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Officials put stop to election fraud

By **VALERIE GOLLIER**
STAFF REPORTER

Voter fraud won't stop student senator elections this time around; changes are going to be made, Student Government officials said this week.

Now that the recent elections have been invalidated by fraudulent votes, Highline students will vote for a second time on Nov. 19 and 20.



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The Oct. 22-23 election was invalidated because Student Government found at least 55 or more fraudulent votes were cast. Apparently, one or more persons cast votes using other students' ID numbers.

Students can vote via www.highline.edu at computers on-campus as well as off-campus. Student Government also wants students to know that they can vote for up to three candidates per voter, as there are three senator positions to be filled.

In this new election, changes will be made to the voting process. Student Government is making these alterations to prevent voter fraud from occurring again. Additional fields such as last name or birth date could be added to the process, instead of just having to enter a student ID number.

Student Government said that they will have staff, as well as the Student Government team, keeping an eye out in the voting buildings on-campus for extra safety. They will be looking for activity of candidates campaigning in voting areas on election days, standing over

voter shoulders, or pressuring a voter to vote for them as they walk them to a computer.

"It is unethical and inappropriate for a candidate to be in an area where people are voting or are going to vote," said President Kolesta Moore.

Another safety precaution for this election is each candidate has to sign a ASHCC Senator Election Integrity Statement. This requires the candidates to validate themselves as a candidate for the re-election, claim to have no involvement in any fraudulent voting activity in the recent election, and have no intention of participating in voter fraud during the re-election process. It also asks them to disclose any knowledge that they might have about the fraud.

If the candidates do not have this signed statement in by noon on Friday, Nov. 14, they will be invalidated. Candidates must also wear their official Senator Candidate badge at all times within a voting area, on Nov. 19 and 20.

"We have the intention of providing a cleaner election where fraudulent voting will be less accessible," said Student Government adviser Jonathan Brown.

Some of the candidates are asking exactly what the fraud was. Brown says that they know the nature of the fraud; they have confirmed that several people were voting on the behalf of other people. This is not only against the laws of Highline, but against Washington state laws as well.

Candidates also wondered why this process is taking so long. Student Government is

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Hard work pays off for T-Birds



PHOTO BY AMBER TRILLO

After winning the women's NWAACC individual championship, Amanda Kamm gets a congratulatory hug from Men's Head Coach of the Year Robert Yates. Dylan Bailey also won the individual championship for the men. Both the women's and men's soccer teams placed first in their respective divisions and won their playoff games. See stories, pages 8-10.

Cafeteria mess troubles student

By **WINDY L. BUTLER**
STAFF REPORTER

Some Highline students are upset about the cleanliness of the cafeteria.

Cafeteria Director Dennis Hayes says he has just received the complaint and it working to address it.

Andi Seissen, a student here at Highline, has been complaining about the upkeep of the food service tent as well as the upkeep of the old cafeteria in the Student Union (Building 8) before it was torn down last summer.

"When I first got here last

year, the cafeteria was in Building 8 — it was dirty then and I brought it to a cafeteria staff member attention," Seissen said.

Seissen said she asked staff members about the mess, but they said it was every student's responsibility to clean up after himself or herself. Another cafeteria staffer said it was college janitors' job to clean up.

"I told them that was fine but, who's responsibility was it to clean the ketchup off the counters, and the cabinets?" she asked.

Seissen said she became so unhappy with the quality of the

cafeteria that she decided to stay away for some time. But when she returned to the cafeteria she found that things hadn't changed.

"I don't think I've been inside there for a while but when I did go in, the same ketchup spills where still left untouched on the counters and cabinets," said Seissen.

"I decided at that point to stop going in there. After a while had past I said I would go back, thinking that maybe

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Driver leaves nearby injury accident scene

Two vehicles were involved in an accident at the Baskin Robbins gate by Pacific Highway South on Nov. 5. The cars T-boned and one driver sustained minor injuries. The other driver departed and gave only his name and phone number to the victim.

She reported the incident a half hour after the incident and thought she was doing the right thing by letting the other driver go until she started hurting, said campus security.

The fire department was called and the driver who reported the incident was observed and released.

Car prowler uses rock to gain entry

Somebody broke into a vehicle by throwing a rock through the passenger side window. The victim had his car parked in the North Lot on Nov. 5. The owner of the Acura had books, which were valued at \$300, taken from his car.

Two cars burgled in same day

A Highline student had a surprise when he was going to his 1990 Toyota and found that it was burgled on Nov. 10. He had his stereo stolen from the dash in the North Lot.

Another vehicle was broken into on the same day. The 1995 Honda was broken into at the Midway Drive In.

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By KASEY REGA
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A newly discovered rock has crashed into the Big Splat theory and the origin of the moon, said Highline Geology Instructor Eric Baer at last Friday's Science Seminar.

"This new piece of evidence doesn't fit into the current Big Splat theory," said Baer. He said that a rock found in Australia consists of water crystals that contradict the time frame of when the Moon was believed to be formed.

Baer then explained that the Moon is the closest neighbor to Earth and plays an important role in our lives every day. The Moon's gravitational pull creates the tides in the oceans, organizes our calendar year and regulates how we tell time.

"It blows me away how little we knew before we went to the Moon," said Baer. "I feel that the most important scientific discovery as a result of going to the moon, besides Crest toothpaste and Tang, was the discovery of how the moon was formed."

Baer explained that the most recognized scientific theory of the formation of the Moon is called the Giant Impactor Model, also known as the Big Splat Theory. He said that while Earth and other planets were

forming, one of these planets—the size of Mars or even larger—hit Earth hurling out rock debris into space.

Baer said that the intense meteor bombardment generated intense heat and the Earth's surface reached over 8,000 degrees Fahrenheit. He said that this was 100 million times the energy that killed the dinosaurs.

"It would have looked similar to shooting a watermelon with a shotgun and stuff spraying everywhere," Baer said. Baer then explained that the debris surrounding Earth then stuck back together to form what we call the Moon.

"This isn't a wild idea," said Baer. Computer modeling indicates that the Giant Impactor Model is possible. Baer also said that although this shows it could be possible, that it wasn't a for sure.

Baer explained that before we went to the Moon we didn't have good estimates of when the Moon was formed. He said that some of the Moon's oldest rocks collected by Apollo 17 are dated as being 4.45 billion years old. According to the Giant Impactor Model theory, Earth was formed before the Moon.

Baer then explained that according to the most recent data, the Earth reached its current size 4.46 billion years ago.

"It would have taken about



PHOTO BY CHUCK CORTES

Professor Eric Baer presented evidence at last week's science seminar that shows the moon is lying about its age.

50 million years for Earth to fully heal after the impact," said Baer. He went on to explain that this fits with all the current observations.

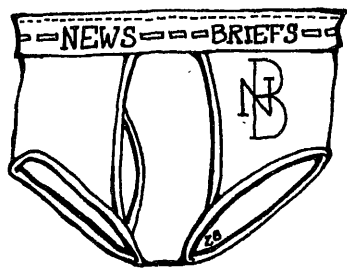
"But wait, a new piece of evidence doesn't work," said Baer. He said that a 4.404 billion-year-old Australian meta-sedimentary rock has been discovered with water crystals.

Baer said that there is just no way that Earth could have

healed that quickly and allowed water to be present in that short of time.

"We will all just have to wait and see what comes next," said Baer.

The next Science Seminar will be on Nov. 14, with John Pfeffer. The lecture entitled "Atomic Models-It's not as 'Bohring' as it seems" will be from 2:10-3 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.



MSA Fast-a-thon to help hungry

The Muslim Student Association is hoping to spread awareness of hunger in Washington and the United States by holding a daylight fast on Nov. 20.

The MSA is collecting pledges from area businesses that promise to donate two dollars for every non-Muslim student who agrees to take part in the fast. The businesses will write checks up to \$50 to Real Change, a local non-profit organization.

The fast will be broken as a group at the end of the day with a meal cooked by local Muslim families.

Deadline for sign up is next Wednesday, Nov. 19.

For more information or to sign up, contact the MSA online at MSA_highline@yahoo.com. MSA representatives will also be in Building 6 every weekday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

College application workshop today

The second in a series of two Fall Transfer Fair workshops, "Writing a Winning Personal Statement," will be held today from 1-1:50 p.m. in Building 10, room 103. The workshop will focus on the transfer application essay and is presented by Highline instructor Bryan Stumpf.

A representative from the University of Washington conducted first workshop, "Majors at the UW Seattle," yesterday during the fair. Representatives from 20 Washington area four-year colleges offered brochures and applications and were available to chat with students at the fair yesterday.

The next transfer event will be a Running Start transfer workshop on Nov. 25 from 1-2 p.m. in Building 10, room 103.

Campus calendar

- Cultural Cafe meets today with guest speaker Vice President of Administration Laura Saunders to discuss tuition questions.

The meeting will take place from 1-2 p.m. in Building 19, room 102.

For more information, contact Lucky at International Student Programs at 206-878-3710, ext. 3384.

- Career Connections will hold a workshop today, "Interview Techniques," that will walk you through the ABCs of preparing for your next interview.

The workshop will take place from 12:10-1 p.m. in Building 23, room 111.

- Students in the Library Technician Program are currently holding a book and bake sale to raise money to send them to the national Public Library Association convention in Seattle in February.

The sale is being held through tomorrow in Building 7 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

- A panel of Latinos will be discussing common misconceptions and myths about the Latino culture on Monday, Nov. 17 at 9 a.m. in Building 7.

The panel will be attended by Ballerina Braun, a Highline student, Jacque Larrainzar from the Seattle office for Civil Rights, Veronica Barrera from Pacific Oaks College, Hugo Cesar Ovejero from Entre Hermanos Agency, and Lupita Paterson from the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

For more information, contact Arline Garcia department coordinator of world languages at Highline at 206-878-3710, ext. 3520.

- Culture, Gender and Global Studies students will hold an open house next Wednesday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in Building 2.

The open house will feature art, food and culture from the African American Experience and Asian American Studies.

For more information, contact Tarisa Matsumoto-Maxfield at 206-878-3710, ext. 6405.

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Construction gets cold, noisy shoulder

No heat in some classrooms, noise in others vexes some students

By JESSICA BROWN
STAFF REPORTER

Reaching the warm sanctuary of class didn't have the same payoff for students and faculty in Buildings 20, 21, 22 and 23 in the last several weeks.

Heat was temporarily shut off from those buildings, but is back on now in Buildings 20, 21, and 22 due to the temporary heating water connection that the Higher Education contractors installed on Nov. 7.

"The central campus heating water is not flowing to Building 23 and won't be until late December, as previously announced. Space heaters have been placed in each room and seem to be adequate, when they are not tripping breakers," said Pete Babington, Highline's director of facilities.

Many students on campus who had classes in those buildings are relieved that the heating problem has been taken care of.

"Last week was so bad. Freezing. Everybody was huddled up and bringing extra jackets," said student Trish Cramer who has a class in Building 22.

"It was cold. We had space heaters, so people sitting next to those did all right I guess," said Highline student Nick Larson. "It was hard to pay attention."

Students weren't the only ones who suffered during the absence of heating. Faculty and staff had an equally hard time working in the uncomfortable conditions.

"It was very cold last week,

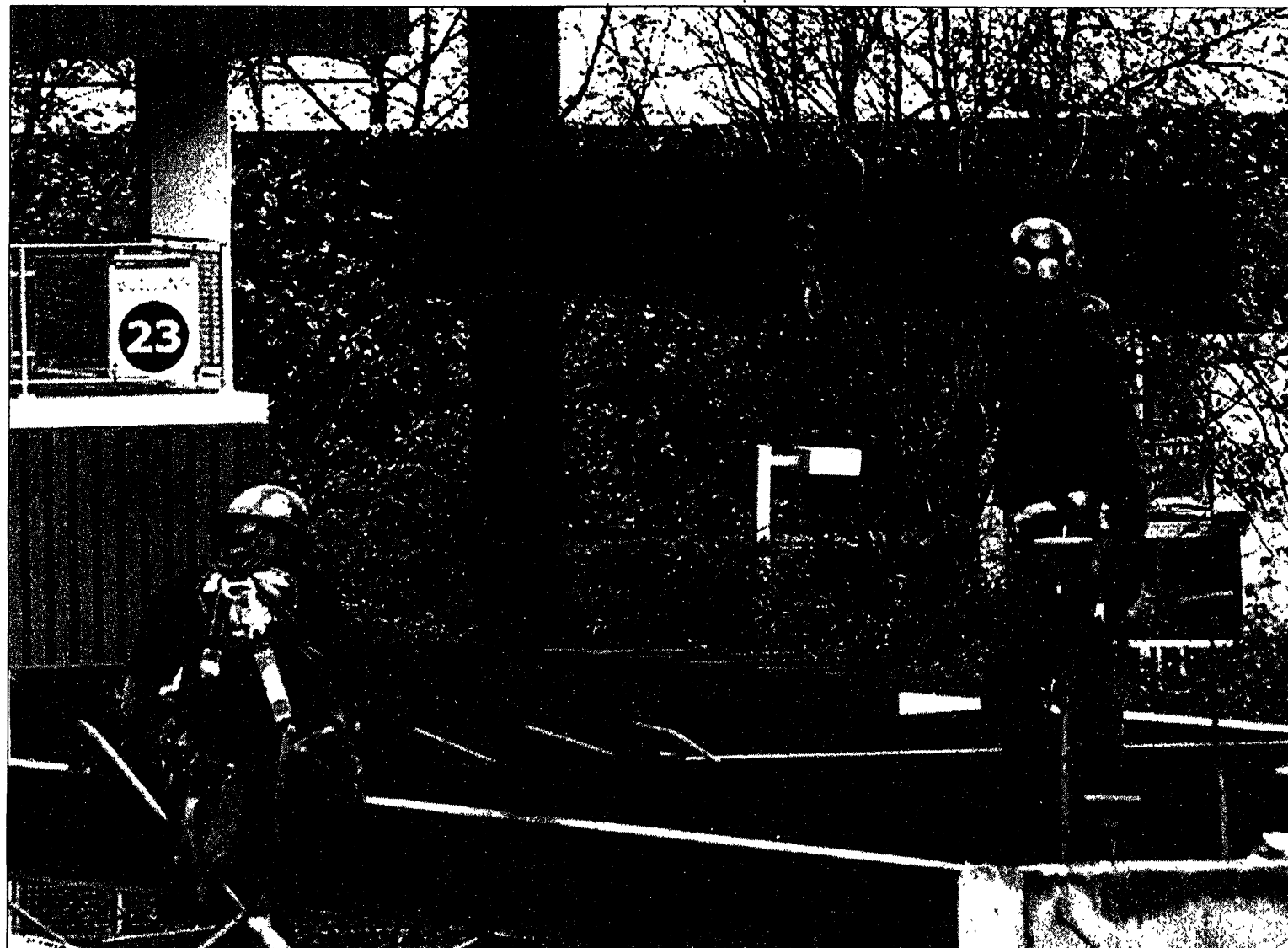


PHOTO BY CHUCK CORTES

Construction workers guide gigantic I-beams into place as the framework of the Student Union Building comes to fruition. The building that is starting to take shape is scheduled to open in fall 2004.

too cold to work," said Sabine Walter, secretary of Building 20. "It was too cold for typing, but they did a tremendous job at getting everything done."

The heat isn't the only inconvenience people work around on campus. Noise from the construction projects sometimes interferes with classes.

"I hear noises in my sociology class in Building 26. Sometimes the teacher would just stop because it got so loud and we'd all start laughing," said Thuy Dao, Highline student.

The most disruptive noise

generally hails from the Student Union site, since it's in the middle of campus. Students have claimed the noise to be the worst in Buildings 19, 22, and 23.

"Noise is inevitable on a construction site, but we only cause about as much noise as the school lawnmower," said Mike McDonald, superintendent of the Student Union site for Lumpkin General Contractors.

Most of the noise is from trucks, forklifts, and construction vehicles in general, although some of it comes from

roto hammering which is drilling holes in concrete, and jack hammering.

"We rent a generator that is whisper quiet, we try to minimize the noise," McDonald said.

Many students feel that although the noise is occasionally disruptive, it mostly stays at a tolerable, low rumble.

Loose Bricks:

If anyone feels inadequate heating in Building 23, tell the course instructor and ask them to contact facilities.

All three construction

projects, the Student Union, Higher Education Center, and the new Child Care Center are on time and within budget.

Currently, the Child Care Center site is putting up the wood framing for the walls.

The Student Union site is erecting structural steel, including the walls, roof, and floors.

"It goes up very quickly. The majority of steel should be up by Thanksgiving," McDonald said.

"It looks good, more changes are being noticed now," said Suzy Holmes of facilities.

Walk and Talk highlight International Education Week

By RICHARD CHO
STAFF REPORTER

A flag-waving walk and a spoken-word event will be just two of the highlights of the International Student Programs-sponsored International Week on Highline's campus next week.

Organizers are excited and encourage all Highline students to attend.

International Education Week begins on Nov. 17 and continues on until Nov. 21. This year's theme will be "Outfitting Ourselves for a Global Society."

To mark the beginning of International Week a Walk On has been planned.

The Walk On will be on Monday, Nov. 17 from noon to 1 p.m. It will begin between Buildings 6 and 7.

"We wholeheartedly welcome our entire community to participate," said Jonathan Brown, associate dean for Student Programs.

The walk will be through campus, and will involve distribution of schedules of upcoming events and fortune cookies.

The fortune cookies will have messages pertaining to in-

ternational education.

Students who are interested in participating are encouraged to wear clothing that is representative of another culture, whether you belong to it or not.

They will also try to have flags of various nations and ask some participants to carry them during the Walk On.

Another activity planned to celebrate International Week is the Student Speak Out. It will allow international students to share their stories and the role Highline has played in their life.

"International students bring with them a profound story of

their journey to Highline," said Brown.

Students are currently being sought to share their stories. They would like to hear from international students that may have studied abroad or traveled extensively.

If any student would like to speak or has a recommendation, they can be sent to Jonathan Brown at jbrown@highline.edu before Friday, Nov. 7.

The International Student Speak Out is planned for Friday, Nov. 21 at noon.

It will be held in Building 7 and a reception will follow at 1

p.m. in Building 2.

There is also another activity coming up after International Week.

The International Club has planned a ski trip in December. They are traveling to Whistler and any student is welcome to join them. The trip will be from Dec. 14-16 at the Coast Whistler Hotel.

Any student interested in the ski trip can contact Victoria Olfert at 206-870-3725, or at Molfert@highline.edu. Payments for the ski trip were due on Nov. 12, but can still be arranged.

editorial

Fraud has an impact on everyone at Highline

While most Highline students were studying for midterms and attempting to make up weeks of homework, one or more students were at their best working to confirm that a breed of lying, immature, irresponsible students are running amuck on campus.

By now you may be aware of the recent Student Government elections scandal. Someone's disregard for honesty has made headlines repeatedly here at Highline by their recent mockery of the Student Government's attempt to make voting more accessible via the Internet.

Voting turnout is usually low, and most students do not rank voting high on their priority list. To appeal to the wired population at Highline, web voting is offered as a way to encourage more involvement. With most students complaining they don't have time to vote, the online option gives students a way to connect with campus during their spare time, even when they are away from campus.

Also because there is no student center, there is really no central location for an election to be held, meaning that for the entire campus to gain access to the election, the online option is necessary.

For those who don't see the seriousness of the situation at hand, you should probably go back to grade school with the rest of the scandalous, lying students who cast fraudulent votes and whose mentality is similar to that of a 3-year-old.

Everyone on campus is old enough to remember the hanging chad election. Likewise we all witnessed firsthand what a headache voting irregularities can be. Believe it or not, college is pretty close to the real world and indecent people do exist, however it is not your job to just accept it.

On a campus with more than 9,000 students, a mere 55 votes was enough to determine the corrupt election. If more students had voted the 55 fraudulent votes would have been insignificant. As a student at Highline you should take it upon yourself to vote in the upcoming re-election to confirm that you did your best to combat fraud.

Student Government is doing its best to correct the recent problem and has assured that in the future this will not happen. However, all the effort and work could have easily been avoided if people were honest. In this tainted world we live in, naughty students are proving that the nice guy finishes last, unless they say so — then he finishes first.

The opinion page

Editorials are the opinion of the management of the newspaper, which includes its editorial board members: Victoria Anthony, Ben Johnston, Shauna Bjork, Dustin Nickerson, Colette Woods, Amber Trillo, Jordan Goddard, Mak Zuljevic, and Melissa Flesch. Columns represent the opinions of the individual authors. Letters to the editor represent the opinions of the readers.

Letters to the editor are welcome. Letters should be no more than 300 words long, and are subject to editing for style and length. The Thunderword invites contributions of all types from the campus community. Please send submissions to the Thunderword@highline.edu or deliver to Building 10, room 106.

We don't need no education in 2004

A man-child from Tasmania, named Will, says that the last eight months of his life have been "bloody brilliant."

"I've learned more in the last eight months than my whole life in school," Will said.

Will works for the LaRouche in 2004 campaign, an intellectual movement, spearheaded by the namesake Democratic candidate, Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

Will stood outside in the harsh cold last week on campus, snaring Highline students and talking LaRouche's game marginally well. He was dressed aptly for the weather in a blue and white beanie, a nondescript hooded sweatshirt, a puffy jacket, and woolen fingerless gloves. His chiseled face drew to a scruffy point at his chin.

As he spoke, his down-under accent thickened as he approached points in subjects that he had small understanding of. He likened LaRouche to the man who discovered the circumference of the Earth, Greek philosopher Eratosthenes, the story of whom he had difficulty purveying to me. When I began asking about Will's history, his answers were shady at best.

Will was living in Tasmania, where he indulged in self-gratifying behavior. Through LaRouche's youth movement, Will emigrated from this beach-bum lifestyle and was brought to America, where he has been recruiting others to do the same ever since. He has done little else in this time.

You have to wonder about LaRouche's message. It seems as though he exacerbates some national problems and simply fabricates others.

A regular presidential candidate since 1980, he has been imprisoned for credit card fraud when he took money from the accounts of people who donated to his campaign. The most interesting current chapter in the story of LaRouche is his youth movement, however. The young followers of LaRouche are encouraged to drop out of school, where he claims youngsters are forced, as in a cult, to



memorize formulas all day long. They then begin attending math and history classes set up by LaRouche, in order to get an idea of the world as he sees it. Weekend retreats take place, where an intensive two days are spent being lectured by the up-and-ups in his party.

During my research of LaRouche, that was what I was asked to do. If I was having a hard time in school, or trouble at home, I could see how good that offer could sound. However, uprooting someone at the most impressionable age, moving them across the world and giving them a slighted view of their new environs while continually making them work for your greater good has nothing in common with a cult. Right.

When I approached Will about the cult-like qualities of LaRouche's movement, I was swarmed by some of his fellow LaRoucheians.

"I'm American, do you think I am in a cult?" one asked me, hotly. "What is a cult?"

I'm pretty sure most of the people who drank the Kool-Aid in Guyana, and the ones who wore the sneakers and committed suicide to join the Hale-Bopp comet in California were American. I got a frightening view of what the early stages of getting sucked into the LaRouche family was like when I attempted to phone the Seattle headquarters of his campaign.

An apparently older gentleman answered the phone and I asked if I had reached the LaRouche Seattle headquarters.

"How old are you?" the man asked.

"22," I said, truthfully.

I then was passed off to Wesley, one of the youth organizers. He asked me what I was in school for, and what I was go-

ing to do with myself. He thought that I should come to one of LaRouche's math classes.

"It isn't one of those bullshit math classes like in school," Wesley said. "It's geometry."

He then played for me a tape containing a sound bite from a commercial that LaRouche had been playing on D.C. radio stations. He said he hoped to see me at one of the rallies in the area, and described himself. He said he was 6'5", with scruffy dirty blond hair, the veritable definition of cool. Count me in.

He asked for my contact information, and at that point, I decided that if I didn't want a host of political zealots ringing my phone off the hook, I would have to decline. It is bad enough that from time to time, I have to walk through a small throng of them heckling me with taunts such as "Are you political?" or "Are you a revolutionary?"

My return question for these people is, after LaRouche fails to be elected, like every other fanatic who gets the great idea to run for president, what will you do? Will you have anything to fall back on, like a degree? And, more importantly, if he is elected, what will become of you, not to mention the rest of America's youth?

LaRouche's ideas are frightening to me, but he is not a true threat in my mind. He is however a threat to the small population of disillusioned, angst-ridden youth who easily can be convinced to follow unabashedly.

I am not trying to claim that LaRouche forces his followers to do what he bids, but I do believe that he promises great things, creating a false sense of hope in these easily stirred youth, and supplying little else.

Apparently it's enough for Will. Will says that he lives day to day, and he says it with a smile.

"We get enough to live off, that's pretty much all we need."

Ben is on his way to Tasmania as we speak.

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EVERYDAY ART

Burien offers accessible art in a homey environment

BY LINDA SEWERKER
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Art finds its way into the Burien community in interesting ways. It is surprising how much diversity there is inside the small house that rests in front of a park. The ceilings are slanted, and a person over five feet tall must stoop to get up or down the stairs to see the art; but it is worth the effort.

Unlike larger commercial galleries, the Burien Arts Gallery has a friendly personal space, with different media in the three floors of a former home. Placing art in a manner that works with the organization of available space is the job of the director. He or she must know what is the right combination of styles and which works should be positioned next to a different artist's works. Hanging or displaying a gallery full of art takes skill.

The director, Barbara Jorgenson, has this responsibility and takes the job seriously. Jorgenson has been the Burien Art Gallery director for one year. She says she has but been involved in the arts all of her life. She is described by associates and friends as an energetic, multitasked man-



ager, who understands the need to bring culture to the community.

Jorgenson selects works without any particular method, but she says she knows what likes when she sees the artist's work. She has been trained to understand great design from years experience in retail.

"I did some art work long ago, but most of my experience comes from hanging art shows. I had years of experience as a window and interior designer for Frederick and Nelson. I worked in the field for 20 years, designing commercial spaces," she said.

"My favorite show featured local Burien high school artists. They were so talented. One senior had sculptures and a multimedia video of his art here in this gallery. It was wonderful to see how attached the students were to their work. They would not consider selling any of them," she said.

Two new artists are featured in November and December. Local artist Ruth Carpenter describes her paintings as "Geo-quizzical" which is an abstract style with whimsical motifs or elements.

The sculpted paintings by Milla Kalens, a Russian artist, are more representational. She paints with bright colors and symbolic images that suggest an attachment to her early childhood in Russia and the influence of European artists.

Jorgenson said she is proud to find artists of such different talent coming to Burien.

The history of the Burien Arts Gallery dates back to the '70s. The City of Burien elected in the summer of 1971 to sponsor a Strawberry Festival and

Heritage Fair, a food and arts festival.

The Burien Arts Association formed because of the success of the festival, which brought craftsmen, performers and artists together for the first time.

Any money donated to the gallery is managed by the Burien Arts Association, a non-profit group, whose purpose is to enrich the community. The artists' sales give a 40 percent commission to the gallery. Artwork is not selling as well as Jorgenson would like.

"Things were very bad after 9-11, but I think art sales are getting better," she said.

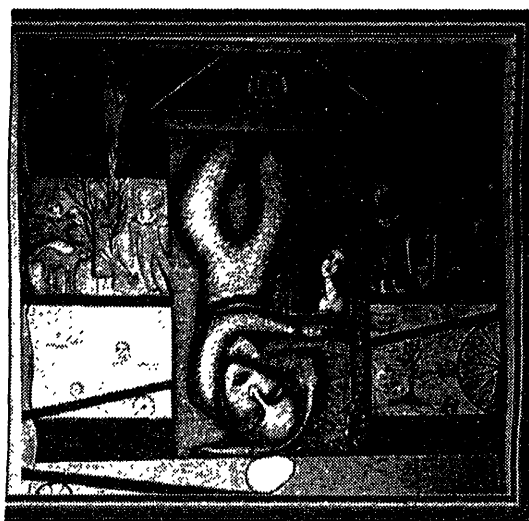
A nice appeal of the gallery is the variety of mixed media from local artists that is very reasonably priced but also excellent in quality.

Wood artist Richard Steppic has an exceptional, reasonably priced assortment of beautifully finished wood-turned vases, wood-sculptured bowls, and hand crafted wooden candle-holders. The artist uses a lathe to create the smooth finish on all pieces. His wood comes from logging waste. The clearing of maples, elms, and ash is one man's garbage and Steppic's pot of gold.

"Wood from a tree would be available to anyone who would take the effort to haul it away," said Steppic.

"Any that I did not salvage went for firewood."

Steppic is a member of the American Association of wood-turners. He has been



showing his work since 2000 and stays involved in Burien Arts events. His art has sold at the Tacoma Art Museum and the Puyallup Fair.

In addition there are lovely photographs and jewelry by artist Becky Johnson and a collection of colorfully bright paintings by students from Haiti. Popular artist Nicolas Kirsten's limited edition prints are on display. Kirsten is an established artist with her own gallery in the University District.

On the top floor the gallery houses fine hand crafted gifts are for sale made by the volunteers who work for the gallery.

Burien Art Gallery is located at 421 S.W. 146th St. It is open from noon until 8 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month and weekly Tuesday through Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. Artists who wish to have their work looked at can bring two or three pieces to the gallery for Jorgenson or the association to review. It is a great place to see great art and perhaps even be able to afford it.

Poetry book makes students' mouths water

By BRI CHURCH
STAFF REPORTER

All college students have had to read at least one poem in their academic life and throughout the ages they have usually circulated around the same subject matter: love, broken hearts, a beautiful summer's day- and occasionally depictions of death.

Unfortunately, not all students can truly relate to these subjects, leaving the poetry meaningless and ultimately discarded.

However, inside *O Taste and See: Food Poems*, a collection of tasty poems circulating around the greatest of American love affairs- food- students can find poetry which is both literally and figuratively food for thought.

Featured in the scrumptious little book is Highline's very own Susan Rich, as well as her poem, *A Poem for Will, Baking*.

Thursday, Nov. 6 marked the inaugural presentation day for this poetry volume, and whether they were driven by an intense and everlasting love of poetry- or the free food- Building 7 was filled to the brim with curious, not to mention hungry students.

The auditorium held a comfortable and homelike ambiance, complete with plenty of reading material, homemade dishes- quite appropriate for the



Susan Rich, left, Tamara Kaye Sellman and Martha Silano are a few of the poets published in *O Taste and See: Food Poems*. Susan Rich is an instructor at Highline.

PHOTO BY MELISSA FLESCH

poetic subject matter- and hundreds of students scurrying around looking for a place to sit.

In the front of the large auditorium sat five chairs filled with four featured poets, including Rich, as well as the master of ceremony, Highline's Debby Bacharach.

Kicking off the ceremony, Bacharach discussed the curi-

ous nature of food poetry and had each author read and discuss his and/or her writings.

"I never think about writing food. It just shows up," Rich said.

In fact, *A Poem for Will, Baking* showed up after watching a dear friend, who's name happens to be Will, endure an all-too serious breakup.

As a means of consolation,

Rich created a vivid poetic metaphor of a young man coping and dealing with life's many problems and finding a release in baking.

After catching her friend mimic the exact situation written in the poem, Rich posed the question: what can a person do for a heart that is breaking? She then answered the question by "looking in a cookbook for

the most extravagant recipes and instead of making it for him, I wrote about it," she says.

According to Rich, food is not only a great natural pacifier, it can also be used as a "universal way to unite cultures."

Following the reading of a favored poem, *Recurring*, a poem symbolizing a potato with human characteristics, Rich described the general desire and need for food that seems to bring people together. She illustrates it as "basic and almost sensual."

At the closing of the ceremony, sensual was the basic feel towards the poetry volume after the reading of Martha Silano's *Parade of Sausages*, a character study of past lovers- in the form of the popular meat.

"The last line of the poem is 'however, there is plenty of room at the table now'- my husband does not like that last line," Silano says.

The difficulty of finding a unique voice and avoiding cliché is a common hurdle for most of the featured poets, but Allen Braden,- another poetic author, says "I truly believe we have overcome the problem."

O Taste and See can be purchased at any time in the Highline Bookstore for \$14 and Rich says that she would be more than happy to grace any copy with her John Hancock.

It's not just a balancing act, but perfection of movement

By BRI CHURCH
STAFF REPORTER

In China, acrobats are the equivalent to American pop stars.

The difficult and dazzling nature of acrobatic stunts leads audiences to love and adore anyone who is skilled enough to become such a performer.

Friday, Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m. marks the day in which the Auburn Performing Arts Center will be visited by these stars as part of the world-famous touring Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats, under the direction and promotion of the Hai family. Complete with death-defying stunts, daring tasks and harrowing feats, the performance is sure to be a crowd pleaser.

At the early ages of 4 or 5, future Chinese acrobats normally begin an extensive training program for five or six years and then go on to join any number of professional organizations. However, only the

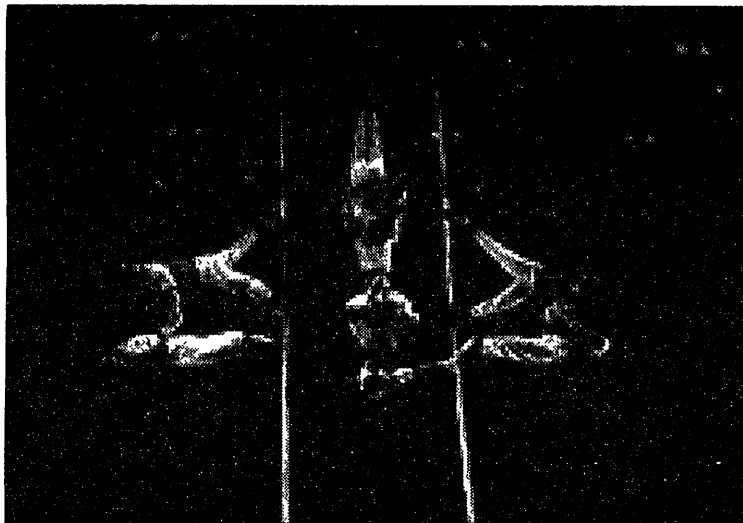


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The Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats will perform on Nov. 21.

most highly skilled students will find themselves apart of the world-touring Shangri-La Acrobats,

For over 20 years the Hai family has been helping to train these young acrobats and turn them into the flawless professionals who have graced the stages of arts centers all over the world. Interpreting ancient Chinese tales with intricate acro-

batic displays, complicated Kung Fu, vibrant costuming and just a hint of that good ol' fashioned Chinese humor, audiences can expect a night unlike any other.

Lori Patrick, the art center's Cultural Programs Coordinator, says that the show brings to life the mystical land of Shangri-La where color, motion and sound collide.

Tickets for this show are \$10-15 and selling like hotcakes, however, a small number of \$5 balcony seats will go on sale at the box office 30 minutes prior to the perfor-

mance. Main tickets can be purchased by either calling 253-931-3043, or visiting the Auburn Parks and Recreation Department at 910 9th St. SE from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Arts Calendar

• On Dec. 20, The University Christian Church celebrates its 15th annual "Duke Ellington's Sacred Music" concert, featuring Seattle Repertory Jazz Orchestra. The concert will also feature soloist Dee Daniels and tap dancer Tim Hickey. Tickets range from \$19-\$26. For more information, call 206-547-6763.

• Painter d'Elaine Johnson's art show at Auburn Commision's City Hall continues through Nov. 28. Auburn City Hall is located at 25 West Main St., Auburn. The hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For

more informaton, please call 253-931-3043.

• The 7th annual WPEA Craft Bazaar will be held Nov. 24 and 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Building 2. There will be raffles and gift baskets, as well as furniture and baked goods. For more information, or if you would like to participate, please contact Lauri Spivey at 206-878-3710, ext. 3445.

• On Sunday Dec. 7, Highline will be featuring a Holiday concert in Building 7. The concert will benefit the HCC Founda-

tion scholarships. Classic voice and piano literature will be performed.

• Tickets are now on sale for *Grape Expectations*, presented by Breeders Theater at E.B. Foote Winery in Burien. The show runs Jan. 16, 17, 20, 23, 24, 30 and 31 at 7 p.m., and Jan. 18, 25 and Feb. 1 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and include wine tasting. Proceeds from the Jan. 20 show go to support the Highline Foundation. Tickets are available at the winery. Call 206-242-3852 or 824-9462 for details.

Fall play is ready for action

Highline's Drama Department opens its 2003-2004 season with David Campton's comedic, *The Life and Death of Almost Everybody*.

The show opens tonight, Nov. 13, at 8 p.m., and continues with shows Friday and Saturday and Nov. 20-22 in the Little Theatre in Building 4.

Tickets are available at the theater entrance or by calling 206-878-3710, ext. 3156. Tickets are \$7 for general admission and \$6 for students.

"Not to be missed," says Director Christiana Taylor. "This is an odd, political, relevant play you won't see anywhere else."

Compton is "an eccentric and prolific British dramatist," Taylor says. "It resonates with darkly funny comments on the nature of being us."



Christiana Taylor

"A large diverse cast has worked with industry and imagination to bring this experience to Highline's community."

The cast features current and former students under the direction of Dr. Taylor. Featured cast members include Kirsten Olds, DJ Taylor, Kim Elenich, and Mike Bacalzo.

Running time for the show is about 90 minutes.

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Fruit Salad

Across

- 1 Cuff
- 5 Actress Rene
- 10 Mighty trees
- 14 Detergent
- 15 Active
- 16 Gumshoe's game
- 17 Andrea Mitchell's spouse
- 18 Tasty morsels
- 20 Schwarzenegger's locale, at times
- 21 A secret look
- 22 Miller's equipment
- 23 Ringo, for one
- 25 NFL play
- 27 Wood design
- 29 Accents
- 33 New Delhi moola
- 34 Separates
- 35 Syndicate's action
- 36 Cobras
- 37 Sidesplitter result
- 38 Unspoken
- 39 Sum up: Abbrev.
- 40 Knee, for one
- 41 Recess
- 42 Cuspids
- 44 Angered
- 45 Bone surgeon's concern
- 46 Star
- 48 Entangle
- 51 Identical
- 52 Dine out
- 55 Newark suburb
- 58 Ike's employer
- 59 Legal abbreviation
- 60 More frigid
- 61 Type of cloth
- 62 Pugilist's boundary
- 63 Ms. Ross
- 64 Embankment

Down

- 1 Bachelor party, e.g.
- 2 Comedian Tomlin
- 3 Forbidden fruit
- 4 Correctional institution
- 5 Marathon runner
- 6 Theater guide
- 7 Word before ladder
- 8 Andrew Lloyd Webber title
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- 11 Unfortunately!
- 12 Author Vonnegut
- 13 Stage scenery
- 19 Animal shrieks
- 21 Baseball errant bullseye?
- 24 Railroad track parts
- 25 Mournful song
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Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

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- 58 Tote up

Quotable Quote

If you want to make an apple pie from scratch, you must first create the universe.

... Carl Sagan

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The Thunderword

T-Birds soar to new heights at NWAACCs

BY SHELBY LANCASTER
STAFF REPORTER

Freshman Dylan Bailey and sophomore Amanda Kamm raced to cross country greatness by bringing home individual championships and leading Highline to its best finish in 12 years.

The men's team placed third with a score of 80 at the NWAACC championships on Nov. 8 in Spokane. They followed Spokane, who finished first with a score of 32, and Clackamas, who finished second with 59. Treasure Valley followed Highline in fourth with a score of 108, and Clark took fifth with 125.

The women's team took fourth place with 98 by edging out Spokane who finished fifth with a score of 109. Clark won the meet with 46 and was followed by Clackamas, who finished with 56. Lane came in third with 76.

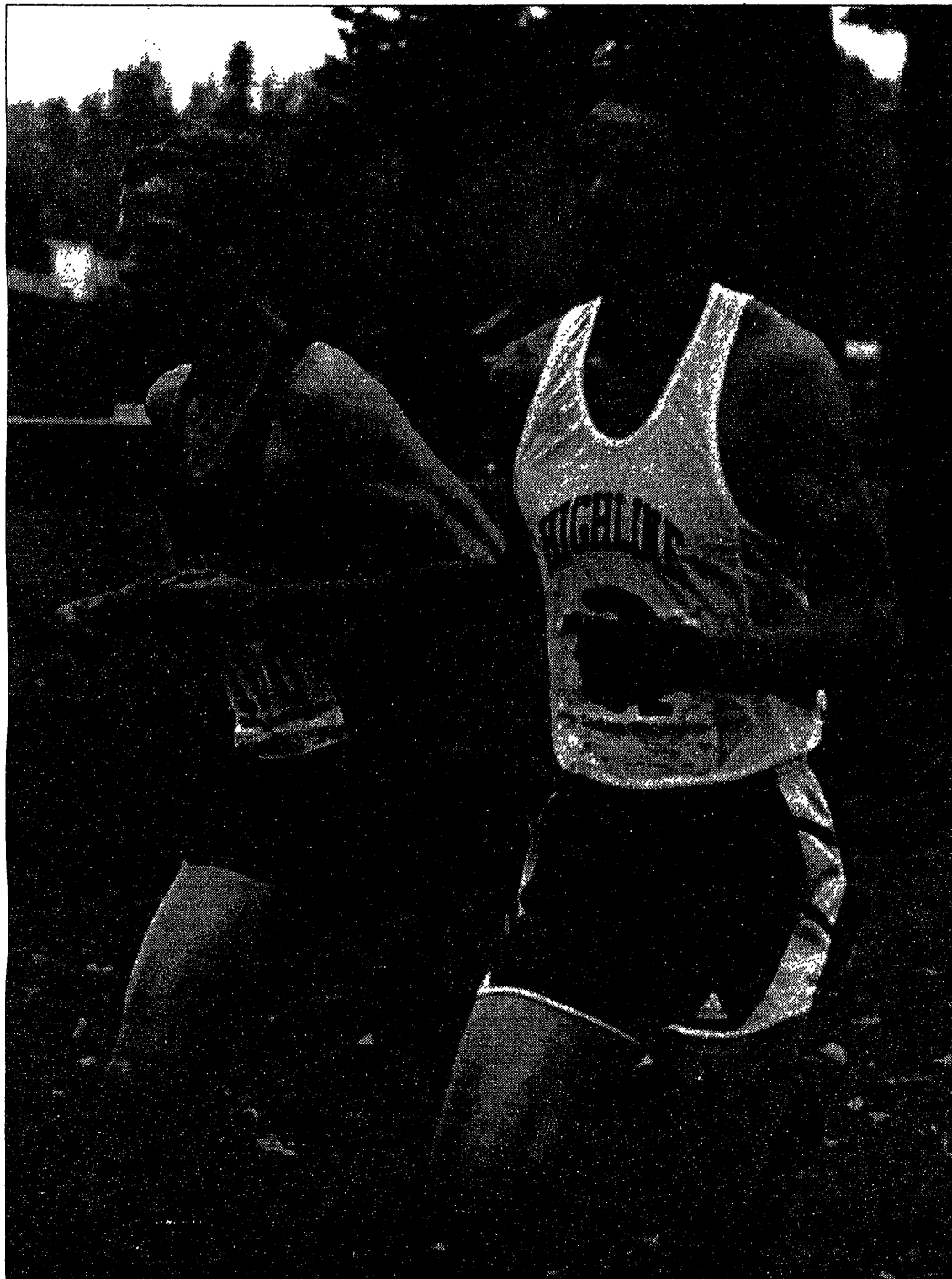
Highline also took fourth in the combined team awards, which takes the scores of both the men's and women's races and puts them together. Clackamas won the combined competition, Spokane second, and Clark finished third.

It was a day of firsts for the T-Birds.

Kamm is the first Highline woman to ever claim an individual cross country championship. Moreover, with Bailey's win, Highline claimed both championships in the same meet for the first time. His win was the first since 1998.

"It was the best day that Highline has had in cross country in years," said Highline Head Coach Robert Yates.

For the women, Kamm's winning time was 18:55 in the 5-kilometer race. She was followed by Spokane's Ashley



PHOTOS BY AMBER TRILLO

Above: Dylan Bailey edges out Spokane's Mark Currell for first place. Below: Amanda Kamm leads the NWAACC pack. Right: Coach Robert Yates consoles Clay Hemlock.

Hadway, who finished with a time of 19:01. Hadway had previously beat Kamm in three races by about 15 seconds each time. Hadway led for a majority

of the race until Kamm overtook her in the last 200 yards.

She was met at the finish line with a huge hug from her coach, as well as other hugs, handshakes, cheers, and tears from her teammates and friends.

"I'm happy; I'm excited; I never actually thought I'd win," said Kamm shortly after the race.

Yates was elated about Kamm's performance.

"Amanda ran a perfect race. She followed the plan," said Yates. "She's worked so hard for it."

Also for the Highline women, freshman Sitges Marshall finished 10th with a time of 20:22. It was a minute and a half better than the last time that she ran the course this year.

"I felt good. It was perfect race weather," said Marshall.

Freshman Jami Jablonski led the other Highline women with a 21st place finish and a time of

21:44. It was her best finish after a tough year full of nagging injuries.

"I'm happiest for Jami. She's had a rough year. It was her best race since her junior year in high school," said Yates.

The other Highline women also finished well. Freshman Zori Garasimchuk came in 32nd, with a time of 22:40, followed by freshman Marlene Blackburn who finished 41st with a time of 24:11. Freshman Leslie Campos took 54th with a time of 26:10.

For the men, Bailey's winning time was 25:16 in the 8-kilometer race. It is the sixth fastest time ever ran on the course. He edged out Mark Currell of Spokane, who had a time of 25:24. Highline sophomore Clay Hemlock came in third with a time of 25:30.

Bailey's win was somewhat of a surprise. Hemlock had been the heavy favorite all season to win.

"I'm surprised; it's weird. I ran a minute faster than last time," said Bailey. "I was scared as hell."

However, Coach Yates has always had complete confidence in Bailey. He was first of many to meet him at the finish line with hugs of congratulations.

"I've been saying all year that Bailey has had the talent," said Yates. "I'm very happy for Dylan. It has been three years since he has run that well."

Hemlock finished third and ran 40 seconds faster than the last time he ran the course, but he was disappointed in his performance.

"It wasn't my day," said Hemlock.

Yates also echoed his sentiments, but also sees positive things in his future.

"Clay has run so well (this season.) I thought that he was ready to do it," said Yates. "He wasn't 100 percent, but he will bounce back for track season."

For the rest of the men, sophomore Robert Bartholomew came in third for Highline for the first time and 19th overall with a time of 27:05. Freshman Josh Frazier followed in 25th place with a time of 27:30. Freshman Trevor Kulvi improved greatly to finish 32nd with a time of 28:04, and freshman David Larpenteur followed with a 39th place finish and a time of 28:31. Sophomore Jess Lawson completed the team by finishing 48th with a time of 28:56.

"We didn't run a great team race, but we took care of business," said Yates.

Yates himself had a great day, coming home with the Men's Coach of the Year award. It is awarded to one men's and one women's outstanding coach by the league. The votes were cast by the coaches at the championship meet.

"Coach of the Year was a surprise," said Yates. "Part of it is that it has been 12 years since Highline has been a competitive force in the league. It is a nod to the whole program."



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The Thunderword

Highline men two wins away from perfection

BY LAUREN HOWELL
STAFF REPORTER

The Highline men's soccer team continues into the playoffs this weekend, after beating the Walla Walla Warriors, 1-0 in a hard fought game on Saturday, Nov. 8.

Highline plays Skagit Valley on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 12:30 p.m. at Harry E. Lang Stadium in Lakewood.

If the T-Birds win they will play in the championship on Sunday, Nov. 16 at 2:30. However, if they lose there will be a consolation game at 10 a.m. they will play in.

Joe Patterson scored the only goal for the T-Birds in Saturday's game.

"He beat his defender and hit a low hard driven shot to the far post. Joe is playing with a lot of confidence right now and it shows. He has the tools to be the best player in the league," Head Coach Jason Prenovost said. "When Joe is attacking the box, there really is no defending him."

Although there were many scouts and recruiters from top four-year universities at the game, Patterson kept his focus.

"I didn't think about the scouts, I was only thinking about the game. Afterwards, I saw that they were there but it didn't make me nervous," Patterson said. "All I thought about was getting into the defense's head. I kept on thinking of ways to penetrate through."

Patterson said that the game went pretty smooth and it was really fun.

Prenovost agreed and says that there was a nice crowd that came out and watched the game.

"We really appreciated the support and it made for a great



PHOTOS BY MELISSA FLESCH

Above: Ben Bailey battles for a loose ball with a Walla Walla defender. Below: David Klein clears a ball upfield.

atmosphere for a playoff game," Prenovost said.

Coming into the playoffs,

Walla Walla had won its last 11 games, led by the Warriors' strong defense, Head Coach John Charman said.

Despite Walla Walla's tough play, Prenovost says that the T-Birds really took the game and dictated the play.

scoring opportunities throughout the match. This is dangerous in playoff games because momentum can go a long way toward deciding the outcome.

Fortunately, our defense was up to their usual high level of play

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Men's NWAACC

T-Birds chuck Chukars 2-1, head for finals

Highline women to take on North Idaho in soccer semifinals

BY SHAUNA BJORK
STAFF REPORTER

The T-Bird women's soccer team is headed to the NWAACC tournament after beating Treasure Valley in a quarterfinal match last weekend.

Highline beat the Chukars 2-1 on Saturday down on the home grass of McConnaughey Field.

The win advances Highline to a game in the semifinals versus Spokane.

The game will be played at 6 p.m. on Saturday at Harry E. Lang Stadium in Lakewood. The winner of that game will go on to play in the championship game, against the winner of the Walla Walla and North Idaho contest, on Sunday at 4:45. The loser plays in the consolation game at 12:15 on Sunday.

In the quarterfinals, favorite Clackamas lost to North Idaho in overtime 4-2, and Walla Walla beat Green River 5-0.

Highline was down 1-0 early in the game, after the Chukars' Hailey Fisher scored in the first 45 seconds of the game.

Head Coach Jaimy McLaughlin said he was shocked when the goal was scored that early.

"I guess it was kind of hard

to believe that it happened," said McLaughlin. "We haven't given up any early goals all season."

Marianna Palermo struck back in the third minute with Highline's first goal of the game.

"The team countered — not just Marianna, she had a great finish — but it was a team effort. I felt a little bit relieved, back on even terms, I'm sure the team felt the same," said McLaughlin.

Kody Downey scored the winning goal of the game, with about 10 minutes remaining in the first half.

Highline held on to win the game, and advance.

After the game, the women embraced and left the field with huge smiles on their faces.

Overall, McLaughlin was extremely pleased with the women's performance.

"We played very tough and physical, didn't get down and quit after the first goal, we stepped up and did what ever it took to win," he said.

McLaughlin also said that there were some things that the team could have done better.

"I think our team defense could have been better. We allowed too many shots and we started out the game by letting



PHOTOS BY MELISSA FLESCH

T-Bird Alicia Wolfskill, right, battles a Chukar over a header in Saturday's game.

them score in the first minute," he said. "This shows me that we were not focused from the very beginning. We will have to be focused from start to finish if are going to win any more games."

In the first half midfielder/forward Kenzie Anderson went down and had to leave for the remainder of the first half. Coach McLaughlin says she is fine, but took a knee to her leg.

Highline is set to face Spo-

kane this weekend in the first round of the playoffs. Spokane beat Clark 2-1 in the quarterfinals. McLaughlin says he scouted Spokane a few weeks ago, and he has scouting reports from other teams in the league.

"I feel we have a very good chance of beating them on Saturday if we play our physical game and control the ball," said McLaughlin.

The T-Birds are hard at work preparing for the tournament this weekend.

"We are training at the new Starfire soccer complex at Fort Dent Park, the playing surface is Field Turf, just like Clover Park," said McLaughlin. "We are getting used the field and the players are really intense, working hard and challenging each other to make sure everyone is ready for two tough games this weekend."

Spokane finished second in the Northeast Division with a 10-2-4 record. Last season they lost in the quarterfinals, to Tacoma.



Highline's Lisa Groce races two Treasure Valley players for the ball.

Women's NWAACC soccer schedule

First round games

Highline 2, Treasure Valley 1
North Idaho 4, Clackamas 2 (OT)
Walla Walla 5, Green River 0
Spokane 2, Clark 1

Championships

NWAACC tournament
Nov. 15, Harry Lang Stadium, Lakewood
Walla Walla v. North Idaho, 3:30 p.m.
Highline v. Spokane, 6 p.m.
Nov. 16
Consolation round, 12:15 p.m.
Championship, 4:45 p.m.

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The Thunderword

Moore, Moore, Moore, for Highline soccer

Tom Moore redefines the phrase "all in a day's work."

The Faculty Resource Center, the P.E. department, the men's and women's soccer teams; in his day's work he's there to assist all of them. And he enjoys doing it all so much that he doesn't even like using the word "work" to describe it.

Moore starts out everyday at Highline as a P.E. instructor, teaching weight training at 8 a.m. In the 10-minute gap he has after class, he heads up to the sixth floor in the library to be an assistant in the Faculty Resource Center.

Moore then puts in three hours of work in the library, interacting with faculty members and helping in any way he can.

After work, he takes a bit of a break and eventually makes his way back down to the locker room for the start of men's soccer practice.

From 1 to 3, he's an assistant coach to his own former coach, Jason Prenevost. An intense two hours later, the rest of the team heads home while Moore sticks around for the women's team practice.

Moore (or "Blue" as the team calls him) is the assistant coach for the ladies team as well. My best guess is that the nickname most likely came from the color of his face by the time the women get ahold of him.

I personally would have been on oxygen after that climb to the top of the library, but eight hours of nonstop work after that,



I've got both feet in the grave.

"About once every three weeks I have a complete burn-out, where I just sleep for an entire day," Moore said, "but everyone is pretty understanding."

Understanding? I'm sure they are more amazed that it doesn't happen every other day.

But whatever it is Moore brings to the table, it seems to be working.

Just look at the teams he is coaching.

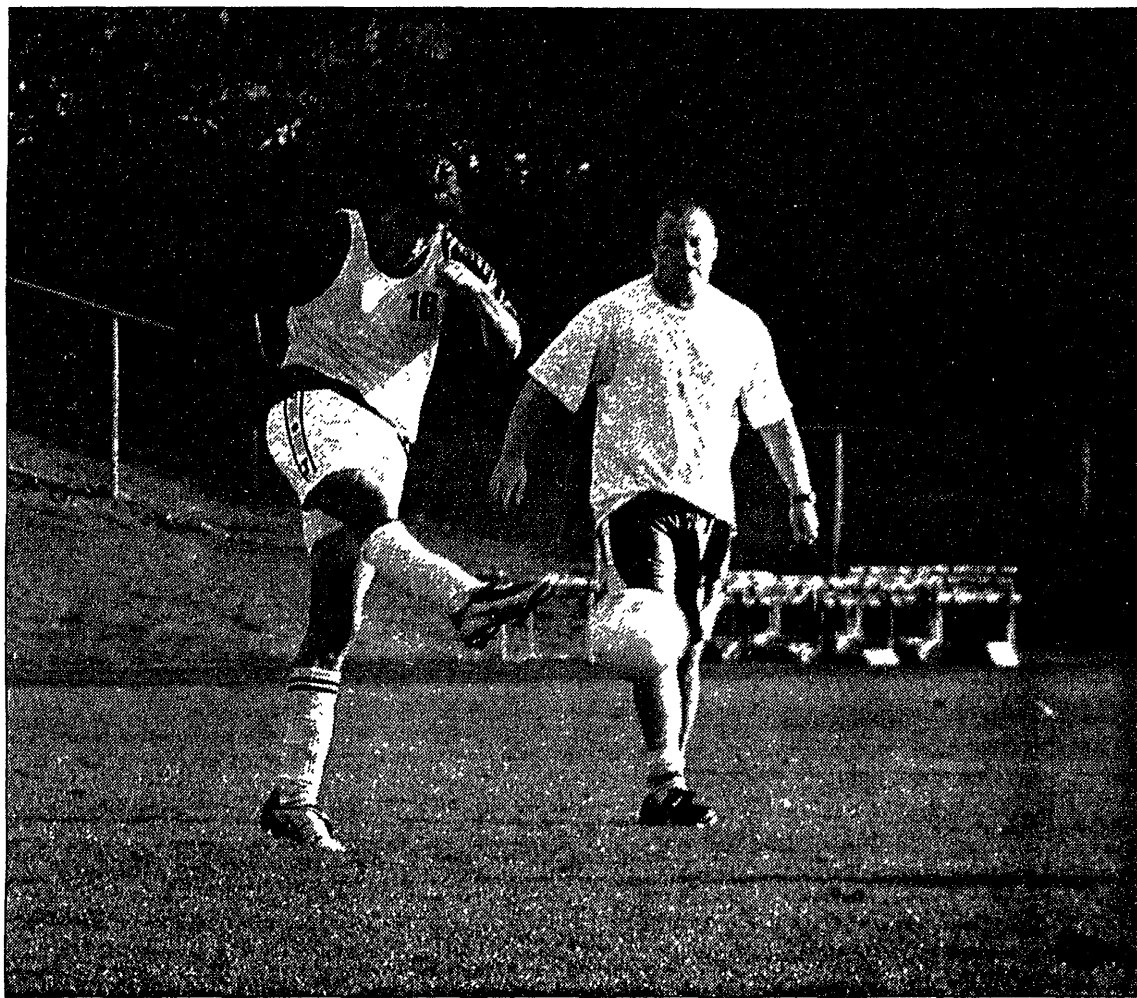
Both the men and women finished the regular season in first place, and are now heading to the semifinals as No. 1 seeds and the teams to beat.

Moore has the utmost amount of confidence that this weekend both his teams will be hoisting first place trophies over their heads.

And why shouldn't he? Moore seems to be a winner wherever he goes.

After a three-year off and on stint with the T-Birds in '92 and '95, Moore received a full-ride to Huntington College in Alabama.

While there, all he did was pick up an MVP and emerge as one of the top players in his



Assistant Coach Tom Moore works with freshman Travis Bailey.

PHOTO BY MELISSA FLESCH

college's five-state division.

After graduating, Moore coached at a local high school for three years.

While there, he apparently thought that winning the Alabama state title a couple times would be a good idea, so he went ahead and did that. Why not pick up two state coach of the year awards too? (Moore won the award both years his

team took state.)

Eventually, Moore made his way back to Highline, where he plans to stay for a while.

"It would have to be a pretty tempting offer to lead me away from Highline," Moore said. "A head coaching position may be in my future, but who knows?"

I'm sure no school in the area has noticed the resume this guy is building, and has absolutely

no interest in him anyway. But even if they were, none of it seems to matter to Moore.

"Taking a head-coaching job somewhere else would mean leaving behind the relationships that I've built and am still building here at Highline," Moore said. "That is something I'm not ready to do yet."

Dustin is a wiener everywhere he goes.

Wrestling starts season against national champion North Idaho

BY SHELBY LANCASTER
STAFF REPORTER

The Highline men's wrestling team started off their season with mixed results.

They lost to defending national champions North Idaho on Nov. 1. The final score was 37-9. However, the T-Birds claimed a win the next day against Yakima Valley, with a final score of 27-13. Individual results were unavailable at press time.

"Our guys wrestled extremely well," said Highline Head Coach Scott Norton.

However, wrestling a national champion can be a daunting task. Although they lost, Norton was still pleased with

their efforts.

"We came out a little slow; but against a national champion, we had our work cut out for us," said Norton.

Individually, Marcus Garthe

stole the show for Highline.

"Garthe wrestled the best out of both meets," said Norton.

However, he has complete confidence in the rest of his team.

"From top to bottom, our lineup was pretty tough," said Norton.

Next up for the T-Birds are a meet against Southwest Oregon in Coos Bay, Ore., on Nov. 15

and the Pacific University Open on Nov. 16 in Forest Grove, Ore. This meet will be a homecoming for Norton, as he received his master's degree at Pacific.

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T-Birds drown Gators, move to second Soccer

By NATHAN BRINK
STAFF REPORTER

The Highline women's volleyball team now stands at 10-3, tied for second place with Tacoma in the NWAACC's West Division.

Two games that will determine playoff seedings were played Wednesday, Nov. 12, however results were not available at press time. First, Highline's final regular season game was on the road against 6-7 Lower Columbia. With a win, the Lady T-Birds are guaranteed second place, either in a tie with Tacoma or as sole possessor.

Also, Tacoma traveled to Green River. Despite having a better record, this is no "gimme" for Tacoma, as they lost to Green River just four weeks ago.

"Before the season started, Tacoma drew a higher seed than Highline did," Head Coach John Littleman said. "If we tie for second place, Tacoma will win the tie-break, and we'll finish third. The third place team from the West will face the second place team from the North, which will be either Bellevue or Whatcom. The second place

team from the West will face third-place Edmonds."

The NWAACC Tournament will be held Friday, Nov. 21 through Sunday, Nov. 23 at Green River Community College in Auburn.

The Lady T-Birds defeated Green River (9-4) Friday, Nov. 7 at the Highline Thunderdome, 30-16, 30-18, and 34-32.

The third match was filled with unforced errors by both teams, and saw several lead changes before Highline eventually won.

"We did our best to give that third match away," Highline star Michelle Aurelio said. "They just didn't want to take it from us."

Aurelio had another big game with 17 kills- one so powerful it knocked a Green River player to the floor.

All went well for Highline two nights earlier, as they cruised past 3-10 Pierce, 30-23, 30-23, 28-30, and 30-22. Blythe Howard led the team with 10 kills. Meanwhile, Clark (11-1) defeated Tacoma (10-3), clinching first place in the West, and Green River handled Grays Harbor (1-11) to stay in the playoff picture.

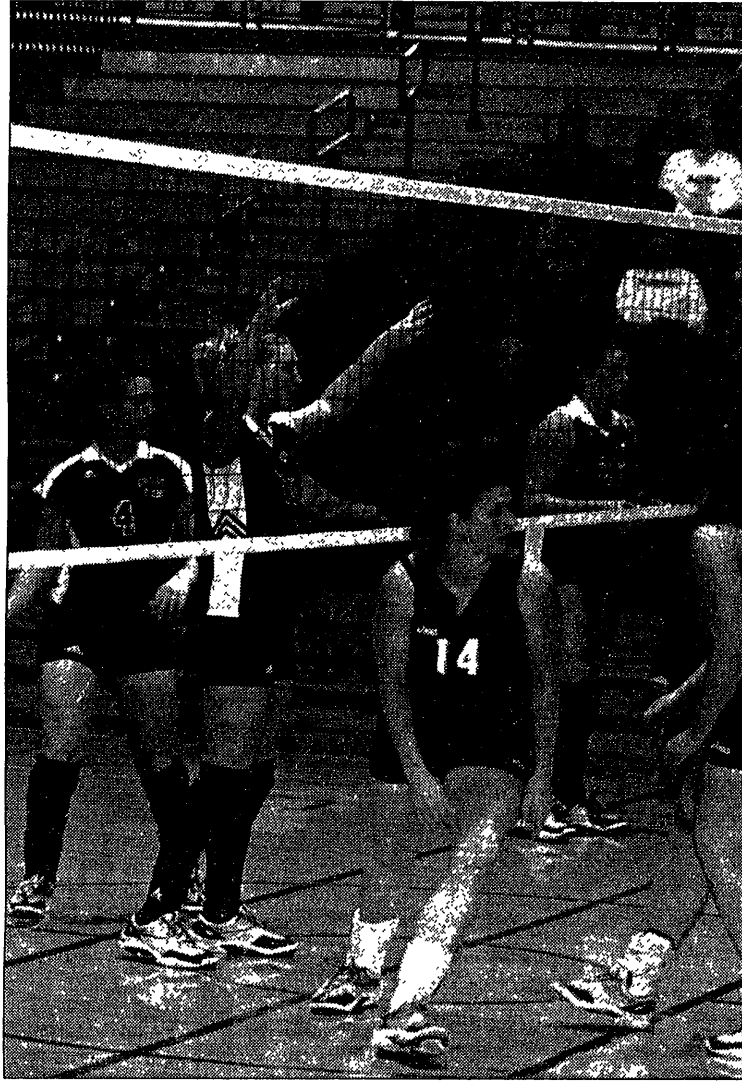


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Jennifer Patnode (front) directs traffic while teammate Khia Behrendt (back) responds accordingly.

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and our keeper (Zach Mourad) made the big save when it was needed," Prenovost said.

Prenovost says that in the playoffs every minute is important and the excitement lasts 90-plus minutes.

Skagit Valley beat South Puget Sound on Saturday, Nov. 8 in a 4-0 win to pull through and play Highline this Saturday.

Skagit Valley finished second in the Northeast Division with a record of 11-3-2.

North Idaho, in a surprising 3-2 win over Bellevue in overtime, will next play Edmonds, who beat Southwest Oregon 2-1.

Skagit Valley (14-4-4) and Highline (19-0-1) battle it out at Harry E. Lang Stadium in Lakewood on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 12:30 p.m. Edmonds (13-1-4) plays North Idaho (13-2-6) at 10:00 a.m.

After the unexpected death of Garrett Chase, a returning player for Skagit Valley, Prenovost expects the Cardinals to come out with a lot of intensity. Chase, 21 died on Monday at Skagit Valley Hospital, with the cause of death being unknown.

The game expects to be filled with much excitement and emotion from both sides of the field.

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Scoreboard

Men's Cross Country NWAACC Championships

Team Results:

Spokane 32, Clackamas 59, Highline 80, Treasure Valley 108, Clark 125, Mt. Hood 159, Lane 161, Bellevue 172, Skagit Valley 289, Everett incomplete, Sellkirk incomplete

Top 25 finishers:

1. Dylan Bailey (H) 25:16, 2. Mark Currell (Sp) 25:24, 3. Clay Hemlock (H) 25:30, 4. Patrick Chessar (Sp) 25:36, 5. John Butkey (Clis) 25:44, 6. Joe Kaufman (Sp) 25:46, 7. Josh Smith (TV) 25:55, 8. Andrew Fuller (Sp) 26:04, 9. Rowdy Sargeson (L) 26:12, 10. Isaac Guzman (Clis) 26:16, 11. Eli Nevarez (Clis) 26:20, 12. Rick Geissler (Sp) 26:23, 13. John Dean (Sp) 26:34, 14. Ben Yarbrough (Clir) 26:44, 15. Hipolito Gonzalez (Clis) 26:50, 16. Chris Sanchez (TV) 26:55, 17. Leif Kohler (B) 26:59.0, 18. Ira LaFontaine (Clis) 26:59.5, 19. Robert Bartholomew (H) 27:05, 20. Mike Ogwel (Sp) 27:07, 21. Sam Carter (MH) 27:11, 22. Ernie Paddock (Clir) 27:14, 23. Austin Bowles (Clir) 27:32, 24. Geoff Anderson (MH) 27:35, 25. Josh Frazier

(H) 27:38

Other Highline finishers:

39th-David Larpenteur (H) 28:31, 48th-Jess Lawson (H) 28:56

NWAACC Coach of the Year: Robert Yates (H).

Women's Cross Country NWAACC Championships

Team Results:

Clark 46, Clackamas 56, Lane 76, Highline 96, Spokane 109, Mt. Hood 158, Bellevue 161, Treasure Valley 207, Skagit Valley 238, Everett, incomplete

Top 25 finishers:

1. Amanda Kamm (H) 18:55, 2. Ashley Hadway (Sp) 19:01, 3. Katie Dye (Clir) 19:45, 4. Leslie Bartell (Clis) 19:53, 5. Heather Meler (Clir) 19:59, 6. Stephanie Carter (L) 20:07, 7. Katrina Schwertfeger (E) 20:10, 8. Lyndsey Bartell (Clis) 20:14, 9. Tiffany Passi (Clis) 20:19, 10. Sitges Marshall (H) 20:22, 11. Amy Craig (Clir) 20:28, 12. Erin Gerhardt (L) 20:30, 13. Ashley Adams (Clis) 20:31, 14. Shalene Fine (Clir) 20:36, 15. Morgan Hansen (B) 20:57, 16. Liz Jacobsen (Clir)

21:13, 17. Katie Nusbaum (L) 21:14, 18. Syrina Remillard (E) 21:29, 19. Bethany Lentz (Sp) 21:32, 20. Candice Austin (MH) 21:38, 21. Jami Jablonski (H) 21:44, 22. Brittany Grizzard (MH) 21:53, 23. Mary Chelone (L) 21:54, 24. Kristina Hrabel (L) 21:56, 25. Genevieve Fisher (Clir) 22:00

Other Highline finishers:

41st-Marlene Blackburn (H) 24:11, 54th-Leslie Campos (H) 26:10

NWAACC Coach of the Year: Erik Anderson (Clir).

Combined team totals:

Clackamas 115, Spokane 141, Clark 171, Highline 178, Treasure Valley 315, Mt. Hood 317, Lane 237, Bellevue 333, Skagit Valley 527

Men's Soccer Quarterfinal results

Highline 1, Walla Walla 0
North Idaho 3, Bellevue 2 OT
Edmonds 2, SW Oregon 1
Skagit Valley 4, South Puget 0

Women's Soccer Quarterfinal playoffs

Highline 2, Treasure Valley 1
N. Idaho 4, Clackamas 2 OT

Walla Walla 5, Green River 0
Spokane 2, Clark 1

Volleyball Standings

NORTH	W-L
Bellevue	10-1
Whatcom	10-1
Edmonds	8-4
Everett	5-6
Shoreline	4-7
Skagit Valley	2-9
Olympic	0-11

SOUTH	W-L
Clackamas	8-1
Mt. Hood	8-2
Chemeketa	4-5
Lane	4-5
SW Oregon	3-7
Linn-Benton	1-8

EAST	W-L
Columbia Basin	9-2
Yakima Valley	8-2
Spokane	9-3
Walla Walla	5-6
Treasure Valley	4-7
Big Bend	2-9
Blue Mountain	1-9

WEST	W-L
Clark	11-1
Highline	10-3
Tacoma	10-3
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New instructor eases speech students' fear

BY LAUREN HOWELL
STAFF REPORTER

Highline's newest speech professor, Shannon Scott, wants his students to know that he has been in their position before.

"In high school I had to take a speech and debate class to graduate. I had to overcome nervousness and it helps me know what my students are going through," said Scott.

Scott, a medium-built man with reddish-blond hair, green or blue eyes depending on what he wears, and a casual style, is not only a funny guy who keeps his students interested, but he also has big plans for the future.

Students say that Scott brings humor and personality into the classroom and his entertaining style of teaching makes class time enjoyable.

"He is a great teacher, you don't get bored because he keeps you alert. He is way better than most of the professors I've had," said Priya Devi, a Speech 100 student.

Even his colleagues think he's a delight.

"I think Shannon is great, he is a really bright individual. He has one of those unique personalities with a combination of really smart and at the same time socially and interpersonally connected," said Shannon Proctor, a speech professor at Highline.

Scott is looking into starting two new programs.

"One idea is to start a speech and debate team," Scott said.

Western Washington University, University of Puget Sound, and Seattle Pacific University are a few of the schools in this area that have teams.

"These schools are a few in the area that could host speech and debate tournaments," Scott said.

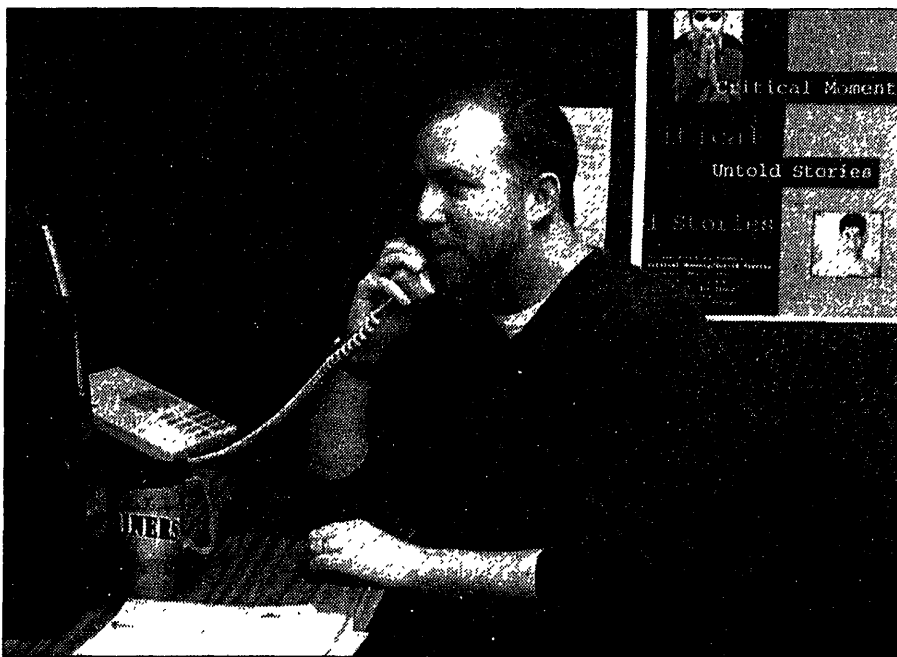


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Highline instructor Shannon Scott working in his office.

Scott is also working on a different kind of speech class.

"It's called a hybrid course which is partly online," Scott said.

"The students would come into class for the public speaking portion of class and they would do theory work online," said Scott.

Scott wants to work hard to integrate these two new ideas because he knows Highline is making big steps toward the future, and he is more than qualified to do so.

Scott said he is excited about the diverse environment here at Highline.

Scott grew up in North Dakota after moving at a young age from Lakenheath, England where he was born.

"I received a scholarship to go to school for speech and debate and when I got to college I placed third in a national tournament," said Scott.

Scott attended North Dakota State University and received his bachelor's degree in speech and French.

He then returned to get his

master's in speech with an emphasis in rhetoric and political communication.

From there Scott moved to Washington and attended the University of Washington and will receive his Ph.D. in the spring.

"A lot of people stop after their master's. For me it was really hard to decide to be a student for four more years... I'm glad that when I'm done, I'm done and I will be ready to start work," Scott said.

Some may wonder why Sh-

annon, after having so much higher education at four-year universities, would work at a community college, but he enjoys the atmosphere here at Highline and says there are only a few differences between us and a big school.

"People think that by going to a community college they are somehow getting only second best, but they are wrong," said Scott.

"There are only two differences between Highline and the University of

Washington and those are that we don't have a football team and that it's cheaper to go here," said Scott.

Scott enjoys the student programs and interaction between students.

"I am a better teacher having taught here," said Scott. "I've never had such a good relationship with my students and the support sources for the students."

"For example when I have a student now that has a learning disability, I am involved with

that student every step of the way, getting them help at the tutoring center or helping them find a conversation pal," said Scott.

"I've never been as aware of or connected with these things that help me help students," Scott said.

Another thing that Scott really enjoys about this campus is its diversity and how it has shaped him as a teacher.

"Highline is diverse, and it knows it is diverse and that is what forces me to learn how to teach better by finding ways to relate to each student," said Scott.

The diversity at Highline may be the thing that makes Scott a better teacher but he also considers it an obstacle.

"One main problem as a teacher is figuring out how to reach every type of student. When I first taught at North Dakota State University all of my students were the same; I was teaching to people just like me, who would relate to any example that I gave," Scott said.

"But now I have to work on pulling examples from my students here at Highline to relate to other students."

Scott agrees that the diversity is what keeps teaching at Highline interesting.

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Braxton shares past, holds hope for future

By TAUREAN DAVIS
STAFF REPORTER

To overcome turmoil, a community needs spirit and unity says Reverend Dr. Leslie David Braxton. He visited Highline on Thursday, Nov. 6 to speak to students attending Jean Harris' African American Experience class.

Building such a community isn't easy and never has been. For example, consider the history of African-Americans. Braxton said religion and faith provided a new framework for social cohesion and community-building for Africans in the new world. He believes the key to the future lies in knowing the past. He sums up his reasons pretty well. "If you don't know your history, you're a sucker for repeating it," said Braxton.

With a powerful but good-natured persona, he lectured,

using the past as part of his theme. He takes the students back in time to the era where America was just a new world and settlers have just arrived from Europe in the 1700s. Chattel slavery came along with them in the form of African Americans.

Ripped away from home and forced into bondage, African-Americans had to deal with the insanity of the changes and prejudices. But during this time of unfairness, Braxton says that faith gave African Americans the backbone and heart to pull together. It was necessary in order to survive.

Given the right to pray by their masters, the African American community evolved to having their own preachers and from there, history was in the making.

From the slave revolts of the early 1800s to the Civil Rights

movement of the 1960s, the African American clergy have always assisted in matters to help others struggling to make a living. All in all, they worked to make positive changes in the community as a whole, said Braxton.

With the past behind but still in mind, Braxton joins the fray intending to change things for the better.

"We've (the African American community) definitely made progress," said Braxton. However, he feels nowadays that people (of any ethnicity) need to regroup and rediscover their identity as a group.

Braxton's personal journey started at the University of



Braxton

Puget Sound. Braxton had ties to the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (as a football player). However, his training as a pastor came from his home church, the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Tacoma.

Despite interests leaning toward law or teaching, Braxton said he felt a calling steering him toward the church. He describes it as not a choice he made but a choice that made him. Now Braxton is the pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist church in Seattle.

From his experience, Braxton said (in life) there is always a fight and a battle involved. Change is something that must be demanded by the oppressed in society in order to make things better. Giving the oppressed guidance is his specialty.

One battle is against gang-

related behavior. Braxton disapproves of gangs and the music-makers promoting the behavior. He said that distrust between people (gangs) pushes the ideals of a united community farther and farther away.

In response to this, Braxton advises good judgment and a stand of morals. "You gotta believe something or you're open to everything." He worries that people are easily swayed by the destructive behavior. By taking time to talk to the students, Braxton wants each of the students of Highline find their own calling as he found his with the church. He prays "...for each one of them to identify their gifts, match them with their interests, and develop a sense of calling and purpose in life."

Braxton said the best thing to do is to prepare for the purpose, pursue that purpose, and achieve that purpose.

Team Highline and Trailblazers ignite fight for salmon safety

By RACHEL SCANLON
STAFF REPORTER

Team Highline and the Trailblazers Club need your help to save Washington state's salmon population and have a lot of fun in the process. On Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., these two organizations will be sponsoring a tree planting at Issaquah Creek.

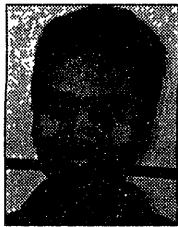
The Trailblazers Club is a Bellevue based organization dedicated to "volkssport" (a people's sport, non-competitive and includes walking, swimming, biking, snow shoeing and

occasionally, roller-skating), which has been around since 1986.

"Everyone is welcome to come," said Team Highline member Hai Ton.

There are 26 distinct population segments of Pacific salmon and sea run trout, all of which are listed as either endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

Since 1999, \$26 million has been spent to help restore the



Ton

salmon in Washington state. Scientists believe that urban runoff is a leading cause of salmon death in Washington, so extensive projects to clean streams and watersheds are currently underway. However, there are things ordinary citizens can do.

Planting trees helps the salmon population by providing shade, keeping the water cool, and providing bank stability, all of which are important for healthy fish.

Transportation will be provided for the outing; volunteers should meet in front of Building

6 at 7:45 a.m.

For those who wish to drive themselves, the address of Issaquah Creek is 1730 10th Ave. NW, Issaquah 98027.

To sign up for the tree planting, contact Hai Ton via email at hton@highline.edu or by phone at 206-878-3710 ext. 3903.

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Barriers evident in empty workshop

By **ELIZABETH KEPHART**
STAFF REPORTER

The biggest barrier for disabled students may be raising the awareness of others on campus.

Carol Jones, director of Access Services, is working to raise the awareness of breaking down the barriers of education for disabled students.

Jones held a "No Barriers" workshop on Thursday, Nov. 6. No one showed up, but she was not discouraged.

"It is important for people on campus to understand disability barriers so that they can help remove them," said Jones. "Educating the campus community about disabilities helps people to better understand and appreciate people with disabilities."

One of Jones's jobs is to make sure disabled students can get around campus. For a student in a wheelchair, getting around campus can be a hard task. The hardest part is when a student in a wheelchair doesn't know what their route is to get to their classes, Jones said.

Highline also has to make sure the toilets are big enough. Jones said that while most are, some aren't.

Many of the buildings are accessible by elevator for students in wheelchairs, with the exception of Building 9. In order to get upstairs, you have to use the steps.

Instructors at Highline should also make sure that everything is accessible to disabled students. For example, if a student is blind and the instructor needs to show a video, Jones said.

"There are two totally blind students at Highline and they use Jaws," said Jones. Jaws is a

software that reads the screen of a computer out loud.

Highline also offers voice recognition software for students who can't use their hands. It works like a keyboard only it types everything you say, Jones said.

Students who are disabled may also feel isolated.

"People with disabilities sometimes have isolation issues and sometimes may not interact as often with their peers. Some of that might be due to transportation for people in wheelchairs," Jones said.

Highline offers a club for deaf students so that deaf students can get together. It encourages the hearing impaired to be involved in student activities, said Jones.

A student may also have a mental disability including behavioral problems, which can also affect relations with others, Jones said.

Many learning disabilities can affect the way a student learns.

"Some have difficulty with language processing tasks such as decoding words, reading comprehension, or composing written materials," Jones said. "Others may have a learning disability in math computation or math reasoning."

A student with a learning disability may need another student to take notes for them or need extended time for testing.

"It is important for people with disabilities to understand their own needs and create strategies to help themselves be more successful," Jones said.



Jones

Transfer Fair continues in Building 2



PHOTO BY JANIE LARSON

Bella Akopova and Meri Escandon at Transfer Fair Wednesday morning. Transfer Fair continues today with event scheduled in Building 2.

Elections

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still waiting to fully disclose what happened because they don't want to give out any wrong information and they don't have all of the information yet anyway.

The candidates have strong feelings about this fraudulent occurrence, but at least eight out of nine of them are still running.

"I'm disappointed in the whole Student Government office. I don't think this is rocket-science, or a lot of data to crunch. It's not like it was the presidential election," said candidate Christopher Monfort.

"I'm mad because I spent close to 10 hours for the first election, and that's a lot," said candidate Mark Thomas.

Thomas says he will be

handing out flyers and candy this time too.

Candidate Stephanie Raghubeer said she's irritated and frustrated.

"I'm definitely going to re-campaign, with flyers and announcements. I'm going to do more talking to people, and less handing out cookies," said Raghubeer.

"It's frustrating that someone would go to these links to poison this election," said candidate Eddie Dha.

He said he's going to do more talking and campaigning, and work harder to get people to vote.

Dha wants the student body to know that their vote is going to count this time.

Candidate Joe Tran said he's upset, and wants to see the results of the recent election had it stood.

"I think whoever had all the fraudulent votes should not be eligible," said Tran. Tran also said he will be doing more cam-

paigning than before.

Candidate Tina Higashi said she's very frustrated.

"I spent so much time on the first election. I'm going to do near as much this time because I still care about making a difference (at Highline)," said Higashi. She said she'll be handing out flyers, putting up posters again, and talking to different and more people.

Higashi had some voting advice as well.

"I want people to read the bios, and choose from that. When you go to vote, you can click on the names to read them. I want this to be an informed election, not just a popular one," Higashi said.

Vice President of Legislation Michelle Kolpack would like to encourage students to vote.

"We've already taken a lot of time, and we're all in this together," said Kolpack.

Kolpack said, it's in the students' best interest to vote; it's their right to be heard.

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Cafeteria

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things had changed only to find there was old dried food in the grooves of the tables like jam, crumbs, and dried food. So I asked the employees in here again whose responsibility was it to clean these tables because they are filthy and once again they told me it was the janitors' job."

"I decided at this point to contact the Health Department and I called them every time I had to bring the same issues to the cafeteria staff attention and I still haven't received a call back from them either," said Seissen.

Seissen has written a formal letter to the cafeteria staff and college administration.

"I am so tired of this and I will never eat here again," she said. "I think it is the responsibility of the students to clean up their own mess but it is the responsibility of the cafeteria staff to make sure that the people who come here have clean area to eat.

"They are in charge of the food and when they serve food

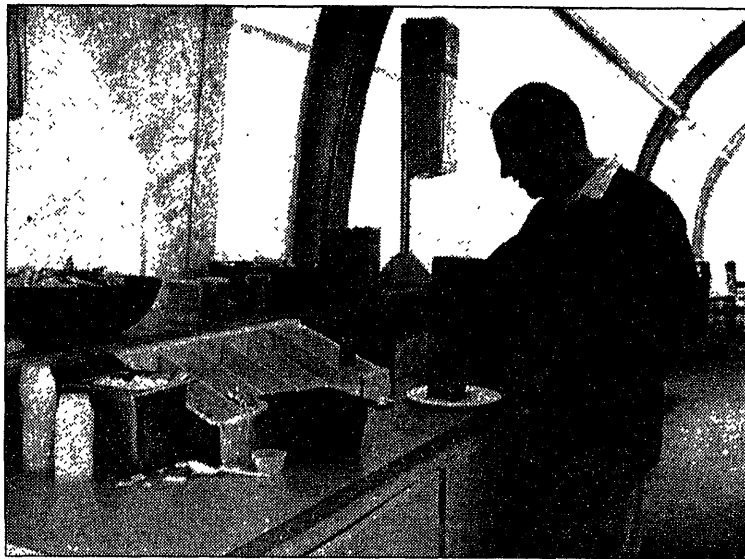


PHOTO BY JANIE LARSON

Highline student Derek Zimmerman gets some condiments for his food in the cafeteria.

to us students and we have to go eat in a dirty area, that is unacceptable."

"Prisoners don't even have to deal with issues like this," Seissen said.

Casual examination of the cafeteria reveals quite a mess on the tables on some days, less on others. Students who use the cafeteria expressed differing opinions on the state of the facility, however.

Melanie Hudson, a Medical Assisting student, had few complaints.

"I think they have done a excellent job with what they have to work with while waiting for the new building to be completed," said Hudson.

"I don't see anything wrong with it," she said. "I like coming here. The service is always friendly and quick and I think the prices are reasonable. I think it is a real good deal and every time I have ever been here it is always pretty neat. I just think they could do a better job with swabbing the tables but, other then that the cafeteria is

pretty nice."

Nathan Lonboy, a future RN, had more complaints about food than cleanliness.

"I have never had a problem with the cafeteria. It has pretty much been clean," he said. "They could work on the breakfast sandwiches, making sure they are a lot hotter, but other then that I am OK with the way it is run."

Student Jeff Leasnett said there's room for improvement.

"I think the service is pretty good-things could always be better," said Leasnett.

"We could use more room, bigger and we could use a little air conditioning in here sometimes it is not clean in here at times but it's kind of hard to clean when everyone has their stuff all over the place but at the same time the students should cleanup behind themselves but not be held accountable for make sure the cafeteria is kept clean. That's the job of the staff."

Dennis Hayes, director of food services, said students can help.

"This was brought to my attention yesterday and obviously it would be great if I could get the students to contribute a little bit and clean up their areas and

take care of it the way they would take care of their homes," Hayes said.

"I understand that isn't always going to happen that way so last night I stayed and spoke with the janitor and demonstrated what I would like to see by keeping the tables clear, especially the food in the cracks," he said. "This morning when I came in it was a lot better but we are still working on it."

Hayes encouraged feedback from the campus on the cafeteria.

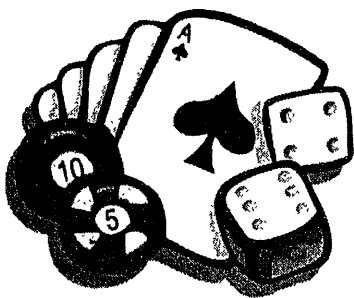
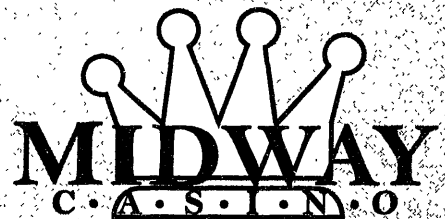
"No one has ever come up to me and said I would like to see this or that," he said.

"I want to encourage people to come and talk to me. I am here on the floor a lot and I always happy to help with any problems or question. I can't state it enough to the students to come talk to me."

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Karaoke Friday Nite

Poker Room Now Open

Texas Hold-em

