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Photos by Purple O'Neil

Giving Tree coordinator Maegan Yapp of Team Highline stands in front of the tree inside Building 6.

'Tis the season for giving

By Oliva de Leon
and Catherine Matsuura
staff reporters

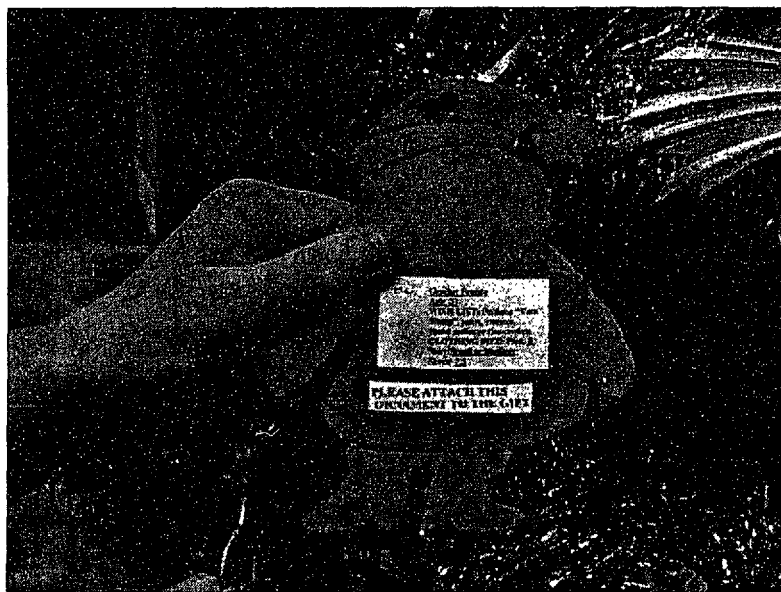
The campus community can make the season special by adding Team Highline's Giving Tree to their holiday shopping lists.

The Giving Tree is an annual event, organized by Team Highline a student-run events and promotion board, to help Highline students and their families during the holiday season, said Simran Kaur from Team Highline.

Women's Programs helped Team Highline collect more than 200 wish lists for this holiday season, totaling around 50 families looking for support.

The event, which has been around for several years, offers students and staff an opportunity to help out locally and on a personal level.

"It's really about connecting



people. It's Highline helping Highline," said Maegan Yapp of Team Highline and the event coordinator.

The event is organized so that anyone who wants to help can contribute. Each gift expense can be about \$30 per person. Cur-

rently single wish lists can be found on the ornaments hanging from the official Giving Tree in Building 6 next to Women's Programs.

Each wish list has the age, sex,

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Grads will pay in spring

By Jackie Graybill
staff reporter

Spring graduates face increased fees and fewer tickets at commencement.

Students will pay a fee of \$25 this year for cap and gown because of rising costs associated with the ceremony.

The 2005 commencement ceremony also is moving for the second time in two years, this time to the Exhibition Hall of the Tacoma Convention Center, 1551 Broadway.

And the ceremony will be at 3 p.m. on June 9, instead of its usual evening time.

Virg Staiger, director of Community and Governmental Relations at Highline, said that the Tacoma Dome was not available this year because the Summit Games, which are associated with the Olympics, are being held there.

Due to limited space, there will only be six tickets per student, compared to the eight that students received last year. College officials had moved the ceremony from the Highline Pavilion to the Tacoma Dome because of the growing demand for tickets from students' friends and family.

Although college officials don't have exact numbers yet, they expect student participation to be similar to that of previous years.

Emily Coates, who deals with registration and records, said that the college uses averages from previous years to estimate the number of students who will walk.

"We usually have around 500, but we won't have the actual numbers for several months," she

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Highline has zero tolerance for cheating

By Elizabeth Tacke
staff reporter

Students who cheat at Highline run a serious risk of being caught - and they may fail, college officials say.

Students could risk failing an assignment, receiving a zero, or suspension from a class. What

some students don't realize is that there are far more severe penalties in the long-term.

Reported cases of cheating will go on a permanent record. Students who sign a release of information when applying at a university or for a job, allow that permanent record to be brought forth. That one instance of plagiarism on a term paper can result

in serious consequences that will affect students' futures.

"It catches up with you," said Associate Dean Toni Castro who is Highline's Student Judicial Affairs Administrator.

The Center for Academic Integrity polled 12,000 students over 45 different campuses in 2001. The results showed that 75 percent of students admit to some

form of cheating.

Forty-five Highline students were interviewed, and 33 of those students admitted to cheating as well.

"Cheating is rampant across the country including Highline," said Castro. There were 61 reports of cheating at Highline

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Moon travels around the globe

By Georgina Juarez
staff reporter

Theft in the cafeteria

Some products from the campus cafeteria were reported stolen during the evening of Nov. 12.

The point of entry was a re-opened old cut hole on the side of the tent.

Rock cracks building window

A rock was thrown that caused a rather large crack to one of the sliding glass doors in Building 5 on Nov. 12 around 3 p.m.

No one was hurt and the area was checked out but no one was around.

Caller harasses 911 operator

An unidentified male called 911 from a campus pay phone in the south parking lot.

He reportedly yelled profanity at the dispatcher around 5 p.m. on Nov. 12.

Multiple lost items reported

A lot of items were reported lost this week.

The items included a purse with a wallet in it, a gray Verizon flip phone, a pair of reading glasses, a silver ring with a heart on it, a blue three ring binder and a calculator.

Two lost items found on campus

Two items were found by security this week.

The first was a black purse containing cosmetics and a checkbook.

The other item was a brown wallet with numerous credit cards.

Take a tip from security

Security tip of the week: If you own a detachable car stereo faceplate don't leave it in your car, by all means take it off and carry it with you.

Do not put the faceplate in your glove box: that's the first place car thieves look when they break into a car.

-Compiled by Ryan Barkley

Amee Moon has a couple of things in common with her favorite band, Pearl Jam. Like Pearl Jam, Moon is constantly traveling the globe and likes to sing.

Although Moon only sings along in karaoke, she sings the praise of Highline to international students, and the benefits of studying abroad to students here.

As the new associate director of international student programs, Moon travels to different parts of the globe such as Asia, Africa and the Middle East. The bubbly and friendly Moon travels in hopes of recruiting new students to come study abroad in the United States and add to Highline's international diversity.

Moon recently traveled to Ankara and Istanbul, Turkey, where she met with some students.

"A lot of students want to come [to Highline], but since 9/11, regulations make it more difficult to get a student visa," Moon said with a sigh when explaining the difficulty international students face when deciding to study abroad.

Aside from working, travel-

ing also gives Moon a chance to experience different cultures.

"It was fantastic. You're completely surrounded by ancient history, which is something you can't experience everywhere in the U.S. The people are very friendly and the food is wonderful. I ate a lot of shish kabobs," Moon said about her trip to Turkey.

It is also part of Moon's job to help and encourage Highline students who are considering taking part in Highline's study abroad program, which takes place in Florence, Italy this spring.

"Studying abroad and experiencing life in a different culture provides people the opportunity to step outside their comfort zone and view the world from a new perspective. Globalization has made it essential for people to understand others who might have different customs, traditions, and opinions in order to develop as world citizens. I really believe that if everyone studied abroad, the world would be a better, more peaceful place. And, it's fun," Moon said about why students should participate in study abroad.

Moon first studied abroad in high school, at the age of 16. She studied in Brazil and said that it is the country that has influenced her the most and is her



Amee Moon traveled to Japan to help adults learn English.

favorite.

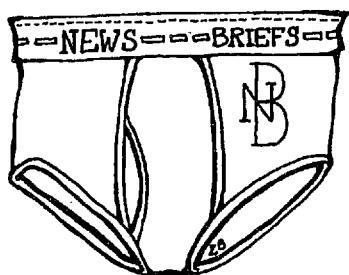
Prior to coming to Highline, Moon taught English in Japan at a company named AEON, which focuses on improving English conversational skills to adults.

Moon has traveled most of her life, always moving around. She doesn't really have a place she calls home. For her it is more a place she recognizes and that place is Oregon. Moon attended high school there and was there longer than other places while growing up.

After high school, Moon attended American University in

Washington, D.C. where she majored in international relations. Since then, Moon has been putting her skills in international relations as well as her background in marketing to good use at places like AEON and Highline.

"I wanted to use my background and skills to work with international students and study abroad programs," Moon said about why she came to Highline. "I've studied abroad three different times and my professional background is in marketing, so this job is a perfect fit."



come by and watch. Those with juggling equipment should bring it to the meeting and first time jugglers can use extra equipment.

Party for PTK

Phi Theta Kappa is having a big party in honor of the organization's National Founders Day. It is this Friday, Nov. 19, from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. in Building 2.

Old members and current members are invited to attend and participate in the festivities.

Certificates will be presented to the winners of the Academic Achievement Scholarship and past PTK advisers will share their memories of being a part of PTK.

Cake and punch will be served.

Bookstore to close for move

The bookstore will be closed as they're moving into the Student Union building. They will be closed from Nov. 29 to Dec. 3. If you need any supplies such as scantrons for the end of the quarter, you are strongly urged to plan ahead, before Thanksgiving, for these items.

Book buy back will take place in the new building on Dec. 6, if construction is ready by that date.

Learn to juggle

Learn how to juggle more than school with a group of jugglers. Meeting at 2:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 23, in Building 17 room 101, they will practice juggling, teach juggling and teach tricks for experienced jugglers.

People are also welcome to

Get success through attitude

Learn how to use your attitude to get success.

The Counseling Center is having a workshop that will show how important an attitude is in daily life.

It is today from 1:10 - 1:50 p.m. in Building 23, room 111.

Beauty may lie in numbers

Beauty is all about math at Science Seminar. Terry Meerdink, math professor, will present that beauty and ugliness lie in numbers.

It is Friday, Nov. 20, from 2:10 - 3 p.m., in Building 3, room 102.

For more information contact Eric Baer at 206-878-3710, ext. 3513.

Learn about the Peace Corps

The Peace Corps will be on campus to talk about new opportunities available to community college students.

Those interested in traveling the world and working while helping others should attend this informational meeting.

This workshop continues the career connections workshop series.

It is this today, Nov. 18 from 12:10 - 1 p.m. in Building 23, room 111.

For more information on the workshop contact Erik Tingelstad in the career center at

206-878-3719, ext. 3599.

Donate items for PTK drive

Donation bins will be set up to collect items for PTK's Feed the Body, Feed the Mind drive. They're looking for items such as canned foods, clothing and toys.

The bins are located in the Student Programs office in Building 16, the library lobby and in Building 6 next to the elevator.

The donated items will be given to organizations in the community.

MOTHERS HELPER

Part time needed for 12 and 10 year old boy and girl in the Kent/Des Moines area. Pick up from school, get homework started, misc errands. 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (approx) Mon - Thur. \$10.00 per hour. Must have reliable vehicle, good driving record and non-smoker. (253) 854-9070

Gardening Squad

New Highline group wants to weed away the winter blues

By Catherine Matsuura
staff reporter

Lunch time gardening can be therapeutic, relieve stress, help Highline employees stay fit, and better yet, beat the winter blues.

The Garden Squad was thought up by Lisa Peterson, Highline's budget manger. The Garden Squad will consist of an all-volunteer team of Highline employees.

The team will help the ground keepers beautify the campus by planting flowers, shrubs, and keeping the gardens weed free.

"I love to garden, but the winter months don't allow me to do that. When I leave home it's dark, and when I come back it's dark," Peterson said.

Peterson said she wanted to

find a way to continue doing what she loves and get some exercise.

"In the winter months there isn't much sunshine, and I don't get a whole lot of exercise either," Peterson said.

"I felt by starting The Garden Squad it would allow me, and others to get some exercise, have fun, and relieve stress. Now that's therapeutic," Peterson said.

Peterson said when she sent out the e-mail about her idea, to her surprise she received 27 responses.

"Those who responded were deans, faculty members, support staff, and program managers," Peterson said.

The Garden Squad will consist of an all volunteer team. "People have a tendency to get

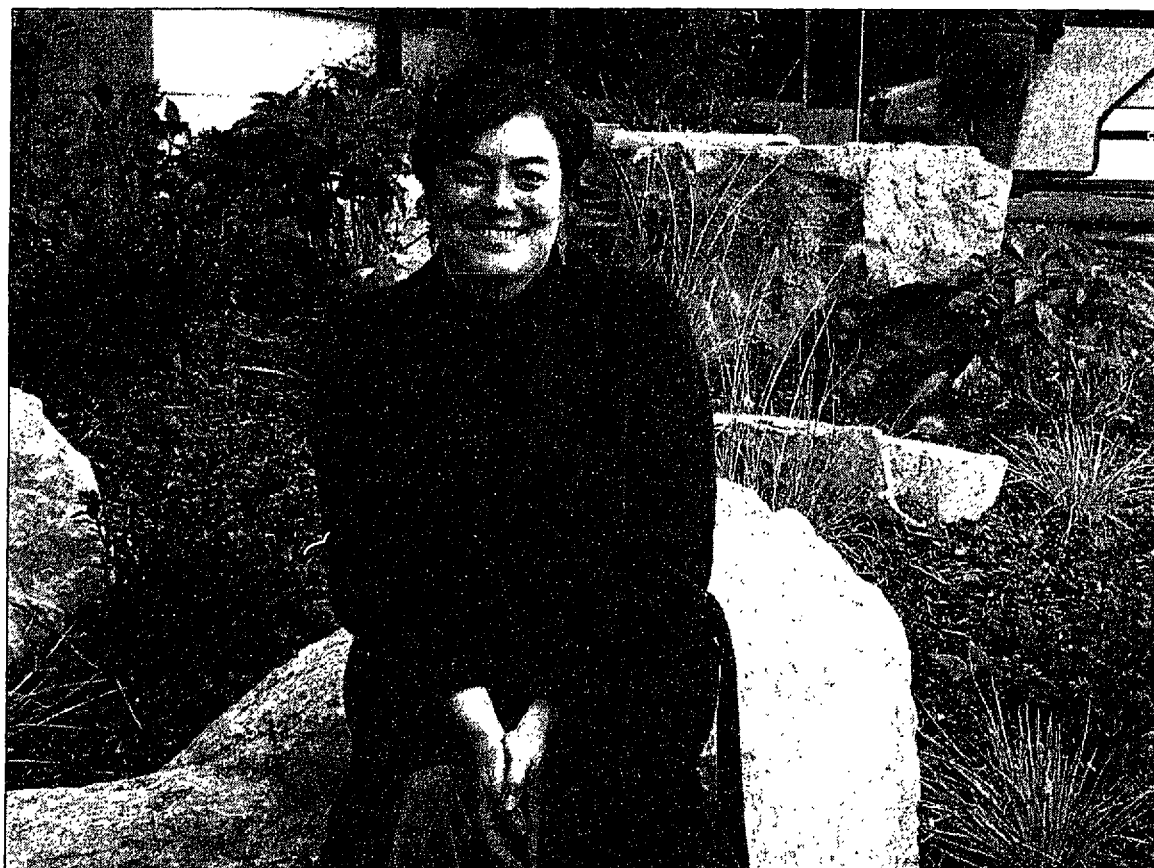


Photo by Keith Daigle

Lisa Peterson won't let winter stop her love of gardening. She's organizing a group to help garden the Highline campus.

so caught up in their own little world, and we don't get a chance to meet one another," Peterson said.

Peterson said by putting together a project like this, it is a great way to meet new people, have fun, and invest in Highline, the place we love.

"The ground keepers are willing to support the project, by donating tools, and are willing to pick up behind us," Peterson said with a laugh.

Peterson said she will be coordinating the project within the

next two weeks.

The Garden Squad will meet daily, on employees' lunch breaks.

Peterson said since the squad will be made up of an all-volunteer team, if someone wants to spend his or her lunch break doing gardening it's fine, or if they choose not to show up sometimes, that's fine also because it's volunteer.

Peterson said it's good to have fun, and meet new people, but the motivating force behind The Garden Squad is her love

for gardening.

"When I sent out the e-mail about The Garden Squad others responded by saying 'I was thinking about something like that,'" Peterson said.

"It seems like the world is caught up in selfishness, but this venture proves that humanity is still great," Peterson said.

The Garden Squad is open to all Highline employees.

For more information contact Peterson at 206-878-3710, ext. 3249 or e-mail her at lpeterso@highline.edu

Polarization, church and state worry some

By Quentin Taminhart
staff reporter

A number of Highline students and faculty voiced strong concern over the potential erosion of the separation between church and state on Tuesday.

The exchange took place at a forum entitled "The Principle of Separation of State and Church and You," which drew more than 50 people.

Highline professor Jim Glennon, who is also the adviser for Highline's Political Affairs Club, led the discussion.

Glennon said that after watching the last election play out he was left with a fear that our country faces a level of polarization that it has not seen in many decades.

"I think that the right wing and the left wing are being equally intolerant," said Glennon.

Many who attended echoed his concerns that our country



Photo by Bryan Yambe

Professor Jim Glennon, right, speaks with attendees at Tuesdays town meeting.

may be headed in a direction where dialog is next to impossible between the two extremes.

Glennon started the forum by quizzing the attendees on what they thought the First Amendment meant.

He explained that the First Amendment's guarantee of freedom of religion contains a

clause on the separation of church and state and a clause on protecting citizens' right to exercise or not exercise religion.

Among the issues that attendees said they were personally concerned about were abortion rights, gay rights, stem cell research, the right to die (when a patient is faced with a terminal

illness), the war on terror as a moral initiative, preferential treatment for particular religious organizations through faith-based initiatives, sex education and the teaching of evolution in public schools.

One professor said that while she respected President Bush's right to rely on his faith for guidance, she was very uncomfortable with his implication that God had instructed him on how to act.

"It's very worrisome that he would openly cite divine revelation as primary justification for some decisions," she said.

"We should force people to sit down with a mediator, like when a striking workers union is deadlocked with a company. No one is going to be happy anyways, but at least we find something that works," said Sean Willoughby, head of the Political Affairs Club.

Philosophy professor Glen Avantaggio said that he saw the

debate as superceding just religion.

He saw it as between those who value American cultural tradition over civil rights and those who believe tradition should take a back seat to guaranteeing the rights of the individual.

"I see one group [conservatives] as being like gravity and the other [liberals] as being like motion," said mathematics professor Han Lim.

"One wants to stay rooted while the other wants to move, but I feel that we need both to attain a proper orbit," said Lim.

The Political Affairs Club will also host another forum, this time on the potential impacts of our nation's rising debt next Tuesday in Building 2 at 1 p.m.

The Political Affairs Club meets regularly on Mondays at 1 p.m. in Building 10, room 207 and Wednesdays at noon in Building 10, room 204.

Editorial

A thought the counts

With Thanksgiving closing in and Christmas around the corner, it feels good to appreciate the holiday season for what it is and what it does for those who can't bask in the holiday cheer.

In the past, autumn was considered a time of harvest. People would gather up all their provisions to prepare to wait out the long, cold winter months. Therefore, this is why holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas involve lots of good tidings, togetherness, and, of course, loads of food.

At present times, things are almost exactly the same way with winter being a time of plenty and our usual holidays that bring everyone together. However, it's crucial not to make the mistake that if you're having a good time, everyone else is. There are people out there who have nothing to be thankful for on Thanksgiving and whose Christmas' aren't exactly merry and bright.

These are people who have met hard times; those who have lost their jobs, those who have lost their homes, those who have no assets whatsoever will undoubtedly find this holiday season lacking. Luckily, there are people out there who do care about those neglected by the season and do their best to help out.

Enter the annual charities of the Puget Sound. You have YMCA's program Adopt-A-Family, where you choose a disadvantaged (or worse, homeless) family and "adopt" them for the holidays. You provide for them by buying gifts (not just toys but more necessary stuff like food, clothes, and furniture) or donating to them.

For those who are more interested in the toy aspect of Christmas, look no further than the Toys for Tots Drive in Puget Sound. Teaming up with the U.S. Marine Corps, Toys for Tots, is looking for volunteers to help out with their drive or simply individuals who take time out of their Christmas shopping spree to drop off a toy for the unlucky.

The list continues: there's the Forgotten Children's Fund, Seattle Center Sharing Box, Northwest Harvest, a statewide food collection agency, and Home 4 the Holidays, Seattle Animal Shelter's answer to the Adopt-A-Family (but in this case you adopt a pet). If a pet is your ideal Christmas present this season, look no further than this.

Even Team Highline is getting into the act with their Giving Tree. They have many families you can adopt and donate for as well.

Many people are putting a lot of time and effort to make sure that everyone, or everything if you count the pets, has warm, fulfilled Christmas this year. You might think that since they're working so hard that they might not need us. But the reality is they do.

Good deeds become more effective with cooperation, and seeing that people are willing to give their time and effort, we all can at least make an effort to do a Christmas favor for a stranger, right?

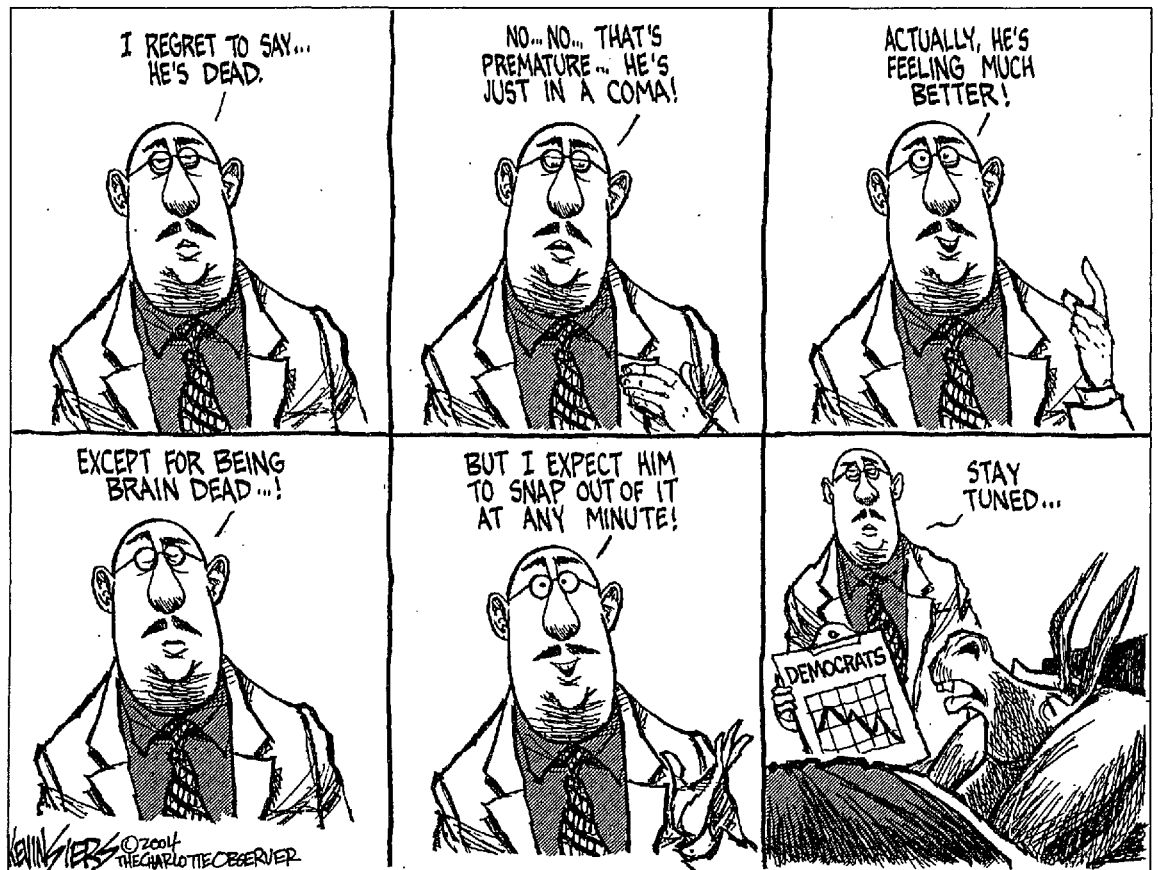
For more information for local charities, check out www.ci.seattle.wa.us/html/visitor/holidaydrives.htm

Question of the Week

Do you feel that holiday season materialism is getting worse?

Write a Letter to the Editor and voice your opinions in the paper! E-mail your article to tdavis@highline.edu or drop it by room 106 in Building 10. For more information, contact the Thunderword at 206-878-3710, ext 3317.

Due to limited space, please keep your Letter close to 300 words.



Heroine overcomes trials

September 2004 marked a joyous historic moment when Professor Wangari Maathai, an assistant minister for the environment in the Republic of Kenya was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. The first, for a black African woman.

As a Kenyan native I was especially proud to share this moment with one of my very own countrywomen. Although Professor Maathai is just now coming to the limelight on an international level, her other achievements as well seem to have a series of first. She was the first woman to earn a doctorate degree in East and Central Africa. She was also the first woman in Kenya to chair the Department of Veterinary Anatomy and the first woman appointed as an associate professor in any Kenyan university.

Professor Maathai has not only excelled in areas of male dominance but also unwaveringly pursued her dreams in the face of fierce opposition.

In a time when Kenya was a one ruling party government and also prejudiced against women in politics, she ran for

Guest Commentary

By Josephine Rotimi



political office but her candidacy was rejected on the grounds that she was too outspoken. Not only was she shunned to pursue a political career but was also denied her former position at the university.

Undeterred, Professor Maathai turned her energy to her primary passion, preserving the environment. She established the Green Belt Movement, an organization that focused on encouraging professional women to work together with rural women in preserving the environment through the planting of trees. As an incentive she offered to pay for every tree that survived.

She is also known to have blocked the Moi government (former President of Kenya), from erecting a high rise concrete building on the only green grounds in the city of Nairobi, and as a result she was arrested.

For a woman in her genera-

tion (she is 64) such a bold move is exceptional, as women her age would most likely adhere to a culture that upholds male leadership over women, therefore viewing an independent move as such, from a women, as rebellion. Her pure zeal and commitment to preserving the environment has in several occasions landed her in jail and worse, cost her marriage. Interestingly, her ex-husband was quoted saying that she was "too educated, too successful, too stubborn and too hard to control." Not a surprise at all.

Professor Wangari has emerged as a hero especially to numerous women whose creativity and dreams are stifled by a culture that is biased against women. She has become the voice of many women. She has become the voice of many women worldwide and today we salute her nomination for the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize.

Professor Maathai has again proved that a courageous, determined and persistent woman can indeed make a very positive difference.

Josephine Rotimi is currently a student here at Highline.

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"My red pen of doom is poised and ready."

Polar opposites should attract not detract

I think of polarization as sort of a magnet or a battery, with positives on one side and negatives on the other. Both are stuck on one side of the spectrum and are unwilling to budge. Democrats and Republicans, anyone?

And when it comes down to base values and morals, these two parties are willing to fight to the death to protect them and project them on the other side. You know the standard fare of solution-less dilemmas: Abortion, stem cell research, homosexual marriage rights, Iraq policy, etc. Things have apparently gotten to a point where the mere mention of either of these brings out the beast in whatever conversation you're tending.

Whether the polarization existed between Democrats and Republicans before Nov. 2 or not is beyond me. But I'm sure everyone received an inkling of it when CNN and the other



T - Time

By Taurean Davis

broadcasts used a red-state/blue-state system to show which states favored Bush and Kerry respectively. I noticed, geographically, that countries in the Midwest and South favored Bush while Kerry managed to acquire more of the Urban and Coastal areas like Washington and New York.

Unfortunately, society appeared to be just as polarized as the political parties.

Out of curiosity, I attended Jim Glennon's seminar on the very subject of this political/moral polarization. Many other professors and students have also attended the seminar.

It appears that what I've been hearing and reading about is

true; the left and right wings were becoming intolerant of each other.

We discussed the possibility of Republicans controlling all three democratic branches (judicial, legislative, and the recently contested executive), which may or may not be a bad thing. What worries me is Bush obvious theological backing.

Bush managed to appeal to a majority of Evangelists and Protestants. In a video that Glennon showed us, a news program had investigated Bob Jones University, a North Carolina evangelist college where Bush had given a speech. After the election, the university dean wrote a letter congratulating Bush, using statements that thanked him bringing God back to the White House and protecting the righteous.

I fear for the future.

The government is supposedly for the people, by the

people. And the thing is that many of these people have differing ideas. That comes standard with diversity.

But when you add religion and politics together, I think things could become volatile. When government is dominated by a particular religion, I think that would cause anyone with different ideas to become nervous. Scratch that, I've heard of talk that some people might leave the country all together.

However, Glennon's seminar proved one thing. People with different morals and backgrounds can at least agree on something. Both Republicans and Democrats need to get together and find some common ground and work out from their, instead of stating what they want and working from the outside in.

Another piece of advice I've heard at the seminar was that diversity is a blocker to polar-

ization. Just be being with other people with different ideas, just by listening to different ideas, causes people to contest their views and think about other ones.

I personally believe that some arguments and problems have no solutions but possibilities. We could ban abortion. We can let it be a right. Both are alternate futures. Whose to say that one is right?

Those who side with Republicans have a vision of the future just as much as the people who side with the democrats believe in theirs. Both may be right. Both may be wrong.

But what's important is that we have enough acceptability to take mistakes as they go and work together to fix things that may jeopardize our future.

Taurean Davis has joined the bandwagon of dejected Democrats and is planning to move to Canada.

Letters

Another view of America

Dear Editor:

I offer the following as a counter to the guest column that was published last Thursday.

In a guest column written by Derek Greenfield (Nov.4) he bemoans the possibility (now a reality) of a Bush victory. He draws upon his own prejudices and the audiences he drew in South Africa to support his view of America. His view is one of hopelessness that the populace will ever gain the wisdom to agree with him. I find this view patronizing and arrogant.

Though I could directly address Derek Greenfield's argument, I would rather discuss what I believe are the underlying attitudes operating in much of today's intellectual world. Liberals and conservatives stand in fairly stark contrast to each other.

People like Mr. Greenfield believe in the possibility of a better world. They believe that this better world can only be created by the collective effort of people who believe in this vision.

From where I stand this is the ideal of the liberals of this world. They are a well-meaning collection of people who believe that they are the social conscience of the society. They believe that they and only they



have the will and the wisdom to create a utopia.

Conservatives on the whole believe that the world should be filled with many individuals each of whom is self directed, self motivated, and who are content to allow the world to order itself. They have faith that if a sufficient number of well meaning individuals exist that the most likely outcome will be the creation of a better world.

Note my description of the goals of each. The liberals want to create a utopia, while the conservatives will settle for a better world. This difference is critical in understanding their motives and methods.

If your goal is a utopia that will end human suffering and provide a good life for everyone

then you must be prepared to adopt ruthless tactics. They believe that they, and only they, have the right to define what qualities a leader should have. In fact, they look back to Plato, a pre-Christian Greek philosopher for their inspiration. In one of his dialogues he wrote that the best ruler was a benevolent dictator.

This paragon of virtue must be steeped in the study of philosophy and have the will and the courage to lead his fellow citizens with charity and wisdom. The only problem lies in where do we find such people.

Conservatives have no such lofty goals. Instead they merely hope that the leaders who emerge will govern with strength and courage and lead us

to a better future. They do not demand superhuman virtues, merely a respect for the fact that the power they possess is on loan to them.

Liberals view conservatives as money grubbing, power mad individuals, and that they are all out for their own benefit with no concern for their fellow human beings. They believe in the collective good of man. And more importantly they believe that you are either part of the solution or part of the problem.

Conservatives generally speaking view most liberals as weak links in the great chain of society. They believe that if everyone strives to become all that they can become that a side benefit will be that jobs and wealth will be created that others can

share in. Or to quote what many have said: "Any flood that will raise one boat will raise all others." For them the more wealth created the better off everyone is.

Thus we have two radically different world views that can find no room for compromise. A situation which is well on its way toward creating a national tragedy.

— Stephen Hueston,
Highline student

A right not to see the magazines

Dear Editor:

I agree with the girl who is offended by the pornography and drug glorification available in the college bookstore. This is a state sponsored institution and my tax dollars help to support it.

But more to the point, why is it that our constitutional rights to free speech are extended to obscenity of every kind and not to morality? Had the Ten Commandments been posted on campus and but one student complained, they would have been taken down quicker than you can dial up the ACLU.

My right to not see such publications on display upon entering the bookstore is also being infringed upon. If you want to view that stuff, I hear it's prevalent everywhere. Why not keep higher institutions of learning fixed on loftier things?

— Johanna Wolf,
Highline student

Anime Club brings fun for all

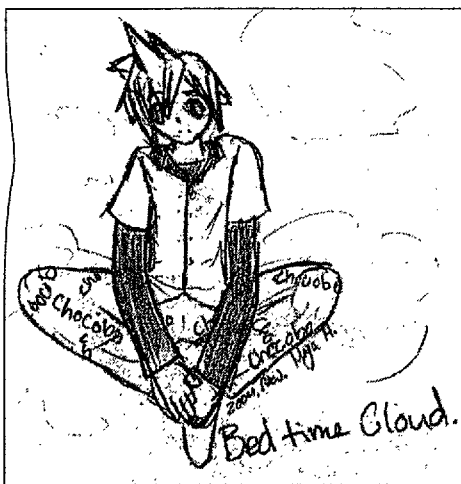
By Taurean Davis

staff reporter

Every Wednesday, a number of Highline students stream into a room to watch cartoons involving characters with big, expressive eyes, small mouths, wild color schemes, and even wilder stories. Enter Highline's newly commissioned Anime Club.

Anime is a style that combines art and engaging storytelling. It originated in Japan around the mid 1900s, the first anime ever being Astro Boy, a science fiction story about a crimefighting kid robot. Since then, anime has infused almost every single aspect of pop culture, with manga (the Japanese comic counterpart to television based anime), soundtracks and pop stars recording music for intro and ending sequences, and artists and authors that let their imaginations run rampant.

Until a few years ago, anime was something of underground hobby. But with the advent of cartoons aimed at children (namely *Pokemon* or *Yu-Gi-Oh*), America has suddenly become aware of a



An anime drawing by Maja Hasanbegovic.

new trend and Japan has gained a hot new market. Bookstores like Waldenbooks now carry shelves of manga and vendors like Best Buy and Suncoast eventually dedicated special sections for anime.

"It's fun. It's great laughs. It's educating," said Highline student and club member Maja Hasanbegovic. "It's better than anything on American TV."

Most of the members of the club are die-hard anime watchers. Some have even mastered the drawing style of anime and have become quite the accomplished artists. Some of these artists have even created their own online manga, the Japanese comic counterpart to television's anime, which has quickly become just as popular. So popular in fact, that Emily Wilcken and Katie Bakker have taken it upon themselves to grace anime upon the campus and start the club.

"Our club is a place for people who enjoy anime and manga to meet together and get to know others who have the same interests," said Highline student and club co-president Wilcken. Fellow student and club founder Bakker echoed Wilcken and said that watching anime helps to further knowledge of Japan and its culture.

Despite the fact that the club was started just recently, Wilcken reports that they don't have any trouble drawing a crowd. "Katie created little flyers to hand out to people, and we've posted them around campus. We want to create big colorful posters in the near future, but that probably won't happen until next quarter," said Wilcken.

At a meeting in room 105 in Building 17 last week, a diverse group of more than 20 people gathered: Ladies and gentlemen of different fashions and backgrounds all sporting anime facts, figures, and figurines.

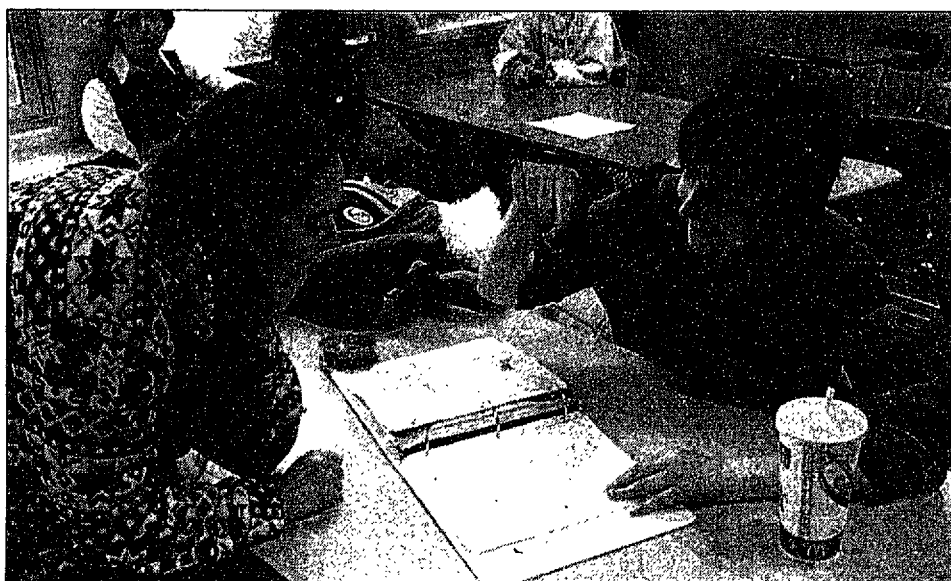


Photo By Taurean Davis

Hasanbegovic shows another club member her work.

A girl totes a backpack littered with *Hello Kitty* paraphernalia; another enthusiastically shows the *Sailor Moon*-like drawings she has been practicing on; several others get into small groups and discuss the nooks and crannies of anime plots and what's hot and what's not.

Eventually, everyone files into the room and Wilcken and Bakker eventually manage to silence the din in the room. They presented the club with various DVD titles to play for the day, a courtesy of Bakker's anime collection, although Bakker says people can bring in their own.

The two ask the energetic crowd which title should be the first one. "*Gravitation*!" "*Pokemon*!" "*Saiyuki*!" yelled various members. *Gravitation* got the most shouts. Wilcken and Bakker popped the *Gravitation* CD into a waiting computer/projector setup and the anime watch was on.

The choice for the day was a bizarre one. *Gravitation's* plot is extremely com-

plicated, and may not be for those who are just starting to watch anime. After all, the plot consists of a young man with aspiring dreams of becoming a rock star. The catch? He ends up in a relationship with a guy (a romance writer) who claims his lyrics suck royally.

Gravitation is considered a yaoi anime, yaoi being a slang term describing a manga or anime that involves a romance plot between homosexuals. One person left, but the club crowd stayed behind and howled at the kissing scenes.

When the first episode ended, *Pokemon the 4th Movie* was screened after a quick vote. When that anime concluded it was already past 4:30 p.m. The good times came to an end and the club was dismissed.

Plots like *Gravitation* are actually quite common where the story is concerned. When it comes to a storyline, anything goes: from time traveling super-

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'Madwoman' provokes thought, laughter

By Jessie Elliott

staff reporter

Oil hungry tycoons threaten to destroy a country that isn't their own. Sound familiar?

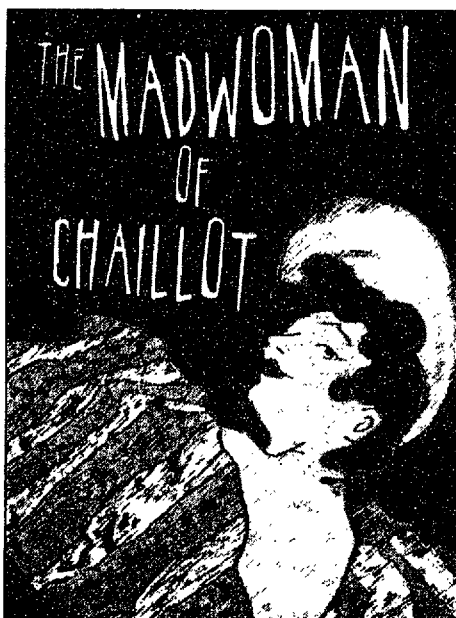
In *The Madwoman of Chaillot*, a play currently being produced by the Drama Department, the rich and powerful plot to dig up the beautiful city of Chaillot in a desperate search for oil and of course, more money.

The play, written by Jean Giraudoux, is one that crosses the border of time and culture. It was written in the early 1900s, but it still rings true to our world today.

Directed by Dr. Christiana Taylor, *The Madwoman of Chaillot* is performed well with both comedic and serious tones.

The curtains open on a bright, colorful French café, with many customers and merchants walking around.

In the beginning of the play, the President, Baron, Prospector, and press agent in charge of brokerage are at a café in Chaillot. Carlos Calvo's portrayal of the oil hungry President was believable and



Madwoman of Chaillot will be playing Nov. 18 - 20 at 8 p.m.

very funny.

As an important conversation about where to dig is occurring, there are several other side scenes going on.

At times, the side scenes are slightly disorienting, taking away from the main

conversation.

But when the Madwoman of Chaillot herself takes the stage, the play feels as though it truly begins.

Countess Aurelia, the Madwoman of Chaillot, is played by Candace Webb. Webb does a marvelous job of acting like a slightly mad older woman, and her comedic timing is great.

Aurelia comes in to the story at a time when the common people of Chaillot find out about the president's plot to dig up the city. Aurelia and the people of the city decide that something must be done about this, and she has the perfect plan.

Sonya Harris, who played a good friend of Aurelia's, was very funny in her facial expressions and mannerisms as an older woman who can only hear perfectly on Wednesdays.

Constance, played by Kathleen Payne, also was an excellent older "madwoman," making everyone believe that her imaginary dog was actually there.

All three of these women, and Josephine, played by Kim Elenich, had excellent makeup.

Each of them actually looked like older

women, wrinkles and all.

The second act brought on a distinct feeling of the time period that *Madwoman* took place in.

The audience was taken to Countess Aurelia's home, complete with a chaise lounge and antique lamps.

The clothing for all of the characters brought the audience back to the time period, with everything from fancy feather boas to people in rags.

The Ragpicker, for example, played by Stephen Scheide, was dressed in layer upon layer of sweaters and rags.

It made him convincing as a ragpicker, however Scheide proved he could act presidential in the mock trial held in the second act.

The Madwoman of Chaillot is another wonderful performance put on by the Drama Department.

It makes you laugh and think at the same time, and invites you into a fantastic world.

The Madwoman of Chaillot is playing Nov. 18-20 in the Little Theater in Building 4. Tickets are \$7 and are available at the door.

Arts Calendar

Street festival available online

Highline graduates begin a business offering unique art and personality

By Billy Naylor

staff reporter

•Highline's Drama Department presents *The Madwoman of Chaillot*, a comedy with political aspects that are still applicable today. The play runs Nov. 11-13 and Nov. 18-20 at 8 p.m. in Highline's Little Theater in Building 4. Tickets are \$7 at the door.

•The 27th annual Yulefest is coming to Ballard on Nov. 20-21 at the Nordic Heritage Museum.

Traditional Scandinavian entertainment, food, and drink will help to put anyone in the mood for the holiday season. For more information call 206-789-5707 or go to nordicmuseum.com.

•Dr. Sandra Glover and Ms. Nancy Warren will be performing a benefit concert on Sunday, Nov. 28 at 2 p.m. in Building 7. The concert is "pay what you will," and all proceeds will go to the Breeders Theater Performing Arts Scholarship for Highline students.

•Chinese culture will take center stage at Highline's fall choral concert on Dec. 2. "Reflections of China" will feature pieces in Chinese from the student choir, and a professional troupe from British Columbia.

There will also be authentic Chinese art and a reception with sweet delicacies and tea. The concert is free and open to the public and begins at 7:30 p.m. in Building 7.

•Centerstage Theater in Federal Way is producing an adaptation of *A Christmas Carol* beginning on Nov. 19. The show will run through Dec. 11.

Tickets are \$7 - \$20 depending on age, and the performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Sundays. For tickets and other information call 253-661-1444.

•Valley Community Players in Renton is producing *My Three Angels* Nov. 19 - Dec. 12. The play is set in French Guiana, and is a comedy about three convicts who work for a family who are in need of roof repairs. Eventually they prove themselves as real-life angels to the family in need by saving them from people with bad intentions.

It's performed Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., with a special 7:30 p.m. Thursday performance on Dec. 2, and a Sunday performance on Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. For tickets and other information call 425-226-5190.

Highline graduates Bonnie Taub and Kim Dube plan to support and revitalize the Northwest art community through their internet business, Ladie Nin's Collectables.

Ladie Nin's Collectables specializes in original art that could only be found at art festivals and craft fairs. Currently the site features 28 artists representing a broad range of styles from ceramics, glass, and jewelry; to sculptures, portraits, handbags and garden art, among more.

Like many businesses, Ladie Nin's beginnings were quite humble. After being laid off from their jobs in 2002, Taub and Dube took advantage of a program offered by Washington state to return to college.

The two met here at Highline and after many lunch and coffee breaks together the idea to start a business partnership was born. Both enrolled in a new Capstone course in marketing communication taught by instructors Meg Ryan and Gary Nelson, it was here that they found they work well together.

Only one problem persisted: they didn't know what to sell. They soon discovered their mutual love for art festivals and stories of those great items they saw but could never find again, and then it hit them, that was their market niche.



Photo by Keith Daigle

Kim Dube and Bonnie Taub

Now to understand the obstacles that lay ahead of the duo, you must understand that the local art community is very small with close, skeptical circles. The task of convincing the art community of their legitimacy was a tricky one. They promoted their name and cause totally unprepared, nobody knew them and they had no proof of the business they claimed to own.

"It was pathetic because we had no business cards, we had no website, we had nothing. We were just yakking middle-aged women and they were like 'you're flakes, get out of here'," said Kim Dube.

After signing their partnership papers in June and going through a couple of developers,

they finally had the basics of the website constructed and went online in September. Instead of paying large sums of money for help with updating their website, they took it upon themselves and learned the ins-and-outs of maintenance.

It seems now that they have everything in order, a respectable website, talented clients, business cards and a reputable name. There is a constant stream of local artists interested in being featured on Ladie Nin's Collectables.

What makes this business stand out is that they are dedicated to working for and with local artists and customers. If one looks around the website they would find the pieces are

very reasonably priced. This is because the artists are on consignment, meaning it costs nothing for the artist to be featured, and they only make money when they sell. In order to insure the customer won't find a better deal, the artist sets their own price and the company decides their percentage later.

They designed their website to reflect the art festival experience of roaming isle to isle getting to know the artist. To do this they provided a section dedicated to their artists bios in order to help the customer become more acquainted with the artist.

"We don't want to be a high-class snooty-tooty gallery, we want to be something that real folks like," said Taub.

Dube and Taub know this business is about more than just art or the profit to be made, they realize this business is also their chance to give back to the community in a positive way.

For instance, one featured artist was found at Bumbershoot selling his macramé bracelets. After visiting with him and his son, they found that selling these bracelets was the only way he could support his son.

"They aren't the best possible items, but it's a worthy cause because we know the money we spent to buy his stuff helps him feed his kid or pay his rent," Taub said.

Reach them at their website, store.ladienincollectibles.com/,

Jazzy holiday tunes featured at Highline

By Olivia de Leon

staff reporter

The Blend is throwing in a Frosty the Bluesman show for the holiday season.

Michael Powers will be performing live Wednesday, Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the cafeteria. He will be performing his holiday solo, Frosty the Bluesman.

Powers is a familiar jazz guitarist all around the world.

He has been seen in places such as the famous jazz club Ronney Scott's in London, Australia, Japan, and all over the country.

Powers has now released six CDs, *Blues That You Can Use*, *Cover to Cover*, *Frosty the Bluesman*, *Full Circle*, *Perpetual Motion* and *First Time Out*.

Powers has also been caught singing with musicians such as Liza Minelli, Lee Oscar, and Ray Charles.



Michael Powers

"I want to reach more and more people and do more and more traveling with my music," Powers said. "My goal is to realize music beyond imagination with the new technology that others can understand."

Powers started playing the guitar at the age of 15 in the San Francisco area.

He originally began strumming the guitar as a therapeutic method to strengthen his wrist after a skateboard accident.

Powers graduated from high school at the age of 15 1/2 then moved to Seattle in 1976 to start his music career.

He played on numerous stages trying to keep focus on reaching a wider audience with his music and getting better with his guitar.

Powers has been making a living as a musician for 20 years.

"At this point in my career I don't have many obstacles because I can do what I want with my guitar," Powers said. "I just want to connect more with the right people. I want to meet more people from around the world and experience their culture and vice versa."

Powers' style of music is influenced by musicians like Carlos Santana, Charlie Parker, and Jimi Hendrix.

However, Powers says that Jimi Hendrix was his first motivation to start playing the guitar.

"It's sad because I was most inspired to play the guitar after he was dead," Powers said.

Powers said that all his gigs are memorable.

"Playing on big stages are great for personal resumes but every performance for any musician should be the most important because every moment that your playing should be the best you've ever played," Powers said.

Expect to hear Powers play a funky, bluesy sound for the Christmas holiday.

The Blend is an ongoing music event sponsored by Team Highline. Team Highline is a student-run events and promotion board.

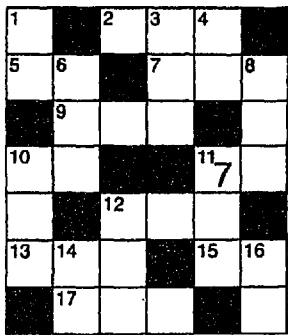
For more information you can contact Team Highline in Building 16 or call 206-878-3710, ext. 3903.

PUZZLES

Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS

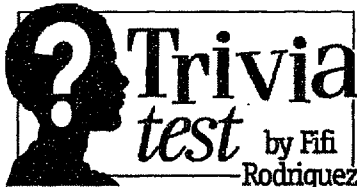
- 2. Thirty less than 9-Across
- 5. One-seventh of 11-Across
- 7. Four more than 12-Across
- 9. Digits of 17-Across reversed
- 10. Five more than 5-Across
- 11. Same digit repeated
- 12. 2-Across plus 6-Down
- 13. Sum of the digits is 10-Across
- 15. 10-Down minus 5-Across
- 17. Six more than 8-Down

DOWN

- 1. The first digit is four

- times the last digit
- 3. Three less than 13-Across
- 4. Four more than 10-Across
- 6. Thirty more than 10-Down
- 8. Seven times 1-Down
- 10. Two times 16-Down
- 11. 7-Across plus 8-Down
- 12. The last digit is the sum of the other digits
- 14. 5-Across plus 1-Down
- 16. One more than 14-Down

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U.S. territory's capital is Agana?

8. INVENTIONS: Who is credited with discovering the microphone?

9. PSYCHIATRY: What is the psychiatric term used for someone who believes he or she is God?

10. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "Heart of Darkness"?

- 10. Joseph Conrad
- 9. Theomania
- 8. Alexander Graham Bell
- 7. Guam
- 6. Hapi
- 5. Jeanne Moreau
- 4. A "crash" of rhinos
- 3. Pelican
- 2. Laurence Olivier
- 1. Russia

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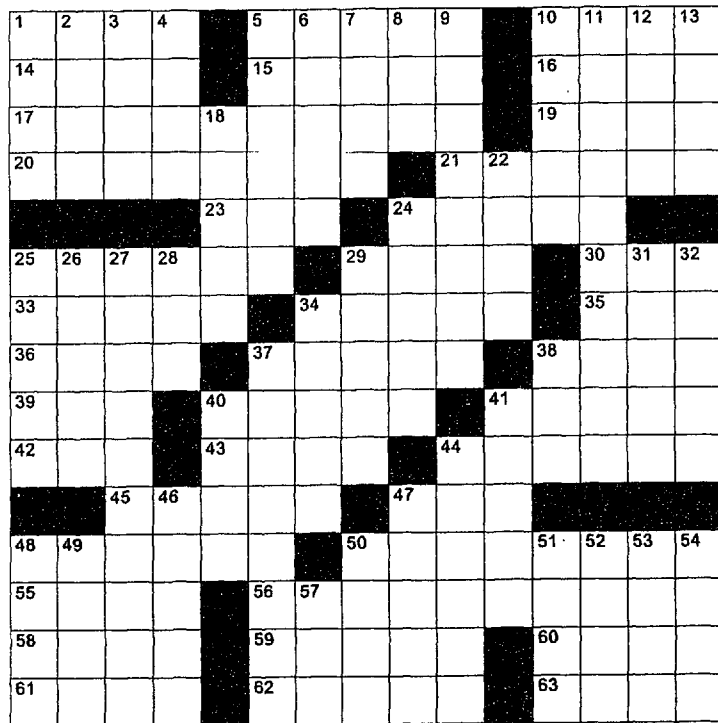
- 1 Pole
- 5 Raja's wife
- 10 Blemish
- 14 Loft dweller
- 15 Coral reef
- 16 Pig container?
- 17 Musical nobleman
- 19 Lay waste to
- 20 Showing sound judgment
- 21 Danube hometown
- 23 Wire measure
- 24 Distinct aspect
- 25 Even though
- 29 Security org.
- 30 Singer Cole
- 33 Waldorf, for one
- 34 Actor Kevin
- 35 Bravo in Madrid
- 36 Gordian, e.g.
- 37 Follows cabinet
- 38 China container
- 39 Sense of self-importance
- 40 Stationed
- 41 Unclouded
- 42 Hook up with
- 43 Dry
- 44 All dolled up
- 45 Lincoln's birthplace
- 47 Fixed charge
- 48 Nervous system disorder
- 50 Atonements
- 55 Time frame
- 56 "I don't want in"
- 58 Mary Robertson
- Moses: Grandma Moses
- 59 From this time
- 60 Ripped
- 61 Teachers' favorites
- 62 Angered
- 63 Highway sign

Down

- 1 Like some computers
- 2 Skin product ingredient
- 3 Shock
- 4 Large quantities

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



- 5 Pooh's friend
- 6 Not ___ sorry
- 7 Beat by a narrow margin
- 8 Actor Wallace
- 9 Elisha Graves Otis inspiration
- 10 Fling
- 11 Take a census
- 12 Related
- 13 TV actress Sofer
- 18 Fearful and hesitant
- 22 User-friendly image
- 24 Came to grips with
- 25 Cockeyed
- 26 Star in the movie Big Fish
- 27 ER test, perhaps
- 28 Do lunch
- 29 Precedes eye or truth
- 31 Assumed name
- 32 Inclined to weep
- 34 Bowl
- 37 Mexican street band
- 38 Yard of ___
- 40 Zaharias, for one
- 41 Formerly top of the milk

- 44 Crumpled
- 46 A tapestry
- 47 Deal in stolen property
- 48 A boy or man
- 49 Make perfect
- 50 Rock music
- 51 Kidd's team
- 52 Really neat
- 53 Pub tip in Dublin
- 54 Fret
- 57 E'en Longfellow used it

Quotable Quote

Thus the metric system did not really catch on in the States, unless you count the increasing popularity of the nine-millimeter bullet.

... Dave Barry

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heroes, to internation intrigue, to war among planets, to star-crossed lovers in a fantasy kingdom, to high school sports competition, and the occasional giant mecha (robot) science fiction thrown in for good measure.

The wide range of topics appeals to everyone which is how members like Colleen Costello were drawn in. "When you get to some of the good plots, they are really good," said Costello. She had heard about the anime club from a few of her friends and didn't hesitate to drop by.

However, members say the charm of the club wasn't just the anime but the atmosphere. Club member Kelly Stanaway says she feels at home because the other members are people she could relate to. "I like the dif-

ferent amount of people," said Stanaway. "It's not all one small clique. It's just a whole bunch of people."

Fellow member and student James Teeple finds the club liveliness likeable. "I love it. It's just that everyone is so social," said Teeple. He claims to have attended four other anime clubs in the past and all they did was sit down, watch the movies, then go home.

Luckily for Teeple, Highline's Anime Club is charged with more electricity. Members are quite active during the showing, preferring to comment loudly on the plot or converse with friends. However, anyone who would rather watch than talk will have an easy time anyway; the club prefers original Japanese over English dubbing and subtitles are in style.

Wilcken and Bakker also have a dream of using the club's

talent to put a manga in the Highline Thunderword. "Well, our idea was to kind of create a monthly manga strip drawn by people in our club for the paper. I just thought it would be fun," said Bakker. Wilcken, an artist herself, has created her very own internet manga, *The Way To Your Heart* (you can check it out at <http://emi-art.com/twtyh/main.html>).

You can find the Anime Club meeting in Building 17, room 105 every Wednesday at 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

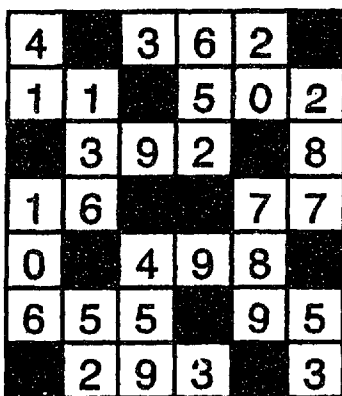
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dents of American cartoons that mimic the looks of an anime cartoon.

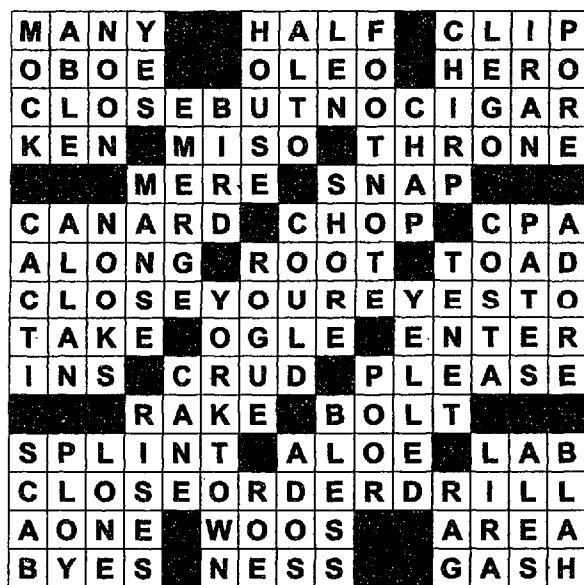
"I personally can't stand them, I think that they try too hard to be something that they just shouldn't try to be."

Rational Numbers

answers



CLOSE RANGE



Another individual title for T-Birds

By Mark Knight

staff reporter

Sitges Marshall from Highline is the new individual champion for women's cross country.

While Marshall brought home Highline's second individual women's title, the women's team finished fourth and the men's team finished third.

Marshall's individual title is the second consecutive individual title for the Highline women. Last year, Amanda Kamm won the individual title for the first time in Highline's women's cross country history.

"Sitges had a great race, she did exactly what the plan was, to take control from the start," said Coach Robert Yates.

Marshall had a time of 18:37, not her fastest time of the season but it still put her in first place.

"I came around the tree at the

end of the race and it hit me that it was over. I started to slow down," said Marshall.

Marshall was predicted to win by many people to win.

"Sitges rolled up everyone as expected," said head Coach Keoni McHone from Clackamas.

Marshall is gaining fame from all over the junior college level with her winning the individual women's title.

"I think she is one of the top junior college runners in the nation," said Yates.

Clackamas took the team title.

"I felt we could have got in the top three but we just didn't get it," said Yates.

Sarah Hudgins ran really well, helping her team get the fourth place title and she finished 11th in the meet with a time of 20:11.

"She (Hudgins) had two goals: one to get in the top 10 and the other to break 20 minutes. She just missed both," said Yates. "I was really impressed with the way she ran."

Marshall was also really impressed with how she ran. "That girl is going to be so awesome in track season this year," said Marshall.

Crystal Lundahl finished 17th and had a time of 20:36. She just came off two weeks of injury.

"Lundahl ran a tough race, and she ran a smart race," said Yates.

Cherilyn Flor finished 31st and had a time of 21:16.

"It was the first time she was our fourth girl. She was pretty happy about that," Yates said.

Jami Jablonski, who was expected to do really well, finished



Photo by Bryan Yambe

Sitges Marshall leads the pack on her way towards the women's individual cross country title during the NWAACC Championships last Saturday.

32nd and had a time of 21:19.

"Jablonski has been sick all week long. It was even in question if she was going to race or not," said Yates.

In the men's race John Butkey running for Clackamas was the individual champion for men's cross country.

The Highline men's team finished third as a team. For the fourth year in a row Spokane won the team race as predicted.

"I think there was a little disappointment there. We really thought we could have received second," said Yates.

Robert Bartholomew finished first on the Highline team but finished 13th overall and had a time of 26:36.

Ryan Huff finished 17th with a time of 26:53.

David Larpenteur, who was really expected to do well and

get in the top 10 didn't quite make it. He placed 18th with a time of 26:27.

"At the three-mile mark I was in seventh place. I think I would have been seventh place at the end if I didn't get a side ache," said Larpenteur.

Larpenteur would have easily been in the top 10 but with him getting a huge side ache, he had to pretty much slow down to a walk.

"David was in great position until he got the side ache. I feel bad for him because he worked so hard," said Yates.

The fourth finisher was Hassan Khalif who was 19th and had a time of 27:01.

"They just didn't compete the way they wanted to. I thought for sure we would have a couple guys in the top 10, but you have to be on that day," said

Yates.

Overall Highline did really well putting the race on for all the runners to enjoy.

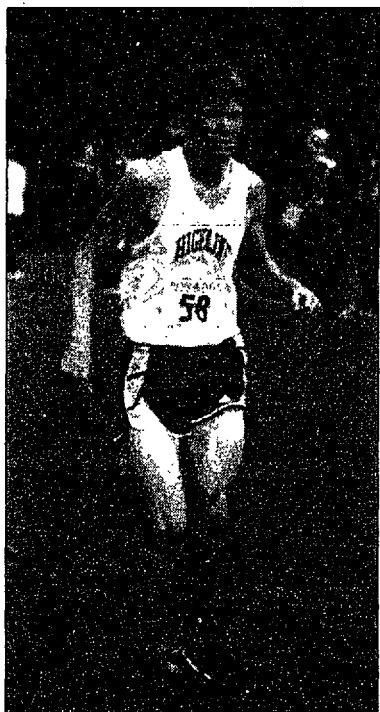
"Highline did such a good job hosting the event," said Marshall.

Even other coaches were impressed. "I thought Highline hosted a well administered meet," said McHone.

For the sophomores, this is their last year to race at the NWAACC, but most are going on to more running at bigger schools.

"I am sad this is my last year running for Highline, but I am going to keep on running. I am addicted to getting that adrenaline high," said Marshall.

The freshman will be back at the NWAACC championships next year hoping for better results.



David Larpenteur finished 18th overall on Saturday.

Lack of snow brings delays for skiers again this year

By Trevor McDowell

staff reporter

Ski and snowboarding season may be delayed this year. Stevens Pass, Crystal Mountain, Mt. Baker and Snoqualmie Pass only have about eight inches of snow at their bases and haven't seen any new snow in over a week.

Normally these areas like to open no later than Thanksgiving but with that holiday only a week and a half away, skiers and employees of the mountains are beginning to wonder if that deadline will be met.

Matt Giles from Stevens Pass said that the "base minimum of snow pack for operating is 22 inches" and right now they have nine inches of snow.

Giles said he is still hopeful for Thanksgiving because "if the weatherman is correct, next week will bring a lot of snow fall," enough perhaps to open on time.

"Last year was a disappointment to skiers and snowboarders," said Giles. "Little snow pack, mild temperatures and as much rain as snow turned the hills into glaciers," he said. So skiers and snowboarders alike are hoping for better conditions this year.

The predicted trend of weather this winter according to the National Weather Service is a much warmer winter with minimal snowfall in the mountains. What this means is mild temperatures at sea-level and higher freezing altitudes in the

mountains producing less snow on the hills. So this trend seems it will make for another disappointing season.

Conditions are similar at most of these local ski and snowboard areas.

•Stevens Pass has nine inches of snow at its base now and is not posting a specific opening date.

•Crystal Mountain has six inches of snow at its base and no posted opening date.

•Snoqualmie Pass has not a single flake of snow on its hill and no posted opening date.

•Mt. Baker has four inches of snow at its base and is hoping to open on Nov. 24.

•White Pass has two inches at its base and needs 27 inches of snow to open.

•Mission Ridge near Wenatchee has no snow anywhere on its runs and does not give a specific opening date.

•Whistler-Blackcomb in British Columbia, Canada has 25 inches now another 20 inches expected this week and is opening on Nov. 25 for sure.

All of these places say they want to open by Thanksgiving

Day but only Whistler has adequate snow right now to open before then. Hopefully the rest of the hills will catch up to our Canadian friends.

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T-Birds kick into high gear

Highline holds off North Idaho, 1-0, advances to semifinals

By Jamie Grossmann

staff reporter

The men's soccer team is one step closer to its goal of winning the NWAACC soccer championship after Saturday's shutout of North Idaho.

The men next play Walla Walla on Saturday, with the winner facing the winner of the South Puget Sound versus Clark match at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday for the title.

The T-Birds came out aggressively against North Idaho and were able to take advantage of an early mistake by the Cardinals. Will Chang broke away on a one-on-one situation between himself and the North Idaho goalie Mike Hildebrandt in the first three minutes to score the game's only goal.

The goal was set up by a pass from midfielder Raphael Cox that led Chang just enough to give him the space to take the shot.

Highline continued on the attack, outshooting North Idaho in the first half 8-3.

"In the first half we took it to them and we should have gone into the second half with more than one goal," said Highline Head Coach Jason Prenovost.

North Idaho came out looking like a different team after halftime.

"North Idaho came out in the second half and came at us," said Prenovost. "It was the final 45 minutes of their season and they played like it. They played very well."

Much of the second half was played in the middle of the field. North Idaho came at Highline and was able to get the ball up to the forwards and on a couple different occasions able to get into the box.

"Our midfielders covered a

lot of ground and the forwards were able to get to almost 80 percent of the long balls," said Prenovost.

In a combined effort by all T-Birds, anything that came into the box was quickly cleared out, which made it hard for the Cardinals to get a good shot on goal.

"The guys stepped up to the occasion," said Prenovost.

Highline goalkeeper Chris Conner played one of his best games of the season, coming up with seven saves and earning the shutout.

"In big games, keepers make big saves and Chris came through," said Prenovost.

Highline was supposed to play Spokane, but everything got jumbled when Wenatchee Valley had to forfeit several wins for using an ineligible player.

"I found out Thursday morning about the change," said Prenovost. "I called some of my contacts around the league and found out what I could about North Idaho. It was definitely a curveball."

"Spokane was a dangerous team and we spent a lot of time preparing for them," said Prenovost. "North Idaho plays a different type of game than Spokane."

"We had specific plans we pressed early. They were playing off adrenaline and that can lead to mistakes," said Prenovost. "We knew we had to score early and we ran two formations that allowed us to cover their star."

The men's next opponent is Walla Walla, who is the No. 1 seed from the Northeast Division with a record of 12-3-1. Walla Walla beat Bellevue in their quarterfinal match, 3-0. Walla Walla also beat Highline 2-1 during the Walla Walla tournament earlier this year.

Walla Walla will be looking to



Photo by Martha Molina

Highline's Raphael Cox takes the ball past North Idaho defenders last Saturday.

forward Fidel Angulo, who is the team's leading scorer with 14 goals.

"Angulo is a very dangerous forward," Prenovost said.

"We will match up well against them," said Prenovost. "They play with lots of intensity."

"The guys are learning to trust each other. If they miss, somebody is there to help pick up them up," said Prenovost.

"We started with good talent and a number of individuals,"

said Prenovost. "Now we are a family working towards a common goal."

"There is no Sunday without Saturday," said Prenovost.

In the other semifinal match, Southwest Division champ Clark takes on South Puget Sound.

Highline lost to Clark both times they faced each other during the regular season and tied South Puget Sound 1-1 during the Walla Walla Tournament earlier this year.

The men host Walla Walla at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday at Starfire Complex, Interurban Avenue and Ft. Dent Way in Tukwila.

Coach Prenovost and the men's soccer team hope to fill the stands with the Highline faithful.

"For those that have never been to a soccer match or don't like soccer, try something new and come out and support us. The students work hard and you will walk away impressed," said Prenovost.

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T-Bird trio third at mat tournament

Three Highline wrestlers finished third at the Mike Clock Open at Pacific University in Oregon last Saturday.

No team scores were kept for the meet in Forest Grove.

Highline's Jonathan Muri finished third by beating Alex Roumanis of Simon Fraser at 149 pounds in the consolation finals.

T-Bird 197-pounder Yuri

Malamura defeated Garren Bremer of Pacific, 11-3. Highline heavyweight David Walker also finished third, defeating Chris Henry of Pacific, 4-2.

Highline's Jason Mendez finished fourth at 141 pounds, after losing 10-1 to Elliott Tracy, who wrestled unattached.

The T-Birds will visit Ashland, Ore. for the Southern Oregon Open this Saturday.

Lady T-Birds head to tournament

By Kim Ducharme

staff reporter

With a third-place finish in the Western Division under their belts, Highline's volleyball team heads for NWAACCs.

With a record of 9-5 the T-Birds, who tied with Green River, head to Mt. Hood for round one of NWAACCs, which start today and continue until Saturday. Highline's first game begins at 4:30 p.m.

NWAACCs is a double elimination tournament, featuring the top four teams from each division (north, south, east, west). The Eastern and Southern divisions are expected to be the stronger divisions while the western division is the weakest.

The teams in the Western Division, like Highline, have tough competition right at the get go. The Western Division will start off playing the top teams of the east.

Highline ended the season with some tough competition when they took on the Devils of undefeated Lower Columbia for their final game of the season on Nov. 11.

Before the game the sophomore players were presented with flowers and a balloon from the freshman players and coaches.

"It's sad, no more dream team," said sophomore Jennifer Patnode.

The dream team is what the sophomore players like to call themselves.

The T-Birds fought hard and strong searching for a final victory, but only managed to take one game away from Lower Columbia, 21-30, 27-30, 30-27, 25-30.

"It's the little stuff that's killing us," said outside hitter Blythe Howard, who was named to the division all-star team.

Head Coach John Littleman thinks it's more than the little things that are killing the team. He believes the problems are deep within each player.

"We need to have a more competitive spirit," Littleman

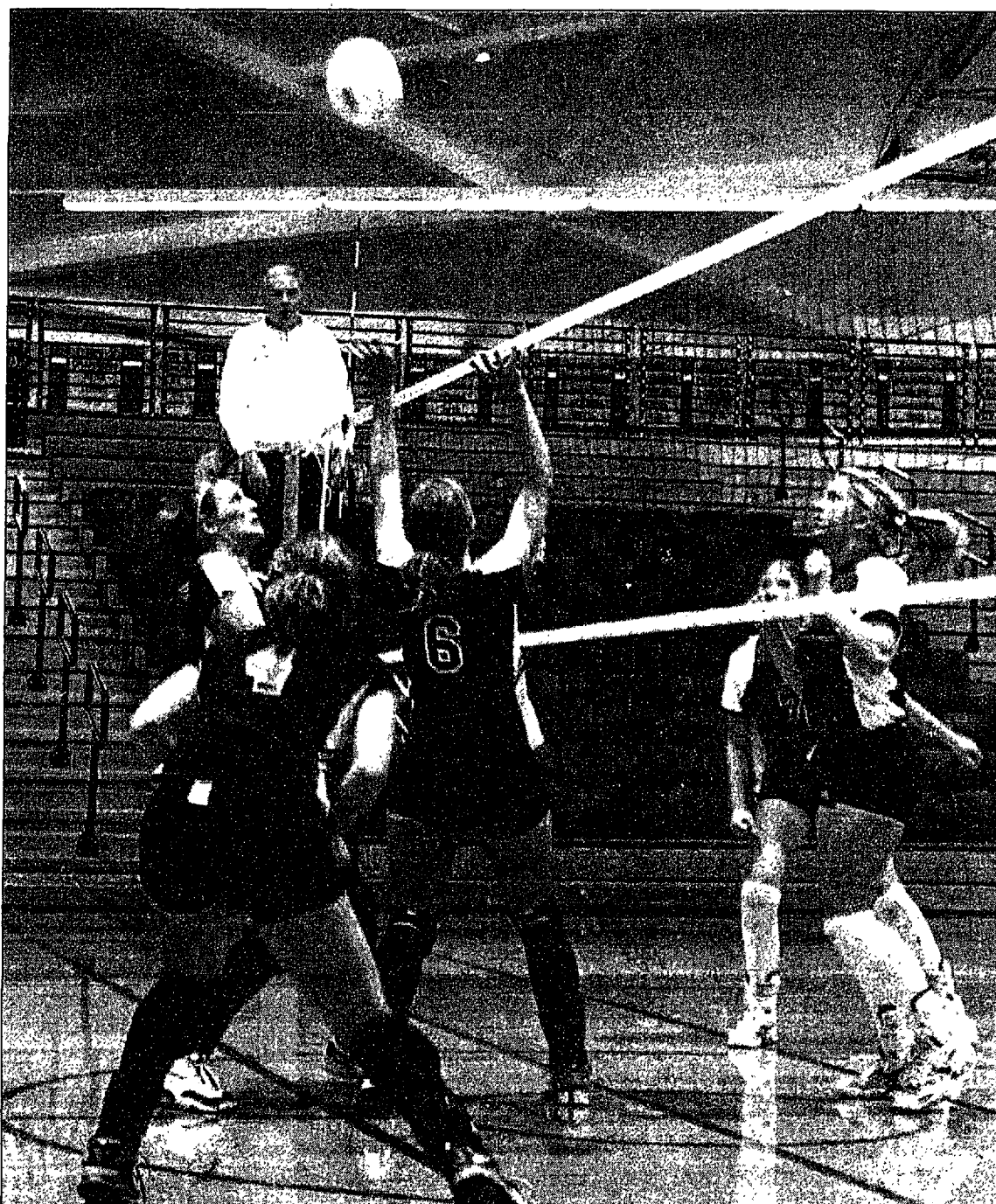


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T-Birds Jennifer Patnode, left, Khia Berendt and Emily Melver go up for a shot against Lower Columbia.

said. "We have no passion or desire."

Throughout the season the team has been looking for the little things to click before NWAACCs and it seems like they are finally there.

"Our team has made great strides the last few weeks," said Littleman. "We are now playing the best volleyball of the year."

Hopefully the T-Birds keep up the intensity because they are set up to play Walla Walla first up in the tournament. Walla Walla, with a record of 10-2, tied for first with Columbia Basin and defending champs Spokane in the Eastern Division.

"We will need to play at the top of our game to beat them," said Littleman.

Walla Walla is among the favorites for NWAACCs. The other favorites include Spokane and Columbia Basin from the east, Clackamas from the south and Whatcom from the north.

"The eastern region is well represented and battle tested," said Head Coach Tim Toon from Walla Walla. "Every conference match was tough."

Most teams being represented at NWAACCs this weekend aren't really concerned about playing these favorite teams.

"Every team is beatable," said Tony Miranda, the head coach from Bellevue. "No one has gone undefeated against the teams in the field."

Bellevue tied for second with Shoreline in the Northern Division. They are set up to play second place team Chemeketa in the first round of NWAACCs.

Miranda is feeling very confident about NWAACCs and is ready for the competition.

"We've trained hard, overcome some injuries and a small roster," Miranda said. "We are

prepared for the tournament."

Miranda also feels the team knows what to expect from everyone at the tournament because Bellevue has played all the teams at one time or another throughout the season.

Records and scores no longer matter once you hit NWAACCs; right now it's anyone's game, coaches say.

Lower Columbia Assistant Coach, Bill Tuggle explains that whatever team is hot this weekend will be the team to take it all.

Lower Columbia won the Western Division with an undefeated season. But the Devils could get their first taste of defeat in the first round when they play Big Bend.

Tuggle expects Lower Columbia to finish somewhere close to the top six and is a little nervous about playing the tougher teams from the north.

Nate Longstraat, head coach for Whatcom, predicts that the teams from the north will peak at NWAACCs.

"North region has some solid teams who I believe have yet to peak," Longstraat said. "Hopefully that will happen for all of us at finals to make for a very entertaining, competitive and exciting tournament."

Whatcom is undefeated and took first place in the North Division. Longstraat isn't nervous to play anyone, just excited to see his team peak at NWAACCs.

"No nervousness, just extremely excited to play whoever is standing on the other side of the court," Longstraat said.

NWAACC favorite Columbia Basin is just excited to qualify for NWAACCs.

"As a volleyball coach for 25 years I am always excited about getting my team into the NWAACC tournament," said Head Coach John Patrick.

Patrick said he has witnessed many upsets, but has also seen teams dominate at NWAACCs, so really it's still anyone's game.

Patnode has fun at Highline

By Kim Ducharme

staff reporter

Jennifer Patnode plans to end her final season with a little fun.

Patnode is currently a sophomore here and said she is sad that this will be her last season on the volleyball team. Due to eligibility rules you are only al-

lowed to play two years of any sport.

"I'm excited and sad at the same time," Patnode said. "I'm ready to further my skills and playing ability at another level, yet sad to see the team split."

Patnode started her volleyball career in the fourth grade where she played for St.

Bernadette. She loved the game so much she continued playing at Kennedy where she was a four-year starter and went to the state tournament each year.

Patnode is currently playing as a middle hitter at Highline. The middle hitter is typically the

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T-Bird men hope to build on last year

By Ian Taylor

staff reporter

The men's basketball team has higher hopes for its new season.

After making the NWAACC tournament last year and then making a quick exit, the Thunderbirds are aiming higher for 2004-2005.

Now second-year Coach Ché Dawson has had a year to recruit, and he has five sophomores from last year's freshman-dominated team.

The T-Birds' first game is 4 p.m. Saturday at the Pavilion against Mt. Hood, who finished second at last year's NWAACC championships.

Of the five players were asked back from last year's team, four were starters. The men this year will benefit by having 10 new freshman on the squad. Of the new players, some are fresh out of high school, and others are transfers from other colleges.

"Our freshman class is good and will compliment the pieces that we already have in place," said Dawson.



Head Coach Dawson

The returning players are two guards, 6'3" Sean Gearin and 5'10" Zenrique Tellez; and three forwards, 6'5" Lucas Eaton, 6'4" Rashad Hatchett, and 6'6" Tavar Proctor.

Gearin and freshman Tui Avaava have been named captains for this year's team.

An interesting fact about the team this year is that there is a wide range between the heights of the players. The shortest is Jeremiah Armstead of Highline High School who is 5'9", and the tallest is Nick Spann from

Medical Lake High School at a towering 7'0".

Coach Dawson said the emphasis this season will be on team play.

"Our primary focus is recognizing that we're going to be a better team than individual players," said Dawson. "We are much further along then we were last year as far as cohesiveness and having a common goal."

Dawson said he feels the team is "very balanced and deep. We're versatile and we are fairly quick and athletic. We are a much more talented team then we were at this point last year."

Dawson doesn't expect to have any one player in particular be the star of the team.

"We are currently where we want to be as far as conditioning and are doing better as far as unselfishness and maturity than last year," Dawson said after scrimmages against Northwest College, the University of Puget Sound and Seattle University.

In NWAACC play, Highline will be facing other community colleges instead of four-year



The teams that Dawson expects to be the biggest challenges are defending NWAACC champion Lower Columbia, Tacoma and Pierce.

"Pierce was the only team that beat us twice last year," said Dawson. The team will play Pierce on Saturday, Jan. 8 at Highline at 3 p.m., and again on Saturday, Feb. 5 at Pierce. Those games should be very exciting.

There will also be some non-league home games in December against Yakima, Bellevue, Mt. Hood and Skagit.

"We should be a team that's fun to watch. The style of play should be exciting to watch for our fans," said Dawson.

Highline's first division game will be on Jan. 3 at 8 p.m., with the T-Birds hosting Lower Columbia.



By Chris Richcreek

1. Name the only two hitters to win baseball's Triple Crown twice.

2. Who served up Hank Aaron's first major-league home run?

3. Who were the two starting quarterbacks in Super Bowl XVII (Miami vs. Washington)?

4. Tracy McGrady is the second-youngest player to notch 10,000 career NBA points. Who is the youngest?

5. How many teams did Grant Fuhr play for during his NHL career?

6. Greece won 16 medals in the 2004 Summer Olympics. When was the last time the country won as many medals?

7. Tiger Woods is the fastest player to win 40 PGA Tour titles (in 149 events). Who was second-fastest?

Answers
1. Ted Williams (1942, 1947) and Rogers Hornsby (1922, 1925).
2. Vic Raschi of the St. Louis Cardinals in 1954.
3. Joe Theismann and David Woodley.
4. Kobe Bryant, at 24 years, 193 days was 79 days younger than McGrady.
5. Six — Edmonton, Toronto, Buffalo, Los Angeles, St. Louis and Calgary.
6. In 1896, the first year of the modern Olympics, Greece won 47 medals.
7. Jack Nicklaus needed 221 tournaments to win 40 PGA titles.

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tallest player on the team and is primarily used for blocking. She is currently in second place for the most blocks on the team.

Patnode stands tall at 5'11" which makes her one of the tallest players on the team. Her long golden brown hair is typically pulled back into a messy bun matched with a friendly smile always willing to greet you.

Patnode came to Highline pumped to play volleyball, with the hope of playing at a four-year school in the near future.

Last year she explained she was a follower. She said that as a freshman, you tend to follow the sophomore leaders' example as far as what to do and what is expected.

"I played because I love the sport and I followed the sophomores," she said.

This season she is a sophomore leader and a proud member of the "dream team," as the sophomore leaders proudly call themselves.

She explains that this season she is more experienced and has really picked up her game. She is really just out to have a good time and is excited to finish off the season.

You can definitely tell that she is having fun by her loud laugh that can be heard from a



Jennifer Patnode

mile away.

Her goals for her final season are to work hard and just have fun.

"I find that I don't play as well when I'm trying to please others, but when I'm in the game for me," Patnode explained.

Patnode is greatly loved by her team and will be missed, especially by members of the dream team.

"When she's hot she's hot," said teammate Khia Behrendt.

Patnode is usually found laughing and joking with fellow teammates and always has a bright smile on her face. When you see her you know a crazy story or funny saying is close to follow.

"Jen's funny, I love her," said

teammate Blythe Howard.

Patnode is sad to see her team split up after this season, but is ready to step up her game yet another level.

"I'm ready to further my skills and playing ability to another level," Patnode said. "Yet I think we have a great team and I'll be sad to see us split."

Next year Patnode plans on going to a four-year college and continue to play volleyball. She doesn't really know where she is going but has a few possibilities.

"Some possibilities are St. Martins in Lacey and Warner Pacific in Oregon," she said.

Patnode plans to pursue a BA in business. With her degree, she plans to move to Australia where she plans to start her own business.

No matter where she goes, volleyball is definitely in her near future.

She is also hearing wedding bells in her near future. She is engaged to long time boyfriend Andy. They plan on tying the knot as soon as spring or summer of 2005, maybe 2006.

In all her years of playing volleyball it was difficult for her to pick out her most memorable moment. But it actually happened this season.

During warm-ups when playing Clark this season, Clark wouldn't get off the court to al-

low Highline their time to warm up. So Patnode and Head Coach John Littleman took it upon themselves to make Clark get off the court.

"The coach threw up the ball and I hit it straight down and hit one of the other team's players in the side of the head," Patnode explained. "Needless to say we got our court time."

Patnode said she loves her fellow teammates and will miss playing for Highline. She has spent a great two years with the T-Birds and is eager to move on and start the rest of her life.

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T-Birds eliminated from playoffs

By Martha Molina
staff reporter

The T-Birds women's soccer team was eliminated in the first round of the playoffs, falling to Edmonds 4-0 last Saturday in Tukwila.

This game was expected to be close, but the Tritons took advantage of the T-Birds' mistakes.

"We just capitalized on their mistakes," said Triton Coach Teddy Mitalas. "I expected the game to be 2-1 or 1-0."

The T-Birds, who were in the NWAACC finals in '03, had come into the game confident and with the knowledge that their opponent was going to be competitive.

They just don't know what went wrong.

"It's disappointing that we didn't play like we played all year," said T-Bird Coach Jaimy McLaughlin. "If we would have played like we play all year, we would have won."

A goal from Edmonds late in the first half gave the Tritons a lead 1-0 at the half.

Throughout the game, the Tritons played rough which frustrated the T-Birds.

Edmonds' Rebecca Carlson



Photo By Martha Molina

Mariana Palermo, right, gets ready to pass the ball to Alicia Wolfskill, left.

got yellow carded for a foul on Highline's Katie Keniston.

Moments later, that cost Highline when all-star midfielder Tonya McLaughlin committed a foul of her own in retaliation against Triton's Carlson.

McLaughlin was red-carded and ejected from the game, leaving the T-Birds a woman down for the last 27 minutes.

Edmonds scored on the ensuing free kick to take a 2-0 lead.

Left shorthanded, the T-Birds

had to scramble around with 10 players to fill in the empty field that was once covered by Tonya McLaughlin.

In the last three minutes of the game, the Tritons scored two goals, cutting the T-Birds' postseason short.

"I don't know if it was nerves or whatever it was, but I hate to come out of a game knowing that we could have done better," said T-Bird Coach McLaughlin.

The T-Birds stuck together the first half of the game, but the

loss of Tonya McLaughlin was too much.

"Having a man down really hurt them," said Triton Coach Teddy Mitalas about Tonya McLaughlin's ejection.

The loss of T-Birds' starting goalkeeper Sarah Snyder, forced the T-Birds to debut newcomer Allison Maas.

"She had been training with us for a while," said T-Bird Coach McLaughlin. "She did a good job."

Maas had many saves, but

the T-Birds' defense was no match for the Tritons' offense.

"It just wasn't our day," said T-Bird Coach Jaimy McLaughlin.

The T-Birds were also missing key players Nicole Reames and Alex Pielak, giving the T-Birds only three subs for the game.

On the other side, the Tritons were on top of their game.

They played well and were balanced, said Triton Coach Mitalas.

"They just ran the whole time, and I was shocked," he said.

To slow down the NWAACC's third-leading scorer, T-Bird Mariana Palermo, the Tritons double-teamed her throughout the game, preventing her from scoring.

"The girls were fast enough to keep up with her (Palermo)," said Triton Coach Mitalas.

Overall, the T-Birds had a good run this year, finishing in second place in the NWAACC Southwest Division.

The qualifiers for the semifinals will play this Saturday. Edmonds will play Tacoma, and Spokane will play Clackamas. The finals will be held on Sunday at Starfire.

Women's basketball ends preseason with high hopes

By Jamie Grossmann
staff reporter

The women's basketball team has wrapped up the preseason and heads into the regular season with high hopes.

The women ended the preseason with scrimmages against Seattle University last Thursday and the University of Puget Sound on Saturday.

The scrimmage with Seattle University was the first time that the Lady T-Birds played in a game-like situation. In the previous scrimmage with North Seattle Community College, Head Coach Amber Rowe played the women five in five out.

"Our scrimmage with Seattle University was horrible," said Rowe.

"Against the University of Puget Sound we played a lot better," she said.

"After the Seattle University scrimmage the girls got a piece of my mind," said Rowe. "We are good, but we were cocky coming off summer ball. They forgot that they had to do something to be good."

"Seattle University out muscled us. Our defense was lacking," said Rebekah Johnson,

sophomore guard. "We didn't play to our potential."

"Seattle University was stronger and faster," said Rowe. "It was good for us because we played at a faster level than we probably will have to during the season."

The women traveled to the University of Puget Sound to finish out the preseason scrimmages.

"The team played hard and with lots of desire and very

competitively," said Rowe. "University of Puget Sound pressed us three times and we were able to break it every time," said Rowe.

"Our man-to-man defense was 100 times better and the team is starting to pickup the offense," she said.

"We were a lot more confident against University of Puget Sound," said Johnson. "We played more like a team."

The women open up the

2004-05 season on the road at the Shoreline Tournament this Friday against Whatcom Community College.

Depending on the outcome the women will then play either the winner or loser of the Olympic Community College versus

Portland Community College game. The women have to win at least one game to advance to Sundays round.

"I feel good going into these two games and expect to be playing on Sunday," said Coach Rowe.

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Student Union to open in winter

By Sara Loken

staff reporter

The Student Union is getting its final preparations together to open for Winter Quarter.

This week art was put in along the new walkway leading up to the Student Union. The building is also going through needed inspections to prepare the building for its opening date.

Currently, the building is on schedule to open for Winter Quarter. It all depends now on whether it passes several building inspections.

The different inspections include fire alarm, elevator, plumbing, heating ventilation and air conditioning, electrical, health department and building department, said Mike McDonald, superintendent of the Student Union for Lumpkin General Contractors.

"There's like 100,000 rules to conform with," said McDonald.

So far the building has had partial approval on plumbing, electrical and fire sprinkler inspections. The elevator passed its final inspection yesterday.

"We've invited the fire department and head of the build-

ing department to inspect the building," said McDonald.

The building is also trying to get an occupancy permit, said Phil Sell, facilities project coordinator for Highline. The Higher Education Building already has one.

Should the building not pass an inspection, waiting for needed parts causes the delay.

"For example, doors and hardware items take six weeks to ship," said McDonald. "But I think we're in pretty good shape."

McDonald projects that all the inspections should be done sometime next week.

Departments are already scheduled to move into the building at the end of this month.

The bookstore, Student Government and Student Programs will all move into the building.

"The plan is for them (food service) to move in the middle of December," said Sell.

One of the most notable features is the landscaping outside of the building.

Large rocks, artwork, seating areas, grassy lawns, and a stream are all new features to the campus.

The stream is made of con-

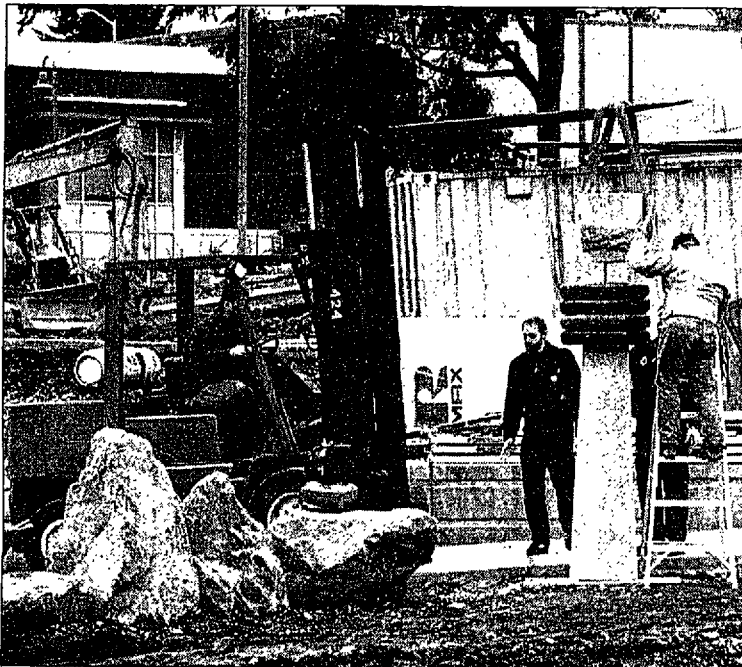


Photo by Sara Loken

A crew sets up a sculpture outside the Student Union Building

crete and it turns rain into something beautiful. Its water source comes from rainwater that's caught throughout upper campus drains.

The artwork found around the outside of the building is designed by Michihiro Kosuge, a sculptor from Portland.

There are five 8-foot-tall pieces of art that line the west walkway leading to the building. They are pillars of granite with different colored rings at

the top of the pillar. The title of the artwork is *Linkage*.

"From the Plaza or Student Union viewpoints, the overall arrangement will be visually dynamic as the pieces step at successively lower elevations down the hill along a curving path," said Pete Babington, director of facilities at Highline.

The art was chosen by a committee made up of Laura Saunders, vice president of administration; Tim Wyre, instructional computing director; Babington; and Lonny Koneko, arts and humanities division chairman.

In the budget for the building it's required that 1 percent of the money go towards artwork.

The Washington State Arts Commission picked the artists the committee had to choose from. The committee made the decision based off of 200 artists and 50 slides each of their art.



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Highline engineers grant to get students

By Danny Kang

staff reporter

Highline has received funding from the National Science Foundation in the amount of \$275,000 for the engineering department to recruit more students into this field.

The grant is called the Northwest Engineering Talent Expansion Partnership because several institutions are participating.

The institutions include the University of Washington, Seattle University, Seattle Central Community College and Highline. According to the grant proposal, the goal of the project is to promote engineering education and increase the number of engineering graduates in the state of Washington by 10 percent over the next five years.

The first grant, which began last year, is a four-year process in which Highline will receive \$100,000 a year for scholarships. The second grant is complementing the first grant by providing support services such as an on-site coordinator, tutoring, and student events and

travel.

The engineering field is going to need more people to replace the ones that are going to retire, said Rebecca Sliger, Highline engineer instructor and one of the grant coordinators.

"Washington is going to need engineers and engineers are involved in more than just Boeing," said Sliger.

Bob Maplestone, a Highline engineering instructor and chairman of the Math and Applied Sciences Division, said that though the unemployment rate has been high it has not been difficult for engineers to find jobs here in Washington.

"If you like to solve problems and like teamwork and math and science, engineering is the best job in the world," Maplestone said.

Also if you want to make a difference in life, engineering is where you want to be, professors say.

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Foundation strong with new director

By Oksana Melnik
staff reporter

Rod Stephenson is Highline's new foundation director.

He started here at Highline this summer quarter.

The Foundation exists for the benefit of the college, its students, faculty and staff. Its purpose is to solicit and receive gifts, money, and property.

Received donations are used to help the college, its programs and provide scholarships, loans and emergency help to the students at highline.

For the 2004-05 school year, a record amount of \$103,000

was given to the Foundation.

The Foundation is a non-profit organization that is closely tied to the college, which helps Highline get grants and scholarships by promoting partnerships between our college and community members.

The Foundation also seeks involvement from individuals and corporations.

Stephenson is involved in other things besides Highline's Foundation. He loves to snowboard, water ski and enjoys playing video games.

He always has a smile on his face, and his eyes seem to glow when he mentions his family. "Life is good," he said. "My big-

gest achievement is being married for 30 years, and my two children."

Stephenson has worked for numerous colleges such as Tacoma Community College and Bellevue Community College.

He worked for the University of Iowa for six years as the nursing finance director.

"I hope to continue the great work that has been done before me," Stephenson said.

Most people who donate money to Highline do it because of the great things that they hear about the school.

"Highline sells itself," Stephenson said.

"I hope to continue the great work that has been done before me."



- Rod Stephenson
Highline Foundation director

Stephenson is not the permanent director. So far he is just filling in.

"Highline is better than what I expected," said Stephenson, so he just might try to stay.

If students want to find out more about the foundation or get involved feel free to stop by the foundations office located in Building 9, room 201 or call 206-870-3774.

Computer forensics program creates PC private eyes

Curriculum teaches data recovering techniques

By Quentin Taminhart
staff Reporter

A new breed of cyber-sleuths will soon emerge from Highline with the tools and training to hunt for clues and help bag bad guys.

For those who think the prospect of a career as a police detective or a private eye sounds exhilarating but impractical, Highline's new Computer Forensics/Data Recovery program will offer access to the rapidly expanding field of computer forensics and data recovery.

Data recovery specialists apply forensics techniques using hardware and software tools to recover lost or corrupted data from hard drives and other storage media.

"This kind of field is a lot of fun and very challenging," said Highline faculty member and program co-founder Amelia Phillips.

"I call it digital archaeology. You know something is there and you have to figure it out."

Graduates of the program will be prepared for entry-level positions in data recovery with major corporations, attorneys' offices, and law enforcement agencies including the FBI.

"There's a big need [for computer forensics] as more crimes are being committed with computers and more com-



Phillips

puters are being used to record crimes," said Phillips. "With devices such as digital voice recorders, PDAs and cell phones everywhere, all of those devices can hold electronic evidence that can be used in court."

The program takes two years to finish and is open to all students with basic keyboarding and mouse skills.

The computer department program will also offer a 20-credit Computer Forensics/Data Recovery certificate for students with a strong computer network background.

Phillips expects that about 15

Highline students will be enrolled in the program starting Winter Quarter, with eight or nine going for the two year degree and about five or six going for the 20-credit certificate.

"We will be having network forensics crossing over a little bit so that people can understand that even though you're dealing with the hard drive, if you look at the network traffic you can figure out what the person did, or whoever broke into that machine - what they did," said Phillips.

The new curriculum is being developed in conjunction with both the University of Washington and Seattle University under a \$270,000 grant from the National Science Foundation.

"Seattle University and the University of Washington's involvement in the development of the program is a big part of what makes it unique," said Phillips.

"You're getting a lot of expertise. It's not a situation where one instructor has to sit down and write the entire pro-

gram themselves."

The original applicants for the grant were Phillips, Dave Dittich of UW and Barbara Endicott-Popovsky of Seattle University.

The grant's funding period runs from July 1 of this year until the end of December 2005.

Of the \$117,000 that Highline is receiving, Phillips said approximately \$20,000 has been allocated to hardware and software. Another portion of the money goes to reassign time for Professor Phillips and Dee Skinner, another Highline faculty member, to develop lectures, labs and assessment tools.

Other Highline faculty involved in the program development include Ravinder Kang and Vernine Schuler.

Some \$5,000 will likely go to the costs of travel between Highline and George Washington University in Washington DC.

Phillips said that George Washington is part of a consortium of 14 colleges and universities that all teach various infor-

mation assurance classes.


Information assurance is defined as "information operations that protect and defend information and information systems by ensuring their availability, integrity, authentication, confidentiality, and non-repudiation."

"The consortium has a PEN [portable electronic network], which is essentially a network on wheels that allows students to do all of their hands-on labs on their own campus," said Phillips.

The grant also covers the costs of disseminating the completed curriculum nationally.

In addition to the technical aspects of the field, ethics will also be taught. Phillips points out that it's your reputation in the field that keeps you in business. From the "Computer Forensics and the Law" course, students will learn how to testify as expert witnesses.

For more information on the program, students can e-mail Amelia Phillips at aphillip@highline.edu or visit <http://flightline.highline.edu/cis>.



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and appropriate clothing sizes, along with a gift idea.

Additionally entire families are available for adoption through the Team Highline office at 206-878-3710, ext. 3903.

When the ornaments run out, Team Highline wants students and staff to rally together and support an entire family.

"We put out a few families on the tree as individuals to gain interest and attention about the event," said Serenity Wise from

Team Highline.

Team Highline encourages those interested to rally together with families, friends, clubs, departments or even classes to pool their resources and a support a whole family.

Some sponsors this year include the Communication Department, The Movie Club and Josh Oakley from Student Government.

"Everyone can find something because there is an equal distribution of two, three, four, and five person families available and some with eight, nine, 10 or 11," said Yapp.

If you are still interested but unable to support a larger fam-

ily, you can talk to Team Highline about sponsoring a smaller family.

"There are many families with only two people. Most are a parent and a child," said Wise.

Team Highline will match a sponsor and a family to the best of their ability based on what a sponsor can contribute, said Yapp.

All families and sponsors are kept confidential.

All sponsors must have their gifts in by Nov. 29 to Team Highline.

Team Highline will distribute the gifts at the end of the quarter.

"I did the Giving Tree last

year and I felt really good doing it," Dominic Lepule from Team Highline said.

"Helping people is not only generous but fun, it's good to know I made a difference."

"Watching the families last year receive their gifts was the best. You can really tell that they appreciated it," one student from Team Highline said.

"I cried with the families because they were so happy."

People interested who are unable to support a whole family or do not have the time to shop are welcomed to donate money in any amount, said Yapp.

During Nov. 22 through Nov.

26 Team Highline will accept donations in their office at Building 16.

"Last year we had up to \$400-\$500 in money donations alone, which was great for the families," Yapp said.

For further information students can pick up a blue slip next to the Giving Tree in Building 6.

This is an occasion for the campus to work together and help others through their unity, said Yapp.

For more information contact Team Highline in Building 16 or email Yapp at myapp@Highline.edu or 206-878-3710, ext. 3903.

Cheating

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since fall 2003.

"We've had a significant increase since last year," said Castro.

Nineteen hearings were held and the remaining 42 reports were resolved through student and teacher meetings.

Fifty to 60 percent of hearings have to do with plagiarism and cheating.

"Students assume that faculty won't react," said Castro.

But Highline faculty are highly encouraged to deter and prevent cheating and plagiarism.

"Faculty members have a re-

sponsibility to inform students and uphold the value of academic integrity. Students will be reported for cheating or submitting plagiarized papers," said Castro.

Highline's policies on cheating differ from case to case.

"It's not black and white at all - every case is individual - students' rights and responsibilities come into play," said Castro.

If a student admits to cheating, teachers can "require students to repeat the assignment, to lower the grade on a test or paper, or to determine that the assignment will receive no credit," according to the college's procedures.

Communication should be made of the incident through a letter that is often forwarded to Toni Castro to be filed.

If the student denies cheating or plagiarism, an incident report form is required with evidence included.

A hearing usually takes place with the Student Judicial Affairs administrator who will meet with the student and faculty member.

Consequences could entail

probation, suspension, or expulsion from the college and would then become a permanent part of the student's record.

"We take into consideration a lot of factors - compass scores or the student's level of understanding - and have a consultation with the faculty member.

"I don't make the decisions in isolation," said Castro.

Second time offenders face stricter penalties.

The definition of cheating, taken from the Judicial Training Manual of Highline, is intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in an academic process.

Fabrication, falsification or invention of information, and plagiarism, the reproduction of ideas or words, are also causes for disciplinary action.

"It is the responsibility of the institution to prevent and deter cheating," said Castro.

Faculty members are encouraged to prevent cheating and plagiarism by addressing the issue in class or stating it in their syllabus.

Some instructors will fight to fail a student if the person is

caught cheating on a test or plagiarizing an assignment.

Others will disregard the assignment and give no credit.

Other ideas include making assignments unique and specific in order to make cheating less likely.

Using multiple versions of tests and requiring source critiques or different drafts all contribute to the fight against cheating.

"Teachers know they're doing the research and not waiting until last minute.

"It's more work, but it creates a climate that is not as tempting for students to cheat," said Castro.

Castro thinks that it is sad that students minimize cheating.

"They need to ask themselves: 'Am I motivated to do what is necessary to complete a college degree?'" said Castro.

"It is about knowledge and students exploring their values about personal responsibility, claiming work as their own, and gaining ability to work in the

workplace."

But Castro also thinks that some students "simply don't have the skills to research or write a paper. It becomes almost a part of their survival."

In response, the institution has a responsibility to help students create those skills.

Students cheat for various reasons, but the resulting issue remains the same.

"Students sometimes think that this [Highline] is a glorified high school, but it's college. Faculty expect students to be adult learners and that's not always the case," Castro said.

Castro does want to make known that many students don't cheat.

"Those students who don't cheat also pay the price.

Students want to attend a college where people are honest and take personal responsibility," she said.

The problem of cheating will remain with students, but Castro feels that we can all take part in reducing it.

Grads

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said.

Coates also said that only 30 percent of graduating students choose to participate in the ceremony.

Coates said that students who have applied to graduate will receive invitations to commencement in May.

"The invitation will include directions on how, where and when to RSVP for commencement, how to get a cap, gown, announcements, and tickets," said Coates.

Coates reminded students that they should apply for graduation two quarters before they plan to graduate.

"Anyone planning to finish Spring Quarter should be applying for graduation now," she said.

Students will pay a fee of \$25 this year for cap and gown because of rising costs associated with the ceremony.

Staiger said that he thinks people have enjoyed having commencement in Tacoma.

"Traffic will be better and graduation is such a big deal for those who choose to participate, that I don't think it will be an issue," said Staiger.

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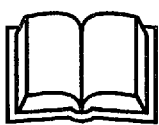
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