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By Martha Molina and Jacob Foyston
STAFF REPORTERS

Smoking concerns ignite restrictions on smoking

Smokers can no longer get a quick drag between classes, unless they want to go to one of six new designated smokers areas.

The smoking areas are located between buildings 17 and 30 at the north edge of campus; on the Thunderwalk at the south edge of Building 19; east of the Cafeteria tent between buildings 3 and 5; at the northwest corner of Building 9; between buildings 25 and 26; and near the Pavilion.

Under the policy, students are supposed to smoke only in the designated areas. Ashtrays already have been removed from the rest of campus, although college officials say they will pursue a "soft" enforcement of the new policy, at least to start.

Covers for the designated areas eventually will be built, and the policy is expected to be in full force by the start of Fall Quarter 2004.

Students expressed mixed reaction to the new policy, with some saying they favored it while others promised to ignore it.

It was students, however, who pushed for the new policy, beginning with Student Government officials who began to pursue a smoking ban beginning in 2002. They initially pushed for a total smoking ban, which was eventually modified to the current restrictions.

College officials eventually agreed that this was the right move, following the lead of other area colleges including Bellevue and Pierce. The policy reads,

in part, "Highline Community College supports the health and well being of all campus community members. For this reason, smoking is prohibited on the campuses of Highline Community College, except in designated smoking areas."

Campus Security will not be writing tickets for smokers. Violators will be disciplined according to the Student Rights and Responsibilities Code. Disciplinary action in the code starts with verbal warnings, working all the way to suspension and dismissal from Highline.

A committee has been assigned to develop an information campaign to publicize the new policy. Signs are expected to be posted to inform students of the designated smoking areas.

Some students said they support the ban.

"I believe it's a good idea," said student Meredith Thomason, who is a smoker. "I feel bad, and it's not right for them to breathe our smoke, when they don't smoke."

Non-smoking students such as Khalid Abdilahi are glad that there is now a policy that will restrict smokers to designated areas. He said that he is tired of walking into smoke, when he chooses not to be a smoker.

Abdilahi also said that six designated areas are still too many. Thomason said that if there were a few more, there is a greater chance of students following this policy.

Vice-President of Administration Laura Saunders said that the number of designated stations will change depending on students' reactions.

Saunders said she believes that students will most be cooperative with this new policy. "Next to the alternative (a total ban), I believe most of everyone will cooperate," said Saunders.

But some students say they do not care for the policy at all, and say they will refuse to follow it. One smoker, who chose to remain anonymous said, "I will smoke in all areas, no matter what." As he walked off he told his friends that he wouldn't follow this policy, and did not

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Photo by Kyle Drosdick

Hongkon Park takes a cigarette between classes.



Lack of windows delays opening of Student Union

By Sara Loken
STAFF REPORTER

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The Student Union will not be available for students come Fall Quarter.

The windows needed to complete the exterior of the building were ordered in January but the first batch isn't scheduled to arrive until April 23, and the last batch won't come until the middle of May.

Originally scheduled for a summer completion and an opening for fall quarter, the new Student Union will cost \$13-15 million and will be 45,000 square feet.

Dates for the opening now range from completion by the end of November to the start of Winter Quarter.

"We are disappointed that we won't be able to begin Fall Quarter in the new building but we are looking forward to the completion of this new facility, which will be a wonderful addition to the campus," said Laura Saunders, vice president of administration.

The windows account for one-third of the building's exterior, thus workers are unable to start work on the interior of the building.

"The building was designed around the windows. They're a major part of the whole process," said Mike McDonald, superintendent of the Student Union for Lumpkin General Contractors.

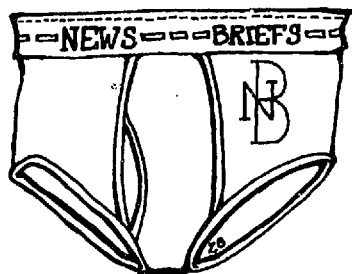
The windows used on the site are the same windows found on the outside of most grocery stores, said McDonald. Any metal stud seen will probably have windows over it.

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Photo by Chuck Cortes

Construction workers look at a space where a window will be in the new Student Building.



Supervisors vote for Student Employee of the Year

Supervisors of Highline employees will get to vote for Student Employee of the year.

For the Student to be eligible, they must have worked in your department for one quarter in their present position and be in active student status in May. All students nominated will be mailed a certificate. The winner will be recognized at a Student Leadership Award Ceremony in May, as well as a plaque and a gift certificate from the bookstore. Nominations are due April 16.

For more information and requirements, contact, Erik Tinglestad at 206-878-3710, ext. 3599.

Botany class having plant sale

Gary Barclay's spring botany class is having a plant sale on May 14. Plants, flowers, herbs and vegetables of all kinds will be for sale. The event will be held in front of the large greenhouse next to Building 6.

Information technology job seminar comes to Highline

One of the Puget Sound's top information technology specialists will be at Highline on Tuesday, April 20 at 3 p.m.

The seminar is aimed to help inform people about job market trends in the Puget Sound. There will be a special emphasis on upcoming jobs that will soon be available and the skills needed to be hired. The seminar is open to the public. For more information contact Ron Davidson at 206-878-3710, ext. 6035 or Sherry Reichert at ext. 3146.

Student Government looking for a student to lead the commencement ceremony in June

Student Government is searching for a person with good grades and a fearless stage presence to lead the commencement ceremony in June. Student Government is down to the wire on finding a potential candidate. Applications are due Friday, April 16. For further information contact the Student Government President Kolest Moore at 206-878-3710, ext. 3215.

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Team Highline looking for five new members

By Jacobah Watkins

STAFF REPORTER

Team Highline is looking for five students interested in becoming part of Highline's leadership and events planning team.

Members will be responsible for executing a variety of social, educational and cultural events.

"It's more than just a job, it's an experience," said Hai Ton, 2003-04 Team Highline member. Team Highline gives students the opportunity to enhance their leadership skill, add to their resume and earn money. Applicants will be considered for the 2004-05 school year.

The ideal student they're looking for "is very people oriented and that likes working on a team and also interested in developing their leadership skills," said Natasha Burrowes, multicultural and student programs advisor.

Team Highline members are expected to work 30 hours per week during summer training and 15 hours per week during the school year. Also, they must be able to balance their commitment to classes and Team Highline.

During the year members are required to have a class load of eight-credit minimum and a 2.5 GPA. Second jobs are strongly discouraged because of the commitment that is involved in working for Team Highline.

To help Team Highline's members become essentials student leaders and productive events planners, several training sessions are required that will start as soon as August.

Training includes several summer leadership workshops and

planning for the year's events.

Leadership conference is the second week of training members will participate in a statewide conference including other student leaders from other Washington state community colleges.

Winter Leadership Retreat is a two-day overnight retreat at a local campsite. Student Government and club leaders will also join together. This time will be spent on looking back on the positive and negative aspects then plan for the remainder of the year.

First Friday Institute is the first Friday of each month (2-4 p.m.) workshops will be offered on campus. Public speaking, conflict resolution and philosophy of leadership will be some of the topics of the workshops. Team Highline members are required to attend the year round professional leadership skills building program.

The experiences that Team Highline members leave with are beneficial for college and work environments, many students find that the skills that they learned are applicable and valuable in any life situation, said Burrowes.

Members will work on their trouble shooting, organization, team building, time management and goal setting skills.

Applications are available in Student Programs Office, Building 16 and due by May 7, 2004 at 5 p.m. When you submit your application your will be asked to schedule an interview. The interviews will be held on May 17, 18, 19.

For more information contact Burrowes in Student Programs at 206-878-3710, ext. 3256 or e-mail at nburrowe@highline.edu.

Hard at work

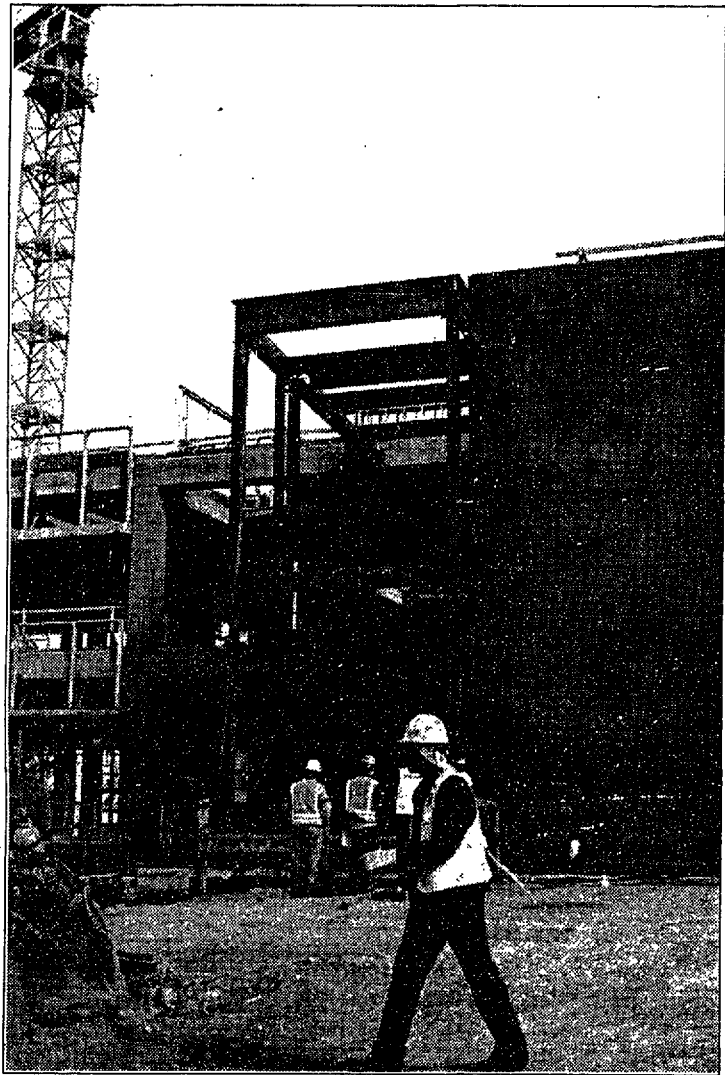


Photo by Chuck Cortes

The Highline-Central Washington University Higher Education Center continues to take shape on the south edge of campus. The 80,000-square-foot building is expected to cost \$30 million and be open by fall 2005. Central Washington will move its satellite campus from the old Glacier High School in SeaTac to Highline, and the two schools will share the building. Central offers a number of degree programs at the SeaTac campus, including general studies, business, accounting, education, law and justice, as well as master's programs in accounting, teaching and engineering technology. Mortenson Construction is the general contractor for the project, which began last summer. Highline will move a number of classes into the new building. When completed, some parking will be restored in the south lot that currently is needed by the contractors. The building is on the site of Highline's old pool, which burned down in late 2002.

CRIME BLOTTER

March 12-April 8

Staff member takes a fall

A Highline faculty member was injured when they tripped and fell in Building 9 on March 12. The professor was injured in the left ankle and lower back. The victim declined medical attention, and said he would see a personal physician.

Drunk man threatens suicide

Campus Security found an intoxicated transient near the Highline campus. The transient was repeatedly yelling, "I'm gonna kill myself." Des Moines and Kent Police were notified; no further information was available.

Finals week produces incidents

A CD player was stolen out of a visitor's car on March 14.

The car was broken into in east lot late that afternoon.

In another occurrence during finals week a Honda Civic was broken into. Although nothing was stolen it the Kent Police Department took 15 minutes to respond.

In a third incident of finals week fun, a faculty member reported a hit and run on Monday during spring break. The car was hit in the east parking lot by an unknown assailant. It was reported at 2:30 p.m.

Paper jam plagues PE lockerrooms

Someone is apparently trying to get into the PE lockerrooms near the Pavilion. On several occasions, someone has jammed a door open with paper. On Saturday, March 20 at 12:44 a.m. The doors on the eastside were discovered open with paper jammed in the latches for the fourth time. PE facilities staff report no break-ins, however.

Students turn parking lot into demolition derby

Two students backed into each other on Monday, March 15. Both vehicles sustained substantial damage.

Low enrollment makes for tight S&A Budget

By Danny Bergman
STAFF REPORTER

Student funded programs won't see their budgets grow this year. With enrollment down the Services and Activities (S&A) Committee is cutting back on program budget increases. Last spring 3,542 full-time equivalent students were enrolled at Highline whereas now only 3,474 FTES are enrolled.

The S&A budget, which is compiled from roughly 10 percent of students tuition fees, is used to support non-academic programs around the campus.

"Our programs are safe from being cut, but growth to the new and existing programs may be limited

compared to previous years," said Jonathan Brown, associate dean of Student Programs.

Last year's budget was \$1,305,808 compared to this year's requested \$1,511,671. The committee has been collecting data for the past two months on the requested amounts.

The low enrollment doesn't come as a shock to the committee. "We anticipated this shortfall of enrollment due to the trends," said Brown.

The committee has different methods of following trends for enrollment to be prepared for when it drops.

High school graduates, Running Start students, and past enrollment figures are just a few of the things that help the committee calculate

future enrollment figures.

"It's not a complete surprise when we have low enrollment," said Brown.

In wake of an emergency or low enrollment, the committee has two fail-safe funds: The student fund balance, which is made up of 20 percent of last year's annual S&A revenue. 2nd the annual contingency fund, made up of 5 percent of the annual revenue.

If need be, the contingency fund would be used before the student fund balance, due to the need for the student fund incase of an emergency.

As of now, there is \$132,000 in the annual contingency fund, which is much higher than the \$42,000 required amount.

"We've had a steady growth in

our S & A revenue over the past seven years," said Brown.

This has allowed the committee to save up and be prepared for times like these when enrollment is down.

If necessary the committee could pull funding from the contingency fund but since the enrollment decrease isn't huge the committee isn't resorting to pulling any money out

An increase in budget requests from new and existing programs has put a strain on the committee to figure out who will get what. These programs will most likely not see an increase in funding.

"Last year we had 17 programs and this year we have to budget for 37 clubs, so we had to dip into the contingency fund to support

these programs," said Brown.

The increase in programs makes for more work for the committee. The decisions are made after a thorough process of sorting through all the requests. The committee will begin filtering through all of the requests from program wanting more money today. This is also the last chance for programs to state their case as to why they need more money.

"The committee spends two months collecting information before we make any decisions on the budget," said Brown.

The committee will meet next Thursday to begin deliberations about what programs will receive in Building 19, room 108 at 2 p.m. The meetings are open to students.

Spring classes, parking remain crowded

By David Larpenteur
STAFF REPORTER

Enrollment at Highline is down from the winter but up from last spring, so students find themselves crowded at the beginning of spring classes.

Many have been having trouble parking, standing in long registration payment lines and finding desks in full classes.

As of Thursday, April 1, Highline's head count is 8,023, which is down from 8,669 people in the winter but up from 7,788 students at this time last spring.

Enrollment is probably going to be a little down from Winter Quarter, said Joanne Jordan, registration secretary. This is just the start of late registration so more people will continue to register.

Last spring's headcount was at 9,505 at the end of spring, said Jordan.

Even though registration is a little down, some classes are too full.

"It's hard to write when you have to sit on the floor," said Angela Nelson.

Her math class has had at least six students either standing or sitting on the floor this first week of

the quarter. The class should be moved to a larger classroom soon, she said.

Seventy-seven percent of the students enrolled in Winter 2004 are enrolled this spring and 65 percent of students registered in Fall 2003 are still attending classes here at Highline.

Highline has a large range of enrolled students.

There are 688 running start students, 209 international students and 474 worker retraining students. Seventy-three percent of the students are high school graduates or have earned their GED and 47 percent attend full time (12 or more credits).

Parking continues to be a problem and is affecting those attending Highline.

"After 8 in the morning it is hard to find a spot," said Grace Lee, a major in social welfare.

Students are regularly arriving late to class because of the shortage of parking.

"I arrive to school at 9 in the morning when I have a class at 10 just to get a spot," said Angela Nelson, who is pursuing her AA transfer degree.

Nelson said the forced closure of the Midway parking lot to build a

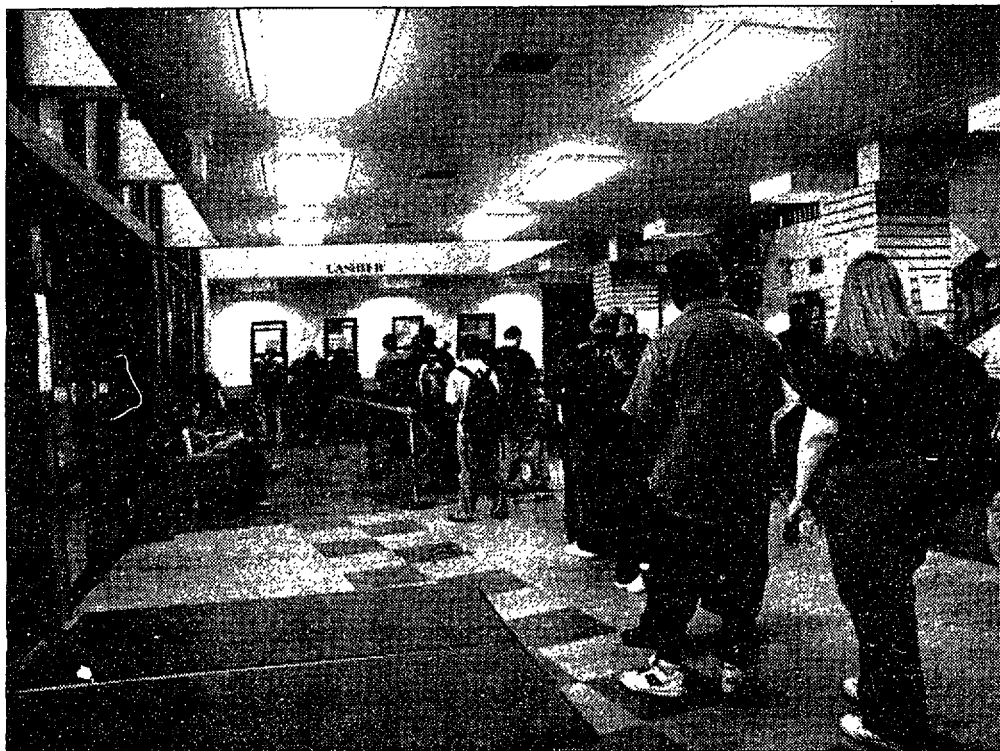


Photo by Chuck Cortes

Students line up to pay tuition last week in Building 6.

the long lines for registration in Building 6.

"The long lines are frustrating," said Daniel Cavheiro, an international student.

"It makes it tough to start out a new quarter this way."

Sev-

eral students also said that there should be more than one window open for the registration tuition payment line.

There are challenges at Highline early this quarter and the students are doing their best to work through them.

Lowe's store is only going to make the problem much worst and carpooling is defiantly going to be more of an incentive. The school does sell reduced parking passes for those who carpool.

Reniva Reiser, an education major, said she is taking classes in the evening and parking is no trouble at that time, but she is happy to be able to avoid the problem.

Students also have to deal with

Being nice to others can pay off in different ways

For many students, school seems to have become a daily grind. Everyday you do the same thing; you wake up, get dressed, then head out. Some days are good and some are bad but mostly they stay the same, just OK.

But every now and then you see something that just makes you feel good.

Last week as I was going home I encountered the most genuinely caring act of affection I have ever seen. Not in the usually sense, as is seen in where you see two high schoolers making out on the door of your next class, but a true act of affection, where one person genu-



inely was nice to the person not out of sheer pity but for the sheer sake of being nice.

As I entered the bus I sat in my usual spot, the one that does not smell of urine or alcohol. As I sat I noticed a man in a motorized wheelchair. The man looked to be

about mid-20s, and seemed to be suffering from a mental disorder.

The sad look on the man's face immediately made you feel sorry for him and the other passengers looked at the disabled man with great worry. Soon after sitting, the driver of the bus started talking to the disabled man and the bus soon was filled with a loud bellowing laugh that made you smile as well.

Not much later the disabled man exited the bus and went on his way. It occurred to me later that the bus driver did not have to do what he did, or even talk to the man at all. Mostly Metro bus drivers don't say a thing and just stare

off into space. But to see that kindness is very uplifting. I know I sound like a sap but it is seeing moments like that, that make your day better.

Ever notice the smile on someone's face after a nice thing has happened to them? They look like they could fly to the moon and back. "When you see someone being nice to someone else it just makes you say 'oh!'," said another student.

It's the unexpected flowers you receive from that special someone for no particular reason—the gift that you receive just because—that makes the day just that much

better. For a lot people this just seems to be a mundane and trivial part of life but I believe that for those lucky enough to receive the gift of a good deed, it resonates with them long after.

"Being nice to people just makes you feel better after wards," said one Highline student.

Many people, I believe, think that there is no such thing as a selfless deed.

"People just do things for themselves," I heard a person once say.

That may be true, that people do things that benefit them, but that just makes the good deed that much more special. If it only happens a few times, when it does happen it is a special thing.

Opinion



My turn to whine

I've never much liked the first day of classes and for me as a financial aid student it's dreadful.

Everything from trying to find a spot to park my Buick Skylark with the broken rear window and the drooping interior to standing in a line after class to get a signature from the professor to get your financial aid award so you can mentally prepare yourself to get your required text from the bookstore.

Take a suggestion from me and plan ahead. Buy all your school supplies early, like your parking pass, and not to forget, first dibs on the elusive used textbooks.

But wait! What about me the lowly financial aid students who lives on my own, I have to pay rent each month, not to mention food, power, and phone bills?

Yeah I think now maybe I'll try and save and prepare for this college thing each quarter. Who am I kidding? I couldn't even save my milk money from the first grade.

I enjoy an occasional beverage every once in a while. If I start saving my pennies now, how can I afford to go out and socially educate myself every night?

So financial aid students, let me tell you what I think we should do for next quarter.

Exactly what I did this quarter, sit idle while students not on financial aid breeze through, especially the ones with the BMWs and Mercedes Benzs at given to them at age ten get first choice on the lovely used textbooks.

Now lets examine this for a minute or two.

I can barely afford to survive on my own, and going to school to educate myself takes time away from work.

Those luscious used books should be left aside for me and the students who could actually benefit from not paying the full outlandish price for some textbook that you will get used for a quarter only to find out that they won't buy it back cause its outdated.

Should we stand with our hands in our pockets while the massive herds of students devour the used books?

Or, should we wait until little Timmy with his BMW that mommy and daddy bought come swoop in with his bundle full of cash and buy the used books?

Its bad enough that all the used books are gone after we finish the fist day of class, we're forced to remember to get signatures and wait in anticipation in line that resembles a some lame Beatles concert only to have some lady tell you that your financial aid check isn't here.

Sit down children and take a suggestion from me, if you're one of the lucky ones who's financial aid check made it through the gauntlet of paper work.

Take that money and spend it elsewhere.

If Highline continues to allow used books to be bought by students not on financial aid, so be it. Buy your books online, travel to other colleges to find your specific text.

Lets show them how resourceful us financial aid students can be. Why not? We've been doing it all our life, why stop now.

Yes, I agree I'm not seeing the big picture regarding financial aid and its process and why things are the way they are.

Tell you what I'm going to do, I'm going to tighten up the belt and start pinching pennies and cut back on buying pointless items.

I must leave you now, I have to go to the record shop and buy the new Cradle of Filth album.



EDITORIAL

More security will ease parking issues

Highline will need more security officers to deal with the upcoming parking crunch.

Parking on campus had been a problem for years. Unfortunately, it took the loss of Midway for Highline to really consider doing something about the lack of on-campus parking.

Lowe's plans to break ground on the Midway site this August, which will cost Highline 1,000 parking spaces, which is a dramatic loss considering students have trouble finding parking on campus now.

The college doesn't have enough security officers to patrol the lots as it is. Car thefts and break-ins are common, and students regularly fail to buy parking permits because you can park on campus for months at a time and not get ticketed. Some students claim to have gone entire quarters without permits. Clearly, the honor system the college relies on now is not working.

By hiring more security officers Highline may be able to enforce the parking rules as they are, and will help address the inevitable crunch come fall.

For example, what if the college decides to raise permit fees to help pay for the rumored parking garage? At some point the college will have to consider this. Highline can't just raise tuition, since that wouldn't be fair to the people who don't drive.

But without adequate enforcement, more students will simply decide not to buy permits, reducing the revenue needed for the garage. Without enough security officers to enforce parking rules, there will be no penalty for not getting a permit.

Adequate parking for students -- on campus -- is not too much to ask. Higher subsidies for bus passes will help, but with so many students working part or full time off campus, no number of Metro routes to campus will ever be a complete answer.

Don't bite the hand that feeds

Dear editor:

I am just finishing up my time at Highline, and for the most of my time here I arrived at least two hours before my classes began, just so I could get a place to park my car. This quarter, I decided to save a few bucks and park at Midway. It is true that arriving later for classes has its perks; like sleeping later, and knowing that there is a space for my car. Crossing the street every afternoon when my classes are finished is always scary, and I usually watch the intersection out of the corner of my eye just in case someone in a hurry might get careless and hit me.

With the downturn of the economy, lost jobs and increased student population building an extension campus for Central probably seemed like a great idea. People only have to see the increased foot traffic on campus to know education is big business. So if education is a profitable (and as we are often

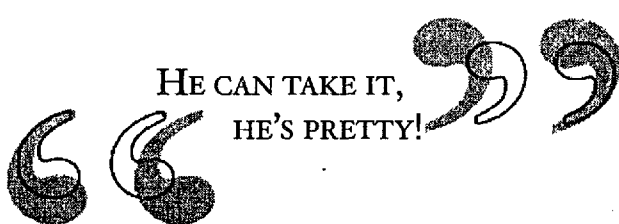
told by our teachers a wise decision) why won't the college invest in parking?

August will be here before anyone turns around twice and where will the 600 or so cars that used the Midway lot park? Will students soon be double parked in the existing lots ready to mow our cars down for an available space? I have seen some students get into rather ugly discussions already over spaces in the lots.

Perhaps the powers that be shouldn't be so greedy in making a profit from their students, and realize it is those same students that provide their bread and butter. I am quite sure that the nearby residents of Highline would be only happy to give up their houses for a tidy profit, and if that were to happen, the students would be happy, the homeowners would be happy and then shouldn't upper management at Highline be happy too? It seems like a simple solution even if it would hurt the pocketbook of Highline.

-Cathleen A. Rozell

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Art through new eyes

Child artists light up Highline library gallery

By Cazzeri Upton
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Through the artist's eyes, Midway is a city. A beautiful city made up of bright reds and vibrant oranges. Everything is held together with Elmer's glue and stands tall with the help of some Popsicle sticks.

The artists can be seen on the campus of Highline, though probably not in any of your regular classes. They are all under the age of 5 and come from various different child programs around the community.

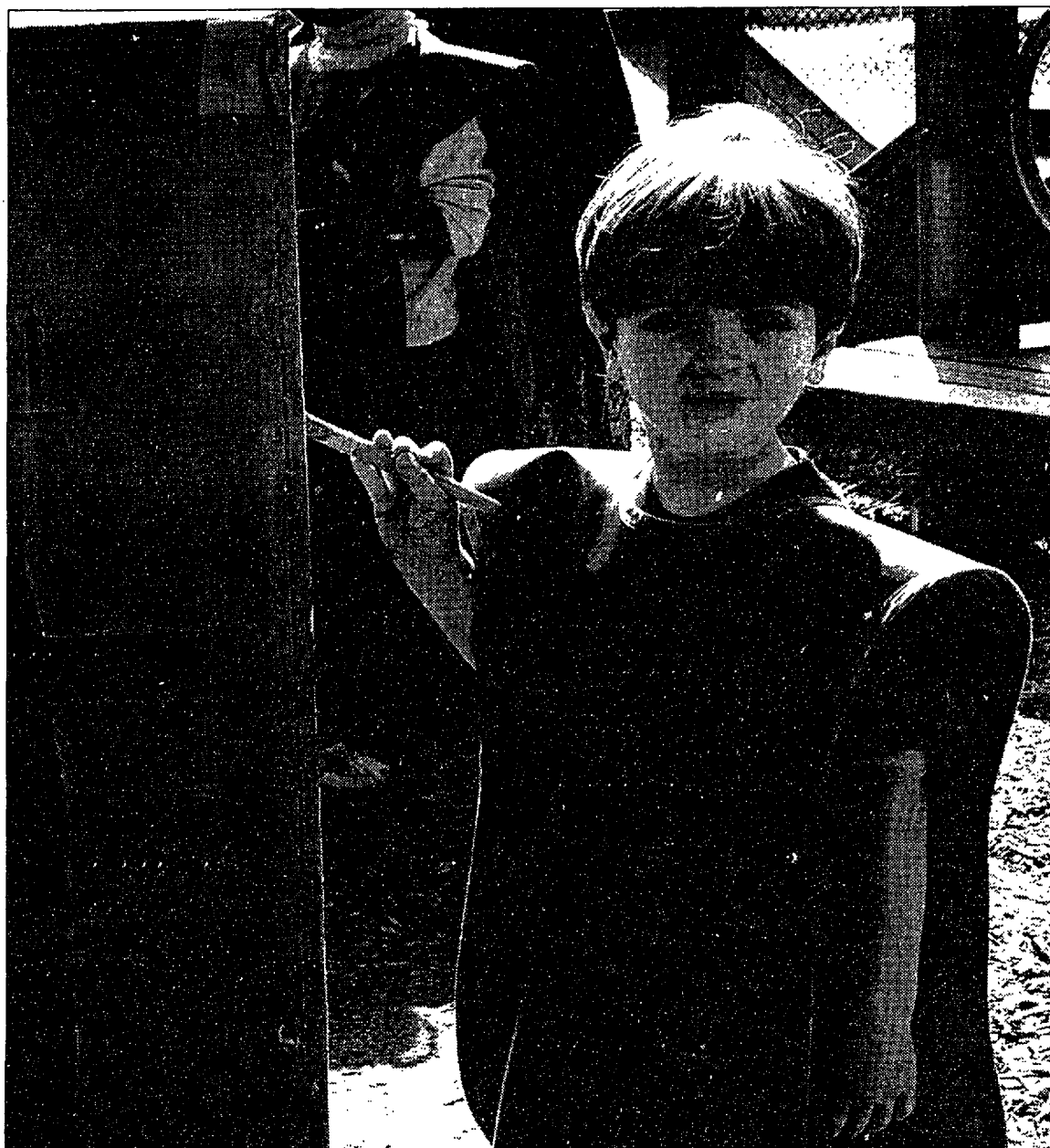
Through the month of April the

library will be displaying the artwork of these children in their newest exhibit.

Alice Madsen, the coordinator of the education department here at Highline, has been in charge of the show for three years. She makes no set standard or theme that the children have to follow.

Instead, they are free to use their creative licenses however they choose.

Trees can be any shade of purple they create and the sky doesn't always have to be blue. Goats can talk to people and houses can be built out of cardboard.



A potential, fast-rising artist is caught brandishing his brush during a group painting activity



Modern art of the finger painting variety

Photo by Cazzeri Upton

There are drawings of families and racecars. Abstract drop paintings and bright pictures of rainbows. They made sculptures out of Popsicle sticks and blocks, creating totem poles and volcanoes.

Even a small scale version of "the city of Midway", complete with a drive-in theater, graces the library's exhibit.

Madsen is just as enthusiastic about the exhibit as the young artists appear to be. "Children's art is

truly refreshing," Madsen said.

One look at the photos that also appear there, which show delighted smiles and tempera paint covered faces, helps justify that statement.

Madsen understands that getting children to express themselves with art is an important part of their development.

"Art is another avenue of communication for children," Madsen said. "Even for very young chil-

dren who don't have competent language skills, they can communicate with their art."

The kids' ages range from 2 to 5 years old and their artwork comes to us from the Parent Education Program, Highline's daycare/preschool programs and the Tukwila Community Center.

It will be displayed on the fourth floor of the library until the end of April.

Drama program readies for May festival

By Jessie Elliot
STAFF REPORTER

Spring Quarter is here, and the arts programs at Highline are gearing up for the Spring Arts Festival week in May. This is a week which brings celebratory events of the fine and performing arts to campus.

The Drama Department will be producing four student-directed one-act plays from May 19 to May 22 at 8 p.m. in the Little Theater for the arts week.

For 10 years the Drama Department has offered third-year majors who have done well in the directing course at Highline a chance to direct their peers in short or one-act plays.

The student directors chosen were Michael Balcalzo, Syrina Watts, Sharon Kibbie, and Joe Prescott.

"Student directors are chosen from the directing class based on skill, aptitude, and initiative," said Dr. Christiana Taylor, head of the Drama Department.

These students have already begun their quarter of hard work, with auditions during the first week of classes.

Not only will students be directing one-act plays, the production this quarter will feature other forms of entertainment throughout the evening. In the past, there has been a "circus," magic, and a mime to name a few.

This year, a drama student and her brother will be performing Irish step dancing, and there will possibly be musical numbers from other students.

The specialty acts will add to the entertainment; however they are not specifically related to the plays.

The plays do not have one specific theme. All deal with the same issues, specializing in human behavior. These plays will produce self-realization for the audience, Taylor said.

"Laughter and tears and joy and respite from the trials of everyday life," Taylor said of what can be expected of the spring produc-



Photo by Cazzeri Upton
Actors study future scripts

tions.

Most importantly, these one-act plays will celebrate the fine arts and illustrate the importance of arts in education.

Got Talent? International Night wants YOU

By Roger Heuschele
STAFF REPORTER

Got talent with some international flavor? Willing to show it off?

The International Night on May 6 from 6-9 p.m. is looking for you.

The event is organized by assistant director of the International Student Programs Sophia Iliakis.

Her goal is to celebrate the various cultures at Highline and the surrounding areas. "The event's purpose is to create interest in possible opportunities but at the same time create awareness about the surrounding international students. It also gives Students to learn about other cultures without actually having to go overseas," she said.

"You do not need to be a student at Highline to participate," Iliakis said.

The event is in its second year and last year brought in more than 100 people.

This event is very important because Highline has more than 200 international students. Highline college also is at least 46 percent non-white, making it one of the most diverse campuses in the state.

The night also includes a five-course meal as well as various booths that supply knowledge and assistance that students of international origin can go to.

So if your schedule is open on May 6 and you want to showcase your talent. She is looking especially for belly dancers and males who can dance the salsa.

For more information she is in Building 6 in the international Programs office or call at 206-878-3710, ext. 3374.

Puyallup Fair invites you to 'Do That Spring Thing!'

New attractions
now dot the South
Sound Carnival

By Taurean Davis
STAFF REPORTER

The Puyallup Spring Fair will open its gates with several new features to impress regulars and newcomers alike.

Karen J. LaFlamme, a member of the fair's public relations office, says "[to] mark your calendar for Thursday, April 15 through Sunday, April 18 for this great family oriented event."

"Approximately 90,000 [people] attend each year," says LaFlamme and she hopes to find some of Highline's population among the throngs.

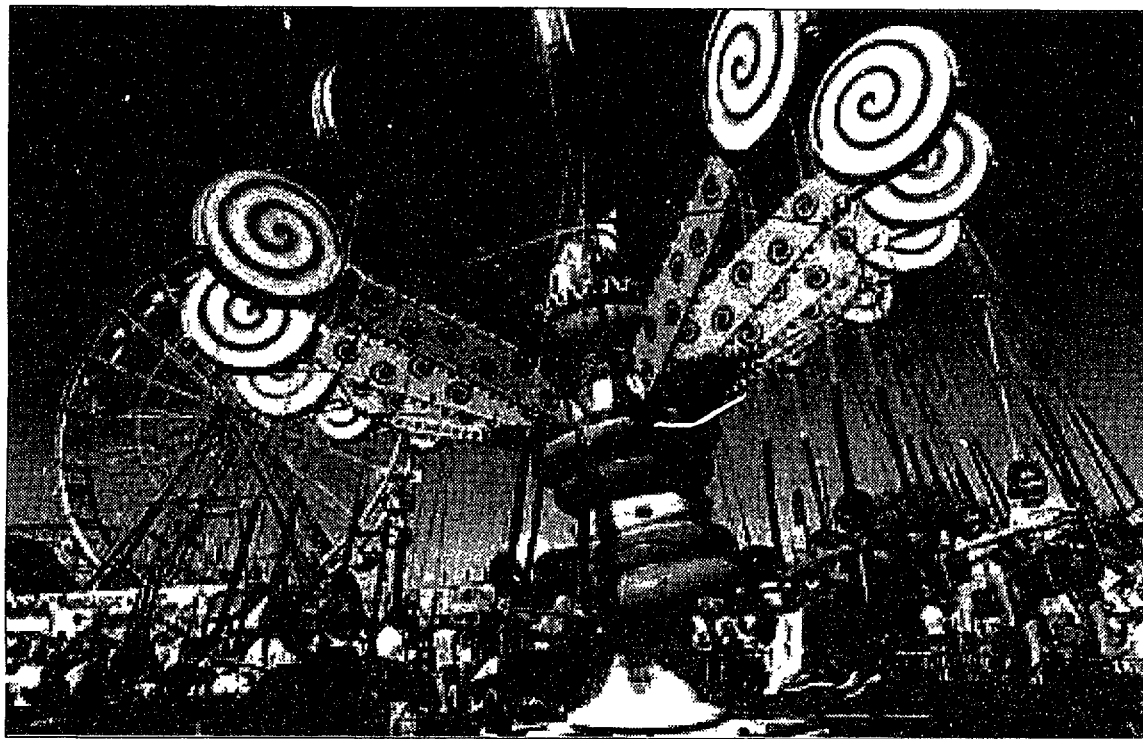
Adding to the present list, new shows and attractions have been added this year, catering to a variety of ages and tastes.

One new draw is the Karaoke Contest. Puyallup Spring Fair is teaming up with the Lighting and Karaoke Store to bring the carnival awesome rhythms or terrible blues (depending on the vocal chords).

At specific locations, the Karaoke store has been holding qualifying rounds in various local cities. While those rounds have already passed, (the rounds were Feb. 22 through Apr. 3), the preliminaries begin the day of the fair on the Showplace Stage.

People from Tacoma to Everett will be competing on stage and the incentive is cold hard cash. "There are cash prizes totaling up to \$1,000," said LaFlamme. The first prize is \$1,000, second prize \$500 and third prize \$300.

LaFlamme mentions an interest-



Never a dull moment, when you're taking a spin around the Spring Fair

ing quirk about the contest; the fact that a singer of any age could win. For example, a 20-year-old woman singing show tunes could lose out to 6-year-old girl singing opera.

The show lasts the duration of the fair from Thursday 5-10 p.m. (preliminary) to Saturday 4-10 p.m. (preliminary). The finals occur the last day of the fair on Sunday from 3-7 p.m. There will also be times for non-contestants to sing.

For more information, it's possible to contact the Karaoke Store at 1-888-746-5483.

Continuing the music them, a Battle of the Bands is being held April 17, from 7-9 p.m., as eight local high school bands duke it out for the title of the fair best bands.

The music selection is punk and heavy metal, with a little classical on the side. The judges, of course,

have their own experience on the subjects. "107.7 The End will be the judging this contest," says LaFlamme.

Another big event will be the inclusion of the Xtreme Jeremy. Puyallup Fair will introduce Jeremy VanSchoonhoven, the 2003 North American Trials Series (NATS) Champion. NATS is a collection of top-notch bike-trials events from across the continent, and Jeremy won them with some insane skills.

"He is the highest placing American to win World Competition in the bike stunt categories," said LaFlamme. Being a four-time USA World Team member is quite a dossier, and LaFlamme says that Jeremy has traveled around the country doing stunts in front of thousands.

To see just how Xtreme the event is, check out the show on

Thursday from 5 and 7 p.m., Saturday and Friday at 1, 3, 5, and 7 p.m., and Sunday from 1, 3, and 5 p.m.

These shows are only a tip of the iceberg. Other shows include The Coats, a nationally recognized local a cappella group; the Hypokritz Comedy Improv, performed by local comedians; and the Western Heritage Gathering, featuring poetry, prose, music, and stories from cowboys and cowgirls. Lastly, KMPS is showcasing Blue Country, a local country duet set to perform at the Great American Stage.

Of course the usual fun and games (arts and craft shows, carnival rides, scones, and midway games) are also included. But this year there will be a slightly more serious side to the festivities in regard to those in the military.

Military Appreciation Day oc-

curs on Thursday, April 15, and allows active, reserve, and retired military and their dependents to enter with free admission, providing they show a military ID.

"The reason we do that is because we're [the fairgrounds] are located next to several military locations like McChord and Ft. Lewis," explained LaFlamme.

She said that so many people who serve in the military have families from around the area and the fair wants to show their appreciation.

"We want to thank all of them for the sacrifices they are making," said LaFlamme. The program lasts from 3-10 p.m.

The Puyallup Spring Fair lasts from April 15-18 at the Puyallup Fairgrounds, 9th Avenue Southwest & Meridian: Gold, Blue, and Red gates entrances.

General admission is \$8; youth (6-18) is \$6 and kids 5 and under are free. However, the fair is running a discount special where, if you buy the tickets in advance, the price is cut down a bit (\$6.50 for general, \$5 for youth).

The advance discount ticket admissions also include the Ride Pack coupon, "7 Rides for \$11" (excluding the prices of the Roller Coaster and the Extreme Scream).

The vendors include Fred Meyer, Safeway, Columbia Bank, South Hill Mall, and The Commons at Federal Way (SeaTac Mall). "If you go these locations you'll get savings," said LaFlamme. "It's another way to provide value for our guests."

For more information on features and tickets, you can contact the fair info hotline at 253-841-5045 or check out the official Puyallup Fair website at www.thefair.com.

Highline choir brings Pacific rhythms from Pacific Rim

By Billy Naylor
STAFF REPORTER

For the past week, it seems like an island breeze has been wafting through the choir room.

Smiles abound as the choir members practice for the upcoming Pacific Rim performance with the South Seattle Community College choir, slated for June 2.

They've planned a comprehensive mix of ethnic songs to perform. The majority of which will be from Japan, China, Thailand, Samoa, Korea and Hawaii, as well as traditional choir pieces.

Wearing a bright smile on her face and a tropical flower behind her ear, Sheryl Akaka seems to radiate with the Hawaiian feeling, which is, in her words, "...compassion, a feeling of support. Of Ho'o Ponopono." (Meaning, to make right or whole.)

Every Wednesday, Akaka, a native Hawaiian and musical instructor here at Highline, helps the

choir with the musical pieces they plan to sing.

"I think it's important that people understand the feeling and

meaning behind the Hawaiian music," said Akaka.

And one might suspect that feeling is well understood.

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"She (Akaka) really gives us an image, and a feeling of what its like to be Hawaiian," said choir member Tina Higashi.

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ARTS CALENDAR

From April 3 to May 15, Shoreline Community College will be hosting a gallery for painter Barbara Earl Thomas. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. An interview with Thomas is available on Saturday April 17 from 1-3 p.m. For more information contact 546-4101 ext. 4433.

The City of Auburn Arts Commission is accepting applications from craft artists, non-profit vendors, and community groups. Application deadline is Friday, May 2 and there is an \$35 entry fee. For more information or an application, call Auburn Parks, (253) 931-3043 or visit www.ci.auburn.wa.us To download a vendor application, click on Arts, Parks and Recreation, then 4th of July activities.

Come celebrate the grand reopening of the Tukwila King County Library. Offers refreshments and prizes. The Tukwila Library is located on 14475 59th Avenue S, Tukwila 98168 and the re-opening begins Saturday, April 10 from noon to 5 p.m. For more information call the Tukwila Library at 206-244-5140 or log on to www.kcls.org.

On Friday, April 9, the Burien Arts Gallery will be introducing a special oriental collection. The collection includes Sumi paintings, Ikebana floral art, silk batik creations, and watercolor art. The Gallery's regular hours are from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information contact the Gallery at 206-244-7808.



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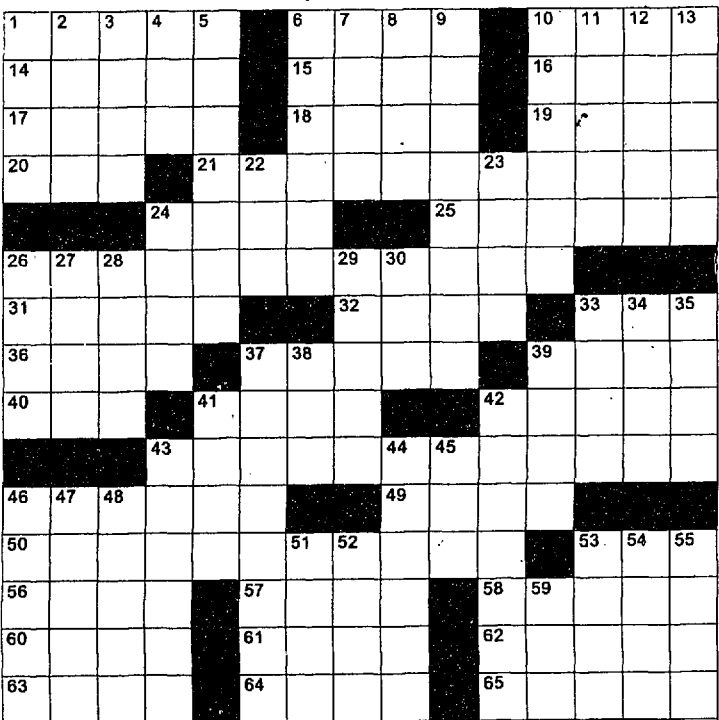
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Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



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Choir

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share their own experience. It really resonates with students because its not something just out of a book, it's living, breathing stuff," said choir conductor Paul Mori.

Several choir performances are planned for this Spring Quarter, making it the most ambitious yet.

The majority of the choir members this quarter are female, with only a handful of male counterparts. They are in need of guys to balance out the group.

The choir makes use of their range of experience levels, with the more advanced helping others hone and progress their craft.

"I'm actually learning how to find pitches and now I know I'm not completely tone-deaf," said choir member Eric Bacon.

So, if you have passion and a knack for singing, you're certainly welcome to join the choir. Contact Paul Mori at pmori@Highline.edu for more information.

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Men set off on the right foot for NWAACCs

T-Bird men set the pace for a fast season to come

By Mikhail Fomenko
STAFF REPORTER

Hard work and dedication has guided the men's track team through spring break, the T-Birds head coach says.

They have competed in three meets, the Puget Sound Open at University of Puget Sound, the Spring Break Open held at Edmonds Community College and the Willamette Invite in Salem, Ore.

Head Coach Robert Yates credited team effort for a number of outstanding spring performances.

"It was the best turn out and effort in the last three years," said Yates.

Clay Hemlock, in the 800 meters, took first place with a time of 1:57.60. Right on his tail was Mike Dickson with a second place time of 1:58.13. Jake Foyston won the 110 meter hurdles with a 15.25, beating the next place time by a second and a half. The Highline 4x1,600 meters relay team came in second with a time of 19:22.78. Kyle Jones won the high jump at 6'0".

Brynnen McIver won the long jump with a distance of 22'02.25", which is a personal best by 6 inches, which got McIver into the No. 3 spot in the conference. At the Spring Break Open, Mason



Robert Bartholomew leading the pack during the 1,500 meters at Willamette last weekend.

Kien won the long jump at 21'9.5" and the triple jump at 44'11.25". Jeremiah Armstead got fourth in the long jump with a length of 20'1.25".

Melvin Jenkins set a meet record with a time of 47.62 seconds in the 400-meter dash and placed second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.03 seconds. Alex Harcourt placed sixth in the 200-meter dash 22.66.

Jake Foyston placed third in the 400-meter hurdles at 54.9 seconds. Brynnen McIver tied for sixth place in the 100-meter run with a time of 11.50 seconds. Robert Bartholomew ran a 16:25.7 in the 5,000-meter run, getting a seventh place rank.

The men's track team traveled to Salem, Ore. on Friday, April 3 for the Willamette University Invitational meet. They had strong re-

sults and many of the athletes have already qualified for the NWAACC championships in May.

"This is the strongest team Highline has had for the past six years," said Yates. "This is easily the best team since I have been here."

Mason Kien set a personal best by three feet in the triple jump, jumping 48'02.5"

"The best performance of the weekend," said Coach Yates. "Really big day for him."

Kien also won the long jump with a 22'06.5" jump. And he is now the No. 4 all time school record holder.

Melvin Jenkins won the 200-meter run with the time of 21.99, a personal best time, and placed second in the 400-meters with a time of 47.8.

meters and is second in the conference with a 14:59.88 run.

Dylan Bailey ran the 5,000 meters on Friday and had a poor race but came back on Saturday and had a great run in the 1,500 meters with a personal best time of 14:12.15.

Josh Frazier ran the 10,000 meters for the first time, he ran a great race with the time of 33:45.19. He is ranked fifth in the conference. "Great effort for him," said Yates.

Rickey Moody threw the shot put for a distance of 47'04.25", which is a personal best by six feet. He is No. 2 in the conference after coming off an injury.

Kyle Jones threw a personal best in the discus of 134 feet and another personal best in the hammer with a through of 140'02" placing him No. 2 in the conference. "He is improving every week," said Yates.

Jake Foyston came in second in the 110 high hurdles and won the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 54.88. "He ran solid times," said Yates.

The 4x400-meter relay places second after a really close race, with a best time this year of 3:21.98. The team included Alex Harcourt, Jake Foyston, Mike Dickson, and Jerome Sirmans.

"I think we will break the school record this year," said Yates. The current school record is 3:12.

Highline men's track team has high hopes of doing very well in the conference.

"If we get everything together we will be hard to beat, we could definitely place in the top three and even have a chance to win," said Yates.

The team is running in the Mt. Hood Relays this Saturday, April 10. "We have placed second in the past two years and hoping to win this one. We have been training really hard this week," said Yates.

Photos by Amber Trillo



Travis Glover running the 400 meter dash.

Clay Hemlock ran the 1,500 meters with a personal best by five seconds and a time of 3:54.61. He is leading the conference. He also ran a personal best in the 5,000

T-BIRD TRADERS

2004

Mike Dickson

Nickname: Mike D
Year: Sophomore
Events: 400, 800
Favorite Athlete(s): Barry Sanders
Role Model: My Dad

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Highline women small but still good

By Pat McGuire
STAFF REPORTER

Despite having a small team, and battling injuries, the women's track team is working hard and improving at every meet.

Amanda Kamm is leading the conference in three events. Monaka White is leading the conference in the 100-meter dash, and almost every other woman has already qualified for the N W A C C championships in May.

The women's track team traveled to Salem, Ore. to compete Friday, April 2 and Saturday, April 3 at the Willamette University Invitational. Team results were not available at press time.

Many of the women competed in more than one event. It was the first time all the women traveled and competed at the same meet.

"The Willamette Invitational is one of the most competitive track meets in the Northwest," said Coach Robert Yates. "The women had a lot of competition."

Monaka White ran 12.61 seconds in the 100-meter dash, and took first. She came back to run the 200-meter dash and took seventh place with a time of 26.98 seconds.

"I was very pleased with my performance in the 100 meters," said White. "My goal is to win both the 100 and 200 at the championships this year."

In the 400-meter dash the T-birds had a sixth place-finish from Zori Garasmichuck with a time of 1:01.99. Brittney Boysen took 10th place running in 1:04.59.

Amanda Kamm took 11th place in the 800-meter run with a time of



Photos by Amber Trillo

Monaka White running the 200 meter during the meet at Willamette last weekend.

2:19.82 seconds. Garasmichuck ran 2:35.70 seconds in the 800-meter run, taking 23rd place.

"I have been battling shin splints for a month and it has been affecting my training, but I'm starting to

heal and get stronger," Kamm said.

In the 1,500-meter run, Sitges Marshall ran 4:51.11, and took eighth place. Jami Jablonsky ran 5:32.96 taking 29th place.

Marshall also ran the 5,000-meter run in 18:14.92, taking eighth place.

"She's [Marshall] had really strong performances this week-end," Yates said.

Taryn Plypick got fourth place in the high jump with a leap of 5'. She came back to compete in the long jump, placing 14th with a jump of 12'06.

Arlicier West threw in three events. She took eighth place in the shot put with a throw of 36'09.75. She took 14th in the discus throw, throwing 100'62". In the hammer she threw 139'09., taking fifth.

The women's track team competed during spring break showing their dedication in practice is paying off, said Head Coach Robert Yates.

Most of the women competed at the University of Puget Sound Open in Tacoma, on March 26. Two women competed at the Spring Break Open in Edmonds, on March 27. Their events ranged from the 100-meter dash

up to the 3,000-meter run as well as the high jump.

"They gave great efforts over spring break," Yates said. "It's exciting to watch how well the women are doing this early in the season."

Brittney Boysen ran her first race in two years at the Puget Sound Open. She ran the 200-meter dash in 28.49 seconds, placing second.

"My time is all right for just starting the season," Boysen said.

"But I definitely need to improve for the championships."

Also at the Puget Sound Open, Amanda Kamm and Sitges Marshall went one-two in the

3,000-meter race, posting times of 10:35.77 (Kamm) and 10:42.16 (Marshall). Kamm's time broke the school record for the 3,000-meter. She is currently leading the conference in the 800-meter, 1,500-meter, and 3,000-meter races. Marshall has the second fastest time in the 3,000-meter and fourth fastest time in the 10,000-meter races.

Taryn Plypick got third place in the high jump, with a jump of 4'10.25".

"It was her [Plypick] first meet of the season and she showed great strength," Yates said.

At the Spring Break Open, Monaka White ran 12.69 seconds, in the 100-meter dash, placing third. She

also ran 27.05 seconds in the 200-meter dash, placing seventh. Zori Garasmichuck also ran the 200-meter dash and placed 13th, with a time of 28.18 seconds.

"Monaka is leading the conference right now in the 100-meter dash and steadily improving in the 200-meter dash," Yates said.

The next track meet is the Mt. Hood Relays on Saturday, April 10, starting at 11 a.m. The meet is located at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, Ore.

Upcoming Meets

4/10 Mt. Hood Community College

4/17 Central Washington University

4/23-24 University of Oregon

4/30 Western Washington University

T-BIRD TRADERS

2004

SITGES MARSHALL

SITGES MARSHALL

Nickname: none
Year: Freshman
Events: Anything
Favorite Athlete(s): My Sister, Carolyn Manning
Role Models: Nelson Mandela & Oprah

2004

ZORY GARASIMCHUK

Zory Garasimchuk

Nickname: Zeedka
Year: Freshman
Events: 200, 400, 800
Favorite Athlete(s): Derek Jeter & Clay Hemlock
Role Model: Patrick McGuire

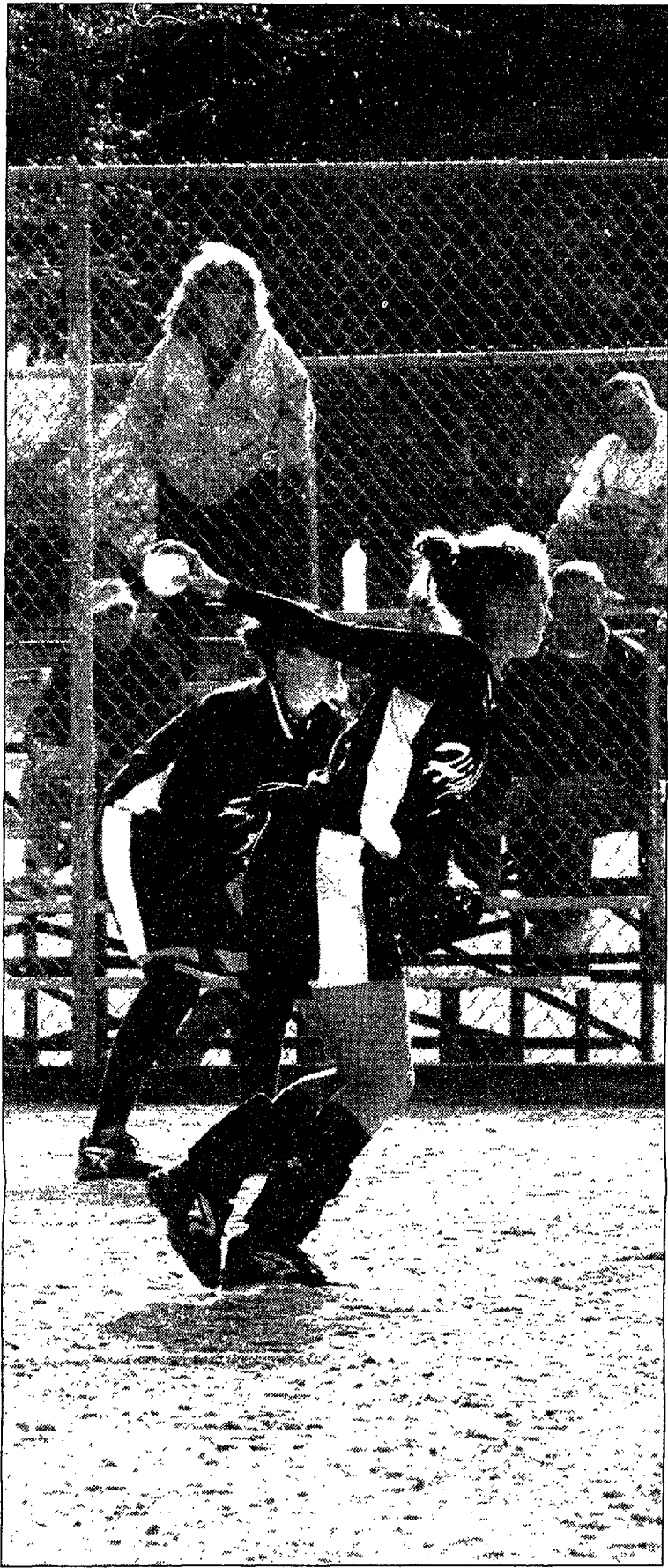


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Amanda Richardson pitching at a game against Bellevue last Tuesday.

Fastpitch ready to play after poor preseason games

By Jordan Goddard
STAFF REPORTER

After a shaky preseason, Highline's fastpitch softball team started its season red-hot, winning its first four games. Twin victories against Bellevue and Green River have quickly left behind memories of a tough week in Arizona for the lady T-Birds.

"Preseason's always used to see where we're at," Head Coach Ann Schmidt said. "We had a week of practice and we were able to work out the kinks."

Tuesday's doubleheader at Bellevue brought Highline two hard-fought victories. The Thunderbirds fell behind in the fourth inning of the first game after surrendering a two-run homer. The T-Birds answered back in the fifth inning with four runs.

However, Highline's lead did not last as the Trojans scored three more in the bottom of the fifth.

Things looked bleak for the Thunderbirds until the seventh and final inning. With only three outs standing between them and their first loss, the T-Birds started a rally with patience at the plate.

Highline quickly loaded the bases as Bellevue's pitcher struggled to throw strikes. The Thunderbirds managed to tie the game and threaten the lead before earning their first out.

A pitching change came too late for the Trojans as the Thunderbirds tallied nine runs total in the seventh inning to take a commanding 13-5 lead.

Freshman pitcher Katie Michaels turned the bottom of the seventh inning over to relief pitcher Lacey Walter who closed the game without difficulty, earning the win.

Center fielder Andra Hinckley



Schmidt

led the T-Birds' offensive efforts with a pair of triples.

The second game against Bellevue left little room for a comeback finish.

A leadoff double from Hinckley set the stage for a three-run first inning. Scoring continued to come in bunches for the Thunderbirds as they built a nine-run lead.

Highline's ace starter, Amanda Richardson, pitched a stingy game. Bellevue struggled offensively until the final inning when three fielding errors and a wild pitch loaded the bases.

Highline refocused its defensive efforts though and wrapped up the game while allowing only one run.

"She [Amanda Richardson] is outstanding. She had a great year last year, and she'll have another this year," Coach Schmidt said.

The Thunderbirds 9-1 victory marked their fourth win of the season in as many games.

The winning streak began when Highline kicked off its regular season three days earlier against Green River.

Saturday's season opener brought a decisive victory for the T-Birds. Amanda Richardson threw a dominant game, not allowing a single runner to get past first.

"The defense was outstanding - very aggressive," Coach Schmidt said.

The offense complemented Amanda Richardson's shutout with six runs. Kristi Richardson contributed a pair of RBIs. Infielder Brittnae Stewart also played well with four hits in as many at-bats.

The second game against the Gators brought a more suspenseful contest. The Thunderbirds scored two quick runs in the first inning, but their lead would not last.

The Gators responded with two runs of their own in the second, aided in part by a defensive breakdown.

Freshman pitcher Katie Michaels refused to show frustration with her team's mistakes though and quickly settled into an effective performance.

Green River took a one-run lead in the fifth inning by sacrificing a leadoff single around the bases. The Thunderbirds tied it in the sixth inning thanks in part to an overthrow to first base.

With the score still tied at the end of the seventh, the game continued into extra innings.

The bottom of the eighth began with Murphy reaching first on another throwing error. Three batters later, yet another throwing error to first allowed two T-Birds to come home for a 5-3 victory.

The strong season start comes as no surprise to Coach Schmidt despite losing all six preseason games in Arizona.

"We got a bit of a wake-up call in Arizona," Coach Schmidt said.

Apparently, these Thunderbirds are early risers.

Highline faces Olympic College at home this Friday. Games start at 2 and 4 p.m. The T-Birds go on the road Saturday to face Shoreline at 3 and 5 p.m. The road trip continues on Tuesday against Edmonds at 1 and 3 p.m.

Highline recruits for next season

There is no place to go but up for T-bird basketball

By Jordan Goddard
STAFF REPORTER

A year ago no one thought that the Thunderbirds would be thinking about a basketball championship run in 2005, no one. However, after overcoming low expectations to earn a berth in the NWAACC playoffs this year, Highline's men's basketball program has begun recruiting players for the 2005 season.

Despite three NWAACC cham-

pionships in the last seven years, hopes for Highline's 2004 season were not high. Coming off the worst year in school history, a new coaching staff had only two returning sophomores to build on.

"We had a whole new program this year. Everybody underrated us," student manager Will Smallwood said.

Five recruits from 2003 state champion Franklin High School anchored the incoming group of freshmen.

"Some of these guys are champions. They came in here with a championship attitude," Smallwood said.

The Thunderbirds, heavy on talent but light on experience, struggled early in the season before gelling into an effective team.

"We did all that damage with a

freshman team," Smallwood said. "Imagine what we're going to do next year."

Highline's 9-7 division record qualified the team for a spot in the playoffs. The young Thunderbirds played with enthusiasm but went home with two losses.

"We should play a lot harder next year, more consistently," Head Coach Che Dawson said. "We'll be able to pressure people more effectively."

Next year's hopes rest on another strong class of athletes coming to Highline, especially a talented ball handler. Coach Dawson expressed confidence in his ability to find a top point guard.

"There are a lot of quality kids out there. We simply have to expose them to the opportunities at Highline," Coach Dawson said.

"We're looking to get quality student athletes who take academics seriously, want to get better, and are willing to sacrifice for the team."

The coaching staff sets high expectations for incoming freshmen, but Coach Dawson assures them that Highline offers much in return.

"There are opportunities here for freshmen to come in and get playing time for a diverse school in contention for an NWAACC championship," Coach Dawson explained.

Some of those opportunities are being created by the departure of league co-MVP Kellen Williams for Eastern Washington University next year. The 6'4" freshman averaged 20.5 points and a league-leading 11.7 rebounds per game.

"It's going to force some of the guys on the team to step up," Coach Dawson said. "That's the nature of the sport."

Even without Williams, excitement over next season runs high throughout the Thunderbirds.

"Next year, we're going to be 'That Team'," guard Aaron White said. "We should have the stadium filled out."

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Track

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Women's Hammer Throw

1. Cederberg, Western Oregon, 168-3 2. Kristin Hepler, Western Oregon, 164-11. 3. Gum, Oregon, 161. 5. Arlecier West, Highline, 139-9.

Men's Shot Put

Shaun Straka, Portland State, 50-8. 2. Ricky Moody, Highline, 47-4.25. 3. Kevin Johnson, Western Oregon, 47-15.; 20. Kyle Jones, Highline, 41-8.

Women's 100 meters

Monaka White, Highline, 12.61. 2. Kerry Blackwood, Portland State, 12.66. 3. Katy Kociemba, Western Oregon, 12.87.

Women's 200 meters

Patrice Pierre, Portland, 25.8. 2. Mariah Hanson, Willamette, 26.33. 3. Kociemba, Western Oregon, 26.5. 7. Monaka White, Highline, 26.98.

Men's 100 meters

Kenneth Mackins, Portland State, 10.83. 2. Javon Johnson, Cascade, 11.07. 3. Greg Coleman, Western Oregon, 11.08. 11. Brynne Mciver, Highline, 11.45.

Men's 200 meters

Melvin Jenkins, Highline, 21.99. 2. Fredrick Issac, Western Oregon, 22.25. 3. Aric Isfeld, Clackamas, 22.33.

Men's 400 meters

Ryan Chaney, Team XO, 47.4. 2. Melvin Jenkins, Highline, 47.6. 3. Alex Harcourt, Highline, 48.8.

Men's 1,500 meters

Brendan Robinson, Portland, 3:50.31. 2. Jacob Stout, Willamette, 3:51.94. 3. Clay Hemlock, Highline, 3:54.61.

Men's 5,000 meters

Brayce Forsha, Team XO, 14:38.86. 2. Rick Fuller, Team XO, 14:40.03. 3. Will Viviani, Team Eugene, 14:40.72. 11. Clay Hemlock, Highline, 14:59.88.

Men's 110 meter hurdles

Sam Hobbs, Western Oregon, 14.83. 2. Jacob Foyston,

Highline, 15.08. 3. Troy Sexton, Clackamas, 15.13.

Men's 400 meter hurdles

Jacob Foyston, Highline, 54.88. 2. Hobbs, Western Oregon, 55.73. 3. Sexton, Clackamas, 56.78.

Men's 4x100 relay

Spokane 43.31. 2. Highline 43.92. 3. Western Oregon DQ.

Men's long jump

Mason Kein, Highline, 22-6.5. 2. Colin McArthur, Team XO, 22-4.5. 3. Jonas Welsch, Willamette, 21-11.75. 5. Brynne Mciver, Highline, 21-9.

Men's triple jump

Mason Kein, Highline, 48-2.5. 2. Lewton Canton, Willamette, 45-7.25. 3. Jason Buckmiere, Western Oregon, 40-3.5.

NWAACC SOFTBALL STANDINGS

As of 4/6/04.

NORTH	League	Overall
Highline	4-0	4-6
Olympic	5-1	6-5

Shoreline	5-1	7-3
Everett	3-1	6-4
Bellevue	3-3	3-7
Green River	2-4	4-7
Edmonds	1-3	2-8
Peninsula	1-5	3-7
Skagit Vly.	0-6	0-6

EAST	League	Overall
Spokane	6-1	8-7
Wen. Vly.	6-1	9-5
Walla Walla	5-3	12-5
Blue Mtn	4-4	11-7
Big Bend	3-5	4-10
Columbia B.	3-5	8-6
Treasure Vly.	3-5	5-9
Yakima Vly.	1-7	2-10

SOUTH	League	Overall
Clackamas	5-1	6-4
Mt. Hood	5-1	11-1
Chemeketa	4-2	6-4
Lower C.	3-3	9-3
S. P Sound	1-1	1-4
Centralia	2-4	2-10
SW Oregon	2-4	5-5
Grays Harbor	0-2	2-4
Pierce	0-4	0-8

SOFTBALL SCORES
HIGHLINE 13, at BELLEVUE 5
HIGHLINE 9, at BELLEVUE 1

OLYMPIC 8, at GREEN RIVER 6 (9 inn.)
at GREEN RIVER 8, OLYMPIC 2
at EDMONDS 9, PENINSULA 5
PENINSULA 12, at EDMONDS 5
SHORELINE 7, at SKAGIT VALLEY 2
SHORELINE 9, at SKAGIT VALLEY 0
CHEMEKETA 5, at CENTRALIA 0
CHEMEKETA 8, at CENTRALIA 0
CLACKAMAS 3, at MT HOOD 0
at MT HOOD 4, CLACKAMAS 1
at LOWER COLUMBIA 7, SW OREGON 2
at LOWER COLUMBIA 10, SW OREGON 1
BIG BEND at Eastern Washington JV (cancelled)

Intramural sports season begins for student and faculty alike

Intramurals offer play time for college students

By Trevor McDowell
STAFF REPORTER

It's time again for intramurals and this spring offers various sports and activities to get all students of all talents to come and participate.

Intramural volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, basketball, indoor soccer and even boomerang are being held this Spring Quarter between 1 and 2 p.m.

Tuesdays through Fridays in the gym. Amber Rowe, coordinator of intramural programs said, "It's a

cool thing to try and people should come down and try it."

Intramurals on Tuesdays are volleyball and ultimate Frisbee as well as world-class boomerang instruction by Michael Gervin and Gary McCune.

Wednesdays is basketball.

Thursdays is indoor soccer.

Fridays are open-gym sessions where students can organize and take part in the sport or activity that they want to play since the gym is seldom available for student activities.

These intramurals cost nothing and are open to all current Highline students, faculty and staff who want to compete, just have fun or warm up before practice.

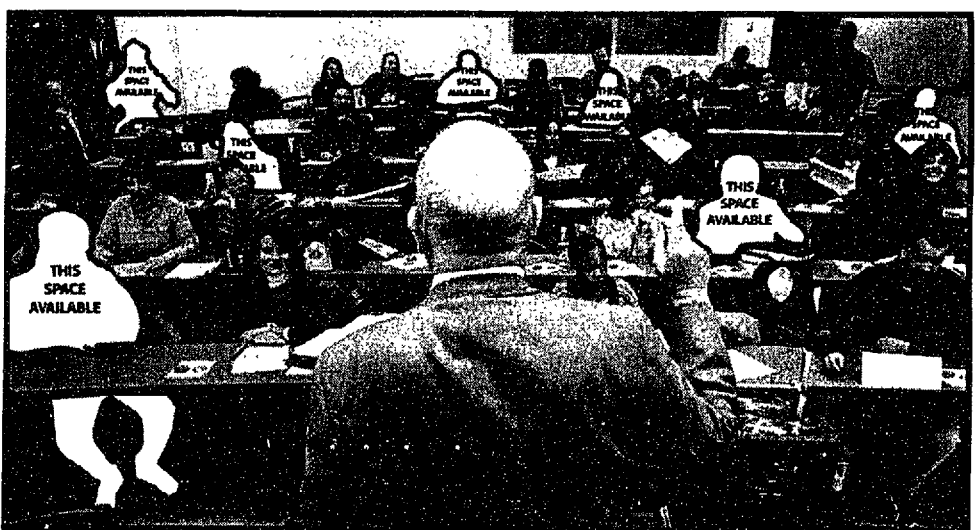
There is no need for you to organize teams, just show up and teams will be organized there.

There has already been a great

turnout in the first week of the quarter, said Coach Rowe.

For anybody with additional questions. They should try to get

a hold of program coordinator Amber Rowe at 206-878-3710, ext. 3268 or at the following e-mail: arowe@highline.com



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New speakers for Honors Colloquy

By Jonathan Moon
STAFF REPORTER

Earning honors credits will improve your competitive edge, Dr. Barbara Clinton said at Honors Colloquy last Wednesday.

Dr. Clinton, the director of the Honors programs at Highline, also said, "The Honors Colloquy is a really unique opportunity for students to get the gist of what lifetime learning is."

During the initial "Getting Started" meeting Clinton explained how Honors credits improves your chances of gaining entrance to the university of your choice.

"Doors are getting harder to open, they're stickier," Clinton said. Clinton went on to say that the University of Washington no longer honors the transfer agreement with Highline.

Honors Colloquy, or Honors 101, is a class that meets once a week on Wednesdays, from 1:10 to 2 p.m. in Building 7. It provides information on how to gain entrance to a four-year university, and offers the opportunity to listen to speakers tell their stories of how they got doors to open for them. The class is worth one credit, and there are no prerequisites to enroll.

The list of speakers she has lined up for the quarter includes the directors of honors programs from both the University of Washington, and Western Washington University. There will also be speakers from Seattle Pacific University, The Evergreen State College, and from Highline.

The Wednesday meetings are open to the public, but in order to receive credit for the class you must enroll.

Club Fair fun

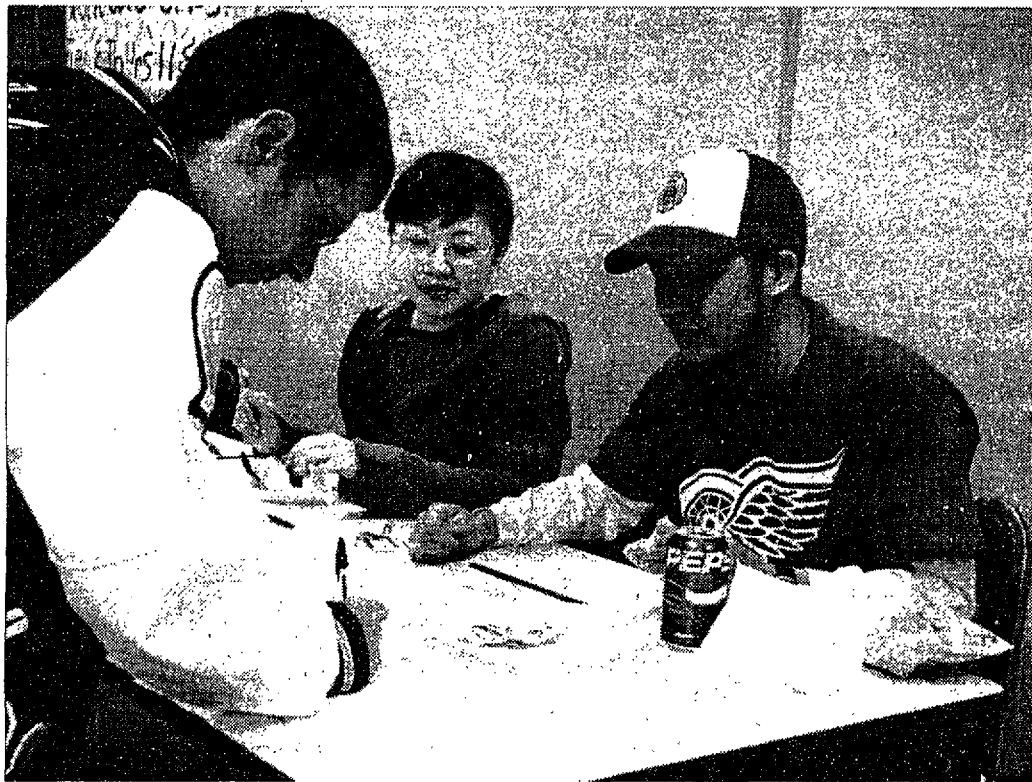


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While at Club Fair on April 1, Nicole and Daisei Kamiya helped a student join the Movie Club. Club Fair introduces new clubs for students to join and is held at the beginning of every quarter.

Mathematics explains global problems

By Rob Goodman
STAFF REPORTER

By nature, humans are inquisitive creatures.

Relentlessly they search for the true meaning of unexplained phenomena.

As they gain more knowledge, their capacity to understand is broadened, which leads to the conception of many elaborate questions, involving the measurement of such things as space, earth, and even time, said Eric Scott, Highline mathematics instructor and speaker at last Friday's Science Seminar.

Some mathematicians would argue that math has a theme to everything, and that it holds the key to the questions that many humans continuously ponder, unlocking the doors that lead to their resolutions, he said.

"Is it possible for (mathematics) to convey some of its power not just as a model, but to use it in a way metaphorically?" Scott said.

Logistics and computation aside, math is a remarkable observation

tool when it comes to extensive questions that humans have created over time, Scott said.

Scott asked the simple question, "How do you figure out the shape of the earth?"

By looking at the earth from a global point of view, in outer space, images clearly convey that the earth is a sphere shape, Scott said. However, why does the earth look flat to those who live upon it?

According to Scott, if we only use information obtained locally, or mathematically-speaking in "our neighborhood," the conclusions we can draw are limited.

"In math, one of the key distinctions is local properties versus global properties," Scott said, meaning that human thinking is limited under smaller local circumstances, as opposed to greater global circumstances.

When mathematics is applied, people are enabled to make better observations based on what they've learned, which may or may not draw them closer to a conclusion, Scott said.

So for instance, those who are

highly educated in mathematics may possess the ability to prove mathematically that the earth is truly flat, or they may only end up in confusion, Scott said.

Scott also explained the theme of mathematics in time.

"In reality is time really special, or do we make it special?" Scott said.

Mathematically-speaking, time may be just another variable, meaning it doesn't really exist on its own, it's just a measurement of other things, Scott said.

Essentially, time may only be something that humans have created in order to organize events chronologically. Therefore, the manipulation of time, like a variable in a math problem, is a possibility, Scott said.

"(Time is) something like a background; it's just a sequence of events," Scott said.

With so many questions humans have formulated, especially with the help of mathematics, do humans ever truly come closer to the answers that they seek?

The answer is yes and no.

While some answers may be found, others may only become more complicated, Scott said.

"The more questions we include in our models of reality, the more complex our models and reasoning becomes," Scott said, referring to Goedel's Incompleteness Theorem that states that the more questions (humans) raise, some of them will indeed be unanswerable.

So in retrospect, you win some, you lose some, but regardless of the outcome, mathematics is still an extremely resourceful way of establishing scientific reason to the mysteries of everyday life.

Science Seminar is held every Friday in Building 3, room 102 from 2:10 to 3 p.m. Students who sign up for Science Seminar may receive one credit based on attendance and participation, however all are welcome.

The seminars slated for the rest of Spring Quarter 2004 are:

- April 9, "Mad Cows Disease: Prions Can Kill You, But you Can't Kill Them!" with Kaddee Lawrence.

- April 16, "How You Can Stop Global Warming," Woody Moses.

- April 23, "Biological Batteries," speaker Joy Strohmeier.

- April 30, "Where the Brain Learns," speaker Jo Hopp.

- May 7, "Follow the Stars: A Brief History of Navigation," speaker Ron Davidson.

- May 14, "The Credibility and Weight of DNA Evidence in Civil and Criminal Trials," speaker Buzz Wheeler.

- May 21, "Glides, Slides, and the Patterns of the Plane," speaker Ed Morris.

- May 28, "Science For Kids," speaker Joan Graham.

- June 4, "Sexology: scientific findings that even your mother would find interesting," speaker Michael Campbell.

Evergreen State College might not be for everyone

By Jonathan Moon
STAFF REPORTER

The Evergreen State College has no set curriculum, it changes every year. Students do not get a letter grade at the end of the quarter, instead they receive an evaluation.

Ted Whitesell, a geographer and professor at The Evergreen State College spoke at the Honors Colloquy this week, and he explained how their system works.

They combine disciplines into one class that can be worth up to 16 credits. You only sign up for

one class each quarter, and there may be three different professors teaching the class. At Highline there are similar courses, called coordinated studies, that are based on the same idea as those of Evergreen.

One of the advantages that he mentioned is that you get evaluated on your own potential, and effort is highly rewarded.

"Evergreen isn't for everyone though," he said.

Successful students of Evergreen are self-motivated and want to learn. If you are not sure what

you want from college, Evergreen might not be right for you.

One disadvantage that was mentioned was that the ever-changing curriculum can have a downside also. The classes that interest you may not be offered during the time you want to attend.

Whitesell also said that students of Evergreen carry a reputation for good writing and communication skills. During the course of three quarters, one of his classes wrote and published a book about protecting the environment that was more than 400 pages in length.

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Sandwiches determine the day

By Linh Tran
STAFF REPORTER

Highline instructor Jessica Gilmore kicked off Spring Quarter's Cultural Café by taking a metaphoric approach to motivational speaking, referring to four different sandwiches as tools in motivation.

Gilmore packs her own lunch every morning, which led her to the idea to use sandwiches as the key to her motivational speech.

"I like to eat and in the morning you pack your own sandwiches and packing your own sandwich is like packing your attitude for the day," said Gilmore.

Everyone, she said, should pack a lunch that makes a difference.

Coordinator of the Cultural Café, Saowalak (Lucky) Buamanee, wanted a motivational speaker to start this quarter's series off on the right foot.



Gilmore

Gilmore wanted to speak last quarter, however she was unavailable. They both then arranged the speech for this quarter.

"We decided that Spring Quarter would be good because it was better to motivate students at the beginning of the quarter," said Gilmore.

Gilmore had four subtopics in

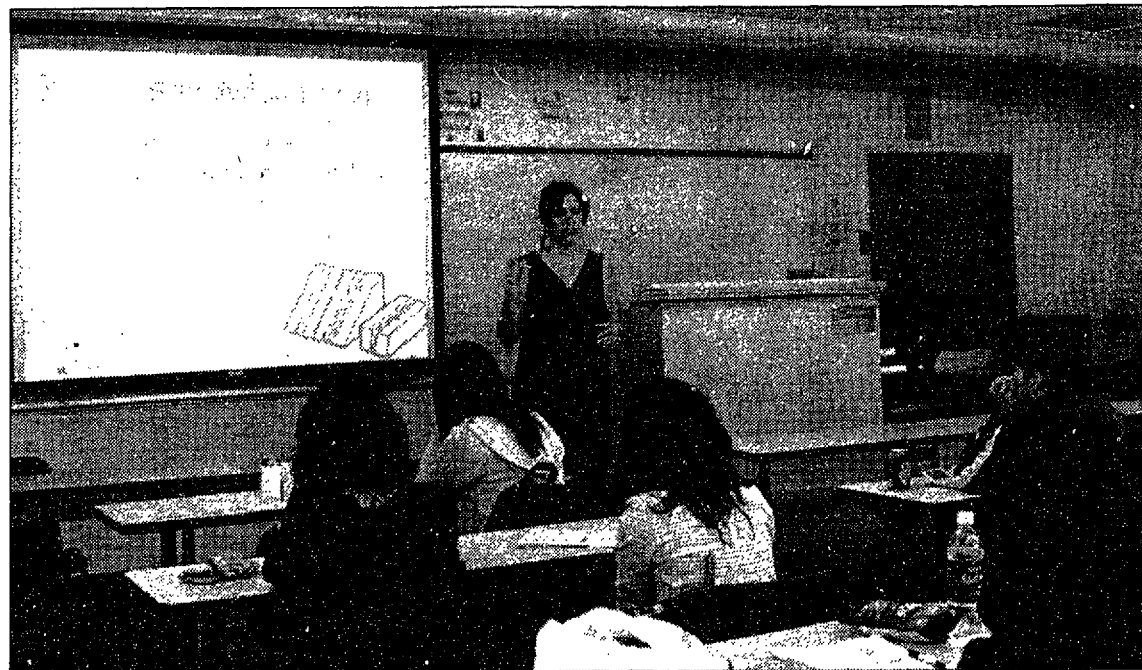


Photo By Chuck Cortes

Jessica Gilmore speaks to students at Cultural Café about how there are meanings to the sandwiches people choose.

her speech, each given a sandwich name that represents steps to success.

The first sandwich is the fiesta fajita, followed by sandwich d'jour, bland bologna, and last the passion panini.

There were specific meanings for each sandwiches, for instance, the fiesta fajita stands for having fun.

Therefore plan to have fun, and prepare for a good day.

Gilmore urged students to do something other people like. This is from sandwich d'jour, or sandwich of the day.

She used the name bland bologna sandwich as a metaphor for the little voice that interrupts your active listening.

Gilmore suggests you tune out your inner voice and actively lis-

ten without making meaning where there isn't any, so you can react to what is really being said.

Lastly, the passion panini is simply, make what you do your passion.

Gilmore said she hoped the student's benefit from her speech about various sandwiches and their hidden meaning.

"I hope it helps them look at who they are and who they're being at work or school and help them understand that they are in charge of choosing their attitude and no one else will do it for them," said Gilmore.

After Gilmore had given her speech, the comments she received from the students were positive.

"Gilmore is a great speaker. I reexamined myself," said Jee Hae

Choi, an international student at Highline.

Last Friday's Cultural Café was only one of the many that will be held throughout the quarter.

It is held every other week and students are encouraged to attend to participate with other students and learn about different cultures among those who attend.

Each one offers a variety of discussions on culture and the community that will help a student broaden their scope on various cultures.

"It is especially beneficial for international students to learn other cultures," said Buamanee.

The next Cultural Café will be held on Friday, April 16 in Building 3, room 103 at 1 to 2 p.m.

The topic will be on cultural superstition.

Seminars focus on academic success

By Amanda Downs
STAFF REPORTER

Educational Success Workshops at Highline for Spring Quarter are designed to help students become more academically inclined.

Each workshop offered occurs on various days throughout Spring Quarter at different times, with each seminar available at two or more times.

The seminars last 50 minutes, with starting times ranging from 11 a.m., noon, or 1 p.m.

Workshops are chosen by the Coordinator of Student Success Workshops, Patricia Haggerty.

"I look for what students want to learn and what hasn't been offered for a while," said Haggerty.

Along with testing tips and controlling test anxiety, two other workshops offered specifically for Spring Quarter are entitled "Memory Power: The Art of Remembering" and "Are you a Procrastinator?"

For information on specific workshops, and for dates, times, and locations, visit the rack outside the Counseling Center on the Upper Level of Building 6 and pick up a flyer filled with useful information.

One information table is planned for Wednesday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lower level lobby of Building 6. entitled "What's Your Learning Style." Students are encouraged to stop by the table and gain more information on recognizing how they learn.

A test to determine specific learning styles will be distributed to students. They can take it, or, if someone has enough time, they can opt to take the test in Building 6 and immediately find their learning style from the test they just took.

Haggerty changes the workshops quarterly, but chooses to always offer certain topics, like controlling test anxiety and academic survival tips, every quarter.

"I design the workshops around topics that strike a resonance with students, and I've realized that some workshops should be offered every quarter because a majority of students deal with the trouble of test-taking," said Haggerty.

"Our goal for all of our workshops is to inform attendees so they can make an educated choice about their future with academics," said Haggerty.

Transfer Center offers new workshops

By Amanda Downs
STAFF REPORTER

The Transfer Center at Highline has planned a busy Spring Quarter with workshops and events to help students get a better understanding of continuing their education in a four-year college.

Throughout Spring Quarter, representatives from four-year colleges will be visiting Highline to answer questions and offer applications to students thinking about life after their associate's degree.

Colleges visiting Highline include:

- Pacific Lutheran University- 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday April 14, Building 6 lobby

- University of Washington (Tacoma branch)- 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday April 15, by appointment only.

- An information table will be available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday April 21 in the Building 6 lobby, for those who are interested in the University of Washington.

- Seattle University- 9:30 a.m. to

1 p.m., April 27, but students will have to make appointment to meet with the representatives.

- University of Washington Seattle Evening Degree Program- 3 to 5 p.m., April 28, Building 6 lobby.

- University of Washington Seattle Office of Minority Affairs- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 29, by appointment only.

To see a complete calendar of college representatives visiting Highline for Spring Quarter, visit the Transfer Center online at <http://www.highline.edu/stuserv/edplanning/happenings/calendar.html>. To sign up for an appointment with a certain college's representative, visit the Transfer Center located in the upper level of Building 6 or send an e-mail to transfer@highline.edu.

Along with meeting four-year representatives, students have the opportunity to attend two workshops this quarter: How to Write a Winning Personal Statement and/or Majoring in Informatics at UW Seattle.

The seminar to help students write a personal statement if of-



Siew Lai Lilley

ferred on Monday, April 19 from noon to 12:50 p.m. in Building 10, room 102.

In the meeting, attendees will learn tips for writing a personal essay for their applications to four-year colleges.

Majoring in Informatics is offered on Wednesday, April 14 from noon to 1 p.m. in Building 19, room 108.

An adviser from UW Seattle will share information about the Informatics program. Students interested in studying information systems and technology are encouraged to attend.

"I recommend that any student thinking ahead to the next step in their college career to attend a workshop," said Siew Lai Lilley, Director of Transfer Services.

The Transfer Center also helps students in additional ways.

Lilley points out additional uses for the Transfer Center.

"The Transfer Center has good resources for researching colleges," said Lilley.

"We have numerous catalogs, many college web sites on our computers, and even offer phones so students can call any college for information, even if it's out of state. We try to help students as much as possible."

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Celebrate Cambodian New Year

By Amy Xayarath
STAFF REPORTER

Next Tuesday, April 13 is the actual Cambodian New Year, but Highline students will get a chance to celebrate it on April 8.

That's when the Khmer Student Association (KHSa) is holding its annual celebration for the Cambodian New Year, noon to 2 p.m. in Building 2. This time of the year represents the end of the harvest. It is the time for farmers to enjoy the fruits of their harvest before the rainy season begins.

"Days and months (of the New Year depends) on the seasons which rice are grown," said Chantha Sonn, the treasurer of KHSa.

The Cambodian New Year is one of the major celebrations in the Cambodian culture. It is based on the lunar calendar, and is celebrated in mid-April, which is the first month of the year in Cambodia. During this time, people take time off work to commemorate the New Year. They spend time visiting family and friends, as well as

paying proper respect to Buddha at the temple. The Buddhist religion plays a major role in many of the celebratory activities.

"(On the first day of the holiday), people clean and (reorganize) their homes as well as set up an altar to welcome the New Year spirits, which are thought to come down this time (of year)," said Sonn.

The following day is to show consideration to the elderly. Parents, grandparents, and teachers are given gifts from children to show proper respect. Moreover, it is the time to ask for forgiveness of misdeeds they may have done to their elders.

Finally, on the third day, people are supposed to clean their Buddha statues with scented water. In doing so, it is thought to bring good luck, long life, and happiness.

"(The) statue of the Buddha is put on the altar along with flowers, candles, incense, a bowl of scented water, food, and water," said Sonn. "(For this reason), people thank god and ancestors for watching over them for the past year and

hope to continue to bless them for the (upcoming year)," said Sonn.

Aside from the Cambodian traditions that are followed annually, members of KHSa are sharing and providing an opportunity for Highline students and staff members to experience Cambodian traditional activities during the New Year celebration.

Members of KHSa are presenting some Cambodian traditions with traditional outfits in a fashion show and two traditional dances by a group of students from South Seattle. Also, there will be a power point presentation of the Angkor Wat (Temple), games, and desserts and beverages for the audience to taste.

Furthermore, Miss Cambodia 2004 of Washington State, who is currently attending Evergreen High School, will be on campus to sing one solo song as well as sing with a group.

"We encourage everyone to attend the Cambodian New Year celebration to experience the Cambodian culture and to see what KHSa is all about," said Sonn.

Be careful what you feed



Photo by Chuck Cortes

Richard Weiler and student Michelle Wilson feed the local pigeons at Redondo dock.

New series concerning non-academic problems

By Amanda Downs
STAFF REPORTER

The Highline Counseling Center, along with Access Services and the Tutoring Center, is hosting workshops and information tables to help students with non-academic problems.

The nine events are distinctly different topics, ranging from per-

fectionism or being unpunctual to proper business etiquette.

"Different things affect different people," said Patricia Haggerty, coordinator of the Student Success Workshops. "We change our workshops around through suggestions from colleagues and students."

The first event begins on Thursday, April 8, with a focus on National Alcohol Screening Day.

Visit the information table in the Building 6 lobby from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to gain more information about the problems of drink-

ing and learn about on campus and off campus resources to help. There will be an information



Haggerty

table about quitting smoking on Tuesday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to noon offering information to anyone interested in kicking the habit.

"We choose to hold information tables instead of creating a workshop for a topic because it's easier for students to walk into Building 6 and grab some information on the subject to read later when they have time instead of just sitting through a seminar," said Haggerty.

Workshops change at Haggerty's decision quarterly and for timeliness, such as combating the rainy day blues for Winter Quarter.

The seminars are scheduled throughout the quarter in the afternoon, each lasting 50 minutes.

For more information on a specific topic, visit the flyer rack outside the Counseling Center in the Upper Level of Building 6.

In the future, Haggerty plans on doing a workshop on gambling.

"Gambling is becoming a huge problem now, especially with all of the new casinos around," said Haggerty. "I want to educate and inform students about the consequences of gambling and give them other resources to get help."

Career Center launches workshops

By Amanda Downs
STAFF REPORTER

The Career Services Department is launching the Spring Quarter career development workshop series on Thursday, April 15.

The series consists of seven workshops this quarter with a variety of topics ranging from job searching skills to writing a resume.

The first seminar, entitled Choosing a Career, is located in Building 30, room 318 from 12:10 to 1 p.m. and helps participants investigate different occupations, offering a free interest assessment to pinpoint the attendee's strong areas of interest.

A different workshop is offered free of charge each Thursday starting at 12:10 p.m. and lasts for 50 minutes. Anyone interested in the various subjects is encouraged to attend.

For more information on specific topics and the date and location of the meeting, visit the Career Center located on the upper



Erik Tinglestad

level of Building 6.

Along with the traditional seminars of interview techniques and choosing a career, the Spring quarter series hosts a new workshop about Peace Corps on Thursday, May 20. This workshop encourages people interested in traveling and becoming immersed in different cultures to attend, introducing curious students to the world of Peace Corps.

The Career Center offers individual help for anything involving

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Professor seeks knowledge in Mexico

By Justin Williams
STAFF REPORTER

Highline writing professor Rosemary Adang said that she wanted to go to Mexico to study the language and experience first-hand the social justice concerns that the people there are currently facing.

"I was looking for the inside information from the people who lived there," she said. "Especially social justice issues affecting women. I was also interested in how NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) is affecting Mexico."

The majority of her time was spent in southern Mexico, where most of the population is comprised of indigenous people who live in rural, unindustrialized areas; she also spent a few days in Guatemala.

It is NAFTA's 10-year anniversary, and, from Adang's perspective, NAFTA hasn't exactly worked out the way it was supposed to for Mexico.

Adang said the Mexican people have very mixed feelings about it.

NAFTA is an agreement between the United States, Canada, and Mexico that regulates, and, to some extent, abolishes the ability of member countries to place tariffs and barriers on imported products. "The basic idea is that



Rosemary Adang

they're avoiding any kind of protections against each other," Adang said.

Proponents of NAFTA say that by removing the ability for member countries to protect their industries by placing higher taxes on imported goods, it will stimulate the economies of all participating countries.

According to a report by the United States Embassy in Mexico, Mexico's exports to the US and Canada have increased by 225 percent.

The World Bank also reports a 4-5 percent increase in Mexico's GDP over the past eight years.

Although these statistics seem to support the claim that NAFTA is helping Mexico's economy, The Center for Economic and Policy Research reports that the 4-5 percent growth rate might be misleading.

The report says that based on current data, Mexico's annual per capita GDP growth rate over the period with NAFTA is more like 1 percent. The report also says that

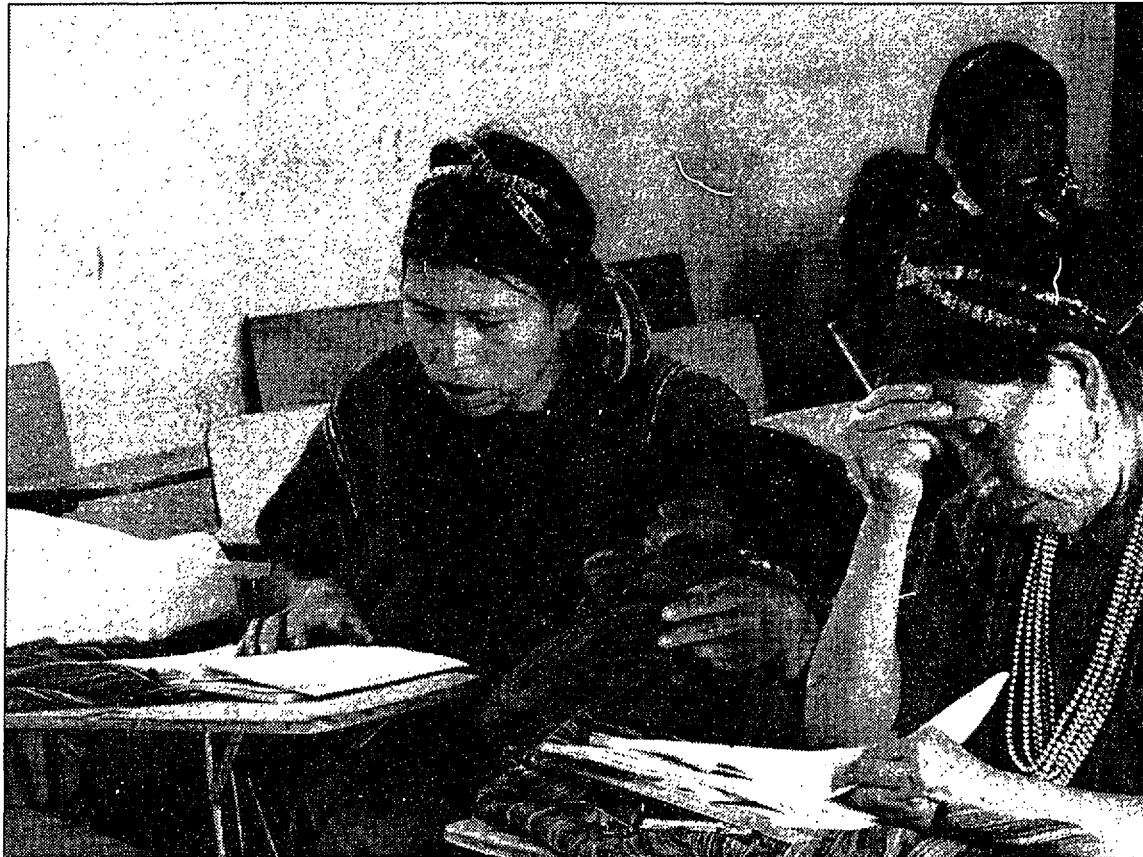


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Women in Guatemala attending a women's school for basic education.

without NAFTA the rate would have been about .5 percent.

According to the report, this is a relatively poor growth rate. Most developing countries averaged about a 2 percent annual growth from 1980-2001.

Most of the new jobs that NAFTA has created in Mexico are related to the manufacturing industry that subsidizes mainly in central and northern Mexico, Adang said.

Adang said that this has created a large influx of people in to the northern regions looking for work, creating an economic gap between northern and southern Mexico.

Adang said that from her perspective the exodus to northern regions has contributed to increased crime rates, and an increase in crimes against women.

For instance, in Ciudad Juarez, a city in the northern border region has seen a dramatic increase in violent crimes against women in the past 11 years.

According to Amnesty International, more than 370 women have been murdered in Ciudad Juarez and Chihuahua City in the past 10 years. Of these 370 women, Amnesty says that research indicates that 137 of them were sexually assaulted.

Adang said that although this might not be directly related to NAFTA, she thinks that the crime increase might be related to the increase of people immigrating to these already overpopulated regions.

"The economic gap between the two regions has also led to significant tension between the Mexican government and the indigenous people," Adang said. Like the Zapatista revolution is Chiapas, in which Mayan rebels forcefully overtook four towns in January of 1994 starting clashes between themselves and the government.

Adang said that because of this

there is still a strong military presence in the region of Chiapas (one of the places Adang visited).

Although NAFTA might be having a negative affect on Mexico and women's rights, there are programs that are helping women and having a positive impact, Adang

said.

One of these programs was in Guatemala.

"I visited a couple of classes that grown Mayan women were going to; they're taking mainly Spanish and math," Adang said.

The classes are part of a program

that is trying to offer free education to women who have little or no education so that they have a chance to work.

Lack of education for women has been a major social justice issue in southern Mexico and Guatemala, Adang said. "The men have been getting educated for a while, but the women haven't been getting educated."

Public school in Mexico, like the US, is free, but in Mexico families have to pay for uniforms and supplies, Adang said.

"Usually families will only spend the money to send their sons," because they think they have a better chance of getting a job and earning money, Adang said.

She said that most older women have never had any education, and the younger women have usually only had a primary education, if any.

"Another obstacle is their husbands," Adang said.

She said they feel threatened by the idea of their wives receiving an education and looking for work.

This is a cultural aspect that she said anyone who is organizing these programs needs to take into consideration.

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Smoking

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care if he got arrested for it.

Others were also unhappy, but said they would comply.

"There is no reason we should not be able to smoke in outside areas, as long as we are responsible and don't blow smoke in peoples faces," said Rae Purcell, a student.

She went on to say she follows the rules that are in place now and says she will follow the new rules, but she won't be happy.

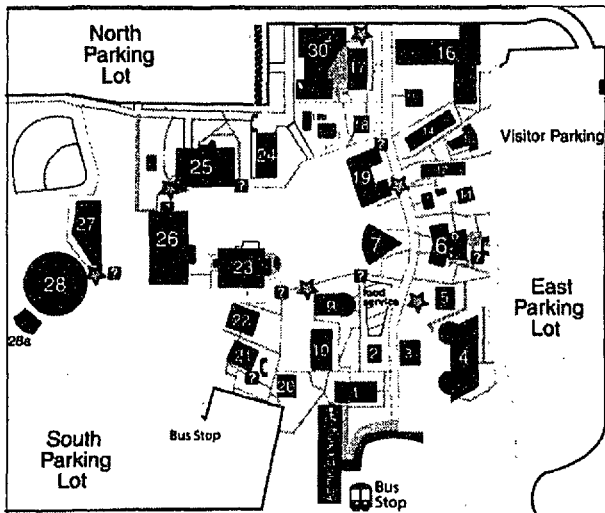
Non-smokers said they are tired of breathing smoke everywhere they go.

"I'm tired of walking through smoke clouds," Malcolm McLemore said. "I am for the new zones."

Some students say they don't care about the new policies.

James Turner doesn't smoke but he says he has been a round smokers all his life.

"I don't know if I like it, I don't know if I don't," he said.



The stars on the map are the proposed designated smoking areas on campus.

Mexico

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Adang also visited education programs in Southern Mexico. "I saw two kinds of programs," she said.

One was a boarding school run by Catholic nuns in Chiapas that holds about 45 girls.

The school provides low-cost education for younger girls, Adang said.

"They [the girls] seem very bright and excited that they have a future," but it still costs money and the program is in need of more scholarships.

The other school she visited was in San Miguel De Allende (just north of Mexico City in the central highlands region).

The program was called Mujeres En Cambio, Adang said, which translates to "women in change."

Adang said that the program is being run by locals, and ex-patriot American volunteers.

She said that "they collect money for scholarships" and give the money directly to the families

of girls who want to go to school.

The families can spend the money however they want, Adang said. "As long as they [girls] are in school and doing well, they [families] continue to get the scholarship."

Adang also observed programs that were trying to provide women with job opportunities with good working conditions and decent wages, another social justice issue that affects women in Mexico.

Adang said she visited a number of weaving co-ops that were providing women with jobs.

"In many places in Mexico weaving is a very important traditional craft," practiced by women, Adang said. "Their patterns are indicative of their ethnicity and the regions they are from."

Adang said that at one of these co-ops "they built everything they could from scratch," including the building and even the stove.

The co-ops provide women with the ability to have fixed prices and quality control, Adang said.

Once again, the husbands seem to be one of the bigger obstacles to these programs.

"The husbands have not been supportive because they feel

threatened," Adang said.

She said the husbands also feel that these co-ops place their wives in an immodest position.

The organizations are trying to explain to the husbands that they don't need to worry, and that the economy desperately needs their wives to enter the workforce, she said.

Adang said that her trip to Mexico was not only a huge learning experience, but it also significantly affected her outlook on life.

"It really changed me in the sense that I wanted to feel more connected to Mexico and now I do," Adang said.

"I feel like Mexico is more a part of my life, and that, as an American, that is how it should be. They're our neighbors. I can't see living on the west coast and not caring about Mexico's future."

Adang says she plans to use her experience to expand the emphasis on women's issues in Mexico in her women's studies and her culture, gender, and global studies classes. She also plans to have her students to projects that involve interaction with people and agencies working to help women in Mexico.

Delay

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Right now workers are using wood and plastic to cover what will be windows so they can start on the interior work of the building. "The problem with doing that is you have to take down the wood and plastic and then you have to worry about damaging the inside of the building," said McDonald.

The process to install a window frame will take about a day. That's to remove the existing protective layer of wood and plastic and then to install the actual glass for the window. The frames for the project come in pieces and workers have to assemble the frame and then glaze the glass inside of the frame. Once the glazing is complete workers then install it in the building. This all happens weather permitting.

"One of our biggest problems is taking off the plastic and wood and having it rain. Then the dry-wall would be destroyed and there would be a nasty flood on the inside," said McDonald. "But the weather is getting better and spring is a time for re-growth. So we'll see how it goes."

But when it comes to construction, it's a culmination of problems that causes a delay. "It's never just one problem. It's a dozen at once," said McDonald.

The other large culprit in the delayed student union is the metal shortage the whole country is currently facing. "There is a steel shortage nationwide. Steel deliveries have been a problem for all three projects, but the Student Union, being a steel structure covered in glass, is hampered far more than the other two buildings," said Pete Babington, director of facilities at Highline.

"Now we have to wait six to

eight weeks for a shipment when a year ago it took three days," said McDonald.

But the steel was ordered early enough so that it's not a major setback for the project. While it did cause them to fall slightly behind schedule, workers have been able to work around the hindrance and account for the lost time.

"We have to be able to work around parts not showing up. It's like putting a puzzle together, but it's not uncommon for this to happen," said McDonald. "We're just trying to tighten the schedule."

The price of the metal used has also gone up 40 percent since the beginning of January and there is an expected increase of 12 percent after the first of April.

Despite the price increase, Highline is under a fixed-price contract so the only effects the college is feeling is the delay of the schedule.

"The contractors are the ones losing money now," said McDonald.

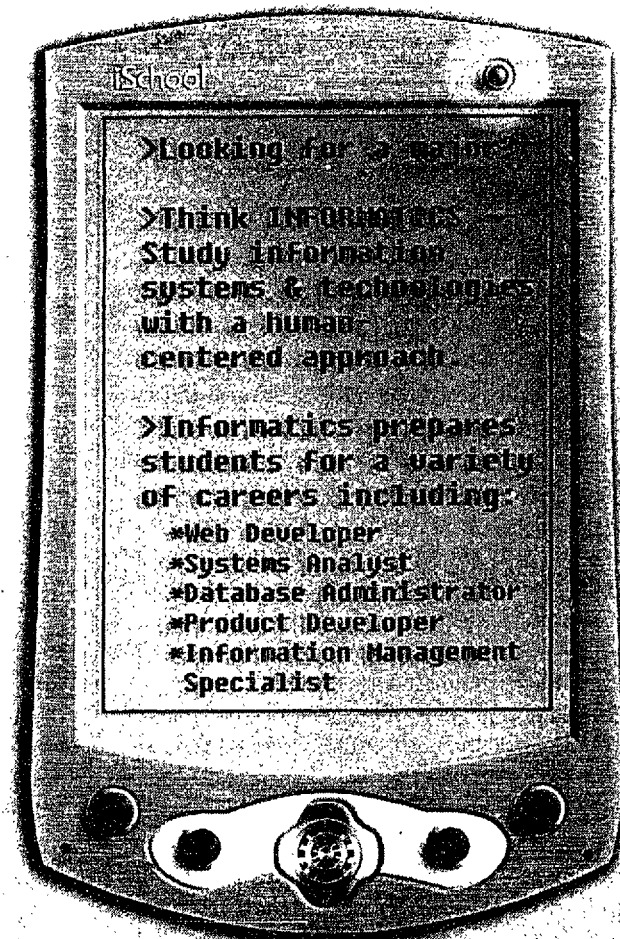
But Babington says that it's not in the colleges interest to have their contractors go out of business during the project.

The delay in the construction affects the departments that would have moved into the building for fall. The cafeteria, the bookstore, Student Programs, Student Government and Team Highline are all departments expected to move into the new building.

Pete Babington gives a optimistic response to the delay for the bookstore. "It might actually be a better schedule, as a November move-in will be smoother than just before the start of Fall Quarter trash."

"This thing was built to last," said Dennis Hayes, food services director for Highline. "It's not really going to hurt us. We'll do great, but we can't wait to impress you guys (in the new building)."

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