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BURNING DOWN THE HOUSE

Firefighters practice their art on old home

By VICTORIA ANTHONY
Staff Reporter

The once-occupied home is engulfed in flames, with big black clouds billowing out over Pacific Highway.

The sound of fire engine sirens gets increasingly louder as they approach the burning house from cities across King County.

Neighbors gather around the scene with a look of disbelief across their faces. Is it because the house that they had seen every day in passing was now burning to the ground, or because there were at least 25 firefighters sitting around in lawn chairs, snacking on ham and cheese sandwiches and chocolate chip cookies?

On Saturday, May 3, the King County Fire District held a practice fire on 220th and Pacific Highway South, near the Des Moines Veterinary Hospital.

The participating departments were Des Moines, SeaTac, Burien/Normandy Park and Federal Way.

To some, the enormous flames and dark clouds might be alarming, but in reality the practice fires are routine. They are part of Live Fire Training, required training for firefighters.

"We try to do them annually," said Vic Pennington, bat-



Photo by Adrienne Hughes

King County firefighters knock down a wall as part of a practice burn near the college on May 3.

talion and training chief for the Des Moines Fire Department. "We're mandated by state law that we maintain a certain level of training and expertise for our firefighters."

The fire departments have two options available to them for Live Fire Training.

They can go to the North Bend Fire Academy, or they can

practice on houses given to them by the owners. In the May 3 fire, the houses were donated by the city of Des Moines, because the property will eventually be needed for a water retention pond.

Requesting the fire department to burn down a dump is a reasonable alternative to knocking it down and hauling off the

debris, however, Pennington said there are many factors that determine whether they will use the structure for a practice drill.

The factors include where the nearest fire hydrant is, where the smoke is going to go, the cost, how close the neighbors are and whether or not they would be able to get enough training out of the drill.

When they receive a house to use as practice, Pennington said they look at the floor plan and all possible exits to ensure their safety.

Once they decide the practice burn is a go, the firefighters come up with a plan of attack.

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Budget battle extends legislative session

By BEN JOHNSTON
Staff Reporter

Students are still without solid word on how much they will be paying for tuition next year as the fourth day of special session in the state Legislature begins.

Budget negotiators have yet

to reach an agreement leaving the state and the Legislature to wait.

State Sen. Don Carlson, R-Vancouver, chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee, said that there are many impasses although progress has and is being made between the Senate republicans and House

democrats.

"We're not sure how long it will take," Carlson said. "We will not be called in (to vote) until an offer is on the table."

The split on tuition increases is between the 6 percent prof-fered by the House Democrats and the 9 percent from the Senate Republicans.

The special session, which started Monday, can last up to 30 days. This would take the legislators nearly up to the next budget forecast June 19. This session was called by Gov. Gary Locke after the April 27 deadline for the 105-day regular session passed with the 2003-05 budget disputes and some other

issues left unresolved.

Budget woes, which few in the Legislature deny will continue for many sessions to come, continue to create division in Olympia.

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Crime Blotter for May 8-14

Student banned for 45 days

A male juvenile was banned from the library on May 7 for causing ongoing problems.

The Des Moines Police Department assisted security with the admonishment at 5:30 p.m.

Celica stolen from south lot

A gray Celica was reported stolen May 12 between 7:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. from the south lot.

The Des Moines Police Department is currently handling the case.

Cat scratch fever

There was a verbal altercation between two female students in a classroom on May 8. One of the students was a running start student.

One of the women's mother contacted the police out of concern.

Security assists library staff

The library staff requested that security be present at the closing time of 4 p.m. on May 10.

Lost and found

A wallet with \$41 and credit or gift cards was found May 13. The owner was notified.

Keys with a pair of scissors, nail file and a flashlight was found on May 8.

A student reported losing her keys May 13. The key chain read "I have an attitude and I know how to use it."

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Burn probes limits of science

By SIMON JOHNSON
Staff Reporter

There is something special when it come to disciplinary specialization, says Helen Burn.

Burn discussed how a person's way of thought can be affected by the major that they choose during their educational career at last Friday's Science Seminar.

Disciplinary specialization is usually found in the form of majors and minor in higher-level education.

The specializations come at the cost of leaving out other aspects of education. For instance, if you specialize in math you may not get educated in the social sciences, according to Burn.

"Am I affected by the discipline?" Burn asked.

Burn wanted to know if what a person studied affected what type of person they become. She gave an example of a group of graduate students trying to get their master's degrees in management.

When they were all put into a room together, without knowing it, they would roughly separate into the fields of their bachelor's degrees, said Burn. Finance majors would be with the finance majors and the chemistry

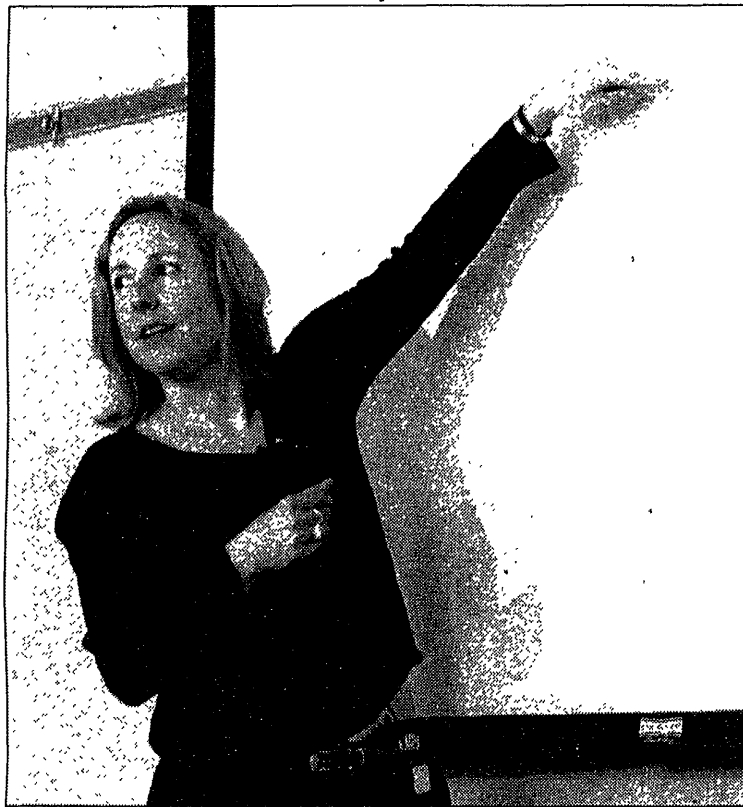


Photo by Connie Bradley

The way people sort through concepts is affected by their major said Helen Burn at last Friday's Science Seminar.

majors would be with the chemistry majors.

When studies were done on this phenomenon there were different limitations found in different fields of studies.

For instance if a person goes to a political science class they'll find that the class doesn't have a set schedule of topics and

can vary over the course of a quarter. On the opposite end of the spectrum any person who has taken a math course knows that there is a step-by-step process that the course progresses through said Burn.

These differences can explain why a student who does great in one subject can have so

much trouble in another, said Burn.

Studies also found that what students are taught, whom they are taught by and how they are taught can effect how they will learn in the future.

So if more white men teach sociology, chances are that white men will learn sociology better and have a more likely chance of ending up teaching sociology, said Burn.

This is a cyclical process leading to more and more of the same teachers and students, Burn said. Scientists are still not sure on why this phenomenon exists, but studies have proved that it does.

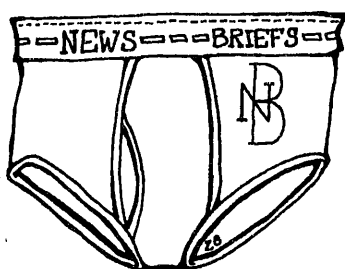
Some students are trying to get around these problems by getting two degrees.

For example a person might get a degree in education and a degree in mathematics.

Burn said that a lot of businesses want a more specialized degree.

"Interdisciplinary degrees are a gamble in the job market right now," Burn said.

Science Seminar is a one credit class offer every Friday in Building 3, room 102. Next weeks seminar "Pollution: a dirty topic" will be presented by Marie Nguyen and Igor Glozman.



Give your writing a jump start

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

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

Boat Cruise slated for Friday

Tickets are still available for Team Highline's annual event-the boat cruise.

The event is scheduled to take place Friday, May 16 from 8-11 p.m.

This year's theme is "Seattle by Moonlight" and tickets can be purchased for \$25 couples, and \$15 for single tickets in the Student Center.

The event is semi-formal and ticket prices will cover refreshments.

Boarding on the Spirit of Puget Sound will be at 7:30 p.m.

For more information contact Anh-Linh Bui at 206-878-3710, ext. 3903.

Highline soon to define democracy

"Defining Democracy in 2003," a teach-in, will be May 21 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Topics of discussion will be the war on Iraq, terrorism, protests, and legislation such as the Patriot Act.

Teachers are encouraged to bring their students to any of the events that will held that day on campus.

For more information contact Erik Scott at 206-878-3710, ext. 3113.

Accreditation results over ice

In celebration of high marks from the Accreditation Committee, an ice cream social will be held on Tuesday, May 20 at 3 p.m. in Building 2.

Faculty and staff are invited and encouraged to stop by to enjoy a sundae or root beer float made by the Executive Staff.

Reserve space at mock trail

Paralegal students will present a mock trail in Building 23 on June 6.

Space is limited for the event so those interested in attending are asked to RSVP Richard J. Rabe at rjrabe@hotmail.com

Power outage coming to campus

Another power outage is scheduled for Friday, May 16. Power will be out around

noon and should be turned back on in approxiamtly three to four hours.

Most of the campus buildings will be out during the outage. The only buildings that will not lose power will be 9, 20, 21 and 22.

Power will be out for the purpose of disconnecting the power from transformer in Building 16 so it can be removed from the campus primary power system.

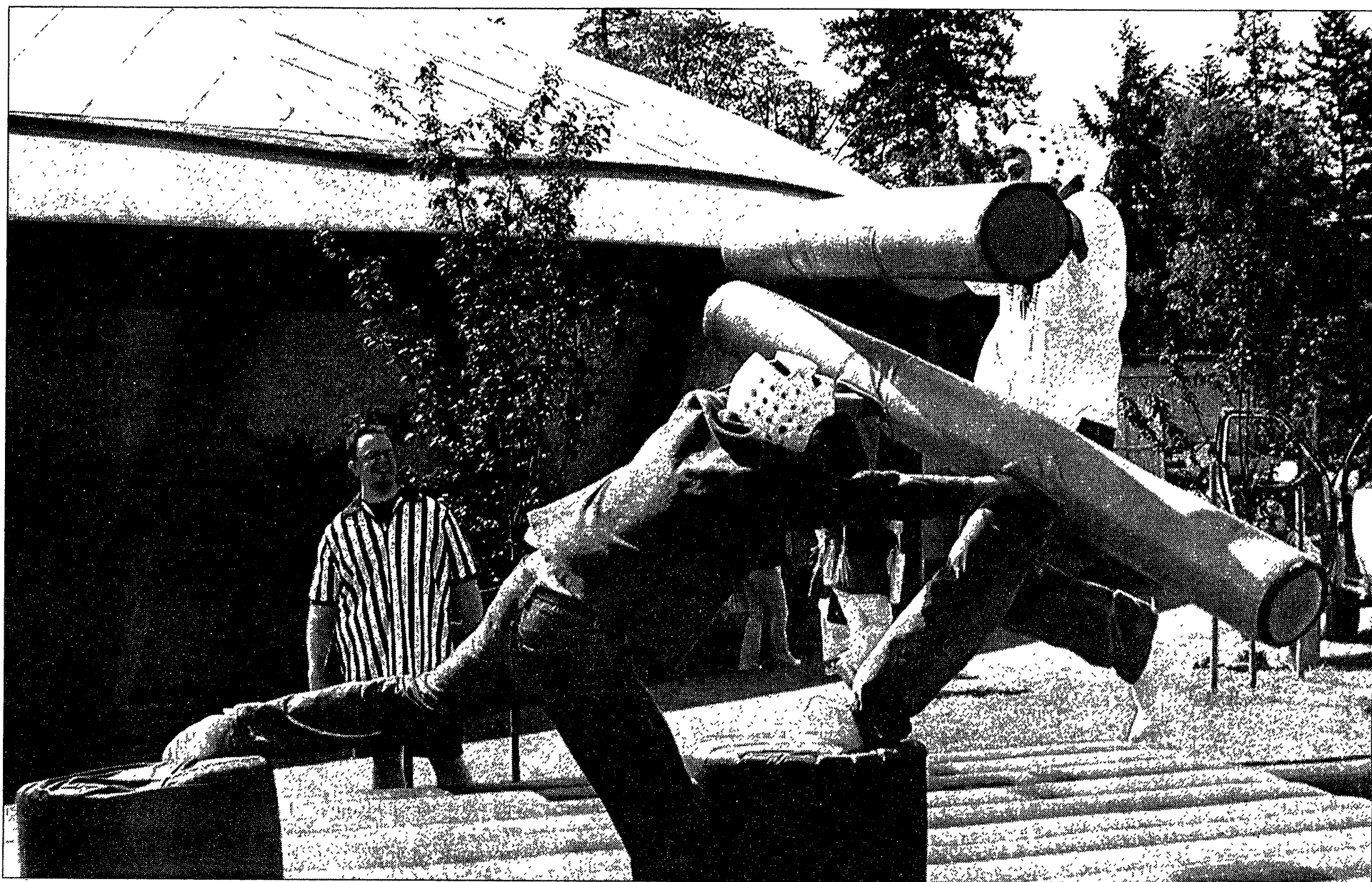
Senior college around the bend

The Center for Extended Learning is currently enrolling for Senior College.

Classes begin July 14 and end the 18 and are all catered to the adults enrolled all of whom are 55 and older.

Wayne Havrelly, weekend anchor and consumer reporter for KIRO TV will kick off the week and Ciscoe Morris, master gardener and entertainer will close the event.

For more information contact Alana Morrison at amorriso@highline.edu.



Photos by Melissa Flesch and Connie Bradley

Two high school students battle it out in a gladiator joust, one of the recreational events held at last Friday's Spring Festival.

Spring fling

Students chase degrees and each other at event

BY AMANDA HETZEL
AND SENAYT GAIM
Staff reporters

Students from 15 King County high school attended the sixth annual Spring Festival that showcased 30 in-and out-of-state colleges and 39 employers last Friday.



High school students enjoy recreational activities.

The Spring Festival's purpose was to lay down a welcome mat for local high school students to Highline and expose them to career opportunities.

"It is nice to see so many people of color here. It makes high school students really see what Highline can offer," said Keasha, a first-year Highline student.

The University of Puget Sound, City University, University of Washington, Washington State University, and Antioch University were some of the colleges offering information at the festival.

Highline also featured various programs including, nursing, respiratory care and interactive media.

"The career fair was cracking," said Wintana, a student from Foster High School.

King County Sheriffs, Masonic Retirement Center, Museum of Flight, and Washington Air National Guard also at-

tended to relay knowledge on opportunities outside of containing education after high school.

During the spring fair the students were able to attend workshops that covered how to write a resume, how to pick a good college, how to choose the right college, how to choose a career, and how to prepare for a job interview.

"These workshops really helped. They got me thinking about college, and what I need to do before I start," said Alexis, a senior from Puyallup High School.

While the main purpose is to get high school students to begin thinking about life after high school, the Spring Festival also fea-

tured recreational activities to make the mood less tense.

Among some of the events sumo wrestling and gladiator joust were featured, as well as a pie eating contest.

There was also an area for students to compete in basketball, volleyball and hackysack.

After a long day of playing games and thinking about college the students were able to eat at a BBQ lunch for only \$1.

"It was very successful. The same amount of people came as last year, but there were more

opportunities offered for everyone this time," said Nancy Warren, Director of Workforce Development and one of the fair organizers. "The only part that I would like to improve on is to welcome more of Highline students to become involved. That has always been our goal."

For those who missed the Spring Fair another one will be held at the University of Washington at the Mary Gates Hall on June 26.

The event is free and open to the general public.



Students learn about opportunities available after high school.

editorial

Kudos to student center construction leadership

It seems that in most projects today, cost goes up. Expenditures eventually rise far beyond the rate of typical inflation. After initial designs are approved, suddenly a need arises for exotic fish tanks, grandiose furniture or extremely expensive art in the bathrooms. But in the case of the student center, fiscal responsibility has been dominant in the thoughts of Highline leadership.

The administration has been responsible with the overall project and the money associated with the new construction despite many obstacles along the way. The beginning of fiscal challenges began in 2000, right in the middle of the planning process, with the departure of all key leadership involved in the project. New administration was then given the task of picking up the pieces and evaluating the school's options. The change in administration helped contribute to the project's nearly one-year delay and a \$2 million deficit. This delay added considerable increase to the cost of planning and designs. This increase in cost led to the need for additional revenue.

In addition, funding prospects were implemented in 1999 that were no longer feasible. Early planning had indicated that the Highline Foundation would be able to generate a very ambitious amount. New leadership, under the leadership of newly appointed Johnathan Brown determined that foundation funding would not be anywhere near what was earlier anticipated.

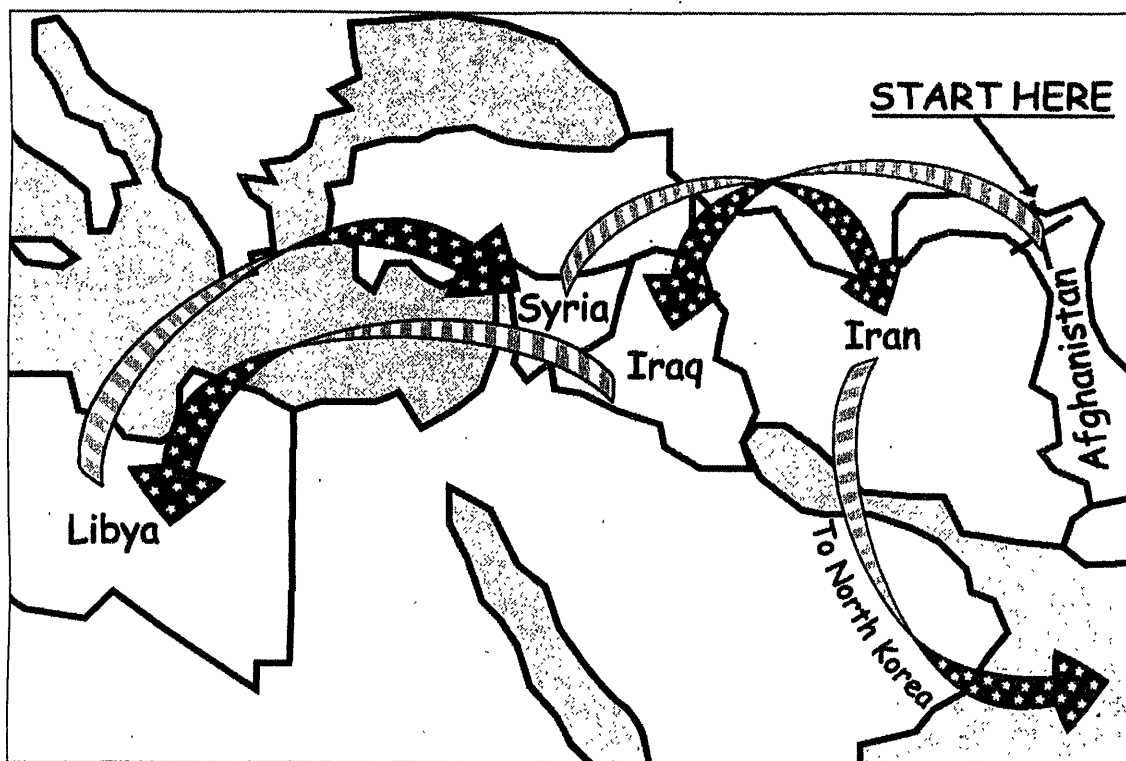
With the stall in construction, additional planning, and shortage in funding, the administration was forced to look at ways of cutting down the cost and increasing revenue. From the building's inception, the center was to be primarily funded by students. So the administration put forth the option of increasing the building fee. Students rejected a proposal in 2002 to do just that. Brown and others had to go back to the drawing board to find badly needed solutions.

Despite the struggles in filling the budget gap, the administration has adhered to the message students sent when they voted down the building fee increase. After which, the school began putting money away into a virtual student center savings account to help pay for the initial costs that would in turn cut down on the loan amount needed to fund the project.

Programs, including student government and food and services, have transferred their budget balances over to the building fund. Highline administration has followed suit, transferring balances from S&A and other funds.

Although the project has not been flawless, Highline has shown a great deal of leadership and common sense in its financial dealings regarding the student center. Efforts were made to take a second look at designs and prioritize the center's needs. Square footage and specific layouts were changed to accommodate for the funds available to the college.

Instead of shoving their ideas down the throats of the students, they have done everything they could to ensure that the students get a facility that is worth their money a sol responsibility. This type of leadership is not seen on a daily basis so we should all be proud of those leading this project and bringing Highline into the future.



U.S. TROOPS PLANNED ROUTE BACK HOME.

Cartoon by Shawn Sheltren

What women don't want

Some guys just don't get it. They parade around campus as if they were God's gift to everyone and assume that their ridiculous good looks will blow everyone away, especially women.

Some may choose not to take advantage of the world with their obscene beauty, but some boneheads feel it is necessary to bother innocent women with their complete lack of tact.

Here are a couple examples: A young woman sits on the steps while talking on her cell phone. Suddenly she feels a hand run through her hair. She immediately looks up, expecting to see a friend standing in front of her. Instead she sees the back of some creepy guy casually walking away. She yells to get his attention and question the motives of such an extreme infringement of her personal space. He nonchalantly shrugs his shoulders, winks, and proceeds to walk away.

Exhibit B: Another young lady, walking to class, passes a



group of young males. She keeps her eyes to the ground and her mind on her next class. She hears, "bitch" quickly followed by "lil bitch thinks she's to good for us" coming from behind her. She resumes her course to class, not having the time or patience to deal with her harassers.

Now we are sure those young men get a lot of high fives in the Wal-Mart break room for such actions but in the real world we should have higher standards.

Although these are two different stories, these men, (and we use that term loosely) are really no different. They are com-

pletely ignorant to the reality that their lines, vulgar talk, or blatant arrogance are just plain unwanted. Do they really expect women to fall deeply in love with them with their weird gestures or crass humor? These guys are just lucky those ladies didn't have pepper spray on them.

Though they feel they are just "playing the game" or break out a cheesy line like "Don't hate dawg," they really take away from what men-to-women relationships should be about. Respect.

We are sure they wouldn't want us walking up running our hand through their sister's hair, or calling their mom a bitch as she walks by carrying groceries. We only rest easy knowing that these weirdoes will one day get theirs. We hate to break it to you dawgs but you'll never get a purebred if you keep referring to them as a bitch.

Kyle and Jason are just two sensitive, special, lonely guys.

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Cochlear implants debated

The Honors Program and the American Sign Language club have combined resources to bring a debate to Highline Community College titled "Whose Children are They?"

Next Wednesday, May 21, in Building 7, at 1:10 p.m., two participants will take the stage: one Deaf, Debbie Ennis, an educator, will present from the Deaf cultural perspective - the other hearing, Stacey Watson, an audiologist, will speak from the medical perspective.

Around 5 percent of Deaf children are born into Deaf families who use a signed language. The parents in these families are able to share the experience of language and culture with their children. When starting a family, any parent would desire this ability; Deaf parents are no different. Perhaps their thinking is: if children are to be born deaf, then who better to parent them? Many Deaf families also have hearing children. These children have the tools to become bilingual.



ROMAN WRIGHT

Their first language is ostensibly a signed one.

Approximately 95 percent of Deaf children then are born into families who use a spoken language. The parents in these families were also hoping for children with whom they could share their cultural experience by talking, reading and signing to, in their native language. The birth of a deaf child into this family can initially create a painful sense of loss for these parents.

While the hearing child in the Deaf family will have the ability to naturally acquire both languages, the Deaf child in the hearing family has the ability to

acquire naturally only the signed language. The child does however have the ability to learn to read and write English.

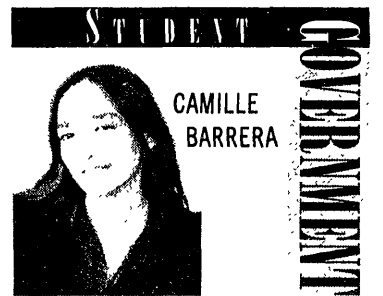
While the Deaf family is making sure their hearing child is exposed to English and giving the child their signed language, the hearing parents are faced with other challenges, as they cannot be linguistic role models for their child. They need access to information that will help them make the decisions that are most beneficial for the child. Along with learning a signed language and becoming involved with the Deaf community, another choice is to try to raise the child by the "oral method," attempting to help them learn to read lips and speak - without being able to hear the spoken word. Another option is the cochlear implant, a surgical procedure that implants an electro-mechanical device in the skull of the recipient. The decision to opt for the implant is a controversial one as the implants are relatively new, espe-

cially in infants, and data on the post-implantation experience is not always open to scrutiny. Paddy Ladd, Deaf from birth and author of, *Understanding Deaf Culture: In Search of Deafhood* states "attention [should] focus on the experimental nature of CI. Instead of being honed on consenting adults, these are being foisted upon non-consenting children whose nearest peers are Deaf community members who, knowing what it is really like to live as Deaf people in the wider world, state that if they had the choice, they would refuse such operations." On the other hand, proponents argue that even if the implants only give a partial approximation of hearing it is better than no hearing at all. Please come to see the speakers who are on the forefront lines of this debate and engage in the inquiry of "Whose Children are They?"

Roman Wright is a professor of American Sign Language at Highline.

Student Programs has a new home

If you've been upstairs in Building 8 in the past few days, you may have experienced unexplained feelings of intense loneliness, as if something precious had been suddenly ripped from your life forever.



CAMILLE BARRERA

It was only after noticing the deserted offices, once bustling, but now unfurnished and uninhabited, that you realized this incredible emptiness inside stemmed from the fact that you could no longer see the smiling faces of your Student Government, Team Highline and Student Programs staff.

But never fear, Student Government is still here!

We've just moved to a less central and less visible location.

Our new home is in Building 16 in the northeast corner of campus.

There you can find all the Building 8 evictees, including Student Government (of course), Team Highline, the Graphics Team and Conference Services.

Although it's a tight squeeze in there, we will continue to function as normally as possible out of this temporary space for the next year. And it's really not that far, so come by and see us if you have any questions or concerns-or if you just want to say "hi."

Dear Queenie

Dear Queenie:

This is my second year at Highline and up until this quarter I have always dreaded coming to school. The change in my motivation is my hot teacher. I mean HOT... sizzling in every way.



QUEEN VICTORIA

Anyway, there is a small problem... she doesn't like me back. I have asked her out several times and she keeps turning me down. I even asked her to the boat cruise this weekend, where we'd be around mutual companions, both teachers and students.

She seems to have a problem with our age difference; I'm 19 and she is in her late 30s. And she said something about having her Ph.D. and me being fresh out of high school. I don't get it.



How can I make her understand age is only a number and that I'll have a degree in four or five years? I mean that's why I'm here, right?

Please help Queenie; I only have one more day to get her to come to the boat cruise with me.

-Desperate

Dear Desperate:

You are pathetic in every way possible. I understand a

second grader having a crush on their teacher, but you should be past this.

What do you think she has to offer you, being almost 20-years your elder? You want her to buy you and your friends alcohol until you turn 21? Or do you need to be tucked in at night?

For goodness sake, she is old enough to be your mother. Ewww! Wouldn't you think it was creepy if one of your

friends started dating your mom? Yeah, I think you would.

There are plenty of young women your age you could be dating. Although you do need to get a grip on reality first. Maybe you should ask her if she has a niece your age, or hell, maybe she has a daughter. Either way, you need to move on.

You do not amuse me; you give me the heebie-jeebies.

-Queenie

Have you got something to say?
The Thunderword accepts letters to the editor as well as guest commentaries.
So speak up!
Send letters to:
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Past tents

Neighborhood eateries offer variety of tasty alternatives to Highline's new cafeteria tent

By AMANDA HETZEL
Staff Reporter

Highline students have other options available if eating a la tent is not their number one choice.

With the cafeteria being torn down, students will have to go to great lengths to feed their growling stomachs.

That may mean getting into your car and driving down the street. Fortunately an abundant amount of affordable places to eat can be found near campus.

If teriyaki is your favorite food, there are a couple places nearby that serve great teriyaki.

"People should eat here because it is inexpensive, great food, and very close," said an employee from Highline Teriyaki.

The prices range from \$2 for egg rolls to \$6.25 for sweet and sour pork. Highline Teriyaki is located at 23626 Pacific Highway S.

Midway Saigon Garden also offers great authentic Asian cuisine, and since it's located right next to Highline it is super convenient.

A typical lunch costs around \$5.50 and their special is Pho, Vietnamese beef noodle soup, which costs \$6.50. They're open every day so check them out when you have a little extra time on your hands.

There is also the Asuka Japanese Restaurant and Kitchen nearby. They offer fast service and great food and feature chicken teriyaki for only \$4.99.

Meal Time, located at 23021 on Pacific Highway South, also has a great lunchtime special: you can choose between a teriyaki chicken bowl or a cheeseburger with fries and drink for only \$2.99.

For those people a little short on cash, always abundant on a college campus, don't forget the typical fast food joint.

There are quite a few near the school: Burger King, Jack in the Box, Taco Bell and let's not forget McDonald's.

The average price at these restaurants is around \$4 for

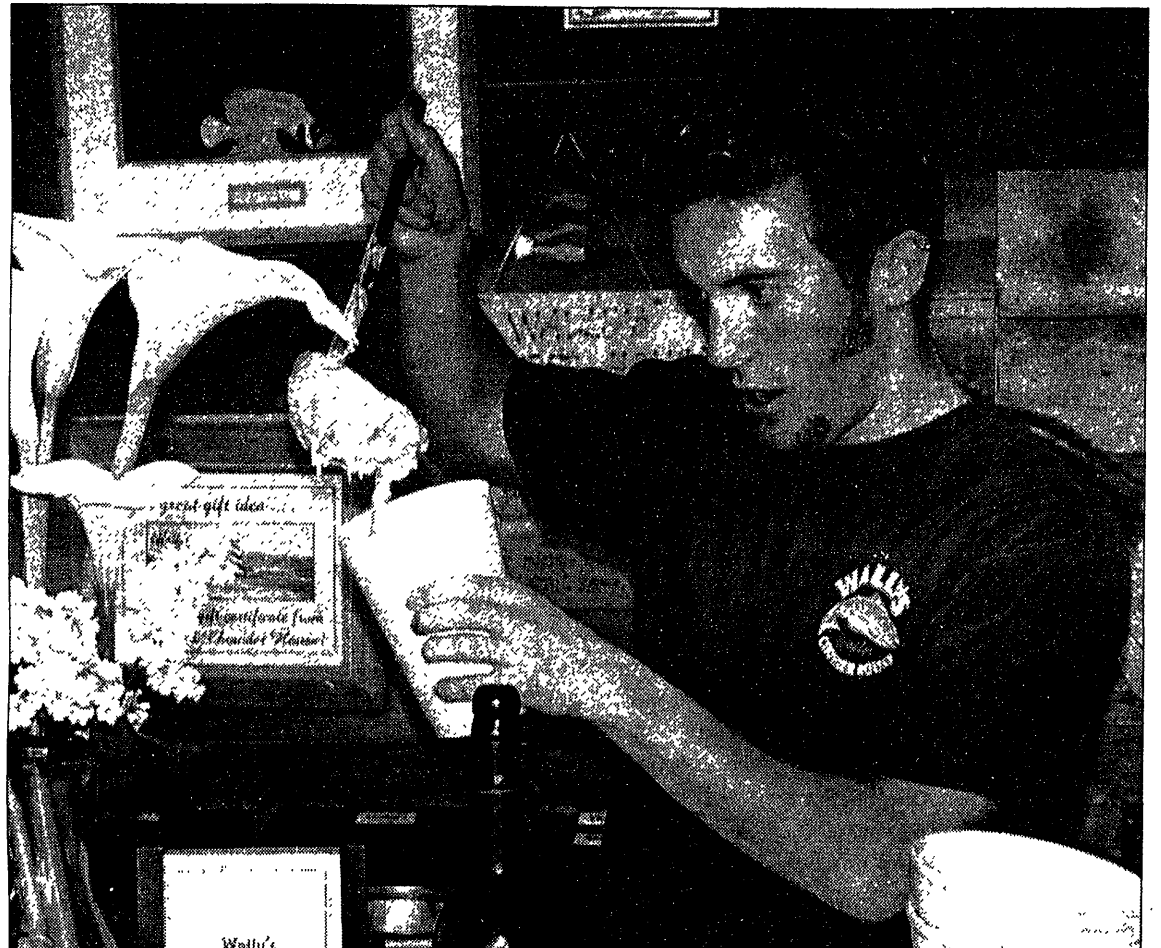


Photo by Adrienne Hughes

Danny Clements scoops up a whopping serving of Wally's own clam chowder. Wally's is one of the many area restaurants students can try during Building 8's reconstruction.

hamburger, fries and a medium drink.

If you are in a hurry to eat, "we are the fastest around," said Laura Dave, an employee from Burger King. Burger King, located at 23221 Pacific Highway S., tries to keep your wait under three minutes.

Also, be sure to take advantage of the 99 cent menus popping up in all the fast food places. And since breakfast seems to be the meal that's missed every day, Jack in the Box has an especially tasty and extensive breakfast menu (served all day), so there is no excuse to miss this meal.

Red Robin, 22705 Marine View Dr. S., is well known for its tasty dishes.

It may take a bit longer to get your food but with the variety of choices it is well worth it.

At Red Robin you can order anything from a cheeseburger and fries to chicken fettuccini.

And don't forget about their strawberry lemonade: lots of places offer it but Red Robin does it right.

Students are realizing more and more the importance of eating healthy and the majority of sandwiches at Subway, 21425 Pacific Highway S., contain only 6 grams of fat.

"We are well known for the classic-style clubs that we make. You watch us make the sandwiches so you know that they are fresh and we keep it all clean," said a Subway employee.

The employee recommends trying the footlong Italian BLT for \$7.39.

Anyone for Greek? Try the gyros at Spyro's Gyros & Etc, located at 21851 Marine View

cheapest in the area so you get a lot for your money," said Nayung, an employee of Baskin



Photo by Connie Bradley

A Taco Bell employee helps starving Highline student Melissa Russo.

Dr. S.

They offer a wide variety of meats and fixings for your sandwich, everything from beef and poultry to lamb and pork. Prices for a sandwich range from \$3.99 and up.

On warm spring days a nice big scoop of ice cream is a great way to go and it is only a short walking distance away.

Baskin Robbins, 23627 Pacific Highway S., is known for their 48 flavors, as well as their smoothies.

"People should eat here because it is ice cream everyone loves it. We are one of the

Robbins.

Shakes can be custom made, tailored to your every whim and desire, for only \$2.99.

If you've got a big chunk of time between classes take a trip down to the marina and stop by Wally's Chowder House and Broiler, 22531 Marine View Dr. S.

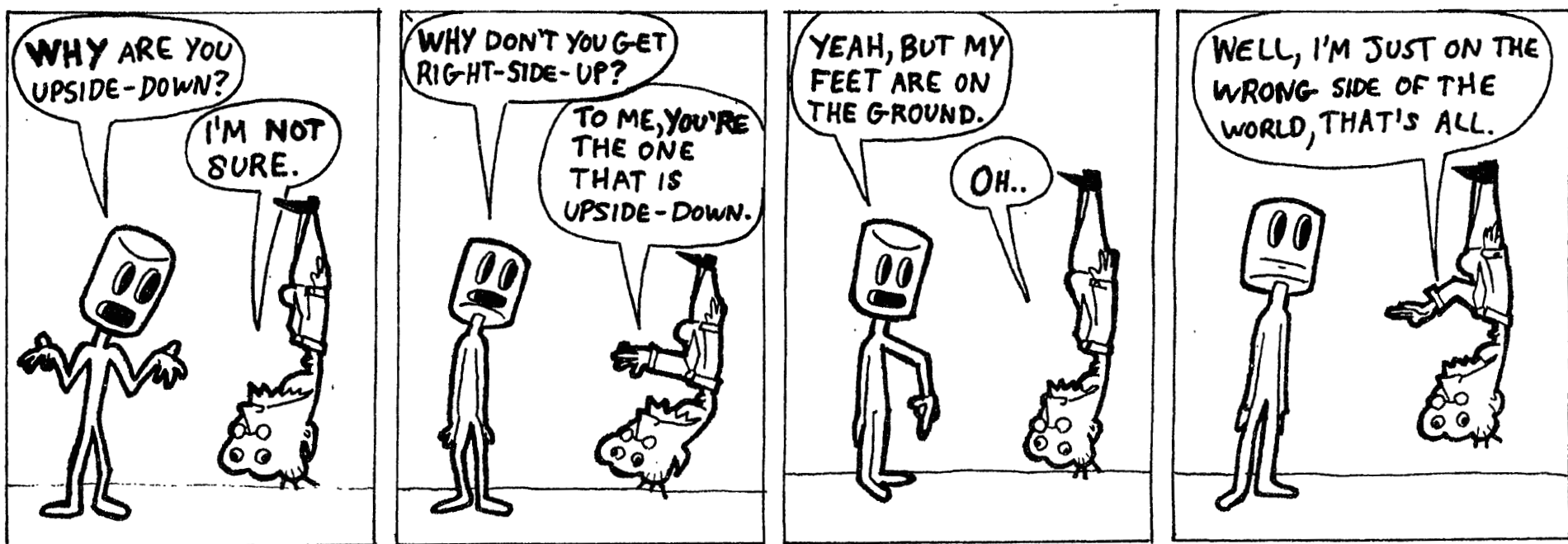
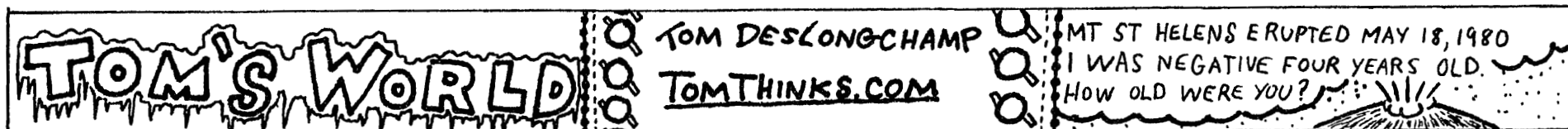
Wally's is well known for their delicious fish and good service. Prices range from \$4 for a small fish platter and up.

Highline's surrounding area offers lots of places to fill your tummy; so spice up your lunch hour and check them out.



Photo by Adrienne Hughes

Host Curtis Cuffe Jr. serves Dustin Burtis with a smile at the Des Moines Red Robin.



Nieda chooses: screenplays or security

Writing instructor Takami Nieda leaves Highline

By AMANDA HETZEL
Staff Reporter

After this quarter, Highline instructor Takami Nieda will be leaving to devote more of her time to writing screenplays.

Nieda teaches writing, as well as Asian American Studies, and in the fall and winter she teaches American Ethnic studies.

Nieda's contract is up and she feels that that now is the perfect time for her to take that first big step and get started on writ-



Takami Nieda

ing some screenplays.

"I have always been interested in writing screen plays, ever since I was a child, and now I am ready to spend more time writing," said Nieda.

Nieda has experience at writing screenplays.

She and a childhood friend once wrote a screen play for a 1980's television show, *Amazing Stories*, that was directed by Steven Spielberg.

Nieda was able to teach herself over the years and said she has seen much improvement in her own writing. One of her screenplays is about a young Asian boy, who, through Karate, grows up and learns a lot about himself. Nieda likes to write in an Asian-American perspective, but that does not stop her from expanding into other topics.

For example she wrote a crime thriller screenplay, that was about a Japanese-American female detective who investigates an art robbery.

"I once wrote a script for

"I have always been interested in writing screen plays, ever since I was a child, and now I am ready to spend more time writing."

-Takami Nieda,
writing instructor

Alias as well as a script for Star Trek Voyager. I would love to see my screenplay in a show," said Nieda.

Nieda plans on having another job but it will only be a

part-time job that does not have the same stress that being a teacher can bring.

"It breaks my heart that she is leaving and that we are losing her. I feel that she is incredibly brave to go out and really live her dream," said Laura Manning, a speech instructor.

"At Highline, there are faculty that teach and write and are successful, but the fact that they can do all of the jobs that go along with being teachers is incredibly difficult, but there are teachers here that can do it," said Nieda. "But you have to be very disciplined and insane."

Nieda is not leaving Highline because she's dissatisfied with the Writing Department, she would just like to make a go of it without the comfort zone of a secure job.

Jazz Quintet shows off great talent

By KIM KIME-PARKS
Staff Reporter

Wowing the audience with songs such as *I Remember You*, Highline was filled with the sounds of Bossa Nova to American Jazz.

Island Jazz Quintet, based on Vashon Island, brought its own special blend of music to Highline on Tuesday with an hour and a half performance of toe tapping and finger snapping music.

In the course of living room jam sessions and playing in and around the Sound, these talented musicians came together to form the group Island Jazz Quintet in 1999.

The list of their individual talents is endless. From playing with Northwest blues legend Tom McFarland to Bo Diddley, their passion for music, especially jazz, shined through in their performance.

The five members: Richard Person on trumpet and flugelhorn, Todd Gowers on bass, Tom Wilkins on piano, Maggie Laird on the melodica and singing vocals, and Highline's own Todd Zimberg on drums entertained the audience with a funky instrumental take-off of Blue Skies. Zimberg, who earned a master's in percussion in 1998 is on the faculty of Highline's Music Department.



Photo by Adrienne Hughes

Maggie Laird playing the melodica.

Maggie Laird, with a voice as crisp as the triangle she played, delighted the audience with her talents.

"They were great," said first year Highline student Cheryl Roberts. "The vocalist was so talented. I don't know how she could keep rhythm on the triangle and sing at the same time, sounding so awesome."

"I'm here with the college choir, as jazz is not my preference in music," said Highline student Kareena King.

Sitting in the audience tapping her toes along with the beat, was Des Moines resident Sally Williams, who was on campus checking out Highline for her daughter Sarah, who is

interested in possibly attending Highline this fall.

"If this is the type of entertainment that is brought to Highline, I might register for classes myself," Williams said.

After the performance Zimberg had a few comments.

"Come on down and check us out at the Antique Sandwich Company on Pearl Street in Tacoma," said Zimberg. "We'll be performing there this Friday evening, May 16 from 6:30 to 8:30. All ages are welcome."

For anyone who is interested in finding more information about the Island Jazz Quintet, or where they will be appearing next, check out their web site www.islandjazzquintet.com.

Arts Calendar

- The Team Highline sponsored Boat Cruise is coming up this Friday, beginning at 8 p.m. The Argosy cruise will take place on the Puget Sound and costs \$15 for a single ticket and \$25 for a couple, pictures are extra. To purchase tickets go to the Team Highline office, the deadline to buy tickets is 5 p.m. on Friday, May 16.

- International Programs is sponsoring a movie night this Friday in Building 7 at 1:30 p.m. They will be showing the film *Spirited Away*, an animated film from Japan. Contact Michael Hood from International Programs for details.

- The King County Library System's book sale is coming up soon on Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. A bag of books is only \$7, paperbacks are 50 cents and hardbacks are \$1. The sale will take place at Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave N, Kent. Volunteers are welcome, contact your local library for information.

- Jim Gardiner is presenting a slide show of his art to kick off the Annual Student Art Show. The presentation will take place in Building 26, room 318 on May 19, from noon to 1 p.m.

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- 23 Hat part
- 24 Syrup producers
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- 28 Theatrical properties
- 31 Water container
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- 34 Furniture pieces
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- 38 Minerals
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- 41 Corporate fear
- 42 Mistakes
- 43 Attractive
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- 45 Chemical compound
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Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

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- 26 Equals
- 27 Flutes
- 28 Kitchen tool
- 29 Ball player's goof
- 30 Aptitude measuring tools
- 32 Man of code
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- 35 Of the blackest black
- 36 Admirer
- 41 Humdinger
- 42 Stick out
- 43 Nicolas and family
- 44 San Diego player

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- 46 Ear part
- 47 Recognize
- 48 Child's play
- 49 Safe place
- 50 Level
- 51 Patch
- 53 One, some, every or all
- 54 Skull

Quotable Quote

If a dog jumps in your lap, it is because he is fond of you; but if a cat does the same thing, it is because your lap is warmer.

... Alfred Whitehead

T-Birds hope best is yet to come

After a 31-1 season, the Highline fastpitch team is soaring into this weekend's championships

By SHAUNA BJORK
Staff Reporter

After suffering their first loss of the season last week, the T-Birds fastpitch team came back with vengeance, outscoring opponents 52-1 to end their regular season.

This five-game winning streak keeps them on top of the Northern Division heading into this weekend's championship tournament.

Highline will play the winner of the Clackamas (32-11) and Blue Mountain (18-18) game that takes place at noon on Friday. Highline's first game in the tournament is at 2 p.m. at Delta Park in Portland.

The team would be very excited to play against Clackamas, but it would be a challenge.

"They're a good ball club," said Assistant Coach Mark Hall. "They have a good coach."

The championships are setup in a double elimination format, and if Highline is able to make it to Sunday without any losses, they will play in the championship game that afternoon.

In last week's wins, the women swept Skagit Valley and Peninsula in doubleheaders and spanked Olympic 10-0 in a make-up game.

Highline had 12 hits against Clackamas behind the pitching of Amanda Richardson, who held Olympic to only four hits.

Highline then came home to play its final home game against Skagit Valley last Friday.

The Cardinals had not scored on Highline all season and the T-Birds were not ready to let them score on their turf.

It was a beautiful day; Athletic Director John Dunn had the barbecue out and was fixing food for spectators.

The crowd was larger than usual. Possibly because of Dunn's work on the grill, but more likely because they were eager to watch the T-Birds play.

"There were a bunch of people out there watching that usually don't come, which was really good," said third baseman Selina Gatz.

Highline responded by grounding the Cardinals 6-0 and 8-0.

Danae Munsell began pitching the first game, and came out on top. She only allowed one



Photos by Adrienne Hughes

Danae Munsell fires a pitch against Peninsula last Friday.

hit, and the RBI hit in the bottom of the first inning by first baseman Erin Johnson was all

she needed to get the win.

In the third, Highline scored four runs off of two base hits

and three walks.

Their sixth run came off an RBI triple in the bottom of the fifth by second baseman Tara Jansson.

Between-games the sophomores on the team were recognized. Gatz, Jansson, outfielder Melissa Cambra, Sara Nacrise, and catcher Michelle Tripp each played their final home game. Each were handed a bouquet of flowers, and all the freshmen also received a flower.

The start of the second game was delayed, due to the hunger of the players on both sides. Both teams could be found in line waiting for food.

When the second game began it became a little chilly as clouds began to cover the field.

Amanda Richardson began the game and went 1-2-3 in the first inning to set the tone for the game.

In the bottom of the first Highline jumped on top 3-0, with RBIs from Mihoko Nishio, Erin Johnson, and Shelby Giovannini.

The team scored two more in the fifth, and they finished the game with three more runs in the sixth.

After the game, there was a commotion on the field as the victorious T-Birds dumped the water cooler on Jensen.

The T-Birds carried the excitement into the games versus Peninsula, where their offense exploded.

In the first game the

Thunderbirds outscored Peninsula 20-1, with nine of the runs in the first inning.

Richardson was pitching and she only allowed five hits.

Gatz had her fifth home run of the season. Andra Hinckley went 4 for 5 in the game, and Tara Jansson was 4 for 4.

"Everyone hit the ball," said Gatz. "It was really good because we don't usually score many runs in the first game."

In the second game Highline was kept a little quiet, they only scored eight runs, and won the game in five innings.

Munsell only allowed Peninsula four hits in the game.

The team is gearing up for NWAACCs and their only big worry is the pitching, with Lacey Walter absent from play since May 6.

"I'm going to play whether it hurts or not this weekend," said Walter.

"I hope Lacey gets better. It's hard because Amanda and I had to pitch each game by ourselves," said Munsell.

The coaching staff is optimistic about her returning this weekend.

"It's still questionable," said Hall. "If she can pitch through her pain we'll use her."

"We still have two other strong pitchers," said Jensen.

The women will practice Wednesday for the first time since their game versus Peninsula; they will travel to Portland Thursday.



Erin Johnson awaits a throw to catch a Skagit Valley runner off of the base during Friday's win over the Cardinals.

NWAACC's best head to Portland

BY SHAUNA BJORK
Staff Reporter

For the second season in a row, Highline is going into the NWAACC tournament as the Northern Division champions. The T-Birds, along with 11 other teams from around the Northwest, travel to Delta Park in Portland this weekend to compete in the tourney, and take their shots at being crowned champions.

Last season, the T-Birds ended with a 28-4 record, and didn't place in the tournament. But the team comes in much younger and stronger this year with a 38-1 record, and a freshness to their game.

The team has strengths throughout that include the key fundamentals of hitting, pitching, and defense.

They also are very aggressive base runners, a quality that separates them from the pack, said Head Coach Kirsten Jensen.

Highline's weakness however lies in the unknown, not knowing what to expect from the teams in other leagues, said Jensen.

The team has very aggressive hitting, with Selina Gatz and her five home runs this season. Erin Johnson adds a boost to the lineup as well with her consistently high batting average. At the end of April she was hitting .422.

The three pitchers, Danae Munsell, Amanda Richardson, and Lacey Walter, have played key roles in getting the team this far and will need to play even bigger ones if the team wants to take home gold.

The coaching staff is confident in the entire team and they are strongly believe that Highline will take it all this weekend.

"You can't think anything less than that," said Jensen.

It won't be easy, but Assistant Coach Mark Hall doesn't think anyone will run away with the title.

"There won't be any blow outs," said Hall. "Good softball this weekend."

To win the title Highline will have to beat the favorite in Lower Columbia.

"Drive for Five" is the theme of the returning NWAACC champions Lower Columbia. They're eyes are set on nothing less than first place. With Head Coach Tim Mackin at the head of their team, the Red Devils are excited and ready to go to the tournament.



Photo by Adrienne Hughes
Michelle Gutierrez takes a swing against Olympic. Gutierrez and the T-Birds hope to outdo last year's playoff showing.

The team had a 38-0 record going into last year's NWAACC tournament. This season they are 36-4 and won the Southern Division. Though even with a record not as impressive as years past, Mackin feels confident that the result will be the same.

Their biggest strength lies in their pitching staff. The trio has combined for a 0.54 ERA, the best in the league.

The team is also very solid on defense and offense, said Mackin.

As a whole the team is hitting .386.

A weakness of the team could be the hitting on particular days, said Mackin.

Some strong players on the team are Megan Jezierski, hitting .522, and Jenessa Roening, .475.

Mackin is wishing this will be the Red Devils' year once again.

"I hope it's us for the fifth straight year," said Mackin. "It's hard to gauge though because we still haven't faced

Highline."

Coach Mackin predicts that the top teams competing in the tourney will be Lower Columbia, Spokane, Clackamas and Highline.

Through all the recent championships, Lower Columbia has gained a liking for playing at Delta Park, and has built a noteworthy track record there.

"Love the field. I think if we can win one more they'll name it after us," said Mackin.

Although Lower Columbia is going in as the favorite, Mackin knows anything can happen.

"There are 12 teams going in, and anyone can win this thing," said Mackin. "It's just whoever is hot this weekend."

Spokane ran away with the Eastern Division, this year and last as well. Last year they went into the NWAACCs and finished third.

The team has very strong pitching and a respectable offense.

"Several hitters are threats to hit the long ball," said Head Coach Janet Skaife. "It's a team

full of solid hitters, four are hitting .400."

Though there is only glaring weakness for the Sasquatches, and one that cut them deep in tournament play.

"We don't seem to rebound well after a loss," said Skaife.

Some Spokane players to be watching for in the tournament are Kate Sinnot, Rikki Jackson, Vanessa Shelton and Mindy Morgan.

Skaife agrees that this could be anyone's weekend.

"For the first time in many years, I think it's wide open," said Skaife. "If everyone hits to their full potential, I think it's the team that plays flawless defense that will win it."

Clackamas is the fourth favorite going into the tournament. They are the only team in the tournament who has Lower Columbia's number, having beaten them three times this year.

Last year the Cougars placed second in league and second in the NWAACCs. They ended last season with a 35-16 record.

This season they finished with a 32-11 record.

The pitching staff is key for Clackamas. Carleen Lessard and Brienne Thurn each had 0.62s ERA at the end of April, and need to keep it up for the playoffs.

Their top hitters at the end of April were Melissa Gibson hitting .404, and Kim Kraxberger.

There are eight other teams participating in this weekend's tournament.

From the north Edmonds (29-10), Shoreline (28-10) and Olympic (17-20) will be competing; from the East Wenatchee Valley (25-14), Walla Walla (27-12) and Blue Mountain 18-18; and the from South Mt. Hood (23-14), and Chemeketa (29-12).

Though all around the league, the consensus seems to be that it can be anybody who walks away with the NWAACC title.

The first pitch of the tournament will be thrown at noon on Friday and the action goes through Sunday.

T-Bird men beat the clock at UW

By COLETTE WOODS
Staff Reporter

The men's track meet was full of ups and downs at the University of Washington last Saturday.

The Ken Shannon Invitational at Husky Stadium featured many local schools, including Eastern and Western Washington University, Portland and Oregon State, Seattle University, and University of Washington.

"There were a lot more participants this year than last year," said Highline Head Coach Robert Yates. "There was a lot of good competition."

One of the best performances was from Jerome Sirmans, who placed third in the 400-meter dash with a time of 48.56. He is now third in the league with that time.

"This is his best day so far," said Yates.

"The competition was great," said Sirmans. "I enjoyed the atmosphere."

Highline's 4x100-meter featured Armstead, Malcolm McLemore, Matt Ludwigson, and Sirmans. They placed fourth with a time of 42.92.

In the 4x400 were Sirmans, Foyston, McLemore and Dickson. They placed third

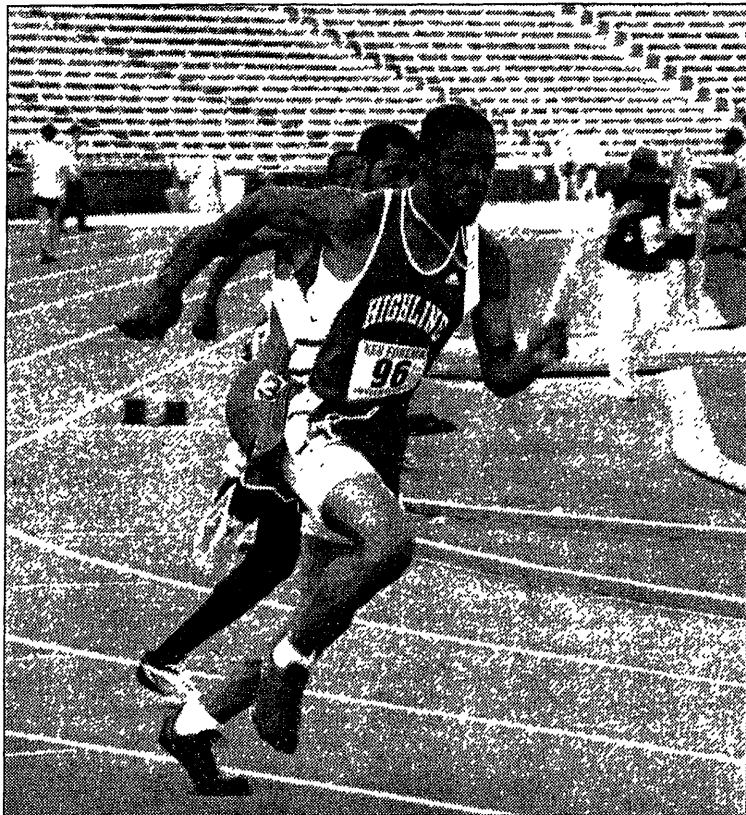


Photo by Colette Woods

Rahsawn Mitchell takes off for 400-meter run.

with a time of 3:17.51, which is the fourth best time in Highline's history.

"This relay team is really looking strong," said Yates.

In the 100-meter dash, where Matt Ludwigson placed eighth with a time of 11.37 seconds. Jeremiah Armstead placed 14th with 11.70 seconds.

"I think I did all right," said

Armstead. "I'm just now getting used to running right after the long jump, so I'm a little worn out."

In the 200-meter run, Malcolm McLemore had a time of 22.77, placing him fifth. Edgardo Holland placed eighth with 22.95.

"I think I did great," said Holland. "I dropped my time a

half a second."

Telon Walker placed ninth with 22.96, and Rashawn Mitchell was right behind him with a time of 23.02.

Walker placed ninth in the 400-meter run as well with a time of 50.62.

"I think I did all right," said Walker. "If I would have hydrated my body more, then I would of done better."

Rashawn Mitchell placed 11th in the 400-meter relay with 50.78, and Loyal Allen was right behind him with 50.80. Edgardo Holland placed 14th with 51.07.

"I dropped a two seconds in this relay," said Holland. "I am doing better now that my hamstring is getting better."

The 800-meter run was one of the strongest events, said Yates.

Mike Dickson placed 13th with a time of 1:54.33, which is a personal best. He is now fourth in the league. Bryan Pyfer was right behind him with a time of 1:54.46, which is his second best time of the year, and is now fifth in the league. Jason Nieblas placed 17th with a time of 1:55.98.

"I think I did very well," said Nieblas. "I have great teammates that support me."

Clay Hemlock had a time of

15:08.58 in the 5,000-meter run, placing seventh. Pat McGuire placed 15th with a time of 15:38.96.

"He beat all the competition in our league," said Yates.

Jershon Foyston placed 11th in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 56.14.

"I think I did crappy," said Foyston. "My back locked up after the hurdles. Now I am just resting for NWAACCs."

Chris Fuller placed eighth in the high jump with a distance of 6'5". He placed fourth in the triple jump as well with a distance of 40'75".

Armstead placed eighth in the long jump with a distance of 20.2'25".

In the shot put, Nate Carter placed sixth, throwing 46' even. He also placed 13th in the discus, throwing 123'11".

Gunner Argo placed eighth in the shot put as well with a throw of 43'25". He placed in the discus as well, throwing 123'11".

"I think I had an off weekend," said Argo. "Sometimes you throw well, sometimes you don't."

The next meet is on May 15 at Highline around 2 p.m. It will be a small, low-key meet with unattached athletes competing in it..

McLemore makes plans to make history

By KATIE FOSTER
Staff Reporter

Highline men's track team is performing well in sprints this year, with help from Malcolm McLemore, a sophomore who competes in the 200-meter dash, 4X100-meter dash, 4X400-meter dash, and his specialty the 400-meter dash.

McLemore decided to attend Highline because it was one of the only community colleges around that had a track team and he wanted to keep building his skills while staying close to home.

He is going to finish up his associate of arts degree this summer and plans on attending a four-year university next fall.

This is McLemore's second year competing for the T-birds. Last year he placed fourth at conference in the 200-meter dash.

This season his goal is in a different event. McLemore would like to break 48.7 seconds in the 400-meter dash.

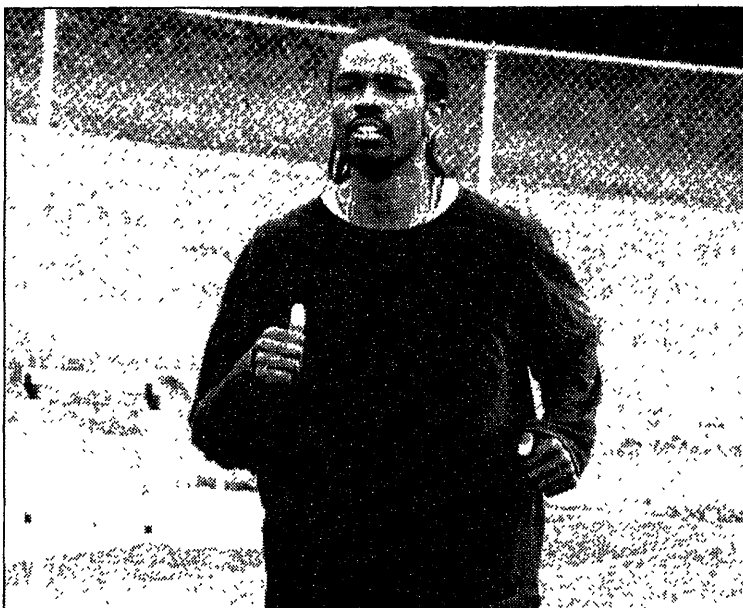


Photo by Melissa Flesch

Malcolm McLemore practices for a meet yesterday.

McLemore has been out the last month with a pulled hamstring. But this injury has not prevented him from working even harder to reach his goals.

"I think that this injury has made me more humble. I appreciate things that I do in track and don't want to take them for granted," said McLemore.

"Malcom has been working really hard and it showed in the last meet," said Head Coach Robert Yates.

McLemore's most memorable moment was this past weekend at the Ray Burns Open in Vancouver.

There he ran his personal best in the 400-meter dash with

a time of 48.7.

"This is the fastest time I've ever ran in my life," McLemore said.

McLemore qualified for NWAACCs this season in the 200-meter dash and the 400-meter dash. He also plans to run in a relay.

Surprisingly McLemore has only competed in track for three years.

He attended Stadium High School where during his senior year the track coach convinced him to participate in the high jump.

That season he placed 12th in state. He also was a wide receiver and safety on the Stadium football team.

McLemore was born in Sacramento, Calif. His family moved up to Tacoma and he has lived there for three years.

He also has three younger brothers. One of his brothers seems to be following in the footsteps of Malcolm; he also competes on the track team at Stadium.

McLemore admires all posi-

tive people and believes that kids need a positive influence in their life.

He loves being a mentor for younger children. He participates in a Co-op program using skill building to help students at Kent Junior High.

"I would like to major in sociology," McLemore said. "I like social work and working with kids."

McLemore would like to continue participating in inter-collegiate track while working on his sociology degree.

Some schools that are interested in McLemore are California State-Los Angeles, San Francisco State, and University of California-Irvine.

The T-Bird relay teams are also very important to McLemore. He believes that the relay teams will go far at NWAACCs coming up in a couple of weeks.

"If we work together I know we can win a trophy at NWAACCs," McLemore said. "It's possible we just need to work on a few things."

Arlecier West hammers league

BY ZACK AMAN
Staff Reporter

Highline T-Bird Arlecier West wants to do more than to just keep throwing toward a chance to become a major college athlete.

West, 18, is a shot-putter, and is an easy person to approach and talk to because of her glowing demeanor and humble presence.

Although many Highline students can use a friend like West, finding her is tough, because she has a lot of work to do in order to achieve her goals.

"I want to attend Pacific Lutheran University, so I can study sports management," said West.

Though West is not solely focused on personal enrichment, and finds motivation from those closest to her.

"I want to make my family proud, because I am the first to attend (college), so I don't want to mess up," said West.

Being the first of six of fam-



Photo by Melissa Flesch

West practices the hammer throw for NWAACCs.

ily members at home to have any type of collegiate career, West had no warning of the difficulties and pressures she was

going to face here at Highline.

"School is tough, because I wasn't prepared at the beginning," said West.

A voice from the distant South, that is still very close to West, helped her through those academic strains she faced when first becoming a T-Bird.

Evelyn Taylor, a professor of mathematics at McNeese State in Louisiana, was that voice.

"My grandma is my inspiration. She keeps me going, and keeps me strong through tough times," said West.

"I talk to her every two weeks, and no matter what is going on we have a lot to say, and she always tells me I'm a strong girl, and I believe it," said West.

West has been attending Highline and throwing the hammer for only two quarters now, although she has always been a fan of the event.

"One time I was at a school event back in high school and I saw some people participating in track and field events and I thought I would be good at it," said West.

The hammer throw is an event that involves a nine-pound

weight, connected by chain to the competitors hand, and is thrown in the air as far as possible.

"The best I ever did in the hammer is 140' 7," said West.

Although West faces stiff competition, she did manage to win a competition at Pacific Lutheran University earlier in the season on March 15.

Though doing well against schools from eastern Washington is an itch she loves to scratch even more.

"I love going against Spokane Community College, because I was thinking about going there," said West.

West is a very busy student-athlete, because she also has a part-time job. Things for her can get hectic pretty quickly at times.

"When things get tough I just keep remembering my goals of getting my degree in sports management, and being a good person, and remembering my grandma telling me that I can do anything I want," said West.

Lady T-Birds make history

BY KATIE FOSTER
Staff Reporter

The Thunderbird women's track team showcased their talent this weekend at the Ken Foreman Invite at the University of Washington.

Amanda Kamm stepped up in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:59.20. This personal record cut four seconds from her previous best run. It also puts Kamm second in the Highline history book for the 1,500-meter run.

"This was a great run for Kamm," said Head Coach Robert Yates.

Joyce Doan also improved in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 5:21.79. This places Doan sixth in the entire conference.

In addition, she ran the 3,000-meter run with a time of 12:11.79.

Tyisha Coleman ran the 400-meter hurdles just the second time in her career, coming in with a time 1:08.14, placing her fourth in conference and second in the Highline history book.

"If Coleman continues to improve, she has potential to become an All-American," said Yates.

Arlecier West also pitched in points for the T-Birds with a distance of 124' in the hammer.

"We had some good perfor-

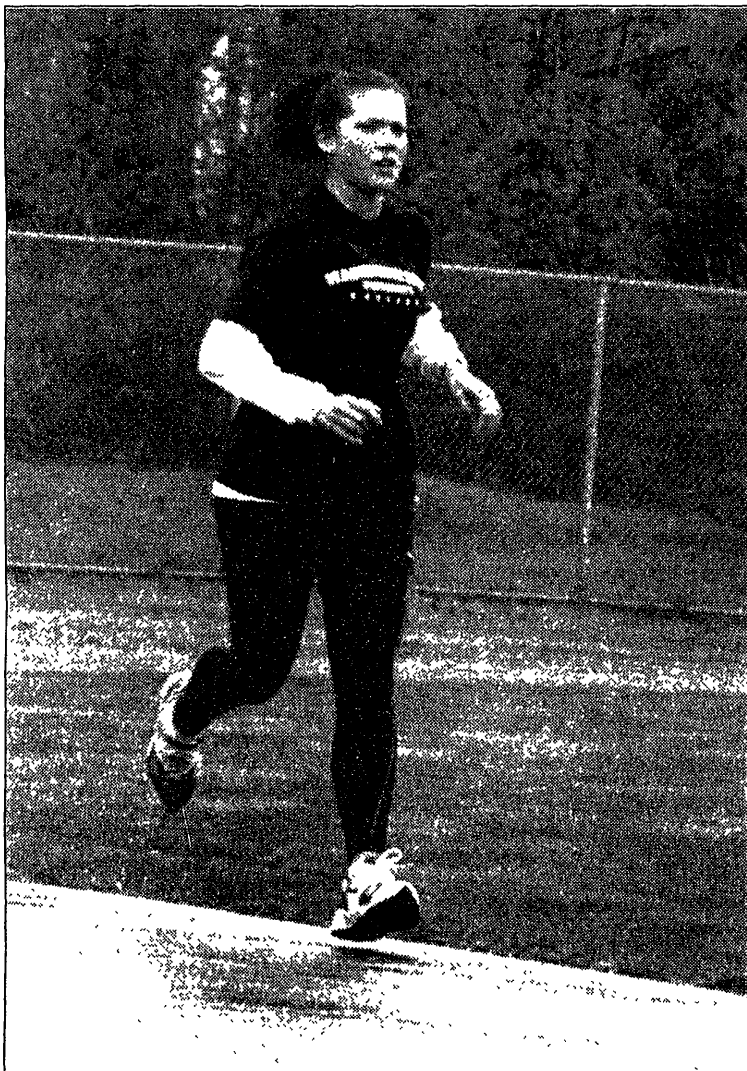


Photo by Melissa Flesch

Joyce Doan gets warmed up for a long distance run.

mances. The competition was tough knowing this was the last qualifying meet of the season," said Yates.

Olivia Palmero did not per-

form this weekend due to illness.

The NWAACC Championships take place May 22-23 at Clackamas Community College in Oregon.

Scoreboard

SOFTBALL SCORES

5/11
Bellevue 9, Green River 5
Bellevue 2, Green River 1

NWAACC Fastpitch

League Standings

NORTH		
	League	Overall
Highline	31-1	31-4
Edmonds	25-7	29-10
Shoreline	24-8	28-10
Olympic	17-15	17-20
Bellevue	15-17	15-21
Green River	14-18	14-24
Skagit Valley	9-23	9-28
Everett	7-25	7-25
Peninsula	2-30	3-32

EAST

Spokane	21-5	27-11
Wenatchee Vly	20-8	25-14
Walla Walla	20-8	27-12
B. Mountain	14-14	18-18
T. Valley	13-15	20-18
Big Bend	10-18	12-24
Columbia Basin	7-21	9-23
Yakima Valley	5-21	8-25

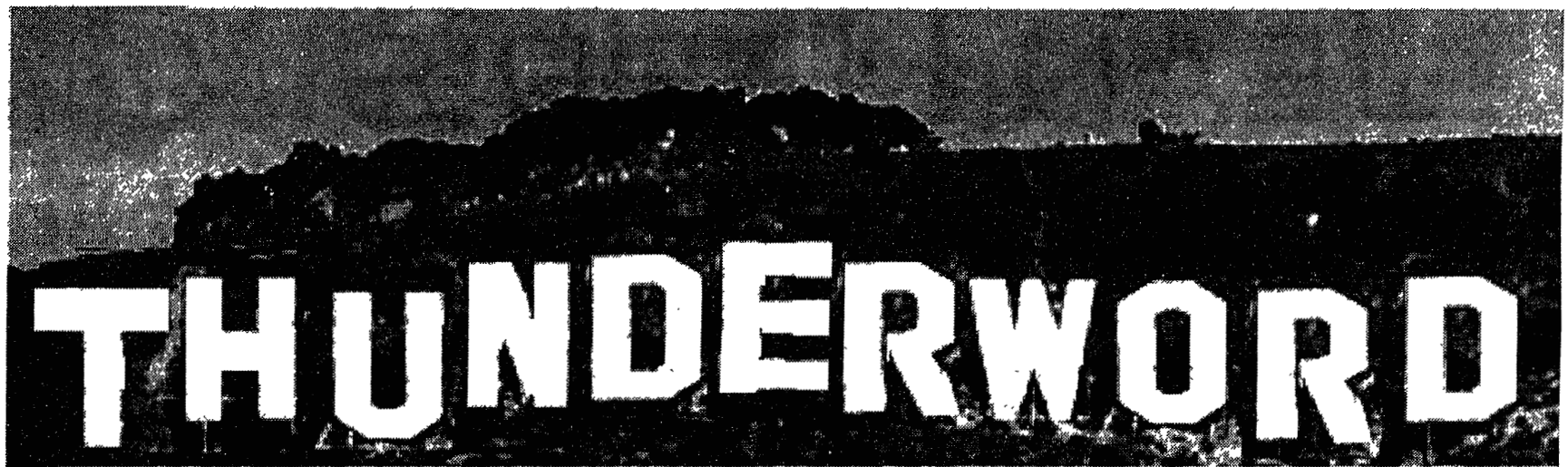
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Clackamas	26-6	32-11
Mt. Hood	23-9	23-14
Chemeketa	22-10	29-12
S Puget Sound	16-16	19-17
Centralia	14-18	14-18
SW Oregon	11-21	13-25
Grays Harbor	4-28	4-30
Pierce	0-32	0-36

5/10	
Everett 2,	Bellevue 1
Bellvue 8,	Everett 4
S. Valley 7,	G. River River 6
G. River 14,	Skagit Valley 5
Highline 20,	Peninsula 1
Highline 8,	Peninsula 0
Edmonds 9,	Olympic 4
Edmonds 16,	Olympic 8
Clackamas 9,	Centrailia 1
Clackamas 10,	Centrailia 0
Chemeketa 9,	G. Harbor, 0
Chemeketa 15,	Harbor 2
SW Oregon 10,	Pirece 2
SW Oregon 21,	Pirece 2
Mt. Hood 3,	S.P. Sound 1
S.P. Sound 7,	Mt. Hood 6

5/9	
Edmonds 7,	Shoreline 3
Edmonds 4,	Shoreline 1
Everett vs	Olympic forfeit
Olympic 13,	Everett 3
Olympic 9,	Everett 5
Olympic 13,	Everett 0
Bellevue 12,	Peninsula 1
Bellevue 9,	Peninsula 1
Bellevue 7,	Peninsula 5
Highline 6,	S. Valley 0
Highline 8,	S. Valley 0
Mt. Hood 7,	G. Harbor 3
Mt. Hood 8,	G. Harbor 0
L. Columbia 3,	Chemeketa 0
L. Columbia 11,	Chemeketa 1
Clackamas 15,	Pirece 0
Clackamas 14,	Pierce 0
S.P. Sound 6,	SW Oregon 1
SW Oregon 4,	S.P. Sound 2

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FASCINATING PEOPLE ON CAMPUS

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JEAN HARRIS

Varied career lands Harris at Highline

Story by Amber Trillo
Photos by Connie Bradley

As an ambitious young woman, Jean Harris always knew she wanted to be a teacher.

"When I was 7 years old I offered to teach all the neighborhood kids their ABCs and even distributed flyers saying I would," Harris said.

Years later she is doing more than teaching kids ABCs. Harris teaches both anthropology and culture, global and gender studies at Highline.

On a recent morning, moments before class started, a heated discussion took off, comments were flying off the walls from every corner of the room. When the professor arrived, everyone quieted down for the class to begin.

What came next isn't something that most people would expect. A woman walked in with a smile from ear to ear and peered with warm eyes over her glasses, "So, tell me- what's going on? What is all the talk about just before I came in?"

Keeping the conversation

completely relevant to the class curriculum Harris quickly adapted her lecture to include the topic of the class's previous discussion.

She is actively involved in what is important to the students and their lives. It is something she learned from one of her role models, her third grade teacher, Irene Makus.

A woman who had a teaching style ahead of her time, Makus was the type of teacher that was always there for her students. She made house calls and cared about the children's lives outside of school as well, said Harris.

"I wanted to be that kind of teacher," she said.

Her desire to be that kind of teacher is reflected in her classrooms.

"She isn't here to just teach and grade them, she is actually interested in her students and what they walk away with from her class is way more important to her," said Ballerina Braun, one of Harris's students. "She is an inspiration to anyone. She inspires you to be more and ask you to look at something from all different sides."

Nicole Donaldson, a student in Harris's African-American Experience class, agreed, "I love her teaching skills. She has a way to approach things that makes you think about an issue, even if you don't agree with it. And she always has time after class to discuss anything with you."

Harris has always had an insightful perspective on the classroom environment.

"I feel that a teacher must bring their whole self to the classroom," Harris said.

Harris has quite a lot to bring to the classroom besides a passion for teaching. She has a life full of experience that made her the compassionate, well-liked teacher she is today.

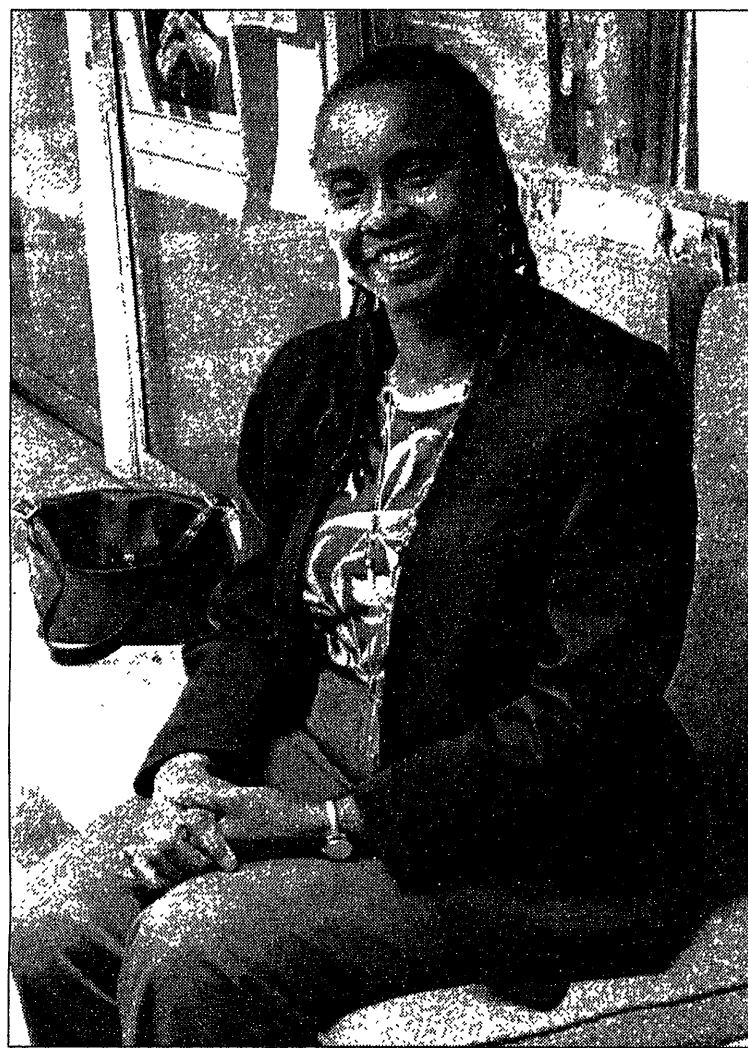
In 1944 when Harris was only a year old she lived with her great aunt, who she called Mamma. They moved from Louisiana to Bremerton and a year later moved to Yesler Terrace in Seattle.

"Yesler was one of the greatest places I lived," Harris said affectionately speaking of the home she grew up in.

Harris went to Bailey Gatzert, which she said at the time was one of the most diverse elementary schools in the Seattle area. She grew up thinking the rest of the world was just as diverse and wonderful as Bailey Gatzert.

It was not until college that she really recalled encountering racism.

"I remember getting a C on a paper and going to talk to the



professor and ask what I should do to fix it. He replied, 'nothing, it should be good enough for you. You should be happy with it.' Some professors just didn't expect anything from students of color-they had low expectations for us," Harris said.

She attended Washington Junior High and graduated from Garfield High School.

After graduating she went to Seattle Pacific University on a

scholarship and received her bachelor's degree in sociology. Between her junior and senior year she participated in The Experiment in International Living, a non-profit organization that supports intercultural learning.

"I didn't know it was basically a summer camp to babysit

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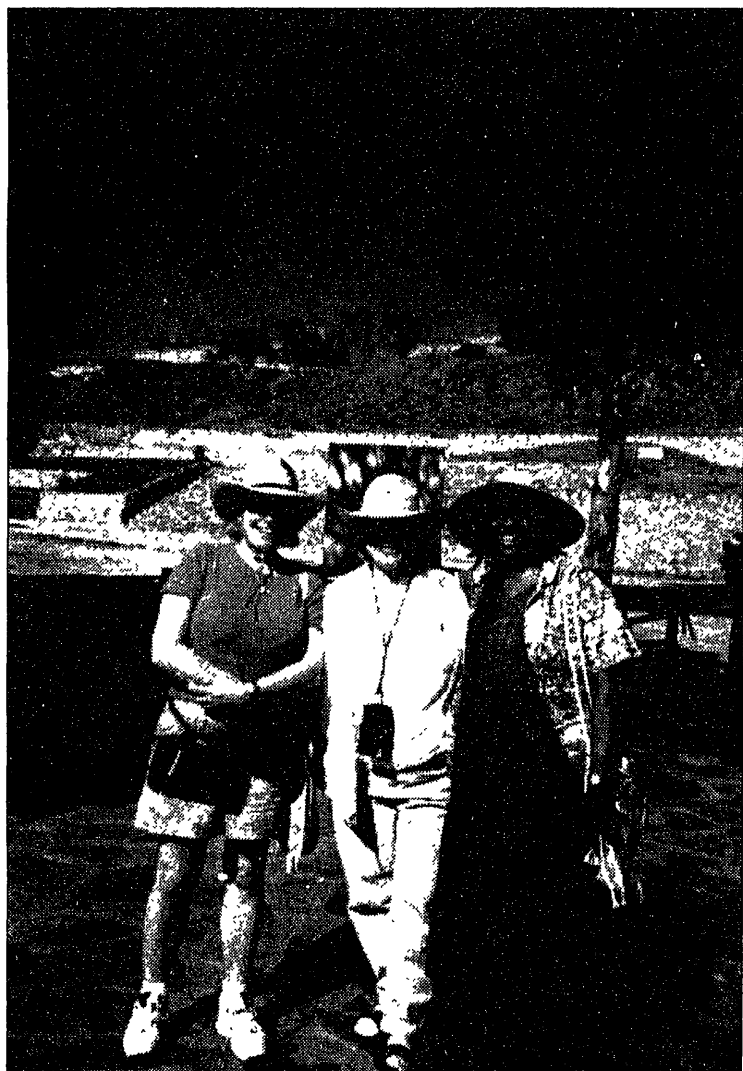


Photo Courtesy of Dr. Jean Harris

Dr. Jean Harris, far right, is posing for a picture with two other anthropologists. In this picture she is visiting ruins in Monte Alban in Mexico.

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DUKE APPLGATE

Keeping you safe with a smile

Story by Victoria Anthony
Photos by Melissa Flesch

He is a former chef who cooked for people such as John Wayne and Minnie Pearl, at hotels such as the Hilton, the Sheraton, the Doubletree and the Hyatt.

He does ministry work at a Lutheran church on 320th in Federal Way.

He was the president of his union for three years and is currently on the Board of Trustees for the Des Moines Food Bank.

He grew up on a reservation as a child of 10, and now has 36 neices and nephews, although he doesn't know all of their names.

Duke Applegate, quite possibly Highline's busiest man, is a favorite among students, faculty and staff alike.

"He is affable, just the type of person who is very accomodating. He will do whatever it takes to get the job done. I think that's remarkable," said Linda Quick, administrative assistant in Building 15. "He personifies that go give it spirit."

Whether it's his warm smile, friendly high-five or his diligence, Applegate says, "It's all in a day's work. I do my job, if something needs to be done, I get it done."

Applegate moved to Highline in 1968. Shortly after the move, he said he noticed something just wasn't right with his health. He went to the doctor and was diagnosed with epilepsy.

"I've had the toughest life, you wouldn't believe the stuff I've been through. I just thank God I can see and hear and walk," he said.

Applegate came to Highline 17 years ago in 1986 to volunteer his services, after a 19-year career as a chef. He was also an apartment manager during that time. The stress and responsibilites of the two jobs added up to be too much. Applegate would frequently fall asleep while working. Little did he know, he was suffering from narcolepsy, a symptom of epilepsy.

"I had no idea I had that. I just thought I was exhausted from working," Applegate said.

Applegate left his career as a chef and went to school at North Seattle Community College,

where he graduated with a degree as an office technician. After school, he collected funding from the Department of Social and Human Services for two years, but finally said to himself, "I refuse to live off of the government."

Applegate said he looked anywhere and everywhere for a job, but was consistently turned away. Eventually, he turned to Highline.



"I wasn't exptecting to get a job, I just wanted to be working," he said.

And so he did. Applegate started out volunteering in the mail room, in shipping and receiving, the audio and visual room and in the child care. Applegate volunteered for three years. Eventually, he earned his keep and got a job at Highline.

With a steady paycheck now coming in, Applegate was able to pay the state of Washington back \$10,000.

Due to his epilepsy, Applegate does not recall much of his childhood. His few memories consist of great big buffalo's staring him down and feeding the chickens.

Fortunately, Applegate's disorder is now under control. It has been 15 years since his last seizure, and he gets by without taking any medication. Applegate said he doesn't need to take any medication because he keeps himself busy working and watching his diet. He said it's when he stops that things go wrong.

Applegate's seven-hour work day on campus consists of six different jobs, including police officer, safety officer, access

services, shipping and receiving, mailroom and recycling.

"That's what I do," Applegate said with a sigh and shrug of his shoulders, as if there weren't any other way. "Whatever job I have, I'm going to do a great job at it... not good, but great."

"I lived a hard life, lived poor. We would go barefoot in the summer to save our shoes... In my life all I know is work.

sometimes," he said with a chuckle.

Applegate maintains the recycling on campus, which includes 30 buildings, but seldom complains of the tedious work. Before sending the recycling bins off to West Seattle, Applegate must be sure the white paper is separate from the colored paper, which needs to be separate from the cardboard.

Even though there are clearly marked recycling bins surrounding campus, Applegate still has his work cut out for him. He said he will get bins marked for white paper filled with colored paper and even some pop cans thrown in. However, Applegate says it is all worth it and sums up the hard work with one word, "environment."

In addition to the recycling, Applegate also takes his security job very seriously.

"My job is to patrol, look out for safety, for somebody maybe

in Russian, Vietnamese, Spanish and Chinese.

"I see a lot of angry students, lots. I try to cheer them up, make them have a better day. It's hurtful sometimes to see that," he said.

The crosswalk students use in the East lot on their way to Midway is a result of Applegate's concerns. After seeing cars speed in and nearly hit pedestrians, he asked Richard Fisher, chief of security, to paint in a crosswalk.

When Applegate isn't working hard at Highline, he is working hard at home. He lives in Federal Way with his wife Barbara, who also works in the mail room on campus.

Applegate's work ethic doesn't lighten up at home. He keeps himself busy cleaning, cooking, repairing and taking care of his mother-in-law. Applegate also does his own

wood-working. If he needs a DVD stand, he'll build it before he'll go buy it. He doesn't relax until he feels his day's work is done.

"Poor wife, I probably drive her crazy. But I spoil her, boy do I spoil her," Applegate said.

He often plays the banjo or guitar while singing Bill Munroe and Roger Miller songs to his wife, and he loves to cook hearty meals for dinner.

"Wherever I'm at, I'm me. I'm not going to try and be someone else," Applegate said. "I don't let the little things bother me. That way you create more happy happy instead of angry angry."



It's all I've ever done," he said.

Although work is the core of his life, Applegate takes each of his jobs to the next level, and it's obvious through his interactions with people on campus.

"I care, I care about people and things. I like to make people feel welcome...

ask questions like, 'hello, how are you?' and 'are you lost?' I think that's me," he said. "I'm very observant, I watch students to try and find out if they are happy with what they're doing here."

Applegate is well known on campus, if not by name, than by his bright smile and hard work.

"It's like you have your own city here. I feel like the mayor

breaking into a car. If I'm there, I discourage them," he said.

But once again, Applegate takes his routine job to the next level. On a normal morning of patrolling, Applegate will stop and say hello to several dozen students making their way to class. However, English isn't the only language he uses. Just from listening, Applegate has picked up on how to say "hello"

MARSA MAIR

Happy Mair runs show in eleven

Story by Kyle Turrell
Photo by Connie Bradley

Walking into Building 11, the first thing a person notices is the smile on Marsa Mair's face, which is a tell tale sign that you're in good hands.

"I love my job," said Mair, administrative assistant for the Social Science Department at Highline.

Mair, who has been an administrative assistant for 11 years at Highline, has seen lots of changes to her job.

"Probably 65 percent of my job was answering the phone; now all the instructors have voice mail, their own phone, 60 percent do all their own typing at least," Mair said. "Before computers all of that was the secretary's duty. The job has changed a lot from answering the phone and typing to keeping things organized, keeping things running smoothly."

Although Mair has been working at Highline for over a decade, she first attended Highline in 1979 and graduated from the graphic design program. She then went on to get a job with a graphics and printing company but found out that wasn't what she was looking for.

"I got tired of the competitive market and leaning over a drawing table all day and it's kind of an isolated position," said Mair. "Like here I'm with people all day and there's an exchange of energy and it's great. But as an artist you're alone a lot."

Mair, who was born and raised in the south Seattle area, was put up for adoption three months after she was born.

Mair's birth parents met when her father was stationed at Sand Point. Within a month they were married, and he was shipped out, so he sent his wife to live with his parents in a remote area in Louisiana on a cotton farm. His wife was only 15 but had lied to her father and told him she was 18.

Marsa's mother became home sick and her parents divorced. Marsa's mother moved back to Seattle after Marsa was born. Without her parent's support Marsa's mother realized she was not going to be able to keep Marsa. Marsa's mother knew a childless couple, who adopted Marsa. During her first marriage to a Canadian and the father of her two children, lived

in British Columbia, Maryland and Oregon. Upon her divorce she moved back to the Northwest, which she has always have always considered "home."

Mair's son Jamie attended Highline and transferred to Western Washington University where he majored in journalism and now writes for a paper in Pullman. Mair's daughter Jessica, attended Highline for one quarter, got married, and now works for a bank.

In 1985 she married Bill

the first time was everything she could have hoped for.

"They took me with unconditional love immediately. It was the most amazing thing that I have ever experienced because when you are adopted you grow up just not feeling like you belong," said Mair. "No matter how loving your family might be, you're different, you don't look the same, you don't act the same. There's that constant thing in the back of your head, 'where do I really belong?'"

When Mair first visited her

brother, cousins in Louisiana. Although she never did get a chance to meet her birth mother, who died when Mair would have been 13, she did find her aunts from that side of the family, who then helped Mair find her spiritual path.

After visiting their family in Louisiana, and celebrating their anniversary in Las Vegas Bill and Marsa Mair drove to visit Marsa's aunt's house in California. Although Mair was only there for a short time her Aunt had a tremendous impact on her

Although they almost immediately accepted their spiritual path they did have on last meal with meat.

"I used to live in Boston and I loved lobster and I had one last meal of lobster with wine and the lobster was terrible. It made the transition that much easier."

Bill and Marsa Mair had been vegetarians for 13 years when they found out that Bill had Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, a human variant of Mad Cow Disease, which is commonly contracted through the consumption of meat in Europe.

The doctors said it could have a 20 year incubation period so they didn't know if he got it from something he ate while in taught in Europe in 1979 and '80 or if he got it from protein eating bacteria that effects one in a million humans, said Marsa Mair.

"But I worked part time and my daughter took time of off her job and the two of us took care of him," said Mair. "We found out he had it and six weeks later he was gone."

"One of the best things he gave me and my kids was laughter. He was goofy funny. As much as it embarrassed me when I was first dating him it became great to live with. Even though it was over the top a lot it kept you happy, it kept you in a good mood," said Mair. "It's like a kid a lot and he laughed at himself as much as anybody else and it was just great fun."

During those six weeks Marsa Mair was able to give back to her husband what he had been giving her his whole life, laughter.

"It was a real gift, it gave me the opportunity to give back to him, to make his last days happy. He didn't understand he was sick, and that was a blessing too," said Mair. "I was just really grateful I was able to show my love to him like that. It was the best gift I ever gave."

Through all the ups and downs of Marsa Mair's life, her view has always been on the silver lining on the clouds.

"I feel like we're all here to help each other. Whether I'm helping you as a student or whether I'm helping one of the faculty in the building and it makes me feel good to do that," said Mair. "And the response I get from helping somebody is a positive response because they realize you care and I find that here."



Mair who was head of Highline's Art Department. Bill Mair encouraged Marsa to find her birth parents. When she located her birth family in 1988, she decided it was time for a change.

"So I moved from [graphic artist] to travel agent 'cause I always enjoyed traveling. And when I found my birth family I thought it's a great way to see everybody 'cause my birth mother's family was in California and my birth dad in Louisiana," said Mair.

Meeting her birth family for

birth, family the similarities were uncanny. When she sat down for her first dinner with her birth family they all looked at her legs because they were giggling, and as she looked around she noticed that her father and sisters were giggling their legs as well.

"I used to get in trouble for that over and over as a kid and then I meet my birth family and they are all leg jigglers," said Mair.

Mair's father passed away last year, but she has a step-mother, two sisters and a

life. During the Mair's visit to Marsa's aunts house they were introduced to The Science of the Soul, a spiritual path that clicked with Bill and Marsa Mair.

"To accept it you're a vegetarian, you don't eat eggs or meat or fish or anything that is killed to keep you alive is unacceptable," said Mair. "No alcohol or mind altering drugs because it interferes with your meditation and you want to keep your mental facilities as clear as possible because the meditation is very difficult."

JOE WILCOX

Sailing toward the extreme

Story by Chelsea Ramsay
Photo by Melissa Flesch

Wilcox. Joe Wilcox.

While he is known merely as a mathematician around the Highline campus a fearless risk taker, a man of vast adventures lies behind the wool sweater vest and thick glasses.

Wilcox has experienced life firsthand, and perhaps the most dangerous of all his many excursions was his trip to the top of Mt. McKinley in Alaska in 1969.

His previous knowledge of mountaineering led him to take on McKinley, the highest mountain in North America.

"I'd climbed Rainer a dozen times probably," Wilcox said. "It just seemed like the next step. It was relatively accessible and challenging. It just seemed like a fun adventure."

Wilcox decided to climb the mountain. But he knew he couldn't go up alone, so he found a few fellow climbers to go along.

"I was the person who organized it just networking through mountaineering organizations. I was actually the leader of the trip. We only had nine people, then there were three people from another party and the park service wouldn't let them go up alone because they were only three people so they joined our group."

The team of 12, under the leadership of Wilcox, was ready to experience something unfamiliar to most climbers.

"Back then it wasn't climbed a lot," Wilcox said. "Just a few expeditions a year. Now there's about 50 expeditions a year- just follow the footprints. Back then we didn't follow anybody's footprints."

Most of the cluster was capable of traveling the foreign path, but there were a few hikers that couldn't last.

"Nine people made it to the top," Wilcox said.

The others were lost somewhere along the way. Their bodies were never recovered.

The rest of the team continued on toward the top, where more problems sustained.

"We were all caught in a storm at the summit," Wilcox said. "It was the worst storm any mountaineer had experienced on the mountain."

The gale finished off four

more climbers, who joined the previous victims for a total of seven hikers who didn't survive McKinley.

The losses did effect Wilcox because of the relationships involved.

"By the time you spend a month with someone climbing a mountain you know them pretty well," Wilcox said.

Despite losing friends along the way, there was no element of surprise in their deaths.

"People die on mountains and you know that when you start out. That doesn't keep you from climbing mountains."

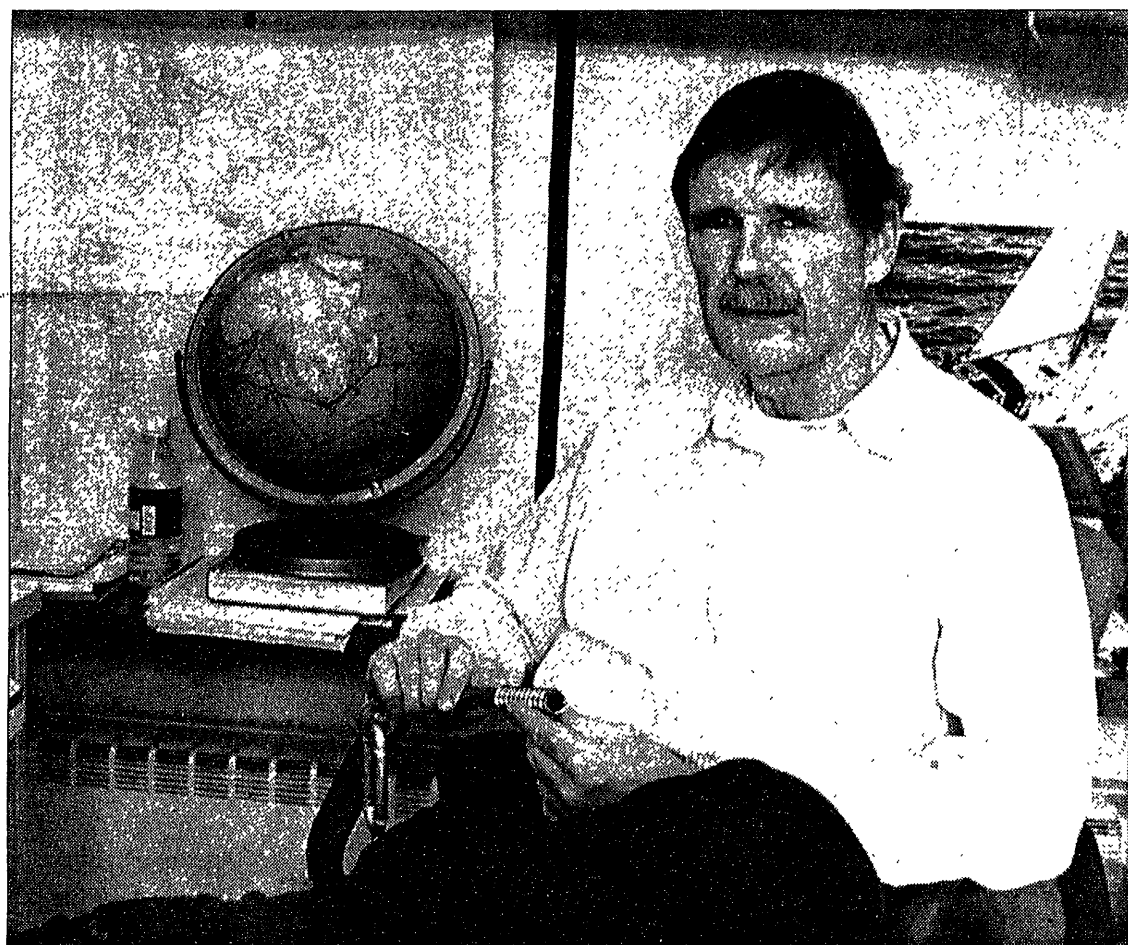
With teammates dropping off, Wilcox said he occasionally thought about his own death, but it wasn't a topic he often dwelled on.

"You're not worried about dying," Wilcox said. "There's kind of an alertness. Everything you know how to do is called into play."

His skills and know-how kept him alive as he completed the feat with four other survivors.

"We were on the mountain for 38 days," Wilcox said. "The top was a 27-day expedition."

The experience influenced Wilcox to tell it publicly, in his book *White Winds, America's*



told," Wilcox said. "And since I was the leader I was the candidate to write it."

The McKinley story isn't his only notable experience.

"When I was in Alaska I delivered my first daughter- that's kind of different than other things."

Unique experiences have become quite regular for Wilcox.

As he has defeated a mountain and brought a human into the world, his life was in danger, again.

"I was a state finalist in the teacher in space program,"

Wilcox said.

The winner was to be sent out in the universe on The Challenger in 1986. Unfortunately,

it blew up on launch.

"I was glad I didn't win that one."

But that doesn't mark the end of adventure for Wilcox.

This summer, at 60 years old, he plans on beginning his trip of sailing around the world.

"I like the concept of getting from one point of the Earth to another through my own skill rather than hopping on a plane," Wilcox said.

"Somebody asked me once if I was afraid of sailing on the ocean and I said 'yes' but I was more afraid of not sailing and letting life pass me by."

Wilcox began sailing around 30 years ago, visiting various places around the globe.

"I've sailed in the Caribbean," Wilcox said. "I've sailed the South Pacific on a friend's boat. I've sailed all around the northwest up here."

Along the way he made friends that will join him on his international adventure.

"I have three other crew members and myself," Wilcox said. "They're friends but I've got to know them through sailing."

The first point on the trip is Hawaii, which will take about three weeks before arriving.

Wilcox plans on leaving his

boat there for six months, return to Highline to teach, fly back and repeat this pattern as necessary to avoid conflict between sailing and teaching.

After Hawaii the idea is to sail the south seas, and move on to places such as Fiji, Tahiti, Australia and South Africa.

"I'll have to take a year off to sail around South Africa because their summers are our winters," Wilcox said.

The entire trip will take "probably three to five years, without much stopping along the way," Wilcox said.

And after the his written account of the disaster on the mountain, Wilcox has no intentions of publishing memoirs of his sailing vacation.

"I hope there isn't anything that exciting that happens that anybody would be interested in reading about," Wilcox said. "I hope it's a peaceful trip."

After sailing, his plans are wide open.

With a free schedule and a fearless approach to life, Wilcox's future is anybody's guess.

"I'm not hesitant to try a lot of things," Wilcox said. "I'm not fatalistic, but in 100 years I'll be dead anyway- I might as well have some experiences along the way."



Most Tragic Mountaineering Experience, published in 1981.

"It was a disaster and probably a story that needed to be



SUSAN LANDGRAF

Writing, teaching make her world go round

Story by Colette Woods
Photos by Adrienne Hughes

Susan Landgraf is not only an instructor at Highline, but also an accomplished writer, world traveler, and family woman.

Instructing at Highline since 1988, she is the chairwoman of the Journalism Department and has taught all the writing classes, was a tutor in the writing lab and was once the adviser of the Thunderword until 1992, when it was only published five times a quarter.

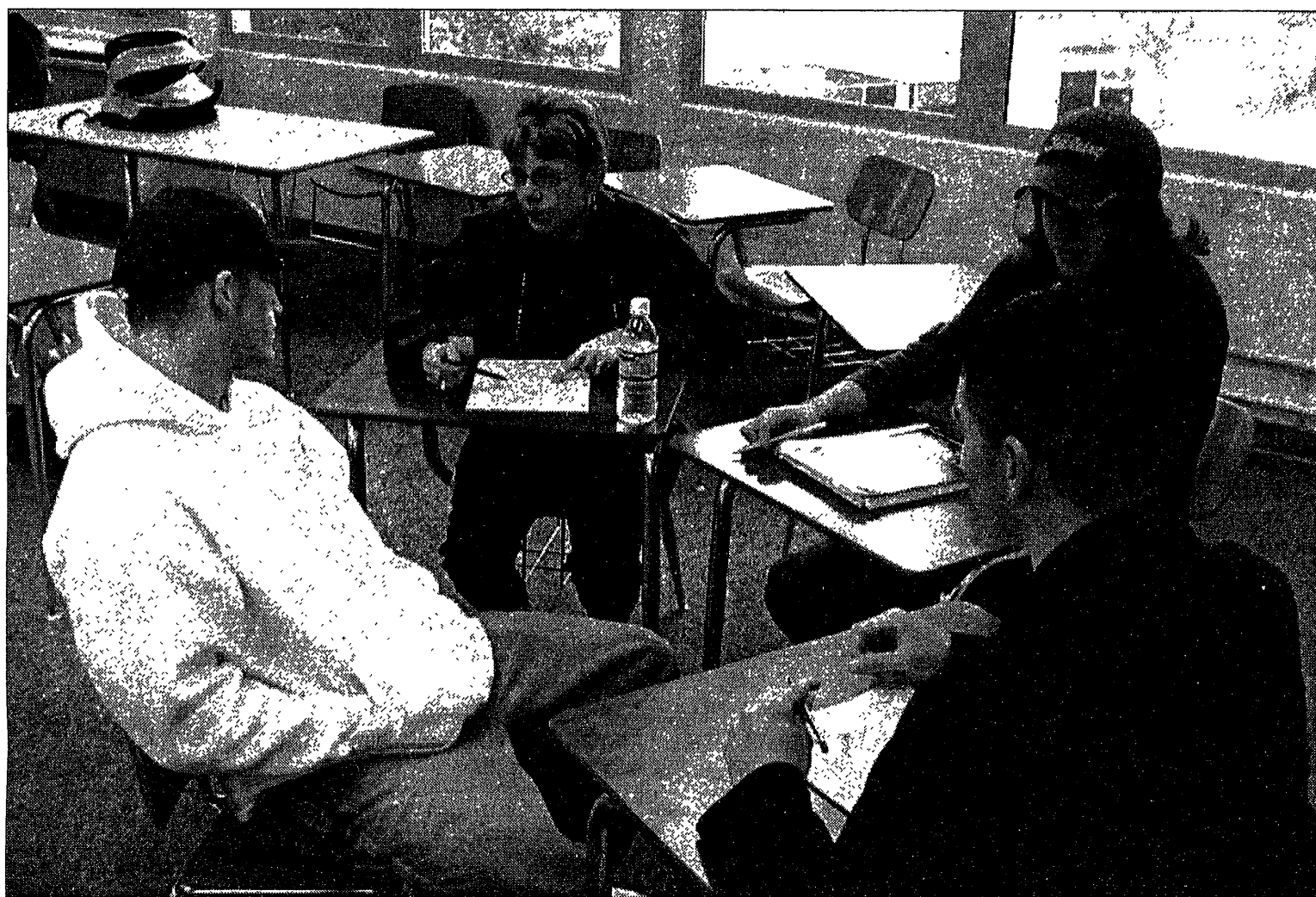
"It was time for me to leave the Thunderword," said Landgraf. "I wanted to do other things."

Landgraf currently teaches Journalism 100 and Writing 151.

"I love teaching," said Landgraf. "I love to see my students grow."

Landgraf went to Green River Community College where she got her associate of arts degree in 1977.

After that she went to the University of Washington where she graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts in English in 1985. Two years later, she received her master's in creative



writing.

Landgraf started her work for a doctorate for anthropology at the UW, but never finished.

"I just didn't want to finish,"

said Landgraf. "I came to Highline instead."

Landgraf came to Highline because she heard of a job opening.

"This was the only job I applied for," said Landgraf. "And it's the only job offer I got!"

Before coming to Highline, she was a teaching assistant at several schools: the University of Washington, Bellevue Community College, and the Kent school district.

From May 1979 to September 1983, she was a reporter for The Daily Journal-American, where she covered news stories and eastside school districts.

She also worked for KRAB Radio and Valley Publishing Company.

Landgraf is also in the process of writing

two books: Sweat and The Muse, for beginning creative writing, and a workbook for media and society classes.

"I've always loved writing," said Landgraf. "Since I was a kid, I always wanted to be involved with reading and writing."

Landgraf has written more than 150 poems that have been published all around the world.

"I believe in the importance in communication and democracy; trying to find one's self," said Landgraf. "And writing helps that."

She has also taken photographs that have been put in Burien Arts Gallery, and here at Highline. Her photos have also been featured in the Renton and Kent Libraries.

Landgraf has won the Willard ESPY Literary Foundation Award, where she will be going to coast to write with other winners. She will be leaving June 1.

"It is very exciting," said Landgraf. "I am glad I got it."

Landgraf has traveled all over the world, including South Africa, Thailand, Europe, Mexico and Egypt.

"I love to travel," said Landgraf. "I love to see new things."

When Landgraf is not work-

ing or traveling, she likes to spend time with her four children, which two are male. The two girls are adopted.

"I wanted to adopt because I wanted girls," said Landgraf. "And I only wanted to bear two children."

Landgraf also has 12 grandchildren.

"I love them so much," said Landgraf. "They keep me very busy!"

When she is not with her kids, she likes to spend time with her husband of 42 years, Dick.

"He's my best friend," said Landgraf.

Landgraf also likes to take pictures, go to ballets and museums, hiking, and watching movies.

"My favorite movie is Raiders of the Lost Ark," said Landgraf. "It's a no-brainer movie, and those are the ones I like the most."

One of her favorite hobbies is gardening.

"My favorite flower is a gardenia," said Landgraf.

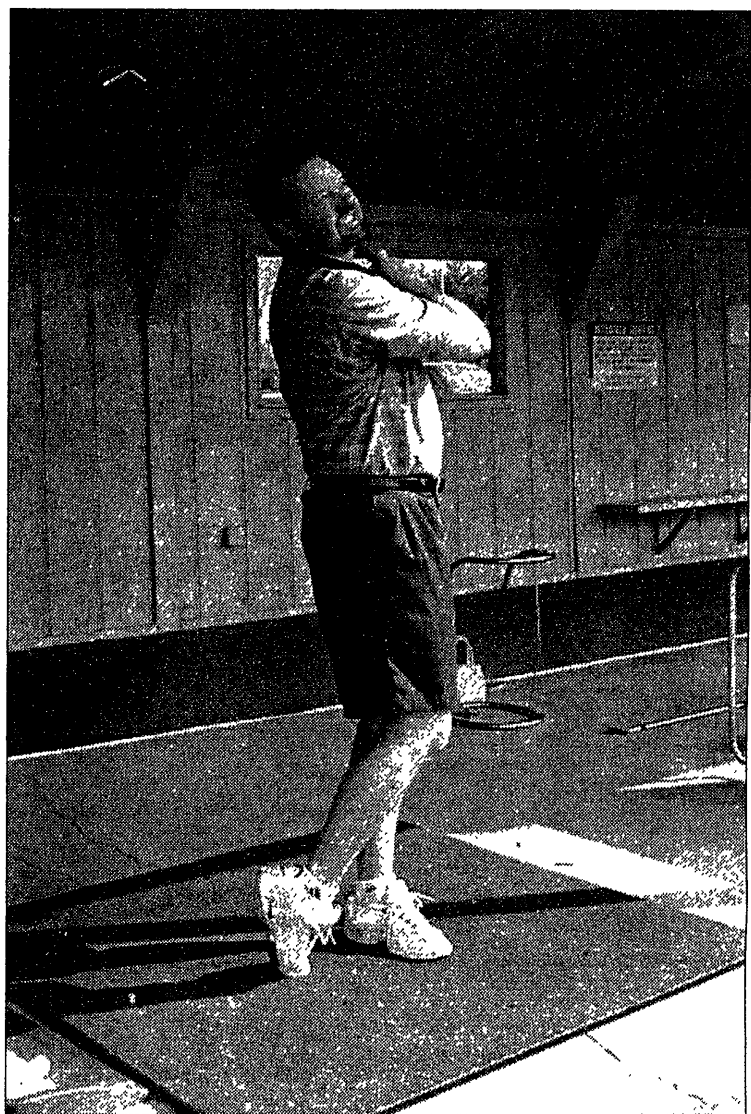
As for what lies ahead of her, she is just taking it day by day.

"I just want to enjoy life and be happy," said Landgraf. "I don't want to think about anything until I have to."



JOHN DUNN

Eyes and ears of Highline athletics



Story by Shalynn Leonard
Photos by Connie Bradley
and Adrienne Hughes

Every time you see John Dunn, the smile on his face tells you that he enjoys his job.

His outgoing personality and charming smile makes you wonder what exactly an athletic director does.

With Highline being the fourth largest athletic program in NWAACCs, most of his time is spent managing the school's 11 sports teams.

Dunn has had many accomplishments in his life. He received his AA degree at Highline, and has a bachelor's of science degree from Washington State University and a master's degree in education with emphasis in administration from City University.

"I've had failures, but I had to work through them. That's part of maturation is working through the problems," said Dunn.

He has also had some coaching experience. He was an assistant coach at the University of Nevada, and was also a coach for three years at Highline.

"That was a great experience. I learned a lot of community college basketball and the community college system," Dunn said.

Dunn is also a teacher at Highline. He teaches first aid,

weight training, basketball, and golf.

"It keeps me busy I really love teaching," said Dunn.

"I've been really lucky to be at the right place at the right time, but than again I've worked hard to earn the positions that I've been hired for," he said.

Being the athletic director consists of a lot of responsibilities.

Dunn is responsible for hiring the coaches, all personnel decisions, 11 different sports, and 10 different coaches.

Dunn feels that his biggest challenge is hiring good enough coaches with athletic ability and academics, and to be able to provide them with challenges and opportunities.

He manages the entire ath-

letic program with help from Connie Johnson, the assistant athletic director.

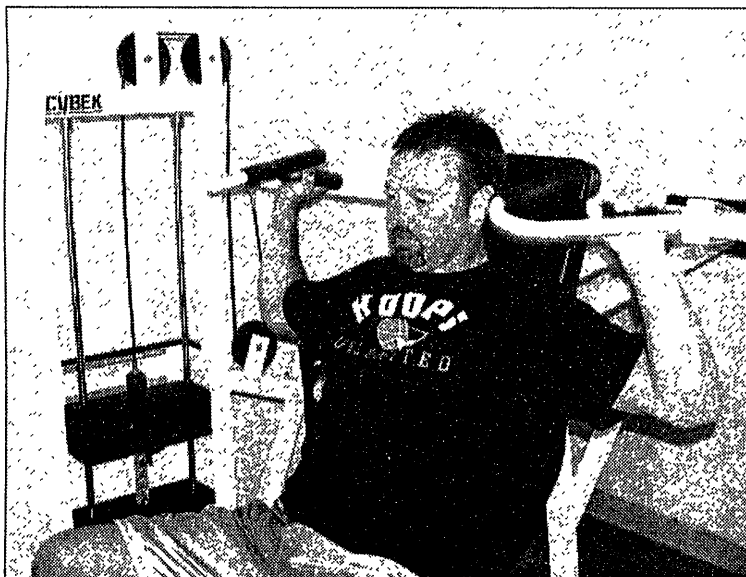
"Reality is if you get good people, the easier your job is," said Dunn.

In his career of being the athletic director, his goals are to continue to provide opportunities for the coaches and student athletes, to better the facilities and continue to expose the program.

"I always said I'll never take credit for the teams success I'd rather be on the outside helping them," he said.

Dunn's spare time is spent going to about 100 sporting events a year and spending time with his family.

"When I'm at home I relax with the family.," Dunn said.



Top: To get away from all of the hustle and bustle of his job as Highline's athletic director, Dunn goes to the driving range.

Besides being Highline's athletic director Dunn also has the responsibility of being the instructor for several P.E. classes.

LILLEY LEADS STUDENTS TO DEGREE

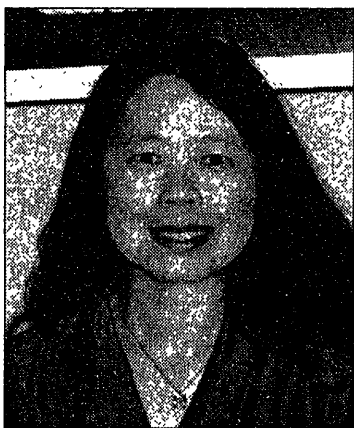
Story by Patrick Wagner
Photo by Connie Bradley

Students sit quietly while waiting to plan out the next few quarters of their lives. The sounds of keys rapidly punching and papers shuffling seem deafening until the voice of fate directs the students.

"You need to do a method two AA." The voice is assertive and polite. "You need to take a second writing, an English class, a college-level math and 10 more social science credits. It is also very important for you to apply for graduation."

Before anyone even noticed the lineup, the students were helped, thanked and then sent to retrace their steps out of the Educational Planning Center.

The voice of fate turns out



Lilley

not to be the all-powerful Oz. Instead, it is the cheery and charismatic director of the Transfer Center, Siew Lai Lilley.

Lilley is the Director of Transfer Programs at the transfer center at Highline. She is a Highline veteran and has worked in various programs for

students all around campus.

The logistics that brought Lilley Highline are of different circumstance. Growing up in Taiping, Malaysia, Lilley got a good sense of what community is.

"Over there people know each other, most people know your business," said Lilley. "Last time I was there, people already knew I was home."

While growing up in the city of Taiping, Lilley's parents ran a coffee shop which served more as a community center. This is where many people in the community went to talk politics.

It was in these years at the coffee shop that Lilley took an interest in the topic of international relations.

In 1979, fueled by the political conversations of her past, Lilley left the country of Malay-

sia for the east coast of America.

Lilley went to study in international relations at the small Goucher College in Maryland, for her undergraduate degree.

Lilley finished her schooling at the University of Illinois and Northern Illinois University. Lilley received her degree in International Relations in 1983, and shortly thereafter married her husband, Ron Lilley.

The newlywed couple soon left the Chicago area for the Pacific Northwest.

Lilley, who was looking for a position in multicultural services, came across an ad to work here at Highline.

"I have held many different positions at Highline since 1989, working in multicultural students and international student programs . . .," said Lilley. " . . . By working in so many

different departments of the school I've also worked with many different students."

Now, as head of the Transfer Center, Lilley sees a great number of Highline students come and go.

"I never get tired of students asking the same questions," she said. "I get a thrill from helping students go through their two years here and graduating."

It is when students are graduating that they will need Lilley's help most. She can help students with the foreign language requirement when transferring to the University of Washington or she can put you in contact with the right faculty members at your choice college.

Lilley said that she does not know everything though, and hopes that students don't expect that of her.

LINDA QUICK

Making quick work of science and tech

Story by Kimberly McLean
Photos by Melissa Flesch

Linda Quick is good at what she does. She's been working at Highline for almost 27 years to prove it.

Quick has been working in different capacities, primarily secretarial, at Highline since November 1976.

Quick was born and raised in Moses Lake and attained a degree in education from Washington State University.

"I think it's very important to have a good attitude about anything I do, and that just happens to be work for now," Quick said.

Many Highline students and staff members know Quick as the receptionist in Building 15.

"I interact quite a bit with several students and faculty here, so I think it's imperative to be empathetic towards others and try to look for the good in

others," said Quick.

Quick's bright personality and lively smile helps others feel at ease when they interact with her. She is very animated and apparently really keeps things together around Building 15.

"Linda is the glue that holds this place together, if she wasn't here, we'd fall apart," said Biology teacher Sam Schabb.

Highline's Production Illustration Program Coordinator Gary Nelson agrees. "She's my salvation," he said.

So what does Quick do exactly? Everything.

Quick first started as more of a teacher's aide. She used to have to get all the materials, like tests, for certain instructors put together and collated.

"Since Highline's technology has been drastically updated, my work has shifted a lot more to administrative and basic sec-

retarial work," Quick said.

Quick has also worked on several special campus assignments.

Quick said that in 1993 she worked as an editor on Highline's Accreditation Team.

"I never missed a deadline," said Quick.

Quick also helps out in other departments when they need an extra hand.

She has also helped to coordinate with the tutoring facility.

"I enjoy helping other students, and I love watching their success," said Quick. "It's just second nature to me to facilitate others and help them get what they want done. I'm kind of an advocate for others."

Quick said that she has learned that other people are there to compliment your happiness, not to create it.

Quick still has aspirations to return to school and finish her master's degree in teaching, and become a teacher or maybe even work as a counselor with teens.

"When I did my student teaching, I just really clicked with the kids. I loved it," Quick said.

So why hasn't Quick returned to her teaching career?

Quick explains, "I started working at Highline so I could support my ex-husband through his schooling, and it just stuck. Now that I've been here so long, I figure I might as well finish up what I started."

Quick plans on staying at Highline for another few years until she reaches her 30-year milestone.



After that, she hopes to renew her teaching certificate and catch up in the education field.

Quick has seen a lot of changes on Highline's campus since she first started working here.

She said that Highline's campus has become much more diversified over the years.

"It used to be predominantly students from South King County, now we've got students from all over the world, not to mention Running Start students,

women's programs, and technology," said Quick.

Quick is impressed by the changes taking place on campus and is glad to be a part of them.

"It's just really important to present a positive image," Quick said. "Your work is a reflection of you."

Student Megan Saunders gives Quick another high recommendation.

"Linda plays a vital role in the Highline Community College experience," she said.



Harris

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rich kids," said Harris. However, she says her time with The Experiment in International Living was a good experience as she got to travel the western, eastern and northern regions of Nigeria.

During her senior year at Seattle Pacific University she went to school full time and worked 40 hours a week as a reservation agent for United Airlines.

"When I graduated I was the ultimate nerd. I just had no social graces," Harris said.

To change her self-pro-



claimed nerd status, she became a flight attendant for United.

"It was basically a five and a half week finishing school where I learned social skills such as how to make small talk. They made a ladies out of us,

"When I graduated I was the ultimate nerd. I just had no social graces."

**~Dr. Jean Harris,
Culture, Gender and
Global Studies
instructor**

making us wear panty hose and gloves," said Harris.

Working as a flight attendant, Harris traveled all over the country, living in Detroit and San Francisco and eventually landing in California. She at-

tended the University of California at Berkeley to work on her master's degree in social work and then transferred to the University of Washington to complete it.

Following her graduation from the University of Washington in 1971 she started teaching in the Seattle District and between 1974-77 she worked for the State board of Community College Education.

In 1987 Harris went back to college to get her doctorate in anthropology. She attended the University of North Carolina, and received the Ford Foundation Pre-doctoral Fellowship, a three-year award.

She also received the North Carolina Merit Fellowship award and in 1989 she was

awarded the National Science Foundation Research Grant to work on her doctorate.

Harris spent four years working as a sociology and anthropology professor at Olympic College in Bremerton before coming to Highline in 1998.

"I love this college so much because of the diversity you see among the students and staff," said Harris. "There is also so much support at this college. Everyone supports each other, the staff and students."

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Student elections next week

Eight student candidates vie for five positions

By VICTORIA ANTHONY AND KIMBERLY McLEAN
Staff Reporters

Elections for the new student government positions will take place next Wednesday and Thursday, May 21-22.

Students can vote via Highline's homepage at www.highline.edu from home or any computer terminal on campus.

In the Student Government Candidate Forum held yesterday, May 14, five of the eight candidates discussed their qualities and goals for the upcoming school year.

Some new candidates have been added to the mix, running for vice president of administration and vice president of legislation. The other races are uncontested.

James Howell is running for vice president of administration, against Cassie Peterson. Marilyn Shaw, Michelle Kolpack and Tamarah Seal are seeking the vice president of legislation position.

Shaw and Kolpack were absent from the forum yesterday, was Aharon Poorman, senator candidate.

At the forum, candidates were asked to discuss their previous leadership experiences, their goals for the upcoming year and what qualities they have to contribute to Highline. They were also asked what they have done in preparation.

Audience members consisted of current Student Government members and a Thunderword reporter.

First, candidates were asked to state the position they were running for and why they chose that position.

Kolesta Moore, Black Student Union president, is running unopposed for the student government president position.

"I'm running for this position mostly for the challenge of it," Moore said.

Moore said that organization is key in group leadership, and

said her goal is to keep Student Government members organized.

"When there is something that needs to be done, organization is probably the downfall," said Moore.

Moore is interested in continuing the Club Leader Council because she said that leaders on campus are not aware of the support that they can benefit from. She said that the council can relieve stress for leaders.

Moore hopes to see a stronger sense of community on



Peterson a determined and hard-working person. He wants to promote awareness of campus security and is passionate about making more security available in the parking lots.

Howell also wants to establish a place where students can directly exchange textbooks on campus without having to go through the bookstore.

Howell is currently taking a broad range of classes to help him decide what to major in. He plans on traveling around the world after he finishes his AA at Highline, and then return to his education.

Howell is confident of taking on the vice president of administration position, but said that he will need to work on his communication skills.

"I can do this job really well," Howell said.

Howell's opponent is Running Start student Cassie Peterson, who is looking forward to being a substantial part of Highline.

"I think it would be really fun to represent students, get involved, and meet new people I haven't met," Peterson said.

Peterson labels herself as a perfectionist, and said that once she puts her mind to something, she'll get it done.

If elected, Peterson would like to see Highline's security improve and she hopes for a place where new students can go to get to know one another and build unity.

After Highline, Peterson has plans to transfer to Grand Valley State University in Michigan to finish her education.

"I just want to be myself and have fun. I'm ready to take on challenges. It's going to be a

learning experience, but it will be a fun learning experience," Peterson said.

"I represent the little people," Howell said in reference to the people with great ideas who are afraid to speak up.

Howell refers to himself as

learning experience, but it will be a fun learning experience," Peterson said.

Tamarah Seal, the only candidate for vice president of legislation in attendance, said if elected, she will take on the responsibility with commitment and enthusiasm.

"I don't want to be just another student here. I want to get involved," Seal said.

Seal said if she is in position in the fall, she would like to see the tobacco prevention program continue and she would also like to promote awareness of Highline athletics.

Seal, also a Running Start student, said she has begun to prepare herself and her family for this position by understanding that she will be a much busier person.

She said her main struggle will be managing time.

"I understand my job is not going to be easy. It's not always going to be fun," Seal said.

After graduating from high school and receiving her AA from Highline, Seal has plans to attend seminary and become a missionary.

Seal emphasized her meaning of commitment and the dedication she would obligate herself to if elected.

"The most exciting thing for me would be the end, when I look back and see I fulfilled my commitment," Seal said.

Rebekah Palmer, candidate running unopposed for club treasurer diplomat, described herself as a people person and said she looks forward to working with a group.

"We can do more united than we can separately," Palmer said. "People have always been my passion in life."

If elected, Palmer said she will do the simple but necessary things, such as consistently checking her e-mail and keeping

an open-door for students to feel welcome to walk-in and chat.

Palmer said she would like to continue the quarterly clubs fair and even has plans of creating a clubs newsletter, so students know what clubs are available to them and what they offer.

Upon graduation from Highline, Palmer plans on attending a four-year university to

achieve a degree in education. She then wants to go to Mexico and teach first grade.

"As a teacher you have to be a leader so I

Seal want to start that

now," Palmer said.

Aharon Poorman, unopposed candidate for Student Government senator did not show for the candidate forum yesterday.

Poorman has been attending Highline for three quarters now after graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School last year and plans to transfer to the University of Alaska, Fairbanks University in Alaska, or the University of Washington.

"I want to major in forestry and want to become a forester for a company such as Weyerhaeuser," he said in an earlier interview.

"I am currently active as a junior high leader in my youth group. This position includes coordinating and participating in events as well as weekly meetings," Poorman said.

He is also an assistant scout master for the Boy Scouts of America and volunteers as a staff

Palmer member at Boy Scout Camp Hahobas.

Poorman has felt encouraged and inspired to run by the current school government representatives.

"I am a good candidate for senator because I hold active leadership roles in the community," said Poorman.



Moore

of the benefits available to them by getting involved," Moore said.

Moore has been mentally preparing herself to serve in office and plans to fill the rest in with hands-on training.

"It's a really big challenge for me to take on such a responsibility because I know if I start something I'm going to finish it, for sake of saving face," Moore said.

The candidate for vice president of administration, James Howell, has been involved in ambassador leadership for the past two quarters.

He said that this is the next rung on the ladder of leadership at Highline and that he hopes this will fulfill his Highline ex-



Howell

Plot can thicken for passed pets

BY CHELSEA RAMSAY
Staff Reporter

Slowly he drifts atop the surface of the cold, clear water. With one, gentle flush, the fluorescent orange body gets suctioned into a downward spiral, entering the domain of his final home- a revolting sewer. Little Goldy is gone forever.

For the sake of the pet and the owner, a more peaceful alternative exists.

The Pet Haven Cemetery in Kent offers the opportunity to lay a pet to rest in the same manner as one would do with a human.

The similarity in the burial rituals began in 1948, when original owner Dean Marlatt was continuously proposed with a question.

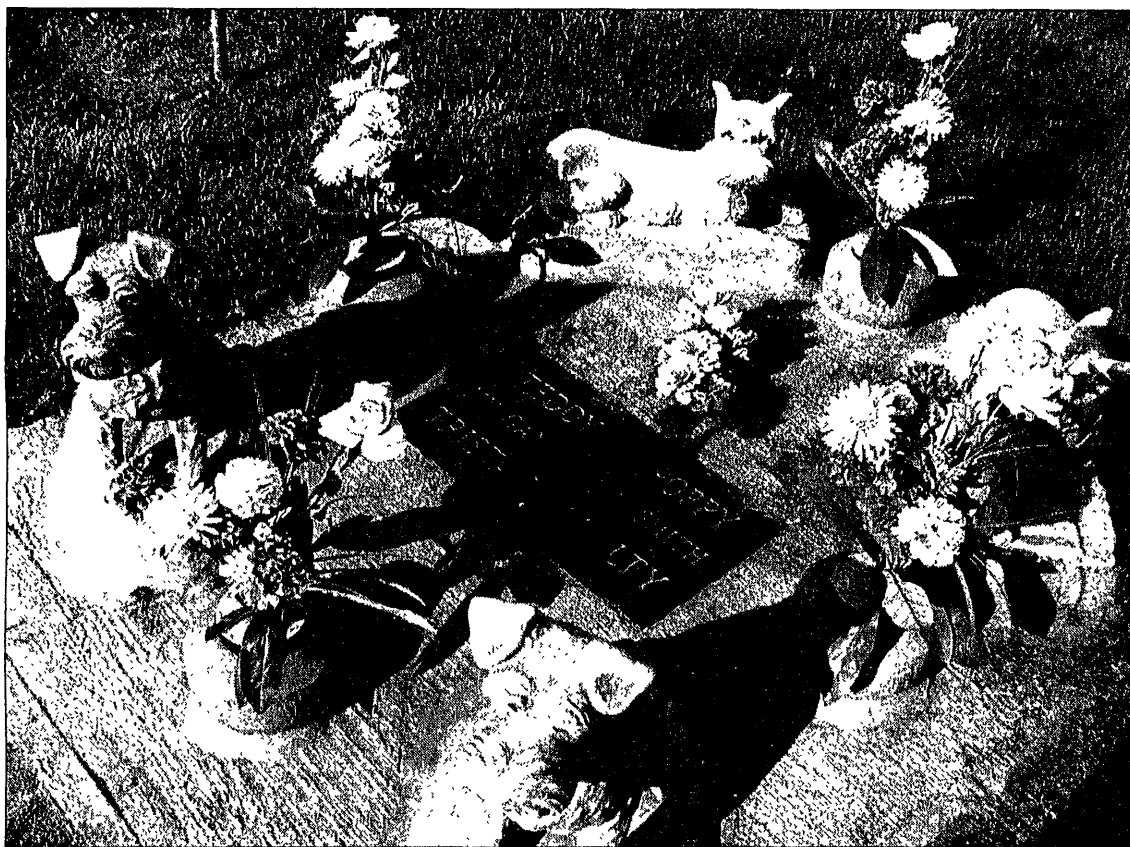
"He opened the funeral home in downtown Kent and people were asking him what to do with their pets," current owner Vaughn McPhail said. "It was actually one of the first ones on the west coast when he started it."

Only two other pet cemeteries have opened up in Washington since, making Pet Haven a valuable asset to local pet owners.

More than 4000 animals have been buried in Pet Haven's approximate acre of land, while some animals are more likely to earn a plot than others.

"Typically dogs and cats," McPhail said. "But we've got everything from horses, snakes and birds. We've done pigs, llamas, and goats. There's actually a frog buried out there."

Big, small, furry or scaly, the cemetery is the final home to a variety of pets who all share a common bond (besides being



Photos by Adrienne Hughes

Pet burials can range from \$400 to \$7,000, and can be as extravagant or as plain as the grieving owners see fit.

dead)- they all had a special relationship with their master.

"A lot of people- they don't have kids, they don't have anything and when their pet dies it's really tragic for them," McPhail said. "I've had people on the phone that I can't even talk to because they're crying so bad. People sometimes grieve more for their pets than for humans because of the innocence involved."

And when an owner deals with such a great loss, the pet cemetery is available to help ease the pain.

"It's like anything with death," McPhail said. "Monuments aren't for the dead, they're for the living. Nobody comes in happy but you want them to leave a little less sad."

In contributing to this effort, the first line of business is deciding the pet's burial merchandise, and how many zeros to add to the check.

"They (the burials) start out at \$400," McPhail said. "We have different caskets that can take it up and there are different headstones they can buy."

Clients have forked out up to \$7,000 for two headstones in remembrance of their two dogs, Sasha and Trevor.

Typically, headstones read phrases such as, gone but never forgotten, and, You'll be loved forever. Others take a different approach with engravings such as Hoover- Purring in heaven, and His loving, gentle personality and eagerness to play ball remains with us forever.

After the purchasing aspect is taken care of, the burials bring together the pet and the owner for one last meeting.

"I let them watch and we let them help if they want," McPhail said. "It sometimes helps them feel like they're doing it themselves."

Occasionally, a memorial type service is performed.

"Sometimes for the burial we do a small ceremony," McPhail said. "Nothing like for humans- they generally sit around and talk. It's pretty quick. Nobody's here for more than 20 or 30 minutes."

After the burial process is complete, the owners leave Pet Haven, while most return to visit the gravesite.

"They come quite often,"

McPhail said. "More than you think. You look out there and there are fresh flowers all the time."

Burials aren't the only option for Pet Haven customers. In fact, the cemetery only performs about two burials a month, which contributes very little to keeping them in business.

Pet Haven cremates around 100-250 animals a month, as the prices range from \$110-\$175.

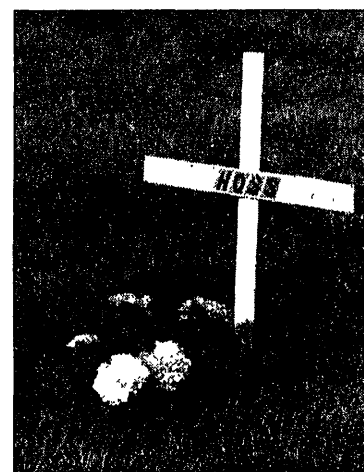
The cemetery can either pick up the animal at home, have the owner bring it in, or the most frequent situation, receive the animal from a veterinarian hospital.

The cemetery works for around 40 different hospitals, due to the fact Pet Haven cremates in no more than 48 hours, opposed to the general week other cemeteries offer.

Often owners tell the veterinarian hospital that they want their pet cremated, and the hospital goes through Pet Haven, without the knowledge of the owner.

"They don't know we actually do the cremation here," McPhail said.

Whether the method is burial or cremation, owners go through Pet Haven for the same goal: to pay their final respects to their pets.



Capstone caps degrees

BY INNA DENCHIK
Staff Reporter

The capstone on the pyramid of the Business and Graphic Design Programs is a great learning experience.

"The course is similar to an internship where you can go out to the place of business," said Meg Ryan, marketing professor.

The Business 236 course, Capstone, allows students to learn about marketing, business and graphics while applying it to the workplace.

"The program is built on the idea of [every student] coming in different and working on

what they want to specialize in," said Ryan.

Being one of the last courses in the business program, Capstone is named after the top stone of an Egyptian pyramid. The students are given the opportunity to work with real business clients who need marketing expertise.

"Most of our clients are non-profit," said Ryan.

Business and marketing students participate by devising a marketing plan to publicize the client, while graphics students help by designing advertisements and the interactive media

students contribute by focusing on the client's website.

"We charge our clients a minimum fee for advertising, just enough to cover paper, ink, and repairs to our machines," said Gary Nelson, program coordinator for the graphic design and Production Illustration Department. With its first quarter, Capstone has 35 students currently enrolled.

"I have about 15 of my Graphic Design students enrolled in the class," said Nelson. "Students sign up for a different Capstone number depending on their area of study."

Help Wanted

The Thunderword will have positions available for Fall Quarter for a graphics editor and a business manager. Experience preferred. These are paid positions and also are work-study eligible. If you are interested, contact T.M. Sell at 206-878-3710, ext. 3150 or e-mail thunderword@highline.edu. Openings also are available for reporters and photographers.



Local police chief ends 34-year career with Des Moines police

By CHANDRA SMITH
Staff Reporter

Security is not the only one notified when a car gets stolen off Highline's lot or when unidentified strangers are roaming about. The Des Moines Police Department responds to many incidents that happen on campus and one man is responsible.

Des Moines Police Chief Obermiller oversees police activity in the city of Des Moines, population 29,267, not to mention Highline, the city within a city which adds another 9,000 college students to the mix.

The looming, bespectacled Obermiller hardly looks like a typical police officer. He dresses businesslike in a brown-hued shirt and tie and slacks, with a kind smile partially hidden by a thick mustache. The Highline Alumni has a reassuring handshake and speaks assertively; it is obvious that he is a personable yet quiet leader. In his office, he fidgets with his pen and rubs the worry lines on his eyes while leaning back in his chair, surrounded by the American and Washington flags hanging from his enormous oak desk. His computer hums in the background, Yahoo! Messenger activated. He smiles out the window at the city sloping to the marina, because on June 15, af-

ter a legacy of 34 years and 15 days of service, he is hanging up his badge.

Obermiller will not stop serving the community there. He and his wife have plans to open a no-cost retreat to reduce stress for police officers and pastors on 80 acres of wooded land near where he grew up in Eastern Washington.

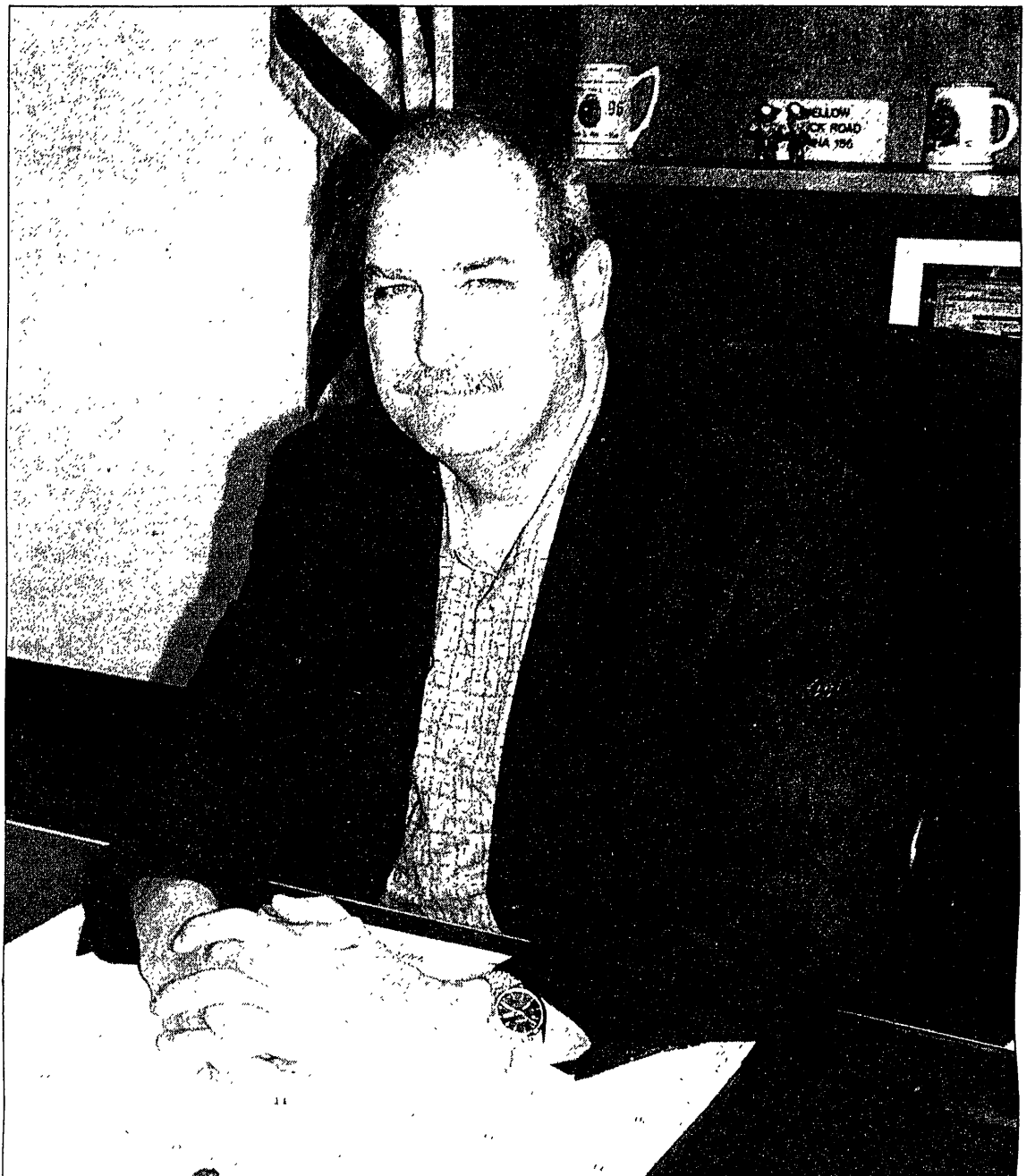
The tall Texan native lived on a farm in Sunnyside, Wash., as a boy until his father was injured and had to work for a service station. His mother took care of Obermiller and his two sisters while his father sometimes worked seven days a week, eight hours a day to provide for the family.

Obermiller spoke of his father with pride.

"My dad was an extremely ethical man and I was taught that there is nothing more important than a man's work and to always ensure whatever you did, you did it so you could wake up in the morning and look at yourself in the mirror and always be proud of what you see," he said.

He has carried these strong ethical values with him throughout his career.

Obermiller left Sunnyside when he was married in 1968. He started out in law enforcement as a reserve officer a year



Photos by Connie Bradley

Obermiller, a personable yet quiet leader, enjoys being recognized and called by name on the streets of Des Moines.

later on June 1. He recommends the reserve program because it offers a chance to see if it's the right career without investing too much time.

"In the back of my mind as I started looking for careers I wanted something that would really make a difference in people and still maintain that high ethical standard and I really felt law enforcement was that. It's not an easy career to get into anymore but it's a great career," he said.

Obermiller explained that young officers must go through a lot of training and instruction. He suggests students who want to get into law enforcement should work towards their Master's degree.

"I can't emphasize strongly enough the importance of getting a good education before you try to get into this job. It will open doors that just won't open otherwise," he said firmly.

He went to Highline, Olympic College, and the University of Washington to finish his degree and continue his education.

Obermiller considers going to the FBI Academy a major achievement.

In 1971, he began working full-time for the city of Des Moines.

"When I first started with Des Moines, my goal was to do a couple years here and then go back to Eastern Washington to a larger city. A couple of things happened. One is that I fell in love with the city. This whole area has just absolutely wonderful people. I like the ability to walk into a store downtown and being called by your first name," he said.

"Then when I had children, I decided you know, I think this is where I want to raise my family. So it was pretty difficult to leave."

Through a lot of hard work and training, Obermiller's advanced to police chief.

As police chief, Obermiller's daily activities involve tons of meetings, planning and forecasting. He oversees two commanders and other personnel. He also interviews new hires for the police department.

The hiring process itself is extensive. Prospective police officers must pass a physical agility test and a written test. A few skimmed off the top percent of those tests get to go on to the oral examination. The top 10 from there take a psychological evaluation and polygraph test.

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Obermiller

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Smucker shares award with Highline

By WINDY L. BUTLER
Staff Reporter

Highline's faculty member Joy Smucker is a good instructor and the Washington Association for Occupational Education just proved that.

Smucker, coordinator of the Paralegal Program and Business Information Technology, was recently honored with a Washington Association for Occupational Education Award.

"It is an umbrella organization for the entire state for all professional and technical college-level programs," Smucker said. "They give an excellence in teaching award and that is the award that was given to me for excellence in teaching and pro-



Smucker

moting professional technical education."

Smucker was nominated by one of her colleagues to receive this very prestigious award.

"Someone nominated me, then the nominations were reviewed by the board and later I

was chosen for this award," Smucker said.

Smucker is also an attorney who practiced criminal law for a number of years, primarily criminal defense with the Seattle King County Public Defenders Association. "I worked as a trainer and supervisor for the public defenders office," said Smucker. "I was in private practice for a period of time and during that time I did personal injury and family law, but what I loved the most was being a criminal defense attorney."

Smucker later discovered she enjoyed teaching and wanted to share her legal knowledge with other people.

"I decided to go in a new direction because I love teaching

and sharing my knowledge with others," Smucker said. "So, in the mid '90s I applied for a full time teaching position with paralegal department here at Highline."

While at Highline, Smucker developed a community justice project.

"The community justice project is a special project for students to work to better promote access to justice for all people," Smucker said.

While Smucker continues to work at creating new ideas, she said she never stops thinking about the people who help make her job so rewarding.

"I share this award with all the faculty that I have been fortunate to work with, but most

importantly our Vice President of instruction, Jack Birmingham and the deans of instruction, Michael Allen, and Jeff Wagnitz," Smucker said. "They have really encouraged and supported- they have a vision of excellence in education and I feel like their support and encouragement of the things I have done is the reason why I got this award, and it is because of that support I was able to do the things that resulted in getting this award."

Highline is a place that has a vision of exciting and innovative teaching and new ideas, said Smucker.

"This is not just an award for me," Smucker said. "I feel this award is for the college."

Police

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The top five meet with the commanders and personnel before interviewing with the police chief.

Then they must go to the police academy and participate in a 15-month training program.

"By the time they get through that, we are pretty confident that we have the best," Obermiller said.

He has complete confidence in all of the officers in the department.

"I think what I'm the proudest of, beyond a doubt, is just the caliber of the men and women that are hired in this department because they are really what the success of the city is all about," he said.

"Certainly making sure the Des Moines Police Department was extremely ethical and ensuring all of our people here were professional and maintained ethical standards was a challenge at times, but rewarding. There isn't anyone in this department that I don't consider a professional and that was one of my goals, and it took a while to get to that point but we learned how. One of the other things my dad always taught me was that a good challenge makes life fun," he said.

Obermiller set ethical standards for the Des Moines Police Department right after he made chief by issuing a mission statement that outlined exactly how the officers are to operate.

"The goal is that they'll perform these duties in the same way they would want their families to receive those duties. It

made me feel really good because people really hooked on to that. I had a couple young officers that have come in and said, 'You know, we've never really thought about it, but when you look at it that way, it really does make it pretty difficult not to treat the people humanely,'" he said.

Some of the events the Des Moines Police Department participates in are National Night Out, seatbelt and child safety programs.

Every month the Des Moines Police Department holds meetings so the community can voice their opinions about what they think of the department. The department plans on having a community meeting in the next couple of months to sit down and talk about what to do when crises occur.

Obermiller enjoys talking with the community because it puts their minds at ease. Obermiller said that long before Sept. 11 the officers discussed what action to take in the event of a major earthquake or terrorist attack.

"There's a lot behind the scenes that goes on," he said.

The Des Moines Police Department has been more cautious and alert since its own crisis of losing Officer Steven J. Underwood, Obermiller said.

"When we lost our officer that just became very real to all of the people that worked here. Other than adjusting to the loss of somebody you cared about, everything's pretty much back to normal," he said.

Obermiller said Highline presents a very minimal problem for the department.

"The security up there does an excellent job, and we are really fortunate that way because a lot of police departments that have colleges just have a ton of problems. If I had a goal for the college, it would be to maintain whatever they're doing up there because they're doing it well. We don't have the traffic problems that people have around colleges. We have a bunch of very responsible students up there. With the young people in this community, the future is very bright," he said.

Obermiller encourages administration of justice students to "give some serious thought to all of the ramifications of being a police officer, both the positives and the negatives."

He also said to make sure your mate or partner is supportive of that role. Obermiller felt

confident to trust his wife as a soundboard, and she even made some valuable suggestions that he might not have thought of on his own.

"This is a really stressful job. There are things you see in law enforcement that a normal citizen is not, thankfully, ever in the situation to have to see or deal with," he said.

That is why Obermiller and his wife have always wanted to set up the retreat in Eastern Washington. Plans are already under way; they purchased a trailer to start and are anxious to get it running.

Obermiller's eyes light up when he talks about the site of the new retreat.

"You get up in the morning and see the deer and elk drinking from the creek. It's a real peaceful environment and I think that that will be a really good stress reliever. So we have plenty to do over there and we're excited about that," he

said.

Obermiller doesn't know who will fill the position of police chief when he leaves in June.

"I feel confident the city will stay internal because the city is real happy with the culture of the police department and we really maintain a family atmosphere for a force this size that's difficult to maintain," Obermiller said.

He has 45 commissioned officers stretching ground that has expanded over the last two years roughly from South 192nd Street to Redondo.

"I was the fifth officer hired. The department hired 40 since I started. It will take 40 guys to replace me," he said with a suddenly booming laugh.

"It has been 34 full years," he said. "There's nothing harder than after 34 years to sit down and write your retirement letter because it really becomes a part of you."

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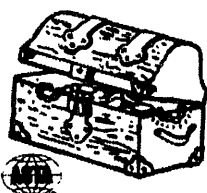
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Tent construction shapes up fast

BY INNA DENCHIK
Staff Reporter

There should be a Mongolian grill inside of here, said Phil Sell, facilities specialist, as he stood in the entrance of the new tent.

"We have nicknamed it the Yurt," said Sell.

The bright, white tent has been raised and it resembles a high tech Mongolian teepee known as a yurt.

Plans for the demolition and reconstruction of Building 8, the Student Center, are apparent in the action of workers across campus.

This past Tuesday, Numark Office Interiors was hired to move office furniture and miscellaneous items from the soon to be demolished Building 8 to the new offices in Building 16.

"There are about 13 of us," said Robert Jackson, the lead guy with Numark. "We are working from 8 a.m. until we're done."

Building 16 was remodeled to accommodate Student Services with offices and

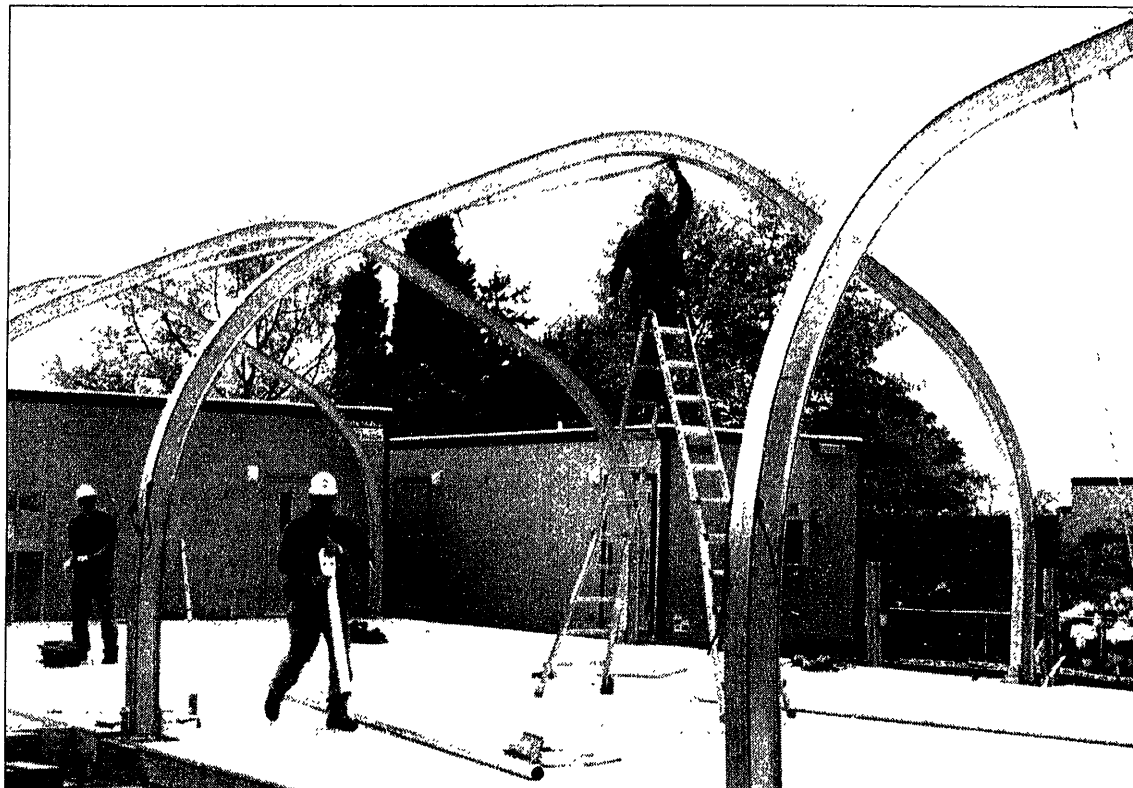


Photo by Melissa Flesch

The interim tent structure on the green north of Building 2 finally begins to take shape as workers raise the supports.

restrooms. Phase one of the remodeling of the building will be done with the completion of some electrical work.

"A lot of power was needed previously when Building 16 was a machine shop," said Phil Sell from facilities. "But now

the extra transformer complicates things, so we will need to remove it."

The elimination of the extra

transformer will require turning off power from all the buildings, excluding Buildings 9, 20, 21, and 22, from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Phase two of remodeling Building 16, which will include making the classrooms more sound proof and energy efficient will begin in the summer.

Meanwhile, construction workers are working non-stop toward the completion of the tent.

"The tent will be warm but it won't be efficient," said Sell.

Sell said that the white will reflect the sun in the summer so it won't get too hot inside.

Everything has been going according to plan aside from a little design confusion. Sell said that the carpet that will be installed into the temporary cafeteria looks as though there are coffee stains all over it.

"Rubenstein's is the name of the carpet company that recommended the carpet," said Sell. "And the architect chose it."

Now it will cost an extra \$1000 to change the order. Sell said that we will just keep what we ordered.

S&A nears end Yoshida spices up graduation

BY AMBER TRILLO
Staff Reporter

With two program budgets still pending, the Services and Activities (S&A) committee decided to present the budget for review to Highline Administrators and Executive Administrative Staff.

The \$1.035 million S&A budget pays for student activities ranging from the Thunderword to athletics. The budget is paid for by fees attached to tuition.

The two programs that might have budget adjustment before it is presented to the board of trustees are International Student Programming and Women's programs.

International Student Programming is asking for S&A to fund a new staff position.

Many questions arose about whether it is appropriate for S&A to fund the new staff member and whether the budget can afford it. The committee could not come to a conclusive decision and asked Jonathan Brown to present a more in depth request at a meeting to be held next week.

Other than the two budgets lines still in question, the rest of the budget is complete and some programs will receive over

double the funding they did last year.

Ethnic Cultural Programs more than double the money they had for funding last year going from \$6,500 to \$13,625. Other programs seeing an increase in funding are Childcare which will receive \$79,619. Graphic Support will now receive \$19,100 instead of last year's budget of \$10,500 and Cheerleading was approved to receive \$7,000 compared to last year's budget of \$1,800.

Other changes made to the budget include the approval of an additional \$2,244 to the Leadership Development Program to help pay for activities.

BY SYREETA BERNAL
Staff Reporter

Teriyaki sauce star and Highline alumnus Junkie Yoshida will be the keynote speaker for this year's Commencement ceremony.

Yoshida has really lived the American dream by being very successful in his life and with his career.

He will be here to give remarks and visit the campus at Commencement on June 12, at 7:30 p.m. held in the Pavilion.

About 500 students will be in attendance at the Commencement ceremony this year, col-

lege officials say.

For students to be eligible for the ceremony they need to have already started the process.

Students who want to participate in the ceremony have to have either completed all their credits for their degree of choice or are very close to completing them, says Jason Prenovost, director of Outreach Services.

Once a student has met those qualifications they can start the process.

The petition for graduation is an application for the college to make sure that students have the right credits for the degree that they are applying for.

"This application also in-

cludes a \$10.55 application fee. This is a great deal," says Prenovost.

This pays for all the necessary items like cap and gown, and also tickets.

Students can pick up their cap and gown for this year's Commencement in the bookstore stating May 27.

"The last day to apply for the petition is May 20, however the sooner the better," says Prenovost.

"This year's ceremony will be just as good as any other. They are always really exciting," says Joanne Jordan, Assistant to the Vice President of Student Services.



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Teachers unite to discuss diversity

By LAUREN POLENSKE
Staff Reporter

Teaching diverse groups of students is both a blessing and a challenge here, some faculty said recently.

Unity through Diversity Week brought professors Allison Green, Laura Manning, Arline Garcia and Erik Scott together to organize a workshop called Teaching Across Differences.

Held Thursday, May 1, the workshop was designed to brainstorm ideas that could be used in the classroom to reach the rich multicultural population Highline is home to.

Faculty discussed two generalized learning and attitude style differences mainly between white students and African-American students and discussed which style they associated themselves with.

"Teachers tend to teach the way they were taught," Green said, emphasizing that teachers need to learn from the students.

Faculty noticed the style differences show a tendency for white students to accept and not question what a professor says, while they find more passionate attitudes in the African-American students.

The styles while being generalized have proved to be true for faculty.

"I think the codes (styles) go hand in hand; everyone has to change a little bit and do something out of their comfort zones," Manning said. "I do notice that white students tend not to be as comfortable with high emotion."

The general consensus from faculty is if they learn to relax, everyone will be able to learn much more.

"I learn from all students all the time. My stereotypes are constantly being challenged," Green said.

Highline's student population has changed drastically just from 10 years ago.

In 1993 the average Latino/Hispanic student population was just 190 out of 7,729 on campus students. Today that number has jumped to 478 students from 8,329 on campus students.

The average African-American population was just 338, today drastically different at 907. These numbers represent Highline's attention to creating a campus climate that is safe to learn in and a place to share our differences, said Toni Castro Dean of multicultural student development services.

Some faculty members say a diverse learning environment brings positive aspects to teach-



Lisa Bernhagen and Roman Wright discuss diversity in teaching.

Photo by Connie Bradley

ing skills in cross communication.

"Take a chance and really realize the difference and celebrate other peoples styles without finding them so threatening. There's enough room in a class to accommodate a wide range of styles," Manning said.

Learning to incorporate different learning styles into a class mixed with a variety of students in order to reach every student

requires the professor to learn about the students as well, said Manning

Students agree that a diverse population is a great learning tool that better equips them for real-world situations in the work place.

"Diverse classes get you to see other people's opinions and gives you another perspective then your own. Gives you a chance to discard incorrect

thoughts and adopt new ones," said student Marcus Dupree.

Castro wants everyone to remember Highline has come a long way with diversity but that there is always room for improvement.

Transfer Tuesday preps students

By STEPHEN THOMAS
Staff Reporter

Many Highline students are planning to transfer to another college sometime in their future. That's why Director of Transfer Programs Siew Lai Lilley has started a program called Transfer Tuesdays.

"This program will hopefully make students more aware of the importance of planning their transfers as early as possible," Lilley said.

Transfer Tuesdays will consist of Highline transfer advisers answering any questions students might have about what credits transfer. Transfer materials from various colleges such as pamphlets, program and application materials will be available.

This is a new event so Siew Lai Lilley doesn't know how successful it will be. But if you want to check it out, the next session is Tuesday, May 20, from noon to 1 p.m. in the lower level of Building 6.

"A lot of students may not know who to go to," said Lilley.

Transfer Tuesdays were also designed to make the whole process of finding an adviser and getting transfer information easier, because it can be difficult.

To contact Siew Lai Lilley outside of Transfer Tuesdays, her phone number is 206-878-3710, ext. 3936.

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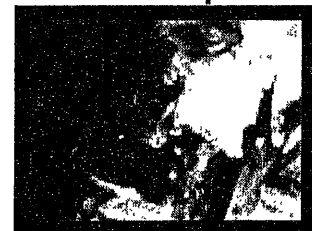
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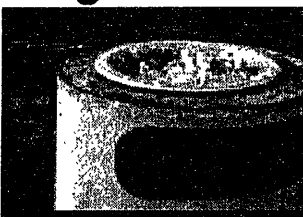
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Ex-migrant farmer helps grow awareness

By LAUREN POLENSKE
Staff Reporter

She was 7 years old and forced to spend her days juggling the demands of harvesting crops, her schoolwork and the



Campos

constant fear of immigration officers. "The sun would just kill you," Claudia Campos said.

Campos is the daughter of a migrant farm worker.

She was invited to share her experience with Spanish classes on Tuesday, May 6. "You would have to wear long sleeves or a coat just to protect yourself," she said. Campos' experience began in 1981 in the Eastern Washington town of Othello.

The Campos family moved there from a small town near Mexico City. Her father was the only person in her family of 10 to have legal residency. For work her father was a supervisor over the other migrant farm workers. As his child, Campos' work in the fields was never fully done. "Nothing could be left unfinished. If somebody was sick you had to go finish it for them," Campos said. "We had to do extra work to make him look good."

Starting at 5 a.m. Campos and her family would make their way to the asparagus fields, armed with knives to cut the plants and boxes that hung off their sides to put them in.

Campos never saw as much as a dime for all her hard work. The plants would be graded on inspection and the money given to her parents, a well-cut bushel earning approximately \$3.25. She often would not return home until after 9 p.m.

Working difficult long days in the up and down repetitive motion and the constant spraying and dropping of chemical pesticides from planes caused chronic back pain and irregular body cycles in her growing body. "There was no way as an undocumented person you could go to the hospital and get help," she said.

Fracturing her leg at one point, she was sent to a healer who heated an aloe vera plant and applied the ointment as treatment to her leg. Living conditions were tight, with 10 people in a two-bedroom trailer.

Campos remembers sharing a bed with her three sisters that

was positioned in a closet while her brothers and uncles slept on the floor in their living room. At times, she said, they didn't have running water to bathe in.

The other families were often worse off, some living cramped with up to eight to 10 people in a van, she said. Without a home people often washed in the irrigation canals-contaminated water rich in chemical pesticides.

"These families are afraid. The fear with the undocumented is that they will be sent back. And not to just where they came from, but to Tijuana right over the border," she said. Campos became a citizen in 1998, but not without some regret.

"I didn't want to lose my Mexican citizenship. I wasn't allowed to have dual citizenship. I am Americanized now," she said.

Campos fought the traditional belief in her culture that higher education was only for a man, and went on to graduate high school and attend the University of Washington to study social work.

Campos is convinced because of her experience she is destined to help change the harsh conditions of migrant farming.

"I do forget about myself. I'm really a negative person. I really think this is a punishment, I always expect more for myself, too much at times." Campos is currently working on changing the conditions migrant farm workers live and work in.

"From my experiences I want to help. Children don't have education opportunities. They move around and never attend school in one place. You can never finish and you're on your own," she said. "If I had it all over to do again, I would."

Soccer ball strikes back



Photo by Melissa Flesch

Freshman Goalie Zach Mourad from Kentridge High School deflects the ball while practicing on May 2 for Fall Quarter.

Teachers define democracy

By LATASHA HARLEY
Staff Reporter

Defining Democracy is an exchange of ideas that will discuss topics related to the war in Iraq, terrorism, protesters and legislation such as the Patriot Act.

Defining Democracy in 2003 will be held throughout the campus on Wednesday, May 21, between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. representatives from various organizations and faculty will take a look at issues and topics, such

as; citizen rights, the definition of good citizenship, governments, Bio-terrorism, The Patriot Act, Free Speech, confidentiality, theories of the press, managing stress, being savvy consumer of statistics, data collection, indexing, security, long-term impact of weapons of mass destruction on the environment, and the many faces of protest. These topics will give students the opportunity to learn about how the system of government works.

"I would like for students to

figure out, what is interesting to them and why it matters as a student," said Susan Landgraf, chairwoman of the Journalism Department and a writing instructor.

"I want students to go outside their own perspectives," said Sharon Hashimoto, writing and literature instructor.

For more information about Defining Democracy in 2003 contact Susan Landgraf at 206-878-3710 ext. 3427. You can also contact Sharon Hashimoto, at ext 3158.

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Mack opens playing field

Dr. Virginia Mack utilizes scholarship to help minorities reach their educational goals

By WINDY BUTLER
Staff Reporter

The McNair Scholars Program is looking for a few good students who are looking to apply to an undergraduate research program.

Dr. Virginia Mack director of the McNair Scholars Program at Central Washington University spoke with some of Highline's faculty members on Wednesday, May 7 in Building 10, on how students can apply to the McNair Program.

"On the website you find out about us and the application. The application deadline has been extended for transfer students to May 30, 2003, so they need to get those in as soon as possible if they are interested," said Mack.

The McNair Program is a federally funded program, said Mack.

"It is funded by the Department of Education and it is one of the original trio programs; those would include Student Support Services, Educational Opportunity Programs, and the McNair Scholars Program," said Mack.

The purpose of this program is to help college students from underrepresented groups gain access to graduate programs with an ultimate goal of obtaining a Ph.D, said Mack.

The purpose of the scholarship is to help under-represented students get a chance at achieving their academic goals.

"In doing this we will help more people from underrepresented groups get into positions at the universities as teachers, so they will be able to help other people from their own groups and under-represented gain even further access," Mack said.

The McNair program has been on going at Central Washington since 1992.

Currently 180 students are enrolled in the program.

The graduating rate for the McNair students is higher than the graduation rate of non-McNair students.

"We have a very small research program. This program is Federal funded to take in 14 new students a year," Dr. Mack



Dr. Virginia Mack

said.

"This number will change to 15 students next year and the number will continue to grow each year."

Students who are looking to apply to the McNair Scholars Program will need to have the following qualifications:

- either be a US citizen or have a permanent resident
- be enrolled at Central Washington on the main campus or Yakima, and
- hold a 3.0 GPA (grade point average)
- have a stated desire to get a Ph.D

"Students who apply have to come from an under-represented group and this will include; first-generation low income, African-Americans, Native American, Hispanic or Latino, Pacific Islanders, and Alaskan Natives," said Mack.

"We are federally mandated to have at least a population of two-thirds of our students with a first generational income and the other third may be from a unrepresentative minority group," said Mack.

The McNair Program is only for two years. The students who are selected have already entered into their junior year of college.

The program has funding available in the amount of \$2,800 for mentor research, funds for trips to conferences, and visits to graduate schools.

Any student who wants to apply can go to the website www.cwu.edu and there they will find the McNair Program, Mack said.

For more information students may contact Dr. Mack at 509-963-2793.

Riding the lawn



Photo by Adrienne Hughes

Highline gardener Joel McCluskey mowing one of the grassy areas on campus. McCluskey faces the challenge of having to scramble across Highline to keep up with the growing spring greenery.

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Extraordinary women among us

Winner's of Extraordinary/Ordinary Woman Award share their experiences at banquet

By HOLLY GLEIM
Staff Reporter

One is a mother, one is a recovering addict, and one has been in a Kenyan refugee camp but what they all have in common is that they are extraordinary women.

Women's Program held its 21st annual celebration, recognizing seven women. For many years Women's Programs has recognized women on campus as Extraordinary/Ordinary Women. This year it included four students and three staff members.

One of the students nominated was April Kramer.

Kramer became involved in Highline's Respiratory Care Program after being employed at Boeing for 14 years.

Kramer has overcome many obstacles with balancing her family responsibilities and career changes.

Upon graduation, Kramer will begin to work at Harborview Medical Center's Respiratory Care Department.

"This is a highly competitive position and a great accomplishment," said Krista Fox, WorkFirst Retention Coordinator.

Hodan Mohamad is a student who was nominated by Susan Rich and Tracy Brigham. Mohamad has survived the Somali Civil War, Kenyan refugee camps, and the American immigration process. Mohamad was separated from her family and had to make a new life for herself in the United States alone. She has also suffered through two serious car accidents but still finds the strength to maintain her commitment to her education at Highline.

Sherie Hetherington works a part-time job as well taking a full-time course load, and cares for her two children and her mother. With all this Hetherington still manages to volunteer time and energy to the Welfare Rights Organizing Coalition for her internship.

After receiving her GED three years ago, Hetherington still finds time to work towards her associate degree. She will be finishing here at Highline in

"I think the real award was being nominated by two co-workers I admire and respect"

-Ronda O'Brien, award recipient

June.

"I was almost in tears because I was so shocked and surprised, I didn't expect to be nominated," Hetherington said.

Cassia Shalon Jasper was the fourth student nominated.

Jasper is a single mother of a 9-year-old daughter and will let nothing stand in her way of her achievements, she said. She will graduate this quarter and continue on at the University of Washington to pursue a degree in dentistry.

Staff member Jodie Robinett, student programs office assistant, has overcome many obstacles. Her daily tasks include supervising the front desk and managing the flow of students and staff within the Student Pro-

grams office.

Robinett provides services to clubs and also Student Government. Being a recovering addict enables her to help others to restart. Robinett has worked at Highline for two years.

Robinett is also a mother of two children who still commits her time and energy to staff and students.

"I think I deserve this award. I was happy my boss, Jonathan Brown, acknowledges who I am and what I do," said Robinett.

Ronda O'Brien, lead switchboard operator, has worked at Highline for 16 years. According to those who nominated her she always greets new staff and helps them to feel welcome.

O'Brien has the willingness to listen and this is just one of the many reasons she was nominated for this award.

"I think the real award was being nominated by two co-workers I admire and respect," said O'Brien.

Among the award recipients was also Marsa Mair.

Mair is the Social Science Division Secretary and has tended to many staff and students here at Highline. Although the recent loss of her husband makes it even more difficult to continue such dedication according to those who work with her she has continued to do so with zeal. Those around her enjoy the dedication she gives to Highline.

Quiet study habits

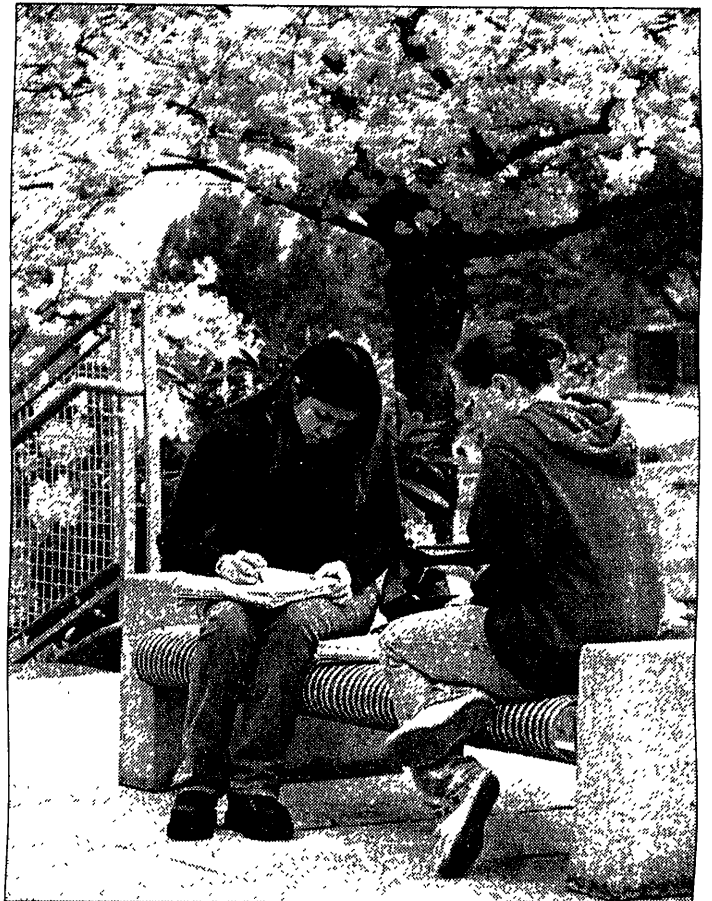
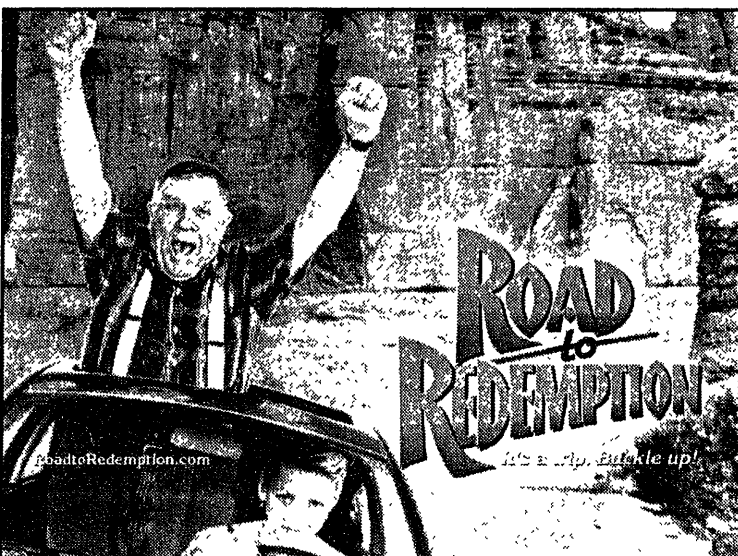


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Highline students Sara Savala and Katie Kirkland enjoy studying together on a nice afternoon last month. The weather began to turn for the worse again on Wednesday however, leaving students to resume pining for July and better climatic conditions.

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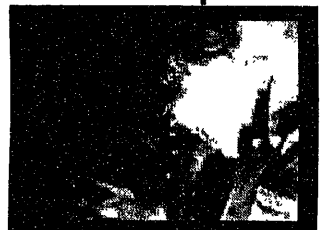
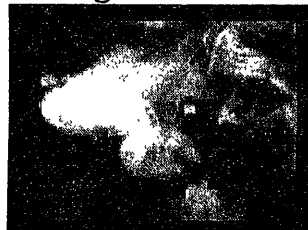


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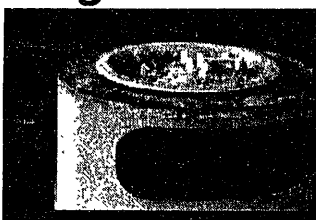
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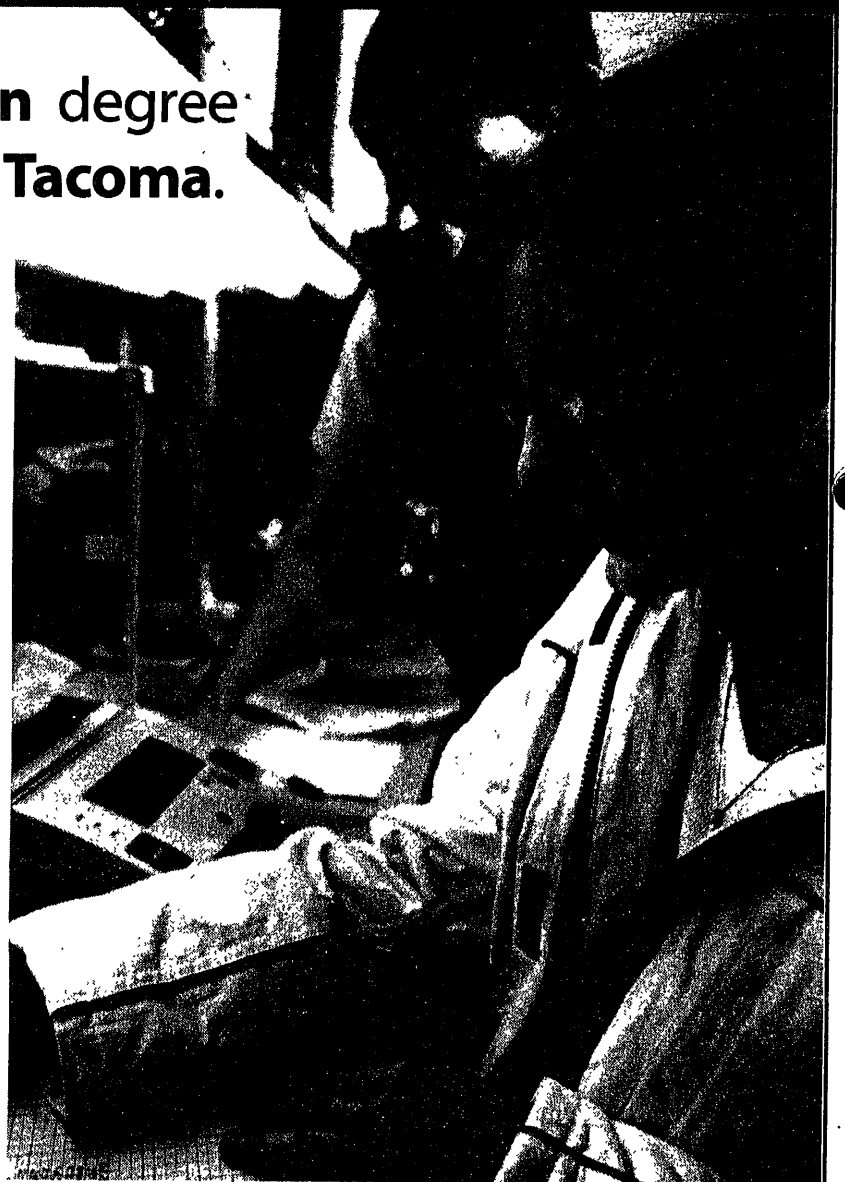
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Fast food worse than you think

By THERESA BROWN
Staff Reporter

Fast Food Nation opened the doors of discussion on nutrition and fast food at yesterday's Contemporary Voices. Highline's homegrown experts, Tracy Brigham and Keith Paton, joined by two students, read the book *Fast Food Nation* and went through the raw facts and hard truths of what comprises America's most recent infatuation.

"Eating fast food is as deadly as smoking, in many ways," Paton said.

He handed out an article titled "What's Wrong with McDonald's," and launched into describing the McLibel suit. The McLibel lawsuit began in England when a gardener named Helen and a postman named Dave wrote and distributed an article on how McDonald's promotes unhealthy food and targets children, exploits their workers, rob the poor, damage the environment, and murder animals. McDonald's countersued, and the McLibel case became the longest case of any kind in British history.



Paton with Ronald McDonald.

The judge ruled that Helen and Dave had not proved the allegations against McDonald's on rainforest destruction, heart disease and cancer, food poisoning, starvation in the Third World and bad working conditions.

But they had proved that McDonald's exploits children with their advertising, falsely advertise their food as nutritious, risk the health of their most

regular, long-term customers, are inadvertently responsible for cruelty to animals, are strongly opposed to unions and pay their workers low wages.

"The kids get hooked on fast food at an early age with the McDonald's Playland, happy meals with the toys,

There's a high turnover rate, long hours and low pay. People want that good taste of fat and become life-long supporters of fast food," Paton said.

They also spoke on bovine growth hormone in the beef, the precise amount of calories in the audience's favorite burger, slaughtering procedures, and the ideal of a fast-food-free tomorrow.



Brigham that will change the

Tracy Brigham was armed with a plastic bag filled with nutritional statistics for every fast food place available.

"In a Whopper, there are 780 calories, 420 of them from fat. In medium fries, there are 370 calories, 150 from fat. And in everyone's favorite Bacon Ultimate Cheeseburger, there are 1,100 calories, and 800 of them are from fat. You eat a fast food sandwich, you meet your sat-

rated fat quote for the next three days," Brigham said. If fast food is a must, Brigham suggests Taco Time, because everything isn't cooked in lard. Subway and Taco Del Mar are also healthier alternatives.

"It's the power of the consumer that will change the future," Brigham said.

The next honors colloquy is May 21, at 1:10 p.m. in Building 7. Debbie Ennis, a leader in the deaf community, and Stacey Watson, a clinical audiologist and a member of the Cochlear Implant Team at the Listen for Life Center at Virginia Mason Medical Center, will debate, "Whose Children Are They?"

Session

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"Access, quality and financial aid are the three legs of the stool (that higher education sits upon)," Carlson said. "We are committed to the problem of funding for higher education."

"The capital budget is less contentious (than the state operating budget)," said State Rep. Dave Upthegrove, D-33rd District.

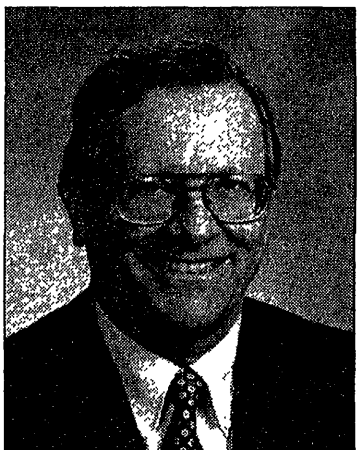
"The difference is in the overall level of cuts being made. There are some real flash points."

Some of these flash points include proposed cuts that House Democrats are unwilling to concede.

One such cut is of a small-budget program that supplies health care to pregnant non-citizens.

"We'll end up paying more for the care of the children once they're born here and are under state supervision," Upthegrove said.

The issue of COLAs, or cost-of-living adjustments for professors is another sticking point, with the Senate freezing increases for the next two years and the House freezing in-



Carlson

creases for one year with a 2 percent increase the following year.

A few, less contentious bills dealing directly with higher education may also affect the level of tuition for students at Highline.

One of Sen. Don Carlson's bills, Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5135, sits on the Governor's desk for signage.

It calls for a study on whether a tuition surcharge bill for hangers-on at state institutions would be efficacious in funding those schools and opening seats for new, more deliberate students and also allows institutions to, on an individual basis, apply such fees to students who they see as wheel-spinners.

"Not many institutions will do this," Carlson said of this

provision.

"Turning the bill into a study keeps the idea alive," said Rep. Dave Upthegrove. "The whole approach is one that is debatable. Is a penalty approach the best one? We'd rather see a carrot than a stick."

The bill calls for a report and recommendation for the next

year.

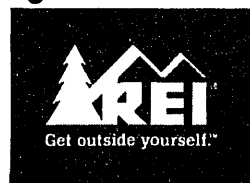
Another bill, Substitute House Bill 2111, sponsored by state Rep. Skip Priest, R-30th District, calls for a performance contract between the state and institutions of higher education.

This contract would be regulated by a 16-member committee comprised of legislators,

members of various state higher education boards and representatives from the two- and four-year institutions in the state.

"Schools enjoy autonomy. They say give us money but don't tell us what to do with it," Upthegrove said. "This bill is a more effective way to implement our plans."

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Fire

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"We have a variety of attacks," Pennington said.

If the house is completely engulfed in flames and there is nobody inside, the firefighters will take on a defensive attack, where their main goal is just to keep the fire under control.

They will do whatever they can to prevent the fire from spreading to nearby trees, cars or even other houses.

If they get to a fire and somebody is still inside, they approach the fire with an offensive attack.

In this case, Pennington said they will attack the fire more aggressively to get the person to safety.

However, if there are flames on each level, coming out all of the windows, there probably isn't anyone left alive, he said.

If the firefighters do go inside to fight the fire, they may



Photo by Adrienne Hughes
Doug Thor, men's assistant soccer coach, is a firefighter for the Des Moines fire department.

approach the fire with a direct or indirect attack.

In a direct attack, they aim the water right at the fire. In an indirect attack, they aim the wa-

ter at the ceiling to offset the thermal balance, which turns the water into steam and eventually extinguishes the fire.

In a mock fire drill, the

firefighters practice as many of these attacks as they can, before letting the house burn to the ground.

One of the firefighters participating in the practice drill was Doug Thor, one of Highline's assistant men's soccer coaches.

In addition to his paycheck jobs, Thor is also a full-time husband and father.

Thor came to Highline as a men's assistant soccer coach four years ago, as a Highline alum who played soccer during the '94-'95 school year.

Thor says it is a challenge fitting firefighting, family and soccer all into one life. With a 24 on, 24 off rotation, he can't always be at soccer practices and games. However, he tries to schedule his vacation time from

the fire department during the soccer season.

Thor started out as a volunteer firefighter 10 years ago when his friend dragged him into it.

After three years of volunteering, Thor was hired in 1996 as a full-time firefighter, at the Des Moines Fire Department.

"Everyday brings something different. I like challenges and variety, and this job offers both," Thor said.

As firefighters emerged from the still-burning house, stripping off their heavy gear and wiping the sweat from their brows, it may have looked as though they were giving up.

However, Pennington said, "We reach a point where we've gotten as many fires out of the rooms as we possibly can, so we back out and let it burn."

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