Tuition will increase in Fall

By John Montenegro
and Martha Molina

Highline students will have to pay an extra $60 for tuition this fall. The State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) raised tuition for community and technical colleges 7 percent at a recent meeting.

A full-time student (15 credits) at Highline will be paying $771 instead of $714 now. Non-resident students will be paying $2,621.50 this coming fall instead of $2,450 currently.

This increase comes on the heels of a 7 percent increase by the board last year. The state Legislature authorized the board to increase tuition to fill cuts made by the Legislature in the boards operating budget.

The SBCTC is the government organization that regulates the policies of Washington’s 32 community and technical colleges. As one of its duties the SBCTC sets the tuition rates of the colleges. Although the colleges have to raise the cost of a class per credit, the institutions themselves have authority as to whether to raise student fees at the specified percent.

"The only place that we have an option is S & A (Services and Activities) fees," said Vice President of Administrations Laura Saunders.

College administrators estimate that the 7 percent increase will translate into an extra $8 million. Currently Highline’s 2003-04 operating budget is somewhere in the vicinity of $29.2 million, up from last year’s $23.2 million.

The Washington State Legislature allocates money to Highline’s and the states other public colleges. Through tuition, Highline students currently pay 35 percent of the cost of education, the rest comes from the state. As recently as 2000, students only paid 30 percent.

It’s a bad thing for students. But it’s necessary to avoid layoffs, said Saunders. With the state’s economy still in the doldrums, Highline has been plagued with budget cuts for the past two years by the Legislature. State tax revenues have been weak, and the Legislature has been balancing the state budget largely by keeping a lid on spending.

The 2003-05 Washington state operating budget is $22.5 billion. The budget is composed of all the state’s expenditures; more than half of the budget is earmarked for education. But higher education is only a small percentage of the education portion of the budget. Highline could face future cuts said Saunders. The economic forecast for next year is already predicted to be gloomy so Highline could see further budget cuts and that could translate into further tuition hikes.

“I do expect another increase,” said Saunders, “although we remain ever hopeful.”

Students are not pleased with the fact that they might have to work more hours to pay for the new tuition increase. Omar Diaz, who is attending Highline for his last quarter, is frustrated with another tuition increase.

“I’ve watched tuition go up the whole time I’ve been here. It’s not fair,” said Diaz.

Other students who are just starting off their first year are already getting discouraged from continuing their education because of financial difficulties.

Lucy Castellan, who is attending Highline for his third quarter, says he makes the best out of the situation.

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Last-minute funding helps parking

By Sara Loken

Dr. Priscilla Bell was a magician last month as she was able to pull out an extra 150 stalls of parking, out of a hat.

Dr. Bell, president of Highline, went to Olympia on March 12, and was able to convince the Legislature to grant Highline’s request to translate $550,000 to help remedy the parking problem.

The loss of Midway prompted the urgency to find more parking. At its peak morning hours, Midway plays host to 300 student cars. In February Highline’s lease was cancelled and the lease was sold to Lowe’s Home Improvement Warehouse, who will begin construction in the fall.

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Students don’t want to pay for parking garage.

Dr. Bell’s miracle of obtaining the funding came at just the right time, and almost at the last minute. The Highline issue came up late,” said State Sen. Karen Keiser, D-Des Moines. It came out about 18 hours before the final decision had been made on the state budget.

“This year we had a small budget and there was almost no room for any new projects. It’s some what of a miracle that she (Dr. Bell) was able to do this,” said Keiser.
Lawrence makes sense of Mad Cow

By Rob Goodman

STAFF REPORTER

Beef: It's what's for dinner.

Or, if you happen to be one of the unfortunate people diagnosed with new variant Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease (vCJD), it's more like a sip of dementia, a bite of memory loss, and a lethal slice of death.

In 1996, the world was told that you could get a fatal disease by eating beef in the United Kingdom. The disease in humans became known as new variant Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease.

In 1997, it was called Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), or what most commonly refer to now as Mad Cow Disease, said Dr. Kaddey Lawrence, Highline biology instructor who spoke about the disease at last Friday's Science Seminar.

"One in 10,000 people would spontaneously get these diseases," she said.

To make the connection between the cows and the humans, research had to be done, and scientists looked into the past for answers.

People were reportedly dying in an isolated tribe in New Guinea by what was known at the time as "the laughing death," Lawrence said.

"Only one tribe was experiencing this," she said, but why this tribe?

"Following a funeral tradition, "the tribe" would take the brain out of the dead ancestor, and serve it to the family," Lawrence said.

"Women and children first." The "laughing death," was the definitive title for what later became known as Kudu. The disease is neuro-degenerative (it breaks down the central nervous system), causing dementia (madness), memory loss, deterioration of motor skills (i.e. speaking, walking), and eventually death.

Scientists were able to link the similarities of Kudu to regular Creutzfeldt and Mad Cow, but still speculated upon the disease's capability of transferring from cows to humans. The puzzling factor was that regular Creutzfeldt was scientifically characterized as a genetic disease, and it didn't make sense for it to be spreading like a typical organic infection. The answer lay deep within the animal body, specifically mammals.

"This is a mammalian disease," Lawrence said.

Mammals need four living organic compounds to survive: carbohydrates, for cell identification and energy; lipids for energy and to separate body compartments, proteins to firm constructional components in the body such as muscle and for energy back-up, and nucleic acids, such as DNA and RNA, to give information to make proteins.

Organisms are generally the cause of infections in animals, but the disease couldn't be traced to any formidable bacteria or virus. "Infections as we understand them, are essentially other organisms trying to get inside our bodies and set up house," said Lawrence.

"Organisms replicate by DNA or RNA, while proteins are molecules and have no nucleic acid. They're not alive." Therefore, proteins cannot vi-

able cause infections. But prions can.

Prions, Proteinaceous Infectious Particles, are scientifically defined as a "self-replicating protein," said Lawrence.

"What's inside the brains of cows with Creutzfeldt and people with (Mad Cow), is two particular protein variants of the same thing," she said.

Prions are defined as a "rogue" protein, PPSFC (also defined as "Proteinaceous Prion Protein") and can act like an ant of CJD and BSE in sheep), replicating on their own by entering brain cells and causing the normal proteins, Pp to turn into "rogue" ones, Lawrence said.

Since the basic activity of proteins is based on a folding, or what Lawrence referred to as a "basic origami," what the "rogue" protein does is assimilate the normal proteins to bend into a "rogue" protein by combining with them and breaking down their amino acids, so they unwind from their typical helix structure into a more open position, Lawrence said.

Because prions have no identifying nucleic acid such as DNA or RNA, they do not move through the brain cell, so they continue to accumulate inside of it. Prions pile up, causing the cells in the brain to malfunction and eventually shut down, Lawrence said.

Also, when prion-infected brain cells die, they release more prions to cause further infection. The process continues rapidly, your body and mind deteriorates, and inevitably you die.

The world is concerned about Mad Cow Disease, and many fear of becoming infected with the new variant of Jacob-Creutzfeld disease, contracted from consuming beef.

People want to know just what they can do to protect themselves against it, but what can they do? "Not a whole lot," said Lawrence. "There's no cure for it, no vaccine for it."

If one is truly concerned, the best thing to do is not eat beef. Truly, at this point, it's only the thing one can do.

Next Friday's Science Seminar will be held in Building 3, room 102 from 2:10 to 3 p.m. Speaker Woody Moses will be focusing on what humans can do to prevent global warming.

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**GRIME BLOTTER**

Security stops car theft with bad outcome

Two male suspects were attempting to steal a late model Acura, but were stopped by the Highline Security on April 12 at 4:30 p.m. One male suspect knocked down an officer and jumped into the patrol car, and the other officer drove into the patrol car and was dragged 15-20 feet.

The suspect stopped the patrol car and got away on foot as the officer helped his fellow officer and called Des Moines Police Department for an Aid Unit. They also notified the Des Moines Police to continue the pursuit of the suspect.

The officer who was dragged had injuries to both knees, his left elbow and shoulder and was treated by the unit.

Locker rooms still plagued by break-ins

A suspicious person was reported wandering the locker room area on April 9 at 3:20 p.m. After an officer checked the area he found 14 empty lockers with the doors wide open and the lockers empty.

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This class is for the birds

Woody Moses' Seabirds class takes students out to nature

By Skylor Kimball

Bird fanatics listen up, the new class called Sea Birds is the class for you.

It's a hands-on class about the evolution of seabirds and other marine mammals around the Puget Sound.

The class is located at the Redondo dock and classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Professor Woody Moses was given the opportunity to teach a new class at Highline when he came here a year ago. After teaching the class at his previous school he was excited to start the class up here.

"This is a 100-level class and is not difficult if you get your work done," Moses said.

While attending the class students will have to keep a journal of their day-to-day observations. The class is mostly held outside around the boardwalk at Redondo learning about the Puget Sound and the ecosystem that lives around it.

"I want the students to have a better understanding of the evolution of seabirds and other marine mammals," Moses said.

The dock that the classroom is on also has a building housing the touch aquarium tank. The touch aquarium has numerous small pools that hold sea animals that students can study. In the last big earthquake a pump which filled the small pools failed; as a result they had to release all of the marine animals back into Puget Sound.

"I hope to in the future to combine this class with a kayaking class," said Moses, who is a kayak instructor in the Puget Sound area in the summer.

Students get a hands-on approach to learning at Highline's Marine Science and Technology Center located at Redondo.

Conferece to deal with diversity issues

By Linh Tran

The 14th Annual Students of Color Conference will be May 6-8 at the Sea Tac DoubleTree Hotel.

Each year the Multicultural Student Services Director's Council from 44 different community and technical colleges coordinates the conference. Highline Multicultural Services Director Yoshiko Harden helps coordinate this event.

Students attending the conference will be learning about a wide range of multicultural issues. During the conference topics such as self-awareness, awareness of other cultures, leadership skills and social justice are covered.

These topics are then broken down into workshops. At the conference, students are required to attend four different seminars. They must attend the self-awareness and leadership skills seminar and get to choose the other two.

Four keynote speakers are speaking at the event. The students at the conference are usually encouraged to discuss issues about students of color or anything that might relate to it and speeches are often motivational.

"One of the speakers, Keith Boykin, an African-American gay man, may possibly speak on issues of sexual identity," said Harden. Student Program Director Natasha Burrowes has attended past conferences and encourages students who have an interest in diversity and cultural issues to attend.

Burrowes also mentioned that it's a good place for students to talk about various issues of diversity.

"The conference is a space for students to get together and talk about issues of diversity and multiculturalism. It also empowers students in terms of claiming their cultural identity and being proud of their history," said Burrowes.

More than 400 students from different colleges are expected to attend this year's conference. The deadline has passed for this year's conference, however, 15 Highline students are attending. Students who are interested in attending next year should check with Student Programs in the fall.

Business center helps firms profit

By Roger Heuschele

Zev Siegl's job is to help your small business thrive and grow.

Siegl works for the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) located in the Omni Building located next to Bucky's. Their goal is to help your small business get better and stronger in the hopes that the business will flourish.

"I'm going to enable someone to help them succeed," Siegl said.

Siegl serves a huge range of businesses ranging from Federal Way to South Seattle. With the financial support of the state of Washington, it creates the ability for all who request help, receive help, without being charged.

The Development Center is a cooperative effort of Washington State University, other universities, community colleges, private sector organizations. It is partially funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration to provide business management and technical assistance, training, as research to small business owners and managers to improve profitability and stimulate economic development.

It was founded at Washington State University in 1980, and now has seven sub-centers located throughout the state of Washington along with various programs located throughout the country.

Siegl has been working for Highline as well as for the Development Center since Feb. 1. Before coming to Highline he has worked for various businesses around the Northwest including Shurgard Storage. Siegl serves on the boards of several businesses and founded three different companies.

His main focus as a consultant is to help turn people's businesses into success stories. Siegl calls himself a serial entrepreneur in that he goes into a business with the mindset to make the business run smoother. But at the same time he is there to fix whatever the original problems were. Sometimes it is mismanagement, budgeting problems, or just a loss of focus.

"The most interesting part of my job is seeing the differences in the way people think. It's understanding the thought process of how people think," Siegl said. "And there is always no shortage of variety with the people I help.

On top of helping area businesses, he also helps various students from Highline.

"The Development Center is a classic enabling service; we don't do it all for our clients, but we work hard to enable all our clients to move their business ahead," he said.
Hope for the holidays

Childhood memories are precious to me. Holiday memories, especially to me. Christmas, New Year’s, April Fools’, Halloween, Birthdays... the works.

But now that I think about it, I’m getting older. The golden hue that surrounded these qualities slowly began to lose its shine. It makes me wonder: What happened to the holidays I loved so much as a child?

I had this suspicion for a while now that as I get older the more holidays lose their meaning. Take Easter for example.

Every year, my family has a Easter egg hunt. My parents put candy and/or money in plastic eggs and hide them in a specific room in the house. My dad is a wizard at this (as he’s been doing this for more than 15 years)

I’m 19. I’m not afraid to say that I STILL participate in my family’s Easter egg hunting bananza. It’s fun, but something was missing.

When I was younger, say 6-12, it was great. Finding all that candy, getting spending money; it was awesome! Entering high school it was still somewhat of a blast trying to outdo my brothers and sisters. Last Easter Sunday brought mixed feelings. I was glad we still did the traditional hunt and that hardly anything changed, but I still felt like something was missing. It was as if I didn’t care whether the egg hunt happened or not.

Don’t think I don’t know what Easter is really about. I’m Christian; I remember the sacrifices Jesus made that day and his rebirth soon after. But even though I know the real point and I pay my respects through prayer, sometimes I start to worry.

Do those feelings exist only in my childhood? I tend to idealize holidays as something to be enjoyed by everyone to the fullest extent. Heck, that’s why they’re holidays in the first place, right? I want to be more enthusiastic when it comes to holidays.

But most people (including me) I run into seem somewhat more callous toward holidays sometimes. There are some people out there that probably don’t want to celebrate their birthdays anymore. Or maybe they just don’t believe in it.

So what’s the problem? Well, the key word here is “older.” Adulthood brings adult concerns and realities. Maybe some people are just too busy for holidays to deal with them properly. Even birthdays may seem annoying or pointless.

But all I’m saying is that even though you get older there are times and days when you can let your hair down and get into the spirit of things. Some holidays are more for adults (St. Patrick’s), some for kids (Halloween), and some for special occasions and family (Memorial Day).

When I was a kid I would get totally into the picture, whether it was wearing green for St. Patrick’s Day or having fun with (or thanking off) family members during Christmas or Thanksgiving.

Even now there are still holidays I eagerly look forward to (Birthday included). My parents are the same way and I think them for giving me that feeling. As long as we look forward to them, holidays still carry some magic to them. Hopefully, when I’m a parent, I’ll still hold on to those feelings... and past them on to my kids as well. I hope everyone will.

There will always need kids to name them after every holiday.
Burien gallery exhibits eastern art

By Jessie Elliott

On the walls of an ordinary blue cottage in Burien there is a display of extraordinary art. The new exhibit at the Burien Arts Gallery features art with an Asian flair.

This exhibit displays Sumi art, as well as batik silk creations, and Barbara floral arrangements. The Sumi art is displayed in the main room of the gallery. It features three different artists, all with unique interpretations of the type of art.

Sumi is an ancient Chinese craft that originated in 700 A.D. It focuses on the use of negative and positive space in the canvas and line structure.

"[It] creates a lot of feeling with a minimum amount of brushstrokes," said Barbara Jorgensen, the director of the gallery.

Genevieve Ashford uses bright colors and floral motifs in her work. The main focus of her paintings is the positive, colorful space.

Rita Burns Speiser uses mainly black and white on the canvas. Some of her most powerful pieces are those in which she uses the negative, white spaces as the main focus of the canvas.

Trish Rogers utilizes warm colors to complement the black and white spaces in her paintings.

All three artists belong to the Puget Sound Sumi Artist Organization. This group's goal is to keep the Sumi technique from dying out. Barbara Jorgensen, the director of the gallery, goes to Japan nearly every year to teach the art. Japanese artists are the ones who brought it to the Puget Sound area, she said.

"We're the only place in the area where you can go to take a class," Jorgensen said. "The Japanese technique is very exacting. It takes a lot of time to learn but the results are wonderful." She has taught Sumi in Japan.

Highline's very own Joseph Hilsabeck. A member of the extended learning faculty of Highline College, Hilsabeck showcases powerful watercolor paintings.

Hilsabeck uses cool colors, drawing his inspiration from the environment and his surroundings. His strong, powerful strokes are what makes his bold paintings stand out. This exhibit began on April 9 and will be running for eight weeks. The Burien Arts Gallery is open from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The Gallery is located at 421 SW 146th Street in Burien, next to the Burien Library. For more information call 206-244-7808.

More styles converge here in this exhibit.

Many styles converge here in this exhibit.
The Woodinville Repertory Theatre will present "An Evening of Broadway Show Tunes," featuring more than 40 popular musical numbers. The performance begins 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 24 at the Auburn Performing Arts Center on 700 E. Main. Tickets are $8 to $12 and a limited number of 'rush' tickets go on sale for $5 (cash only) a half-hour before show time. For more information call Auburn Parks at 253-931-3043.

The Auburn Arts Commission City Hall Gallery will feature a group exhibit of contemporary mixed-media works by various artists. The gallery show goes on from April 2 to May 20 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. The gallery is on 25 West Main St., the second floor of City Hall. Admission is free. For more information call 253-931-3043.

The Spring Puyallup Fair begins today, from April 15-18. The usual hours are from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. except on Thursday (3 p.m. to 10 p.m.) and Sunday (10 p.m. to 7 p.m.). The fair is located at the Puyallup Fairgrounds, 9th Avenue SW & 33rd Street. General admission is $8, Youth (6-18 years) admission is $6 and five and under is free. Parking is free in all fair parking lots. The fair’s official website is located at www.thefair.com. An information hotline can be contacted at 253-841-5945.

The City of Auburn Arts Commission is accepting applications from craft artists, nonprofit 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.

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**Quoteable Quote**

Wagner's music is better than it sounds.

—Bill Nye

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T-Birds try something new

Women's track team try new distances at relays

By Patrick McGuire

T
he women's track team may be small, but they are full of talent. They have been steadily improving at every meet; with many of the women already qualified for the NWAACC Championships in May. Although, this past weekend proved to be very challenging for the women.

Since the team is so small, everyone had to run distances that they don't usually run, just to be able to score points in the event. The women's track team traveled down to Gresham, Ore. on April 10, to compete at the Mt. Hood Community College Relays. The T-Birds finished fourth out of the four community college teams competing at the relays, scoring 39 points.

"The women trained very hard this week. I told them this was a low-key meet and to have fun," Coach Robert Yates said.

Taryn Flypicky competed in the high jump, and got third place with a jump of 5'2". In the 4x200-meter relay, Amanda Kamm, Zori Garasimchuck, Brittany Boysen, and Monaka White ran a combined time of 1:50.78 seconds to take a fourth place finish for the event.

In the 4x400-meter relay, White, Boysen, Garasimchuck, and Kamm logged a time of 4:17.28 seconds and took third place. "This is my second year competing at the relays, and even though it's a small meet, I still like to go and see how my my competition for the championship are running," Kamm said.

In the 4x800-meter relay, Kamm, Garasimchuck, Jamie Jablonski, and Stiges Marshall took third place with a time of 9:52.69 seconds. "This weekend was my first relay experience, and I had a good time. But in all honesty the women's team is too small to have competitive relays," Garasimchuck said.

"So, I think I speak for myself as well as the rest of the team when I say that the relays were a nice break, but it's time to get back to serious work. All the women are running really hot, and I think we are going to tear it up at the championships," she said.

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Track takes second at Hood relays

By Mikhail Fomenko

The Highline men’s track team placed second in the Mt. Hood relays for the third year in a row.

The T-Birds had 91 team points, trailing only the winning Clark Penguin with 103. Mt. Hood was third with 50, followed by SW Oregon with 49.

For Highline, Jake Foyston won the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.40 seconds.

The 4x200 meter relay team won with the time of 1:29.99. The team included Alex Harcourt, Jeremiah Armstead, Travis Glover, and Jerome Sirmans.

“We had a good lead but at the end of the race the second place team started pulling on us, we still won,” said Harcourt.

The 800-meter sprint medley also won with a time of 1:57.80. The team included Ajamu Davis, Rob Cail, Foyston, and Mike Dickson. With an injury to Brynne McIvor, Coach Robert Yates had to make a last-minute decision to put Cail, normally a thrower, into the medley.

The 4x400 meter relay team also won with the time of 3:18.58. The team included Harcourt, Foyston, Dickson, and Sirmans.

“I came out slower than usual because I was not used to the different stages, but I finished strong,” said Harcourt. “By the end of the season I will be running the 400 meters in 47 seconds, and will be in the top two places in the NWAACC championships.

“The T-Birds’ general success is leaving them optimistic.

“The way our team is training right now will lead us to dominate NWAACC’s” said sprinter Melvin Jenkins, who took the weekend off and did not run. “We will shatter the school record in the 4x400 this year, possibly break it this weekend.”

The distance medley relay team won with a time of 10:46.71. The team consisted of David Larpenteur (1,200), Oliver (400), James Roach (800), and Clay Hemlock (1,600).

“I am running the steeplechase for the first time next week at Central. I am looking forward to running a good time,” said Larpenteur. “The steeple might be my event to dominate.”

The 4x1,600 meter relay team came in second with a time of 19:32.39. The team included Robert Bartholomew, Larpenteur, Roach, and Sean Conroy.

The 4x800 team took second place with a time of 8:24.39. The team included Hemlock, Josh Frazier, Hassan Khalif, and Kris Farrell.

In addition to the relays, individual competitions were held in the field events.

In the javelin Cail threw 166’1.75” and took second place. Ricky Moody threw shot put for 45’0.5” and got third place; he also threw the discus 121’03”.

Kyle Jones came in third in the discus throwing 127’08”. McIver long jumped 20’09.5” and received third place.

The team is competing in the Spike Art Invitational meet on Saturday at Central Washington University in Ellensburg.

Photos by Amber Trillo

Above: Rob Cail throwing javelin during the meet last weekend at Mt. Hood. Below: Jerome Sirmans running the last leg of the 4x400.

Men qualifiers for NWAACCs as of 3/27/04

200M (:22.79)
- #3/27 Alex Harcourt :22.66

400M (:50.36)
- #3/13 Alex Harcourt :48.07

800M (1:58.33)
- #3/13 Mike Dickson 1:57.20
- #3/28 Clay Hemlock 1:57.69

1500M (4:05.05)
- #4/3 Clay Hemlock 3:54.61

5000M (15:57.35)
- #4/3 Clay Hemlock 15:49.88

- #3/13 Dylan Bailey 15:12.70

10000M (34:09.50)
- #3/13 Robert Bartholomew 33:42.00

- #13 David Larpenteur 33:42.00

- #4/3 Josh Frazier 33:45.19

110M HURDLES (15.8)
- #3/13 Jake Foyston 14.90

400M HURDLES (47.12)
- #3/13 Jake Foyston 54.29

LONG JUMP (21’6”)
- #4/3 Mason Kien 22’6”

TRIPLE JUMP (43’2”)
- #4/3 Mason Kien 48’2”

400M RELAY (44.20)
- #3/13 Highline :43.10

1600M RELAY (3:27.7)
- #4/3 Highline 3:21.98

For complete listing of all qualifiers in the NWAACC league refer to www.nwacci.org.
Fastpitch off to a bumpy beginning

By Jordan Goddard
"STAFF REPORTER"

After a strong season start, the Lady Thunderbirds softball team fell back to 5-5 with tough outings against Edmonds, Shoreline, and Olympic colleges.

"500 is nothing to panic about," Head Coach Anne Schmidt said. "We have the talent to reach our goals. We just need to step up and have a good outing."
The T-Birds went through a rough pre-season in Arizona, losing all six games. Highline came back to Washington ready to play though, winning their first four.
The streak ended last Friday at home in a doubleheader against Olympic College with a 5-2 loss in the first game and a 2-1 loss in the second.
"Olympic is No. 1. They're playing well right now," Coach Schmidt said.
The Thunderbirds' defense, usually a strength, failed in Friday's games against the Olympic Rangers. The team committed a total of nine fielding errors in the two matches.
"We're off to a slow start. We're a young team, but we're learning. We'll pick it up," pitcher Amanda Richardson said.
Saturday's games at Shoreline brought more success to the Thunderbirds.
The first contest turned into a hard fought pitcher's duel, a 2-2 score taking both teams into extra innings. The Thunderbirds broke it open in the eighth with three unanswered runs to secure a 5-2 win for pitcher Lacie Walter.
The offensive explosion at the end of the first game failed to carry over to the second match, however.
Despite only two runs surrendered by pitcher Richardson, the Thunderbirds could not get a run into the second inning. Highline surrendered the second game to Shoreline, 3-2.
"We just need to hit the ball. That's our focus right now," Coach Schmidt said.
Highline went on the road again Tuesday against Edmonds. The Tritons jumped out to an early lead in the first game. The Thunderbirds' offense rallied in the final inning, but it was too late. Edmonds took game one, 4-2.
"Everyone knows we can hit, so they're playing us deep," second baseman Brittnae Stewart said. "We're hitting it, just not at the right place and at the right time."
The Thunderbirds seemed to carry their offensive momentum into the second game this time, loading the bases in the second inning.
Highline's hopes of building a lead soon faded after a pair of pop flies ended the inning with only one run scored.
The Tritons' ace pitcher settled into an effective rhythm after the early threat, securing her second win of the day. The Thunderbirds fell 5-2.
"We lacked that spark," first baseman KaMill Bailey said. Despite recent struggles, team morale appears high.
"Every game is a new beginning," Bailey said. "We're going to come out intense and leave it on the field."
The Thunderbirds face Everett at home this Friday. Games begin at 2 p.m. Skagit Valley College comes to Highline on Saturday at noon and 7 p.m. The T-Birds hit the road on Tuesday to face Peninsula College at 2 and 4 p.m.

(Casey Hendriksen, Kristy Richardson, Andra Hinckley, and Head Coach Anne Schmidt talk shop during a game against Olympic College.)

Photos by Amber Trillo

Lacey Walter pitching during the home game last Friday against Olympic.
Double-header

Hinckley twins are a double dose of effort for T-Birds

By David Larpenteur, STAFF REPORTER

The Hinckley twins are double trouble.

Emma Hinckley plays third base and Andra Hinckley plays centerfield respectively for the Lady T-Birds softball team.

They have been playing softball together since first grade so they don’t know what it’s like not playing together, each says.

“Our strengths and weaknesses are the same, we both have speed and toughness but are unable to hit inside changeups,” said Andra Hinckley.

“When we’re together on the field it feels like there is more power,” said Emma Hinckley.

Being twins, the two are very similar in appearance. They’re both 5’3” the only real difference is Andra has lighter colored hair.

It took Assistant Coach Mark Hall at least three weeks to be able to tell the difference between the two. He would figure out who was who by the necklaces they wore and then they would switch necklaces and he would be all confused again, said Head Coach Anne Schmidt.

The two bring so much to the team, say the coaches.

“It’s crazy,” said Schmidt.

“It’s a ball,” Hall said.

“They crank it up when they play together and really feed off of each other,” said Hall.

They have incredibly high energy and always-loud personality, which really energizes up the team during games, said Coach Schmidt.

“It’s great to have two super fast bulldog mentality players,” Schmidt said.

The twins have three older brothers who are their role models. That’s where they feed their athletic talent comes from.

Their main influence is their older brother, Damion Hinckley, who is 28 and was a baseball player in high school.

Damion is always giving them motivation because he feels he made a mistake when quitting baseball and he doesn’t want them to make the same mistake.

Over their softball career, their coaches have got them where they are today, the sisters said.

“If it weren’t for our high school coach, Mark Marshall, we probably wouldn’t be playing at Highline today,” said Andra Hinckley.

These two are used to winning.

They were on the state championship team at Kentridge High School their senior year in 2002.

Their goal this season is to win the NWAACC championship.

“They’re like two piranhas smelling for the kill,” said Hall.

“They want to outs each other while they want to pick each other up,” said teammate Shelby Giovanni.

The coaches and players agree that putting them in the front of the line up is excellent.

They bat 1-2 in the order because they normally both get on base.

“If the first one doesn’t do it, the second will do it,” said teammate Casey Haukisen.

On and off the field they are teammate kind of players.

It’s almost as if they’re in another world, which the team refers to as Andremma.

The twin duo, are sophomores and will be moving on from community college this June.

“I want to go to university, preferably in California,” said Andra Hinckley.

“I plan to get married and take some time off and eventually go back to a four-year university,” said Emma Hinckley.

Andra Hinckley plans on pursing a career in nutrition and exercise science and Emma Hinckley is interested in sports medicine.
Inputs needed for parking solution

By Jacob Foyston and Amanda Downs

If you are fed up with the parking situation at Highline, here's a chance to offer a solution. A Solutions Forum meets Wednesday, April 38 from 1 to 3 p.m. in Building 2.

"We'll look at any ideas students have because we're looking at significant changes in parking for Fall quarter," said Laura Saunders, vice president of administration.

Next fall Highline's parking is going to get worse before it gets better; with the transformation of Midway into a Lower's Home Improvement Center, there will be a couple hundred people looking for spots on a campus that is already full.

The parking spots total around 1,800 on campus and another 1,000 at Midway. With enrollment currently around 8,000, plus faculty and staff, parking is a huge problem.

Saunders said that next year Highline will be adding more parking to the North and South lots with advocating carpools and bus use.

"Reliance on single-person cars is expensive, considering the recent hike in gasoline," said Saunders. "Carpooling is the answer."

Another solution is reducing the number of permits issued; currently about three times as many permits are issued as there are parking spots.

If you are not able to attend the forum but would like your voice to be heard, you can e-mail suggestions to Laura Saunders, vice president of administration, at Issau@highline.edu.

Changes in fees will be announced in June and letters will be sent to students regarding the decision and plans involving the parking problem.

In a survey conducted by the Thunderbird, roughly two-thirds of students agreed that they would be willing to pay a few extra dollars to help solve the parking problem.

"I think they should raise permit prices and put that money towards building a parking garage," said Brianna Lennom, a student at Highline. She went on to say that she believes that the tickets that security writes should go to help building a new parking lot.

"Other colleges pay more for parking than Highline does," said student Sasha Plaa. "Even if the price did go up for a permit, it would still be cheaper than what other colleges charge.

The remaining third of the students surveyed said they wouldn't pay more money to help the parking issue.

"The problem is when you get everyone to pay, but you're not guaranteed a spot, you wonder where your money is going," said student Brandon August.

Whatever the solution for parking is, all students agree there needs to be one soon.

"Eventually they will have to build parking garages as enrollment is increasing and parking spots are decreasing," said student Sean Anderson.

The garage idea is students' favorite plan, but they don't agree on who should pay for it.

"I am not going to be here in the future so what's the point?" asked student Justin Bineti. He feels that the only way the parking woes will be solved is to lower student population.

Reporter Jonathan Moon also contributed to this article.

Parking

Before Dr. Bell left for Olympia, background information was prepared to present to the legislators that included price estimates. The information was crucial in the legislators decision.

"It wasn't a number that was thrown out. It was solid information, well presented with evidence from parking lot projects done before on the campus," said Keiser.

With help from the college facilities director, Pete Babington, Dr. Bell was able to present a proposal that convinced the legislators at the last minute to grant funding.

"I asked that background information be prepared, including the scope of the problem and alternatives being evaluated and I asked for a proposal what we needed to do structurally here on campus to help address the problem," said Dr. Bell. "We also got good cost estimates from a contractor." Dr. Bell also convinced the legislators by meeting with them personally and letting them know what was needed.

Tuition

"We came down and talked to each of the legislators and sent her proposal through e-mail," said Keiser.

"I had built up relationships and credibility with our legislators prior to asking them to fund the expansion of parking. That certainly helped," said Dr. Bell.

Bell Most of the funding received will go toward restriping and expanding the North Lot to gain 150 parking stalls. The North Lot will expand to the west and the south.

There is no official design yet, and next week the college will start to interview architects to handle the project.

"There are specific architects who specialize in parking lots," said Phil Sell, project coordinator for Highline.

"However, we have a pretty good idea of what we want," said Pete Babington, director of facilities for Highline. "We know that the $350,000 will be spent on re-stripping the existing paved area that is the North Lot, as well as paving additional area to the west and possibly the south. The result of these projects will result in more parking."

Increasing the amount of parking is the priority, but plans to increase safety in the lot are in the works as well.

"To improve safety, the lot will get all new lighting and painted pedestrian paths through the parking lot," said Babington. The current plans to help parking consist mainly of work at the North Lot.

The money can be spent anywhere that will help with parking. However, the only place to really expand would be in the North Lot. The East Lot has about all the stalls it can fit, and with the construction of the Higher Education Center they've added more stalls that will be available for Fall Quarter, said Sell.

Babington has already made up a list of things that need to be included in the project. Some items on the list include, lighting and electrical, truck paths, fire lanes, better drainage, and landscaping.

school," said Farrell.

"Many working students just spend their money on school, and sometimes, their grades show the result of working too much.

"There is only so much work that a student can do," one student said. "If you work too much to pay tuition, your grades might suffer for it, and then it defeats the purpose of going to school."