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Students are stalled for parking

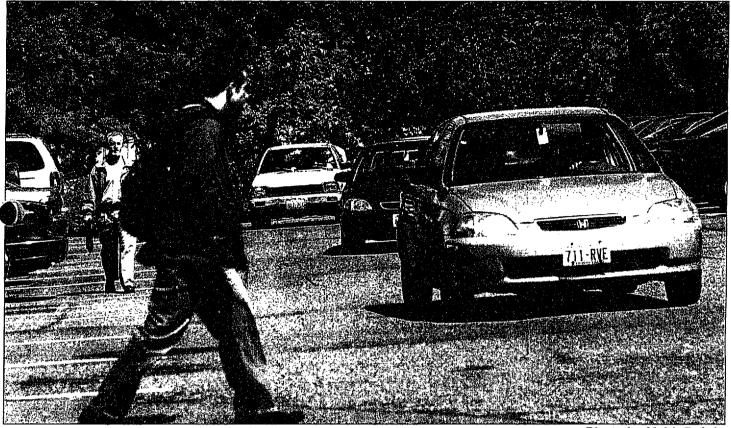


Photo by Keith Daigle

A student walks to his car as a line of cars waits to find a spot during a busy time of day. The time it takes to find a spot is the subject of a recent study for two students who found that the average wait is under 10 minutes.

Waiting for parking subject of study

By Ben Pesicka

STAFF REPORTER

According to a recently conducted dy, more than half of Highline stuients find parking spots in less than 10

The study, which was conducted by Melissa Henry and Irena Lychik, who are in Katherine Skelton's statistics class, also found that three-fourths of students are able to park in less than 15 minutes, and only seven percent cannot find parking in less than 20 minutes.

Even though the majority of students can find parking in less than 10 minutes, there is still more than a third of students who take between 10 and 29 minutes to park.

The study could be viewed as showing improvement, more than half find parking in a relatively short amount of time, or it could be seen as showing that a lot of work still needs to be done to make the parking situation acceptable.

The study was conducted during the peak traffic hours of a 8:30-11 a.m. at Highline's three campus parking lots.

To get the required information, Henry interviewed students in different areas of the Highline campus.

"To avoid biases, I interviewed students from the parking lot, Student Union building, and people I saw between classes," Henry said.

Henry and Lychik took a total of 90 measurements to estimate the average amount of time that it takes a student to find parking, and they used many of those samples to improve their approximation.

This yielded the fact that, on average, it takes a Highline student roughly 13 minutes to find a parking spot.

At the extremes of the data, 34 percent of students find their parking spots in less than five minutes, and it takes two percent longer than 24 minutes to find parking.

Parking continues to be a reoccurring issue for Highline students, and one administrator has tried to solve it with carpool parking and bus stops.

This illustrates why Henry chose parking for her study, "I decided to conduct a study in an area that I was both concerned and interested in."

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the Union Crew,"

surprised, we had

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"I was really

much more

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said Brown.

Votes count in election

BY AUSTIN MACKENZIE

STAFF REPORTER

With every candidate running unopposed, many are surprised that people are voting at all.

"We've had about 100 votes," said Brian Massey, president of the Political Affairs Club while working the voting booth. "Most of them are jaded to the fact that there aren't a lot of candidates."

This year's elections, while uncontested, also are the first to see the use of the revised electronic voting system that does not allow a person to vote multiple times. Students can vote by entering their Student ID and PIN numbers into the computer; students are able to submit their votes electronically. Voting will continue today and is taking place in the Highline Student Union building.

"The system is working fine," Massey said. "The only problem is that the Running Start students can't vote online. They have to turn in a paper ballot."

"It makes it easier," Massey said. "I think people are voting around campus, but I can't say for sure."

Of the students who decided to vote, most are second-year students who have been around and know what is going on.

Even though many people are willing to vote, some question why. "What's the point of voting?" one student asked as she accessed the system.

That sentiment seems to be echoed by many of the students, as there is no opposition among candidates. "We need to vote because it shows that students have

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Student involvement questioned after elections

BY MICHELLE ERICKSEN

STAFF REPORTER

Student Government elections this year have raised eyebrows about student wolvement or lack of it.

All of the seven candidates running for office are running unopposed. Usually there is more competition.

Some students running wanted more competition.

"I got my job without an election, that's called a coup," said Huy Pham, one of the candidates for student senator.

"I don't see a connection between the amount of student involvement and the amount of students running in the election," said Jonathan Brown, associate dean for student programs and adviser to Student Government.

Club numbers are up and more student leadership positions are being filled, Brown said.

"There are more options, levels, and paid student leadership positions available for students now, it used to be just Student Government and Team Highline, but now there is also International Stu-



mal," Brown said. "I had about 22 Pham people

interest in running for Student Govern-

"I think students are getting involved,

they're just not looking to run for Student Government," said Brown. "We have data to show that students are getting more involved now, than they have been in the past."

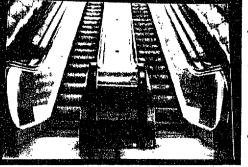
"It's unique that all the positions are filled, and all are unopposed," said

For three or four years Highline has not had a full slate of elections. There were several candidates for a few positions, but not all the positions were being

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CAMPUS LIFE

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Car troubles occur on campus

A student reported that her light blue four- door Toyota Camry was stolen from the East Lot, by the perimeter fence line. The incident happened between 9 a.m. and noon on Tuesday, May 10.

A student had his Kenwood In-Dash CD player stolen from his car, which was parked in the North Lot.

A student reported that someone entered her Dodge on Thursday, May 12. She said she had left her car accidentally unlocked. Her CD player wasn't missing, but it no longer worked.

Silence disturbed at library

Several male and female teenagers were being disruptive in the library on numerous occasions. They were warned about the library rules on noise, and they agreed to be quiet.

Student witnessed car accident

A student reported observing a gold Honda back into an Acura. The incident happened on Wenesday, May 11 at 11:45 a.m. Later, information was passed on to the owner of the Acura, and the owner was advised to contact police for a follow-up.

Staff injures self in parking lot

A staff member from Building 6, upper level, injured her right knee, her hip, and twisted her left ankle on Thursday, May 12, at 12:40 p.m., when she fell into a pot hole in the East Lot next to Building 6.

Lost Property

One black umbrella was lost in the cafeteria.

One cell phone was lost from Building 30.

One black checkbook was lost in Building 13.

One gray Verizon cell phone was lost from Building 29.

-Compiled by L. Skoog



Correction

In the May 12 issue, an article about the Students of Color conference should have said that Joshua Magallanes is the Running Start/Student Development Retention Coordinator.

Highline has a Multicultural Services Department located in the Student Development Center in Building 6.

There was no session on gay marriage at the Students of Color conference, and the workshop "Don't Talk About It, Be About It" was cancelled.

College reps visit campus

Representatives from various four-year colleges will be visiting Highline in the following weeks to set up information tables and help students find answers to their transferring questions.

The Evergreen State college will have an information table set up on Tuesday, May 24, from 9 a.m. to noon on the second floor of the Student Union.

Bastyr University will be on campus for individual appointments on Tuesday, May 24, from 9 a.m. to noon. To sign up for an appointment, visit the Transfer Center located on the upper level of Building 6 or send a message to transfer@highline. edu

For more information, contact Siew Lai Lilley at 206-878-3710, ext. 3295.

Director Duff to talk toxins

Robert Duff, director of the Washington Department of Health, will be speaking on environmental toxins at this week's Science on the Sound on Saturday, May 21, at noon in the Highline MaST Center, located on Redondo Beach.

The presentation will explore key environmental contamination issues in the Northwest, and the implications for human health.

Duff will provide information on the environmental laws and talk about bioaccumulative toxins and fish consumption advisories.

For more information or di-

rections to the MaST Center, visit http://flightline.highline.edu/mast

Cruise to soon set sail

Team Highline is sponsoring the 2005 Annual Boat Cruise so students can celebrate the end of the academic year.

The cruise will be on Friday, May 20. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple, and are sold in the Student Programs Office, located on the third floor of the Student Union.

Boarding will start at 6:30 p.m. at Pier 55 in downtown Seattle and the boat leaves the dock at 7 p.m.

The theme is Hollywood Nights and it is expected to be a night of glitz and glamour on the beautiful Spirit of Seattle.

Dancing, lounging, and having a fun time with friends are planned at this semi-formal event.

Light hors d'oeuvres will be available as well as dessert, and non-alcoholic drinks will be for sale.

For more information, contact Student Programs at 206-878-3710, ext. 3536.

Radical Women host dinner

All are invited to attend a Radical Women meeting and dinner on Thursday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. Learn more about Radical Women's current activities and campaigns.

Dinner starts at 7:30 p.m. and includes a vegetarian option at 6:30 p.m. The dinner will be available for a \$6.50 donation. The meeting will be at the New Freeway Hall, located in Seattle on 5018 Rainier Ave. S.

For more information, call 206-722-6057 or 206-722-2453.

VSA seeks student leaders

The Vietnamese Student Association is looking for students for next year's Leadership Team. Applications are available in the Educational Planning and Advising Center, located on the upper level of Building 6. The due date for applications is Monday, May 23 at noon, and interviews will be from Tuesday, May 24 to Friday, May 27.

For more information, contact Denny Steussy at 206-878-3710, ext. 3534 or Nga Pham at 206-878-3710, ext. 3989, or email Thong Nguyen at president@vsahcc.org

Scholarships available for Fall

Scholarships are available for Fall Quarter to 15 high-achieving students to help continue education with a little less stress.

Winners of the Academic Achievement Scholarship will receive a 15-credit tuition waiver for Fall Quarter.

Applications can be found in Building 18, room 107.

A 3.5 GPA is required to earn the award.

The application includes an essay, a copy of an official transcript, and two letters of recommendation.

The due date for Fall Quarter applications is Monday, June 27.

Completed applications can be turned in to the Student Development Center on the upper level of Building 6. Academic Achievement
Scholarship awards
for Spring
Quarter
were given
to 15 students: Paula



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Aranda, Kendal Bryant, Melinda D Castro, Jill Fenton, Aurora Hall, Kevin Henley, Hien Hoang-Nguyen, Jessica Hunsberger, Vilhjalmure Knudsen, Kevin Krotzer, Melody Joy Mertens, Junghee Park, Kathleen Roney, Kathleen Spendlove, Nora Velazco, and Anna Wagenhals.

For more information, contact Laura Manning at lmanning@highline.edu

Community Calendar

•Writing Center Workshop: The Semicolon, Colon, and Dash – Thursday, May 19, at 9 a.m. in the Writing Center, located in Building 26, room 319.

Learn the differences between the punctuation marks and how to effectively use them.

•Arsenic Cleanup Bill discussion- Thursday, May 19, at 11 a.m. in Building 29, room 216. State Rep. 33rd District (D) Dave Upthegrove will be talking about a bill to clean up arsenic deposits around Puget Sound. Sponsored by the Democrats of Highline.

•Career Services Workshop: Interview Techniques- Thursday, May 19, at 12:10 p.m. in the Student Union, Mount Skokomish room.

Author of the book Interview Power Tom Washington will give tips and strategies for preparing to nail that next job

interview.

•Lecture- Vietnam: Opportunities and Challenges – Friday, May 20, at 11 a.m. in Building 3, room 103.

Tam Nguyen will be speaking on what is happening in Vietnam today and the advantages and disadvantages of living in a country with a Communist re-

Nguyen was born and lived in Vietnam until 1975 when he escaped to the United States. Nguyen practices law at Tam Nguyen Associates, and cofounded SaigonUSA News in San Jose.

For more information, contact Nga Pham at 206-878-3710, ext. 3988.

•Science Seminar: In Search of Nemesis- Friday, May 20, at 2:10 p.m. in Building 29, room 216. Igor Glozman will be talking.

•Writing Center Workshop: Punctuation that Comes in Pairs-Wednesday, May 25, at noon in the Writing Center, located in Building 26, room 319.

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Season brings options at annual festival

BY DONALD BURNS-RADTKE STAFF REPORTER

Last Friday, hundreds of students from junior high and high school assembled on the Highline campus for the Spring Fes-

The Spring Festival, put on by Highline Cooperative Education and Outreach Services, brought many things to the campus including businesses and four-year colleges for the career fair, sumo-wrestling, rock climbing, and a large island-themed barbeque lunch at the end of the event.

Associate Director of Outreach Services Jamie Wells said that the event was very successful and well-attended.

"The feedback from the high school counselors and students has been excellent," said Wells. "We had another successful event, and many high schools said that they look forward to coming back next year."

Cyra Mangen, a teacher at Truman High School in Federal Way, said that the career fair gave her students a good opportunity to see what was available for post-high school careers.

Johnny, a high-school student, said that he was at the event for another reason.

"It's pretty informative, but I'm here to get out of school," he said.

However, some high-school students were more receptive to

"I wanted to see what they

had to offer in the way of massage," said high school student Emily. "I need to talk to more colleges before deciding where to go."

Highline students also attended the fair.

"I want to figure out what to do, I'm sure of what I want, and I'm trying to see what's out there," said Grayson Sabin who is interested in business and working with people.

Many colleges, from aeronautical universities to private Christian liberal arts colleges, showed up to let the students know about what options were available to them.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is looking for well rounded students who are focused, knowing that they want to something to do with avia-

Northwest University is a private Christian liberal arts college that offers day and night classes.

Jan and Victoria, representatives from NWU, said that 45 percent of the school population is of the Assembly of God, a religious denomination, although you don't need a statement of faith to enroll.

Besides colleges, various Highline programs had displays even students promoting their presentations like the Visual Communications Program.

The program designs advertisements, and other things such as handouts advertising their presentations in June, said stu-

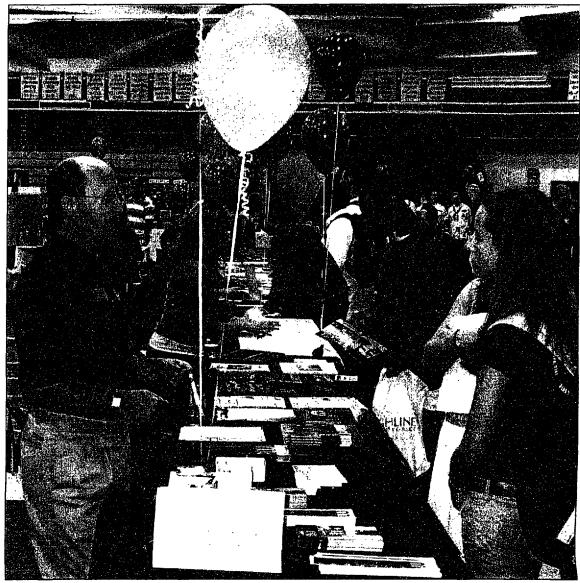


Photo by Michael Davidson

A representative for Pacific Lutheran University talks to high school students at Highline's Spring Festival. The Pavilion was packed with visiting colleges, employers, and campus departments.

dents in the VisCom Program.

Many businesses showed up looking for students for jobs, or advertising jobs.

John Goggin from employer newspaper Today's Careers said, "We would like to start a legacy, where people find their first job

and remember Today's Careers when their kids are looking for their first jobs."

Today's Careers is a free weekly job paper that advertises 280-300 jobs in the Puget Sound Area.

Renee Rosette from the

Woodland Park Zoo was there to talk with students about career opportunities with the zoo.

Not just zookeepers and animal biologists work at the zoo, but field researchers, animal rehabilitators, and photographers, said Rosette.

W.A.V.E. winners get funds to roll through college

By Keith Daigle

STAFF REPORTER

The Washington Award years for Vocational Excellence (W.A.V.E.) is only awarded to 49 community or technical college students each year. Three of those 49 winners this year were from Highline.

The W.A.V.E. program was created by the Washington legislature as a way to recognize and reward high school, community and technical college students who excelled in career and technical education.

Three winners from each of the state's 49 legislative districts are chosen annually: two winners from high schools and skill centers, and one college student.

This year, three winners came from Highline- Carol Chandler, Mindy De Castro and Janet Soine.

The award pays undergraduate tuition at any state college or university, an accred-



De Castro

ited Washington state independent college or university, or a licensed private vocational

Students have to write a personal statement, as well as a statement of need, to apply for the scholarship.

"It is a lot of paperwork," said De Castro. "It's a rather laborious thing you fill out. You have to fill out eight essay questions, and then your adviser has to fill out eight essay questions."

Ken Hildebrant, dean of instruction for professional/technical education, said, "You have

got to really want to apply, to apply."

The winners are not your average college students.

"I'm obviously not a traditional student. I'm 53 years old, and I lost my job after 27 years," said De Castro.

"I did not care about high school. I cared about this when do it."

She was out of school for 34 years, before she lost her job at United Airlines when they went bankrupt.

De Castro plans to get a bachelors degree in education.

She said that becoming a special education teacher is something that she has always wanted to do, and hopes to work with autistic children.

However, while her kids were growing up, their needs came first.

"When I was raising my kids,



Chandler

said. After Highline, De Castro said that she

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I came back because I wanted to .to go to Pacific Lutheran University because it has a good special education program.

W.A.V.E. recipient Carol Chandler is also planning on going into education, specifically teaching at-risk youth.

Chandler graduated from Renton Technical College as a certified paraeducator.

While she was at Renton Technical College, Chandler had an internship at Echo Glen Children's Center.

Echo Glen is a juvenile detention center. Washington State works with the Issaquah School District to provide education to the children of Echo Glen.

Chandler said that she wants to work with at risk youth. She would like to work in a public school or a correctional facility.

"One can persevere in getting out into the field by giving back to your own community," said Chandler.

Jan Soine came to Highline after she was laid off from her job of 25 years. She wants to be a medical transcriptionist.

"She is very dedicated. I'm always impressed at her abilities," said Kat Chapell, Soine's adviser.

Washington State students currently enrolled in a community college or technical college, and have completed at least one year in a career and technical program can apply.

For more information go to the W.A.V.E website at http:// www.wtb.wa.gov/wave.html

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OPINION

Editorial

Highline campus should be kept clean

With Spring quarter upon us, Highline has been taken over by blooming flowers, sunshine (on occasion), and plenty of opportunities to appreciate the views visible from our campus.

Unfortunately, not all students, staff, or faculty have taken the time to appreciate Highline's campus. In fact, some even resort to taking away from Highline by leaving their mark in the form of discarded pop cans, paper, gum, cigarette butts, et-

There is nothing more disgusting than a half-smoked cigarette left smoldering on the sidewalk to take away from Highline's natural beauty.

There is a way to combat these problems. They are called trashcans. And it's not as if they were hidden away from the sidewalk, camouflaged with the bushes. Trashcans like trash. It's their passion - their job. Please don't put our trashcans out of a job, support Highline.

But seriously, designated smoking areas are always congregated around ash trays. Yet cigarettes are everywhere but where

If someone has the energy to walk close enough to drop a cigarette butt within two inches of an ash tray, they have enough energy to actually put it in the ash tray. Any extra piece of trash correctly disposed of can take away from Highline's trash prob-

Taking a walk through the parking lots, one will come across old Starbucks cups, empty chip bags, cigarette boxes and pop

Having to step over the end result of a lazy person's effort to clean out their car doesn't leave much of a first impression for Highline.

If enrollment is down, why worsen matters by driving away potential students because they can't walk across the parking lot without seeing a large pile of trash?

But the worst of all is the way that people have decided to turn the outside of our new Student Union, Highline's pride and joy, into a large waste disposal unit.

Students complain about having to pay additional fees to pay off our new building, yet five minutes later, they will leave their garbage without a second thought.

We at Highline need to take some pride in our campus. Despite any individual's personal views of our campus, everyone should have a common respect.

Take the time to walk the additional five feet to the garbage can to throw your garbage away.

Sure there are some who feel that "one person's trash is another one's treasure," but no one really finds treasure in cigarette butts or dirty Kleenexes.

Highline's campus deserves a bit more respect than it is given. Take the time to encourage yourself and others to dispose of their trash and help keep Highline clean.



A different approach to Chinese culture

really big country with lots of people. We just don't know enough about it in America, and we should.

Now that I'm here in China - and I'm still not sure why, because if I wanted to someone to

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teach English, I'd hire an English teacher, not me - there are a few things I can tell you.

All Chinese people do look alike, newborn Chinese babies do bear a striking resem-

Xiao Peng, sort of in the way British newborns look like Winston Churchill, and American babies look like W.C. Fields.

However, Chinese people are mostly short. That's because there's so many of them. There are actually 17 billion people in China, and they have to fit in the country, so they are short. Except for Yao Ming, the 9-foot-tall center for the Houston Rockets. That's because he's actually two people, Yao and Ming, and they stand on each other's shoulders. Chinese scientists are working on an even taller version, who

SHANGHAI - China is a will actually be three persons, Long Tall Sally.

> (Those of you who think I'm serious - and I've talked to enough of you to know there will be some – should not read the parts in the parentheses, because it will spoil your sense of

> > righteous indignation. It is here that I might be tempted to say something that is actually true.)

Chinese people do eat rice at every meal, washing it down with rice wine and having Rice-a-Roni for dessert. There is so much rice in China that it falls from blance to Deng Tr. Their the sky like rain. Their

favorite American authors are Anne and Grantland Rice, and during football season they root for Rice University.

China is of course a very powerful country. That's because everyone here knows Kung Fu, and some of them can even fly for short distances.

(This came up when some of my Chinese students said they understood a lot about America from watching movies, such as Sleepless in Seattle and Titanic. As it turns out, Crouching Tiger, Hidden Plotline, or whatever that was called, was neither a professor of English at Shangcommercial or critical success

in China, because there are a lot of movies just like that made here.)

(In fact, a lot of Chinese television seems to consist of Ming Dynasty costume soap operas, which center around really pretty people with problems, but who can also fly and do Kung Fu. There's also a Chinese version of South Park and ves, they kill Kenji every week.)

(But my personal favorite is this shopping channel that frequently shows a badly dubbed infomercial for a device that electronically sucks the fat right out of your body! Why is our government keeping this miracle of science from us? It's the media's fault, I tell you!)

Finally, you should know that China is ruled by a giant panda with magic powers, who lives on a rice cloud high in the sky. Magic Panda only comes to earth on festival days, or sometimes to watch an American movie.

As for me, I'm busy teaching and working on my next theatrical epic, a Kung Fu sort of story, tentatively titled Nine Fingers of Doom, although Crouching Panda, Hidden Agenda might sell more tickets.

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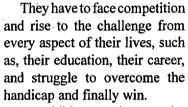
population in the world. One third of its population is the young generation.

We always hold the opinion that the young generation is the future of a country. Therefore, in order to know about China well, it is helpful

to start off with the young generation.

First of let's focus our mind on the young generation living in the city.

Nowadays, owing to the rapid development our society, the young generation has to take more responsibilities for their own lives.



In addition, owing to the national policy of "one family, one child," the young generation bears heavier responsibilities than ever. Their parents are longing for their success all the time which gives their children heavy pressure and makes them feel that they can't fail.

On the other hand, thanks to

China has the largest the open policy implemented by our country, the young generation in the city has more chances to experience new developments, they have access to modern technology, and enjoy great benefits from better education, and have a pleasurable time as well.

> Secondly, the young generation living in the countryside should also be paid great attention to.

> On the contrary, of because the great gap existing between city and countryside, almost all young people in the countryside wish to make their lives better. Weak educational background, poor

economic condition, as well as fewer family resources, all these factors make them lag behind in the society. Therefore, they have an increasing urge to change their lives.

As a result, they pour into big cities to seek their fortune.

They do hard jobs in the city that people there never paid attention to. After five to 10 years of hard work, they go back to their hometowns with some wealth.

They build their new house, get married and start their own

business.

living Although undeveloped circumstances, they have some admirable characteristics, such independence, courage, diligence, which lead them to a successful life.

Although there are so many differences between the young generation living in the city and the young generation living in the countryside.

In fact, both of them share some characteristics in common.

First, they all love China in their hearts, and have full confidence that China is making great progress now, and will have a good prospect in the near future.

Second, all of them have a definite objective, for example, to possess a lovely house, or to be a successful entrepreneur, and want to do their efforts to make their dreams come true.

They are more self-confident, more creative and more diligent than their parents. They also really like to try anything they never experienced before.

Finally, they always believe that our country will become much stronger through their efforts, and only doing this, will their lives be much happier.

Lela Yu is a Ph.D. student at Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

Cities foster growth and success for youth Family and hard work encouraged by culture

Guest

Column

It's quite difficult to introduce our country to a foreigner, because our lives are mostly the same as theirs.

We go to work every day, and we use the same tools such automobile and computer and internet; we also enjoy weekend with our friends or families. watching NBA or movies from

Hollywood. There seems to be no difference between Chinese and Americans.

On the other hand, there are still so many different aspects between two nations, such as history, culture, climate and costume.

In my opinion, the main difference is focused traditional culture, with which a Chinese could be told from an American.

I've met a few scholars from American laboratories.

They often introduced some work done by Chinese in their lab, and they told us that they would be more successful if more Chinese were in their lab. "They are clever and diligent,"

An American usually goes to a party or a bar at weekend, and if there is only one person still working in lab, he must be Chinese.

give "They more achievements to our laboratory than the other."

That's true, I think, and the reason lies in different culture.

In China, everyone knows "bitter first, and sweet later." So they will work hard when they are still young, because they believe that the harder they work today, the better life they will live tomorrow.

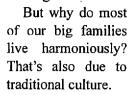
While they are old, they have already been accustomed to working hard and may feel shame if they are at leisure.

So, you see, a Chinese person will be busy during all his life, that's traditional culture.

Some Americans may not understand that Chinese people live with their parents even if they are married.

In their opinion, they should form a new family and live in another house.

They think there are many things unendurable when they live together.



In Chinese family, children are told to respect elders when they begin to learn something, and it's considered to be a virtue that young men show respect to

old people.

Lambo Liu

The concept of family is more important than themselves.

Under this precondition, many conflicts between familial members can be solved well, and they can take care of others

While in America, children are taught to be independent. They will be free when they are 18 years old, and they should support themselves.

The meaning of family may be far less important than in China, so leaving home to live an independent life is a natural thing.

The difference of traditional culture lies in many aspects, here discussed above were only a small part of them.

For example, you may find any difference in music, costume and dietetic structure, the reasons are also mostly in traditional culture.

It should be pointed out that the difference is becoming smaller with the increasing intercommunion countries all over the world.

More and more young people in China tend to look on weekend as pastime, and they also want to live out of their family.

They choose another attitude of life like American, enjoying everyday and do not think about their future.

At the same time, people in America also tend to learn Chinese traditional culture; they speak Chinese and eat Chinese food like Da Shan from Canada.

Maybe someday in the future, it will be impossible to distinguish American and Chinese except for color of skin and home place.

Liu "Lambo" Bo is a Ph.D. student in biomedical engineering at Shanghai Jiao Tong University.



Lela Yu

China rich with historical culture

What should we show Americans who want to know about China? Should we tell them that Chinese are really different or that Chinese are not so different from Americans? To me, I want to

show something different. China is a multinational country. I'm lucky that I'm a Yi people: one of the 55 minorities in China. So I want to tell you something about my nation.

Most Yi persons reside in Sichuan, YunNan and GuangXi provinces. We live on corn, potato, beans and some other plants that grow on mountainsides. I always feel proud that we have our spoken and written language; we have our calendar, special clothing, food and festivals. One of the most important festivals is the Torch Festival.

We usually celebrate Torch Festival in June 24- 26 on the lunar calendar.

It is said that the god made

locust to destroy plants for many reasons which I can't remember fully, so people had poor harvest



Ku Shiwei

and many people starved to death a very long time ago. At last, a very clever young man taught people how to use torches to burn out the pests. Then, people used torches to clear away all the

locusts and have

a good harvest. And from then on, we gathered together and lit torches to memorialize this success and hope for a good harvest of the next year. This tradition passed down and we still celebrate it every year today.

Today's Torch Festival is much different from what it was in the past. We now celebrate it for entertainment as well as passing down the meaning of

We add some new activities to make it more interesting; and we hold an International Torch Festival every four years to attract more tourists to come our place. In the festival, many different people here do the same things together, no matter what your color, where you come from, what you wear, and no matter if you are short or tall, fat or thin, young or old, people here all hand in hand to make a round circle around the flaming torch fire to dance together. And there are still many

races, wrestling, singing, and a torch parade. It's really fun to take part in this festival. There are still many different things. Anyway, we are all human beings; we are not so

other activities like bullfighting,

sheep fighting, cockfights, horse

work and enjoy ourselves also. Ku Shiwei is a graduate student doing research on solar cells at Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

different at all. We eat, drink, do

EDITOR'S NOTE: Highline professor T.M. Sell, currently at Shanghai Jiao Tong University, asked his classes to write about what they think American students should know about China. Here is some of what they said.

ARTS

Experience the culture of Africa

By Robbie MILLER

STAFF REPORTER

Experience the sights and sounds of Africa as the Highline choral arts program brings its final event in a series of cultural excursions to campus.

The performance, entitled Adventures in Africa, will be held in Building 7 on Thursday, May 19, at 12:30 p.m.

Each quarter, the choir practices music from a different culture and sings it in the original languages.

They learned Chinese and South American songs over the past two quarters and concluded each with a performance.

"We had a full crowd at each of those (performances)," choir director, Dr. Sandra Glover, said.

"They were a wonderful success."

The choir's take on Chinese music earned them an opportunity to perform at the Tacoma Dome for Chinese New Year.

They also received an invitation from the Chinese government to travel to China.

The African performance will have songs from Ghana, Zimbabwe and Kenya in their languages, including Swahili.

Despite being unfamiliar with the multiple languages, the choir found learning songs in African languages to be much easier than Chinese, Dr. Glover said.



Photo by Keith Daigle

Highline choral arts program rehearsing for the Adventures in Africa performance. This performance will be held on Thursday, May 19, in Building 7 at 12:30 p.m. This performance will include cultural songs sang in it's original languages.

"The students loved it," Glover said.

"We learned more pieces faster."

Music faculty member Debra Evans will provide occasional accompaniment on the piano, but the performance will be mostly a cappella.

The choir will mix some hand drumming into the performance to keep from ignoring the essential rhythmic aspect of African music, Dr. Glover said.

"Drums are an integral part more than just the music.

of African music," she said.

The students enjoy the unique polyrhythmic patterns of the music more than anything else.

"The rhythms are really cool and fun," said choir member Amy van Mechelen.

Fellow choir member Michelle Searle echoed her opinion.

"It's really hard," Searle said.
"But it has been a lot of fun. Dr.
Glover is a great teacher."

Searle found herself learning more than just the music.

"It teaches you a lot about (African) culture too," Searle said

In her first quarter with the choir, Marlissa Dickinson also enjoyed the learning process.

"We're serious about learning the songs," Dickinson said.

"But we're still always having fun and joking around in class."

The upbeat atmosphere of the classroom matches that of the music.

"The songs are all really fun 878-3710 ext. 6170.

and lively," Dickinson said.

Dr. Glover compared African music to that of Caribbean cultures, but noted that "African music does have its own flavor."

The Music Department is also bringing in guests for the event who will demonstrate different musical instruments and styles of dance associated with the culture.

For more information, contact Dr. Sandra Glover at 206-878-3710 ext. 6170.

Library Art Gallery shows its best for last

By Tyler Jones

STAFF REPORTER

Throughout the month of May and the first part of June, Highline's Library will be exhibiting art work done by students and faculty.

The exhibit includes ceramics, water color, drawings, photography, sculptures and paintings.

"One of the nicest galleries I've seen since I've worked here," said Highline Librarian Taleasha Byrd.

Art and photography teacher Jim Gardner displayed one of his pictures, titled *Survivor*.

"The picture was taken in Shrewsbury, England, at a friend's garden," Gardner said.

"My friend wanted to show me his garden, the cabbage patch in particular was pretty dead except one cabbage that looked as if someone placed it there."

There are many ceramic and sculpture pieces by Lois Thompson, Carol Misterek

Bell, Rob Droessler and Iuriann Hartuing.

There is not a lot of abstract work done this year, but it is very representational, Gardner said.

"Because I am involved in pottery myself I looked especially close to the pottery that was being displayed," said Highline Librarian Darlene Rangitsch.

"I could look at each piece



This is a ceramic sculpture by Lois Thompson displayed in the library art gallery.

and see how they made them, I really enjoyed what they did."

Quiana Garlin, Phuong Nguyen, Tanya Parker and Brian Bakke all had their photos exhibited, which all are black and white.

"The drawings this year were pretty well represented, compared to previous years," Gardner said.

There are drawings done by Phoung Tran and Sharon Myoung, which are very interesting.

These artists used hous hold items for theme subjects, such as a bowl of eggs, kitchen utensils and a polo shirt.

In the center of the floor, there is a ceramic pot piece done by Lois Thompson.

This piece is very interesting, consisting of blue on the bottom, working its way up to green and then finishing off the top with yellow.

"It's nice to see that somebody else made a piece that way," said Rangitsch.

There are two cases that dis-

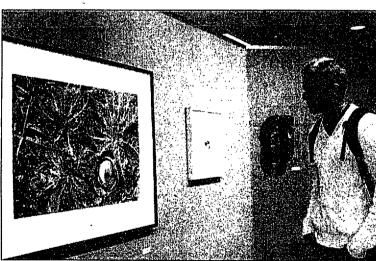


Photo by Sarah Russell

Highline student Victor Mazurets stops to appreciate artwork done by Jim Gardener. This piece is named Survivor.

play many ceramic pieces, such as flutes and a mask that is decorated with glass done by Sanaa Ghani.

"I really liked the mask done by Sanaa Ghani, the way she uses glass and other shiny materials really gives it an artistic look that I haven't seen," said Highline student Alex Gaston.

This is the last exhibit held at Highline's Library this year.

"It's sad to see it go, I really liked to go and look at all the art that was there throughout the year, but I guess there is always next year," said Highline student Terence Carlson.

The Library Art Gallery is located in the Building 25, fourth floor.

Admission is free.

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

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Gospel rap brings inspiration to Highline

BY ROBBIE MILLER

STAFF REPORTER

Believe it or not, hip-hop and a positive message can mix, according to Gerald and Tanny Jackson.

Campus Crusade for Christ will offer proof of this today by bringing eight different gospel and rap artists to Highline.

The free concert will be today from 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in the Mount Constance room on the second floor of the Student Union.

Co-leader Brittany Clark was inspired to switch up the usual rock bands they line up after hearing a Bishop OG Freeze al-

The scheduled performers are

Bishop OG Freeze, The Infamous TeLuvy, G.L.S. Mission, L-4-T-L, Elements of Praises, J. Bellemy, and Highline's own GT Jackson.

GT Jackson is the husbandand-wife duo of Gerald and Tanny Jackson.

Gerald Jackson has been working at Highline for four years in the Administrative Technology department, while Tanny works in fulltime minis-

"We tag-team on the music and lyrics," [Gerald] Jackson said. Having released one album entitled God Loves Us, they have another slated for release in August. They have 11 years of experience performing together, but their collaborations stretch

far beyond the music world.

"God put it on our hearts to reach out to the college age," [Gerald] Jackson said.

Following after what they saw as their calling, the Jacksons the Servanthood founded Ministry Revival Center.

They run the ministry mostly out of Building 7, where they also hold a weekly non-denominational church service on Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

They have released numerous DVDs, including three in a series called *Phazes*, in which they encourage utilizing talents through the testimonies of oth-

"You don't know how far someone can go off a word of encouragement," [Gerald]

Jackson said. His wife Tanny says their "message is love and hope."

"Our job is to build (people) up," she said, "and to let them know, 'You've got purpose, you are somebody.""

The Jacksons believe that their music is a God-given vessel to share this hope.

"There are life changing messages in the songs," [Gerald] Jackson said.

However, they are aware of the peculiarity of the medium they use to convey these messages.

"(Rap) is selling our generation a false image," he said. "God said, 'Take that and use it for the kingdom."

For the past 11 years, they

have answered to this by travelling all over the Northwest and performing their songs for anybody who'll listen, particularly troubled youth.

"Rap isn't bad," [Gerald] Jackson said. "It's all about the content of the message and what it is being used to portray. We are using the platform of rap music the way God has intended us to by bringing messages of life and hope."

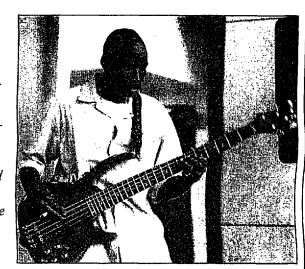
Tanny Jackson used to dislike rap because of all the negative things it promotes.

One night she felt compelled by God to go to a rap show and her view of rap was changed forever. Since then, the Jacksons have used "the gift of rap to reach a lot of kids," she said.

The Blend brings soulful music to the Bistro



Brown and Ronald Fortson play jazz and covers of **Bob Marley** and Jimi Hendrix. Fortson and Brown play in a band called Septimus, and came to Highline to participate in the bi-weekly event, the Blend.



Above: Ronald Fortson plays the bass for Highline students.

New cookbook highlights benefits of vegan cuisine

BY KATE MULDOON

STAFF REPORTER

Vegans everywhere will have a new devotion for their food and lifestyle thanks to the cookbook written by the chefs of the Blooming Lotus in Hawaii.

Blossoming Lotus Vegan World Fusion Cuisine- Healing Recipes & Timeless Wisdom -From Our Hearts To Yours, by Mark Reinfeld, Bo Rinaldi, and the chefs of the Blooming Lotus, is informative, and gives a clear picture of what it is to be a vegan.

This book, published by Thousand Petals Publishing, in 2003, was filled with more than recipes; it is a testament to vegans and their lifestyles.

The forward, by Dr. Jane Goodall, was well written. It definitely gave a lot of informa-

The arguments for living a vegan lifestyle - respect for animals, health, environmental and political concerns - have merit.



Photo by Alicia Mendez

The new cookbook by chefs in Hawaii tells how to make vegan cuisine and gives the benefits of being

The book takes quite a while to explain why people choose to become vegan, which was unnecessary.

The target audience, for the most part, will have already embraced the lifestyle. If they were trying to inform or convert people, it wasn't the appropriate place to do so.

Written in every recipe are the cooking instructions, or what the authors define "loving preparation." The forward, by Dr. Goodali also explains what one should consider before enjoying food.

"Please take a moment before preparing or partaking of the recipes.

Take a breath and give thanks. Send love to all those involved in the wheel of life from seed to table.

"Give thanks for the bounty of the Earth that provides for all of our needs."

Every page is filled with glossy photos and illustrations.

The dishes looked as though they would be enjoyed by vegans and non-vegans alike.

Alliterations and names for dishes like Pilani's Papaya Pine Nut Salsa, Athena's Antipasto Platter, and Bodhisattva's BBQ Tempeh Kebabs were generously organically sea salted all through the book.

However, the recipes themselves left something to be de-

One example of this is vegan "cheez."

Made of cashews, lemon juice, and filtered water, it may be a cheeselike substance, but how many cheese lovers would be interested in trying cheez?

This cookbook will inform about the farming and meat industry. Vegans will love this

As for everyone else, they may walk away hungry for slightly meatier recipes.



THE THUNDERWORD

PUZZIES

Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

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

ACROSS

- 2. 14-Down minus 5-Across
- 4. Consecutive digits in ascending order
- 5. The last digit is the sum of the other digits
- 7. 2-Across times 9-Across
- 9. The last digit is four times the first digit
- 10. Four times 7-Down
- 12. 4-Across plus 2-Down
- 14. Ten more than 14-Down 15. One-fifth of 12-Across
- 17. Seven times 1-Down

DOWN

- 1. Two less than 10-Across
- 2. 17-Across plus 3-Down 3. Nine times 16-Down
- 6. Different even digits
- 7. Seven more than 9-Across
- 8. Consecutive digits
- rearranged 11. Consecutive digits in
- ascending order 13. Consecutive digits
- rearranged 14. Four less than 15-Across
- 16. The first digit is three times the last digit

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1. GEOGRAPHY: In terms of land area, what is Scandinavia's largest country? 2. LANGUAGE: What do

the British call eggplants? 3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which U.S. president put

down the Whisky Rebellion?

4. TELEVISION: What was the top-rated TV show for the 1970s?

5. NATURAL WORLD: In a plant, what is the name of the vessels that carry food from the leaves to the rest of the plant?

6. LITERATURE: Which Shakespearean play contains the line, "The quality of mercy is not strained"? 7. MUSIC: Singer Lionel Richie once was a member of which popular music group?

8. EXPLORERS: Which explorer constantly searched in vain for the "seven gold cities of Cibola"?

9. MOVIES: For what movie did Yul Brynner win an Oscar in 1956 for best actor?

10. MYTHOLOGY: According to Greek mythology, who resides in the Elysian Fields?

10. The blessed dead 9. "The King and I" 8. Coronado 7. The Commodores 6. "The Merchant of Ven-5. Phloem 4. "All in the Family". 3. George Washington 2. Aubergines 1. Sweden

Answers

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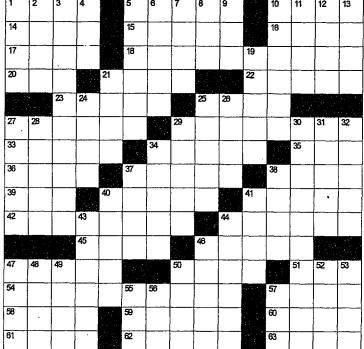
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- 17 Understands
- 18 USPS offering
- 20 Residue
- 21 Dish out soup
- 22 Transported
- 23 Express yourself
- 25 They bring in the bucks
- 27 Robe
- 29 Joseph in Milan
- 33 In the middle of
- 34 Long suit
- 35 Vase
- 36 New Englander
- 37 Plumber's assignments
- 38 Editor's direction
- 39 Mature
- 40 Lush
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- 47 Neckwear
- 50 Metric unit
- 51 Clairvoyance
- 54 Poker goal
- 57 Use a keyboard
- 58 Wildly; without self-control 27 Small canoe
- 59 Speak
- 60 Romances
- 61 Gentle as a lamb
- 62 Measured out 63 Fully aware of
- **Down**

- 2 Wallet stuffers
- 3 Rich

- 1 Adventure story

- 4 Altos

Crossword 101



By Ed Canty

- 5 Attractive woman:Sl.
- 6 Electrode
- 7 Hole in the ground
- 8 The Raven's author
- 9 One, some, every, or all
- 10 Examine
- 11 Vegas probabilities
- 12 Type of joint 13 Court or back add on
- 19 Corpulent
- 21 Drawn-out
- 24 Trappist, e.g.
- 25 Mournful music 26 Baseball defensive goals
- 28 Icon
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- 31 Groom with elaborate care
- 32 Hall, e.g.
- 34 Fail
- 37 Excellent;Sl 38 Shoemaker's concern
- 40 Faculty
- 41 Steering mechanism

- 43 Tiger's try
- 44 Frazzled
- 46 Ridge
- 47 Tiff 48 Unconsciousness
- 49 Particle
- 50 No-see-um
- 52 Position 53 Pedro's moolah
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- 56 Product of 7 Down 57 Deuce

Quotable Quote

Money doesn't always bring happiness. People with ten million dollars are no happier than people with nine

••• Hobart Brown

million dollars.

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alendar

· From Thursday, May 19, to Saturday, May 21, the Drama Department will be showing a series of plays called One-Acts.

These plays are directed by student directors from Highline. The student direc-

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tors are Sonya Harris, Kim Elenich, Mike Bacalzo, and Syrina Watts.

The plays will be held in Building 4, the Little Theater at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 for stu-

public. · Movie Fridays is showing Le Goût Des Autres (The

dents and \$6 for the general

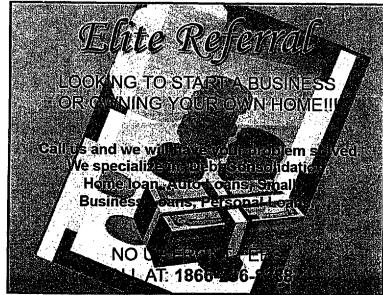
Agnes Jaoui. This movie is about awkward love triangles that encounter each other through different cultures.

every week. It's a class but free, you must register for each one at

Different movies are viewed

the door. Following the film is a discussion and reflection about

Taste of Others). the film. It's starts at 1 p.m. in This movie is directed by Building 26 room 213.





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Lady T-Bird's show they are the ones to beat

BY TREVOR KULVI

STAFF REPORTER

The countdown has now reached boiling point of the season. With the championship meet now just seven days away, the Highline women's track team made one last effort to get the qualifying marks they needed for the NWAACC championship meet at the Ken Foreman Invite.

The meet was held on May 14 at the University of Washington and hosted by Seattle Pacific University.

Despite the poor weather conditions, Head Coach Robert Yafes was pleased with the performances of his athletes, especially the women's 4x100-meter relay.

The 4x100-meter relay consisted of Zori Garasmichuck, Kerry McHugh, Carolyn Norman, and Monaka White. Together they ran a time of 48.32 seconds, which placed them second.

That time set a new school record by one second and still has Highline atop the leader board in the NWAACC standings.

"The biggest surprise of the meet was the women's 4x100-meter relay," said Coach Yates. "They broke the school record by one second and it's going to be a tight race between us and Spokane at the Championship meet."

In the women's 100-meter



Photos by Sarah Russell

Christine Kim trains with Zori Garasimchuck for upcoming NWAACC championships

dash, Garasmichuck led the way for the T-Birds with a third place finish in a time of 12.83 followed by Norman who finished fifth in a time of 12.86 and White who finished tenth with a time of 13.33.

Both McHugh and Christine Kim doubled up in both the 100 and 400-meter hurdles.

In the 100 hurdles, McHugh was the second community college placer with a time of 16.33 and Kim was the third community college placer with a time of 17.69.

In the 400-meter hurdles, McHugh finished as the second community college runner with a time of 1:10.90 while Kim was the fourth community college finisher with a time of 1:14.54.

In the women's 200 meters, both Garasmichuk and Norman were the top two community college runners placing third and fourth respectively with times of 26.04 and 26.59.

In the women's 800-meter run, Crystal Lundahl was the top community college runner with a time of 2:26.77 which placed her nineteenth overall.

The duo of Jami Jablonski and Sarah Hudgins ran in the women's 3,000-meter run and finished as the second and third place community college run-

ners behind only Jessica Emmel of Treasure Valley.

Jablonski had a time of 11:59.28 and Hudgins had a time of 12:29.05. With those marks now in the standings, Jablonski now moves into the final position to run at championships.

In the women's 5,000-meter run, sophomore Sitges Marshall led wire to wire, winning easily in a time of 17:35.87, which was 16 seconds faster than Kelsey Jones of Eastside Track Club who finished in second place.

"There was no one there to push her, she had to do the work by herself and had a good time in those conditions," said Yates. "She wasn't 100 percent and set high standards for herself."

The field events were just as impressive as the running events with some gutsy performances, especially from freshman Shelby Avaava.

On Thursday, Avaava had her wisdom teeth removed and threw the hammer for the first time at the meet on Saturday. Avaava ended up finishing eighth overall in her preliminary heat, but failed to make the finals.

In the discus throw, Avaava had a throw of 125 feet 8 inches, which was an improvement of one inch of her season's best.

"I was very impressed with Avaava's performance," said Yates. "With her wisdom teeth being removed, she showed some toughness and it will definitely show at the championships."

In the high jump, Taryn Plypick finished in a tie for eighth place with Kailin Webb of Simon Fraser with a jump of 4 feet 11.5 inches but won because of fewer misses at the height.

At the long jump pit, Plypick was the top community college placer, with a mark of 16 feet 1 inch and was the top community college placer in the triple jump with a mark of 33 feet 3.25 inches.

The Lady T-Bird's next meet is the NWAACC Championship meet on May 26 and 27 at Mount Hood Community College.

Men's track will fight for number one spot at NWAACC's

BY MARK KNIGHT

STAFF REPORTER

The Highline men's track team finishes up the season with good results at the Ken Foreman Invite hosted by Seattle Pacific University.

Head Coach Yates was pleased with the results of this final meet before the NWAACC championships on May 26 and 27.

"We had just a lot of good marks, though we are still dealing with aches and pains," said Yates.

In the 100-meter dash, Highline placed second and third, Bruce Hubbard placed second with a time of 10.90, and Rickey Moody placed third with a time of 11.04.

The 200-meter dash was also a big event for Hubbard, he placed third with a time of 22.68.

Andrew O'Keefe and Larry Mays also ran in the 200-meter. O'Keefe had a time of 23.02 and placed ninth while Mays' time



Men's track takes this week to train harder for the championships.

was 24.09 and he placed 15.

O'Keefe went on to compete in the 110-meter high hurdles and placed fifth with his time of 15.73.

"O'Keefe had his season's best, he's going to surprise some people at the championship meet," said Yates.

David Larpentuer was only four seconds off of his season's best time in the steeple chase, of 9:42.54, his time was 9:46.89.

"The biggest thing was when we put Rickey Moody on the 4x100 relay and we ran the second fastest time in school history," said Yates.

The fastest time in school history for the 4x100 relay was 41.69. Hubbard, Andrew O'Keefe, Brynnen McIver, and Moody ran it in 41.73 and they placed first at the meet.

Adam Redmond had a distance of 14 feet seven and a half inches in the pole vault and Yates said that it is another personal record for him.Redmond tied for sixth.

"There are some good polevaulters in this conference and he is right in the thick of things," said Yates.

In the long jump, Moody won with a jump of 23 feet 4 inches. McIver placed sixth with a jump of 21 feet 9 inches, and James Turner placed 11 with a jump of 19 feet 11.75 inches.

McIver was third in the triple jump with a distance of 44 feet 2.75 inches. Overall Yates is happy for the week of training before NWAACC championships on 26 and 27.

"This last week of training is is on May 19.

going to set the mindset that we have for the championships," said Yates.

Highline athletes are taking the time to train and to prepare for the most anticipated meet of the season. "NWAACC's is when the

team needs to come together, we have a good shot," said Larpenteur.
"Because we have many re-

"Because we have many returning athletes from last year's championship team," said Larpenteur.

A few Highline athletes will be traveling down on their own to the Last Chance meet at Willamette University to try and qualify for the championships.

Trevor Kulvi is traveling to Willamette and he is trying to qualify for the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

"I desperately want this qualifying mark in the steeplechase because I want to make some noise in the championship meet," said Kulvi.

The Willamette Last Chance is on May 19.

THE THUNDERWORD

SPORTS

Lady T-Birds finish last in the North Division

BY BEN REINDEL

STAFF REPORTER

The Lady T-Birds' season came to an end last weekend in a lower note, as they finished with a losing record.

On Friday, Highline traveled to Olympic and lost both games 9-2, 6-1.

The Lady T-Birds returned home on Saturday for the season finale against Bellevue only to again lose both games 9-3, and 13-3.

The Lady T-Birds made the long trip to Olympic only to finish the day with the team's 31 and 32 losses of the season.

Katie Michaels took to the mound in the first game, and was overpowered by Olympic. Olympic scored nine runs on 11 hits.

Highline wasn't able to get their offense together, as they were only able to put together two runs on eight hits.

The T-Birds sent Kelsey Conklin to the mound for the second game.

Again it was all Olympic as the Lady Rangers scored six runs on eight hits and held the Lady T-Birds to one run on two

The Lady T-Birds returned home on Saturday to close out their season against first-place Bellevue.

In the first game, Kelsey Conklin pitched and gave up nine runs on seven Bellevue hits.

Conklin walked away with a lost due to Highline's offense which only produce three runs on six hits.

The second game was more disappointing as the Lady T-Birds found themselves on the losing end again by a score of 13-3.

Bellevue completed the season's sweep, busting out 10 hits on Highline's 6.

Highline finished the year in the cellar of the NWAACC North Division with an overall record of 3-34.

This was the worst season that Coach Anne Schmidt has had, since taking over the control of the team.

Although the record suggests disappointment, Highline catcher Ashley Nevares took a different spin on the moral of the year.

"Although the season didn't go as well as I would've liked, I still had fun playing a game I love," said Nevares.

Nevares will take her great mind and attitude to Ellensburg next year to study at Central Washington University.

Many problems have been

noticable players, fans, and coaches.

The biggest problem was the lack of personnel, as there were only nine active players for the great majority of the year due to injuries and recruiting.

Nevares said concerning recruiting that, "It's some of that preseason stuff that you need to take care of, or it will hurt you in the long run."

Highline played all year with two pitchers, Conklin and Katie Michaels.

With Michaels going out with a rib injury towards the end of the season, Conklin was

called upon to start every game from then on.

When a season goes the way that it did this year, players start looking toward fulfilling personal goals and statistics.

Nevares said, "It's not about winning or losing, it's about how you play the game."

"I look back at the season and am happy about how I played," she said.

Many people had great individual efforts during the 2005 season.

Players like Andrea Hughes put up great power numbers. Sandra Proulx kept the defense steady in the outfield.

games to first-place Bellevue.

Nevares kept the dugout alive in tough games and was the emotional leader all year, without hesitation.

The T-Birds with a little more depth, pitching, and defense weren't far from being a strong

Though the women lacked

depth, the determination and passion was still there.

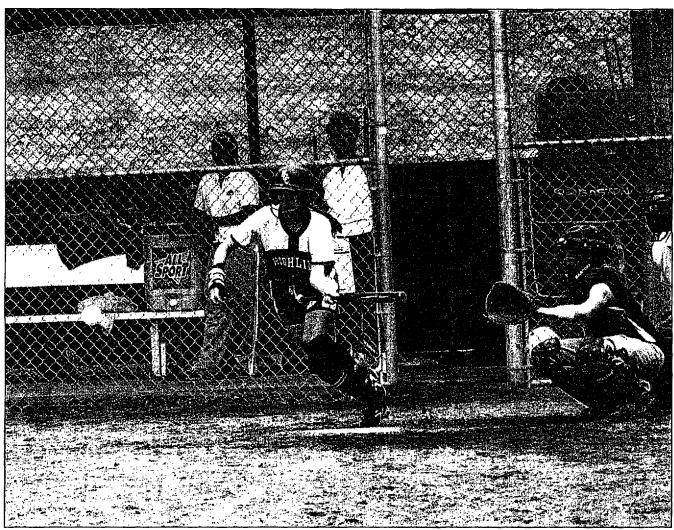
The T-Birds never gave up, but gave it their all until the very end, regardless on what the score was.

Coach Schmidt and her staff will regroup during the offseason and come back with a winning attitude.

With high hopes, good recruiting, and an amiable attitude, the Lady T-Birds will prepare to spread their wings on a new season.

The women's fastpitch team ended the regular season with a 3-34. Advancing onto the NWAACC tournament will be Bellevue, who finished in first place at 24-8, tied in second place at 21-11 was Olympic and Everett, and following up closely was Green River in fourth place at 20-12.

The NWAACC tournament will be May 20-22 at Delta Park in Portland, Ore. Green River will play first against Walla Walla.

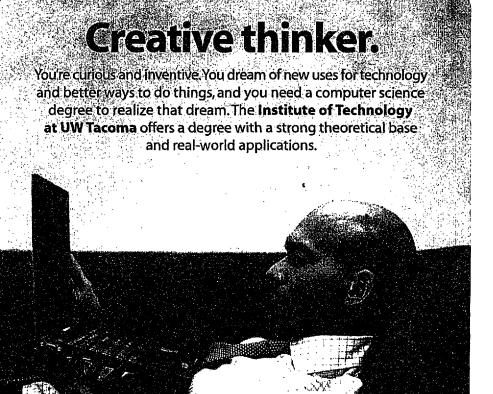


A Highline player goes for a drag bunt in a game with Bellevue last Saturday. The Lady T-Birds went on to lose both

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and hats off to Conklin and Michaels who started every game

contender this season.



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THE THUNDERWORD

Highline is in position for track repeat

Last year at this time, the Highline community was celebrating the NWAACC men's track championship season.

While the T-Bird men have been defending their championship all season, the season comes to a culmination next Thursday and Friday at the NWAACC championships.

This year's track team is oking to repeat their feat from last year and will be in a good position to do just that with the emergence of some of the league's best runners.

On both the men's and women's teams, there will be a fair share of individual champions that will hopefully lead to a repeat for the men and the women's first team track championship.

Leading the way as she has done all season and throughout her time here at Highline is Sitges Marshall. Marshall is the favorite in the 3,000 and 10,000 meters, having won both events last year.

Marshall will be looking to improve on last year's second place finish in the 5,000 meter. Off the Bench



Jamie Grossmann

Barring any injuries or other ailments. Marshall will be adding these individual championships to her already impressive resume that includes the women's individual cross-country championship.

Also for the women, one has to expect big things from the 4x100 relay that consists of Zori Garasmichuk, Kerry McHugh, Carolyn Norman, and Monika

White. Currently the women are ranked first in the league and have already broken the school record in the 4x100 relay.

However, the women's team has proven that they should not be taken lightly and that any of the women can come out and surprise the competition.

The women will go in with points that have been awarded by Taryn Plypick's performance in the heptathlon.

On the men's side, David Larpenteur will be making his second appearance in the steeplechase this year. Last year, Larpenteur finished third in the steeplechase and will be looking to improve on that.

Bruce Hubbard will be looking to double up on the 100 and 200 meters. Hubbard is currently the top qualifier in the 100 and fourth in the 200 meter.

And one can't forget about Rickey Moody who has already laid claim to the multi-events championship. Moody will also be competing in the 100 meter, the long jump, triple jump, high jump, discus, and javelin.

Moody, Brynnen Mciver, and

James Turner have put Highline in a good position to repeat with the points they have received from their performances in the decathlon.

Prior to last year, Highline had only one track championship and that was in 1969. Hopefully by the end of next week, the men will be adding their second consecutive and third overall championship.

The women are set to show that they are an improved team from last year and will be looking for strong performances from their sophomores.

While it will be a sad end to a magnificent run for some of the athletes who will be competing, they have helped bring Highline back from the brink of extinction and solidified the program around the area as being a class act full of talent.

Only time will tell but one can expect that regardless of the outcome next week, the Highline athletes who are competing will give it everything they have and when the other competitors are letting up, Highline will still be giving it their all.

BY CHRIS RICHCREEK

1. Who has won the most World Series -- the Dodgers or the Pirates?

2. Who was the last Dodger before Adrian Beltre in 2004 to lead the National League in home runs for a season?

3. Name the only player to win an Outland Trophy (college football's top interior lineman) twice.

4. Who was the last NBA player before Shaquille O'Neal to win the regular-season MVP Award and later be traded?

5. Name the four teams at the NCAA hockey's Frozen Four in 2004.

6. St. Louis has won the most NCAA men's soccer championships with 10. When was the school's last title?

Answers

6. It was 1973. Denver won the championship. Duluth and Boston College. 5. Denver, Maine, Minnesota-

traded to Houston in 1996. MVP award in 1993 and was 4. Charles Barkley won the

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have won five (last in 1979). in 1988); the Pittsburgh Pirates Dodgers have won six (the last 1. The Brooklyn/Los Angeles

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NWAACC/Horizon Air Coaches' Poll

School	Record	Votes
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2. Chemeketa	30-7	61
3. Col. Basin	30-6	49
4. Mt. Hood	25-11	45

Clackamas	29-11	38
Spokane	24-14	22
7. Walla Walla	21-17	17
8. Bellevue	30-11	10

ALSO RECEIVING VOTES: Everett (22-15, 2 votes), Olympic (23-15, 2 votes), & Wenatchee Valley (21-17, 1 votes)

Scores

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- NEWS

Marine center to expand opportunities

BY M.G. PIKUL

STAFF REPORTER

The Marine Science and Technology Center at Highline won a \$315,000 congressional award in April.

For the second year in a row, the Department of Education awarded the money to the MaST Center to buy equipment, and to set up and run new programs, Bob Maplestone, Science Division Chair, said.

The MaST Center, located on Redondo Beach just 5 minutes from Highline, was started to educate the public about the Puget Sound ecosystem.

Highline students can take Marine Biology, Marine Birds and Mammals, or Oceanography classes at the MaST Center and it will count as part of their science requirements.

"Our goal is to promote sci-



Photo by Alicia Mendez

Students from MaST cast nets into Puget Sound at Redondo

ence and education, anything we can do to spark an interest is a plus," Maplestone said.

Among the new equipment purchased is a 4-foot deep acrylic touch tank, which SCUBA divers stock with marine life.

The new tanks are deep enough to simulate a tide.

"People can see what a simulated tidal area looks like without getting soaking wet," Biology Lab Manager Donn Walter said.

New microscopes will be purchased, some are rechargeable and can be used in the field.

"The equipment we are buying will just be making the class room better," Rus Higley, Marine Biology instructor and manager of MaST center, said.

The MaST Center has incorporated some of the "best practices of other facilities," Higley said.

"The acrylic tanks are modeled after Santa Barbara's Ty Warner Sea Center and the plumbing for the tanks is like the Seattle Aquarium," Higley said.

"We don't have to reinvent the wheel every time and find out what works and doesn't work."

One of the programs funded by the award is a kids camp called "Summer on the Sound."

Chris Ghan has organized a kids camp free of charge for 11-14-year-olds.

The day camp will meet at the MaST Center and run July 18-22.

The kids will learn about

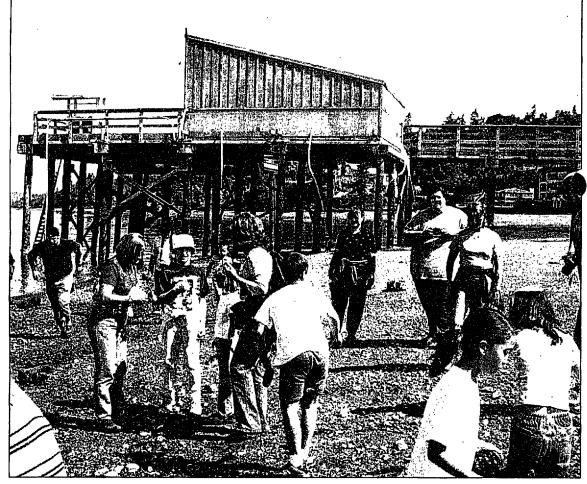


Photo courtesy of Rus Higley

The MaST Center is open to the public on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The money received will go toward buying new equipment and creating a K-12 program.

Marine Ecology while playing in tide pools, and learn to care for the sound and participate in hands-on activities.

The center is open to the public on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"We can see between 200 to 400 people on a busy Saturday," Higley said.

The center provides things "similar to the Seattle Aquarium, but with no charge to the community," Walter said.

Award money will also go to-

ward a K-12 program that promotes science and technology education through partnerships with the MaST Center.

Employees from the MaST Center will visit local schools and give talks about the habitat in and around the sound.

Field trips are also planned for the students to the MaST

With last years' award, the center purchased weather monitoring equipment.

"We measure how the sur- mast

roundings affect the water," Maplestone said.

Anyone who has access to the internet can look at the weather data that is updated every minute at http://flightline.highline. edu/MAST/weather/

Erik Scott, part of the Highline Math faculty, plans to use the statistics gained by the in-

For more information, visit the MaSt Center webiste at http://flightline.highline.edu/

Students can rock in Hawaii with summer class

By Joleen Moore

STAFF REPORTER

Highline is offering a trip to Hawaii for students who want to experience the sight of exploding volcanoes and beautiful scenery.

Geology instructor Eric Baer is providing an opportunity for students to see the geology of Hawaii.

"It is a class like no other," Baer said.

The trip is offered to any Highline students (Running Start included with permission from parents) who are willing to pay the \$1,700 fee as well as enrollment costs.

"I try to make this trip as cheap as possible, because we want to encourage as many people as possible to attend," Baer said.

While the price seems high, it covers all expenses such as food, airfare, lodging, and transportation for 12 days.



Eric Baer

"If we don't use all the funds that are provided, we refund the students with no questions asked," said Baer.

Even though the class is in Hawaii, Baer stresses to all students that it is not a vacation.

"We start each day with breakfast and are out by 8 a.m. by the latest," he said.

"From there, we are out all day observing the volcanoes and rock formations of the main island of Hawaii and the island of Oahu, there is no time for lying around."

 Apart from observing the two islands, students must complete a number of oral quizzes, tests, essays, and field journals.

They must also complete a photo journal in order to pass the course.

"I have had a high passing rate for this class because students who attend are eager to learn about geology and are willing to work hard and commit to their work," Baer said.

This is a five-credit class for lab science.

"I have taken a three-week class and crammed it into 12 days, with the understanding

that it's hard for students to take time off from work," Baer

The five-credit class trip will be departing on Aug. 15 and returning on Aug. 27.

"These dates won't interfere with Summer or Fall Quarter," Baer said.

qualify as long as they have

Any Highline student can

passed the previous geology class with a 0.7 grade.

"The purpose of this trip is to show students the history of geology," Baer said.

"When looking at the mainland, you see erupting volcanoes, then when traveling to Oahu you see the effect of what happened millions of years after the volcanoes erupted," said

"it's like you're in a time machine, there is nowhere in the world that offers such history. they offer different snapshots of time," he said.

Baer recommends this trip for anyone who wants to major in geology.

Audrey Hackett, a student of Highline who is majoring in geology, attended the trip two years ago and encourages students who want to major in geology to go on the trip.

"The fee is a little steep, but if you can afford it and you have a great interest in geologic pro-

cesses and traveling to places not on tourists' agendas, I would highly recommend this trip," Hackett said.

While Hackett enjoyed the trip, she urges students not to spend the money if they are planning on a vacation.

"It is pretty demanding, both physically and mentally.

We had incredibly long days of walking through outcrops, learning and struggling to understand all that was taught," said Hackett.

Highline has offered the class trip to Hawaii for six years and will continue offering this experience to students.

"This is an experience that students won't forget, they will get to see parts of Hawaii that tourists will never see," said

For more information regarding the Geology of Hawaii class, contact Eric Baer at ebaer@highline.edu. Or call 206-878-3710, ext. 3513.

5/19/05 The Thunderword

Highline student takes action on campus

By MICHELLE ERICKSEN
STAFF REPORTER

When Andrew Robertson's mother was laid off by Boeing in 2001, he felt that something needed to be done.

"My mom got laid off in 2001, but what really got me was that 40,000 people who worked all their lives for a livg were just gone, then the presidents and CEOs and all the people on the board get millions in bonuses, that really swung me," Robertson said.

"CEOs need to be held accountable for their workers," he said.

Robertson is an only child who lives with his mother; he began to get more radical after his mom's retrenchment. He became an anarchist.

Robertson, who goes by the nickname Drew, is the president of Students for Progressive Change, a new socialist club on campus. "I want to leave a mark on Highline, through the actions the club would take," he said.

He plans on being very politically active on campus personally and through his club.

He said he didn't plan on being part of student government; it's too much of bureaucracy, he said.

"This campus is very conservative; my goal is to get people more aware."

"Students need to start caring, really start caring about



Andrew Robertson

be to have recruiters restricted

as much as possible from the

campus. "This isn't a place for

the military to pick up people,"

Robertson said. "I'm not satis-

fied with the status quo, it's hor-

the world around them, because it's going to be our world soon, if we start caring now we can come up with solutions for the future," Robertson said.

"I'm going into direct opposition with the College Republicans. They're not bad people. I just hate what they stand for and the Democrats of Highline Community College are not standing up to them," he said.

"I think the socialist movement will grow on campus," he said.

One of his main agendas will

rible."

"I hate the fact that (some people's) only options are joining the military or getting a low-paying job," he said. "People's rights are being taken away from them by people that were sent to represent them."

The Students for Progressive Change will be focusing on three major issues: human rights and atrocities, environmental issues, and the free flow of capital.

The club is also working on a Workers Recognition Day.

"It's a day where we can appreciate all the people that make Highline happen," Robertson said. "People like the maintenance people, landscapers, and various office staff."

"We are a society of have and have-nots," said Robertson. "Class warfare is going to take place."

Robertson, who was born in Berkeley, Calif., moved to Seattle when he was nine years old. He attended Mount Rainier High School until Fall Quarter 2004, when he came to Highline as part of the Running Start Program.

"I grew up in a liberal household. My mom was in many peace and civil rights marches," said Robertson, whose favorite book is *Homage to Catalonia* by George Orwell.

"Some of my best childhood memories were during the summer when I would spend time with my grandparents," Robertson said. "It started me becoming who I am today."

Robertson is one of the newest members of Industrial Workers of the World; he joined last month.

Industrial Workers of the World is a union for all workers, their motto is A fair day's wage for a fair day's work.

When Robertson was in high school, it was his dream job to be an airline pilot and he even thought about a career with the Marines. However, he is now majoring in Political Science at Highline. "I want to become a professor and teach political science and history," he said.

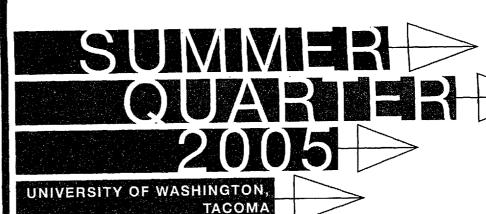
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NEWS-

Hale shows differences between broke and poor

By Doris Martinez

STAFF REPORTER

For former Highline graduate and practicing attorney Matt Hale, life is something that he is now starting to cherish.

At Wednesday's Honors Colloquy, he shared his stories of struggle and how he has risen beyond his own expectations.

Hale enrolled at Highline as a Running Start student and was later accepted to Gonzaga University. "The thing that I love about this college is its practicality," Hale said. After receiving his Bachelor's degree in Political Science, Hale enrolled into Gonzaga Law School and graduated in 2004.

As a child growing up in a single parent home, it wasn't always easy for Hale, especially when it came to finances.

"We never had money, but we were not poor," Hale said.

He credits his mother for teaching him the difference between broke and being absolutely poor.

"Poor is a state of mind, who you are. When you are broke, you look at your wallet and there is no money," Hale said.

It was in a dispute about his rights under the fourth and fifth amendment about a homework assignment with his high school teacher that Hale decided to become a lawyer. "It was just one of those moments when it just hit me," Hale said.

With school and life obstacles closing in, Hale contemplated suicide when he was 17 years old. "I was in my room with the gun in my mouth. I looked at a picture of my grandmother and decided that I couldn't to that to her," Hale said.

Hale continued to concentrate on academics that eventually paved way towards an honorable career.

Now at 25, Hale is an attorney practicing personal injury cases in the Seattle area but is ready to give it up for the moment.

"I've been questioning why I became a lawyer. I want to do something that is rewarding; that can feed my soul," Hale said.

"Where I'm going, I don't know but it doesn't scare me," Hale said. He stressed the importance of doing what is best for one's self that can benefit the world around you.

"I wish someone could have said 'Matt go out to the world and see what needs to be done," Hale said. Though Hale has no plans for what is ahead, he still hopes to practice law part time.

"I want to be a lawyer where cares about the client and I hope that I can be that," Hale said.

Next week's Honors Colloquy presenter has yet to be announced, but the presentation will be held in Building 7.

Tsunami relief goes to Somalia through fundraisers and donations

By Lynsay Skoog

STAFF REPORTER

Students and faculty have raised \$12,000 in donations that will be sent to Somalia for the tsunami relief.

Highline faculty members, Tracy Brigham, health and nutrition professor, and Susan Rich, writing professor, both active in the global community, decided that a fundraiser would be a great way to get students and communities involved in the tsunami relief effort.

On Dec. 26, last year a 9.0 magnitude earthquake off the

west coast of the Indonesian island of Sumatra created a tsunami.

Many villages in Northern Somalia were wiped out by the giant wave that was produced. More than 298 people were killed in Somalia alone. This may seem like a small number compared to the deaths in Indonesia. "Lots of funding has gone to Southeast Asia, but African countries were being ignored," Brigham said.

"Through a letter writing campaign that included me and my brother David who works for Mercy Corps in Sudan, Susan Rich, and members of the Seattle- based Somali Rights Network; we were able to highlight the importance of going into this region and securing funding," Brigham said.

Susan Rich said that the tsunami was still fresh in people's minds when classes started "The first week of the quarter was right after the tsunami; the tragedy was on the scale that our minds could barely fathom, yet it was on everyone's minds," Rich said. The fundraiser, started at the beginning of the Winter Quarter, included Brigham's class having an auction and sell-

ing T-shirts for \$10, and Rich's class having a raffle.

Rich's Writing 101 class always does a service learning project as a part of the course.

"When we talked about having a raffle to raise money for tsunami relief, they immediately responded and then we were off to the races," Rich said.

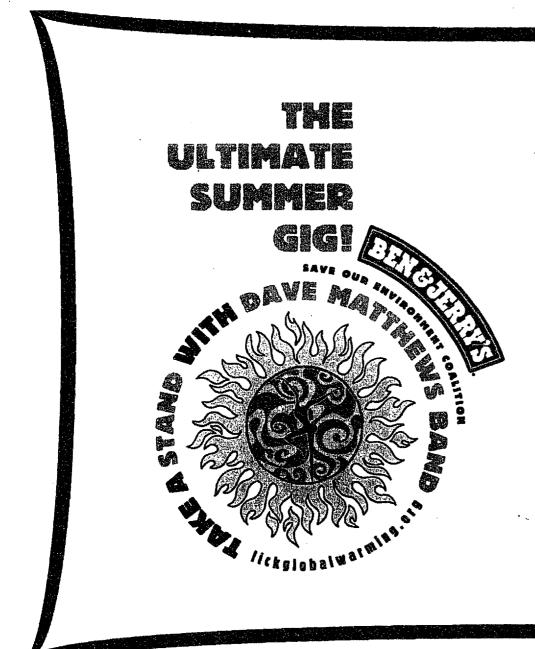
Raffle prizes included a VHS/DVD player, a Kitchen Aid Mixmaster, and even a free auto repair gift certificate.

Lisa Cramer, a Highline student, gave the first prize donation of the DVD player. "When everyone saw how deep her commitment was, they wanted to get even more involved," Rich said.

"Our class came together as a community in the actions that we took.

Not only did the students feel good that they were actively helping people during a time of global disaster, the decision to give money to Somali relief made all of us learn more about the world of international development," Rich said.

Donations are still being accepted until June. They can be brought to Brigham's office in Building 15, room 205.



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THE THUNDERWORD

Highline campus changes for evening classes

By Amanda Downs and DAHIR MOHAMED

STAFF REPORTERS

While many students finish classes by noon or 1 p.m., other students' days on campus don't begin until 5 or even 7 p.m.

Highline offers both morning and evening classes, attracting an array of different people to the campus.

Many classes, from chemistry and honors to mathematics and speech, are offered in the evenings.

Evening classes meet at various times and days; rarely do courses in the evenings meet five days a week.

For example, a five-credit class will usually meet two days a week for a little over two hours.

A two-credit class, such as College 100 or Honors 100, will meet on one day of the week and last for almost two hours.

Students who take evening classes said that there are many

advantages to taking an evening class.

"It is easier to find parking in the evening and I can park anywhere I want to," student Jama Jama said.

Student Mohamed Sheriff said. "Evening classes are much better, and the instructors are nicer."

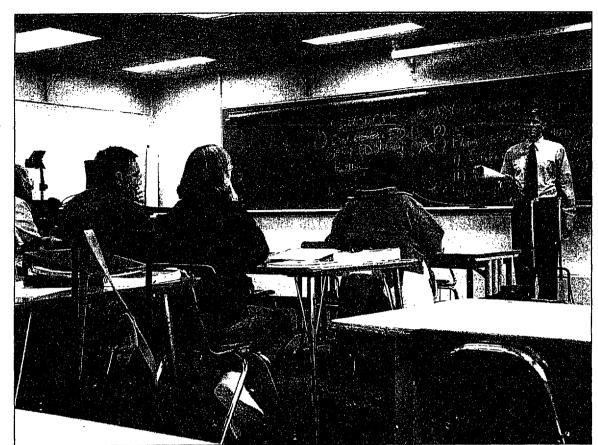
A student who would like to be identified as Jacob said "I am not a morning person, I prefer going to school in the evening. and it is more fun."

Students go to evening classes for variety of reasons.

Some students take classes in the evening because they are parents who have to work and go to school at the same time.

They take care of their families in the mornings and go to school in the evenings.

One of these students is Mitchell Smith who has a little daughter. She said, "I cannot go to school in the mornings because I have a little baby I have to take care of."



Photos by Michael Davidson

A night professsor lectures to his evening class. Many students prefer evening classes because they start at 3 p.m. and end at 9 p.m.

There are also those students that have to work in the mornings to support themselves financially.

"There isn't any other option for me; I have to work to put food on the table for my family and go to school at the same time," said Student John James.

Student Tammy White works during the day and takes evening classes so she can earn her Associate of Arts degree.

Although she said that she enjoys taking classes in the evening, White does have one complaint.

"I have to move slower because the classes that I need to take are occasionally scheduled for the same time," said White.

White said that she wants to get her A.A. degree and then go to Central Washington University's satellite campus to major in Education.

Central's classes are offered almost exclusively in the evenings.

Student John Siegel, who is taking an evening class so he can be retrained for a different vocation, said that morning classes vary greatly from courses taken in the evenings.

"They are two totally different types of classes," said Siegel.

Siegel has taken both morning and evening classes, and said that he doesn't have a preference.

Student Chelsey Schulter takes an evening class along with a two classes in the morn-

"I liked the idea of only going to that class two days a week and still get the five credits," said Schulter.

"The class size is smaller and the instructor has more time to help me out," Schulter said.

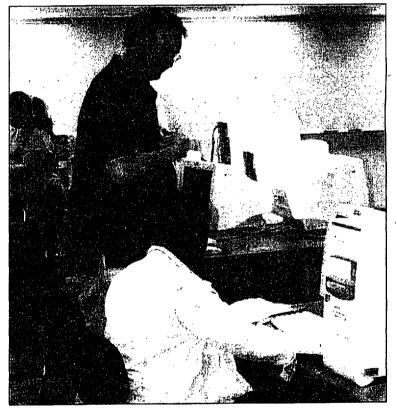
Schulter said that every student should give an evening class a try.

"The atmosphere is different and there is more time to make friends in class," said Schulter.

Students can see if a particular class is offered in the evenings by looking in the quarterly class schedule. Evening classes are shaded in gray.

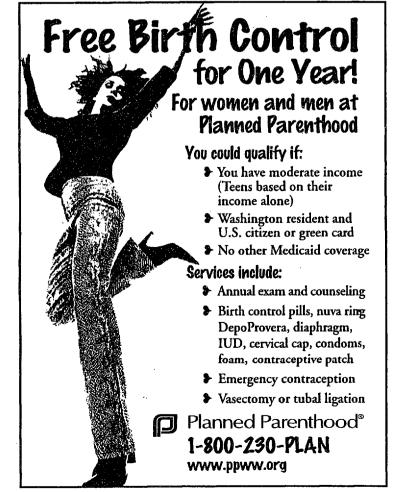
Quarterly schedules can be found in various places throughout campus, including the Library and Building 6.

The quarterly can also be accessed online at http://www. highline.edu, where the classes are also shaded.



An instructor helps a student with a problem during an evening





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vote because it shows that students have confidence and trust in the candidates," said current club/treasurer diplomat John Dubois. "We need to know that the student body believes that the candidates will do what they said they will do."

Many of the voters are also involved in some other programs at Highline.

Most of the candidates have already voted, as have students who are involved in other clubs and activities.

In spite of the number of voters, even those running are disappointed with the lack of options. "It defeats the point of the election," said Alex Bozhko,

candidate for student senator.

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"I would rather see more people run and more people have a voice," said Katie Hutchinson, another student senator candidate

d activities. Part of the problem, according to the candidates, seems to ters, even those running are be lack of student involvement.

> Many students are called over to the booth to vote, but the booth for the Team High

line Boat Cruise, placed next to the voting booth, draws more people.

When asked how they had heard about the elections, neither Hutchinson nor Bozhko had heard about them from an official school announcement.

"I heard about it from some of my friends who were also running," Hutchinson said. "Paul (Kalchik) told me about it," Bozhko added.

All of the candidates running for office will be elected. The president will be Paul Kalchik, the vice president of administration will be Jared Tarabochia, the vice president of legislature will be Jacob Jennings, the club/treasurer diplomat will be Julian Torres, and the senators will be Huy Pham, Katie Hutchinson, and Alex Bozhko.

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run for, said Brown.

"We still had positions open at the end of an election that sometimes weren't filled till Summer Quarter," Brown said.

Student Senator Josh Oakley said he thinks students are getting more involved.

"In general (student involvement) has been good, we've had no problem finding people for different committees," said Oakley.

"Even though there is increased student involvement, not everyone will want to be involved in Student Government," Oakley said. "Not every-

one wants to be in government as shown in the elections."

"Anytime there are more jobs there is loss of competition," Oakley said.

The number of students running is not due to lack of advertisements.

Brown said they changed recruitment policy and got the word out to many students on campus.

Some students shared their views on Student Government.

"They rock; just the people themselves are cool. They work really hard, they're all-around smart people," said David Norwood

"I've never even heard about our Student Government," said Michael Villa. "Can I be the president?"

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