Classes start in Higher Ed

BY ANNE RUNNELS STAFF REPORTER

Central Washington University's Des Moines distance education branch opened its doors this spring and is already buzzing with students. Enrollment and admissions have been up since last year, said Dusty Brady program support supervisor and site manager.

Enrollment is at 630 students and 471 for full-time students taking 15 credits or more, Brady said.

Classes may be full for CWU but Highline classes are still available.

CWU shares the building with Highline and it seems to be working well so far.

"We have no problem having Highline share the building with us," Brady said.

The smell of fresh paint on the walls and the bright colors pop out from in the doorways.

In the main hallway, there are bamboo benches that have a very unique shape that may seem strange but give the feeling of a comfortable studying environment.

"I like the seating area, it's a nice place to study," Highline student Blaine Whitcomb said.

CWU's Des Moines offers multiple opportunities for different degrees: bachelor's in law and justice, prelaw/paralegal, corrections and law enforcement and Masters in teaching.

There are many other programs they offered as well and all the information is on the CWU website, www.cwu.edu.

There are three floors in the building and they are split up by south and north sides. The south side is all CWU class-

rooms and offices. The north side is Highline classrooms and faculty offices.

On the first floor, there are seven distance education rooms which cost around $250,000 each. The classrooms have interactive televisions sets and cameras to

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Spring Quarter enrollment down, trend seen across the state

BY JESSIE ELLIOTT STAFF REPORTER

Spring Quarter enrollment has gone down, as it had in the fall and winter, but it is expected to rise in the next few years.

"Enrollments follow a cyclical pattern, going up and down, and right now we are in a down cycle," said Associate Dean of Enrollment Services Becky Rivens.

In spring of 2004, there were 8,745 students enrolled. This spring, 7,372 students are enrolled, down 12 percent from the previous year.

Highline is not the only community college suffering from low enrollment.

It has become a trend across the board, with community and technical colleges seeing lower numbers.

There are many contributing factors to the reason why enrollment has gone down.

"The majority of the reasons for the decline is the worker retraining area," said Suzy Ames, Director of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

Ames said other major factors for the decline in enrollment are the economy and tuition hikes.

"There was a seven percent tuition increase and it may have reached that point already," he said.

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UWT to allow freshmen and sophomores under new bill

BY AMANDA DOWNS STAFF REPORTER

University of Washington Tacoma campus could start admitting freshmen and sophomores by 2005 or even next year.

The bill to expand the institution to include lower division courses was approved in the House and is now sitting in the Senate.

Passed in the House as House Bill 1794, Senate Bill 5411 is similar to HB 1794, but the bill does not offer a pilot program that would allow community and technical colleges to offer bachelor degrees.

Jeff Wagnitz, dean of instruction, transfer, and pre-college education at Highline, said that UWT is one of the top choices for many Highline transfer students.

According to the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges Academic Year Report for 2003-04, 73 Highline students transferred to UWT, making the campus the third school that students transferred to in 2003, preceded by UW Seattle and Central Washington University's Des Moines Campus, now located on Highline's campus.

Some Highline students fear that transferring to UWT will become more difficult because the college will have

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Crime

Car troubles abound

An unidentified white Honda Civic hit a black Mitsubishi on March 29. Both cars experienced minor damage. No information was exchanged.

A silver Chevy Suburban hit a retaining wall near Highline's tennis courts next to the sidewalk on South 240th Street on March 19. Highline property manager Dennis Kent and Des Moines Police responded to the accident.

A green Toyota Rave was found in the northeast side of the East Lot with the driver's side small rear window broken and the ignition popped in the morning on March 28.

Thefts occur on campus

Two students had textbooks stolen from them on March 16. The thief took a 20 minutes of each other. Both books were found at the book buyback.

A student had her textbook stolen from the Library on March 14. The book was found at the book buyback and was returned to the owner.

A subwoofer, amp, and CD player were stolen from a student's Honda Civic that was parked in the East Lot on March 14.

Fifteen minutes later, a Dodge Neon, also in the East Lot, was broken into and the CD player was stolen.

Lost property

A dark green jacket with keys, a Highline student ID, and a pencil was reported lost from the Print Shop, Building 16 on March 28. Three jump drives were lost on March 18. The 256 MB drives were blue.

Property found

A brown folder was found in Building 6 and a cell phone in Building 10, room 203 on March 28.

Compiled by A. Downs

Campus Life

A step ahead of the others

Bracelets can help bring hope

Students can help support cancer research by purchasing a hope bracelet from a Phi Theta Kappa member throughout Spring Quarter.

The purple bracelets are stamped with the word "hope" and cost $2.

Bracelets will be sold at Phi Theta Kappa meetings Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. on the third floor of the Student Union.

The bracelets will also be sold on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Phi Theta Kappa office located on the fourth floor of the Library.

Phi Theta Kappa is an organization for academically-inclined students that focus on campus events and community service.

For more information, contact Laura Manning at 206-878-3710, ext. 6037.

Workshop helps students survive

Learn how to survive community college life at the Ultimate Highline Survival Challenge Game Show workshop.

The workshop is free and be held today from 11:00 - 2 p.m. in the Student Union, Mt. Constance room.

The game is for first and second quarter Highline students who would like to get additional information on how to survive and succeed at Highline.

Free refreshments will be offered for all participants.

For more information, contact Dennis Steusy at 206-878-3710, ext. 3534, or e-mail at dsteusy@highline.edu.

Applications due for scholarships

Highline Community College Foundation Scholarship applications are due on Friday, April 15.

Applications are available in the Foundation Office in Building 9, the Financial Aid on the upper level of Building 6, and online at www.funds@highline.org.

Nearly 70 scholarships are available in a variety of fields.

The scholarship funds available top $100,000.

For more information, contact Highline's Foundation or call at 206-870-3774.

Community Calendar

• Books Are Fun BookFair - Wednesday, April 13 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Building 6, lower level.

Books and gift items will be sold at 40 to 70 percent off retail price and proceeds will support Women's Programs emergency scholarship fund.

For more information, contact Women's Programs at 206-878-3710, ext. 3340.

• Day of Silence - Wednesday, April 13 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. starting in the Student Union, Student Programs office. Students can take a vow of silence to protest discrimination of homosexual, bisexual, and transgender people in the community. Participants will meet at the Student Programs office and receive a T-shirt and name tag telling others that they are taking a vow of silence for the day.

To participate, contact Team Highline at 206-878-3710, ext. 3903.

• Science Seminar: The Great Seattle Earthquake of 20- - Friday, April 8 at 2:10 p.m. in Building 29, room 216.

Geology Professor Eric Bar will talk about Seattle's inevitable and greatly-predicted earthquake.

FlatOut Video Game Challenge Friday, April 15 from 3-9 p.m. and Saturday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Devry University Seattle Campus, 3600 South 344th Way in Federal Way.

This free video game tournament will feature a sneak preview of Empire Interactive's new FlatOut racing game. Students are invited to participate and compete for prizes, including a computer and Vivendi Universal Games video game packs.

Pre-registration is advised as a limited number of walk-in registrations will be available. Pre-registration can be done online until Tuesday, April 12, at www.devrygameday12.com.

For more information, contact the New Student Enrollment Support Office at 253-943-2830 or 877-923-3879, ext. 2830.

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Fun and friends abound at Clubs Fair

**BY MICHELLE ERIKSEN**

*STAFF REPORTER*

From evil film clubs to religious groups, Highline's Clubs Fair offered a wide variety of interests with a club to suit anyone's taste.

The Clubs Fair was on March 31 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Highline Student Union Plaza on both the upper and lower levels.

Highline has a Clubs Fair every quarter to introduce new clubs and re-introduce veteran clubs. More than 40 clubs turned out to represent themselves.

"It's a good place for students to learn about what's out there," said Panik Hajdarevic, a Highline student.

There was live music, and ice cream, candy and Carmel corn were available free to the students there.

"It's too loud in here, we can't talk to the clubs," student Fern Poirier said of the music.

Some clubs went out of their way to go all out. The United Latin Association (ULA) was one of Highline's many ethnic clubs represented there. Their table was colorfully decorated with palm trees, games like Plinko, and various signs.

The ULA was started two quarters ago, and has been very involved with campus life. It's a reach-out club, focusing on community involvement.

The ULA is open to all students, even those of non-Latin heritage.

The purpose of the club is to educate others and club members of our culture, said Joseph Ambler, a ULA club member.

Highline's many ethnic clubs include The Muslim Student Association, Vietnamese Student Association, Russian Student Union, International Village, Half-Breeds and Hyphens and Club Japan.

Campus Crusade for Christ, one of Highline's prominent religious clubs, set up quite a show. Behind their highly decorated table was a huge American Gladiator toy where students could joust.

"Campus Crusade of Christ is a place for Christians or those interested in knowing Jesus Christ personally," said Club Adviser Dusty Wilson.

The American Gladiator toy was one of the highlights of the fair.

"It's good, it seems pretty fun, the blow-up toys are a great addition," said student James Turner.

The American Gladiator toy was like a jousting arena. One pair of students at a time could go in, each was given a helmet, and a rubber jouster. Then the students could battle it out, and see which one would be knocked down first.

"I think it's going great, it's set up really nicely with the decorations and music," said student Simran Kaur.

Some newer clubs introduced at the fair were Students for Progressive Change, Creative Writing Club, The AMP club, Evil Knight's Film club, and Teachers Association of Tomorrow.

Students for Progressive Change is the newest political club at Highline.

"It's not a political party, we're just trying to bring to life political affairs and discuss them," said Drew Robertson, the club president.

According to their mission statement, Students for Progressive Change is there to present a sound alternative to the status quo.

The College Republican, Democrats of Highline, and Political Affairs club are the other political clubs.

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**Photo by Sarah Russell**

**Student Jennifer Combs listens to a club representative at last week's Clubs Fair.**

"Seventy-six percent of college professors are liberal, College Republicans is a place where people can get a different viewpoint," said Josh Dill, the president of College Republicains.

Many clubs, such as the Chess Club, Poker Club, Track Club and the Jazz Club, are game clubs for students who enjoy the same activities.

Chess is the oldest and greatest of all games and everyone from a toddler to a sports coach to a grandma can learn and realize the beauty of chess," said Huy Pham, the president of the Chess Club.

For more information about club meetings and times, contact Student Programs at 206-878-3710 ext. 3536.

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**Transfer Center provides workshops to ease transfer troubles**

**BY ANNE RUNNELS**

*STAFF REPORTER*

Transfer your attention from normal college antics to finding out what university to attend after Highline.

The Highline Transfer Center presents workshops every quarter to help students get ready for transfer to a four-year university.

Many students think they don't have to worry about where to transfer to when they first enter a community college, Siew Lai Li, transfer center director, said.

These workshops are designed to help students understand how easy the transition can be from school to school.

Students think that the University of Washington or four-year schools are harder to get into, but that is not true, the rules have changed, Li said.

"If it is not closed, UW is not full," Li said.

Colleges are starting to look at if you are major ready and your comprehensive review is, Li said.

These workshops are intended to help you be well prepared for your major and how to transfer to a university.

One of the most important workshops that is coming up for transfer students is How to Write Lilley a Winning Personal Statement workshop.

This workshop takes place Wednesday, April 13, from 1:10 to 2 p.m. in the Writing Center in Building 26, room 319.

Another important workshop is called Preparing for Majors at the University of Washington, on Thursday, April 14, at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. in the Mt. Skokomish room in the Student Union.

Jason Boyd, a University of Washington academic adviser, will be talking with students about how to prepare for transferring to UW.

In addition to this workshop, college representatives from schools such as Central Washington and Pacific Lutheran are coming to Highline.

"Students need to be competitive, be major ready, and plan early," Li said.

Major ready means having all your prerequisites completed with multiple classes under one department. If you wanted to major in Biology, then taking three or more biology classes will show four-year universities that you are ready to move up in your education and will accept you into their college, Li said.

The Transfer Center is full of useful tools and resources to help Highline students find what they want to major in and what school would provide the best curriculum for their major.

For more information, visit the Transfer Center in Building 5, upper level, and talk with an adviser or check out the website at www.highline.edu/students/edplanning/transfer.htm
Editorial

Branch campus creates options

The nickname "University of Midway" that is often lovingly applied to Highline now rings truer with the introduction and opening of the Central Washington University branch on campus. This new addition allows students to receive a bachelor's degree, including many who may have never thought it possible.

Highline is filled with a diverse range of students, many who have jobs, families, and other commitments that make the commute to campus a blessing. Unfortunately, Highline can only offer to most people a general AA, while today's fast-paced world often demands higher education of its employees.

Highline students now have the opportunity to achieve that status while never leaving Highline's campus. CWU offers Highline students the opportunity to receive bachelor degrees in law and justice, accounting, business, and even Masters options in education while still allowing them to live their lives and fulfill their other obligations.

CWU is a great opportunity for students who would do well to take advantage of its presence on campus.

Letters

Porn issues are a waste of time

Dear Editor:

I have been reading about the porn debate for months now, and am astonished to see how pathetic it is. Do people have nothing better to do with their lives than to pick on meaningless issues? Reading the quotes from the school's newspaper -- "it's a distraction to kids" -- one reader claimed. If the reader is distracted by the magazine, they shouldn't speak for everyone else. I've known about the magazine since September 21, 2004, and it has never been a distraction to me. I come and purchase magazines from the bookstore all the time and that magazine has never caught my eye.

Another quote mentions that Running Start students can get their hands on it. Little does this individual know, you can only purchase the magazine if you're 18, no exceptions.

"It's not educational," said one student. Well, is everything in the bookstore educational? The Cosmopolitan magazine has quotes such as "12 ways to make your man ask for more." Is that educational?

Since when are movies such as Road Trip and Scary Movie educational? Yet they somehow manage to stay on our store shelves. If we find the magazine offensive because it has nude pictures, then why don't we remove everything else with nudity? Movies and DVDs such as Scary Movie, Road Trip, and Not Another Teen Movie are rated R for obscene language and nudity. And the pictures on the third floor of our library had a nude man in one of the pictures -- why hasn't that been an issue?

I don't support pornography; I have no desire to promote pornography or look at it. But if we start taking out everything that might offend one group or another, our bookstore would have been empty now, and our library too.

-Valerie Michik, Highline student

Schools should be free of fear

In his speech to the National Governors Association education summit last month, Bill Gates had harsh words for the state of our nation's high schools.

"Everyone who understands the importance of education; everyone who believes in equal opportunity; everyone who has been elected to uphold the obligations of public office should be ashamed that we are breaking our promise of a free education for millions of students," said Gates.

Gates' call to action is commendable, however, of the problems that he said modern schools face, never in his nine-page speech did he raise the issue of student violence.

The bully and his propensity for mugging and intimidating others has long been a fixture of the American schoolyard. Currently, while this behavior is notcondoned, these individuals are largely tolerated by school administrators who exhibit a resigned acknowledgement of their presence, ignoring a larger trend that is affecting more and more students.

Last year's film Napoleon Dynamite tackled the pain of high school. Unflinching though not excessive in its portrayal, the film puts forth the point that even if a majority of the kids in a school aren't being brutalized, there's still a climate of fear and alienation created by an ongoing presence of violence. The film's dry humor keeps Napoleon's suffering from cutting too deep, though one critic accurately described it as "[having a] working understanding of what happened at Columbine."

Disturbingly, there have been at least 29 school shootings nationwide since 1996, with the March 21 tragedy in Red Lake, Minnesota, taking the highest toll since the Columbine massacre of 1999.

Of course, for every one student who violently self-destruct, there are thousands more who just give up. This could mean becoming entrenched in the cycle of violence.

As a seventh grader at Pacific Middle School, I dealt with kids who had already aspired to be Bloods or Crips, using the school as an arena for honing intimidation skills. Seeing students bloodied in fights with some dragged, handcuffed and kicking to security cars left my peers and me feeling violence was just part of our educational experience.

An environment permeated by fear and paranoia leads to desensitized young people. Thus those exciting violence don't necessarily have to exhibit major social maladjustment, alienation or predatory behavior. Many simply act callously, seemingly devoid of empathy.

Highline School District Superintendent Dr. Joe McGrohan was recently quoted as saying, "High School, as we have known it, is no longer satisfactory for a lot of students. It works well for some but not for all." The Highline School District plans to split each of its high schools into several smaller institutions.

While the district's effort to increase one-on-one interaction with students is commendable, its approach to bullying must change as well. Teachers are to identify classroom strife, they must be more sensitive than ever before. Teachers shouldn't have to be babysitters for unruly students but all instructors must have the fortitude to step into a potentially violent situation when necessary. All students deserve the equal opportunity to learn free of fear.

"Somebody just said whoop whoop."

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Schools should be free of fear

In his speech to the Na-
Student directors get one shot with One-Acts

BY JESSIE ELLIOTT
STAFF REPORTER

The Drama Department is preparing to put on five diverse and entertaining one-act plays this quarter.

The Spring Quarter One-Acts are plays directed and performed by Highline students, and have been a staple at Highline since the late Eighties.

“One-Acts seem to fit well with students and the campus,” said Drama Department Coordinator, Dr. Christiana Taylor.

The plays vary in style and genre, and each student director has something different to offer.

“They will be good plays, lots of variety and some funny, some pointed, some nostalgic,” Dr. Taylor said.

Auditions were last Wednesday and Thursday, with callbacks on Friday.

With the actors, directors, stage workers, light crew, and sound crew, there will be about 35 students working on the production, Dr. Taylor said.

There will be additional talent at the show as well.

“We may have some really wonderful singing from a very promising talent on campus.”

“What kind of other marvelous events may appear?” Dr. Taylor said.

The student directors are all experienced and have been in the Drama Department for at least two quarters.

Kim Elenich, Mike Bacalzo, Carlos Calvo, Syrina Watts and Sonya Harris are all taking on a One-Act play.

Students are still welcome to be a part of this quarter’s production.

“Everyone is welcome, no experience necessary,” Dr. Taylor said.

Dr. Taylor said the audience could expect entertainment with interesting ideas, very good performances, and some great laughs.

The performances will be during campus-wide Arts Week in Building 4, the Little Theater, room 122. Tickets will be $6 for students and $7 general admission.

“The audience will feel they have spent the time well, been impressed by the work and glad they came to the Little Theater,” Dr. Taylor said.

For more information call 206-878-3710 ext. 3156.

Children’s charm lights up Library Art Gallery

BY SARA LOKEN
STAFF REPORTER

Young artists make their presence known at a new exhibit in the Library Art Gallery.

Tempura paints, paper cutouts, and clay molds are the basic elements of the art with spice added by preschool-aged children.

Viewers could be reminded of their childhood art projects when they were excited about colorful paints and endless supplies of paper.

Everything from cutout snowflakes to masterpieces of tempura finger painting is on display.

The artwork for the gallery was done by students aged two to five years old, in preschool classes at the Tukwila Learning Center.

“I like to show what children do themselves,” said Anita Chiarenza, preschool instructor for the Tukwila Learning Center.

There is some help by adults, as some of the children are unable to cut their own shapes because of their ages, said Chiarenza.

The curriculum for the class is based on different themes. These themes are reflected in the art up in the gallery.

Students were chosen for the art project a day and Chiarenza then chose a piece of art from that day.

“It’s chosen on whether it was a good representation of the theme we had done,” Chiarenza said.

Some of the art varies from the very basic finger painting, to more advanced illustrations, others show true talent among the students.

One piece of art is a chalk drawing of a shooting star on black paper. Blending various pastel colors, it’s very advanced for a young artist.

Another piece is a clay sculpture of a green spider with six legs, and very simple drawing of an orange owl titled, My Owl, It’s Orange.

While this month’s exhibit differs from previous exhibits, having preschool art from the Tukwila Learning Center is an annual event.

“It’s happened every spring since I’ve been here,” said Dana Rollins, library technician, who has been at Highline for four years.

Rollins is in charge of scheduling different exhibits in the gallery.

Different exhibits are displayed each month in the gallery and usually feature local artists.

Past exhibits have featured a renaissance artist, faculty members including Theressa Alston and Susan Landgraf, and black and white photography.

The gallery is located on the fourth floor of the library and is free and open to the public.

It’s open Monday – Thursday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

For more information call 206-878-3710 ext. 3311.
ArtsCalendar

- Movie Fridays is showing the Japanese film, Shall We Dansu.
  It's a class but free, you must register for each one at the door.
- Following the film is a discussion and reflection about the film. It starts at noon in Bingen 16 room 213.
- April is Unity month in the library.

With your HCC ID card, you can borrow books from the Recommended Reading shelf and video from Media Services on the sixth floor of the library.
- Shoreline Community College Gallery is showcasing Day Job by artist Ellen Wexler.

The gallery will be showing April 11 – May 10. Gallery hours are Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information call 206-564-4101 ext. 4433.
- Annual Puyallup Spring Fair will run for four days. It will run April 14-17. Nearly 100,000 attended last year.

For more information visit www.thefair.com.

Young dancers take on bigger roles in this full-length story ballet. Choreographed by the internationally admired Ronald Hynd.

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- The Sleeping Beauty reflects the grand traditions of the Royal Ballet and the hard work of Petipa and Tchaikovsky.

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For more information visit work.pb.org.
- The National Association of Teachers of Singing presents Spanish Music Through the Centuries.

This is a performance and master class of Spanish Literature and style.

Soprano singer, Geraldina Solorzano, will be featuring during this performance.
- This is on April 23 on campus from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Rickey Burlando is an Auburn artist who is displaying his vibrant watercolors of flowers at the Auburn City Hall Gallery located at 201 West Main St.

The displays of Burlando’s artwork will be from March 17-12. Gallery hours are from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Admission is free.

The Blend stirs up once again

Performing artist Vicci Martinez played yesterday with her band at Team Highline's The Blend. The Blend is an ongoing series of concerts featuring local artists performing live at Highline. This event will take place every other Wednesday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Student Union at the Firsdale Bistro. Team Highline is a student-run promotion events and board.

Students think orange is the color of spring

With spring in season and summer just around the corner, an outbreak of self-tanners and tanning beds are reaching students.

What is with the campus and being orange?
- When did it become okay to look like we live in Taliban when we live in Washington?
- It's unattractive when you see someone who looks like they have used five bottles of self-tanner on themselves.
- Seriously, we don't attend a school in Hawaii.

"At the risk of looking orange or like some form of foreign fruit, it's not worth it," student Micah Bishop said.

"It's as attractive as fake blondes and knee high socks from Abercrombie & Fitch." Ladies, this isn't just directed to just you but to the fellows too.

And one day he decided that being tan in the winter made him look more attractive to the ladies.

And all I can remember was staring at a huge orange streak that separated his head from his hairline.

"When guys wear it, it's worse," Bishop said.

"It's double embarrassment for guys." Is that the new thing, to look like an Umpa Lumps from Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory?

Student Kyle Palizzi said, "It looks weird. They seem to stick out in a crowd, but not in a good way at all."

"They don't even look tan." Self-tanner and tanning beds is not necessarily a bad thing to do.

It can solve numerous problems that occur often, such as tan lines and hiding skin blemishes.

But for goodness sakes, don't abuse the privilege.

However, learn how to use self-tanner before going into public with it on, or face the consequences of people like me noticing.

I think people with self-tanner look ridiculous when they go over the top looking orange," student Maurice Williams said.

"They need to know when enough is enough."

Some facts on avoiding how to look like a melting Barbie: don't overdue the self-tanner, don't go tanning more than once a week and make sure to be realistic about the color of your tan. Beautiful is not orange and pasty.

Olivia could not finish writing this column because she left to the Fiji Islands to get a real tan under the sun...

Alaska Fishing Lodge

Charter Boat Deckhand Position

Kachemak Bay Adventures fishing lodge currently has an opening for the 2005 summer season (May-July) for Boat Deckhand. The lodge is located in Seldovia, Alaska. Must be self-motivated and able to work well with others.

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The Highline women's fast-pitch team has gotten off to a slow start this season going 1-8 in their first nine games.

The women opened up the preseason Saturday, March 12, when they traveled to Wenatchee Community College for their first of seven preseason games.

The Lady T-Birds were able to muster out three runs on six hits but were on the losing end 12-3 in the first game.

"We had one bad inning in the first game in which all 12 runs were scored," said Head Coach Anne Schmidt. "After that inning, Katie Michaels got in her groove and held them scoreless the rest of the game."

The second game was more of the same as Highline had a run on five hits and four errors. The Lady T-Birds scored five in the second inning; however, it was all Wenatchee Valley after that as they came back to beat Highline, 5-1.

"Unfortunately, we repeated the same problem from the first game and had one bad inning where Wenatchee Valley scored on four of their runs," said Schmidt.

The women took to the road for the remainder of their preseason games as they traveled to Redding, CA, and Shasta College.

The women came ready to play as they held Shasta to three runs on four hits but the Lady T-Birds were only able to get one run on two hits in the loss.

"Kelsey pitched really well, she hit her spots and kept their hitters off-balance," said Schmidt.

Brittnae Stewart hit a triple that scored Sandra Proulx for the T-Birds only run.

"It was a good experience for the team and Shastra was a fun team to play," said Schmidt.

Highline then came down the road to Butter College in Oroville for two games. Butter came ready to play as they were able to shut out the Lady T-Birds 7-0 and 6-0. Highline was held to three hits combined between the two games.

"The team wasn't quite ready to play and came out a little shell shocked against some very good pitching," said Schmidt. "The team learned a lot during these games and we learned a lot about our players' determination, work ethic and attitude."

Brittnae Stewart Fields fields the throw to second with Kelsey Cooklin backing up on the throw.

The women's final two games against Menlo College in Atherton, CA, were rained out so the women returned home early.

Highline opened the regular season last Saturday against Everett at home.

The Lady T-Birds played another hard fought game but, were unable to come away with the win as Everett held on with a 7-5 victory.

Michelle made the mound in the second game and again the women played well but Everett had one inning that made all the difference.

Highline had two runs on seven hits but Everett came away the victors 15-2.

The women returned to action Tuesday night as they hosted Peninsula. Peninsula jumped out to an early 2-0 lead but Highline came storming back in the bottom of the second inning. The scoring began as Highline scored one run on a passed ball into the dugout that forced in a run.

Stewart came up and slapped a base hit that scored Kailltin Bailey from third. With the bases loaded, freshman Jessica Rakentwia hit a bases-loaded double that cleared the bases and put Highline up 5-2. Peninsula's Lady Pirates came clawing back as they tied the game at 5-5 in the top of the sixth inning. Highline looked as they would be coming up clutch in the bottom half of the seventh as they were able to load the bases, however, Peninsula held off Highline's late push.

Peninsula was able to score three in the top half of the eighth inning. Highline was able to score one in the bottom of the eighth as Rakentwia hit her second double of the game. However, that was as close as Highline got as they lost 8-6.

"We always seem to have one inning that gives us fits," said freshman Erin King. "We got down on ourselves and couldn't get it out of our systems."

Redshirt sophomore Kristy Richardson said, "After we lose the lead, we get down. The second game will be better because we can start fresh."

The second game was a whole different story as Highline pulled out the victory 5-2. The T-Birds pounced on the Lady Pirates early as Michaels and the rest of the Lady T-Birds overcame five errors to hold on for the victory. Peninsula made a late run but the Lady T-Birds were able to hold on for the victory.

The Lady T-Birds, who are already playing short-handed with 10 players, had a scare as sophomore catcher Ashley Nevrues was hit on the hand in her first at bat during the first game. She was able to return in the second game.

The team is already without Richardson, who is coming back from injury and is choosing to redshirt this year and save her eligibility.

Results for yesterday's games against Edmonds were unavailable at press time. The T-Birds play at Shoreline today and at Skagit Valley tomorrow before returning home Tuesday, April 12 to take on rival Green River at 2 p.m.

Women's track starts the season off solid

TREVOR KULIV STAFF REPORTER

The Highline women's track team traveled down to Willamette University and had a splendid performance despite the lack of decent weather. The Distance Carnival, known as The Salute to Distance by the folks in Willamette University, started the whole weekend off with a bang.

On Friday night, sophomore Jami Arlt ran in the third heat of the women's 5,000-meter run with a time of 21:45.09.

"Although it wasn't my best race," said Jami, "I know that I can improve as the season moves on."

Later that night, Cherilyn Flor ran a 43:28.28 10,000-meter, her first of the season after already running a half-marathon the weekend before. After her race, Flor said that she felt really good about it.

On April 2 at the Willamette Invite, the women's team cheered for their teammates as they met the occasion. Zoe Garaschuk, the current league leader in the women's 400, blusted the 60-second barrier easily by running a 59-second 400 in her heat which was a five second improvement off her previous personal record.

"I ran a good race and I was pleased with my performance," Garaschuk said.

In the 4x100 relay, Garaschuk anchored the Lady T-Birds relay to a third-place finish, easily beating out rival Spokane with a time of 46.91 to the Spokane's time of 51.42. Other members on the relay team were Monaka White, Kerry McIlvague, and Carolyn Norman.

In the field events, the women showed that they were also ready to compete. Taryn Flippick, the current leader in the women's high jump, jumped 5 feet 1 inch to claim a tie for second.

Ashley Cavaliere and Christina Kim both had personal records in the triple jump with marks of 29 feet and 27 feet 8.75 inches respectively, putting them into contention for the championship meet in May.

Coach Robert Yates was pleased with everyone's performance and with the personal records that the athletes had in the bad weather conditions. The T-Birds have a week off before their next meet. They will be using the time off to prepare for the April 16 meet at the Spike Aft Invitational at Central Washington University.
Men’s track starts season off with success

By Mark Knight
Staff Reporter

The Highline men’s track team sprinted their way through a successful first meet at Willamette University last Saturday and Sunday. This was the first official meet of the year, though Highline track athletes did appear at other meets.

“This was the first meet of the year that we traveled as a team, we really started to bond,” said Head Coach Robert Yates.

The T-Birds ran hard in the Willamette Invitational, as Bruce Hubbard won the 100-meter with a time of 11.68 and the 200 with a time of 22.45.

“Hubbard hasn’t been beaten so far this season,” said Yates.

“The 200 was a big deal for him, as it wasn’t his favorite event.”

In the 400, Alvin Jones had a time of 51.62 and Travis Glover’s time was 51.69. Both marks were good for them, said Yates. The 3,000-meter steeplechase was a big event for David Larpeenter as he set a personal record and is leading the conference with his time of 9:42.54.

“I know I can do better,” said Larpeenter. Coach Yates also agrees that there is plenty of room for improvement.

Highline kept a tight pack in the 10,000 as Josh Frazier, Robert Bartholomew, and Trevor Kulvi all were within 30 seconds of each other. Frazier’s time was 33:32, Bartholomew had a time of 33:49, and Kulvi had his time of 33:59.

“It was a personal best for Josh Frazier and the first time Trevor Kulvi ran it on the outdoor track,” said Yates.

The T-Bird’s dynamic running extended to the hurdles as Andrew O’Keefe took third in the 400 with a time of 56.25. He didn’t make an appearance in the 110 hurdles because he had a sore knee.

“Andrew O’Keefe is our top hurdler this year,” said Yates.

Highline won the 4x100 relay race with a time of 42.69. Bruce Hubbard, Sterling Howard, Travis Glover, and Larry Myers were the runners for the relay team.

Yates said, “Best time of the year so far and leading the conference in the short relay.”

Highline also ran in the 4x400 meter relay and completed it in fifth place with a time of 3:27. The runners in that relay were Travis Glover, Bryman Melcre, Andrew O’Keefe, and Lionel Orji. In the field events, Raheem Reggler jumped a high mark of 6 feet 4.75 inches.

“It was a really good, it was one of the big marks of the day,” said Yates.

Yates stated that the long jump was a strong event for Highline as Mays, McIver, and Orji all competed in it. Mays jumped 23 feet 0.75 inches, McIver had a leap of 22 feet and 1.75 inches, and Orji went 20 feet 1.5 inches.

“The long jump and the triple jump are going to be our strongest events all year,” said Yates.

In the triple jump, Highline completed first and second. James Turner’s jump was 45 feet 9.25 inch. Ricky Moody’s was 45 feet 4.25 inches.

“Tuners is leading the conference in the triple, while Moody is third,” said Yates.

Moody also competed in the discus throw with a throw close to his best ever of 140 feet 7 inches. Rob Cail had a mark of 168 feet 8 inches in the javelin throw, which was his best mark so far this year, said Yates.

Men’s track will be taking a week off and will re-appear in two weeks on April 16 at Central Washington University.

Intramurals offered this spring

With the beginning of a new quarter comes the beginning of a new season of intramurals.

Students looking for a little physical activity away from home can look to the Pavilion Tuesday through Thursday starting at 1 p.m. Basketball will open the week up on Tuesdays, Badminton, Frisbee Golf, and Pickleball will give Wednesday a little bit of variety.

Thursdays will mark the return of Flag Football that was last seen in the fall. Intramurals have already begun and will come to a culmination the week before finals.

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Fan’s passion for baseball renews with each season

Genesis 1:3 - In the big inning...there was baseball. I mean, from the standpoint of sports, baseball really was created by God himself. Cheap five-dollar tickets and a box of Crackerjacks in hand, I step into the bleachers at Safeco Field. I’m hypnotized by the carefully kept grass - minus, of course, Ichiro’s little worn patch - and blinded by the sun from the center-field bleachers. Two drunks in front of me trip over themselves, laughing and spilling their stale Budweiser while shouting out “Ed-gar!”

Spring is in the air. And I smell heinously overdone hotdogs, sunflower seeds, and overpriced beer. Ahh, the smells of summer - the smells of baseball. Yup, the best sport ever, besides dodgeball of course, is now in play. Well, it may only be the beginning of the season for the pros, baseball players all over are dusting off mitts and bats and hitting the fields.

Coming from the Midwest, I grew up loving the Twins. Since then I have come to my senses (or lack thereof) and proudly support the Sodo Mojo. My dad was always a huge fan of baseball, and I found myself watching various games, including those Little League games of my older brother’s (a feat in itself seeing that my brother never was much of a sport’s player). He was rather put off by sports in general after being beaten by his coach, and now resides entirely indoors, away from the sunlight and flying round objects.

Today I still love driving past a park and seeing little leaguers going at it. Black eyes, knocked-out front teeth and grass stains - baseball is truly an all-American sport.

I mean, whatever the result, baseball really is a fix-all. Remember back to that year when the Mariners had those 116 wins? I was visiting London at the time, but we were religious, waking up every morning and checking to see the status of their current streak.

Something about that crack of the bat as a ball sails over the wall and the feel of the stadium booming really gets me going. Honestly, if we wanted world peace, we should just join in a festive game of baseball, drink some beer, eat some dogs and call it good.

Even though the Mariners have done a wonderful job of screwing up their playoff chances every year, there are still those people who have remained religiously devout throughout, I am one of them. Even if the Mariners don’t always pull through, I love the sport.

I’ll stick with them through thick and thin, but next year I take off to New York and fear I may get caught in the whirlwind of the Yankees. What can I say, I’m a fickle person. But who can say no to Derek Jeter in baseball pants? Not I, sir.

So, let’s raise our peanuts and popcorn to all those baseball players out there. Keep up swinging batter, and onward to summer, cheap food (in quality, not price), and the classic American pastime that we’ve all grown to love.

Elizabeth Tacke is currently seeking therapy for Yankeeitis.
Construction plans for this summer may interrupt summer classes.

Crews will also upgrade some high voltage cabling and gear on the east side of campus, which will also interrupt power to several campus buildings and need to be coordinated with campus schedules said Director of Facilities Pete Babington. The electrical gear refers to the couplings of high voltage cabling. The gear usually resides in electrical vaults or electrical rooms and would include air switches, docking posts, fuses, and transformers. The buildings that will be affected by construction are still unknown.

"It will require some research to determine where all of the utilities extend and how they can be re-routed to bypass the problem. It can get complicated," Babington said. If utility loss can be minimized by doing construction work at night, then this will be the plan, he said. "The ditch from the excavation will be an obstacle, day or night. Doing the ditch work at night would not help minimize impact to the campus," said Babington.

Power loss, heating loss, shut down of restrooms and no water supply, will affect the buildings while the work is being done, said Babington.

"Obviously we will schedule these outages at times that result in the least disruption to normal operations," said Babington.

The projects will start when new funding comes on July 1. The goal is to have all of the work completed by the start of fall quarter. "The Building 26 utility path project will be done by the contractor that built the Higher Education Center, M. A. Mortenson," Babington said.

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Enrollment

more students in a variety of courses were enrolled in spring. Students also took courses and lab credits for spring. The school schedule lists the time their education is required.

"As is true at other institutions in the state, we have a great improvement in spring," said Taylor. The facility and climate are very important in the development of our students. There are only two main classes that are regularly taken.

It's a great place to be. We have a great improvement in spring."