Don’t worry, these are legal

Students are growing plants in campus labs with intent to sell

By Simon Johnson
Staff Reporter

Biology Professor Gerry Barkley is getting himself and his Biology 119 class ready for the plant sale.

The lab classes sew and care for the plants to sell at the annual plant sale held every Spring Quarter. This year’s plant sale will be held tomorrow, Friday, May 9.

The plants will be sold in front of the greenhouse starting at 9 a.m. The sale will last until they run out. Potential buyers are advised to get there early for a better selection because usually all of the plants are sold by 1 p.m.

During lab, the biology class goes to the greenhouse to get their hands dirty while learning how to care for the plants. They measure the water, temperature and growth. The students chat and discuss plant care and share stories about their plants.

One woman described one of her plants as a manly plant and another as a girl plant. Some students have even grown attached to their plants.

Many of the students are growing more than 20 plants apiece. All the plants will have identity tags and the sale will have detailed information cards of the different types of plants.

“It’s a real good idea and a great way to make money especially since Mother’s Day is around. It’s a great way to get students involved too,” student Lew White said.

White will be growing cactus flower, squash, pumpkins and marigolds.

The sale will raise funds for future plant sales and teach the students about growing plants. The proceeds of the sale will help buy equipment for the greenhouse and buy more plants and seeds for future sales.

The plant sale will also be a social event for the campus and community.

“I like it,” student Colleen Milton said. “I think it’s directly applicable to everything you do.”

Milton will be growing munchkin sunflowers. Since there are a limited number of plants to be sold and they are sold at a low price, it can cause a problem.

“It’s so popular we often run out,” said Barkley. “We have as many this year as we ever had. Another problem that comes from the plant sale is the lack of education about how to take care of them. This sale will aim to give more information on how to take care of the plants. Caring for the plants will be especially

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Back to work on state budget

By Ben Johnston
Staff reporter

A few hot-button issues may hold up the Legislature when it gets back to business on Monday, May 12.

The state Legislature ended its regular 105-day session on April 27 without reaching an agreement on a biennial budget.

This has left Highline without any firm answers to capital and operating funds for next year. Part of the difficulty that has created these issues is that the Democrats control the House while the Republicans control the Senate.

One such issue is the proposed cut of prenatal care for resident illegal aliens by state Senate Republicans.

House Democrats argue against this point, saying that if the children are born in-state, the state will carry the cost of child care, and that providing gestational health care for the illegal immigrant mothers would be much cheaper and better for the state and the children.

Altogether, the House Democrats have proposed an operating budget that cuts $2.2 billion, while the Senate Republicans have proposed $2.4 billion in cuts.

“We’re really only bickering over $200 million,” said state Rep. Dave Updegrove, D-34th District.

Updegrove has voiced tentative optimism that the session will be over in only a few days.

“There’s no reason why we can’t just go down there (to the capitol) and vote and go home,” Updegrove said.

While budget negotiators
Mother Nature cleans its wounds

Strohmaier discusses bugs at seminar

**BY SIMON JOHNSON**
Staff Reporter

Professor Joy Strohmaier says we may get by with a little help from our friends, our little friends.

Strohmaier discussed the topic of Bioremediation at last Friday's science seminar.

Bioremediation is the process of microorganisms digesting organic materials such as fuels, solvents and convert them to: carbon dioxide, water or smaller, less toxic organic compounds.

According to Strohmaier this is fortunate for them because of humans and their production of massive amounts of all kinds of waste.

For instance, Strohmaier informed the audience that 38 percent of U.S. domestic waste is paper.

The next highest waste is yard waste along with metals, plastics, glass and food. Paper, food and yard waste can be broken down somewhat easily by microbes. The difficult waste for bioremediation to take place is with elements that aren't found in nature, said Strohmaier. Strohmaier told the audience that chemical and petroleum industries make 93 percent of hazardous waste.

The U.S. makes about 265 tons of toxic waste every year, Strohmaier said.

Often the use of bioremediation comes after a spill or at one of the Environmental Protection Agency's superfund sights. In nature, said Strohmaier, bioremediation is often the case because of the difficulties in producing a contaminant and the bacteria die or thrive depending on the "food" supply.

"We are wallowing in our own waste material," Strohmaier said.

There are three ways to use bioremediation.

Using the native bacteria is easy by microbes.

"Bioremediation is so important biologically and environmentally," Strohmaier said.

Bioremediation can be used at many different places such as: sewage waste, coal products, gasoline and fuel oil contaminations and agricultural waste in water and soil.

At the Van Nuys Airport in southern California, pollutant levels fell 80 percent in 90 days and the bacteria die or thrive depending on the "food" supply. People can even participate in bioremediation at home by just building a compost pile.

Strohmaier finished the seminar with the quote "life's messy, clean it up."

Science seminar is one a credit class offered every Friday, at 2:10 p.m. in Building 3, room 102. This week's Science Seminar speaker is Sue Frantz.

Give your writing a jump start

Arlene Naganawa will be leading a workshop which will include "hands on" art/text project. Each student will create a small arrow that will help inspire poetry.

The workshop will occur May 15 in Building 2 from 6-8 p.m.

Spring Festival slated for Friday

Outreach, Cooperative Education and Student Programs will be hosting the sixth Annual Spring Festival scheduled for Friday, May 9.

The event is slated to run from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and will feature a career fair, college fair, college and career-related workshops, athletic activities, a campus barbeque, live music and more.

Students are encouraged to attend. For more information contact Outreach Services at www.highline.edu/outreach.

Immigration event postponed

The HCC 4 Human Rights Club sponsored event "The Immigration Experience; Stories of 'New Americans' has been postponed.

The event originally was scheduled for today at noon, however, it will happen later in the quarter.

Power outage to take place soon

There will be a power outage on campus in Buildings 1,2,3, and 10 on Friday, May 9. The power will be shut off at 4 p.m. and is expected to last a couple hours.

called biostimulation and using externally added bacteria is called bioaugmentation. Recently scientists have also started using genetically engineered bacteria for bio remediation.

If some substances comes along that the bacteria isn't used to it could mutate in to a form that thrives from the new substance. People shouldn't be worried about mutant bacteria because once the bacteria eat all the food, the bacteria die, said Strohmaier.

"Bioremediation is so important biologically and environmentally," Strohmaier said.

For example after the Exxon Valdez oil spill bacteria was used to convert the crude oil into carbon dioxide and water: Washington state also has a major superfund sight at the Hanford nuclear reservation.

"We are wallowing in our own waste material," Strohmaier said.

Employee of the Year coming soon

Applications are now available to nominate Highline's Employee of the Year.

Nominations can be made by any Highline student, staff member, faculty member or administrator.

Nomination letters must be placed in a sealed envelope marked for the award and received by the Human Resources Office no later than 5 p.m. Friday, May 9. The name of the recipient for the award will be announced at the Faculty and Staff Spring Luncheon on June 12.
Five file for Student Government

Students run unopposed for five positions

By Kimberly McLean
Staff Reporter

Highline students should have an easy decision to make on May 21, Election Day for Student Government. Each of the five offices is running unopposed as of Wednesday, May 7.

Kolesta Moore, current president of the Black Student Union (BSU), is running for Student Government president. Moore said she has a lot of experience in the leadership through involvement in activities in high school and the workplace.

"I’ve always believed in being a leader, I just wasn’t ready for it. The past few years have been a test of my true leadership skills, and now I want to put it into action," Moore said.

Moore spent her high school years at Lincoln Academy High School in San Diego.

Moore has been attending Highline for four quarters and plans to look into transferring to a school with a good arts program when she finishes her A.A. next year.

"My career outlook is kind of fuzzy right now. Life for me right now is like walking through a really dark tunnel with my hands as guides. No matter how wide I open my eyes, it’s the feeling that’s doing the guiding. I think I’ll end up in some capacity in the arts," said Moore.

To prove her talent in the arts category, Moore is having her first album released this July.

Moore said she would love to sing, and she’ll be able to live off the Student Government office if it becomes a complete hit.

I’m overcoming obstacles every day," said Moore. "My life is not set on a great foundation so I am having to pave the way for myself. This is my career outlook and it’s lessons.

Moore would like to thank all those who have continued to support her and given her inspiration, as well as pushed her along to lead others.

"I’m just trying to rise to the occasion and be the best me I can be," Moore said.

Moore has received a number of awards regarding dedication, completion, outstanding achievements, and participation.

Moore thinks she’s a good candidate for office because she’s articulate, ambitious, organized, and a good representative of the student body.

Tamarah Seal is running for vice president of legislation.

Seal is a Running Start student from Fife High School.

Although Seal has been at Highline since Fall Quarter of 2002 and plans to finish up her A.A. by next spring quarter,

"I have no idea where I want to transfer to after Highline. I want to major in ministerial career and be a missionary," Seal said.

While Seal said that she likes singing, she won’t sing in front of people, and she admits that photoshopping is one of her favorite hobbies.

Seal has had several obstacles over the past few years that she’s had overcome.

I’m having one of the hardest things for her has been being the several people who have passed away in her life or have been diagnosed with a terminal illness.

It’s hard...but I’ve learned to build my life around it and get back to the most normal state of life that I can," Seal said.

Seal has been the crew student of the month at her high school, and received the top grade in her science class.

She was also recognized for passing all parts of the WASTL.

Seal thinks she would be a good vice president of legislation because she’s hard-working and she does the best job she can in any situation.

She also wants to get to know more people and bring their thoughts and ideas into student government.

Rebekah Palmer is running for Treasurer/Club Diplomat.

She has had a lot of experience directing and acting in plays with both children and adults.

"I just feel like I know how to work with people. And I want to make a difference," said Palmer.

Although Palmer remains unsure where she wants to transfer to, she thinks it will probably some four-year, private college.

"I plan on majoring in elementary education," Palmer said. "I would love to teach the first grade, maybe even in Mexico on a mission school, since I also love speaking Spanish.

Palmer enjoys acting, shopping, and communicating with others.

I love to talk. It’s no problem for me taking charge when I have too," said Palmer.

Palmer’s inspiration for running for office was her desire to help other people.

Palmer said that she has always wanted to be a leader, and she thinks that she will be a good diplomat from the student body.

Palmer was on the Honor Roll all four years of her high school career. She also received a scholarship for helping others and school spirit.

Palmer feels that she would be a good candidate for Treasurer/Club Diplomat because she loves to have things organized, and she strongly believes in communicating between groups of people to create more unity.

She would love to help make the interactions between clubs as smooth as possible.

Cassie Peterson has also applied to run for vice president of administration and Aaron Poorman has applied for senator.

The filing deadline for applications for both vice president positions has been extended until Friday, May 9.

Students post their thoughts on smoking

By Kimberly McLean
Staff Reporter

Highline students Paul Edwards and Jerrick Kimberling won an anti-smoking poster contest awarded by Highline’s Health Committee in an effort to prevent smoking.

Student Government Senator Eric Blanchard and Phi Theta Kappa members Alex Barren and Robert Roberts judged posters based on creativity, clarity, and effectiveness of message.

"We had 16 submissions, so there was quite a bit of competition," Blanchard said. "I’m just glad to see so many people responded to the contest."

First place winner Edwards won $50 for his striking depiction of a lit cigarette being hooked by a fishing tackle entitled Rice Champ.

Edwards said that the inspiration for the poster was the idea of the strong hold addiction plays on smokers.

"I want students to understand the addiction involved with picking up a cigarette and smoke," Edwards said.

"You’re not doing yourself a favor by picking up a cigarette," said Kimberling. "That’s why I called my piece Self Hater."

The funding for the competition is part of a $12,495 grant given to Highline by King County for the promotion of tobacco prevention on campus.

Other activities and contests are being planned to further discourage the use of tobacco. Team Highline and Student Government members encourage students to participate.

Edwards and Kimberling’s posters will be put on display for all interested staff, faculty and students to admire.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, STEP RIGHT UP FOR THE GREATEST CHOW ON EARTH.

Navy returns with true love

Having a loved one in the military is hard, especially in a war. My boyfriend, Eric Kelley, was stationed at the USS Abraham Lincoln for almost 10 months. And now he is finally home.

Seeing him leave in July was not easy. It was really hard to get used to him not calling every night and talking until the wee hours in the morning. He wasn’t here for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s. But I promised myself I would stay busy and e-mail every day, and that’s exactly what I did.

I went to school full-time and went home to Portland every other weekend. We e-mailed each other as often as we could but sometimes we didn’t receive e-mails for weeks because the e-mail was down on the boat or were just too busy to write.

When his deployment was extended beyond New Year’s, I was very devastated. He was just weeks away from coming home, and then had to turn right back around.

When I heard on the news he’d be back in Early May, I was so excited. We started planning things for us to do once he returned.

And finally he came home. When I saw him, I instantly started to cry. I ran and jumped on him and held him for what seemed like forever.

I’ve learned the meaning of patience, trust, understanding and most importantly, communication in a relationship. If we didn’t have e-mails then I don’t know where we would be. I’ve learned to love and respect myself and with loving myself, I can love him even more.

Collette has had a problem coping without the need for e-mail.

The THUNDERWORD STAFF

It looks like dirty mud.

Opinion

Pay attention on campus

Visible construction progress has begun on the lawn of Building 2. Many students have formulated opinions as to the need of the new student center and the interim cafeteria tent.

If you support the concept of the new building then you see the construction as a welcome sign. If you let obscenities fly out of your mouth every time you have to walk around the fenced off area or add $25 a quarter to your tuition check, then you probably wish the whole thing would have been smothered from its inception.

Whether you support the building now may be inconsiderational as construction has begun. But the inception of the center holds a valuable lesson for everyone: no matter what the view, we need to pay attention to what is going on at Highline.

The proposal was introduced in 1999 with a message that a new student center needed to be constructed to meet the growing needs of the Highline student body. A very hazy sketch of the future center was proposed to the students and forums were held in several classes to discuss the need for the center.

The proposal included implementing a building fee of $2.50 per credit (maximum 19 credits) to be paid by the student body in addition to tuition. Money collected would be set as a primary funding source to gain state approval.

The issue was then put to a vote of the students. It passed by less than 40 votes with only 200 of Highline’s 10,000 students voting.

The fee was established and the project moved forward. The college money collected would be set as a primary funding source to gain state approval.

The next step was to start the bond process, which is a loan Highline uses to pay for the project. They also needed to start the bidding process to locate a construction company that would give us the greatest bang for our buck.

The process encountered a major roadblock when key leadership in Highline administration left in 2006. The groundbreaking date was pushed back two years, adding to the overall cost of the project.

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Highline leadership turned to the students in the form of adding to the building fee. Another small percentage of the college voted and this time voted down the measure, leaving a momentary budget gap. Many sacrifices and cuts were made at various levels by Highline administration to help cover the deficit.

The college is now close to securing a construction company to start demolition and construction as well as closing the bond process, which will determine the amount of money the college borrows to pay for the new center.

The story could have been very different if more students had made themselves aware of the issues and took their responsibility seriously. When voting in politics, it seems a little silly to complain about people you didn’t vote for or against. Likewise, a valuable lesson is that if you don’t want to pay $25 more than you have to a quarter or if you do want to contribute to a future student center on campus, then you should make your voice heard and at least have a say in the process.
I'm a woman, I'm not stupid. However, there is a common misconception in our society that a woman has no place in a man's world. Well, I'm here to make a change. I'll be damned if I continue to be mistreated just because I might not know the difference between a crank and rod.

I will openly admit that I don't know the first thing about cars, nor do I care to. I want a car that I can get into, turn the key in the ignition and go. However, one day, my car wouldn't just go.

Every time I came to a stop my car would die, sometimes restarting right away and sometimes taking hours to cooperate. After meeting a bunch of crazy mechanics on the side of the road, who asked silly questions like, "Did ya have it in the right gear sweetheart?" "Have you changed your oil lately honey?" and "Do-you want me to follow you home to make sure you get there OK?" I decided it was time to get the Grand Am's issues sorted out.

I took my car in to have a diagnostic check done to find out if my fuel injectors needed to be cleaned. So after saving my pennies, literally, I dropped my car off to be serviced. The next day I picked it up and as I was driving home, my car died. Baffled, I restarted and sputtered my way home, thinking that it must be something else possessing my car.

In the next few weeks, not only did my car die whenever I stopped, it also started to shake like an unraveled ball. It wasn't until I made my dad go get my dead car that he began to see my frustration. We pulled the Grand Am behind his PT Cruiser with a rope out to the GM dealership.

This was the first time my dad, or anyone for that matter, had gone with me to the repair shop and I was completely astonished at the night-and-day difference of the way I was treated compared to the way my dad was treated.

When I walk into a repair shop, I am talked to like a child, not told the whole story and often insulted. On the other hand, when my dad walks into a repair shop, it's "Sir this," and "Sir that." He receives prompt and polite attention without having to ask for it. I understand age could have had something to do with the difference in treatment, but I also know that I am not the only woman who has been mistreated in a similar situation. I have come up with a short list of suggestions for women to keep in mind when entering a male-dominated world.

1. Dress appropriately; leave your mini-skirt and low cut shirt at home, but on the same note don't sport your own sweats either. Dress like you're going on a job interview.
2. Let the employees know what you expect upon walking into the shop. I strongly discourage you from calling a car part a "thingy." It might be helpful to take an automotive class. Even a little knowledge can help.
3. If all else fails, ask a male friend to go with you. Just his presence will make your experience in the repair shop so much better than if you were alone.

This session examined the ever-changing profile of what it is to be Latina.

During this session I learned so much about my culture and how it came to be. I felt that this conference offered a wealth of learning opportunities, resources and support to multi-racial and bi-racial people.

The issues that were addressed in this conference, I feel, are central to my future.

The things that I learned can and will help me in my higher education and also in my personal community.

Although my experience with this conference was very beneficial, I soon see diversity as a thing of the past.

I think over time, people will be multi-racial and everyone will be mixed in their own way. With all of the races mixing with each other, I think we are becoming more multi-racial as time goes on.
Jeff and Emily Hannah began
the unique video rental business
from scratch, starting with a
mere idea.

"My wife and I like movies
and we wanted to see movies
but there were a lot of bad
things in them," co-owner Jack
Hannah said. "We wanted to
provide movies for people like
us."

And they did just that. They
told their home to open the
store, and weren't certain of the
success of the business. But so
far, the business has been suc-
cessful. "I don't like the, 'F' word and
I don't like to hear it and I don't
like to expose my kids to it,"
customer Sheila Smith said. 
"I won't watch an R rated film.
They just stick stuff in that has
nothing to do with the film."

Smith hasn't seen an R rated
film in nine years, but with R
and PG-13 movies edited, Smith
and customers alike can experi-
ence a plethora of films, worry-
free of the ratings.

However, even the edited
movies are too strong for some,
and the movie's basis is simply
inappropriate. Clean Hits Video
manages to solve this problem
as well and also rent movies that
aren't edited, and don't need to
be. Such movies include
Disney films and other movies
targeted at small children.

Even still, children's movies
still may need to be revised.
Films such as Dr. Dolittle,
Dr. Dolittle 2, E.T., Shrek, The
Crocodile Hunter, and Harry
Potter are all edited at Clean
Hits for any offensive content.

For example, Harry Potter.
"I think there was one swear
word if I remember correctly,
and that was all," Smith said.

In the case of profanity, alter-
native words are replaced over
the inappropriate terms.

"They will actually take
sound bites out and slide some-
thing else in," Smith said.

When sex or violence is the
issue, the scene is deleted from
the movie.

"Most films you only take
out about 30 seconds," Smith
said.

For a film to be edited, the
Hannahs purchase the original
copy of a movie and send it to
the editors. They cut and paste
as necessary and send back the
final product. Then the films
are available to customers.

Editing the films for families
has had a tremendous response.
"There's a lot of enthusiasm
for what we're doing," Hannah
said. "We had a dentist offer us
free dental coverage. People
want to send their kids to Holly-
wood, a clean up your movie
message."

This message has hit Holly-
wood, and is currently striking
up legal issues in the field of
editing films.

"I think Hollywood feels a
little put out that we're doing
this," Hannah said. "It's a little
slap in the face that we don't
like the product they sold us."

Hannah feels it's his right to
edit a movie that he legally
owns, and compares the situa-
tion to owning a pair of jeans.
If you go home and turn the jeans
that you bought into cut-offs, he
said, that's not illegal, and editing
films is relatively the same.

Hollywood feels quite differ-
ently and would argue that mass
producing the cut-offs and sell-
ing them under the original
name would be wrong. The
same goes for the edited films
and Hollywood believes it to be
infringing on the copyright.

The lawsuit is still pending.
"It could go against Holly-
wood and give more rights to
the consumers," Hannah said.

If editing movies ends up be-
ing outlawed, Hannah believes
the defeat will affect any type of
consumer in general. He said
that signing your name to a
rental contract is illegal, and edit-
ing them under the original
name would be wrong. The
message has hit Hollywood.

While the verdict is un-
settled, Clean Hits is continuing
to legally rent out movies.
And as they are still doing so,
customers are happy to have a
place that offers movies that are
fun for the whole family.
Mom’s the word on Sunday

By Kim Kime-Parks
Staff Reporter

Phone lines will be jammed, flower shops will be packed and lines at See’s Candy will be long this weekend. Husbands, sons and daughters will be picking up that special present to honor their mothers.

This Sunday, May 11, is Mother’s Day.

You may think Mother’s Day was started by Hallmark. Not true.

Mother’s Day actually dates back to the ancient Romans. Their annual spring festival was dedicated to the great Mother of the Gods, Cybele.

During the same time Christians celebrated during a festival on the fourth Sunday in Lent honoring Mary, mother of Christ.

Mother’s Day actually made its way to the United States in the early 1900s.

Anna Jarvis, an Appalachian homemaker began by organizing a day, “Mother’s Work Day,” to raise awareness of the poor health condition in her community.

In 1905, after the death of Anna Jarvis, her daughter, also named Anna, wanted to memorialize the work that her mother had done.

After talking to numerous politicians including Presidents Roosevelt and Taft, her dream became to become reality.

The House of Representa-tives adopted a resolution in 1912 honoring mothers.

Officials of the federal government were to wear white carnations, which was Anna Jarvis’s favorite flower, on the second Sunday in May.

President Woodrow Wilson on May 8, 1914 signed a Joint Resolution designating Mother’s Day as the second Sunday in May, and a national holiday.

Anna Jarvis spent most of her adult life trying to create a special day to honor mothers. Shortly before her death she had told a reporter that she was sorry to ever have started Mother’s Day. She felt it had become too commercialized.

Mother’s Day has become the most popular day of the year to eat out, even beating Valentine’s Day, according to the restaurant industry.

“We usually go all out for my mom on Mother’s Day,” said Highline student Molly Brown.

“We take mom out to eat and then we do anything she wants.”

Meanwhile Highline student Kelisha Currier will be spending the day with her two children, and then calling her mother in Missouri.

Photo by Connie Bradley

James Scheider, Running Start student, placed first in the tenor division at the annual state competition.

After placing at district he then has one month left to polish up his songs before state.

“We being able to perform is one of the greatest feelings on earth,” said Scheider.

This tenor doesn’t just sing either. He also plays the drums and the piano.

He first found his passion for singing and performing with the role of Oliver in Oliver Twist.

From there he has gone on to performing with the Hi-Liners in Burien and private vocal instruction with Fran Reid for the past five years.

He has just recently started lessons with Dr. Sandra Gloyer, professor of music at Highline.

Besides voice lessons, this Running Start student from Mt. Rainier High School is enrolled in music theory and other general requirement classes at Highline.

But before all of this, his mornings begin with Mt. Rainier Choir rehearsal at 6:30 a.m.

When Scheider graduates from high school he will also be graduating from Highline.

His ultimate goal is to then transfer to New York University and pursue a degree in vocal performance that will help him get a career in musical theater.

By Shalynn Leonard
Staff Reporter

The Little Theater will be premiering their first one-act plays on May 14, in Building 4 at 8 p.m. Performances will continue 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. Patrick Allcorn, Carlos Calvo, Syrina Watts, Matt Hoff, DJ Taylor, and Katie Schwab.

The plays will run about 20 minutes long.

“There’s such a variety of themes in the one-act plays, so it will appeal to all sorts of people,” said actor Sharon Kibbie.

The directors have each chosen a piece for the one-act plays. There will be different acts from the Stylistic Drama Japanese Noh Theater, mask of Hisshimo, In the Western Garden, Am I Blue, and The Master Theatre Style Comedy.

“I’m excited to see what the audiences think about the plays,” said director Patrick Allcorn.

He will be directing a piece called Mid-Life Crisis of Dionysus, which is a comedy of sorts about a god of wine and orgies, who suddenly turns 50 years old and struggles in coming to terms with getting older.

“The plays are an essential of life and how people handle life,” said actor Mike Bacalzo.

Scheider takes first place in tenor division

By Jana Bosley
Staff Reporter

Highline student James Scheider is a talented young musician and he now has two gold medals to prove it.

Scheider placed first in the tenor division at the annual State solo and ensemble competition at Central Washington University on Saturday, April 26.

This is his third year competing, and his second time placing first. Last year he placed first in the baritone division.

A lot of preparation went into winning these medals.

Scheider began critiquing his pieces an hour a day for two months before the district solo and ensemble competition in March.

“Being able to perform is one of the greatest feelings on earth.”

-James Scheider, student

One-Acts premier at Highline
Seago goes a step beyond silence

By Jessica Flesch
Staff Reporter

He starred in an Oscar-nominated film, he was a guest star on Star Trek, his students nicknamed him "Mr. Toilet," and he is deaf.

He is Howie Seago and he came to Highline for Unity Through Diversity Week on May 1, to give a presentation on his acting experiences and on deaf culture. Seago has been involved in performing arts, acting, directing and teaching, for over 25 years.

Seago has had a variety of acting roles, among those are Beyond Silence, an Oscar-nominated German film that he starred in, and Star Trek: Load as a Whisper, which he guest starred in. Seago has his bachelor of arts degree in psychology, he has toured with the National Theater for the Deaf and has been on a number of TV shows; he is a strong advocate for the deaf, community and is dedicated to bridging the gaps between deaf and hearing cultures.

Seago taught at Tyee High school at the same time that he returned from Germany. "When I got home I made the mistake of telling the story to me students," signed Seago. "They called me Mr. Toilet for the rest of the year. I shouldn't have done that. I really learned my lesson."

Seago was born deaf and was put into an oral school, which means the curriculum focuses on lip reading and speech, rather than learning sign language. The only sign language that Seago knew was the informal sign that he and his family invented.

"I didn't really become fully immersed into the Deaf culture until I was in college," Seago said.

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e and his career took off from there. His wife, a big fan of Star Trek, suggested he look into being on the show.

"Honestly, I could take it or leave it. It wasn't close captioned back then and how could a deaf person read all of those aliens," Seago said. Seago gave it a shot and eventually they asked him onto the show. One moment he remembers with particular fondness was when he greets the regular crew in the show.

He wanted to do something to grab people's attention, so when he met the Captain he stood as close as possible to him and placed his hand on the Captain's chest. He proceeded to do the same until he reached Deanna Troi, whom he obviously couldn't greet the same way.

"She looked scared, like she didn't really want to," Seago signed. Seago lives in Seattle and although he isn't currently involved with Hollywood, he hasn't ruled out the possibility. "I'm a Northwesterman, I mean, what can I do?" Seago signed with a grin. "But I certainly would consider an offer if the job was right."

The boat cruise returns

BY SHALynn LEONARD
Staff Reporter

Come out and enjoy the Puget Sound scenery at Team Highline's second annual boat cruise. This year's theme is "Seattle by Moonlight." The event will take place on May 16, from 8 to 11 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now for $15 for singles and $25 for couples, in the Student Program Office. There are only 250 tickets, so don't hesitate, or they'll be sold out. Tickets will be on sale through May 16 until 5 p.m.

With the "Seattle by Moonlight" theme, and the semi-formal attire, Team Highline hopes people feel they're at prom all over again.

"It's a great end to a year of excellence and wonderful friends, so you should come out and celebrate with us," said Ruth Lepule, a member of Team Highline.

The event will be filled with music by DJ Mickey, dancing, pictures, and a lot of food, including an Italian Tiarnus cake and shrimp. "It's going to be a lot of fun, we're going to have a DJ, great food, and pictures," Lapule said. "It's the last big event of the year for the graduating students, so this should be really fun," said Abdi Jeie, a member of Team Highline.

Smokes to play in Building 8

BY PATRICK WAGNER
Staff Reporter

Highline rock fans will soon be able to get a single shot of Johnny Smokes, unplugged.

Smokes, who tends the espresso cart outside Building 6, recently sought out permission to play in the student lounge one time before it is down.

"I just asked Carol (Jones) and it sounded like a good idea," said Smokes.

Smokes, who is a longtime music veteran, has had his eye on playing Highline for some time now.

"The building is coming down soon, and I have meant to play just one show down there," he said.

This is going to be an acoustical event. Most of what will be performed will be old and new rock songs, but you might hear a little something from his upcoming solo album.

Attendees at the midday show should expect a wide variation of music from Smokes.

Everything from the Beatles to Stained has been rehearsed for his acoustical act.

The show will take place down stairs in Building 8 on May 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
First baseman Erin Johnson steals second and pays the price for sliding下乡 To Bank. Highline will play its final home games Friday night at 2 p.m. and then go to Peninsula Saturday to finish the season.

The NWAACC tourney begins May 16 in Portland, Ore.

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HIGHLINE'S TRIO OF PITCHERS IS SOARING HIGH

By Shauna Bjork
Staff Reporter

When Danae Munsell is in the circle, you can hear the ball smack into the catcher's mitt almost every time. Amanda Richardson is all business when she's hurling heat, but when she's not, it's all smiles. Lacey Walter doesn't say much while in the circle, but her pitches speak volumes.

All three are pitchers for Highline's women's fastpitch team, and are only freshmen at that. Yet up until Wednesday, each of them had not found their names in the loss column this season, and each has pitched exceptionally well in leading the team to a 26-1 record in league play.

As early as the first game of the regular season, the women proved their dominance. Munsell pitched a shut out only allowing two hits in the league opener. And since then, the women have combined for five two-hitters.

"We use our pitches wisely," said Richardson. "Our coach, Mark Hall, uses us wisely for different games and different situations."

Danae Munsell is tied for the most wins with a 9-4 record. Amanda Richardson is 9-8 in league play this season. Walter has earned eight victories in the process.

"We each have different pitching styles," said Walter. "So, when we go against different teams we work really well." Walter says some of her strengths lie in her speed and accuracy, whereas Munsell keeps with positive thinking to help win games.

"When I get behind I don't worry about it," said Munsell. "I just try my best." Richardson, on the other hand, relies on her knowledge of pitching to help her get through innings.

"I'm more of a junk pitcher," said Richardson. "I know how to work the corners when I need to." The variety that the pitchers have given the team an advantage over opposing batters.

"They each can throw between five and seven different pitches," said Jensen. Despite their success, each admits to some challenges as pitchers. Two of them are recovering from injuries. "Since I hurt my arm in the fall, I haven't been able to throw my drop ball," said Richardson. "There have been games when I hoped I could've used it." "My major weakness is my hand since I hurt it," said Walter. "It's really holding me back."

Walter sprained her hand during a game on April 29, and hasn't pitched in a game since. "I can't throw a rise ball very well," said Munsell. "But when I go up there to pitch I think about how much back up I have," said Munsell. "I have such a good field. I know that I don't have to worry about it if the ball gets hit."

Their pasts are very similar as well. All played on high school teams and have had experience playing select ball. Walter played for Highline High School, where she was on the varsity team for four years before becoming a T-Bird. "I want to stay and play for Highline for more years," she said, "to play and improve my skills," said Walter.

Munsell played for Enumclaw for four years, playing varsity her junior and senior years.

"I love Mark Hall more than anything," said Munsell. "He's like my second dad."

As for the rest of the season and beyond, each see a title.

"I think we have a real chance to win as long as we play our game. We are a really talented team as long as we stay up and not get rattled, we have a chance to win NWAACC's this year," said Richardson. "This year we have a really strong chance of taking the championship," said Munsell, "because we have such a strong team."

Amanda Richardson is 9-0 in league play this season.
By COLETTE WOODS  
Staff Reporter

The men's track team is getting tuned up for the championships by winning their first track meet of the season.

The meet took place at Clark Community College on May 3 in Vancouver. Other community colleges competing were Clark, the Bellevue track club, and Southwestern Oregon. Righline scored 148 points, followed by Clark, 131; Southwestern Oregon, 101; and Bellevue, 48 points. "This was the first time we were at a track meet, and we won," said Head Coach Robert Yates.

The athlete of the meet was Gunner Argo, who took second place in three events: the discus with a distance of 138'2", 110-meter hurdles with a time of 17.3 seconds, and the 400 hurdles with a time of 59.7. "I think I had a really good day," said Argo.

Rashawn Mitchell had a great day when he qualified for the championships by placing fourth in the 200-meter dash, with a time of 22.5 seconds. "I think I had a really good day," said Mitchell.

Tyisha Coleman takes first place in the 100-meter hurdles.

Talon Walkert and Jeremiah Armeastad placed in the 200-meter run as well, both with a time of 22.6 to take fifth and sixth place.

Jershon Foyston won the 200-meter run in the second heat with a time of 22.7, which is a personal best, and qualifies him for NWAACCs. Foyston also won the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.8. "I think I did very well," said Foyston. "It was a relaxing meet and I had a good time."

Edguaro Holland had a time of 23 seconds flat in the 200-meter run, placing second. He also placed second in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 52.8. "I did great because I dropped my time by half a second, which qualifies me for NWAACCs," said Holland. "So I had a really good day."

Derek Blair won the 100-meter run with a time of 11.6. He also placed sixth in the long jump with a distance of 16'1".

Matt Volz and Charles Villagracia cleared 12'6" in the pole vault, placing in fifth and sixth.

Malcolm McLemore ran for the first time in a month due to a pulled hamstring. He had a time of 48.7 seconds in the 400-meter run, placing in third. "I did really good," said McLemore. "I got a personal

Jason Nielblau won the 400-meter run in the second heat with a time of 50.5 seconds. He also placed fifth in the 200-meters, second heat with a time of 23.3.

Nate Carter won the discus with a distance of 139'5". He also placed second in the shot put with a distance of 47'5".

Sean Conroy won the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:23.

Jeremiah Armstead placed third in the 100-meter run with a time of 11.5, and Sterling Howard was right behind him with a time of 11.6. Antoine Richardson placed seventh in this event with a time of 12.5.

"Even though it was a small meet, there were lots of personal bests and people qualified for NWAACCs," said McLemore. "This was a small, relaxing meet," said Yates. "The competition was great, and I am very happy with the results."

NWAACCs is the track championship that takes place on May 22-23. Only qualifiers can attend.

The next meet is the Ray Burns Invitational at the University of Washington on May 10. "We are all looking forward to next meet," said Foyston.

Scoreboard

NWAACC Fastpitch

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Lady T-Birds take second

By KATIE FOSTER  
Staff Reporter

The Thunderbird women's track team had a great meet this weekend in Vancouver. The T-Birds took first place in six events and placed second overall with 88 points.

"We scored really well as a team, better than I thought we would," said Head Coach Robert Yates.

Olivia Palermo had another outstanding performance. She won all three events that she participated in received the Outstanding Athlete of the Meet Award. In the 100-meter dash she placed first with a time of 12.4, in the 200-meter dash she placed first with a time of 25.2, and in the 400-meter dash she placed first with a time of 57.2. She set a new meet record in the 200 and 400-meter dash.

It is very unusual to win all three sprints," said Yates. "This is quite an accomplishment." Three more T-Birds took first place in their events as well. Amanda Kamn had a great meet with a first place finish. She ran the 800-meter dash with a time of 2:26.1.

Joyce Doan won the 1500-meter run with a time of 5:24. Tiysha Coleman won the high hurdles with a time of 17 seconds. She also placed second in the 400 hurdles with a time of 1:13. These women all contributed a number of points towards the T-Birds second place finish.

Alecia West grabbed some points for the T-Birds in two events. West took second place in the hammer with a distance of 114-11 feet. She took third in the discus with a distance of 110-5. "This was not a huge meet, but had good competition," said Yates.

The last qualifying meet before NWAACCs is the Ken Foreman Invite May 10 at the University of Washington.

Jeremiah Armstead is taking off for long jump.

Photo by Colette Woods
Cultural fun at International night

BY MELISSA FLESCH
Staff Reporter

The aroma of exotic cuisine mingled with the pounding of taiko drums, creating a mood that could only mean one thing: International Night had finally come to Highline. For five months, the International Club planned the event, and Friday, May 2, finally saw it come to pass.

The International Club organized the event with Student Programs. International Student Programs and Team Highline also contributed.

"Everyone put their pieces in, and there were a lot of volunteers," said Mikey Hood, president of International Club.

The Seattle Matsuri Taiko band began the evening program with four songs played on traditional Japanese drums. The group was made up of five professional artists who captivated the audience with the intense beat of their drums. The drums were both powerful and harmonious at the same time, and the beat was punctuated by the sharp shouts of the members.

During the last song, a possible disaster was avoided when the stage began to move forward and several quick-thinking audience members rushed to save the night.

But all in all the evening went smoothly.

VSA members performing traditional fan dance at International Night.

Chang identifies racism in popular fashion

BY MAR ZULJEVIC
Staff Reporter

The culture we live in tends to ignorantly exploit cultural values and sell them in the form of manufactured trends, which is a form of racism, Dr. Grace Chang said here Friday:

"It is not OK for a Japanese to walk around with the same dress?" said an East Asian-American.

"From scenes of a local store to newspaper articles and photographs, the culture we live in tends to ignorantly exploit cultural values and sell them in the form of manufactured trends, which is a form of racism," Dr. Grace Chang identified racism in popular fashion the evening of May 2. The event was The Evergreen State College's celebration of International Night.

Chang, a professor of Asian-American studies and president of International Club, said she had been working on the event for five months.

"The final act of the night was the staff of International Club Programs showing how to kick it, Irish-style. Ten members bravely displayed their newfound Riverdance skills, as taught by Sophia Iliakis, Highline staff member. "It was more funny than anything else," Hood said of their performance. "I can appreciate what (Irish dancers) do now."

International Club meets Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. in Building 10, room 101.
Spirit of Hawaii teaches kids diversity

BY AMBER TRELLO
Staff Reporter

The day was busy, and the children had already learned so much, but, right before lunch, Ezeonu read one last story: "Rainbow Power." "Rainbow Power" was written by Charlan Abaya, a close friend of Ezeonu. The story is about 12 little Hawaiian children, including Ezeonu's daughter Chinwe, who eventually befriend an alien named Beepo.

At the end of the story and the presentation each child in the room could tell you the meaning of Diversity Week. One student said, "everybody should be friends no matter how different they look." The staff and Ezeonu both feel the presentation was a success. "If I can teach even just my daughter and her friends about diversity and accepting cultures, I am happy," Ezeonu said.

SARS sends Proctor packing prematurely

BY JESSICA FLESCH
Staff Reporter

Shannon Proctor is returning home early from Shanghai, China.

Proctor went to Shanghai over spring break to teach doctoral students at Jiao Tong University, intending to teach over Spring Quarter and return to teaching at Highline Fall Quarter.

Unfortunately, due to the increasing risk of contracting SARS, and the possibility of having to remain in China because of restrictions on foreign travel, Proctor will be leaving China.

Although Proctor is the only instructor in Shanghai from Highline, a number of other American teachers from various universities are also there. Currently, five other instructors will be departing along with Proctor.

The situation in China is very tense right now. The government has said to stay away from crowded places, but living in Shanghai, China's most populous city at 16.5 million, makes following that precaution pretty near impossible.

"I was causing me and my family undue anxiety. The biggest fear was getting stuck in China and not being able to get home when I wanted or needed," Proctor said. "The consulate sent home their nonessential staff weeks ago. I am nonessential staff, and the cautious thing to do, it seemed to me, was to leave Shanghai while I could. In other words, get out while the getting is good."

Jessica Proctor, Shannon Proctor's sister, works at Highline in Building 5.

"I'm just glad that she's healthy and coming home. We're all looking forward to having her back," said Jessica Proctor.

Shannon Proctor expressed unhappiness over her early exit.

"I am terribly disappointed about leaving. I mean, who goes to China but doesn't see the Great Wall? Me," Proctor lamented.

"I feel like I have let down my school and the university here in Shanghai. My friends here are very understanding, but I feel terrible leaving while they have to stay," said Proctor.

On the upside, Proctor's departure will have little affect on her Chinese students.

"I was scheduled to teach two six-week sessions. I am finishing the first session and will leave before the second one. "So, I won't even meet the students who were to take my class. Of course, they won't get to take a presentation skills class right now, but hopefully they will in the future," Proctor said.

Proctor will return to Highline in the fall.
Blame the media for bad rap on affirmative action

BY RACHEL PLATT
Staff Reporter

The elimination of Affirmative Action will provide a means of further segregation in school systems and the workplace according to Shantra Driver, National Director of the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action and Integration and to Fight For Equality By Any Means Necessary (BAMN).

"The fight we are making for Affirmative Action is becoming our new Civil Rights movement," said Driver.

Driver spoke in celebration of Unity Through Diversity Week last Thursday on the current state of Affirmative Action in the United States. She was chosen to speak due to the success of her work defending Affirmative Action with the University of Michigan in Grutter vs. Bollinger.

Driver began speaking about the crossroads America is currently facing on the topic of diversity.

"Society can go one of two ways by either becoming increasingly more segregated, "or we can become a society in which equality is back on the agenda," said Driver.

Driver continued to shed new light on the definition of Affirmative Action and explained that most people are misinformed on what the topic and what it means.

"Most of what you have heard from the media is wrong," said Driver. "Typically all the public receives as new about Affirmative Action are lawsuits."

She explained that since a majority of the people in power of television stations and newspapers are white males, their being in power influences coverage of Affirmative Action.

"We don't know why exactly certain people do better at certain standardized tests. We don't know why exactly certain people do better at certain standardized tests." Driver explained that with high stakes they were performing even better.

"They were then eliminated from the SAT," said Driver.

Advanced math questions also revealed the same results and after this conclusion was found they were eliminated from the SAT, said Driver.

Driver said that SAT companies explained the elimination of advanced math from the test because of skewed results.

"We don't know why exactly certain people do better at certain types of tests," said Driver. "We just know that they do." Driver delved into how specific words could affect the test, which students respond to. "They know, they feel, the weight of that test," said Driver.

"Join us in this fight to keep equity in freedom for this country," said Driver. "Live the dream that America is color blind."

Driver explained such a case being from the University of Michigan where members of the student body are seeking to eliminate affirmative action. The reason affirmative action should be eliminated according to the students is due to denial of acceptance of white students who have better GPAs and SAT scores than their non-white counterparts.

"You'll hear that these white people were discriminated upon," said Driver. "But their claims are based on a lie." Driver went on to explain the history and subjectivity of standardized testing in the United States.

"The SAT was originally created to keep minorities out of Ivy League schools," said Driver.

The SAT began to appear in high schools in the 1950's after the G.I. Bill was created allowing for the first model of affirmative action. It was at this time in history that middle class Americans could receive a college education.

According to Driver, states in the south were particularly saying with the use of the SAT.

"When courts ordered those schools to desegregate with the Brown vs. Board case the South began to find ways around the law," said Driver.

Driver later compared the use of the SAT in the South to poll taxes during Reconstruction.

She later revealed that entire sections of the SAT have been eliminated because results from sample questions showed non-white students had tested higher than white students.

For example after the results of the antonyms section of the SAT were evaluated the results found that black students did better.

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mental affects would be felt specifically in inner city high schools.

The University of Michigan recently released a report that said, without the placement of Affirmative Action that the 2003-2004 freshman class would only contain 80 black students, 21 Latino students, one or two native American students, and that not a single black student accepted would be from the city of Detroit.

"This is not where we can let this society go," said Driver. "Affirmative Action programs are an opportunity for people. End Affirmative Action then you end integration."

Driver explained that human beings have an opportunity to help fight for Affirmative Action by educating themselves on the issue and becoming active members in the fight.

"Join us in this fight to keep equity in freedom for this country," said Driver. "Live the dream that America is color blind."
Tent offensive under way

BY INNA DENCHIK
Staff Reporter

Walking into the new temporary cafeteria will feel like a flashback into the '60s and '70s. Color combinations for the inside and outside of the tent are some of the last decisions being made for the building that will temporarily replace Building 8 and the interior designers' top choice is lime green.

"The outside of the building will be white with a dark green color," said Emily Wheeler, the architect working for Highline.
The interior of the building will have a combination of dark green, dark blue, baby blue, and lime green.
The '60s theme extends from the color of the building to the paneling in the portable bathrooms.
"I would rather the wood paneling be painted lime green," said Wheeler sarcastically.
The tent has been estimated to provide seating for 100 people. In addition, tables will be set up on the outside deck to provide supplementary seating.
Preparation for the demolition and rebuilding of Building 8 is running smoothly.
"Offices in Building 16 are almost done," said Phil Sell from Facilities.
Sell said that the move from the current Building 8 to the new offices in Building 16 will take place next Tuesday.
"People won't be able to get into contact with some of the people that work in Building 8 because they will be too busy moving," said Sell.
Planning for Phase 2 of Building 16 is currently under development.
Part of the building will be repositioned with new windows and doors to make the building more heat efficient and sound proof.
"It's an instructor doesn't have to stop in the middle of lecture when a plane flies by, said Sell.

BY THERESA BROWN
Staff Reporter

Never before have so many generations and age groups been forced to work together, Sara Maxwell said in her lecture, "Generations in the Workplace" at this week's Honors Colloqy.
Maxwell is a professional for the Employee Assistance Program, in which she provides service for Highline staff.
Maxwell discussed having the four identifiable generations functioning side by side in today's business locations.
The oldest generation, born between 1925 and 1942, is known as the Traditionalists, Veterans, or Builders.
The next generation is the Baby Boomers, born between 1943 and 1960. During this time, America was facing the McCarthy trials, Vietnam, Kent State shootings, and the assassination of the Kennedys. This generation also witnessed the founding of the Civil Rights Act, the Peace Corps, and the first lunar landing.
Next comes Generation-X, born between 1961 and 1981. It had the Women's Liberation, 24-hour media, the fall of the Berlin Wall, the birth of latchkey kids, and AIDS.
The newest generation of people in the workplace is called the Millennials. They have been around for the most recent of events, the Clinton scandal, Oklahoma bombing, Sept. 11, and Columbine.
"How are these generations, some raised in a completely different world, supposed to get along in the office?" asked Maxwell.
Basically, having such diversity in the workplace can end up in one of two ways, creatively or in conflict.
"We all have different values and ethics, worldview, ways of dressing and talking and thinking and together. We need to understand others' perspectives, to help relieve stress and dispense conflict," said Maxwell.
The next Honors Colloqy is May 14 at 1:10 p.m. in Building 7. A panel of students will be studying nutrition with Tracy Brigham and Keith Paton.
Show, don’t tell at the ASL games

BY JESSICA FLESCH
Staff Reporter

Fingers fly with precision accuracy and skill, not a word is being spoken. The only sound is laughter and the movement of bodies.

On Friday, May 2, Highline’s American Sign Language club (ASL) hosted the ASL games for ASL students all over the area.

The ASL games, formerly known as silent games, are a chance for the deaf and the hearing to interact. They provide an environment for all levels of sign language skill.

The night consisted of games, food, people and lots of signing.

“Classroom practice is good but it’s not enough. You need to be immersed in the use of the language,” said Roman Wright, Highline’s ASL instructor and ASL club adviser.

For his students Wright requires a certain amount of time spent with the deaf, known as “contact hours.” The ASL games count towards this time.

The night started out with some very simple games, the ASL alphabet, signing your name, and progressed to more complicated games by the end of the night.

In the game, called who has has a group of people sit in a circle and one person signs, “who has...” and then finish the sentence by naming an item or piece of clothing. Then each person who has that thing must jump out of their seat and run to get another chair, whoever is left standing is the next person to sign “who has...”

“The game who has is a great way for all different levels of students to learn new signs and to get to know new people. Silent games are a great opportunity to socialize in the deaf community,” said Michelle Inklebarger, another of Wright’s ASL students.

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“I had the voice,” said Chen. “I was very proud of the students. There was very little speech the whole night.”

Ricardo Verill-Mirabal is deaf and has helped at various ASL games for six years now. He often comes to Wright’s ASL classes and helps students.

“I love helping people learn sign. The games are really fun, everyone’s happy and I love hearing people,” signed Verill-Mirabal.

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Q13’s Chen commends and confides at awards

BY HOLLY GLEIM
Staff Reporter

Four students and three staff members were honored at the Extraordinary/Ordinary Women awards Wednesday in Building 2.

Highline’s ASL club has hosted the ASL games for the last four years.

“I like to host the games towards the end of the year when the students have built up a little more language skill,” said Wright about the games. “This was definitely the most fun I’ve had at the games. I was very proud of the students. There was very little speech the whole night.”

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Patriot Act stirs up controversy

BY KIMBERLY MCLEAN
Staff Reporter

The Patriot Act not only threatens the civil rights of American citizens, but it may also have a huge impact on anyone who does not look American, said two civil rights advocates, Karen Yoshimoto and Jasmit Singh in their lecture as part of the Unity Through Diversity Week.

Karen Yoshimoto and Jasmit Singh talked to Highline students about the Patriot Act and its impact.

Yoshimoto, a representative from the Pacific Region Japanese American Citizens League, presented the historical Japanese-American response to the Patriot Act, based on the discriminatory actions taken during World War II after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Yoshimoto explained how several Japanese-Americans protested the unfair laws by purposely defying curfews and other laws. As a result, these protestors were imprisoned. Other forms of protest were trying to evade the draft until their families were released from internment camps and have their basic citizenship rights restored. These people also ended up in jail with little or no explanation or notification to their families.

"It took over three years for many Japanese-Americans to be released from prisons, as well as internment camps across the country," said Yoshimoto.

Yoshimoto said that it took several years for any apology to be made by the U.S. Government, another insult. When it finally happened, it was in 1976, 30 years later, by President Ford in his document 'An American Promise.'

"Apparently though, several people in this country don't care about that document [An American Promise] or the wrongs that were unjustly put upon those Japanese-Americans, since they continue to discriminate against another group of people: Arabs, and anyone who looks like them," said Singh, introducing his topic.

Singh expressed his worries about the impact the Patriot Act II would have if passed, as well as the injustices of Patriot Act I at the meeting. He also related Yoshimoto's points about Asian-American discrimination to today's recent Arab prejudice.

"There are already so many unfair actions and discriminations against several members of this nation due to the passing of the Patriot Act. It violates the Constitution and encourages prejudice in many forms," Singh said.

Singh showed several different cartoon strips to support his argument that the media is being irresponsible with the stereotypical information it is releasing. Many cartoons depicted turban-wearing, long-bearded Arabs in different situations such as at the airport, convenience stores, and other public places, while an average community member poked fun at them.

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"How many of the 19 individuals involved in causing the Sept. 11 tragedy were wearing turbans or had long beards? Not one of them appeared as the media has portrayed them," said Singh.

As a result of these images, employment discrimination against anyone Arab-looking has dramatically increased, and so has violence towards people who happen to fit the racial profile portrayed by the media.

Singh encouraged students to help stop the racial profiling and scrutiny of foreign students at Highline by getting to know people before judging them of some radical view posed by the media.

Singh also talked about how unfair the Patriot Act is when it comes the inconsistency of dealing with other countries.

"The U.S. has ordered fingerprint records from 25 primarily Arab and Muslim countries. Why not from the rest of the countries in the world?" asked Singh.

Singh also argues that the Patriot Act II's definitions are too broad, and many terms used in it would allow police officers in many cases to decide the innocence or complete guilt of certain "crimes."

Overall, the speakers left the audience with the message to not let history be repeated.

"We have the right to question what the administrators of this country are doing," said Yoshimoto. "And the more we do, the more involved our citizens will be, and the better off our country will be."
Plan early to transfer

BY THERESA BROWN
Staff Reporter

Students of color seeking transfer information will get the chance to speak to an academic counselor from the University of Washington today.

Lolie Farinas will be here Thursday, May 8 from 9 a.m. through 2 p.m. in the Transfer Center in Building 6.

Farinas works in the UW Office of Minority Affairs, and is coming to Highline to aid students of color by giving accurate advice and early planning on transferring to the UW.

This quarter, the University of Washington is working toward getting more students of color into its undergraduate and graduate programs.

Farinas hopes to establish herself as a friendly face for the students to meet with them individually,

"You want to pick a school based on your own needs," said Lilley, the director of the Transfer Programs.

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The money for growing the plants comes from a joint venture between Barkley, lab supervisor Don Walter and faculty resource adviser Sabine Slowik.

The plants at the plant sale are sold at a lower cost than store bought plants.

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