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Smoking policy butts in

New policy stirs up mixed emotions among smokers

By OLIVIA DELEON

STAFF REPORTER

Highline is divided on the new smoking policy, but smokers seem to be using the designated smoking areas.

Highline's smoking policy bans smoking on campus except in designated areas. The policy became effective when six areas were officially authorized, identified, and designated.

The policy of designated smoking areas was proposed by students, staff and faculty early last year.

It is a campus-run policy, said Jonathan Brown, associate dean for Student Programs. Therefore, it is being enforced by all members of Highline.

Except for Security.

"If they ask us to help enforce anything with the smoking policy we will say no," said Richard Fisher, security and safety director.

Fisher said that the policy was student-based and he does not want to have any role in it.

The process of the policy is still being determined due to feedback of the students using

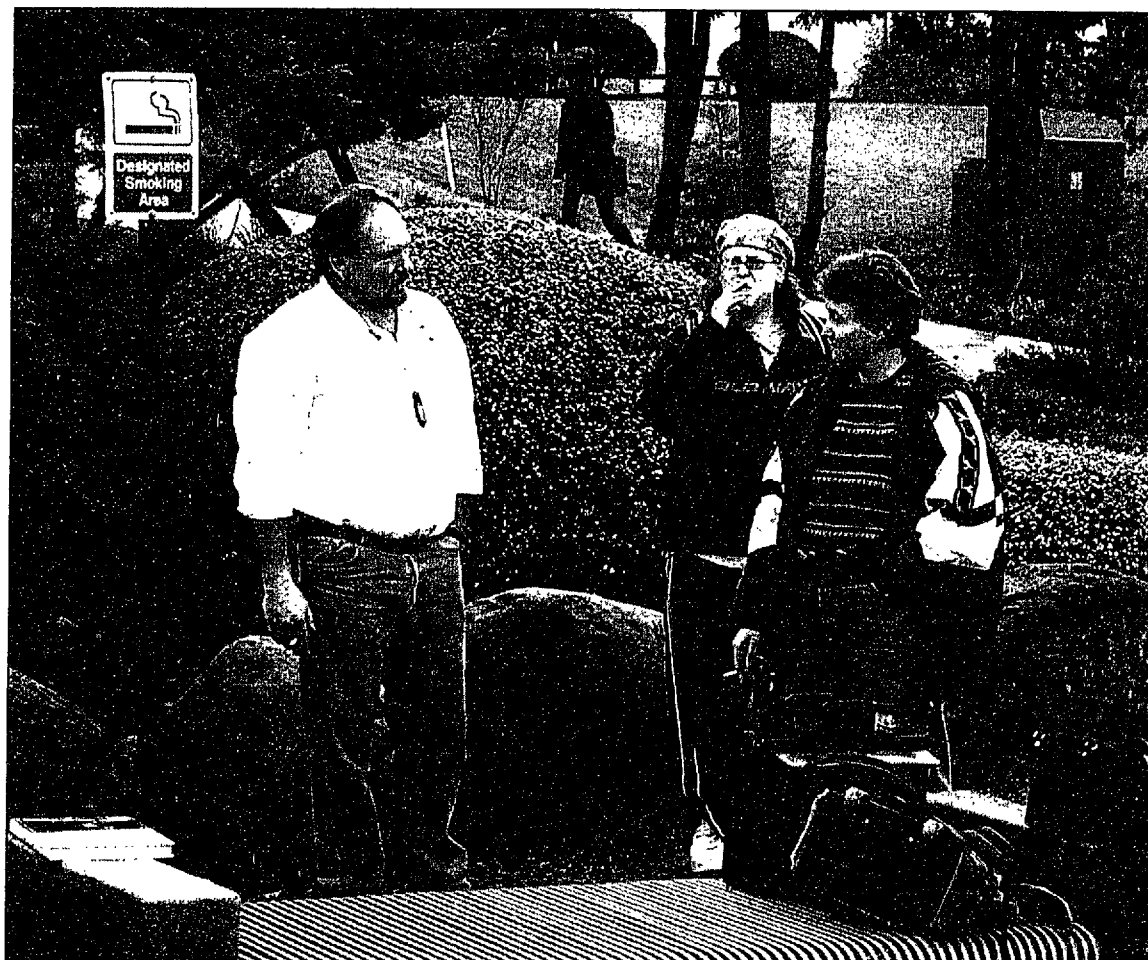


Photo by Sara Loken

Smokers take time at a designated smoking area near Building 3.

it.

"I don't think they are going to enforce the policy by giving tickets because it's about consideration of others," Brown said.

However, if the students do not respond by using the designated smoking area, banning smoking completely from cam-

pus is not out of the question. Other alternatives, such as ending the policy and fining smokers, are also open to discussion. Meanwhile, some smoking students are complaining about the new policy.

"I'm not a bus stop. They could at least give us benches to make us feel comfortable,"

smoker Max Lyashanko said.

Some suggestions are being made by smokers to offer benches and more designated smoking areas.

"I don't even use the designated smoking areas because

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Survey says community is aware of college

By JACKIE GRAYBILL

STAFF REPORTER

A new survey shows that Highline is seen by the community in a positive light, although some are still unaware of what Highline has to offer them.

The Community Perception Survey and Brand/Image Audit 2004 was done over the summer by Hebert Research and Arscenia Design.

The goal of the survey was to discover how the community views Highline so the college can adjust its marketing message accordingly.

People within Highline's service area participated in a phone survey administered by Herbert Research and Arscenia Design. Approximately 1,504 people took the survey. Highline's service area includes, Des Moines, Federal Way, parts of Kent, down towards Milton and Edgewood, said Sherry Reichert, director of communications and marketing. It goes by zipcodes and where quarterly reports are sent out.

Lisa Skari, executive director for Institutional Advancement at Highline, said that this is the first time research of this kind has been done.

"If you know where you are, you have a better idea of where to go and this will give us somewhere to start. It will also give us a baseline to go from, as we will be doing the same kind of research every five years," Skari said.

She also said that she was pleasantly surprised by the results and sees them as validation of what the college is doing right, referring particularly to the college's 91 percent awareness rating in the community.

According to the survey, when people within the commu-

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College prepares to beg for budget bucks

By MICAH DILL

STAFF REPORTER

As the Legislature prepares to draft Washington's \$26 billion budget, Highline officials will be working with lawmakers to ensure that higher education receives its fair share of the pie.

The projected \$1.6 billion shortfall in the budget means that lawmakers will have a tough time finding the money that is needed for funding the state's various programs.

Certain programs, such as K-12 education, are mandates that the Legislature, legally, must fund. The money that is left

over is used to pay for everything else.

"You fund the mandates first and higher education is a huge discretionary fund," says Dr. Laura Saunders, vice president of administration for Highline.

Highline President Dr. Priscilla Bell has several trips to Olympia on her schedule as the battle for public dollars gets underway.

One of the top priorities Dr. Bell and others will be addressing is employee compensation. Highline faculty and staff have not received wage increases in three years.

"Our folks have been under-

valued and underpaid," says Dr. Bell. "The school sees this as a major obstacle in retaining and hiring employees."



Dr. Bell

see a 3.2 percent cost-of-living increase in 2006 and 1.6 percent in 2007; faculty would receive 1.1 percent in 2006 and 1.4 per-

cent in 2007.

Without this funding, the college says it will have to look toward using tuition revenue as a means to cover salary expenses.

Another topic of concern is Highline's ability to enroll additional students.

"Building capacity is also an extremely high priority," says Dr. Bell. "We do not want to be turning people away."

Because of a projected 4,000 student jump in the number of high school graduates between 2004 and 2008, the State Board

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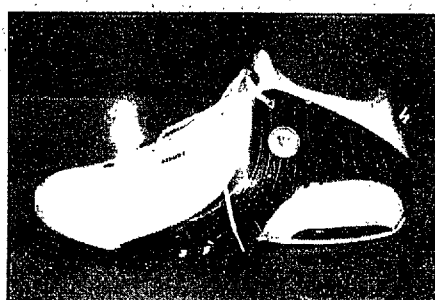
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CRIME



BLOTTER

Equipment stolen

Two projectors were stolen last week.

The first was a 35mm slide projector which was stolen from room 202 in Building 10 on Jan. 14.

The time of this theft is unknown.

The second stolen projector was an Epson projector which was stolen from Building 7 between 12:50 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. on Jan. 12.

Parked car hit in East lot

A Highline student's parked vehicle was struck by a hit and run driver in the East lot on Jan. 13.

The vehicle sustained damage to the rear driver side bumper.

No description of the hit and run vehicle is available.

Property found

A cell phone and a watch were found in Building 8 on Jan. 12.

Crime Tip of the week

Nobody is fully safe from the threat of crime. Vehicles are broken into, items are stolen, and property is damaged. This is an outstanding risk.

People must take precautions to make sure they do not become a victim of crime on campus.

"Theft does occur on campus. Your valuables should be kept out of sight," Fisher said.

Students are advised to either take valuables with them or keep the objects out of view from passersby.

If you happen to see something or someone suspicious on campus you are encouraged to call the campus security office at 206-878-3710, ext. 3218.

If a description of the suspicious individual can be supplied it will assist and if you do report a security officer will examine the matter.

-Compiled by Kevin Garber

Team Highline sponsors Kenyan school

BY OLIVIA DE LEON

STAFF REPORTER

Team Highline is working to help sponsor an elementary school in the Yanza Province of Kenya.

Team Highline is asking Highline and the campus community to help sponsor and donate money to about 300 children.

"The money will be used for school supplies, desks, uniforms and textbooks," said Gursimran Kaur from Team Highline.

"We really want to focus on textbooks and desks right now because that's what they really need at the moment."

Sociology Professor Marcia Arunga travels to Kenya every year with her organization called Arunga & Associates, Kaur said.

"When we were brainstorming this summer for sponsoring a school, we talked to faculty member Marcia Arunga because we thought it would be the best way to do this.

We would have credibility and we would know exactly where the money is going,"

Kaur said.

"They'll be recording everything, taking pictures and bringing them back to us."

Anthropology/Culture Professor Jean Harris will also be traveling with Arunga.

"It's nice that we have two teachers going, so now we would really know what's going on," Kaur said.

Arunga and Harris, as well as others, will be traveling to Kenya in mid-March and will return in April.

Arunga and others in her association will be putting together a presentation of what exactly the project entails, Kaur said.

"I really encourage students to attend this meeting, not only to learn about it, but because we need an audience."

The meeting will be on Jan. 26 at 11 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. in the Student Union Building located in the Mt. Constance/Mt. Olympus rooms.

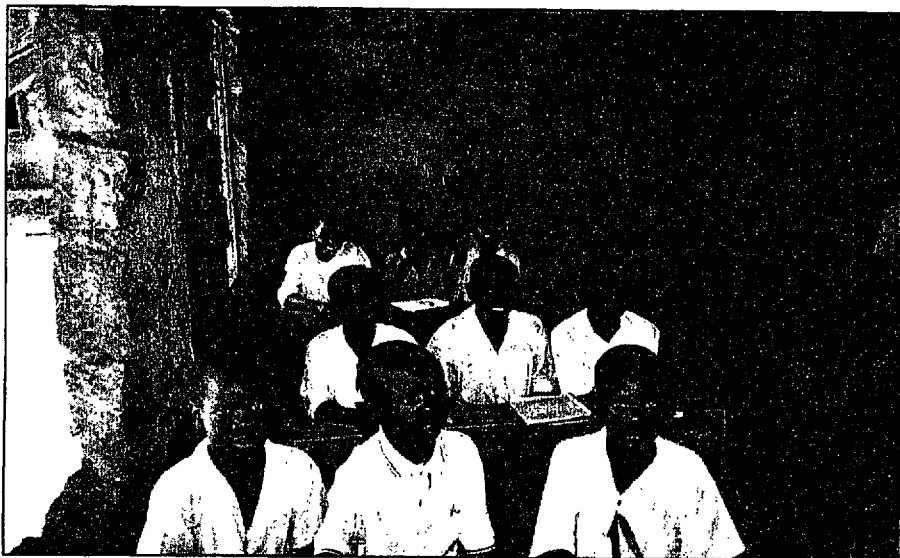


Photo courtesy of Team Highline

A group of Kenyan elementary school students in class.

"I know some people feel hesitant when they give money to different charities or organizations.

But really your money is being accounted for because it's two faculty members from Highline going over there," said Maegan Yapp from Team Highline.

"Contact information has been asked from sponsors so we can show pictures and stuff after the trip.

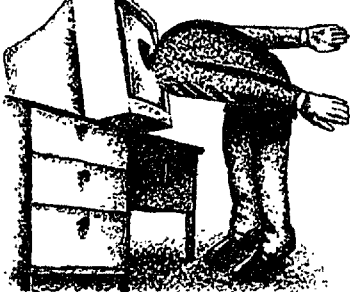
"Everything counts, whether it is from a penny to dollar, because a dollar in Kenya goes a long way for them," Kaur said.

"We'll take anything."

For donations to the Kan-yamfwa Elementary School in the Yanza Province of Kenya, contact Team Highline on the second floor of the HSU, across from the bookstore.

Team Highline can also be contacted at 206-878-3710, ext. 3903.

NEWS BRIEFS



Career Week offers options

If you want a career exploration, University of Washington's sixth Career Discovery Week is coming Jan. 24-28.

Career Discovery Week will help you explore career options, give you the opportunity to meet with successful graduates, help you discover what to do with your major, and teach you what you can do now to prepare for your future.

Career Discovery Week will take place at University of Washington campus.

This annual event is open to anyone wanting to participate.

The event will feature 80 different workshops focusing on wide range of fields.

Throughout the week there will be panel presentations that will offer an overview of more than 60 different fields.

More than 300 UW gradu-

ates and friends of the university will be serving as panelists and table hosts.

Topics range from arts and entertainment, to government, graduate school, health care and medicine, and to social services.

All events are facilitated by UW faculty and graduates, are free of charge.

No advance registration is required.

For further information about session time and dates please visit UW's website at <http://depts.washington.edu/careerwk/>

Meet employers at job fair

Finding a job is a possibility at the Bellevue / Seattle area's premier Career Fair.

Many of Bellevue's and Seattle's top employers will be attending, hiring for positions from all types of industries.

All career seekers in all fields are encouraged to attend. Admission is free. The career fair is on Monday, Jan. 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Red Lion Bellevue Inn, 11211 Main Street, Bellevue, WA 98004. For directions call 425-455-5240

Attendees should be well-

dressed and have plenty of resumes to hand out to employers.

Visit http://www.nationalcareerairs.com/index.php?p=career_fair_details&id=344 for more information.

Study abroad in Costa Rica

Spend Summer Quarter in Costa Rica with Highline's Study Abroad program.

Students will be taking class-

es in Spanish and participate in a Life and Culture program that involves trips to museums and various landmarks such as Monte Verde.

The cost is \$4,299.

Financial aid is available based on individual situations.

Interested students must have a 2.5 GPA or higher and a valid passport.

Applications are due April 9 and require an essay, two letters of recommendation, and an unofficial Highline transcript.

For more information, contact Amee Moon at 206-878-3710, ext. 3374.

Extreme Resume Makeover Highline Edition Workshop Today!!

Improve your Professional portfolio with an eye-catching resume. This session will cover the essentials of organizing a winning resume, a critical part of finding a job. The workshop is free and is open to students and the public. The workshop runs from 12:10-1pm, in building 30, Rm. 318. There is a 25 seat limit. Please bring a diskette if you wish to save your work

Contact the Career and Employment Center with questions.

206-878-3710 x3350, bldg. 6 top flr.

Phi Theta Kappa has brains, heart

By ANNIE RUNNELS

STAFF REPORTER

Highline's only fraternity isn't known for its hazing rituals or keggers.

Phi Theta Kappa's purpose is to encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provide opportunity for each person's development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming.

"PTK is a good way to get to know your peers and to do something good for someone else," said Paige Kane, vice president of fellowship for Highline's Pi Sigma chapter.

"I didn't start it as a goal. My friend said it was fun and I joined," said Hayley Norton, who is now co-coordinator of public relations and has been with the club for only two quarters.

PTK is a place for students at Highline who are book smart to gain social skills in a relaxed setting, said Adviser Laura Manning.

It also gives students the chance to help in the community and share academic goals with other members.

"I like to do it for the community service," said Norton.

Pi Sigma is just one chapter of PTK, which has 1.5 million members and 1,200 chapters located in 50 states, U.S. territories, Canada and Germany.

Many students are a part of PTK and one of Norton's jobs is to recruit more members and advertise the club.

Currently there are 15 active members in a 500-member club. For Winter Quarter 900 students are eligible to join.

PTK helps students find scholarships, it looks good on your transcript, it's a wonderful for resumes and there are always great social events to meet new people, members say.

"I enjoy the social aspect of the club," said Villi Knudsen, co-coordinator of public relations.

Students eligible for PTK membership must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher; an invitation to join is sent out quarterly to students who meet the GPA requirement.

New members must fill out an application and pay a \$60 fee.

An upcoming fund-raiser for PTK will be the selling of purple hope cancer bracelets on campus.

A part of the proceeds will go toward helping students attend

leadership conferences.

Another part of the proceeds will go toward a Pi Sigma social for other PTK chapters in the surrounding Northwest area, which will happen sometime in March.

The bracelets will be sold to Highline students for \$1 and non-students for \$2.

Other fund-raisers they have in mind are to pair up with other clubs to support the tsunami relief and start a blanket drive.

Regular Phi Theta Kappa meetings are on Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Highline Student Union building on the third floor in the clubs room.

Leadership meetings, for

elected club members, are on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Highline Student Union building on the third floor in the same room.

"PTK is here to provide a place for high achieving students to work together in service to their community," said Manning.



Photo by Sarah Russell

Phi Theta Kappa members (left to right) Angie Hurtado, Jaymie Bodle, Paige Kane, and Kamila Bono enjoy fellowship with each other at Tuesday's meeting while discussing upcoming events.

Parking at Midway is still available for a limited time

The lot could soon be closed to Highline's overflow parking

By ALEX GASTON

STAFF REPORTER

The Midway parking lot will likely be open until the end of January.

Highline's overflow parking lot was supposed to close at the start of Fall Quarter 2004, but remained open as new owner Lowe's Hardware store tried to get construction permits from the city of Kent.

Laura Saunders, vice president of administration, said it appears the lot will remain open a little while longer.

"We are sure of it through January but it doesn't look like they are making much progress," Saunders said.

About 1,000 parking spots are available in the Midway lot but Highline students typically use no more than half.

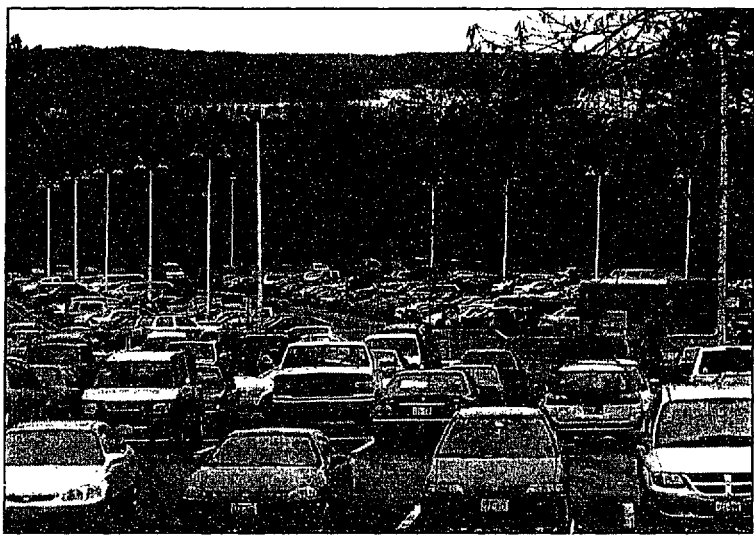


Photo by Mary Raab

The South Lot fills up with student and faculty cars every morning

During Fall Quarter, Monday through Thursday, about 400-450 spots were taken before noon. That is the time when people are rushing to find parking spots.

With construction concluding on the Higher Education Center and the new Student Union, another 100 spaces in the North lot have been opened and 120 new spaces in the South lot.

The new spaces are supposed to replace most of the spaces

that will be lost at Midway, Saunders said.

Other forms of transportation, such as carpooling or taking a bus, are encouraged so possibly more parking spaces will be available.

Carpooling permits are free and require two cars to register on the permits.

Specified parking spaces for carpoolers are available in the East and South lots of the campus.

Students can find a carpooling buddy online Highline's carpool discussion webpage at <http://www.highline.edu/admin/security/carpool/index.htm>.

The page also has links to other carpooling websites, such as Washington's Rideshare page.

Along with carpooling incentives, Highline sells monthly bus passes for half price at the Bookstore, now located in the upper level of the Student Union.

A student ID is required to purchase a pass.

The following month's pass are available for purchase around the 10th day of the current month, and the Bookstore orders only a certain amount of passes, so early purchasing is encouraged.

In Fall Quarter, letters were sent to enrolled students explaining the parking situation and asking students to consider alternatives to driving and parking a vehicle on campus.

Highline prepared for the worst in fall when Midway was

supposed to be closed, and Winter Quarter is no different.

Campus Security issued 4,193 parking passes Fall Quarter. This includes night programs and special activities because there are not even 4,000 parking spaces at Highline.

Saunders said that more shuttles from park-and-ride lots and a parking garage have been considered as long-term solutions.

Although college officials maintain that Highline has adequate parking, students say they are often frustrated.

"It takes me about 10-15 minutes to find a decent spot," student Tyler Jones said.

Other students who have class in the afternoon don't have as much as a problem as morning students.

"Parking isn't that bad in the afternoon," student Megan Ealy said.

Student Ryan Stanley said the parking hunt varies from day to day.

"It takes me about five minutes on a good day and 10 to 15 on a bad day," he said.

Editorial

We should celebrate diversity

The average Highline constituent is extremely lucky. Highline offers its students everyday classes, student activities, and learning opportunities, but it also offers something that many community colleges don't: a community rich with culture, ethnicity, and diversity.

Almost half of Highline's students refer to themselves as some other race than white. Multiple languages are spoken across campus, varied religions practiced, and numerous cultures celebrated. Wonderful opportunities exist at Highline for students to broaden their horizons and be introduced to a world other than their own.

But, with the celebration of Martin Luther King week upon us, we need to pause and reflect. How comfortable are we with people who are different from us, who speak another language, dress differently, or look different? Do we treat others with the same respect that we would ask for ourselves?

King talked about a dream, a dream that still needs to exist in the hearts of people today. We live in a country that celebrates equality amongst diversity. No longer is the idea of the "melting pot" used – why should people give up their own cultures in exchange for equal rights? No, today we are looked at as the "salad bowl": each and every part of the salad has a distinct flavor that is mixed to create a final product. No part of that salad is better than another, and a missing piece would take away from the taste and texture.

Sure, it may be slightly corny to compare Highline's campus to a salad, but its meaning rings true.

People today need to not only follow the ideas of the Golden Rule, treat others as you would like to be treated, but more importantly what is known as the Platinum Rule: treat others as they themselves would like to be treated. Following that simple guideline also means that people need to educate themselves about other people's cultures. After all, prejudices are caused by fear and ignorance.

No person is perfect. We all carry our own prejudices. Help yourself become a leader by learning to accept others as they are. Learn to know and understand people as individuals instead of labeling them according to the color of their skin or the way that they act.

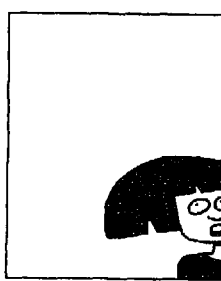
Stand up for the minorities targeted in racial jokes instead of laughing along. Don't judge a person according to their racial identity because of their actions. Learn to see each person as an individual.

Martin Luther King once said, "I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become reality. I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word."

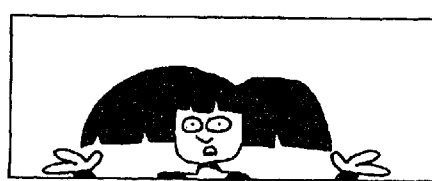
Unfortunately prejudice and stereotype still run rampant in our world today. We've come a long way since Martin Luther King's day, but we have a long way to continue. In this age where education and knowledge are prized, stop and celebrate the diversity that surrounds you here at Highline. Learning to accept is the only way that one can conquer one's own prejudices.



Bush wants to scrap the business tax deduction for employee-provided health insurance.

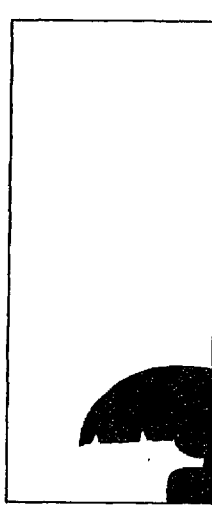


Yep, he's all het up to eliminate the only economic incentive that companies have to provide health care to their employees. Without that, you and I will undoubtedly lose our coverage.



Which means that for tens of millions of working people like me and you, the following are about to become completely unaffordable:

- Prenatal care.
- Complicated pregnancies.
- Hypertension meds.
- Cancer detection.
- Cancer treatment.
- Alzheimer's care.
- Organ transplants.
- Dialysis.
- Diabetes care.
- Mammograms & pap smears.
- Traumatic injuries, like broken limbs in a traffic accident.
- Any emergency room visit or hospital stay.
- Yes, all this and more!



Apparently, the president's health care plan for us is "Don't Get Sick. EVER."

A Bateman Drawing-Like Item ©mimiv scott@batemanla.com

Evolution's fact is different than creation's faith

The age-old question of how the world came to be will forever cause a rift between the creationists and the evolutionists. The two theories, if you will, come from two completely separate mindsets. One is faith, the other fact.

Coming from a creationist's perspective, human beings often want to make things tangible. "Doubting Thomas," the ever-skeptical, question everything mindset clashes with this idea of a God because it can't be proven.

But is it possible for creationists to be scientists? Those science types claim that they are trained to be skeptics, constantly going for the goal to prove their own hypotheses wrong. And let's face it – there's a lot to be skeptical about with the creationist's beliefs. A divine spiritual being: it's probably the basis for all evolutionists' nightmares. As Woody Moses claimed in the Science Seminar held at Highline last Friday: "Belief is not fact." Evolutionists don't "be-

lieve" in evolution, rather they look at the facts.

And, in some sense, evolution is a fact. Micro evolution is present all around us. Our bodies become immune to certain drugs that used to be effective: evolution. You breed two dogs and get a different kind of dog: evolution. Some people say that creationists get "all up in arms" over the idea of evolution, but it exists. I just don't think that my ancestors were primates – it doesn't do much for the self-esteem.

But I think that a creationist can still be considered one of those "science types." My dad is a Christian. He's also a high school biology teacher. He teaches the theory of evolution. And no, he doesn't believe in macro evolution at all – neither do I. But he still does chemistry experiments, dissects frogs with his sophomore class, and gets the monthly publication of "Physics Teacher." And he teaches that God created the world in six days. So what.

Creationists, despite our very different views on how

the world came to be, do have something in common with evolutionists. As Rebecca Sliger pointed out at the Science Seminar: Ask an evolutionist how the world came to be and they don't know – and they're OK with that. Ask a creationist where the world came from and they point to God. Ask them where God came from and they don't know. Both creationists and evolutionists don't know – it's just that one of them chooses to put a God in it.

I just don't see how an evolutionist can look at the complexities of the human heart and think that this world was just a product of luck. But, then again, one must look at the completely separate perspectives of an evolutionist and a creationist. Those who have a faith in creation see the world through different eyes than those of an evolutionist.

As Highline professor Angi Caster says, the ideas of evolution come from logos, arguments of rationality, while the belief in creation comes from pathos, subjective ideas that evoke feeling. Who knows if evolutionists and creationists will ever see eye-to-eye, but until then, let the debates continue.

One day Elizabeth's theories on creation may evolve.



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Artist links students and diversity

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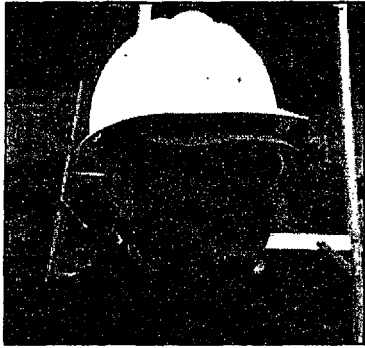
Portland, Oregon artist Michihiro Kosugi finds inspiration for *Linkage* in Highline's diversity.

Linkage is the new sculpture that can be found outside the Student Union.

The artist, Kosugi, is a recently retired art professor who spent 25 years working at Portland State University.

"I always wanted to be an artist," he said.

A graduate of the San Francisco Art Institute in 1970, Kosugi was contracted to create



Michihiro Kosugi

sculpture work to add to the décor of the new Student Union.

"I looked at the whole campus and watched the students walking around. I wanted to view and understand the ways of the school," he said.



Photo by Sarah Russell

Michihiro Kosugi's finished pieces show the links that bring Highline students together.

Pete Babington, the facilities director for Highline, was one of the members of the committee formed to find an artist to suit the school's needs.

"We wanted artwork made specifically for Highline, so we formed a committee to find an artist. Then the committee talked to the State Art Commission, who compiled a list of many different artists. The committee narrowed the list down to Michihiro Kosugi," Babington said.

Kosugi was brought up to Washington to take a look at the campus and the specific location of where the sculpture would go.

He was then put into contact with the landscaper so that everything would go as smoothly as possible.

"I am always concerned with how my sculpture looks with the landscape," Kosugi said.

Kosugi was given some background information on Highline and its students and staff.

"I was told of the history of the school and what kinds of students go there. I observed the diversity on the campus," Kosugi said.

Kosugi then went home to Portland to think on the subject.

He returned with some ideas that he ran by the committee.

What Kosugi came up with is now called *Linkage*.

Outside the Student Union, on the west side, there are five sculptures, each with a different meaning.

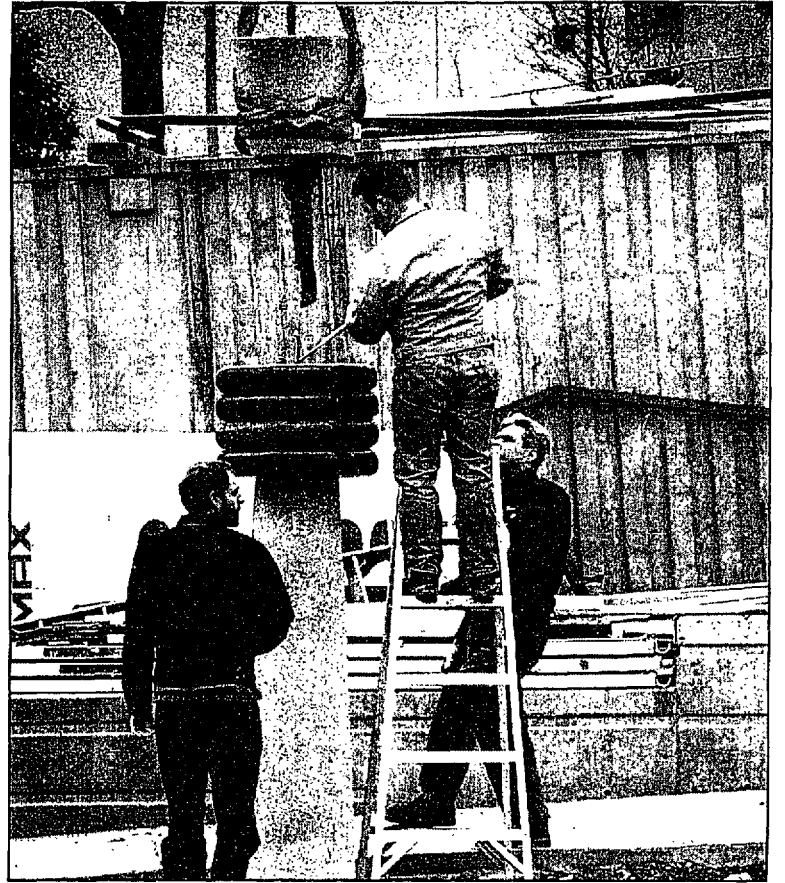


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The sculptures were put together in December 2004 all around campus.

The first one has one ring around it, this symbolizes Africa.

The next one has two rings which stand for Africa and Asia.

The next three go in the same pattern with the ending one having five rings around it, standing for the continents in order of when people first appeared on them.

The order is Africa; Asia; Europe; Australia, and then the Americas.

The sculptures are done in celebration of the diversity found here on the Highline campus.

"There are students from all over the world at Highline," Kosugi said.

Kosugi may be retired from teaching art, but he is far from retiring from doing his own work.

"I would love to do more commissioned work like what I did for Highline Community College," he said.

Drama Department takes on Shakespeare comedy

By JESSIE ELLIOTT

STAFF REPORTER

Come the actors of the future shall become the characters of the past.

Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* is coming to Highline this quarter courtesy of the Drama Department.

Twelfth Night is a comedy of love, loss, and intrigue.

It begins with a shipwreck and continues with a very complicated love triangle.

As with many of Shakespeare's comedies, things work out for the best in the end.

"This is one of Shakespeare's most popular comedies," said Dr. Christiana Taylor, Drama Department coordinator.

Each Winter Quarter, a guest director is chosen to come in and work with the students, teaching an acting class and directing the play. Nyree Martinez was chosen, and Taylor said she "has a

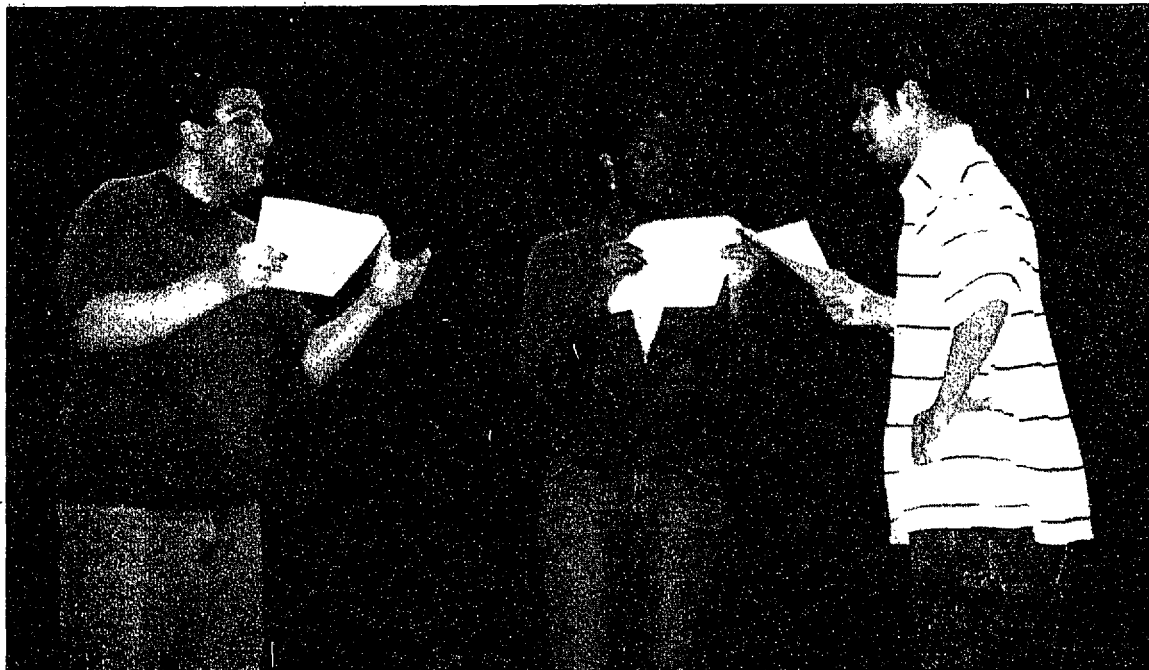


Photo by Jennifer Berg

Drama students rehearse scenes for their auditions to be in the latest play put on by the Drama Department, *Twelfth Night*.

nice resume."

Also involved in the production will be Rick Lorig, a faculty member working on set design, Sarah Mosher on costume de-

sign, and Andrew Duff on lighting design.

Mosher designed the costumes for last quarter's production of *The Madwoman of*

Chaillot, and she has recently designed costumes for the Museum of Glass' production of *Dante's Divine Comedy*.

Duff was involved in the

lighting design for 2003's winter production of *Blood Wedding*, and has recently designed lighting for the Tacoma Actor's Guild and ArtsWest.

As many as 30 students will be involved in the production in various capacities, Taylor said.

Auditions were held for *Twelfth Night* Jan. 5-7, and about 20 students will be acting in the production, with some singing as well.

Students are still welcome to be involved in the production this quarter, and no experience is necessary.

To sign up for stagecraft classes and work on the show, students should contact Lorig at 206-878-3710, ext. 3279.

"We will teach folks who want to try out and be involved. All are welcome," Taylor said.

Twelfth Night will be shown Feb. 24-26 and Mar. 3-5 at 8 p.m. in the Little Theater in Building 4.

Arts Calendar

•The Phat Phunk Family band is coming to Highline as part of MLK week. The band is a group of producers, engineers, songwriters, arrangers, and artists that seek to enlighten and inspire positive messages through different music styles. The band will be performing on Jan. 21 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Student Union.

• Ceramic works done by Bruce Amstutz will be featured at Shoreline Community College's Gallery from Jan. 5 - Feb. 3. The works can be viewed in the college's administration building, room 1000. The gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. For directions and more information call 206-546-4101 ext. 4433.

• Burien Live Theater presents *Off the Cuff*, an interactive play put on by improvisational actors. The show began on Jan. 7 and will run through Jan. 30. Fridays and Saturdays it will be shown at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. For ticket information and directions call 206-242-5180.

• The City of Auburn Arts Commission is presenting *Ride the Red Mare* as part of its BRAVO! Kids series. The production is a puppet play done by Tears of Joy Puppet Theater. *Ride the Red Mare* will be showing Saturday, Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. at the Auburn Riverside Theater. For ticket information and directions call Auburn Parks and Recreation at 253-931-3043.

• Burien Arts Gallery is showcasing a new show for a new year, featuring Carol Utigard's wildlife photography. Also featured will be Julie Blakemore's mixed media paintings using oil and acrylics. The gallery will also have its usual selection of Northwest artists, which includes paintings, prints, photos, ceramics, jewelry, glass, wood, and fabric sculpture. The show will open Jan. 19 and will be shown for six weeks. Gallery hours are Tuesday - Saturday, 12-4 p.m. For more information call 206-244-7808.

• *Viva Zavada!*, an original new play, will be showing at E.B. Foote Winery. This surreal comedy is about being in the wrong place at the right time. The play will be Jan. 21-24, Jan. 28-30, and Feb. 4-6. For tickets and more information call 206-242-3852.

• The Music Department will host the Tahoma Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Annual Student Adjudications all day on Jan. 29. The competition will be held in Buildings 2, 4, and 7.

Acoustic tunes come to Highline

BY OLIVIA DE LEON

STAFF REPORTER

Kyler England is leaving her band to come play at Highline.

The Blend brings England to the Fireside Bistro.

The Blend is an ongoing series of concerts featuring local artists performing live at Highline.

England will be playing Jan. 26 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Student Union in the Fireside Bistro.

"I usually describe my music as acoustic-based pop-rock," England said.

"I have my own band in L.A. that I play with, but when I travel I only bring my acoustic guitar," she said.

Expect to hear all original songs, with a few cover songs like *Scientist*, by Coldplay, and *High and Dry*, by Radiohead, England said.

"I like to play cover songs by men because it leaves me more room to call it my own," said England.

England said you can catch



Kyler England

her listening to Coldplay, U2 and a British band called Travis.

England said that with her acoustic guitar, she will play music that will hopefully be emotionally powerful, moving, and a break from your studies.

England has been playing music and making a living of it for three years.

"I have been singing my whole life, picked up the guitar

in high school and started playing shows after college," England said.

England said that when she writes and performs she wants to leave an emotional impact with her audience.

"My goal is to move people with my music," England said.

England had been an independent artist for three years and has yet to be signed by a record company.

"As an independent artist, the biggest obstacles are money and promotions because getting access for people to get to know you is hard without money," England said.

"I would love to have a record deal because then they could take care of money issues, leaving me more time to write and sing."

England has been seen on numerous stages and won numerous awards.

According to her website, England got first place in the 2003 Mid-Atlantic Songwriting Contest in the rock/alternative category, performed at the 2004

Toronto Film Festival and got nominated in 2000 for a Boston Music Award.

"I really enjoyed opening for Sting and Annie Lennox on their tour," England said.

However, England said, "more important to me, I feel that I've come a long way as a songwriter artistically and I'm really proud of my songs."

England said that for her, material for writing songs usually come from without rather than within.

"When I'm on tour my personal life gets put on hold or pause, so not too many dramatic things can happen, so I get a lot of my inspirations for writing music from my friends' personal lives," England said. "When they tell me their problems I can definitely see myself in these people. I feel connected to their experience based on my past experiences."

England's Highline concert is free to the campus community.

The Blend is sponsored by Team Highline, a student-run promotion events and board.

Arcturus offers opportunity for students

BY GRAY'LA SYM

STAFF REPORTER

Students interested in writing and art have the opportunity to have their work published in Highline's literary magazine, *Arcturus*. The deadline to submit a piece for the 2005 issue is Jan. 24.

Arcturus comes out once a year, usually in May or June, since 1977. The magazine contains pieces of poetry, visual art, pictures and fiction writing that are decided by a group of eight editors. Every year there is a different theme for the magazine but the theme is pretty broad.

"Everyone isn't going to write about war," says Sharon Hashimoto, who is a writer and teaches literature at Highline.

To get the *Arcturus* published



PHOTO BY SARAH RUSSELL

The editors at the *Arcturus* go over layout and design for the 2005 issue.

is a six-month process that started the first week of Winter Quarter.

The layout, design and theme of the magazine is all decided by a class. They take submissions

from other students at Highline to fill the magazine with stories, poetry, pictures and art.

When the magazine is all finished it is an achievement.

"People don't know how

good of a writer they are so it's like a celebration to show them what they have done," said Hashimoto.

It gives students more confidence and encourages more writing.

The magazine is also used as example writing and art for student writers and artists.

Submissions need include the full name of the author, the title of the piece, a short biography, and a self-addressed envelope for notification of results.

Submissions can be dropped off in Building 5, room 212. Students are welcome to submit more than one piece.

For questions and more information contact Hashimoto at 206-878-3710, ext. 3158, or e-mail her at shashimo@highline.edu.

Poetry reading to benefit tsunami survivors

BY JESSIE ELLIOTT

STAFF REPORTER

A celebration of words will also be a benefit for the tsunami survivors.

Dr. Peter Pereira, a family physician and prize-winning poet, will be reading from his book *Saying the World*, as part of a charity event on campus.

Susan Rich, a faculty member at Highline, is also a poet

and met Dr. Pereira through readings they have done together. Rich originally invited Dr. Pereira to read poetry for her literature class, but she saw an opportunity to help after the tsunami.

"I thought, 'why not have him come and speak to all of Highline and make it a fundraiser as well?'" Rich said.

Rich and her literature class have been working together on

the fundraiser for the past week, and hope to have refreshments available for sale as well.

"We will take donations as well," Rich said.

In addition to donations, Dr. Pereira will be selling his book of poems, *Saying the World*, and all proceeds will go toward a tsunami relief fund.

Dr. Pereira practices medicine at High Point Community Clinic in West Seattle. He treats

immigrants, refugees, low-income housing residents, and the elderly.

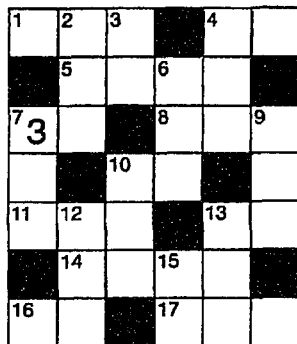
Dr. Pereira has been published in *Poetry*, *Prairie Schooner*, and *The Virginia Quarterly Review*. He will also be discussing the connections between poetry and practicing medicine in a multicultural environment.

The poetry reading is in Building 7 and begins at noon on Thursday, Jan. 27.

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

1. 14-Across minus 9-Down
4. Four less than 7-Across
5. The last digit is the sum of the other digits
7. Same digit repeated
8. Consecutive digits rearranged
10. 12-Down minus 4-Down
11. 8-Across minus 2-Down
13. Digits of 15-Down reversed
14. The last digit is the sum of the other digits
16. Six less than 10-Across
17. Sixty more than 1-Across

DOWN

2. 4-Across plus 13-Across
3. Three times 16-Across

4. Ten less than 7-Down
6. Consecutive odd digits in descending order
7. 5-Across minus 17-Across
9. Four hundred more than 10-Down
10. Consecutive digits in ascending order
12. One-half of 9-Down
13. Consecutive digits rearranged
15. Three less than 3-Down

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Funny Phrases

Across

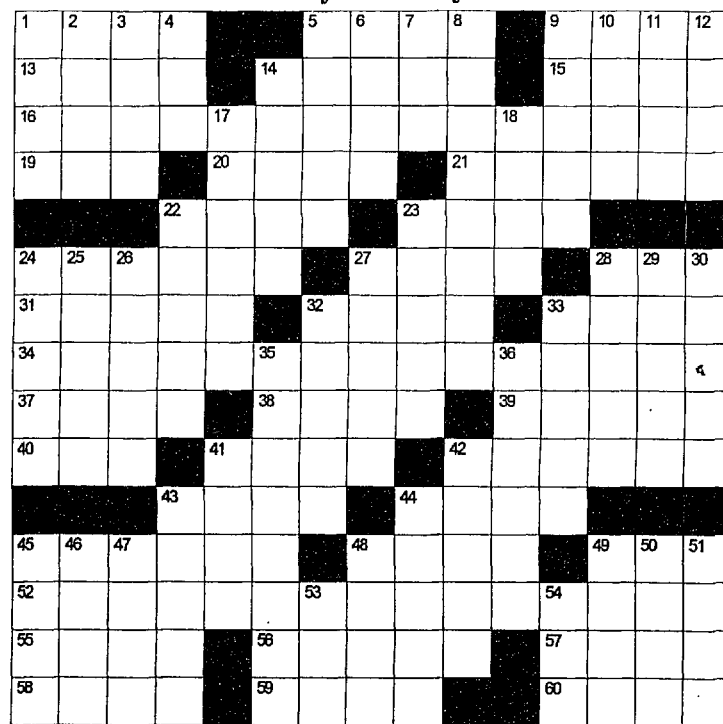
- 1 Track event
- 5 Slightly open
- 9 Heavyweight Tyson
- 13 Horseless carriage
- 14 Musical
- 15 Kournikova of court fame
- 16 Meager measure?
- 19 Carpenter's tool
- 20 "I have ___ better days"
- 21 Wipes out
- 22 High tailed it
- 23 Deli side
- 24 Bill
- 27 Place for higher ed.
- 28 Fido's Doc
- 31 UFO passenger, perhaps
- 32 Love and blue, lead in
- 33 Marriage, e.g.
- 34 Obvious opposites?
- 37 ___ Ready:drycell
- 38 Tie
- 39 Twig of a willow
- 40 Strong desire
- 41 Window part
- 42 ___ D'Oro baked goods
- 43 Suspend
- 44 Simba's uncle
- 45 Pearl necklace, e.g.
- 48 Excellent server?
- 49 Garland
- 52 Overextend oneself?
- 55 Homestead Act measure
- 56 Well-bred
- 57 ___ Office
- 58 Other side
- 59 Polish or horn, lead in
- 60 Gordon from *The Lucy Show*

Down

- 1 June celebrities
- 2 Halo
- 3 Pack away
- 4 An informal dance
- 5 Played
- 6 New Testament writer

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



- 7 ___ You Being Served?
- 8 Mutinied
- 9 Talking bird
- 10 Fixes the stamp pad
- 11 Hinge joint
- 12 Corrodes
- 14 Expression of contempt
- 17 Long ___
- 18 Euroasian border
- 22 Double Bubble company
- 23 Auditory sensation
- 24 Chicago's long time mayor
- 25 Popeye's ___ Oyl
- 26 Compare
- 27 *The Red Badge of Courage* author
- 28 Eve of a religious festival
- 29 Merman of *Annie Get Your Gun*
- 30 Colorful tropical fish
- 32 Binding
- 33 Stair part
- 35 Deserts
- 36 Oath observer
- 41 Gasp
- 42 Setting
- 43 No males allowed area
- 44 Ascending musical series
- 45 Fly's demise
- 46 Georgia ___
- 47 Uncommon
- 48 Pulpit
- 49 ___ Soap
- 50 And others: Abbr.
- 51 Pines, for one
- 53 Satisfactory utterance
- 54 Live high on the ___

Quotable Quote

"The warning message we sent the Russians was a calculated ambiguity that would be clearly understood."

... Alexander Haig

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test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: On TV's "M*A*S*H," what was Radar O'Reilly's job?
2. ENTERTAINERS: What was the first name of the actor/father of Lynn and Vanessa Redgrave?
3. SCIENCE: To what do Kirchhoff's Laws apply?
4. GEOGRAPHY: Vilnius is the capital of what country?
5. LITERATURE: Who wrote the classic "Little House on the Prairie"?
6. MUSIC: The composer Tchaikovsky died and songwriter Cole Porter was born in what year?
7. HISTORY: Who was

- elected governor of Louisiana in 1928?
8. MOVIES: Who directed the 1951 movie "Strangers on a Train"?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What do you call a group of hens?
10. MONEY: What is the basic monetary unit in Egypt?

10. Plaster
9. A brood
8. Alfred Hitchcock
7. Huey Long
6. 1893
5. Laura Ingalls Wilder
4. Lithuania
3. Electrical circuits
2. Michael
1. Company clerk

Answers

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Choir plans concerts, seeks singers

By ARIKA SHROPSHIRE

STAFF REPORTER

Sounds of the Americas is the theme that the Highline Choir will be studying and performing for this quarter's concert.

Led by Dr. Sandra Glover, the choir will be performing music from Mexico, the Caribbean, Brazil, and Ghana along with other music from Central and South America. The choir will sing in Portuguese, Spanish, Ghanaese and English.

For the end-of-the-quarter concert in March, the choir will memorize and perform four to five pieces of music.

Dr. Glover will bring in a Latin dance group from Kent-Meridian High School in Kent

who will perform traditional dances from Latin America.

There will also be guest lecturer from the University of Puget Sound who will talk about the origins of Latin Dance beats such as the samba, rumba and calypso.

Ben Thomas' drum class will be accompanying the choir with drum beats as well as Sheryl Akaka on the guitar.

The end of the quarter concert will be an immersion style concert, which means there will be more than just singing to enjoy. Dr. Glover said that an immersion style concert means that "the audience will be able to hear, touch, see and taste the concert."

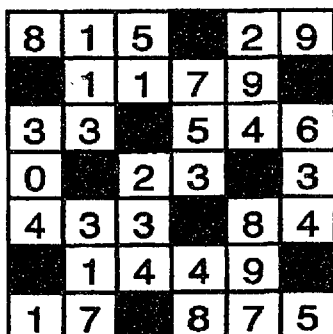
The Highline Choir currently has 15-16 members and is open

to faculty, staff and students to join. They practice Monday through Thursday from noon to 12:50 p.m.

The concert will be March 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Building 7 and admission is free.

Rational Numbers

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Women soar to five in a row

By JAMIE GROSSMANN

STAFF REPORTER

The Highline women's basketball team has continued its winning ways with two more league victories.

Last Wednesday the Lady T-Birds hosted the Titans of Tacoma in league action.

Highline led from the opening tip-off and pulled out the 24-point victory, 82-58.

Marissa Cain led the Lady T-Birds in scoring with 16 points and added three rebounds. Nina Kupu added her first double-double of the season, scoring 12 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. Rebekah Johnson added 12 points and four steals. Ashley Clark had an all around game with seven points, six rebounds, and five assists.

The Lady T-Birds outscored Tacoma in the battle of the benches as well 35-5.

Tacoma's top two scorers, Megan Clarno and Julie Rich-

ard, combined for 47 of the team's 58 points.

"I wasn't happy with the defense we played against Tacoma's top two," said Head Coach Amber Rowe. "We played with Tacoma during the first half rather than to our level."

"Nina played really well, Allison Maas distributed the ball extremely well," said Rowe. "Allison is a great passer and the team is beginning to recognize that."

On Saturday the women traveled to Grays Harbor to take on the Lady Chokers. Again the Lady T-Birds took the opening tip and never looked back, when it was all said and down the Lady T-Birds were the victors, 79-46.

The 33 point victory marked the largest margin of victory for the Lady T-Birds this season. Megan Triller scored a game high 18-points shooting 5 for 9 from three-point range. Kelli Marcus added 12 points and

nine rebounds. Ashley Cavalieri came off the bench and scored a career high 15 points shooting 50 percent from the field and 5 for 5 from the free throw line.

"Megan shot lights and that helped us build the lead in the first half," said Rowe. "Kelli played great defense for us as well."

The Lady T-Birds' bench continued to provide the added spark to a well-executed offense as they outscored the Lady Chokers 52-3.

"Grays Harbor was our best game," said Rowe. "We played our game."

"Our bench is going to help down the line. Teams that play only six or seven players aren't going to be able to play three days straight when it comes to the NWAACC tournament," said Rowe. "All 11 are playing a lot, being unselfish and spreading the ball around."

Results from the Wednesday game at Centralia were not available at press time.

Centralia poses a formidable threat as they are 3-1 in league and finished in second in the division last year and fourth in the NWAACC Tournament.

The Lady Trailblazers are led by sophomore Jen Solberg. Solberg is averaging 20 points per game and is also the team's leading rebounder.

"Practice went well last night and we match up well against Centralia," said Rowe. "We are going to work on stopping her (Solberg) and see if the rest of their team can beat us."

"It's time to separate ourselves from the rest of the league, if we win we are 6-0 and in sole possession of first otherwise it turns into a three way race," said Rowe.

Centralia will be looking to

shutdown the lights out shooting of Triller.

"Centralia will focus on Megan so others will be forced to step up and pick it up," said Rowe.

The women return to action on Monday when they travel to Clark College. Clark is currently winless in league but will

be hungry to get that first win at home.

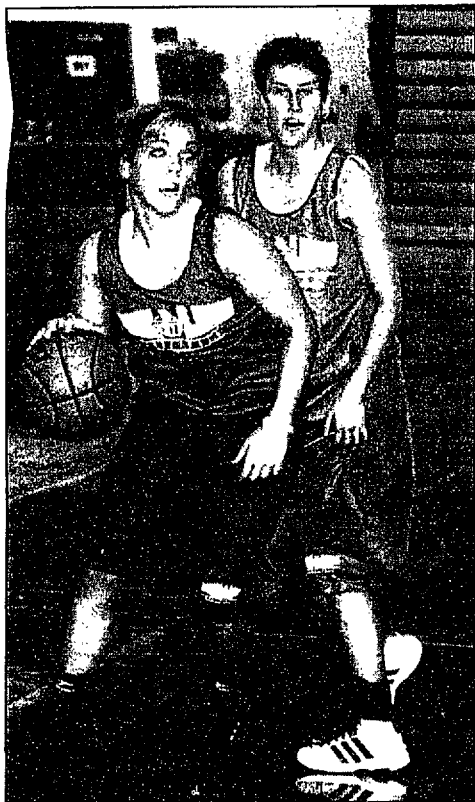
The women then return home to take on South Puget Sound next Wednesday at 6 p.m.

South Puget Sound is currently tied for second place in the division at 4-1 and will be looking to get its first win against a team with a winning record.



Photos by Mary Raab

Taryn Plypick drives past Kelli Marcus during drills at Tuesdays practice



Cavalieri drives past Plypick.

Indoor track season opens with record-breaking performances

By JAMIE GROSSMANN

STAFF REPORTER

The Highline track team won't join into competition until April but that has not stopped them from taking the necessary steps in preparing for their title defense.

Last weekend some members of the track team traveled to the University of Washington Dempsey Center to participate in the Dempsey Indoor.

"Competing in these meets gives a chance to see where we are at," said Head Track Coach Robert Yates.

"It also gives a chance to get prepared for competition at the

college level," said Yates.

Highline had a good showing at the meet as two school indoor track records were broke.

Freshman Bruce Hubbard, running in his first college race, won the 60-meter dash heat with a time of 6.94.

The time of 6.94 is also a new school indoor track record. The previous record had stood for seven years.

Hubbard also competed in the 200-meter dash.

With a time of 22.86 Hubbard claimed his second victory in as many races.

In the 400-meter dash Alex Harcourt ran away from the competition with a time of

47.52, beating the competition by a second and a half. This marked the second school record that fell.

Andrew O' Keefe improved on his preliminary time in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.94, which was good enough for a third-place finish.

Highline also had four individuals competing in the high jump, with all finishing within the top 15.

James Turner finished in third and led Highline with a jump of 6 feet 2 inches, Alvin Jones also scored a jump of 6'2".

Raheem Reggler cleared 6 feet and James Thorn cleared 5'8" to round out the Highline

high jumpers.

In the pole vault the men also fared well as Adam Redmond tied for fifth with a jump of 13' 11".

James Turner finished with a jump of 10' 11".

Two other indoor records were just missed by Ricky Moody, who was competing in both the long jump and the shot put.

In the long jump Moody took the top spot with a jump of 23' 2". In the shot put Moody finished in third with a throw of 46' 2".

"We had a good showing, breaking two records and competing as well as we did is an

excellent start for the year," said Yates.

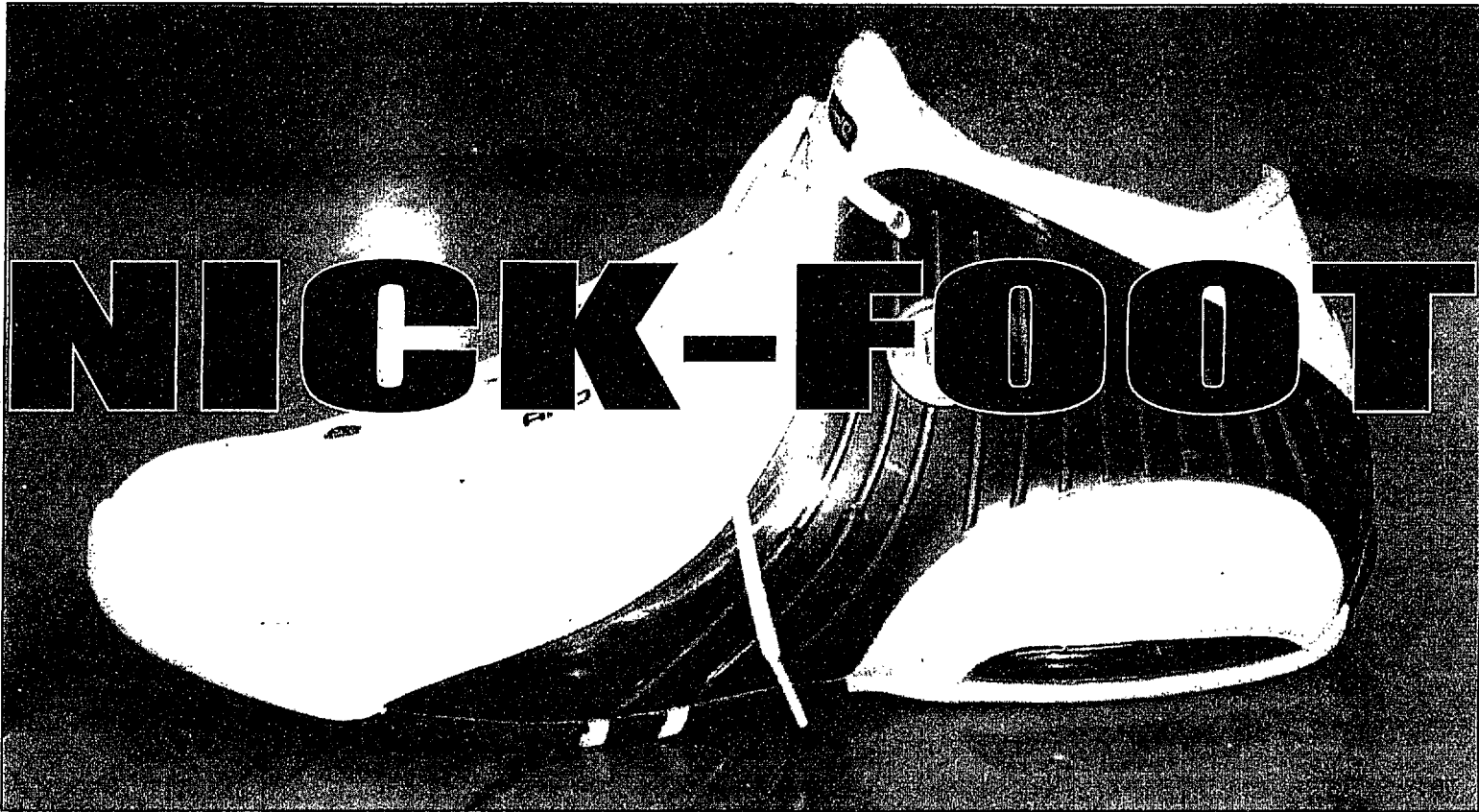
"Track has been meeting since Oct. 1 during which we have been training for the spring," said Yates.

"The indoor track season is meant to be a low-key setting," said Yates.

"It is truly a win-win situation, it is a way to get prepared and see where we are at," Yates said.

Highline is very well represented at these events by the sheer number of entries that they have.

"We will have the most participants of all the community colleges," said Yates.



One of Nick Spann's size 18 shoes.

Highline's first seven-foot basketball player bides his time to learn the game

BY DAVID BEUKEMA

STAFF REPORTER

Nick Spann, or "Nickfoot," (sometimes "Spanfoot") as many of his teammates like to call him, is a fresh new face on the Highline men's basketball team.

The 7'0" post is a new recruit from Medical Lake High School, which is about 17 miles from Spokane. He gets his nickname from his size 18 shoes.

"I've always been tall my whole life, but I played every sport except basketball," Spann said.

If it weren't for new coaches being hired at his high school, Spann might not have ever played basketball.

"I didn't start playing basketball until my junior year. I got cut my freshman and sophomore year, and I wasn't going to play, but the new coaches found me at a friend's house one day and asked me to play," explained Spann.

Spann's junior year proved difficult, as his team ended up dead last in their league for the season.

"We couldn't feel each other. We were all new kids," said Spann.

With the less-than-stellar season behind them, Spann and his teammates were determined to do better the next season.

"We worked together for two months straight over the summer," Spann explained.

Spann almost didn't get to enjoy the benefits of his hard work. On the weekend before the first game of his senior season, Spann was driving his car when he barreled into the back of a semi truck at 60 mph.

"The doctors said I should've been dead," Spann said.

Spann explained that this time of adversity only fueled his ambition to get back on the court.

"I wasn't going to let that stop me," explained Spann.

With Spann back on the court, the team had an extraordinary 22-2 season, and managed to achieve third in the state championship.

After Spann finished his senior year, he wasn't sure

where he would go for college. He considered attending Edmonds, Peninsula, and Chemeketa in Salem, Ore.

Spann eventually chose to come to Highline, stating that the men's coach made all the difference.

"Coach watched me in a 3 on 3 tournament," commented Spann on Highline men's Coach Che Dawson.

"He seemed to be the most excited about me compared to the other colleges I was looking at. I thought it was special that he came to watch."

Spann is actually not playing in any games this year, however.

"Coach and I talked about it before the season. It was a



Photo by Keith Daigle

Highline's Nick Spann

50/50 toss-up between playing this year or redshirting. We came to the conclusion that I would redshirt because coach and I both felt that I was better used as a tool, rather than play this year and make crucial mistakes."

After attending Highline, Spann hopes to attend and play basketball for a four-year university. "I would like to play for Eastern Washington University or Gonzaga University, but as long as I get to play, I don't care where I go."

T-Bird men stumble after fast league start

BY MARK KNIGHT

STAFF REPORTER

Men's basketball crashed hard after a three-game winning streak, losing their last two games.

The T-Birds faced rival Tacoma on Jan. 12 in the Pavilion and they just didn't perform up to what the players thought they would, losing 94-80.

"We just didn't come out with enough intensity on the floor," said forward Tavar Proctor.

The T-Birds started off the game letting Tacoma hit lots of three-point shots.

"We dug ourselves into a hole in the first half. We didn't control the three line like we should have and they hit nine threes in the first half," said Head Coach Che Dawson.

Highline ended the first period down by 16 points, 45-29.



The T-Birds practice earlier this week.

The T-Birds battled back in the second period, out-scoring Tacoma by a basket. It just wasn't enough to give Highline the win.

"We just aren't playing to

our full potential," said guard Zenrique Tellez. "We just need to come out and match the intensity." Tellez scored seven points and had four assists.

Myron Hennings led High-

line with 26 points.

Tacoma was led by 6'4" forward Jason Stromvall, who scored 29 points, plus 13 rebounds and nine assists.

Highline then took its game on the road to lose to Grays Harbor, 83-78.

"The same thing happened, we dug ourselves into a 19-point deficit," said Dawson.

The T-Birds did keep the three-point line well guarded, only letting Grays Harbor make three three-pointers.

Highline battled back in the game, out-scoring Grays Harbor in the second half, 53-37.

Highline just couldn't pull it together and take the lead.

"We are beating ourselves right now," said Dawson.

Highline's leading scorer was Hennings with 20 points.

Grays Harbor had its own stars. Bill Richardson scored 25

points and had seven rebounds. Darrick Jones scored 11 points, had seven rebounds and six assists.

Highline hit the road to play Centralia on Wednesday, Jan. 19. Scores for the Centralia game were not available at press time.

"We are on a tough road sling right now, Centralia is a team we should beat, we will only lose if we beat ourselves," Dawson said before the game.

The players are also looking hopeful on the upcoming games.

"I am pretty sure that everybody will pick up the intensity because we are on a losing streak," said Proctor.

Highline will also be traveling to Clark on Jan. 24 but they will be coming back home to play in the Pavilion Wednesday, Jan. 26 at 8 p.m.

Wrestling helps Peterson in life

By ALEX HARCOURT

STAFF REPORTER

Jacob Peterson hopes someday to be fixing diesel engines, but for now wrestling drives his life.

After wrestling for Lindbergh High School, Peterson enrolled in South Seattle Community College to become a diesel mechanic.

A conversation with a friend led him to the conclusion that he had his whole life to go into the diesel mechanic program and he might as well pursue wrestling and get his degree for security purposes first.

In the previous two years at Lindbergh, Peterson made it to state in wrestling. But during his senior year, due to a broken ankle, he was unable to progress.

"I went 0-2 in barbeque," Peterson said.

After taking the year off of wrestling while attending South Seattle and then coming to Highline in his freshman year, Peterson had a difficult time returning to the world of athlet-



Photo by Keith Daigle

Jacob Peterson pins North Idaho's Garrent Johnson.

ics.

"What the hell is going on? It's like I've never wrestled before," Peterson said.

That year Peterson worked hard to get himself back in shape and made it to nationals. "At nationals my first match was against Iowa and Iowa is the wrestling capitol of the world," Peterson said.

He was defeated in his first match but placed seventh in the

nation.

Peterson was contented with his progress and accomplishments his freshman year.

Earlier this season as a sophomore it was between Peterson and David Walker for the varsity position in the 285-pound weight class.

"That guy is tough as nails," Peterson said of Walker.

It was a close match but Walker pulled out on top, earn-

ing the varsity position.

Peterson decided to redshirt but was still awarded his scholarship.

He continued to work hard in school and in the gym remembering how far wrestling had taken him.

He later found out that David Walker couldn't maintain the needed GPA to compete and was awarded the 285 class varsity position.

Peterson is happy to come out of redshirting and he now strives to be an all-American at nationals this year "because most all the all-Americans are offered scholarships to four year colleges," Peterson said.

In the off season you can find Peterson working construction. Wrestling doesn't just help Peterson get money for school, it also helps him get jobs in construction.

Men's wrestling prepare for regionals at home

By MARTHA MOLINA

STAFF REPORTER

Highline's wrestling team proved that end of the season is what really counts.

On Thursday, Jan. 13, the T-Birds put up a fight when facing North Idaho for the second time this season, but still came up short, losing 26-21. The first time around, Highline lost to the Cardinals 40-6.

"I think that's the most points Highline has ever scored against North Idaho," said Head Coach Scott Norton.

The three forfeits that the T-Birds gave up that added to 18 points may have been the biggest contribution to North Idaho's victory.

The Cardinals, who are expected to take the national team title, really got a wake up call from the T-Birds, only earning eight out of the 26 points.

At 125 pounds, T-Bird Kyle McCarron was pinned by Jeff Hedges.

At 133 pounds, Vinh Tran had a forfeit.

At 141 pounds, T-Bird Jason Mendez lost by a minor decision to Derek Kipperberg.

At 149 pounds, Highline

Jon Muri beat Brent Stover in overtime with a takedown. At 165 pounds, T-Bird James Barr-Finch defeated Josh Erickson with a major decision.

At 197 pounds, T-Bird Yura Malamura defeated Jake Kallesstad with a minor decision. And T-Bird heavyweight Jacob Peterson pinned Garrent Johnson in the second round.

Highline forfeited the 157, 174, and 184 weight categories. Jonny Wicker at 157 pounds and Josh Decker at 184 pounds, decided to take a redshirt season in order to prepare for next year. At 174 pounds Eric Dahlberg, who also joined the team for the second half of the season, injured his neck and hopes to

come back for Regional Tournament.

"Right now, we are sitting in a good position for nationals," said Norton.

The T-Birds took a road trip south to Oregon City, Ore. on Jan. 14 to face Clackamas for a dual and a tournament the following day.

The T-Birds completely dominated with a 33-3 victory over the Cougars, who only had five wrestlers eligible.

"They've had some problems (with eligibility)," said Norton.

At 125, McCarron had a forfeit.

At 133 pounds, Michael Moore had a forfeit.

At 149 pounds, T-Bird Men-

dez defeated Terrance Huntley by a medical default.

At 157 pounds, T-Bird Muri had a major decision over Jordan Sidor.

At 165 pounds, T-Bird Barr-Finch lost to Francisco Rodriguez 6-4.

At 197 pounds, Malamura defeated Chaz Cointment. T-Bird Heavyweight Peterson pinned Logan Ravio in a 1:30.

Tran, who wrestles 133 pounds, was forced to miss Clackamas' dual and tournament due to him getting his wisdom teeth pulled out.

Highline bumped up some of the wrestlers a weight class in order for them to have a match that night.

There were double forfeits at 141, 174, and 184 pounds.

At the Clackamas Tournament on Jan. 15, Mendez was champ at 141 pounds, redshirt DeShawn Willis at 125 pounds placed second. Michael Moore at 133 pounds, Jon Muri at 149 pounds, and Malamura at 197 pounds, all placed third.

"It was tough for them to have to make weight three days in a row," said Norton.

The performance at the end of the season is really emphasized from the beginning, and the T-Birds are starting to put on a show.

This year the Regional Tournament will be held at Highline, which has started to bring pressure to the team.

"We can't be embarrassed at home," said heavyweight Peterson. "Last year North Idaho hosted regionals and took the whole team to nationals."

"If we don't get it done at the end of the season, it will leave me with a sour feeling in my stomach," said Norton.

The T-Birds have one dual remaining this Saturday against Southwest Oregon.

The next meet will be the Regional Tournament on Feb. 12.

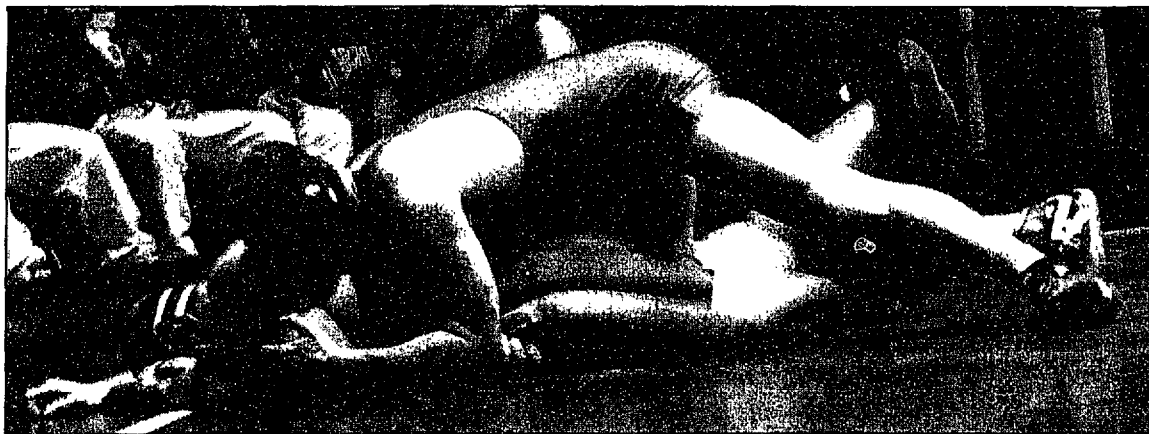


Photo by Keith Daigle

Yura Malamura beating North Idaho, Highline eventually lost the match.

Scoreboard

Men's Basketball

North

Peninsula	3-1	4-10
Skagit Valley	3-1	6-9
Olympic	3-1	10-6
Everett	2-1	12-3
Whatcom	2-1	7-5
Edmonds	2-2	8-6
Shoreline	2-3	7-9
Bellevue	1-3	10-6
Seattle	0-5	3-14

West

Lo. Columbia	4-1	13-5
Pierce	3-1	12-4
Tacoma	3-1	8-9
Clark	2-1	5-10
Highline	3-2	7-8
Grays Harbor	2-2	8-7
Centralia	1-3	5-11
Green River	1-3	6-8
S. Puget Sound	0-5	4-11

East

Spokane	4-0	14-5
Walla Walla	3-1	12-4
Tr. Valley	2-2	4-13
Big Bend	2-2	10-6
Yak. Valley	2-2	11-6
Blue Mtn.	1-3	11-7
Col. Basin	1-3	8-11
Wenatchee Vly.	1-3	6-11

South

Chemeketa	3-0	12-5
Mt. Hood	3-0	14-1
Linn-benton	2-1	8-8
Portland	2-2	6-11
Sw Oregon	2-2	7-11
Clackamas	1-2	13-3
Lane	0-3	7-10
Umpqua	0-3	8-9

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Coaches' Poll

1. Mt. Hood	12-1	76 (7)
2. Clackamas	12-2	45 (1)
3. Everett	11-2	40
3. Pierce	11-3	40
5. Spokane	11-5	30
6. Bellevue	9-4	28
7. Chemeketa	10-5	18
8. Lo. Columbia	10-5	13

First Place Votes In Parentheses.

Also Receiving Votes:
Highline (6-6, 8 Votes),
Walla Walla (9-3, 7 Votes),
Yakima Valley (9-5, 4
Votes),
Blue Mountain (11-4, 2
Votes)
& Big Bend (8-5, 1 Vote).

Scores

Edmonds 87, Bellevue 76
Everett 88, Shoreline 85
Skagit Valley 88, Seattle
74

Olympic 68, Whatcom 59.
Lower Columbia 78,
Green River 72
Bellevue At Whatcom
(Postponed-snow)

Olympic 72, Seattle 67
Peninsula 97, Everett 82
Edmonds 68, Shoreline 64.

Clark At Pierce (Ice
Storm-ppd. To 1/31)
Green River At Lower
Columbia (Ice Storm-ppd.
To 1/17)

Grays Harbor 83, Highline
78

Tacoma 82, South Puget
Sound 69

Treasure Valley 91, Big
Bend 72

Spokane 73, Blue Moun-
tain 71

Walla Walla 110,
Wenatchee Valley 104 Ot
Yakima Valley 79, Colum-
bia Basin 75

Chemeketa At Lane (Ice
Storm-ppd. To 2/2)

Clackamas At Linn-benton
(Ice Storm-ppd. To 2/2)

Portland 61, At Sw Oregon
49

Umpqua At Mt Hood (Ice
Storm-ppd. To 2/2)

Big Bend 92, Blue Moun-
tain 70

Spokane 97, Treasure Val-
ley 82

Bellevue 66, Seattle 61

Peninsula 75, Edmonds 72
Whatcom 83, Shoreline 80

Skagit Valley 74, Olympic
67

Centralia 80, Grays Harbor
70

Lower Columbia 87, Clark
77

300th Career Victory For
LCC Coach Jim Roffler.

Pierce 83, South Puget
Sound 69

Tacoma 94, Highline 80
Columbia Basin 70,

Wenatchee Valley 64

Yakima Valley 101, Walla
Walla 72

Mt Hood 84, Clackamas
68

Sw Oregon 76, Lane 63
Linn-benton 85, Umpqua
84

Chemeketa 78, Portland 63

Women's Basketball

North

Olympic	4-0	13-3
Peninsula	3-1	12-5

Edmonds	3-1	8-8
Shoreline	3-2	9-7
Skagit Valley	2-2	10-5
Whatcom	2-2	9-6
Seattle	2-3	7-8
Everett	0-3	8-8
Bellevue	0-5	3-11

West

Highline	5-0	12-5
Lo. Columbia	4-1	13-3
S. Puget Sound	4-1	4-10
Centralia	3-1	14-2
Grays Harbor	2-2	2-12
Green River	1-3	3-11
Clark	0-3	2-12
Pierce	0-4	0-13
Tacoma	0-4	0-6

East

Spokane	4-0	11-8
Col. Basin	3-1	14-3
Walla Walla	3-1	14-3
Wenatchee Vly.	2-2	11-7
Yakima Vly.	2-2	14-5
Big Bend	2-2	8-11
Blue Mtn.	0-4	1-16
Treasure Vly.	0-4	3-12

South

Clackamas	3-0	15-3
Lane	3-0	18-1
Umpqua	3-0	18-0
Chemeketa	1-2	7-10
Linn-benton	1-2	9-9
Sw Oregon	1-3	6-10
Portland	1-3	7-10
Mt. Hood	0-3	1-16

Nwaacc/horizon Air
Coaches' Poll

1. Lane	16-1	74 (5)
2. Umpqua	16-0	68 (3)
3. Walla Walla	11-2	47
4. Clackamas	13-3	32
5. Centralia	12-2	30
6. Col. Basin	12-3	26
7. Lo. Columbia	10-3	18
8. Yakima Valley	12-4	12

First Place Votes In Parentheses.

Also Receiving Votes:
Skagit Valley (9-3, 4
Votes)
& Shoreline (7-5, 1 Vote).

Scores

Edmonds 52, Bellevue 33
Shoreline 67, Everett 48
Seattle 82, Skagit Valley
75

Olympic 61, Whatcom 53
Lower Columbia 85,
Green River 50

Whatcom 85, Bellevue 53
Olympic 82, Seattle 69

Peninsula 76, Everett 68
Edmonds 68, Shoreline 64
Ot
Highline 79, Grays Harbor
46
South Puget Sound 73,
Tacoma 63
Big Bend 72, Treasure Val-
ley 67

Spokane 73, Blue Moun-
tain 42

Walla Walla 64, Wenatchee
Valley 60

Columbia Basin 79, Ya-
kima Valley 59

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Storm-ppd. To 2/2)

Clackamas At Linn-benton
(Ice Storm-ppd. To 2/2)

Sw Oregon 74, Portland
51.

Umpqua At Mt Hood (Ice
Storm-ppd. 2/2)

Big Bend 76, Blue Moun-
tain 59

Spokane 55, Treasure Val-
ley 43

Seattle 85, Bellevue 58
Peninsula 74, Edmonds 60

Shoreline 62, Whatcom 55
Olympic 66, Skagit Valley
45

Centralia 66, Grays Harbor
40

Lower Columbia 70, Clark
52

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Pierce 42

Highline 82, Tacoma 58
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Yakima Valley 65, Walla
Walla 51

Clackamas 82, Mt Hood
23

Lane 62, Sw Oregon 52
Umpqua 75, Linn-benton
52

Chemeketa 64, Portland 56
100th Career Victory
For ChCC Coach Marty
Branch.



By CHRIS RICHCREEK

1. Who holds the Philadelphia Phillies record for most consecutive games with a hit?
2. How many times has Greg Maddux struck out 200-plus batters in a season?
3. When was the last time the New York Jets had a losing record for a season before their 6-10 mark in 2003?
4. Name the team that in 1980 beat No. 1-ranked DePaul in the Blue Demons' first game in the men's basketball NCAA Tournament.
5. Patrick Roy is the only NHL player to win the Conn Smythe Trophy (playoff MVP) three times. Who are the four players to have won it twice?
6. In what year was Mark Martin's first NASCAR Cup race?
7. Who won the gold medal in women's tennis in the 1996 Olympics?

Answers:

1. Chuck Klein hit safely in 26 games in 1930.
2. Once, in 1998 (204 strike-outs).
3. In 1996, the Jets went 1-15.
4. UCLA, which went to the final before losing to Louisville.
5. Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux, Bobby Orr and Bernie Parent.
6. It was 1981 in North Wilkesboro, N.C.
7. Lindsay Davenport.

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CWU to move in for start of spring classes

By AMANDA DOWNS

STAFF REPORTER

The Higher Education Center will be open for spring classes.

The 80,000-square-foot Building 29 located on the south side of campus will house Central Washington University's SeaTac campus and will have Highline faculty offices and science laboratories for Highline students to use.

"The construction for the project has gone very well and the contractor is actually ahead of schedule, which is allowing us access to the building months before the original plan," said Margaret Badgely, assistant to the provost for university centers and community college relations at Central Washington University.

Central officials said that they were hopeful that the building would be done by Winter Quarter, but Central is finishing out Winter Quarter at the SeaTac location.

With the new building opening, students could earn a bachelor's or master's degree in specific fields of study without



Photo by Keith Daigle

Buzz Wheeler moves boxes into the staff offices in the Higher Education Building.

leaving the Highline campus.

Central's local campus offers majors in business, accounting, law and justice, along with early childhood education. Minors offered are psychology, business administration, economics, and law and justice.

Many of the classes offered

for Spring Quarter at Central are in the evenings; about 70 percent of SeaTac campus' students work in the morning and attend class after work.

Morning classes will be considered.

In order to attend Central's classes, Highline students must apply to Central.

Badgely said that many Central students are already aware of their new home but more notification will be made when the moving day gets closer.

"Officially we will be posting notices around the center and to the classes about the move with specific details as we have concrete dates," said Badgely.

"The good thing is that we will be in the new building for Spring Quarter classes," said Badgely.

While the building received its Certificate of Occupancy prior to the start of Winter Quarter, there are still many more things to be completed before classes can start.

Classroom and office furniture need to be moved in and network wiring needs to be pulled into the walls and connected on both ends.

Computers need to be moved in, connected, and imaged; ceiling-mounted projectors need to be installed; and the faculty and staff need to move in and get

settled into their offices before Spring Quarter begins.

"All of the installations should be mostly done in time for Spring Quarter classes to be held," said Director of Facilities Pete Babington.

The occupancy certificate focuses primarily on safety issues. Issuance of the certificate only means that the safety features are in place and operational; such as the fire alarms are working and the emergency exit doors are functioning.

Babington said that a occupancy certificate is only the City and Fire Dept's okay that the building can be safely occupied.

Transfer Center aims to aid

Upcoming events and staff answer transfer questions

By NIKKI HELMER

STAFF REPORTER

All students planning to transfer to a four-year university need to visit the Transfer Center as soon as possible.

The Transfer Center is full of people ready and willing to help you at any time.

They are there to advise and answer any questions the typical transfer student might have, and be extremely helpful.

People such as Siew Lai Lilley, the director of the Transfer Center, who is full of knowledge and advice for prospective transfer students.

There is nothing quick or easy about transferring from a community college to a four-year university and it can rarely be done without careful planning and some help from an adviser, said Lilley.

The first important thing about transferring is to know what direction you are heading.

Basically, your intended career path. This will help you know which classes you should be taking now and a good school to transfer too.



Lilley

to take a test that will help you find what career would most fit your likes and dislikes.

You can also sign up to take the Career 110 class, which gives you a basic summary of a lot of careers out there. Then choose a major.

Next you should pick the university you are interested in transferring to, and find out their prerequisites so you do not take any unneeded classes that won't count for credit at a certain school. Be sure to know their application deadline so it won't be missed.

"The most common mistake of all transfer students is that they don't plan early. They do not speak to an adviser and try to plan it all on their own," said Lilley. This causes students to

not take classes they should, and miss deadlines.

Because of this, the Transfer Center puts on several activities to help educate students. Activities like the half-hour class, Transfer 101, where Lilley talks all about transfer GPA, application deadlines, how to prepare and anything else you might need to know.

Also, on Feb. 2 there will be a transfer fair from 9 a.m. to noon on the first floor of Building 8.

Here you can talk to about 30 colleges including several Washington State schools and a couple out-of-state schools.

This is an easy way to see what different colleges have to offer, and find out their prerequisites and pick up an application.

These are a few helpful events that are offered monthly so that students can be more aware of how and what they need to be doing now to successfully transfer in the future.

College officials said that if you're thinking about transferring to a university, be sure to start planning now. Know exactly what you want to do and where you want to go. And don't forget to get a faculty adviser to help guide you through the steps.

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Students get early start at college

By NIKKI HELMER

STAFF REPORTER

The early report card on Early College is encouraging, participants say.

Puget Sound Early College (PSEC) is a school where high school juniors and seniors can earn their AA through Highline, while still receiving full high school credit.

Early College is funded by Bill Gates and was just opened this year.

Each year they will accept 60 juniors and 60 seniors who will study a variety of subjects, many of the same classes offered here at Highline.

Much like Running Start, Early College students have the ability to get both college and high school credits at the same time.

The difference is, instead of going to high school some of the time and college the other, students are fully enrolled at Early College.

"I think that it's going better for everybody. Our students



Barkley

had quite a transition from moving from a high school environment where the academic responsibility was not as challenging. They faced all the regular freshmen challenges. But we have really seen a lot of improvement and growth," said Mary Barkley, director of Early College.

Here students aren't just part of the crowd, but part of a democratic system where their voice is heard and matters, said



Photo by Sara Loken

Students of the Early College start their morning with a relaxing yoga session before starting classes.

Barkley.

Last Friday, Jan. 14, the students and teachers of Early College held a community meeting here at Highline where they discussed upcoming events and put forth several motions on things they wanted to be seen done or changed at the school. They then debated and voted on whether these motions should be passed.

Motions included such as what to name their new cafeteria (now known as the "Lunch Box") and whether to start a logo contest. Later they discussed the benefits and drawbacks of extending their lunch 15 minutes.

The meeting demonstrated how Early College works. Less like the "I talk you listen" method of high school, but more of an "everyone is equal when we

walk through those doors" kind of deal, students say.

"You're freer. Your teachers teach, but they are involved too. Our maturity levels meet," said Leigh-ann Bartlett, a student at Early College.

In order to be accepted to Early College, students are re-

quired to fill out a Highline application and write two essays on their readiness to be a part of college and any aspect of social justice.

They are also required to take the Compass test and receive at least a 65 in writing, 80 in reading and a 47 in math.

The difficulty of Early College is making the change from being a high school freshman to the equivalent of a college freshmen.

"We spend a lot of time on the emotional and social development part as it relates to student's abilities to handle stress and to handle their work and contribute to groups," said Barkley.

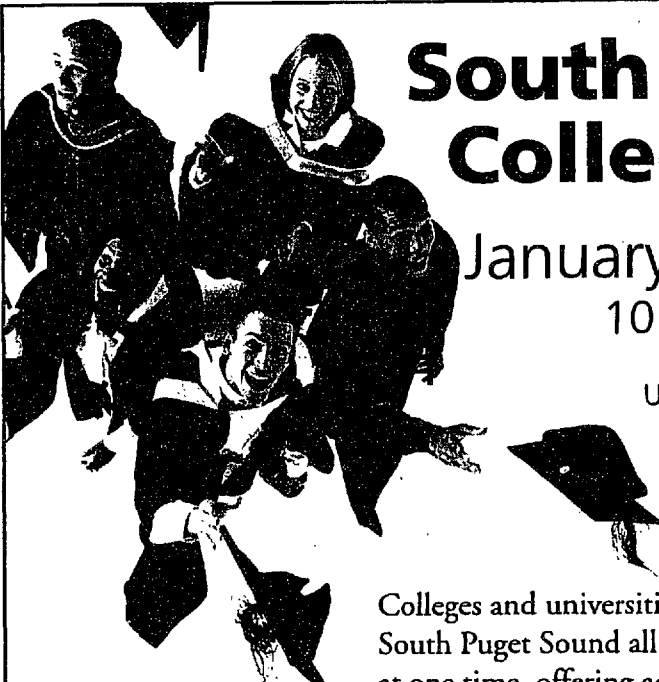
The obvious benefit of this early college is that you can get your degree so much faster and cheaper.

Pedraun Huydari, another Early College student is excited about his "two year head start in life." But he admits he misses the "social aspect of high school."

Having only 55 students in their class does limit who they get to spend time with. But the school tries to make things fun by having get-togethers like last month's "Let it Snow" party where students got to hang out and have fun.

Puget Sound Early College is an exciting new way to get your AA and graduate high school at the same time.

It will be interesting to see how and if students catch on to the benefits of it, and see how popularity of the school grows.



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HINT: MOST STUDENTS SHOULD
INDICATE THEY ARE A DEPENDENT
OF SOMEONE ELSE.

Dr. Lewis prescribes a dose of passion

BY MICHELLE ERICKSEN
STAFF REPORTER

You should do what you want to do, not what other people want you to do, said Rayburn Lewis.

Rayburn Lewis, M.D. spoke to a group of 40 students at the Honors Colloquy at noon in Building 7.

He is the medical director at Swedish Hospital. He is an internal medicine specialist and also specializes in sports medicine.

Lewis was born in Chattanooga, Tenn. in 1950. His single mother raised him, his brother and sister. He spent most of his childhood in Michigan.

Lewis came to Seattle in 1974 to attend the University of Washington. He received his medical degree there. He is now married to a nurse practitioner and has two sons.

Lewis graduated from high school in 1968, and then went on to attend West Lafayette University in Indiana. He attended four different colleges before attending the UW.

In high school "I was a black



geek who loved science and math," said Lewis. He also excelled in track and field, running 60 miles every week.

Between 1969-1972 Lewis was trying to figure out what he should do.

"It was a very difficult time in my life," said Lewis. "I was trying to find my identity." During this time he was arrested in a protest march against the Vietnam War. Because of this arrest he lost his scholarship and was kicked off the track team.

"It was a bad time to not know who you were," said Lewis. "It's about the road not the destination."

"I was lost at this point in my life," said Lewis.

During this time he came

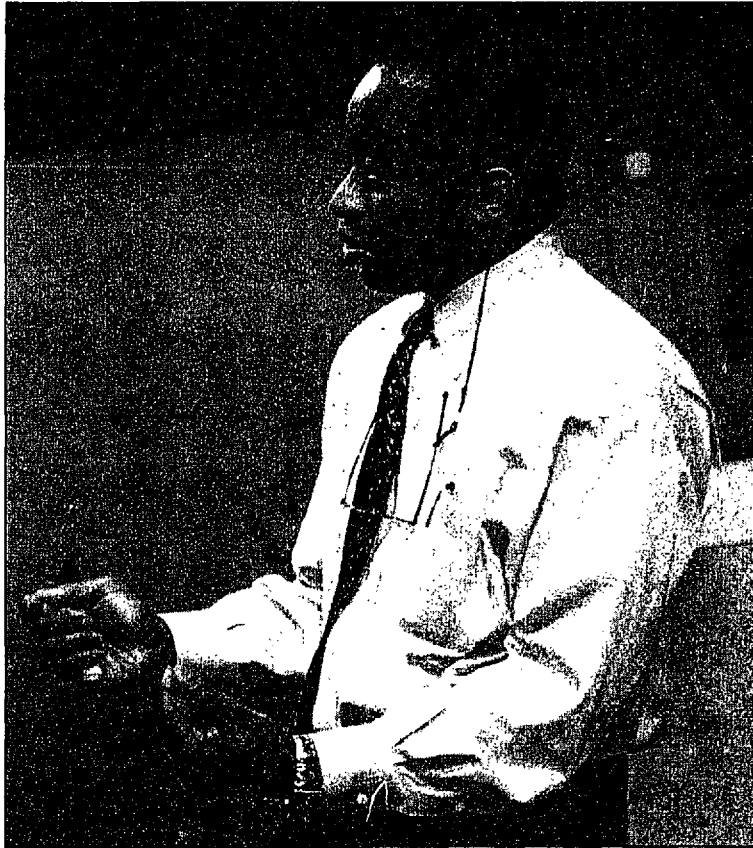


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Dr. Rayburn Lewis speaks at Wednesday's Honors Colloquy.

across a Nutrition plan book. After reading this book Lewis decided to take organic chemistry.

"I was the only one in class with a beard, bell bottoms" said

Lewis. "I became a black hippie geek."

"The world needs doctors and people who care," said Lewis.

His job has brought him a sense of pleasure, belonging,

and "It has led me back to the black community without separating him from the rest of the world."

Lewis is now working at improving hospital safety. There are about 200,000 medical deaths caused by hospitals per year.

That's the same as a plane full of 300 people crashing every day.

"It's hard for us Americans to conform to new procedures because we're so smart," said Lewis. "Medicine is an art, and you can't take that way away from me."

Lewis is a volunteer team doctor for Franklin High School. He has been one for 21 years, and has no plans to stop. He puts in 100 hours volunteering every year.

When Lewis retires he wants to be a math teacher.

"I would love to come and teach at a place like Highline," said Lewis. "Because students are here because they want to be."

"Make sure you get your priorities right," said Lewis. "It's ok to put you first."

A small change can contribute to the MLK legacy

BY OLGA KHRYUKIN
STAFF REPORTER

A change can begin with any individual willing to take one small step to continue living out Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy, a visiting speaker said here on Tuesday.

Dr. Joye Hardiman came to Highline on Jan. 18 to kick off Martin Luther King Jr. Week and to help students, staff, and faculty wake up to issues going on and affecting everyone.

Dr. Hardiman is an internationally known scholar, educator, storyteller, and consultant. Currently she is the executive director of The Evergreen State College's urban campus in Tacoma.

The address took place in the Student Union, in the Commerce room, at 10 a.m., with approximately 150 people attending, not including the committee.

Dr. Hardiman examined the issues Dr. King fought for in the 1960s to the issues and inequalities of our own current movement.

People need "to look at ourselves not as little islands, but (as) part of a globe," said Dr. Hardiman. She was talking about a world where everyone sees each other as brother and sister.

Dr. Hardiman brought up one of Martin Luther King Jr.'s speeches called, "Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution."

She used Rip Van Winkle and how he slept through a revolution as an analogy.

Dr. Hardiman said that by planting one small



Dr. Hardiman

seed, you can "do one small thing to move society. Do not give up hope or fight - every sunset is followed by a sunrise."

She then brought up the Constitution, saying that "all persons were created equal. Each one of us has our own

destiny, a role we could play."

However, people can move from MLK's dream when they make racial slurs, and catch themselves because, "a lot of things are ingrained in us that keep us from moving forward," said Hardiman.

"The goal of America is freedom," said Dr. Hardiman, and that people need to remember

that someone (our grandparents, ancestors), had to work hard to get up to where we are today.

She brought up examples of immigrants, such as the Irish and Chinese, who had to build railroads for low pay and work in sweatshops.

Dr. Hardiman ended with clear pathways to live by: Keep faith, have patience, and stay awake.

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MLK rally unites over a dream

By ARIKA SHROPSHIRE

STAFF REPORTER

Unwarranted inequality remains in American society, speakers said at the 23rd annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day rally on Monday.

About 2000 people attended the annual Martin Luther King Day rally at Garfield High School.

The themes for the 23rd annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration were "Speak Truth to Power" and "End Racial Disparity."

The Garfield Teen Life Center hosted workshops for young adults that included the history of the Black Panthers and at Garfield there were workshops for adults which included "fighting gentrification to win" and "the truth about public housing."

At the MLK Day rally, the celebration included guest speakers who spoke on topics such as inequality in jobs, health care, education and housing in



the Seattle area.

Dr. Alexes Harris, assistant professor of sociology at the University of Washington, says that issues dealing with inequality are "more complicated now than they have ever been." Dr. Harris spoke about inequality in education.

Jason Dock, a student at the University of Washington, said that he chose to participate in the rally and march to show his "love for Martin Luther King, one of the best African American leaders".

"His dream still lives on and it lives on in our community," said Dock.



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Debate answers and raises questions

Left to right, Dr. Terryl Ross director for community and diversity at Oregon State University and Akinde Ayodeji faculty of sociology at Green River Community College, participate in the "Integration vs. Separation," debate on Tuesday.

"It is up to the young people to make the change and I am here as a representative of the young people," said rally member Jameel Shabazz.

Members of several historically black fraternities and sororities at Seattle colleges and universities volunteered to show their support and help take dollar donations from the crowd to support the annual rally.

"I am here to help support the dream of Martin Luther King Jr.," said A.J. Brooks, a student at Seattle University and member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

Other speakers at the MLK day included Cecile Hansen chairwoman of the Duwamish tribe, Larry Gossett chairman of the MLK Day celebration committee and King County coun-

cilman, and Dustin Washington of the People's Coalition for Justice.

Following the rally was a 2.7 mile march from Garfield High School that went through downtown and ended at the Federal Courthouse.

About 4,000 people from Seattle and the greater area showed up to participate in the MLK march.

Talk brings cultures together

By IRINA PASTUSHOK

STAFF REPORTER

The International Conversation Pal Program has begun, in which Highline students make a commitment and meet once a week for one quarter to share stories, compare interests and make new friends.

The orientation was held on Jan. 14 in Building 7 and more than 70 students attended, which wasn't as overwhelming as last year when 170 students showed up ready to chat.

"It's awesome, because international students don't really socialize with other students [at Highline], so it's like a golden opportunity for them to meet other domestic students," said Jeffery Marstem, one of the organizers of the event.

The program is designed for students of all cultures to understand each other better through direct conversation.

At the weekly, one hour meets the students will be able to talk about their cultures, goals, the future and compare their experiences in life and school.

The partner selection was random and the program made it clear that this is not a dating service, but a way for students to make more friends at Highline.

Yoko Jingi is an international student who has been with the program for two quarters now.

"It's a good opportunity for international students to meet American students and practice their English," she said. "But mostly we don't keep in contact because they have a hard time understanding us and get tired of explaining all the time."

Nonetheless, many students who showed up are optimistic about the program and do it for the learning experience.

"I come here to practice my Japanese with other students," said Phuong Trinh, who is currently studying Japanese and wants to get outside-of-class experience and meet other Japanese students.

Unfortunately it's too late to join the program this quarter but the organizers of the event are looking forward to next quarter and hope more students will sign up and commit for the quarter.

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Dr. Saunders has worked for over 15 years at Highline.

Saunders wins award

By IRINA PASTUSHOK

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The Association of Washington Community and Technical College Administrators will present the Distinguished Service Award to the Highline Vice President of Administration Laura Saunders.

Dr. Saunders was nominated for the award by one of her trustees and is looking forward to the award ceremony, which will be held at the Winter Conference at Pierce College in Puyallup on February 24th, 2005.

The award recognizes a community college administrator for the hard work, dedication and influence that they have made in the community and education.

Being with Highline for over 15 years, Dr. Saunders has worked her way to the top and now holds the respect of many

people.

Lorri Nystedt, a staff member, describes her as an "absolutely outstanding and caring person" and was not surprised that she was nominated for the award.

Dr. Saunders first started working at Highline in 1990, after attending Reed College where she earned a bachelor's degree in economics, a master's at the University of Chicago, and a Ph.D. at the University of California.

At Highline Dr. Saunders has a couple of duties, such as being in charge of the book store, the business office, Human Resources, and Administrative Technology. But outside of Highline, she holds high positions in many organizations such as the Association of Washington Community and Technical College Administrators.

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nated smoking areas because it's out of my way of my class schedule," student Brock Reynolds said.

Reynolds said he would rather smoke and walk at the same time in his 10-minute walk to class.

"As a smoker, I don't go anywhere where smoking is banned. They don't deserve my business," said student Jesilyn Montgomery. "This is an outside campus, it's not like I'm smoking in the classrooms."

Other students who are non-smokers are grateful for the new policy.

Student Katrina Olson says she is all for the policy because she doesn't have to breathe second-hand smoke and can avoid the designated smoking areas.

"I think the new policy is great because I hate walking around the corner with a huge

puff of smoke in my face," student Nick Deakins said. "People should be considerate of others by using them."

The cost of the smoking shelters are paid from college expenses. Project Coordinator Phil Sell, says that the shelters and signs cost about \$4,300.

For any suggestions, contact Brown in the Student Union or call 206-878-3710, ext.3257.

Survey

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nity think of colleges, Highline comes to mind second only to the University of Washington.

Current students, the community-at-large, high school students and business leaders within the service area were all interviewed and asked for their comments regarding Highline.

According to the survey, "current students uniformly voice a medley of positive attributes, benefits and attitudes toward the college, including the belief that Highline provides high quality instruction."

With 50 percent of Highline's student body coming from a diverse background, such students found the college's diversity attractive and also viewed its courses as challenging and its students as competitive. They liked the fact that the college offers "pre-college reading and writing courses, tutoring, internships, and career guidance."

They were also found to believe that "a degree from Highline will create better fu-

ture opportunities for them compared to other schools and help them to be in high demand in the job market."

Even though some high school students saw Highline students as average or below average based on students they know who attend the college, most said they see them as "smart, independent, dedicated to improving themselves, cost-conscious, ambitious, hard workers and wanting to get ahead."

Although the qualities that high school students say they want in a college are the same qualities that Highline students say they find at Highline, the survey found that the majority of high school students are not making that connection.

Sherry Reichert, director of communications and marketing, said that the community still has somewhat of a stigma about community colleges because they offer so many different services in one place.

"Many don't realize that two years at Highline are the same as the first two years at a university. They think that Highline is not as hard. Students who attend here

though, find that it exceeds their expectations," Reichert said.

One fourth of interviewed business leaders were found to employ Highline graduates and although they found them to have a "lack of job-related skills and experience," the survey found that the majority of graduates were seen as having "a good work ethic, good people skills, good communication skills" and were viewed as "good employees the business wanted to retain."

Even though the survey found that the business community looks at Highline graduates positively, it also found that businesses largely failed to realize that Highline offers services and training that relate to them such as its "customized employee education and training."

Both Skari and Reichert said that the information will help Highline get its message out more effectively.

"We need to help people realize that we have what they are looking for," said Skari.

"And this information will help us to target our message effectively," added Reichert.

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for Community and Technical Colleges has asked for \$84.75 million to pay for 5,000 new enrollments as well as \$470.6 million to repair, renovate, and expand facilities.

Under the former governor's budget this is partially paid for by revenue generated from a proposed \$500 million tax increase on alcohol and carbonated beverages, plus a 5 percent increase in tuition each year during the biennium.

At this point it is unclear if these taxes will be approved by the legislature.

Highline administrators will also emphasize the important work the college's adult basic education program does to help to provide fundamental literacy education to adults.

The recipients of this service pay a fee of \$25; the rest of the cost is paid for by the state and

the schools tuition revenue.

The less the state provides for this service, the higher tuition will have to be to pick up the slack.

The flexibility, efficiency, and economic contributions of Highline are also strong arguments that supporters will be voicing at the Capital.

Highline spends 80 percent of its operating budget locally and employs 450 full time and 1,250 part time workers.

"We serve 60 percent of higher education with 40 percent of the funds," says Virgil Staiger, director of community and governmental relations for Highline.

When comparing Highline to the four-year universities, Dr. Saunders says, "We are very

cost-effective and give taxpayers a good return on their money."

It is still very early on in the process, and while the Senate will not have a finished version of their budget until March, there is still work to be done.

"I feel very fortunate to have local legislators who understand the importance of higher education and who are well positioned to get those views across," says Dr. Bell.

Of talking to local lawmakers, Dr. Bell says that she is preaching to the choir.

With local lawmakers occupying seats on the capital budget, the appropriations, and higher education committees, Highline is well represented among the committees.

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