Aria of hope
Music student survives bout with cancer

By Samantha Van
Staff Reporter

Kelly Brown wanted you to know about her cancer. She does not wish people to be afraid to speak about it.

"If you see someone with cancer, ask them about it and see how they are doing," she said.

Brown has cancer, but she does not let it hold her back from her activities. So many people say they are afraid of cancer, but she does not see anything. She said.

Brown is known for her musical achievements at Highline and can be seen on campus with a colorful scarf covering her head to conceal her short hair, which is growing back.

I'm wondering if people are too enthusiastic to say anything to someone with cancer," Brown said.

Brown was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma at age 15, Dec. 3, 2001, and has continued to stay in school while on going chemotherapy and radiation.

Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma is a rare form of cancer which affects young adults between the ages of 15 to 24. In Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, cells in the lymph system grow abnormally and invade nearby tissues.

Kelly Brown has come a long way since she was first diagnosed with cancer.

No butts about it Highline, the huts are on hold for a while

By Ian Berman
Staff Reporter

Despite a 10-year struggle, Highline's smoking issue continues to be a problem on campus.

"I have seen butts on the ground all over campus," Berman said.

I'm glad to see that the huts are on hold for a while," Berman said.

Student Center vote is coming

BY THUNDERWORD STAFF

Many students say they will vote against a tax to build a new Student Center on campus. Students have been paying a $2.30 per credit fee (up to 13 credits) to help pay for the proposed facility.

The new fee proposed, however, students can vote on May 23. The fee will help pay for the $15 million dollar Student Center.

"It helps us to get a new building," said student Shelly Davis.

"The new Student Center will be 42,000 square feet and has many more vending machines, replacing the current three vending machines in the old Student Center," Davis said.

"I'm glad to see that the huts are on hold for a while," Berman said.
Crime Blotter
for May 9-May 16

Man harasses student

A female Highline student reported to security that a man was harassing her. On May 10 the man followed her from Building 11 to Building 6, repeatedly calling her a "f*cking bitch." The woman explained to security that she and the man work at the Tukwila Petsmart together and there was an incident in the parking lot between the two earlier that day.

Skaters film on campus

Three aspiring young filmmakers were caught skateboarding on campus on May 11. The teenage boys were attempting to video each other performing various feats on their skateboards. The boys were asked to leave campus and, lugging skateboards and camera gear, they did.

Unruly skaters at Highline

More skaters were found on campus on May 12. Four males were found on the west side of the greenhouse, security asked them to leave. They were found again later in the parking lot skateboarding, and were asked to leave but refused and became belligerent. Eventually all four left.

Accident in south parking lot

An accident occurred between two Highline students in the south parking lot. An uncoupled Nissan truck was hit by a white Oldsmobile on May 9. The driver of the Oldsmobile had no license, only a learner's permit. The case was turned over to the Des Moines police.

Compiled by Jessica Flach

The Thunderword
May 16, 2002

Skinner builds at Seminar

BY SARAH LARSON
Staff Reporter

You don't have to be Bill Gates to know how to build a computer.

"Anyone can build a personal computer as long as they follow a few safety rules and the manual," said Dee Skinner, Computer Information Systems Networking instructor and speaker of the May 10 Science Seminar.

Skinner began her presentation by explaining to the audience how personal computers got their start.

"In 1969 Honeywell released the H1016 kitchen computer for $10,000," Skinner said.

Even back in 1975, building your own computer was possible. Computer brand Altair was offering the "Altair 8800 computer for $397 in kit form and $439 assembled," Skinner said.

The year 1975 proved to be one of advancement for the computers. "Gates and Paul Allen introduced versions of BASIC and MITS for the Altair computer," Skinner said. The first retail computer store in the U.S., "The Computer Store," opened the same year.

Choosing between a pre-built computer and a kit became a decision for consumers.

Buying a kit did not necessarily mean saving large sums of money. "The overall price really depends on how much you know and how much you break in the mean time," Skinner said.

A positive aspect to building your own computer was that, "you as the consumer would, "Know your own computer when you were done with it," Skinner said.

A package of three issues from Winter Quarter 2001 tied with a package of three issues from Fall Quarter 2001. Evan Keck was editor of the winter papers and Bryan Sharick was editor of the fall editions.

"A well-written, nicely laid out newspaper that does a good job of covering the community," said the anonymous judge of the Thunderword. The Pioneer of Pierce College won third place; no award was given for second.

The awards were announced last Saturday night at the Society of Professional Journalists annual banquet at the SeaTac Doubletree Hotel.

Two different editions of the Thunderword, Highline's student newspaper, tied for first in the Society of Professional Journalists annual contest for general excellence for community college newspapers.

Scholarship offered

The University of Washington is offering a scholarship to community college students of outstanding achievement to complete their baccalaureate degrees. The Martin Family Foundation Honors Scholarship rewards students with $15,000, which pays for tuition and books at UW's Seattle campus. Applicants should demonstrate a strong record of community involvement and are expected to be committed to future studies. Running Start students are eligible if they intend to transfer to UW-Seattle. For more information please contact Siew Lai Lilley, at the Transfer Center or call at 206-687-3710 ext. 1956.

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Candidates get ready for election

By JEREMY EDWARDS Staff Reporter

Nine candidates are running for six open positions for next year’s Student Government. The elections will take place May 22-23, with voting available online and via kiosks in Building 8.

Three of the races are contested: two student senator positions, and vice president of administration.

Stefan Alano
President

Stefan Alano currently serves Student Government as a senator.

“My knowledge of the inner workings of Student Government will allow me to provide leadership to the other members who are elected,” Alano said.

Alano’s goal is to “help students get more involved in all aspects of college, whether it be through clubs, community activities or any of the other programs Highline offers.”

Alano was in the U.S. Army before coming to Highline, and said he held several leadership positions there.

“My time in the military significantly enhanced my ability to manage a team and ensure a task is completed,” Alano said.

Alano is running unopposed for this position. He has a 4.0 GPA and plans to major in business.

Jesse Bagaley
Vice President of Administration

Jesse Bagaley’s sign says “vote for the cowboy.” Pinning Bagaley is often seen around campus sporting a cowboy hat.

“...when I want something achieved, I keep pushing until something gets done,” Bagaley said.

Bagaley said he is vice president of administration, Bagaley will also sit on the Tenure Committee.

“I want to have good teachers that are fun and experienced in their major,” Bagaley said.

During his senior in high school, he was student body president and also class president of marketing (DECA).

“While I was ASB president, I put five new clubs together, athletics got a raise in the budget for new equipment and a new parking lot was built in the 2001-2002 school year,” Bagaley said.

Bagaley has a 3.2 GPA and plans to get a major in education and a minor in mathematics.

David Brod
Vice President of Administration

David Brod wants to be vice president of administration because, in his words: “I would like the chance to involve myself in a role to the extent in which I have more responsibility and [am] recognized with the same respect as a senator.”

Brod wants to see the cafeteria’s hours extended to an earlier time, more student awareness regarding the voices on the new Student Center, and classes which are only offered during particular quarters of the year extended, so that they would be available to take any time of the year.

Brod previously was a salesman. In that job, Brod said he “experienced a lot of group and one-on-one negotiation, which greatly enhanced my ability to effectively and productively communicate with others.”

“Also, being in business, I was in a hierarchy of command much similar to the one found in Student Government.”

“My good sense of humor and my ability to make fun of myself always is good at easing tension,” Brod added.

Brod is not certain what his GPA is, but said it is “lower than I’d like.” He wants to go into the field of economics.

DJ Taylor
Vice President of Legislation

DJ Taylor is the only candidate running for re-election (for the same office). He has held the vice president position for a year.

“I feel that I can build upon what I have done and continue and represent the student body well and effectively,” Taylor said. “I am a ‘people person’ and I have no problem going out on a limb for a cause I believe in.”

Taylor said he loves Highline and is proud of the diversity on campus.

“I also believe very strongly in student representation,” Taylor said.

Taylor would like to see more students involved and concerned with their representation.

Taylor is running unopposed for this position. He has a 3.3 GPA and plans to major in political science and drama.

I eena D Krow
Treasurer/Club Diplomat

“Ieena D Krow tries to live by ‘a statement once made by Gandhi: ‘You must be the change you wish to see in the world.’”

Krow plans to encourage the formation of new clubs and boost the numbers of existing ones.

She also wants to see Student Government spend less time in their office and more time “getting out and talking to people.”

“I really care about people, their feelings, attitudes, and input are all important to me, whether I agree or disagree with them,” Krow said. “…I want to represent everyone, not just the ‘star players.’ Everyone deserves a chance to shine.”

Krow spent two summers volunteering at the Swedish Medical Center, and has attended Highline for eight quarters in a row (since Summer 2000).

Krow has a 3.2 GPA and is undecided on her major.

Carlos Calvo
Treasurer/Club Diplomat

Carlos Calvo said he would be honored to serve Highline students.

“When I ran for senator last fall, I was asked to outline my plans for campus if enough students asked me, I would fight for it, even though I am a smoker myself,” he said.

Carlos Calvo wants to see a more socially active campus.

“Last week, I walked through a huge gathering of students playing Frisbee,” Calvo said. “I want more of that. I want pride to float through the air here because the cause the students enjoy being here. I believe that when the entire school experience becomes enjoyable, a student gets more out of their education.”

Calvo was the treasurer for the Asian Pacific Islanders Club last year, and has been involved in the Drama Department for the past two years.

Calvo said his GPA is in “the low threes.” He plans to major in computer science or drama.

LaDonna Spatari
Student Senator

LaDonna Spatari said she wanted to “have a chance to be more involved with decisions being made that directly affect the students here at Highline, as well as the faculty.”

Spatari has a strong opinion regarding decision-making...

“I am very open-minded and willing to listen to anyone who has a strong opinion regarding an issue,” she said.

Spatari brings with her experience from working on numerous presentations and school projects. Determination, dedication, and follow-through are all abilities that Spatari believes add to her leadership potential.

Spatari has a 3.8 GPA and plans to major in P.E. or exercise science.

Patrick Allan
Senior Senator

Patrick Allan said that over the last couple years he became interested in the way the school is managed.

“I feel that I can contribute to what I have done and represent the student body well and effectively,” Allan said. “I am a ‘people person’ and I have no problem going out on a limb for a cause I believe in.”

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Amy Cree
Senior Senator

Amy Cree describes herself as “a typical college student with a job and expenses.” In this aspect, Cree believes she can relate to many of Highline’s students.

“I want to help students who feel lost at Highline, like I did my first quarter,” Cree said.

Cree would like to see more students getting involved and participating in activities. “I want to see more spirit,” she said.

Also, “more support and recognition needs to be given to students…”

Cree believes she will be a good representative of students because “after attending for three quarters, I have had time to see what seems to be working for the students, and what also does not.”

Cree has dealt with student participation and event planning before, as a part of her high school leadership class. Also in high school, she was captain of her drill team and dance team. In addition, Cree once attended a three-day officer camp for the United Spirit Association.

Cree has a 3.25 GPA and is leaning towards communications for a major.

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Vote no on fees

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As many people have previously agreed upon, the only reason why the majority of students take higher math classes is that they can fulfill graduation requirements. They cram and learn to solve functions the night before a test, but can they do it without basic formulas, or within the next month for that matter? Sure, it's easy to plug in the numbers in, but who really cares about real life applications?

There are only a handful of students who really plan on pursuing a major that involves using the things taught in higher math courses, taught throughout high school and college. What's the point?

I have suffered through my fair share of math classes and plan on taking more, but merely so that it will look good on my transcript for applying to a four-year university. I highly doubt that I will use anything more than basic arithmetic after I graduate from my schooling—unless helping your children with their math homework counts for anything, but then, who cares? So, until anyone can solve the equation of my life plus higher math courses, I will continue to feel that math classes avail to nothing have an immediate impact on my future.

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Algebra does help.

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A new exhibit displays student work in the Library

BY EMILY FISH
Staff Reporter

Highline's Fourth Floor Gallery hosts the annual Student Art Exhibition from May 13 through June 8 featuring all student art and projects.

"It's all student art, and art done this year," said Highline art director Jim Gardiner. "It was juried by each instructor in their respective areas."

The sculpture and design pieces as well as the photography were juried by Gardiner.

Bobb Stahl also helped jury photography, and Nancy Morrow and Misha Van De Veire both juried the drawing selections. "We've got a good show this year," said Gardiner. "I think the drawing is strong and the sculptured pieces are really strong this year."

The art displayed ranges from photography and acrylic designs to pastel and charcoal drawings.

Sarah Williams' kinetic sculpture titled 9/11/01 captures the tragedy of September 11, while Minook Jung and Motoko Hone turn an ordinary egg into an exquisite charcoal drawing.

Dan Duarte's pastel self portrait and Alda Tchotschew's wax coating self portrait are remarkably realistic, while Jim Min Lee's patterns designs show a truly creative side.

One of the more interesting sculptured pieces is by an Ethiopian student named Waldeab who did an acrylic casting titled Hand Sculpture.

Gardiner said that this was one of the more creative and difficult pieces he had seen. "Waldeab mentioned his mom had gone to see his work before she had to fly home to Ethiopia, and was really proud of him," Gardiner said. "She was just proud at his success."

Gardiner said that a very intriguing color photography piece should be looked at that was put on display later in the week that was done by 85-year-old Rose Hancock. The photograph is titled Hawai'i and was created by cutting out pieces of photos and gluing them together.

"We're calling it a photo collage," said Gardiner. "She's a good artist."

Gardiner said that the gallery is all together now, versus earlier in the week. All the art is on display and every piece now has a name plate and title. It is really worthwhile to go and see inspiring student artists.

"We put up fewer pieces than we normally do so you can take your time and walk through the work," said Gardiner.

Pieces of art

Artists play with process and meaning of creation

BY JESSICA FLESCH
Staff Reporter

The word "play" may mean one thing to a child with toys, but to Misha Van De Veire, art faculty member at Highline, the word takes on an entirely new scope of artistic creativity.

Van De Veire led a discussion-oriented lecture on Tuesday, which analyzed the process of creating art and the dissemination of this process in much of our popular art today. "Art is a form of social communication. When art doesn't live up to this role I think society is missing something," Van De Veire said.

Van De Veire classified three stages of art, the first phase takes in elements of balance, flow takes over completely. Van De Veire explains that in play the art shows you what is going to happen. Your original plans for the piece may entirely disappear.

In the last phase of the process you come out of the flow and evaluate the finished work. This is mainly a finishing process of last touches.

Van De Veire believes that in our current art culture few people understand the phases of art and despite the fact that the second phase is most essential, few people reach it.

"I don't think artists now are ever getting to that middle phase. They're not involved in that duality of trying to give meaning to a character or piece," said Van De Veire.

A fair amount of debate was focused around the concept of play. Art faculty members as well as students state their opinions on the process of creativity. One side of the issue demands that the second phase be completely pure of any thoughts that aren't focusing on the creation of the art.

Highline Art Professor Nancy Morrow explained her opinion on the matter. "I think labeling what it is you're trying to communicate is circumventing the authenticity of our art," she said.

Dr. Sydney Stegall, head of the music department, had a similar viewpoint. "When you think of anything in phase two, you kill the flow. That phase can't be cluttered with anything that can kill the flow," Stegall said.

The opposing view was represented primarily by Ben Thomas, music faculty member at Highline. He thinks that some issues of audience analysis and response can be considered in play without destroying the art's authenticity.

"Now don't fire me over this, Sydney, but I think it's possible without letting go of authenticity to question if your work will resonate with the millions of people who are going to buy it," said Thomas.

Van De Veire had somewhat
Akaka plays Hawaiian

A taste of Hawaii comes to Highline

BY KNAG TURRELL

Staff Reporter

Wearing a holoku, a traditional Hawaiian dress, Sheryl Akaka mesmerized the audience with the soft gentle sound of the One hana iio, or the nose flute; the Ipu, a hollowed-out gourd that has been dried in the sun; and chanting. Commercial Hawaiian music contains a great deal of Western influence and incorporates jazz harmonies and electric instrumental amplification.

Na Mele o Hawai'i, or songs of Hawaii, featured slack key guitar and Hawaiian music sung by the Highline Choir. The of Traditional Hawaiian music was clearly expressed on the guitar in Honolulu, Hawaii and completed her undergraduate and graduate studies in music education at the University of Hawaii.

Students at Highline have the opportunity to experience the diversity of cultures through programs such as these, Akaka said. "Na Mele o Hawai'i was a real cultural event that brought an appreciation of the arts of Hawai'i to our students at Highline," she said.

World Percussion class finds the right rhythm and beat

BY CLOE HOLMES

Staff Reporter

Rhythm surrounded Building 4 at noon on Tuesday, May 14 as a percussion group performed outside the building.

The group is actually a class taught by Ben Thomas called World Percussion.

During the performance, 17 students and Thomas used a variety of instruments ranging from tom-toms, congas, shakers, claves, go-go bells to cow bells.

A variety of music styles were also incorporated such as Brazilian, which was the main style focused on, and West African.

While the class performed, they took turns on different instruments, switching with each other and passing around the cowbell.

Thomas' enthusiasm for the music was clearly expressed on his face as he smiled his way through the performance and eagerly encouraged his students to exercise their creative abilities.

At one point, he even invited a spectator, whom he knew had music experience, to join in. Thomas' class did not only perform in the realm of percussion.

At the end of the performance, they stood up together and joined in a song. Rather than performing several songs, the percussionists played for the better part of the hour, a continuous collection of rhythm.

From time to time, they would change the tempo, speeding up until they could speed up no more. Thomas referred to this moment as the group's "breaking point."

Students interested in joining the percussion group can sign up next year, at which time the class will be taught by another professor.

'Parting' is on display

BY KAN GYOUNG KIM

Staff Reporter

On the second floor of the Library hangs a picture in which a blonde woman's hair is being blown by the wind. You may have seen this work in the library plaza on the computer service side.

It is a painting by an artist from the Ukraine. Anatoliy Voznyarsky was born in Rivne, Ukraine in 1963. He studied art in Latvia and Ukraine and held many exhibitions in his country.

He came to America in January 2001 with his wife and son, for more studying and work on art. Now he and his family live in Auburn. He is studying interior design and his wife studies accounting at Highline.

Last December, an exhibition of his work was shown at Highline's Library Gallery. After the exhibition, he donated the painting, 'Parting', to the Library.

"It is, in fact, a part of my picture for my next exhibition at Highline this October," said Voznyarsky.

"My theme for the upcoming exhibition is Red & Black," he said. "Red and black color has opposite meaning."

"Red means good feeling of human like love, but black means evil like jealousy. I want to express different kinds of human feeling in my works by color," Voznyarsky said.

"Artists have to have sympathy with people who are in pain, I think," Voznyarsky said.

Among the pictures in his last exhibition at Highline, two were about Sept. 11.

"I felt pain of other people who were hurt from terrorism when I painted the pictures and many students were impressed by the pictures," said Voznyarsky.
Neto plays some toe-tapping music

By TIFFANY WORK
Staff Reporter

The Brazilian Jazz Spectacular featured international jazz musician Jovino Santos Neto playing piano and flute and Highline music professor Ben Thomas playing vibes. The concert took place Wednesday, May 15, in Building 7 at noon.

Neto said he is thrilled to play a concert with Thomas for the Highline staff and students. "Music has its own personality," said Neto. As the audience came into the Lecture Hall, Neto and Thomas were warming up. Each note played expressed a story. The audience was transported into a different atmosphere of relaxation and comfort.

Neto sat perfectly straight on the piano bench with a smile on his face and his right foot tapping to the rhythm. He is tall and muscular man with curly blackish-grayish hair. Looking comfortable wearing a sweatshirt, blue jeans and black sunglasses, Neto had an easygoing personality. One of the most important things in taking a picture is to look for composition and dramatic lighting, said Bob Stahl, an instructor of photography at Highline, this week.

One shot from Africa was a picture of Mount Kenya, with the bright white mountain peaking above the clouds against a deep blue sky. While talking about shots from Africa, Stahl emphasized being patient. Stay with the object so you can take a picture when something is happening, Stahl said. Another picture from Africa had a baby cheetah sitting on a rock and blending into the background of the tan grass.

In a trip to Antarctica, Stahl captured the essence of the ice-covered land by taking photos of the wildlife and icebergs. Stahl took pictures of icebergs in black and white and with color slides. In some ways black and white shows the beauty of the icebergs, Stahl said. In India, Stahl looked for symbols of the country, got colorful pictures of people and of the Taj Mahal. One picture of the Taj Mahal has a picture of a silhouette of a child under an arched doorway peaking out at the building.

Go to great heights with travel photography

By JANCA LOCKHART
Staff Reporter

One of the most important things in taking a picture is to look for composition and dramatic lighting, said Bob Stahl, an instructor of photography at Highline, this week.

Stahl discussed travel photography and presented his photographs from India, Nepal, Africa and Antarctica in Building 26, room 318, on May 15.

Stahl, who shows most of his work in color and has been published in National Geographic, showed part of his collection of color photos. Travel photography allows people to take pictures in third world countries and find a feeling within themselves, Stahl said.

The pictures from Africa varied from animals, such as giraffes, zebras and elephants, and people.
Film festival goes all the way 'Down'

'Igby' makes world premiere in Seattle

BY JANICA LOCKHART
Staff Reporter

The Seattle International Film Festival features films from all over the world and this year's festival includes more than 65 world and United States premieres.

The film Igby Goes Down, starring Susan Sarandon, Ryan Philippe and Claire Danes, kicks off this year's Seattle International Film Festival with its world premiere at the opening night gala. The film is about a boy, played by Kieran Culkin, who deals with issues of growing up in a rich, non-loving family.

The film premiered Thursday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Paramount Theater and costs $40 per person.

Besides Igby Goes Down, such films as Cherish starring Robin Tunney (who will be in town May 24-26) and a screening of the upcoming supernatural thriller Night Music are just two of the many films premiering at the Seattle International Film Festival.
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mixed feelings on the subject. "In the wonder process the mind works as a whole, not on an individual level," he said.

Artists can be motivated by many things, awards, recognition, wealth. There are different kinds of motivation and this affects the art in different ways," he said.

With all the points brought up the issue remains unresolved. Van De Veire's main concern is where the public's attention is and what the leading art institutions promote.

"The problem with popular art now is that it is asking for our attention and it doesn't deserve it." Van De Veire explained that there is a great deal of art out there that is worthy of recognition. It's just a matter of acknowledging this art and appreciating it.

Van De Veire also addressed how art has affected him personally. "I have learned a great deal about being a human being from artists," he said.

Free music

The Tacoma Opera will be here at Highline tomorrow to perform works from La Traviata. The performance is noon in Building 7. On Friday, a student recital to celebrate a year's work in music will be in Building 7 at noon.

Gerkking coming

Penny Gerkking, a poet, will lead a poetry workshop today in Building 2. Gerkking's poetry has been published in print journals and e-zines. Bring three poems, a self-addressed stamped envelope, and a pen and paper. The workshop begins at 6 p.m. and the cost is $10. To register call 206-870-3785.

Solution to last week's puzzle

The aging process has you firmly in its grasp if you never get the urge to throw a snowball.

*** Doug Larson
T-Birds 2002 North Division champs

BY BRYAN SHARICK
Staff Reporter

Highline (28-4, 29-9) has won the North Division and the T-Birds’ next stop will be Portland for the NWAACC Championships.

Highline began its week by squeaking out a win in game one against Edmonds (27-5, 31-13) by a score of 6-5 in nine innings. Then the Lady T-Birds lost the second game, last Saturday when the remaining four innings were completed. The score was 4-3.

Next, Highline traveled to Peninsula (10-22, 10-24) and won both games by scores of 8-3 and 6-5.

Then Highline pounced on Everett (9-23, 12-17) at home by score of 8-2 and 9-1.

Finally, to end the week and the season, the Lady T-Birds split their final two two-game series against Edmonds, winning 5-1, and losing 9-0.

“This has been great playing eight games in four days because I love to play baseball, but it’s exhausting for us and the pitchers,” said Highline third baseman Selina Gatz.

The teams that have qualified for the NWAACC tournament on May 17 to 19 are Highline, Edmonds, Green River (26-6) and Olympic (21-11, 25-17) from the North Division. From the East Division Benton (15-13, 17-4) qualified.

We hit the crap out of the ball. That’s for sure,” said Jensen.

Next against Edmonds, after finishing the suspended game, Highline won 5-1 and Gatz hit yet another home run for the Lady T-Birds.

Highline ended the double header and their season losing the second game 0-6 to Edmonds.

Highline’s next game will be at the NWAACC tournament in Portland Friday, May 17 at 2 p.m. against the winner of the Spokane/Chemeketa game.

Busy Schmidt doesn’t waste any words on the field

BY ADRIENNE HUGHES
Staff Reporter

Highline’s Anne Schmidt loves coaching so much she’s the head softball coach at Kent Junior High and the assistant softball coach for Highline.

Schmidt is a sports fanatic from Montana. In high school Schmidt was the female athlete of the year, after playing and coaching volleyball, basketball, and softball.

During the games Schmidt is generally quiet, but between games she has a lot to say.

“She’s a quiet individual, unless she finds something important to say,” Head Fastpitch Coach Kirstin Jensen said.

“Anne Schmidt wins at Pacific Lutheran University, she was attending school along with Jensen.

At Pacific Lutheran University Schmidt earned her bachelor of arts degree in physical education. From there she took a year off from coaching and taught PE at Issaquah High School.

She began coaching again at an all-girl private junior high in Honolulu, Hawaii. While she was coaching in Hawaii her team won the league championship.

Currently, she is finishing up her education at Seattle Pacific University, graduating this June with her master’s degree in sports administration. Schmidt is also teaching physical education at Kent Junior High.

“I have been teaching three years at Kent, including this year,” Schmidt said. “I enjoy working with junior high students, sometimes. It’s nice to come to a higher level again.”

Schmidt immediately jumped on the opportunity this season, when Jensen called to ask if she knew someone who was interested in being an assistant coach for Highline’s fastpitch team.

“I played with her at PLU and I know she’s got a lot of knowledge,” Jensen said.

“Her good at outfield and hitting coach. She’s probably got 20 years behind her.”

“She’s helped with my batting and style. It’s helped my batting average,” Jensen said.

“They already won the division championship. I’m not the one to take the credit for this success though, the women did it by themselves,” Schmidt said.

“The outfield has really worked hard. They’re a great team.”

Highline has won the north division title as of May 12, 28-4 and finished the season 29-9, ranking fifth according to the NWAACC/Horizon Air Coaches’ Poll.

The women have appreciated Schmidt’s help this season.

“She’s been a great help to us,” Jensen said. “Coach Schmidt’s personality is really cool.”

Since Schmidt has started to coach for Highline she is thinking about teaching here as well.

“We’re already looking into it. Kirstin is checking next year’s job openings for a PE teacher,” Schmidt said.

Schmidt is thinking of coaching the Lady T-Birds once more for this season. They will compete at the NWAACC Championship this Saturday and Sunday, May 18-19.
Fastpitch looks to place this year

BY MATT MILLER
AND BRIAN SHARICK
Staff Reporters

The NWACC tournament is here for fastpitch and Highline is looking to improve on last year's showing where they didn't place at all.

Highline has had a strong year but the only question remaining is will the one key injury to Cherisse Stumpf hold them back from going far in the tournament?

The champion for the last three years, Lower Columbia, looks to be the hands down favorite again this year.

The tournament is double elimination and takes place over three days at Delta Park in Portland, Ore.

Here's a look at the 12 teams in the tournament and what coaches had to say.

Lower Columbia

Record: 36-1
Strengths: Everything. Their No. 1 pitcher, K’Sandra Sims, is undefeated and unhittable with a record of 23-0 and a .42 ERA. As a team the Red Devils have hit 25 home runs.

Weaknesses: None. They only have one loss. Enough said.

Key players: Sims and Megan Jezierski, who is a power hitter, hit 25 home runs.

Comments: “This has been one of our better years. I feel confident, but it could be Clarkamas, Mt. Hood or Walla Walla that wins,” said Head Coach Tim Malmquist.

Blue Mountain

Record: 25-17
Strengths: Hitting, 322 to .260, and everyone contributes. An awesome team.

Weaknesses: Inconsistent.

Key players: Jaque Vettors, who’s gonna get hot or play defense, John Bourque, does a good job getting the ball in the hole.

Green River Gators

Record: 31-10
Strengths: Nine returning players, good hitting and excellent defense.

Weaknesses: Lost their starting catcher, pitcher and center fielder to injuries. Not much depth. Heather Sankey, their top hitter, is out with an injury.

Key players: Dana Genzer who is hitting .478.

Comments: “I think our team can play well against the best teams,” said Head Coach Marty Martin.

Highline Thunderbirds

Record: 29-9
Strengths: One of the best hitting teams Highline has had in years. Lots of players who can play many different positions.

Have a nice combination of speed, slap hitters and power.

Weaknesses: Sometimes have cold-hitting streaks. Shortstop Cherisse Stumpf who’s been injured the whole year.

Key players: Third baseman Selina Gutz who has been on fire hitting the last week. Catcher Jessica Dean who is the team leader on the field.

Comments: “This is by far one of the best hitting teams Highline has ever had. The power hitters are amazing,” said Head Coach Kirstin Jensen.

If Stumpf decides to come back to play during the tournament that could change the outlook of the tournament for the Thunderbirds.

Big Bend Vikings

Record: 17-17
Strengths: Pitching. Have a .311 average as a team.

Weaknesses: The Vikings have one pitcher for the entire three-day tournament.

Key players: Freshman Tara Maisup, the team’s leading hitter with a .412 average. Andrea Perdue is their No. 1 pitcher with a 15-9 record and a 2.61 ERA.

Comments: “We’re where we want to be. We qualified and now we can surprise some people,” said Co-Head Coach Adrian Ochoa.

Chemekeeta Storm

Record: 21-18
Strengths: Offense, out-hitting their opponents .322 to .260, while playing in the toughest division in the NWACC.

Weaknesses: Their pitching is not dominant.

Key players: Carri Lefler, who is hitting .438.

Comments: “If anything can happen once you get to the tournament. We need to be solid defensively and pitch smart to be successful,” said Head Coach Natasha Martin.

Clarkamas Cougars

Record: 32-14
Strengths: A very well balanced team. They don’t rely on one facet of the game to win.

Weaknesses: Inconsistent.

Key players: According to Head Coach Paul Fiskum the Cougars don’t have a key player because everyone contributes.

Comments: “The key to the tournament is defense. The team that shows up with gloves comes out on top,” said Fiskum.

Mt. Hood Saints

Record: 27-14
Strengths: The Saints are a very heads up team. And they also have an attitude that makes them tough.

Weaknesses: None.

Comments: “They don’t rely on anyone. They are very fortunate to have been blessed,” said Clarkamas Head Coach Fiskum.

Lenny (Sarge), the Saints head coach, does a great job getting them ready.

Edmonds Tritons

Record: 31-13
Strengths: The Tritons have been on fire all year. They also have good hitters and good pitching.

Weaknesses: The toughest team they’ve played all year is Highline. They might have some trouble if they get to the second round and have to play Clarkamas who is the No. 2 team out of a very tough South Division.

Key players: Jacque Vetters, who is hitting .429 for the Tritons; Mary Dunnison who is 17-7 with a .373 ERA.

Comments: “It’s hard to predict who’s gonna get hot or play well,” said Clarkamas Head Coach Fiskum.
Women’s track ready for NWAACCs

BY ADRIENNE HUGHES
Staff Reporter

Highline’s Olivia Palermo won the 400-meter dash at the Ken Pearson Invitational, leading a small group of Lady T-Birds last Saturday.

Palermo rounded the Husky Stadium track in 56.88 seconds, breaking the school record and her season mark.

“Olivia had another great day. She shattered her last time of 58.2,” Head Coach Robert Yates said, “which is a huge mark. It’s amazing. I was just amazed.”

“I’m too excited. I wanted to cry, but I didn’t,” Palermo said.

Palermo said she qualified through the 200-meter dash in 25.88, finishing in third place. This too was her season best.

Currently Palermo is second in the conference in the 200-meter dash.

Khamryn Williams only threw in the discus this week, placing fourth with a throw of 122.87.

“Khamryn’s back has been bothering her, so she didn’t throw in the shot put or hammer event,” Yates said. “Hopefully she’ll feel better before NWAACC.”

“My back is getting better. I did something so when throwing the shot put,” Williams said. “I did all right. I had better throws, but I fouled them.”

Wagahata Haile ran the 3,000-meter in 20:05. While Haile finished last in the pack, the time was her best this season.

“This was an improvement of about 13 seconds for Wagahata,” Yates said. “It was a hard race.”

All five women on the team have qualified in a variety of events for the NWAACC Championships to be held later this month.

“I think we’re going to do really well. All the women should run really well,” Yates said. “Everyone is excited and has a positive attitude. We won’t have a meet this weekend, but it’ll be good for the women to take it off since we’re heading into the championships.”

Palermo has qualified for the 100, 200, 400, and 800 meters.

“She’ll probably only run the 200 and 400-meter though, because if she runs all four events it would be asking too much of her,” Yates said.

“I’m going to run the 400 and 200 for sure. I know I’m going to do well, very well,” Palermo said. “I hope to go 55 the Saturday at NWAACC.”

Kristen Boyd has qualified for the 200-meter dash and the 400-meter hurdles.

“I plan on running the 400-meter hurdles at NWAACC,” Boyd said.

Darylyn Harris is qualified for the 100, 200, and the 400.

“If I go 4-year race, I’m looking forward to NWAACC,” Harris said. “I think I’ll make it to the finals.”

Haile finished down in 5,000 meters in 20:05. While Haile finished down in 15 seconds for the 5,000, she was the best this season.

“Highline will be competing in the NWAACC Championships May 23-24 at Mt. Hood.”

“We’ll find out for sure what the women will be competing in next Monday,” Yates said.

**Palermo stays in stride while breaking records**

Olivia Palermo paces women’s track team to NWAACCs

BY ASHLEY FANCIETT
Staff Reporter

Olivia Palermo had a record-setting day at the Roy Burns Invitational on May 4, running the 800 meter for the first time this year and setting a new Highline record in 2:23.5. It is also the fifth best time in the NWAACC this season.

She also ran the 100 and 200 meters that day, placing first in both events.

“I expect school records in all four events this season,” said Head Coach Robert Yates.

Last weekend at the Roy Burns Invitational, Palermo ran 56.88 in the 400 meters, coming close to her season goal of running a 56. She also broke the school record and achieved her season best. Palermo achieved a season best in the 200 meters with a time of 25.88.

Palermo started running in the sixth grade in an elementary
meet. At that point she knew that track was the sport for her. She continued to run at Mt. Rainier High School, placing in the top three in the league all four years.

“She’s a very hard worker and dedicated. When she’s here she’s working. She doesn’t miss a school event. She’s very motivated,” said Yates. “We have such a small team so it’s excellent to have someone you consider a best athlete to be such a hard worker.”

Palermo decided to attend Highline was somewhat last minute. It was close to home and it could save her some money. She plans on attending a school in San Diego on a scholarship and she wants to study psychology. Coach Yates feels that Palermo definitely has the talent to go on.

“The team is very much a family-like atmosphere, we never run out of humor, yet we are serious and encouraging when we need to be,” Palermo said.

Palermo has a full schedule, working from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., going to track practice at 3:30, and then going immediately to night classes full time.

She practices five days a week and has meets on Saturdays, and will keep that schedule throughout the summer.

“I feel good about my placing. I know I can do better in the 100 and 200 meters, but it is more important for me to be at the NWAACC,” Palermo said.

Palermo has qualified for the NWAACC championship in all four of her events, but will most likely only run the 200 and 400 meters. The NWAACC championships are on May 23-24.
The Thunderword

Relay takes first at Ken Foreman Invite

Team prepares for NWAACC championships

BY JOHN LEWIS
Staff Reporter

Highline’s men’s 4x100-meter relay team finished first last Saturday in the Ken Foreman Invitational at Husky Stadium, the team finished the race in 41.79.

Runner Omor Gildon placed sixth in the 100-meters in 11.13 and 13 in the 200.

“I felt like I did well in the 4x100 and the 200-meters,” said Gildon at practice Monday. “But I need to work on my time in the 100. I just need to train hard for NWAACC and I think I’ll succeed.”


In the men’s 200-meter dash sprinter Brandon Sutton, who ran less than his best, still ran the highlight event of the day placing third against university level competition in 22.19.

“I’m just recovering from a sickness that I’ve had. I felt OK Saturday but the last 10 meters of the 200 I just felt dead,” said Sutton. “NWAACCs are coming I just have to let it all go and run my hardest. I’m going to train all week and work hard. When I get there and the adrenaline hits, I’ll be all good.”

Running the 400 meters, Malcolm McLemore placed 11th in 50.35 followed closely by Loyal Allen in 12th in 50.43.

Reggie Reguindan, who ran the 110- and 400-meter hurdles, tied for fourth in the 110 in 16.08 and finished ninth in the 400.

“I felt I ran all right in the 110, I got out slow but came back and finished strong,” said Reguindan. “I’ve been competing against universities all year so I felt more relaxed, especially with it being my second time at Husky Stadium.”

Also in the 110 meter hurdles, Rian Bara finished sixth in 16.19 followed by Foyston in eighth and Nick Tolkmit in ninth.

Foyston, whose performance Saturday was off his best run in the 400-meter hurdles with Reguindan and Barta. Foyston finished sixth in 54.73 and Barta placed 14th in 59.65.

“My legs have been sore lately so I’m taking it a little easy.”

In the field, Nate Carter finished fourth in the shot put at 47.44 and ninth in the discus at 127.2.

Carter’s throws last weekend and the one before haven’t been quite up to par for him, since he has beefed up his training routine to prepare for the championships May 23-24.

Also Gunner Argo who placed fourth this year in the decathlon placed 10th in the discus at 120.87.

Qualifiers for the NWAAC championships compete May 23-24 at Mt. Hood Community College.

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Club cooks up donut sale

BY DANNY BERGMAN
Staff Reporter

Orders for the Krispy Kreme fund-raiser put on by the American Sign Language Club are now on sale through Tuesday, May 21 for $6 a dozen.

Order tables are in Building 8 and west of Building 6. Donuts will be available for pick up on May 22 between 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

This will be the second fund-raiser that the ASL has put on by selling Krispy Kreme donuts.

Last quarter the fund-raiser earned $1,000 to support the children still suffering from the Chernobyl Nuclear disaster.

All proceeds from this fund-raiser will go toward supporting the deaf and blind community.

With the help of Eric Baer, the ASL adviser Roman Wright was able to bring kids over from the Chernobyl disaster area to host families who will take care of them. Once they are healthy the children will be sent back home.

"Last quarter's fund-raiser was incredible, the student gave a top to bottom support," said Wright.

"The success of our last fund-raiser is what inspired us to have another one," said Wright.

Summer geology class will be grand

BY SARAH LARSON
Staff Reporter

If you have ever wanted to explore the wonders of the mighty Grand Canyon, geology instructor Dr. Eric Baer has the trip for you this summer.

Baer has planned an 11-day excursion from June 15-26 for Highline students to study the geology of the Grand Canyon and Lake Powell.

The class will fly to Las Vegas, and then drive to the canyon where they will camp out for three days. Time will be spent in and around the canyon. June 19, the group will drive to Page, Ariz., where a house boat will take them up 150-mile-long Lake Powell to study the geology and environmental effects of the lake June 20-23.

"The length of the lake is about the distance from Highline to Wenatchee," said Baer. Lake Powell is the product of the Colorado River’s Hoover Dam.

June 25 the group will travel to Zion National Park to camp for their last night. On June 26 the class will drive back to Las Vegas and fly home.

The wide vistas of the Grand Canyon beckon Highline students this summer.

The trip is a five-credit lab science, whose prerequisite is a previous geology class, or a two-credit class after the trip to go over the material.

The cost is $1,300 which includes round-trip airfare to Las Vegas, all food, fees transportation and boat rental.

"We took a group to the Grand Canyon three years ago," said Baer. "Each of the students expressed that they learned an incredible amount. We hope to have a similar experience this time."

Baer also said that this trip is truly a unique opportunity. "At a university, most students would have to be geology majors to take this trip. Our trip will allow anyone who is interested to participate."

For more information, students should contact Eric Baer at 206-878-3710, ext. 3513 or e-mail him at ebaer@hcc.ctc.edu

Final chapter nears for Highline pool

BY KRISTEN WALLACE
Staff Reporter

What’s left of Highline’s pool will come down sometime this summer.

“The pool building will be demolished this summer to make way for the Higher Education Center,” said Pete Babington, director of facilities.

The Higher Education Center will house Highline and Central Washington University faculty and students.

“This will allow students to get a four-year degree without having to go to another campus,” said Babington.

Highline has still not made a choice as to contractors for the pool demolition or for the Higher Education Center building.

"HEC is in design stage and there is still preliminary work to be done before the pool can be demolished," said Suey Holmes, associate director of facilities.

No specific date has been set as to when the pool building will be demolished.

"We are not sure of the exact date, perhaps in a couple of months. Building will begin on the HEC in the ’03-’05 biennium," said Holmes.

Highline has not yet decided what students will have to do if they want to take a swim.

"There has been no talk of a new pool on campus," said Holmes.

If you have suggestions for where we can construct a new pool and how to pay for it, you can put it in the suggestion box in Building 6.

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Justice builds bridge to doors

By Sean McFarlane
Staff Reporter

Justice Bobbe Bridge started off craving a career in public service and ended up as a State Supreme Court justice. Bridge was the speaker at the Honors Colloquy on Wednesday, May 15.

Bridge grew up in the South Park area, where her hard-working parents valued education. She graduated high school while President Kennedy was in office.

"Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country," Kennedy once said. Public service was gaining popularity during this time, and contributed to Bridge’s desire to do something for the community.

Bridge ended up at the University of Washington, where she wanted to teach college. Being the first to graduate from college in her family, Bridge ventured off to graduate school at the University of Michigan.

While at grad school, Bridge received a research grant to study juvenile courts. She said she spent a lot of time in court and talked with many judges and lawyers.

One judge in particular, Charles Z. Smith, opened a door for her. Smith encouraged Bridge to get in the courts and participate. This inspired her to attend law school at the University of Washington.

Students in law school are encouraged to work during the summer in the field of law, said Bridge. Stan Buer, a partner at a law firm, wanted Bridge to join his team. She started working there in the summer of 1973 and remained there until 1990.

"The firm valued public service," Bridge said.

They gave her credit to volunteer in the community, which opened doors. This allowed her to work with kids and meet political figures.

Booth Gardner, former Washington state governor, and high-profile people helped her start her career in public service.

"It is fun to get the community involved in a competitive fund-raising event for a wonderful charity," said PACCAR sponsor Kathy Newcomb.

Other categories include a 1-mile fun run, a 4-mile family walk and a pie-eating contest for those age 3 and older.

"The cost for each entry is $10. The first wave of runners will leave at 8:30 a.m. from Mountlake Boulevard right in front of Husky Stadium, and will finish on the turf inside."

"After race activities will be held inside Husky Stadium. There will be giveaways from local sponsors and food and drinks for all participants."

Other activities to follow include live music, face painting and fun stuff for the kids.

Ovena named director of Human Resources

By Sarah Larson
Staff Reporter

Lorna Ovena has been named the new executive director of Human Resources at Highline.

Ovena was one of four finalists for the position. Ovena has a bachelor of science degree from the University of Puget Sound and has a senior professional of human resources certification. She brings more than 20 years of experience in the human resource field to Highline.

"Ovena has a wealth of experience from her position at the Port of Tacoma and in human resources," said Dr. Laura Saunders, Highline vice president of human resources.

"She’s worked in a variety of environments and she is a seasoned professional," Ovena added.

"Ovena said she wanted to work at Highline because she believes in the community college system."

"Human resources is my professional field. I have been on the board of trustees for Tacoma Community College since 1998 and I believe in providing access to higher education for all people," said Ovena.

"Ovena started this past Monday and will be taking care of Highline’s payroll, personnel, benefits administration, training programs, professional development and affirmative action," said Ovena.

Marketing class gets chance in real world

By Nicholas Paul
Staff Reporter

Highline marketing students are being given the chance to have their own marketing agency. Valley Pontiac in Auburn and the Pontiac division of General Motors gave the students a $2,500 budget to help them bring their plans to life.

The agency’s work will be displayed on campus May 22, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in Building 8. The event is free and open to everyone on the campus.

"We will have live bands, hip hop dancers and games," said Class Marketing Coordinator Jill Dewitz.

And, of course, there will be new cars, including three Pontiac sports utility vehicles, the Vibe, the Aztek and the Envoy.

"This project should be fun for everyone," said Meg Ryan, marketing class instructor. "It’s a large project. The students must learn budget preparation and work with budget marketing."

General Motors supplies marketing experts to help the students as well as the budget. Students get a chance to compete for scholarships with other programs. The program is on 350 campuses nationwide.

"Highline students have been at work all Spring Quarter, creating their agency, finding the research and looking at who their clients are."

"Highline students have been given the tools for success, so let’s put them to work," Ryan said.

"This is a great opportunity for our students to get to com- petition," said Ryan. "I have been here since 1988 but I have only done this project for four years."

"Ryan would like the students to learn from this project. "It takes good marketing skill, planning, and we would like to hold the public’s interest."

"Sometimes resources are hard to come by, like finding time schedule and office supplies. This event will be cool for everyone," said Dewitz.

"Our job is to get this done and leave a lasting impression," said Dewitz.

Beat the Bridge to fight diabetes

By Ambergi Neilow
Staff Reporter

The 20th annual Beat the Bridge Race will be held Sunday morning, May 19, at Husky Stadium. Each year Nordstrom partners with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) to find a cure for diabetes.

"It is fun to get the community involved in a competitive fund-raising event for a wonderful charity," said PACCAR sponsor Kathy Newcomb.

The race has several categories including an 8K competitive race. The object of the race is to beat the raising of the University Street Bridge.

Other categories include a 1-mile fun run, a 4-mile family walk and a pie-eating contest for those age 3 and older.

"The cost for each entry is $10. The first wave of runners will leave at 8:30 a.m. from Mountlake Boulevard right in front of Husky Stadium, and will finish on the turf inside."

"After race activities will be held inside Husky Stadium. There will be giveaways from local sponsors and food and drinks for all participants."

Other activities to follow include live music, face painting and fun stuff for the kids.

"I have a great time every year and it supports a great cause," said Highline student Shelby Montgomery.

"You can register for the race at signupsports.com or at any Nordstrom store before the event. You will be able to pick up your bib number and race information at the t-shirt number pick-up area located by tunnel 19 of Husky stadium."
Spring fest gets down to business

Local firms, state colleges vie for students' attention

BY BEN KRAMER AND TIFFANY WORK
Staff Reporters

Colleges and local employers joined together at the fifth annual Spring Festival last Friday, May 10.

Businesses ranged from the U.S. Navy to Alaska Airlines and the Northwest Kidney Center.

The combined career and college fair highlighted local area businesses and universities, as well as technical programs.

One student, who is pursuing a Computer Science degree and currently attending Highline, and who wished to remain anonymous said, "The spectrum of businesses and universities that came was great."

Many businesses that attended were government agencies such as the U.S. Army and the U.S. Social Security Administration.

Health and medical services were also high on the list with Sea-Mar Community Health Center and Valley Medical Center as well as a variety of other such services.

However, many students felt that the Spring Festival did not have enough variety.

One student who is a law major said that he was disappointed because the CIA was supposed to attend but was not there. "However, there were other organizations there that made it worthwhile," he said. A Career Fair official said the CIA was not scheduled to be there.

For those looking for a college or university, the selection covered many of the state's four-year colleges. This included the University of Washington, Central Washington University and Western Washington University.

"There was a variety for the area, but it was stuck to the Northwest," said Jason, a student here at Highline currently pursuing an AA degree and who was at the career and college fair looking for a transfer university.

Jason also said that he was impressed on the whole with how many businesses and colleges showed up as well as local high school students.

"I came to the Spring Festival to get information about colleges and careers," said Edward, a high school student.

Local high school and Highline students took advantage of the opportunity to have a career fair, college fair and workshops all in one place to get information.

An estimated 300 high school students from 16 schools and a couple hundred Highline students attended the festival, said Jamie Wells, assistant director of Outreach.

"Strong participation from Highline students by the interest of the free tuition drawing offered courtesy of the Highline Foundation," said Wells.

"Feedback from the high schools has been outstanding," said Wells.

Waiting into the Pavilion, people gathered information that interested them. The representatives from various companies and colleges were outgoing and answered a variety of questions for students.

Students had bags full of informational packets that were handed to them as they entered the building.

Everyone had different reasons why they came to the festival.

"To inform individuals of all ages, about volunteer and job opportunities in the field of science," a representative of the Pacific Science Center said.

Students were gathered in the grass area between Building 2 and 7 to get their hands on some barbecue. The lunch made the campus smell of hamburgers and hot dogs.

The beat of KUBE 107 music could be heard all around campus.

People tried to stay on the robo surfboard as air blew beneath the board.

A balloon artist crafted balloon image animals, objects and people.

Jolene Jang shows her love with a heart-shaped balloon that she made at the fifth annual Spring Festival.

Photos by Joe Walker

Sonia Kaur demonstrates an unhealthy lung.

By Joe Walker

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Sex matters a lot to Friedman

BY JESSICA FLESCH  Staff Reporter

Women are crock pots and men are microwave ovens, said sex educator Jay Friedman in a lecture on Wednesday. The analogy meant that women, like crock pots, take time to get turned on whereas men, like microwaves, are ready in an instant.

Friedman returned to Highline after a nine-year absence to give his lecture, Sex Matters, for the last time of his career. Friedman explained the purpose of his lecture is, "To make you more comfortable talking about sex."

Friedman's audience of more than 100 people didn't seem very uncomfortable with the subject, but rather the hour-long speech was filled with giggling and laughter.

Friedman provided his audience with three qualifications for knowing when you're ready to have sex with someone. The first is acceptance of responsibility. Second, affirmation that you know your partner's name and are able to look into their eyes. Last, assurance that there is mutual consent and pleasure.

"Masturbation? Don't knock it," said Friedman. While wearing a large condom on his head, Friedman gave tips on how to shop for condoms. "Shopping for condoms is like shopping for a car. You've got to think about the luxuries and features that fit you best, as well as anyone that might be riding with you."

Friedman stated his concern for our country. "We live in one of the most sex-negative and sex-repressed societies in the world, and I fear it's only getting worse," said Friedman. The Netherlands, Belgium and Sweden are societies that Friedman identified as progressive. "These countries have very open views on sex. The Netherlands' government condones sex from age 12 and up," said Friedman. He explained that because of their open views of sex teenagers abstain from sex much longer than the average American teen.

Friedman advocates all views of morality, saying that you have to make those decisions for yourself. "I support whatever you choose to do in whatever part of your life you are in," he said.

Friedman travels across the country touring colleges and giving his Sex Matters speech. He stated that the reaction from most places he goes to is positive, but there are varied responses from different areas. He has heard drunk-thoughts and new speech, replacing Sex Matters, is going to focus on his experience as a sex educator.

Friedman ended with, "Enjoy sex as the natural, healthy, positive and pleasurable part of life. It's not just sex. Sex matters!"

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many as the old building. It will feature an expanded bookstore, internet cafe, a new recreational lounge and two new stages for performers and speakers.

Student's opinions vary widely from the extremely opposed to the laissez-faire view. Many students admitted to not even knowing that there was a new Student Center being built or that they had a chance to vote, apparently unable to notice the fresh posters that were sporadically posted around campus.

After hearing about the decision, numerous students said their vote will be no.

"We can't be spending a bunch of money on a student center," Bo Yingling said. "It would be nice, but we're only a community college. I don't expect the things a university has. Use the rest of the money to pay for programs."

Shane Kinger explained why she's voting no. "Save the money, we've already got a Student Center. But hey, I'm a cheap ass," she said.

Other students agreed. "Well, they are already took money for the S&A Budget. Tuition is going up a lot and I don't think students should have the extra burden of having to pay more, especially for next year," said one student.

Mohammad Jafri voiced his concern for international students on campus. "I'm voting no, we international students are already paying too much. I don't want tuition to go up anymore," he said.

Many students stated that they didn't understand the logic of paying for something they won't use. "I'm not going to get to see the new building, so why should I have to pay for it?" said Chuck Logan.

Most students seem to think that if the college is going to spend money, it should be spent on a parking garage or programs and classes. "I'm voting no because I don't believe in the Student Center. I'd rather have a parking garage and I wouldn't be here to enjoy it anyways," said a student who wished to remain anonymous.

Mainly, students just don't want to pay any more. "I'm going to vote against it. I don't want any increase, they're boppin' us with fees already," said Erik Vann.

A few students did favor the fees, thinking them worth the extra cost each quarter. "I'm voting yes. I think it would be nice to have a new student center," said an anonymous student. Some students seemed to think of the cost was of little significance. "It's $3. I'll live," Travis Beringer said. Some students viewed the fees with an indifferent attitude since they won't be around to pay them. "Raise it $200. I'm out of this school, at least in a year, so why did it that way it would be paid for really fast," said Tom Talbot.

Roger Jaffe, Shanie Ringer explained why she's voting yes. "I probably going to vote yes. I think it would be nice to have a

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by chemicals affecting the body for unknown reasons, said Evans.
Evans went under four chemotheraphy treatments, and four weeks of radiation. Evans also received alternative treatments, a new form of cancer treatment that attacks the cancer but keeps the patient safe.
Evans was first concerned for her health when she noticed a lump developing in her lungs. She could feel swelling by placing her hands around her neck, feeling for a lump. She was experiencing uncontrolled bleeding from her nose and her gums, leading to intense pain. Her mother and grandmother called to see how I was doing, she said.
Evans described her feeling of loss when losing her hair due to chemotherapy. She felt like a concentration camp victim with the way it looked at first," she said. "I found out I actually did look good with short hair." When Evans started chemotherapy she didn't go to the hospital. Due to new technology Evans went to an oncology treatment center.
"I'm really lucky, because most of the people were 50-60 and didn't make it," said Evans. Treatment was the worst part of cancer, said Evans.
"The worst part was having to finish one part of the treatment and jumping right away into radiation. I didn't know how long it would last," said Evans.
Evans did not experience as much side effects as her mother.
"In the past, chemotherapy has been known to make people quite nauseous. I was fortunate to take several non-nasueca medications for several days following each treatment," said Evans.
"I think the first time I had it, I had a hard time standing up. Treatment would generally take two to three hours. You feel tired, but you generally get used to it. The only time I would get sick would be if I stayed up too late at night," said Evans.
Treatments did pay off, Evans is doing much better now.
"Five days after Christmas the lump disappeared and the itching was gone, and I felt much better," Evans said.
On Feb. 20, Evans had a Positron Emission Tomography, a scanning procedure that looks at the muscles to see if cancer is present in the body's tissues. Evans' scan revealed that her cancer had died and was now a dead tissue mass, which will always be present in her body but not harmful to her physically. For these reasons, Evans began her radiation treatments, and in between graduation and June she will undergo a stem cell transplant in case the cancer should return.
"The cancer is gone, the radiation is just a policy, an extra thing they do so the cancer won't come back," she said.
Evans has hopeful plans for returning to her education.
Butt huts
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In campus buildings, there have been complaints of smoke inhalation in some areas — in particular the Student Center. Smoke enters the Student Center one of two ways: either it wafts in when a door is opened, or it floats in through the open-air slots at the top of the windows.
"It was very well known last year that smoking next to the buildings was against the rules, but no one enforced the smoking policies. Security was too busy with "more important issues,"" said Ben McNelly, last year's Student Government president.
"I'm not going to have my officers chasing after smokers," said Richard Fisher, director of security.
But because the smoking policy is not enforced, many people don't obey the rules. Despite a last second warning, declaring no smoking, people still light up there. Sometimes smokers are so busy being against these signs while they get their fix.
"I don't think smoking should be allowed outside of all buildings," said Rachel Rigley, a Highline student. "It should be in designated areas only.
"The policy is abused all the time," said Melissa Guanderson, another Highline student. "If they're not going to enforce it, there's no reason to have rules."
However, the issue hasn't stopped with complaints. Just last week, a fire started in the campus, caused from a cigarette butt.
"The fire was in the brush area next to the library," said Deanna Johnson, administrative assistant to security.
"Year after year this issue becomes the biggest issue on campus and offers no real solutions," McNelly said. "I feel that there is only one way to ultimately have this problem solved, and that would be a class-action law suit against the college. Someone will eventually claim they received lung cancer from the second-hand smoke they were exposed to while attending college. I believe that this would quickly have the college to enforce these rules, and the problem would be solved."
Bellevue Community College had similar problems — until they took action in March of 1999. Their previous policy, comparable to Highline's current one, was altered in September of 2000. Smoking on the campus is now restricted to a network of smoking shelters.
"We have 14," said John Carroll, director of campus operations and capital projects at Bellevue Community College. "All are located in a ring around the perimeter of [the] main campus. There is absolutely no smoking outside of these shelters, he said.
Like Bellevue, Pierce College at Fort Steilacoom in Lakewood just passed a policy that will restrict smoking to designated shelters they plan to build. Marc Kreger, director of enrollment services and student life at Pierce College in Puyallup, said, "These identify designated locations shall be the only place that folks can smoke. In other words, one couldn't smoke on the way to their car, etc."
Some institutions have taken steps even further. The State University of New York—Buffalo became totally smoke free in August of 1994. The university defends its policy as follows: "Studies have indicated that exposure to secondhand smoke is a significant risk for the non-smoker. The university is responsible for providing a safe environment for its students, employees, and visitors. Consequently, a smoke-free policy has been enforced."
The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh also made their campus smoke free.
But at Highline, solutions have been smoldering in the ashes and hiding in the smoke pellets.
"I would hate to think we've dropped the ball on the smoking issue," said Jonathan Brown, associate dean of Student Programs. "...The smoking issue is a multi-dimensional issue affecting not only students and staff, but everyone."
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