Shannon in Shanghai

Proctor takes a quarter to teach in China

BY JESSICA FLESCH
Staff Reporter

Her repertoire of Chinese consists of about five words. She knows where her apartment is, the gym, the mall and the university, and she's teaching Ph.D. students presentation skills. Highline's intrepid speech teacher, Shannon Proctor, is spending Spring Quarter teaching in Shanghai China.

Proctor is participating in a program similar to what exchange students do, only this program swaps teachers instead of students. Proctor is teaching doctoral students at the Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

"The students are mostly men, mostly in the sciences: computer science, engineering," she said.

Proctor spent the last couple of quarters preparing for the trip and while Highline was enjoying spring break, Proctor was just beginning to get settled in her new home, China's most populous city at 16.5 million: Shanghai.

"I live in a large apartment on the 15th floor of a 15-floor building. The 14th and 15th floors are for foreign language teachers," Proctor said.

Proctor says she has settled in quite nicely. She spends a fair amount of time hanging out with Ding Yaping, a teacher from Yangzhou University, who came to Highline in 2000 as an exchange faculty to teach Chinese.

Proctor is slowly learning about her surrounding community.

"I know how to get to the grocery store, the post office and the bank, so I have everything I need right now," Proctor said. Every morning she walks to the university and back home, each trip taking about 30 minutes, and she also joined a gym which is about a 15-minute walk from her house.

"So, everyday I walk at 8 a.m. and gettng ahead remain undefeated Local band Go Ahead Lady T-Birds remain undefeated -- See story page 9

Highline students unite through diversity

BY LATASHA HARLEY
Staff Reporter

The sixth annual Unity through Diversity celebration for the week of April 28 through May 2 will honor diversity and multiculturalism on campus.

"This week helps students become more aware of diversity issues and multicultural issues that will help expand our consciousness about race, class and homophobia. Attending any of the events will not only give us tools to use on campus, but it will also give us the tools to deal with issues of diversity and multiculturalism outside of school," said Natasha Burrowes, Multicultural Student Programs adviser.

The schedule of events include:

- An opening ceremony on Monday at 10 a.m. in Building 8. Dr. Ed Taylor, assistant professor from the University of Washington, will be speaking on multiculturalism, diversity and education in the 21st century.
- A Safe Zones Reception will be held at noon on Monday in the Union Bay Room of Building 8. The reception will kick off with the Safe Zone Project, which is designed to provide support for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students.
- Access to Arts is a workshop and exhibition of artists with disabilities. The art will be on exhibition throughout the month of April in Building 6. There will also be workshops...
Johansen factors math into gambling

BY SIMON JOHNSON
Staff Reporter

Chance governs our lives, Highline Math Professor Thor Johansen is betting.

In Friday's Science Seminar, Johansen went over the math of probabilities, chance and odds. You may see odds in many parts of life such as genes, the environment, the lottery, investments and gambling said Johansen.

Johansen started by talking about the first gambling, which started around 3000 B.C. with the use of an astragali.

An astragali is a four sided sheep ankle bone with rounded edges like a die but with two side that bulge out. Around 2900-2300 B.C. the six sided die was invented and some believed that it might have been formed from an astragali that was worn into a cube. Back then gambling was only allowed in December. Many thought that rolling dice was a form of communication with God, Johansen said.

"We're always interested in putting down a little bit of money and winning a huge windfall," Johansen said.

Early gambling led to probabilities as a branch of mathematics. Probabilities are always measured between zero and one with percentages. "We use it in the modern world. We use it in medicine and chemistry," Johansen said.

Johansen also discussed the "gambler's fallacy," which is when someone thinks since they return a given number many times they will choose that number the next time. For example, when it comes to craps the casino is guaranteed a 5.3 percent return on their money.

When it comes to horse races, it's no better. The favorite horse in each race averages the fourth place over all. One topic involving odds that many of us are interested in is the lottery.

For instance a lottery with six numbers from zero to 99 has one in one trillion chance of winning. That is the same as a million million.

To give even more perspective Thord said that it is more likely to be killed by a car crash, a lightening bolt or even a meteor than win the lottery.

Johansen recommended not playing the lottery but he did offer some tips to win. First don't play numbers one through six. According to Johansen a lot of people play these numbers so if you win you'll have to share.

Johansen recommended that you pick a number bigger than 12 for the first number, a number larger than 31 for the second number, and any number for the third number.

To finish the seminar Johansen showed the Oxford Children's Encyclopedia's gambling definition, which is "People who gamble almost always end up losing money because the odds are calculated so that bookmakers and casinos make a profit."

Science Seminar is a one-credit class which meets every Friday at 2:10 p.m. in Building 3, room 102. The next seminar is "Rebuilding the Food Pyramid" and will be presented by Tracey Brigham.

Restroom closure coming Friday

Restrooms in Buildings 1, 2, 3, 4, 9 and 10 will have the plumbing turned off on Friday, April 25.

The shut off period will be from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Construction workers pump concrete for the foundation of the tent that will replace the current Student Center which will be demolished at the end of May.

Tent raising continues

BY INNA DENICHK
Staff Reporter

Construction on campus is booming. Construction for the temporary tent is in full progress as contractors finish pouring concrete pads using the booming technique. The tent is being put up to temporarily serve as a cafeteria during the reconstruction of Building 8.

Pads that will hold up the posts, which in turn will hold up the deck for the tent, were poured using an extendable boom.

Mark Fallstead, who manages the construction site, said that initially the concrete was supposed to be carried through pipes along the ground. But the specific consisten

Photos by Inna Denichik

ty of the concrete would not go through the pipes smoothly.

Consequently, booming was used, which required the use of a truck-mounted pipe or boom that can handle a more dense consistency of concrete.

This was successfully completed Tuesday and the contractors immediately began working on posts and framing for the deck.

Fallstead said that construction work is on schedule, but delays are not absent from construction.

“The food service portions are one week behind schedule,” said Phil Sell, of Highline’s facilities department.

The portables were expected to be at Highline this week but have been delayed in delivery.

Building 16, the second project before the reconstruction of Building 8, included remodeling part of the building to serve as offices for Student Programs and moving Student Programs to the new offices.

Sell said that work on the building is on schedule. “It’s going good,” he said.

International event unveiled

BY KIM KIME-PARKS
Staff Reporter

The International Club will be bringing a new tradition to Highline-International Night. The International Club will be bringing Unity through Diversity Week to a close with its first International Night at Highline which will take place Friday, May 2 from 6 - 8 p.m.

“All quarter long the International Club’s goal has been to create a community for international students,” said Mike Hood, member of the International Leadership Student Council. “We hope to achieve this goal through a fun and exciting time for everyone involved.”

According to Hood, other local community colleges have had similar events for years and Highline International Club would like to join in.

“We are behind the times,” said Hood. “We look forward to making this an annual event.”

Faculty, students and host families are invited to join in on an evening of international food, entertainment and celebration of Highline’s diverse community.

Among the entertainment planned will be professional and student entertainers including Seattle Matsuri Taiko Group, Russian poetry reading, Mandar

Photo by Inna Denichik

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singer, Highline International Student Programs River Dancers and a Vietnamese dance.

For those who would like a taste of the countries represented, a variety of food from different cultures will be available during the evening.

Various booths will be set up offering interactive activities, Japanese calligraphy, a cultural costume photo booth and other booths that will be highlighting other global cultures.

Tickets are $5 per person and are available for purchase now at Student Programs in the upper level of Building 8.

For more information contact Hood at mhhood@highline.edu.

Alano, Matthaei receive award

BY MAK ZULJEVIC
Staff Reporter

Highline students Stefan Alano and Kelly Matthaei have been named members of the 2003 All-Washington Academic Team.

They were recognized during an event on March 26 at South Puget Sound Community College, which honored 65 outstanding students representing each of Washington’s 34 community and technical colleges.

The students were nominated for recognition through a state program patterned after the national All-USA Today Academic Team, initiated by Phi Theta Kappa, the two-year college international honor society.

Stefan Alano, 23, has a 4.0 GPA and is currently majoring in business.

“It was originally majoring in business and I am planning on getting a degree in real estate,” said Alano. “It is possible that after some experience in the field, I could return to school to get a degree in international business affairs.”

Alano enlisted in the U.S. Army after high school, where he served as a military intelligence analyst, achieving several military honors.

Following his experience, Alano enrolled at Highline where he has taken on many roles, including ASR Senator, Phi Theta Kappa Treasurer, Foundation Board Student Representative, Chess Club Representative and ASB President.

Alano is currently working toward obtaining his masters of business administration and has goals of becoming a chief financial officer and philanthropist.

“You need to have clear goals and clear expectations,” Alano advises to other students. “Stay on top of yourself, because as you gain success your opportunities grow. It is your choice whether you want to take advantage of an opportunity or not.”

According to Alano, support for the students at Highline seems to be everywhere.

“Highline has a great atmosphere. Everyone wants you to succeed, and the instructors and staff members are more than willing to help you. Being at a community college with a smaller number of students, you have more opportunities for connection in whatever field you are interested in,” said Alano.

The other winner Matthaei a 31-year-old nursing major from Kent, has maintained a 3.91 grade point average since coming to Highline in January 2000, a fact she attributes to her motivation to learn all she can about her chosen field.

“I know what I want and I try to give the best,” she said.

However astounding Matthaei may seem, she was still humbled upon being named as a part of the team.

“I was shocked and overwhelmed when I heard about the nomination,” she said. “Many people applied and I wasn’t expecting to be the one that would win.”

Her love of nursing is also seen in her campus activities, which include helping organize a constituent chapter of the National Student Nurses Association and serving on the campus Health Committee.

Matthaei’s goal is to earn a master’s degree and become a clinical nurse specialist.

“Resources are out there and it is up to you whether to take advantage,” she said.

Despite her academic success at Highline, she is unsatisfied with the level of support that occurs on campus.

“There was no one to talk to at the program (nursing), since it is difficult to gain access. I think that it takes an eager person to be successful at HCC,” she said.

Laura Manning, Highline speech instructor and Phi Theta Kappa adviser, is extremely proud of the accomplishments of both Alano and Matthaei.

“They are great representatives of Highline because they are dedicated to service in their community and have a vision,” said Manning. “They are just examples of the best that Highline has to offer. You see they are both just really cool people.”
Eight soon to be no more

Celebration marked by excitement and little sorrow

BY LAUREN POLENSKE AND JESSICA FLESCH
Staff Reporters

As Building 8's demise looms near, students have a farewell party.

Students relaxed upstairs in Building 8 on Wednesday afternoon to the sound of steel drums played by Bakra Buta.

* All sorts of things were available to do, from sampling food that will soon be available in the temporary cafeteria tent, to having your caricature drawn.

Jessie Ferguson, a student at Highline, was busy painting a detailed picture of the new building on one of the walls. At the nearby windows, students stood in line to see their face turned into a caricature on the window by local artist Steve Hartley. A crowd of entertained students surrounded Hartley as he worked.

"He really exaggerates the features, I mean wow, he's really good," said student Noriko Inaka.

With permission from the band, and cheers from students, Black Student Union President Kolesta Moore took the microphone and sang along to the beat using the new building.

"She's all right, she's hot and live yo," student Bobby Mcshan said about Moore as he cheered the student center, getting quarters, we usually sit in the cafeteria and hang out. It's kind of a drag we won't be able to do that anymore," said student William Beukema.

Mixed feelings surround the destruction of Building 8, but some, like Fred Capestani, had their minds made up.

"I say, good ridance! It's served its purpose, but now it's time for it to go," said Capestani.

Carol Helgerson expressed a similar opinion summed up in one word, "Finally."

Student Taina Graves had exactly the opposite feeling. "I feel sad, but at the same time I feel sad again because I'm not gonna be here when the new one is done," said Graves. Others, like Darylyna Harris, expressed entirely neutral feelings. "I don't care, I'm gonna be gone," said Harris.

And still others said they looked forward to the future and using the new building.

While busy painting a picture of the new building on the wall Ferguson said, "It's not much to paint, but it'll be a lot of fun to use." Associate Dean of Student Programs Jonathan Brown also looked forward to the coming of the new building. "I could be happier. It's sad thinking of all the history, but at the same time I think we're definitely moving up in the world," Brown said.

One student had such a positive outlook she was looking forward to the new tent. "We're gonna build the best tent ever!" said Hilary Creshaw.

As part of the goodbye to Building 8 there will be a time capsule assembled and opened after Highline's next 40 years. Highline is planning the grand opening of the new Highline Student Union Building for September 2004.

Highline faces final test next week

BY BEN JOHNSTON
Staff Reporter

Highline's campus will be visited by accreditors April 28-30.

At a faculty meeting on April 23, Highline Speech Instructor Vickie Ropp and Vice President of Administration Jack Bermingham explained the final process of accreditation.

In a Rap by Ropp, the Highline team is informed that faculty is to check continuity between the document and the actual state of the college.

For people who are nervous about this, just know that we have nothing to hide," Vice President of Administration Jack Bermingham said. "As we see things that need attention, we have given them attention."

The meeting was not all business, with one of the faculty asking, "is the Yardarm (pub, Des Moines) a branch campus?"

Student government applications due soon

BY KIMBERLY MCLEAN
Staff Reporter

Associated Students of Highline Community College election packets are due April 30.

Students have the option to run for ASHCC president, vice president for administration, vice president for legislation, senator, and treasurer/clubs director.

Students planning on applying for Student Government positions need to maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 and be currently enrolled with at least eight credit hours.

Applicants must also gather the signatures of 50 enrolled students as a petition for office.

All Highline students are encouraged to apply by Associate Dean for Student Programs Jonathan Brown.

"While Student Government positions are time demanding both during training and throughout the year, they are well worth it," Brown said. "Leadership positions like Student Government at the community college level look great on resumes and applications."

Each office has several different duties and requirements. Some of them are: attending all ASHCC Executive and Associated Council meetings; attending ASHCC-sponsored events; and to act within the guidelines of state laws, school regulations and rules of the ASHCC legislation and constitution.

Once elected, the president has several duties which include: sitting in on the S&A Budget Committee meetings, and must maintain 19 hours per week, with at least nine posted office hours. The vice president for administration coordinates the campus Blood Drive and Student Awards Program, and maintains 15 hours a week with at least seven office hours.

Some of the responsibilities of the president for legislation include: to coordinate voter registration, plan on-going legislative awareness programs, and maintain 15 hours a week with at least seven posted office hours. Obligations of the treasurer

clubs diplomat include organizing quarterly clubs fair; updating the club handbook, and maintaining 12 hours a week, with at least seven of them posted.

The student senator must hand out materials and/or surveys produced by the Executive Council, and maintain six hours a week, with at least five posted office hours.

Further descriptions of individual responsibilities for each position, along with application packets are available in the upper level of Building 8 in the Student Activities office.
Boycott will hurt America

Recently, I received an e-mail promoting a boycott of all products made by French companies. At first glance, I thought it was just another strong sign of patriotism. But as I read further, I started to notice that there were a lot of companies I bought products from and preferred. I also realized that many of my friends and family worked for these companies or those that sold French products.

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I pose the question to you: Would you really stop buying fast food until they started calling them freedom fries? Or lastly, would you really pass up the free gift with your essential Lancome cosmetics?

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BY CAMILLE BARRERA

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By-lined articles reflect the opinions of the authors. Letters to the editor should be no more than 300 words. Please send submissions via email to thunderword@highline.edu or deliver to Building 10, room 106.

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Local punk rock band, Go Ahead, gains local following

BY ZACK AMAN
Staff Reporter

Go Ahead is a band which persevered, made it out of the garage band scene and is taking closer steps to stardom. The band features bass player and Highline student Adam Bishop, lead singer Tony D’Angelo, drummer Matt Williams, and second guitar, Jin Wooh.

The members of Go Ahead can be found fielding phone calls from promoters and looking for ways they can improve their music.

There are many urban rock bands similar to Go Ahead that have made it out to the mainstream. These bands include Linkin Park and Sugarcult.

Lead singer Tony D’Angelo, Matt Williams and Adam Bishop, and second guitar, Jin Wooh.

Go Ahead started out the same as every other garage band. They began practicing four to five times a week, and earned a break by winning a Battle of Bands at Steel Lake Park in Federal Way.

Go Ahead members say all of the time they put into their band has been worth it, because the quality of their music has increased.

The band has experienced many feelings together, including the first time they played together at a show.

"It was scary at first, but now we're more confident," said Wooh. The band's increasing popularity in the Seattle music scene has created a healthy fan base; they have their own T-shirts, CD’s and website.

"We want to take everything step by step," said D'Angelo.

With all of the time and hard work the members of Go Ahead have committed to their band, and with their recent show success, the feeling around the group is easy to believe.

For all your Go Ahead needs, visit their website: goahead.itgo.com. You can currently find this band playing shows at Kentlake High School on May 2, or at Pacific Lutheran University on May 9.

One-acts require focus, preparation

BY SHALYNN LEONARD
Staff Reporter

It takes more than just reading a script to become an actor. It takes coming alive, becoming the character, and most of all, it takes beingicient.

Highline drama student Patrick Allcorn says everyone uses the same techniques in preparation for rehearsal.

In rehearsal, the director wants his or her actors to listen to the words, and to concentrate on them. The students huddle around each other, and one by one start counting to 40 in sequence. They have to really focus because if two people say the same number, then they start back at number one. This simple exercise helps to unite the group and bring everyone together for their upcoming performances.

The one-act plays will start on May 14, in Building 4 at 8 p.m. and will continue performances through May 17. The admission is $6 for students and $7 for the general public. The one-act plays are six different mini plays, directed by six different directors.

Allcorn is one of the directors from the one-act plays this spring. He has only directed two five-minute scenes, so this will be his first time ever directing a play.

"It's the next step from acting. It's a way to improve your own acting by helping other people," said Williams.

The band has many goals, for themselves as well as for what they hope to accomplish.

"We want to change people's lives with our music," said Bishop. Group members Wooh and Williams are Asian-American and African-American, respectively; this helps them appeal to a broader audience, allowing everyone to feel comfortable coming to their shows.

Clockwise from right, Jin Woo, Tony D’Angelo, Matt Williams and Adam Bishop.

Go Ahead wants everyone who comes to their show to be ready to have a good time and relax and feel their music vibrate through your ears. Although in 10 years nothing is guaranteed, one thing the band knows they'll still be doing is "living to play music, not playing music to live," said Wooh.

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"It's a comedy that's about a Greek god of wine and orgies, who suddenly turns into a flower," said Cleere.

Cleere came to Highline for a Computer Science major. In need of electives, he decided to take some drama classes.

"Acting gives you confidence, and the skills to speak. It's also a different approach in speech class," Cleere said.

Cleere will be playing a character in the Mystery of Twickenham Vicarage, and is also the announcer on the soap opera. "I really enjoy these plays, so the lines are easier to remember," said Cleere.

For practice, Cleere wakes up in the morning and plays his characters for the whole day. "I do this so I can become the character," Cleere said.
It's not about the cast, it's about the plot. Confidence, Lion Gate Films' new movie, is about as twisted as they come. This new film, directed by James Foley, is a fast-paced thriller about the exploitations of a group of con-artists. Star- ring Edward Burns, Dustin Hoffman, Rachel Weisz and Andy Garcia, the movie not only offers a skilled cast but also a complicated, creative story. Weisz and Burns play a couple who, despite their strong chemistry, keep you guessing about their relationship until the very end. Weisz especially shines in her role as the pick- pocket Lily. Hoffman as "King," an eccentric crime boss, pulls off slight insanity with his usual skill and finesse. Not only was the plot engag- ing and the cast a good fit, but the style and photography kept the movie sharp. Director Foley, who also directed such films as Fear and Glen Gary Glen Ross, brought out the com- plexity of each character. Foley managed to keep the concept of the movie's plot from becoming cliched and exhaust- ing. Foley, through in an inter- esting touch echoing Hitchcock by using birds to communicate chaos. All in all, the movie keeps you guessing from beginning to end. With its strong script, witty dialogue and entertaining cast, there isn't much more to ask for.
Dance troupe shows off twirls and twists

By Kimberly McLean
Staff Reporter

A flurry of color flashes by you, perfectly synchronized to the beat of the intense music. You can see the quick, exact movements of each muscle in the performers' bodies in their utter control and precise transformations. Each couple knows exactly what they're supposed to be doing: working together to put on the performance of a lifetime.

That's what the Pacific Ballroom Dance Company does at every performance, regardless of the audience. Who makes up this spectacular team? World-renowned performers? Dance competition winners?

Close, but not quite. The team is comprised of dedicated dance students aging from 14 to 19.

The first team grew out of the 1995 Federal Way Stake Youth Dance Festival sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. A number of the youth who participated in that dance festival asked for more dance performance opportunities and the first team was organized, sponsored by Team Directors Paul Hart and Cherie Ponder.

Accomplished performers, competitors and professional instructors, Hart and Ponder donate their time and expertise to the team.

"Paul does most of the choreography, he's great at it, and we always learn something!" said two-year member Richard Bennion, feel it is a great blessing and opportunity to help the team.

"I mostly work on public relations, and I make sure the team has a building to practice in," said Mangum, who also designed the team's logo.

While Hart and Ponder teach the routines, and the parents make sure the details are taken care of, the real team leaders are advanced team members and co-presidents Steven Ponder and Lindsey Newport.

"It's great being able to stand as a role model for the new kids on the team and help them learn to dance," Newport said.

"The team is very organized," one parent said. "It's amazing to me that these kids take so much responsibility with the art they love."

Heather Sabin is the team's secretary and David Galley serves as team treasurer.

"It's really not a hard job as treasurer," said Galley. "I like best that we always begin and end with a prayer," Sabin said. "Even though not everyone on the team is of the same faith, it really brings us all together and sets the stage for a good practice."

The team performs a variety of dances, including a lively samba, swing medley, Spanish waltz, New York hustle, cha cha and fox trot routine.

Over the semester, each team, the advanced and beginners, usually learns two to three routines and performs them for various audiences.

"My favorite routine would definitely be the swing medley," said two-year member Richard Neal.

Sabin talked about her favorite dances. "The Spanish waltz is so empowering and the samba is so energetic. It is hard to choose a favorite because each routine is so diverse. I just love to dance no matter what style," said Sabin.

Recent performances include appearances at the Boeing Dance Club, Milton Community Center, and the Sweetheart Jam-boree at the Doubletree Inn.

The team performs at no cost and always gets good reviews.

"We loved the skilled perfor-mance the Pacific Ballroom Dance Company put on. We were amazed," audience member Jim Hollbrook said. "They can come back and perform for us anytime. Maybe I could even learn something!"

The team has an upcoming performance on April 26 at the Broadmore Country Club.

Hart and Ponder also teach other various dance classes for modest fees open to college-age students. For more information, visit the team website at www.pacificballroom.org.
Lady T-Birds just can’t lose

With two more wins last week, Highline fastpitch stays undefeated at 15-0

By Shauna Bjork

Highline women’s fastpitch team stayed undefeated after three wins versus division rivals last week.

The team played make-up games this past week after rain delays. Edmonds came to Highline last Wednesday, April 16 to play a game that was rained out April 8.

The first game resulted in a 2-1 extra inning win by Highline. Highline won game two in second innings, 2-1. The winning pitcher was Danae Munsell who only gave up six hits and one run.

Highline had seven hits and an error. The team was having a hard time adjusting to the pitching after seeing such a slow pitcher the day before against Peninsula, said Jensen.

The game versus Skagit Valley was a make-up of a second game; that was supposed to be played back on April 12. Although physically exhausted, the team gave it their all and beat Skagit Valley 9-0 in five innings.

Most of the players slept on the ride up to Skagit Valley, before playing their third game in a row. "It was tough because we had a two-hour ride up there," said Selina Gatz.

Pitcher Lacey Walter got the win. She had six strikeouts in the three innings she played.

"We stayed up and focused the whole game," said Walter. "We were there defensively and offensively.

Skagit Valley only managed two hits in the game. Highline scored nine runs on five hits. Over the past weekend the NWAACC Crossover Tournament was held in Wenatchee. The T-Birds did not compete in this tournament.

Lower Columbia, the champion of the past three crossover tournaments, won their fourth.

The Red Devils, who only have two losses including one on April 16 versus Clackamas, 7-5, is at the top of their division.

Lower Columbia played Wenatchee in the championship. The Red Devils won 7-3 with seven runs on six hits including a home run.

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Highline women’s fastpitch has had to make-up practices Highline fastpitch has been forced to have, due to rainouts. The spring weather of Washington is very unpredictable and causes the team to adapt.

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Highline fastpitch is swinging in the rain

Photo credit: Melissa Flesch

Selina Gatz lays down a bunt during one of the many indoor practices Highline fastpitch has been forced to have.

"They have to stay mentally focused," said Jensen.

"When it’s wet outside it’s hard to stay warm," said pitcher Lacey Walter. "We have to dry off the ball all the time."

It’s also hard for the pitchers to stay warm when they sit down and let the offense do their job. Although cold, the other players on the team don’t complain much.

"You never hear them complain," said Jensen.

Jensen spoke of a fan who came up to her, telling her that she had walked by the dugout and although the fans were sitting there freezing, none of the women were complaining.

When Michelle Gutierrez is playing in the rain, she handles it by jumping up and down, trying to stay warm.

"It’s always cold when it rains," said co-captain Tara Jansson. "It affects relays home and outfielders."

Jansson also said that when it rains she has to change her grip on the ball.

If it is raining hard enough to cancel a game it can really be draining on a team. In two words, coach Jensen summed up what a rain delay will do to a team—create exhaustion.

"It causes exhaustion because it means extra time in the vans, extra time taken away from class, and extra time off of work," Jensen said. "On a player, it’s hard mentally."

"The rain sucks," said co-captain Selina Gatz. "The rain-out games are tough because you get all mentally prepared before the game, and then the game is cancelled."

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Men’s track takes third

BY COLETTE WOODS
Staff reporter

The men’s track team placed third overall in the invitational at Central Washington University in Ellensburg.

Of the 11 schools, Highline was the only community college.

“The guys did very well,” said Head Coach Robert Yates. “This meet was a great opportunity for the guys.”

The biggest performance was from Jerome Sirmans, said Yates. He won the 400-meter dash with a time of 48.90 seconds and placed third in the 200.

“That was the fastest he has ever run,” said Yates. Bryan Pyfer, Mike Dickson and Jason Nieblas set personal records in this invitational in the 800-meter dash.

Pyfer placed second with a time of 1:54.41. He is now first in the league for the men’s 800-meter dash.

Nieblas placed sixth with a time of 1:55.44, which puts him fourth in the league.

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Sirmans was the only community college ninth in the 400-meter dash as well with a time of 50.20.

Clay Hemlock had a time of 4:00.78 in the men’s 1,500. Pat McGuire placed third in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 15:59.35. He also placed sixth in the men’s 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 10:34.5.

In the men’s 110-meter hurdles, Jerishon Foyton placed sixth with a time of 15.62.

For the 4x100-meter relay, Highline placed third with a time of 42.97.

The T-Birds also placed sixth in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 3:50.43.

Chris Fuller had a distance of 6’2” in the high jump. He also placed third in the triple jump. Nate Center placed second in the shot put with a distance of 46’1.5”.

Gunner Argo placed sixth with a time in the discus, with a distance of 169’06”. He also placed seventh in the long jump with a distance of 20’.

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In her coach's eyes, Haile is the ideal athlete with the ideal personality and the ideal work ethic, which ultimately adds up to success. "Being in good shape and the intensity is what drives me," said Haile, referring to the factors which keep her running here at Highline. "Everyday is a obstacle. It's just the love of the sport," said Haile. "First time she came out she could barely run a eight minute miles," said Yates.

With all of her success, Haile still had to overcome obstacles such as conditioning her body and eating healthy and balancing her time. Haile holds two school records with a time of 19:48 in the 5,000 and 42:19 in the 10,000-meter run and placed in the top six in the conference championships.

"I believe in myself to the fullest, and I believe that if you believe you will achieve," said Haile. "Friendly, helpful, and smiles and leads by example," said Yates about Haile's demeanor on and off the track field. Haile is a student athlete because not only does she run track here at Highline but she also got accepted to Howard University in Washington, D.C., where she will complete her nursing degree.

A couple goals that Haile has before she leaves Highline is that she wants to break her own records in the 5,000 and 10,000 meters. Haile has many goals she wants to reach but she is still trying to live a somewhat normal life. "I like listening to Micheal Jackson," said Haile but she was also quick to say that she couldn't do the moonwalk. Haile may seem incredibly busy now, but if you wanted to find her 10 years from now you would need to have a map handy because she will be all over the world. "You would have to look all over for me. I don't know if you could find me," said Haile. She plans on working for the Red Cross and hopes to help people all over the world.

As Haile moves closer to ending her career here at Highline she looks forward to the beginning of the rest of her life. "This just the start. I got more obstacles that still face me, but I'm not worried," said Haile.
Olympic Coffee serves good times

BY CHELSEA RAMSAY
Staff Reporter

There's no Ted Danson, but it can still be a place where everybody knows your name. Olympic Coffee and Roasting Co., located in Normandy Park off First Avenue, is in the transitional period of expanding into a local hangout.

"Every community needs a gathering spot," co-manager Karin Krippaehne said.

With this in mind, Olympic wanted to enhance their business and build from the coffee phenomenon.

"They already did great coffee," Krippaehne said. "I can't tell you how many people cross First Avenue for this coffee even though Starbucks is more convenient.

Growing out of the coffee's success, Olympic has expanded to serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

The menu consists of a variety of tastes, all being primarily healthy.

Olympic offers a bit of everything on their menu, from panini sandwiches and chicken salads to curry or red beans and rice. Entrées vary around $8 for a large plate or $5 for a smaller portion.

An assortment of desserts are also available, such as banana cream pie, lemon bars and fudgy chocolate brownie torte. Prices range around $25 for a family meal.

Photo by Melissa Flesch. Owner Bob Doxsie serves a warm cup of Joe at Olympic Coffee.

Preparations in full swing for graduation

BY KIM KIME-PARKS
Staff Reporter

The window of opportunity is quickly coming to a close for those wishing to participate in Highline's Commencement.

Plans are now being finalized for the approximate 500 students that will be taking part in Commencement in the Pavilion on June 12, at 7:30 p.m.

Those students who will complete their Associate of Arts degree in Spring or Summer Quarter are invited to walk during Commencement as long as they have turned in their petition to graduate.

"The petition to graduate is to be turned in two quarters before graduation," said Jason Prenovost, director of Outreach Services, and member of the Commencement Committee.

The Commencement Committee is 34 people across campus, including people from media services, facilities, communications, marketing, faculty, student services, campus administration and staff. They are working hard to put together all the traditional aspects of commencement, according to the registration office.

All eligible students who have turned in their petition to graduate are allowed to go through Commencement and will be receiving letters in the mail during the first week of May. The decision of which students are eligible is to be determined by the registration office.

"The difference between the $10.55 that needs to be turned in with the graduation petition and the cost of the caps and gowns is being covered by the college," Prenovost said. "It's a great deal!"

For those who haven't turned in their petition, it may not be too late. According to the registration office, caps and gowns are ordered through Highline's bookstore in the middle of May. With planning still being finalized, the speakers have yet to be announced. Student Government will be choosing the student speakers through applications that are being filed.

Along with the retirement of Jaci Graf later this year, future commencements will be handled by Student Programs.
President weighs in on war

Stefan Alano gives reserves side of story

BY KIMBERLY McLEAN
Staff Reporter

Highline Student Body President Stefan Alano didn’t have to go to war, but he’s willing to if necessary.

Alano is in the Army Reserves, but doubts he will get called into action very soon.

“I may be in the reserves, but I’m willing to serve my country if need be. I made a commitment to my government and myself by signing up for the reserves,” Alano said.

Alano said that he would try to make the best out the situation if he was called into the war, he feels for those who do have families to support though.

“I’m not extremely attached to my current lifestyle as I don’t have a wife and family to support. There are those soldiers who do, and I marvel at their courage and willingness to serve their country.”

Alano feels there are many underlying reasons for the war, but is getting sick of everyone’s professional speculations.

“When it comes down to it, I guess we just need to be mindful of the human rights of all people. We should help others and give them opportunities.”

“I feel that we, as American citizens, need to retain a perspective about the war. We are trying to provide the Iraqi nation with their own means as far as government, education, and reliability goes, but we need to consider how we are doing it,” Alano said.

Alano thinks that as a nation, Americans need to think about the effects this war will have on our long-standing relations as a country with other countries and the globalization and interdependencies that we need from them and they need from us.

“A major conflict like this often damages our ability to work together with other nations when it is all said and done. When it comes down to it, it seems to me that the president is the key individual that can affect our global relationships and attitudes,” Alano said.

Alano regrets that we couldn’t have perhaps had more support for our troops from the United Nations before going into war.

“We need the support of the United Nations for big decisions like going into war now if we want to have their support in the future,” said Alano.

Alano feels that while going into a war is a major occasion, it is most important how the soldiers represent their country.

“It’s a big deal to me how soldiers interact with the locals in a country. U.S. soldiers are ambassadors from our nation, and should treat the public with respect and dignity.

“How the soldiers interact with the locals, and how they treat the general masses will reflect how the people see our country.”

Alano urges students to figure out where they stand on the war, and resolve their convictions and determine their underlying ideals that support those convictions.

“Just because I’ve been in the military doesn’t validate my opinion on the current circumstances,” Alano said. “Talk to other war veterans around you and listen to their opinions. Find out the facts of the war before you shape your own opinion.”

Alano encourages students to stand behind their principles as well.

“Why is your opinion important? Each one of us needs to figure that out. Then, we need to figure out what we’re going to do about it,” he said.

Book club cracks open ‘Typical American’

BY WINDY L. BUTLER
Staff Reporter

Alison Green and Takami Nieda hope to help people explore what it means to be a typical American.

Green, Highline writing, literature and women’s studies instructor, will be leading a discussion on the novel ‘Typical American’ by Bruce Fleierm. The non-fiction book about the character Abraham, who is a key figure in Christianity, Islam, and Judaism.

“For the spring we wanted to do a novel, so we picked a novel called ‘Typical American’. It was my suggestion to do it because it’s fun and easy to read,” Green said.

We have a diverse student body that everyone can have their own point of view with this story, Green said.

“I hope this book will help make the readers think about what it means to be an American and how that might be different for other people,” Green said.

“I would hope that they would learn something-possibly about other people that might be different from them culturally or learn about an American experience that they may not know very much about,” Green said.

Unity Through Diversity Week is coming soon and for students who want to join the book reading club in their journey to a new cultural experience, meet them Tuesday, April 29 in Building 2 from 1-3 p.m. or Wednesday, April 30 in Building 2 from 9-11 a.m.

“There are copies of the book in the library on reserve,” Green said. “Even if the students haven’t had a chance to read the book we still would like for them to come and listen to the discussion.”

Green will be continuing the book reading club after Unity Through Diversity Week. Any students who would like to continue the journey to other cultures can contact Alison Green in the writing department in Building 15.

School levy passes

BY KIM KIME-PARKS
Staff Reporter

The second time is a charm for 18,000 students in the Highline School District.

The four year $112 million educational program and operation levy, which narrowly failed by less than 1 percent in February, passed by over a 68 percent margin on Tuesday.

“We’re thrilled,” said Barbara Blackshear-Haley, director of communication for the Highline School District. “The community spoke loudly by almost 70 percent that they clearly support education in the community.”

The drastic cuts in teaching positions, school hours, purchasing of textbooks, building maintenance and loss of elementary music, band and physical education classes have been avoided.

The election will not be official for 10 days, but the Highline School District is breathing a sigh of relief. With 100 percent of the precincts counted, the actual vote count was 14,001 yes votes compared to 6,600 no votes.

“The mood of the students and teachers seemed to be more cheerful today,” said David Anderson, a junior at Evergreen High School.

With the positive results of the elections almost a certainty, the district’s attention can now be focused on the students, officials say.
Star brightens at Honors Colliquy

By Theresa Brown
Staff Reporter

Highline speech instructor Rod Mattson helped the "Star of Success" shine on students at Wednesday's Honors Colliquy.

The five points of the star, Mattson said, are No. 1, define success; two, good preparation; three, attitude; four, communication; and five, knowledge.

When defining success, abstracts tend to dominate the description. From the audience came phrases like "accomplishing a worthy goal," or to have "peace of mind."

Success seems to be composed of several different elements, but to reach it, the ideas must be specific, Mattson said.

"Preparation is a continuum. Farmers don't say, it's harvest time, let's go plant the crops," said Mattson. They prepare for life. There are no leftovers.

"My students' motto is the six Ps—prior proper planning prevents poor performance," he said, grinning as his students laughed.

"Attitude and communication are 85 percent of success," said Mattson. Enthusiasm is essential for attitude, and you have to stretch outside your comfort zone.

"If you don't reach outside your comfort zone occasionally, it gets smaller," Mattson said. Even if you have a bad experience, keep reaching out, volunteer, start conversations with strangers.

"If you always do what you have always done, you always get what you've always got," he said. "Every wonder why elephants don't run away at the circus?"

Mattson asked abruptly. Because they are chained, a student replied.

"Yes, they are chained," Mattson answered. They have their cuff around the back leg, and the chain leading away to nothing. The chain isn't attached to anything.

"When elephants are babies, they put that chain and cuff on the leg, and every time the elephant tries to walk away, the chain holds it there. As adults, they've learned that they can't get away so they don't try. They don't reach out of their comfort zone. Are you living as an elephant?"

"There was a moment of silence as the audience contemplated this. Communication is huge, part of the 85 percent of success, Mattson said. Part of communicating well includes having good listening skills.

"That's why we have two ears and one mouth," Mattson said. "Only 14 percent of this audience is listening actively. Another 20 percent is mildly listening. So about 32 percent of the people are here paying attention to me," he said.

Mattson asked the audience to participate in a couple listening games, and his assumption was justified by the amount of students unable to follow the directions accurately.

The final point on the star of success is knowledge. Students spend all our time gaining knowledge, not focusing on attitude or communication, Mattson said.

Knowledge is only 15 percent of success, so while it is important, it is not the priority.

"Be an expert at something, define specific goals, keep working at communication," Mattson concluded.

The next Contemporary Voices seminar is April 30, in Building 7 at 1:10 p.m., and the speaker is Dr. Erika Bliss on racial and ethnic inequality in health care for Unity Through Diversity Week.

S&A surplus eases road

By John Montenegro
Staff Reporter

With extra money in their pockets the Services and Activities (S&A) committee is projecting an easier time deliberating than in the past.

The S&A budget is made up of student tuition and fees. The nine-member committee, made up of six students and three faculty members has the responsibility of deciding where the funds are to be allocated.

This year S&A is projecting a total revenue balance of close to $1.3 million. Thus far the committee has gotten requests from over 40 programs at Highline. Total requests come to $1,035,833.33.

Among programs asking for more S&A funds is Athletics.

John Dunn, Highlines athletics director stated a need for more funds in the supply line for each of Highlines 11 sports.

Dunn asked for an increase of $500 and a $1,000 increase for track because it is men's and women's.

For men's soccer Dunn requested a $1,000 increase $500 for the supply line and another $500 for transportation. Men's soccer's current budget is $8,940 with the requested increase the budget would rise to $9,940.

Dunn had been tracking the spending for Men's soccer for the past three years and it was calculated that they have over spent their budget cap for the last three years.

"It's needed," Dunn said. Other programs that have asked for increases in their budgets are: Graphics Support with a requested budget of $19,100 a difference of close to $9,000 from last year's budget of $10,500.

Women's Programs have requested a budget of $10,500, a $4,500 jump from their budget last year of $6,000.

Although several programs have requested larger budgets many programs have requested no changes in their budget and some have even decreased their budgets.

The S&A committee was scheduled to start deliberations yesterday, but even though there is still a long road ahead until they are finished committee members say it will be a little less bumpy then before.

At a recent S&A meeting Vice President of Student Services Ivan Gorne commented on the relative ease the S&A committee may have with the deliberation process.

"You're in a great position in this committee, because your budget is expanding," Gorne said. Associate Dean of Student Programs Jonathan Brown credits the projected ease the committee has had thus far with deliberations well informed, deliberations don't take very long," Brown said.

But committee members are aware of the position they are in. With more money to allocate than has been requested the committee still will have to be careful where they delegate resources.

"With a cushion of funds, it doesn't come down to if we can fund them, it comes down to why," Brown said.

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Children’s Fair offers fun for all at Highline

BY SYREETA BERNAL Staff Reported

Highline will host its annual Children’s Fair this Saturday, April 26, 2003, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

“This year there will be a lot of new things going on,” said Alice Madsen, education coordinator.

The fair is co-sponsoring this event along with donations from the community and from the performers who will be at the fair.

“We are going to have Clifford The Big Red Dog walking around,” Madsen said. Also to accompany him will be the Red Robin Bird from Red Robin restaurants.

Highline students will be helping with this event. “Highline’s nursing students will be showing the kids how to properly wash their hands and the respiratory care classes will be teaching the kids the effects that smoking has on the lungs,” Madsen said.

The Children’s Art Show will also be going on at this time, with a children’s art gallery on the fourth floor of the library, this show will be featuring art by children enrolled in Highline’s Cooperative Preschool.

During the day the children and their families will get a chance to do numerous activities. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the children will have the opportunity to make windsocks, kites, have their faces painted and listen to music.

The music this year will be by musician Tia from Tia’s Quacker Tunes, she will be playing children’s music for the kids to enjoy.

Also from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the children will get a close-up look at a fire truck and a Des Moines Police car. They will be parked in the North parking lot of Highline’s campus.

This event is mainly for the children to have a day to be educated about important topics while also having fun, Madsen said.
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least 90 minutes," Proctor said. "So you might ask, why the heck did I join the gym? Because they have CNN and HBO!"

Proctor said that the crowdedness of the city has taken some getting used to, and that the threat of SARS only adds to her concerns.

"The SARS illness, or whatever they are calling it, is scary. I am a little worried about that," said Proctor. "Although there has been no outbreak that I know of in Shanghai, Hong Kong just had a bad one and it isn't across the ocean for me anymore. There are just a few people wearing masks in Shanghai, not the majority of the people."

Proctor says the air quality is very different in Shanghai. "Shanghai is considered a clean city, but the exhaust and dust is not what we are used to in the U.S."

"I miss having my own office, clean chalkboard erasers, the ability to make a handout for class in a matter of minutes and not days," Proctor said. "I will never complain about the copy machine in Building 5 again!"

Proctor with two fellow exchange instructors Xiaohong (left) and Ding Yaping (right). Both women taught chinese at Highline.

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SBCTC. Executive Director of the SBCTC Earl Hale said that tuition, under the control of the state Legislature, could increase by 36 percent over four years if the 9-percent increases over the next two years take effect.

"The SBCTC is much more concerned about the size of tuition increases than who sets tuition," Hale said.

Hale was quick to point out that in recent years, the SBCTC has not used the maximum increase that the Legislature set.

Gov. Gary Locke and the state Senate have both called for 9-percent tuition increases over the next two years in their operating budget proposals, while the state House's proposal calls for a 5-percent increase.

"All of these budget proposals include budget cuts that are to be offset by the tuition increases," the SBCTC's Sutton said.