hammer.

"I did all right. I'm second in discus and shot put, and in the top 10 in the hammer," Williams said. "I'm hoping to throw in the discus and shot put at NWAACC."

Wogahata Haile ran in the 3,000-meter, finishing fourth with a time of 11:35.1, which is her season best. Hiale also qualified for the NWAACC championships with the time.

"Us four did pretty good,"

Palermo said.

"It was a competitive, but a low-key kind of meet which was good because we have a big meet coming up," Yates said. "We're all going to the Seattle Pacific University."

The Lady T-Birds will be competing at SPU Ken Foreman Invitational at the Husky Stadium next Saturday, May 11 at 9 a.m. It will be the final meet for Highline before the NWAACC championships on May 23-24 at Mt. Hood.

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Sports

Men's track finishes second at Clark

T-Birds feel no pressure at 'small meet' as they prepare for SPU Invite

By JOSH LEWIS
Staff Reporter

Highline's men's track team finished second last Saturday at the Roy Burns Invitational at Clark Community College in Vancouver, Wash.

Clark finished first with 194 points followed by Highline with 125 points. Southwestern Oregon placed third with 94 points and Treasure Valley ended the day with 67 points for fourth place.

Leading Highline on the track was sprinter Richard Ellison who finished second in the 100 meters in 10.7 and first in the 200.

"Those were big season PR's (personal records) for him," said Head Coach Robert Yates.

Ellison's time of 22.0 in the 200-meter qualified him for the NWAACC championships beginning May 23.

"I did pretty good but I could've done better had the track not been in such bad shape," said Ellison earlier this week.

Sprinter Omari Gildon led Ellison in the 100 and claimed first in 10.6, then followed him through the 200 to finish third in 22.4.



Photo by Joe Walker

Reggie Reguindan qualified for the NWAACC championships in the 400-meter hurdles this past week. His time of 56.6 was a season-best.

"I ran the fastest I've ever ran this weekend and I'm still getting faster," said Gildon at practice Monday.

Along with the record setters

for the day, Loyal Allen finished first in the 400-meter dash with a time of 50.9.

"I set a new season best with that time and I'm going to do it

again this weekend at the UW meet," said Allen.

Reggie Reguindan set a new season best in the 400-meter hurdles in 56.6.

"I did all right," Reguindan said "it was a small meet with a low pressure level. It's good to have those small meets sometimes the ones that you enjoy, but we have a big meet at UW, this weekend with good competition."

Reguindan's time in the 400-meter hurdles qualified him for the NWAACC championships in Oregon at the end of the month.

Highline's 4x100-meter relay team (currently third in NWAACC standings) finished first with a time of 42.5.

The 4x400-meter relay team (currently first in NWAACC standings) finished third for the day in 3:26.0.

Highline's leading hurdler, Jerishon Foyston, (currently third in NWAACC standings for the 110-meter hurdles, and first in the 400-meter hurdles) decided to take it light last weekend and only participated in the 200-meter dash after he bruised his ankle last week during practice.

"I'm still looking forward to the NWAACC championships that's why I took it easy on my ankle," said Foyston who was walking around campus with a cane last week.

In the field events, Nathan Carter took second for the first time this season in the shot put with a throw of 46' 1.5".

Coach Yates said this was to be expected after they boosted Carter's training routine. Carter also finished fifth in the discus, throwing 125' 10".

Argo jumps into records

By JOSH LEWIS
Staff Reporter

Highline's Gunner Argo of the men's track team placed fourth overall with 6,052 points at the NWAACC decathlon championships held April 29-30 at Lane Community College in Oregon.

"I'm not very happy with this years results," said Argo "I made a few mistakes that I let bother me mentally, but it was a learning experience that will help me improve."

This was Argo's first year competing at the college level, and his final score put him fifth in the school's all-time records.

Argo says next year he's looking to improve in the events that he struggled through this year, and feels confident that he



Gunner Argo

will do well.

"It's really a tough event to get down," said Head Coach Robert Yates. "A fourth place finish is really a great accomplishment in this event, and even better for a first year competitor up against third-year veterans."


The decathlon, consisting of ten events, the 100-meter dash,

400-meter dash, long jump, high jump, shot put, discus, javelin, pole vault, 110-meter hurdles and the 1,500-meter run, is by far the most difficult event to compete in.

Along with competing in the decathlon Argo also competed and placed in regular season events, as well as qualifying for the season NWAACC championships for the discus.

This season Argo set four season-best records, finishing the 100-meter dash in 11.48, jumping 20' 7" in the long jump, throwing 43.7' in the shot put and 149.1' in the discus.

Argo's fourth place finish with 5,428 points at the Linfield Decathlon March 25-26 placed him third in the NWAACC standings going into the championships.



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Skinner says open doors can be 'golden'

By SEAN MCFARLANE
Staff Reporter

From a high school dropout to a full-time position at a legitimate corporation, Deidre Skinner has turned her life completely around. Skinner spoke of how doors opened for her at the Honors Colloquy on May 8.

"At age 15, I decided that I didn't need my parents anymore," Skinner said. Moving away, Skinner hadn't any food or shelter. She got jobs by lying about her age and moved in with 18-21 year olds. While living with them, Skinner realized that she had no control over her environment. She became dependent upon her roommates, so much that if they couldn't pay rent, she would be without a home.

"There were times where I literally begged for food," said Skinner. She bounced around



Photo by Takeshi Kojima

Skinner talks about working hard to achieve your goals.

many apartments, uncertain of when she would move again. Her goal when moving away was to be independent.

One of the many fast food jobs Skinner had was at Ivar's in the Southcenter Mall. Regular customers would come of-

ten, two of whom stuck out. These two gentlemen came about four times a month to eat and talk with Skinner.

About four to five months later, the conversation with these men shifted to a more serious tone. Questions like, "what are you going to do after Ivar's?" got Skinner thinking about her future. She went to Green River Community College and received a GED.

Three months of serious conversations ensued until one day, where the younger of the two men came and offered her a job at Fatigue Technologies, a business located near the mall. He claimed that he was the executive vice president and the older one was the president. Ecstatic to get a work schedule, Skinner became a receiving clerk for F.T.I.

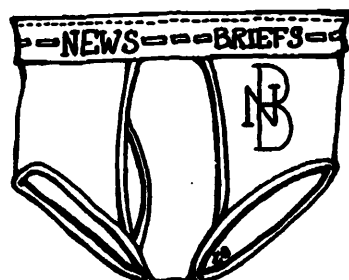
While delivering mail to employees within the building, Skinner observed their work. "I could do what they do," Skinner

said. This led her to Highline.

Skinner took speech classes and liked them enough to emphasize her AA degree in speech. The goal was to at least get an AA degree.

"Professors would say things that they saw in me that I didn't know existed," Skinner said. She decided to go one step further and get a four-year degree at the University of Washington. Planning to graduate in June, Skinner will be the first of her family with a four-year degree.

Skinner offered suggestions to students on how doors can open for them. Volunteering at organizations or in neighborhood concerns can be helpful. Besides looking good on resumes, volunteering as well as tutoring allows you to establish networks with other people. The likelihood of other golden opportunities to happen increase when doors are opened, Skinner said.



Sex matters to Jay

Everything you ever wanted to know about sex is coming to Highline.

Jay Friedman, an internationally known "sexpert" will be presenting his lecture "Sex Matters" that teaches and entertains students on important and timely sexual issues.

Team Highline is sponsoring the event which will be presented at 10 a.m. in Building 8, on Wednesday, May 15.

"People call me a sexual provocateur," Friedman said in his press release. "My perfor-

mance is at times personal, philosophical, political and prophetic. The storytelling, the cultural observations and the predictions, they're all relevant to the students."

Friedman covers such issues as the difference between love and lust, how to make condoms feel oh so much better and the effects of "love potions."

Students running for government

The following students are running for positions in Student Government: Stefan Alano, Jessie Baguley, David Brod, DJ Taylor, Ileen D. Krow, Carlos

Calvo, LaDonna Spatari, Patrick Allcorn and Amy Cree.

Alano is running unopposed for president; Baguley is competing with Brod for vice president of administration; Taylor is running unopposed for vice president of legislation; Krow and Calvo are vying for the treasurer/club diplomat position; Spatari, Allcorn and Cree are competing for two open senatorial positions.

The candidates will discuss their goals at a forum on May 14, at 2 p.m., in Building 7. Then the candidates will have an opportunity to show off their personalities in the Candidates Fun Show on May 16, at noon, on the upper floor of

Building 8.

Elections will be held on May 22 and 23.

Des Moines yacht club to celebrate

The Des Moines Yacht Club will celebrate the South Sound Opening Saturday and Sunday, May 11 and 12. The club grounds, located at the south end of the Des Moines Marina, will be open to visitors. The festivities will begin at noon on Saturday.

The fun will include a host of events. A 41-foot Coast Guard cutter will be at the dock and open to visitors. There will be antique car and race boat dis-

plays and a free light buffet, followed by the flag raising ceremony at 4 p.m.

Past Commodores will be honored as well as visiting Commodores from other clubs. The guest speaker will be Don Wasson, Mayor of Des Moines. A '50s theme will allow you to Be-bop-til-you-drop at the sock hop.

Reservations are requested for a \$15 soda fountain dinner that starts at 6 p.m. There will also be great door prizes.

On Mother's Day you can take mom to an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. until noon. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children under 12-years-old.

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May 9, 2002

Students share their successes

By ANDREW PINNELL
Staff Reporter

Vinh Tran didn't want to go to college in the first place. Yet now he is graduated from Highline and is currently studying at the UW to become a grade school teacher.

This was just one of the stories that was shared last Thursday at the Student Success forum held in the Library. Nine students shared stories of what it was like coming from high school to college and the obstacles that they had to overcome.

Tran had a bad experience with high school because of his poor work habits.

"High school was really tough for me because I slacked off," Tran said. "I almost didn't graduate."

Keeping his high school years in mind, he had doubts about going to college.

"I came close to not going to college at all," Tran said.

However, a good friend changed that all around for him.

"She filled out all my paper work for me," Tran said, pointing to Jennifer Mallari. "All I had to do was sign it."

At first Tran's parents wanted him to become a doctor or a



Photo by Takeshi Kojima

Vinh Tran talks about hard times in high school.

priest, but he tried the medical field and it didn't work out the way that he wanted it to.

So he tried other things as well.

"I liked Highline because I was able to explore different fields," Tran said.

Another former student, Avory Meling, also had a tough start.

"I didn't get the best grades in high school," Meling said.

Meling still went on to college, but it didn't last.

"I stopped going to college

because I didn't think I needed to be there," Meling said.

After being in the working world for a while, he returned to college, feeling that it was the only way to really succeed in life.

"If it wasn't for Highline I wouldn't know where I would be. I'm glad that I don't have to find out," said Meling.

Errol Gutierrez came all the way from California to share his story.

When Gutierrez was 17, he and his family came from the

Philippines to visit America.

As they came close to their time to return to the Philippines, Gutierrez's mother made him make a decision that would change his life forever.

He could return to the Philippines with his family or to stay in America and go to college.

Given three days to decide, Gutierrez chose to stay and attend Highline.

"If I would have stayed in the Philippines, I would be depending on my parents for the rest of my life," Gutierrez said.

Now that he has graduated from Highline, he is currently working for a major corporation in California, is married and has a son.

"Success is not cars, boats and houses," Gutierrez said. "The real example of success is doing what you dream."

Linda Heil, who is currently attending Highline and expects

to graduate after this quarter, came back to college while in her 50s.

"After raising a family, I didn't feel that my life turned out the way I wanted," Heil said.

She was afraid to return to school after so many years.

Heil wanted to go to class and leave without any contact with fellow student; she just didn't want to be noticed.

On many occasions she wanted to drop out, but her sons came to her side to encourage her to go on.

"One day at a time," her sons would tell her.

Now that she is on her way to graduate, she reflects on her college experience.

"The greatest thing about this place (Highline), was the teachers," Heil said. "They are dedicated and treated everyone equal. They are awesome."

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Cheap plants now for sale

By BRYAN SHARICK
Staff Reporter

Great deals on plants will be sprouting around the greenhouse for all those green thumbs on campus.

Plants will be sold on Friday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to noon, or until the plants are gone. Biology professor Gerry Barclay coordinated this event, which will take place in front of the greenhouse on the sidewalk.



"This is a Barclay fun thing to do and everybody always seems to be happy with their plants," said Barclay.

The plants included in the sale will be pumpkin, squash, tomato, basil, sunflowers, artichokes and many more.

"There is a pretty good variety," said Barclay.

The plants will be sold for anywhere from 50 cents, for small pots, to \$1, for larger pots.

"We just want to make the money back to break even on the pots, seeds and soil," said Barclay.

Barclay also said that some of the money will go into the greenhouse fund, which is money for when the greenhouse breaks down.

Barclay did not do this project on his own. He had some help from his Biology 119 class, which he said grew about two-thirds of the plants as a class activity.

"This was a great experience for the students to grow plants and take care of them. They really took pride in the plants," said Barclay.

Barclay also said he had help

from Jaimee Jones, a student, who grew about a third of the plants. Jones was also in the Biology 119 class.

Barclay said he is also getting a lot of help with selling the plants today from Sabine Slowik, who works in the Faculty Resource Center.

"We do have some plants that aren't ready to be sold, so there might be a second sale the week before finals," Barclay said.

Des Moines to honor fallen officers today

By DANNY BERGMAN
Staff Reporter

Des Moines will hold a ceremony to honor fallen police officers today.

The ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. in the memorial gardens in front of the Police Department.

Congress recently designated Police Week, which will annually honor all of the fallen officers in the country.

The week will take place May 12-15, including Police Memorial Day which will fall in the middle of the week, on the

15th.

The subject was brought up by Des Moines Police Chief Don Obermiller. He presented the week to the council with compassion and pride.

"Every 57 hours, a police officer is killed in the line of duty," said Obermiller at last week's City Council meeting.

Last year Des Moines suffered the loss of officer Steven Underwood, who was killed while trying to question a suspect on Pacific Highway South.

After Obermiller's speech the council unanimously agreed to approve the proposed obser-

vance.

In other business, the city is continuing the search for a new finance director to take Scott McCarty's place.

McCarty left to fill the finance director position in Puyallup.

As temporary help, David Scott from Enumclaw will be filling as finance director for the next three to five months.

When accepting the job, Scott made it clear that he is only here temporarily.

Former Finance Director Scott McCarty's last day will be May 17.



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Smith Brothers provides quality

By SAMANTHA VAIL
Staff Reporter

Smith Brothers Dairy has been producing, processing and distributing milk since 1925, and have managed to keep the business going through changing times.

Smith Brothers Dairy was founded by Benjamin F. Smith, starting out with a few cows and regular customers. Now Smith Brothers Dairy is one of the largest dairies in the west with 32,000 cows and annual sales of \$21 million.

The original farm in Kent has barns full of hay and a large gravel lot where the private distributors' trucks are parked. The trucks have a friendly '50s feel to them and the truck drivers dress the part.

"We haven't always been successful. It hasn't been easy but it's been important to the family. We've tried to look ahead to the times. But mainly

the love of the business and the family keeps it going," said Alexis Koester, company president and granddaughter of the founder.

The dairy is now led by the third generation and four rising members from the fourth generation within the Smith family.

Smith Brothers Dairy has another dairy and lot where they raise their cows in Royal City, Wa. The milk is then processed and distributed from the Kent dairy.

Expansion is now the plan since the dairy has more land to raise more cows, said Koester.

Along with the distribution of milk, Smith Brothers Dairy purchases and distributes other products: Tully's coffee, creamers, juice, cheeses, butter, margarine, cream cheese, cottage cheese, cookie dough, ice

cream, Popsicles, ice cream bars, yogurt, eggs, laundry soap, soy and rice milk.

Al Smith, nephew of original owner, started driving a truck for Smith Brothers Dairy in 1950, at age 18. He has now been retired for 10 years.

Smith said Smith Brothers Dairy is a stronger business than ever and that owning a delivery route is a very profitable business in itself.

"Our dairy is one of the only dairies that stayed in home delivery," he said.

Every day starts out with the driver heading to the dairy where his truck is already loaded with the orders of milk. The deliveryman leaves the milk in the insulated milk boxes, where customers leave their orders. Customers are charged just like a newspaper service or Internet service; the milk delivery does not end until the customer requests an end to the service.

Smith Brothers Dairy is successful because their milk is fresher than grocery stores' and the prices are comparable, said Smith.

"I love that it's fresher. I'm supporting the local economy, I don't have to get into my car and drive and I love their sour cream," said a customer.



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Math

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Terry Meerdink, coordinator of Math Department.

The department wants to save students money and time

on classes they don't need to take.

"With transcripts you will receive an access code to get into the next or equal level class," said Meerdink. You are placed in a class depending on the last completed class you took and the grade you received.

A committee within the Math

Department addressed the issue after finding too much misplacing and wasted time for students in math and some science courses that use math.

"There are no plans to entirely get rid of the Compass test. It works very well for placing students above the 100 level," said Meerdink.

Math Professor Allen Walton is now working on a new test for Highline's placement in 81, 91 and 97 levels, but the department wants to get around everyone taking a test.

"The Compass test is... doing what we tell it to, but unfortunately the content is not what we need. We need it to ask dif-

ferent questions," said math professor Helen Burn.

The best way for students to find which math level they should place into is to work one-on-one with someone on the math faculty.

"The content of the test does not match the content of the classes," said Burn.

Building

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placing the one in Building 6, multiple conference rooms and an Internet café.

"We are trying to educate students (on the new building). We are asking students to have a vision for the future," said Student Senator Stefan Alano.

The current Student Center is 17,000 square feet and can fit 250 students in the dining area. The new Student Center will be 40,000 square feet and fit 500 students in the dining area.

The new center will also allow easy access from one side of the campus to the other, said Alec Holser, the lead architect.

On the lower level, three different cooking areas will be provided along with a dining area that will have two stages for concerts or speakers. This area can be used to stage a large event, said Holser.

The middle level will open to a new plaza behind the building and will feature the bookstore, a recreational lounge and space for a coffee bar.

The second floor also opens to an upper view of the stages in the dining area so students can look over the ledge to see musi-

cians or speakers.

The top level will house a lounge area that looks out over the campus, Student Programs offices such as Team Highline and Student Government, and conference rooms.

The nice thing about the conference rooms is that they can fit 12 to 70 people, said Holser.

More forums are expected in the upcoming weeks where people can voice their questions and concerns for the new building.

The all-campus forum will be hosted by Alano and treasurer/clubs diplomat Dan Fortin on May 20 at 11 a.m. upstairs in Building 8.

Graduate

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mean you can't walk in the ceremony, but it will just make things harder on you and the staff organizing graduation.

"We're going to send an invitation to everyone who has applied for graduation, but the biggest problem we have is people who don't reply to the invitation," Jordan said. "Then they come in to get their caps and gowns, and their name isn't on the list."

Attending the ceremony is

free, but due to fire department regulations, each person is limited to four tickets. In the past, the bookstore has managed a ticket exchange for those who might need more.

Jordan urges students not to ditch graduation. "It's a really nice ceremony with a reception afterwards, including punch and cookies. The president and faculty will be there so you can introduce your family."

Commencement exercises will be on Thursday, June 13 in the Pavilion at 7:30 p.m. Caps, gowns, tickets, instructions and announcements will be available in the bookstore on May 28 for those who have replied only.

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