

# THE THUNDERWORD

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## Tuition will rise again

BY ALEX CAHAN  
STAFF REPORTER

Students will pay 5 percent more in tuition after a vote by the Washington State Board of Community and Technical Colleges. The state board voted on the bill on Wednesday April 5, and the increase will take effect in the 2006-2007 academic year, and will involve all community colleges in the state, including Highline.

However, the board is encouraging community colleges to set aside 2 percent of tuition to be used for financial aid for needy students, which could help.

"In reality the board doesn't have to tell schools what to set aside, it's a local decision; but the board wants to get the message across that some students are hurt by the increase in tuition. The vote by the board recognizes the hope that students have ac-

cess to higher education even with the tuition increase," said Suzanne Ames, director of communications for the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges.

This decision could harm Highline's efforts to boost enrollment. According to Dr. James Peyton, director of the Center for Community Research and Evaluation and an economics professor at Highline, for every dollar increase in tuition, the school loses one to three Full Time Enrollment equivalents (15 credits worth of classes), which is what enrollment is based upon.



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Highline is scrambling to meet enrollment requirements because enrollment determines how much money the school receives from the state. If the school is under enrolled, the school loses money.

According to Ames, the board is spending time and effort to study the implications that the increase in tuition has

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## Shooting incident scares student

BY JOCIE OLSON  
STAFF REPORTER

Three teenagers used a pellet gun to shoot at students and buses on Tuesday, April 4.

Police were called, but the suspects left the scene before police arrived.

The teens apparently started shooting at buses, then switched to people.

One student said she was shaken by the experience.

"The first thing I did was press the blue emergency tower across the lane, then they started pointing the gun at me and then I asked the Metro driver to call the police," she said.

When she went to the emergency tower in the parking lot and tried to call Highline Security, the phone wasn't working.

"What am I supposed to do when I call for help and get no response?" she said.

The security office said that they are checking the phones to make sure that they are working.

"I know a few others got hit

## College seeks recycling vendor

BY SIMONE SNOW  
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Highline will soon look for companies to bid on the contract for the disposal of Highline's recyclables.

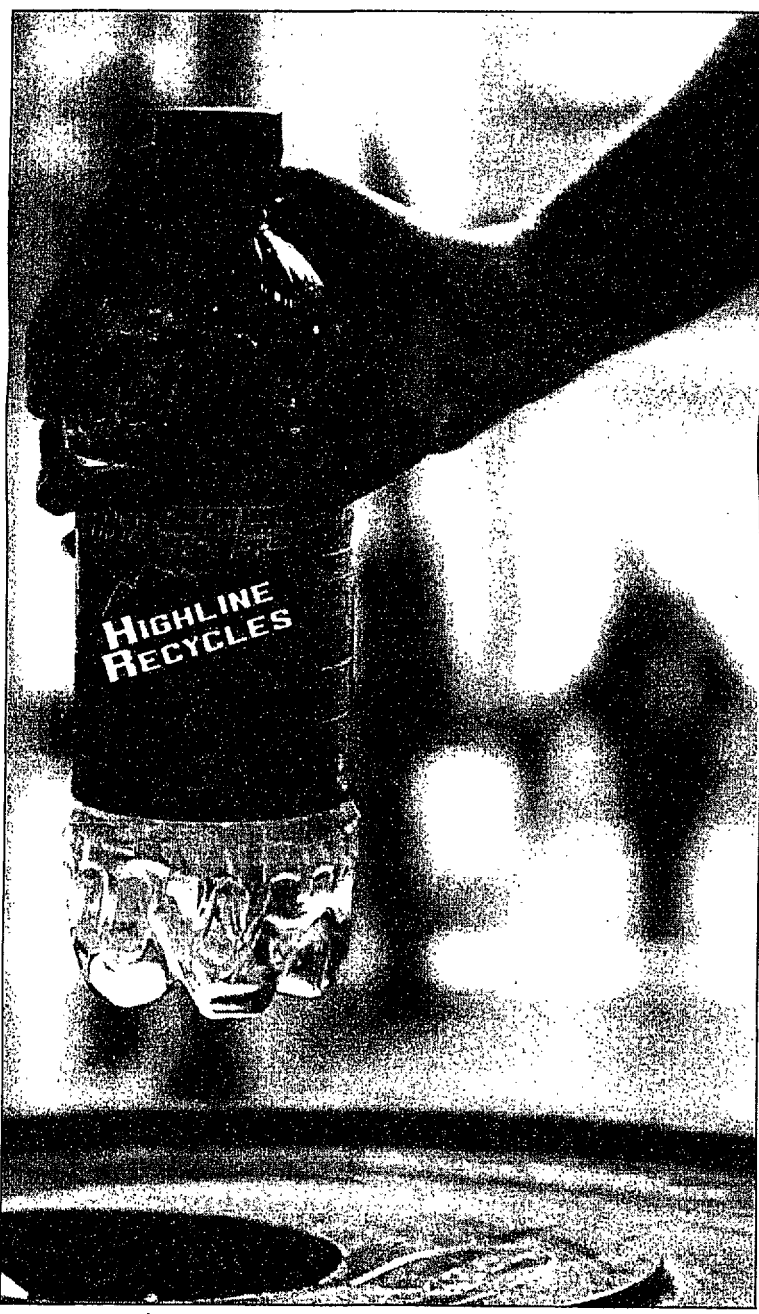
Currently, Highline recycles cardboard only in Building 8 and paper collected in approximately 92 containers scattered around campus.

The Recycling Committee, established three years ago by Student Government, has been striving to expand the recycling program to include other raw materials, and believes a new recycling program they are pushing for should end up saving money.

A recycling program that had been developed to allow for the recycling of not just paper, but aluminum, glass and plastic as well was cut several years ago. Highline workers used to sort through all the recyclables, separating white from colored paper, throwing out non-recyclable materials, and cleaning every can for proper disposal. Since the program was not cost effective, it was put to an end.

Now, all aluminum, glass, and plastic products end up in the trash, driving up fees for garbage disposal.

"[Recycling] reduces the amount we have to pay for tipping fees, or the amount of garbage that is taken away," said Huy Pham, a Student Govern-



Graphic by Jeremy Kochel

ment senator and a Recycling Committee member.

Rabanco, an Allied Waste Company, hauls away High-

line's garbage for about \$35,000 every year. If the amount of garbage was to decrease, that figure could shrink.

"A recycling program will reduce the cost in waste disposal, which reduces the school's operating expenses, thereby allowing money to be spent elsewhere on campus," Pham said. "Recycling can benefit both staff and students alike."

The Recycling Committee has taken it upon themselves to help establish a recycling program for Highline. They have already taken steps towards their goal.

"We had a petition drive to demonstrate support. A recycling initiative [for] aluminum, plastic, glass, and paper," Pham said.

The Recycling Committee succeeded in convincing the administration to make that same initiative school policy in June 2005.

To take the establishment of a recycling program a step further, the Recycling Committee has also been "trying to educate people on reducing waste," said Woody Moses, a Highline biology teacher.

The Recycling Committee also brought representatives of companies responsible for hauling away recyclables to campus. The representatives assessed Highline's recycling situation and noted the best way to develop a recycling program would be to have one large bin for all recyclable materials to go into,

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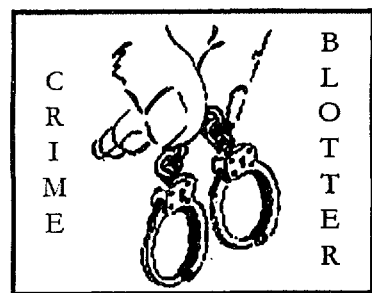
Blend artist promises soul

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## Two cars are hit in parking lot

A female reported that someone hit her front bumper of her car in the East parking lot.

Someone's Nissan Sentra was hit in the South parking lot and a note was left saying a black Bronco backed into it.

## Seizure leads to fall

A woman fell off the stage area due to a seizure.

In Building 8 on April 5, the woman collapsed. The fire department was contacted and arrived on the scene for medical attention.

## Man disrupts class

A man with a mental disorder disrupted a class he attends on April 5. He is on medication and his doctors say he can attend college.

## Disorderly conduct inside Library

Two men were asked to leave the library due to disorderly conduct on April 6. At the same time six others were asked for ID, who had none and were asked to leave.

## Fire alarm pulled

The fire alarm was pulled in Building 23 on April 10. The fire department responded and discovered that the alarm was faulty and needed to be fixed.

## Lost Items

Someone lost a white lunch bag in Building 26 on April 6.

A Black Adidas purse was lost in Building 26 on April 7.

A red warm up Jacket and blue Samsung phone were lost in Building 26 on April 7.

A man reported that his calculus text book was stolen from Building 26, room 319 on April 10.

Two keys were lost on April 10.

A brown purse was lost in Building 8 on April 10.

Someone lost their USB disc on April 11. Contact 206-353-4809 with any information.

-Compiled by R. Livingston

# Transfer events benefits students

By CANDACE BOHONIK  
STAFF REPORTER

Attention all transfer students: if you are planning to transfer to a university, some important transfer events are scheduled to aid you in planning for your major while you are at Highline.

Different universities have varying requirements. Knowing the requirements of the university you plan to attend is beneficial to your planning and preparation for your transfer.

"If you are interested in attending at any time in the future, you need a proactive transfer plan," said Siew Lai Lilley, director of the transfer center. "Early planning is key to successful transfer."

April events will take place in the Highline Student Union. May events will be announced at a later date.



Siew Lai Lilley

Please note that information tables will be staffed by a university representative. You can drop by during the times indicated. Individual appointments require you to sign up in the Transfer Center, Building 6, upper level, or send a message to transfer@highline.edu.

Jason Boyd from UW Seattle Undergraduate Advising Office

will be in the Mt. Skokomish Room, second floor, next to the bookstore, Thursday April 13 at 9, 10, 11 a.m. and 1, 2, and 3 p.m. In this one-hour session people will find out what you need to prepare for applying to the UW and for your major. There is no need to sign up for these sessions.

An information table will be available for the UW Seattle Evening Degree Program, first floor, Tuesday, April 18, 3-5 p.m. The majors offered in this program are Communication, English, Humanities, Social Sciences and Health Information Administration.

The UW Seattle Office of Minority Affairs is taking individual appointments for students of color. Bring your questions regarding admissions, major, GPA requirements, etc., on Wednesday, April 17, 9 a.m. until noon.

Pacific Lutheran University will have an information table available Monday, April 17, 9 a.m. until noon.

Washington State University has individual appointments available Thursday, April 20, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Another important event for transfer students is a writing workshop. This workshop is to help transfer students learn how to write an effective personal statement or essay as part of the transfer application process.

Matt Schwisow, Highline writing professor, will present the workshop Tuesday, April 25, 1:20 to 2:10 p.m. at the Writing Center in Building 26, Room 319. Registration is not required.

Educational Planning & Advising/Transfer Center in Building 6, upper level, has additional literature and information readily accessible to all students.



## Blood drive draws success

The dual blood drive that was on April 10 and 11 was very successful. It was Cascade blood service's first time coming to Highline. "It was very successful," said a representative of Cascade.

They also said they really enjoyed coming to Highline. Within an hour left to donate they had 37 people donate and 26 pints of blood.

They were very thankful to team Highline (who put on the blood drive) for providing pizza

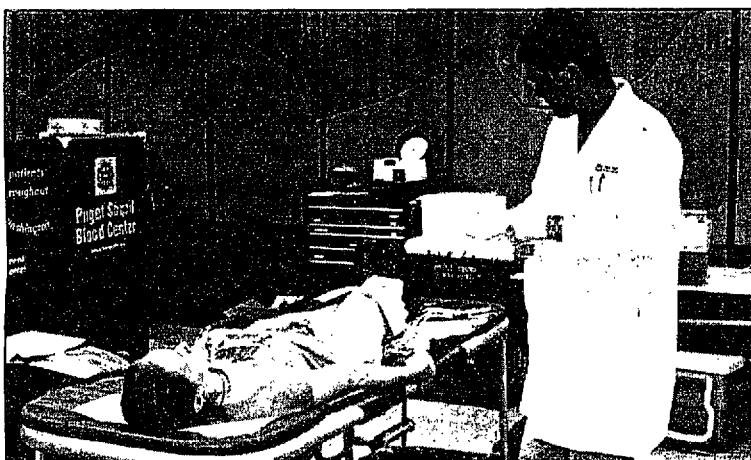


Photo by Austen Lavery

A student prepares to have her blood drawn during the blood drive.

and they thought that really attracted more people.

## Highline looks for VP candidate

Highline College has named four finalists for the position of Vice-President of Administration. Hearings for the final can-

didates will begin the last week of April.

The position is one of the most important on campus the office oversees seven different departments: the bookstore, security, construction, human resources, business office, administrative technology, and contracts and leases.

The four finalists are Kurt Buttleman from South Seattle Community College, Marion Davis from Highline Community College, Farhad Javaheripour from Santa Fe Community College, and Nancy Moffatt from North Kitsap School District. The interviews will take place during the weeks of April 24 and May 1.

Davis will have her forum on April 26 from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Buttleman on April 28 from 9:45-10:45 a.m., Javaheripour on May 2 from 9:45-10:45 a.m., and Nancy Moffatt on May 4 from 9:45-10:45 a.m. The exact locations of the forums are still to be assigned.

## Correction

There is no grade requirement to participate in the honors colloquy; all students are welcome to participate.

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## Child care endures the ages

BY ALICIA MENDEZ

STAFF REPORTER

Some of the best classrooms on campus are not filled with college students.

Laughing, yelling and sometimes crying can all be heard at the Highline Child Care Center located in Building 0.

Students, staff, and faculty can catch a glimpse of these children touring the campus together in the red "bye-bye buggies."

Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. till 5:30 p.m., children fill up the child care with laughter, cheer, and tons of energy.

The center has been around now for just over 30 years.

To receive services from the Highline daycare, a parent does not need to attend Highline.

Funding for the daycare can be provided by DSHS, student services, women's programs, and activity fees.

"About a third of our costs come from DSHS," Director of Childcare Services Joyce Riley said.

The Child Care Center requires parents and/or guardians pay for a minimum of 15 hours per week (three hours a day) of child care because it does not want to be just a drop-off care, Riley said.

"It's for the child's sake to bond with the workers," Riley said.

Three hours a day, five days a week, accommodates most student parents' schedules.

"Ninety-nine percent of the



Photo by Austen Lavery

*Children in the child care center enjoy each other's company and do age appropriate activities.*

children are of students here at Highline," Riley said.

However, parents do not always use up the three hour a day minimum.

"Every once and a while parents may complain, but they understand that the time benefits their children," said preschool teacher Mary Vysocky.

The majority of parents use 20 hours to 25 hours per week.

The more time the children spend at the child care, the closer their bonds form with all of the workers.

There are nine full-time teachers at the Child Care Center, nine part-time teachers, and many Highline students volun-

teer, take Co-op credit, or do a work study all help out at the child care.

"All of the teachers have a degree in early childhood development," Riley said.

The Child Care Center holds a high standard of forming relationships and making the children and parents feel safe.

"The child care benefits parents too. It comforts them knowing they can count on special activities and a fun atmosphere," Vysocky said.

Highline's Child Care Center focuses on creating an educational and entertaining routine for the children, officials say.

A routine that is the same every day is imperative to children, Vysocky said.

The Child Care Center has eight rooms accommodating children from 6 weeks to 5 years old. There are two rooms devoted to infants (6 weeks to 16 months), named tadpoles and minnows; two rooms devoted to "waddlers" (16 months to 18 months), named otters and starfish; two rooms devoted to toddlers or young preschoolers named seals and belugas; and two rooms devoted to preschoolers and the head-start program named dolphins and orcas.

When first walking into the Child Care Center, immediately to the left is a child size table with books and colorful blocks for children to manipulate.

Throughout the center, each room has age appropriate toys and tools available for the children.

Colorful paintings at eye-level for infants, kitchen sets the no taller than one and a half feet tall, along with toys that enhance a child's senses are all around each classroom.

Even the outside playground areas are dedicated to enhancing a child's knowledge.

There are sand boxes with beach toys - a boat to sit in while the kids imagine they are sailing the seas, soft and bouncy turf that allows the kids to run about and fall down without causing serious wounds, climbing walls specific to age and size, and the everyday bouncy ball are all at the child's grasp.

All of the teachers at the child care are passionate about educating and caring for children whether the activity be indoor, or outside.

Each day teachers spend time in the teacher resource room mapping out new, fun, and educating ways to reach the kids.

Arts and crafts, music, games, problem solving, story telling and reading are some parts of the educational program from the "waddlers" to the kindergarten ages. "The children love playing in the water, learning science, and playing outside together," Vysocky said.

Whether a child spends three hours or ten hours a day at the center, they can expect to be welcomed by teachers, helpers, and fellow students.

"They meet each other, they greet each other, they notice when each other is missing. No day is complete without the other," Vysocky said.

## Earth Week teaches to watch your step

BY KAREN DANIELS

STAFF REPORTER

Highline will have its first Earth Week on April 17 through 21 to celebrate Earth Day on April 22.

Earth Week is five days with five different themes; air, water, food, transportation, and lifestyle, with presentations and activities on each day to educate you on the subject and what you can do to help.

Biology instructor Woody Moses is in charge of Earth Week as well as the faculty adviser for the Environmental Club, the Earth Week sponsors.

This is The Environmental Club's main event for the year.

The Earth Week theme is "watch your step," referring to

our ecological footprint.

An ecological footprint calculator estimates the amount of earth needed to support everyone on the planet, if everyone shared your personal lifestyle.

"What we're really trying to do is reduce our ecological footprint," Moses said. "We pollute the air, we pollute the water, the amount of land used for consumption."

These are things he hopes to address during Earth Week.

"The two biggest things you can do to help the environment are eat less meat, and get rid of your car," Moses said.

Instructor Tracy Brigham is also involved in earth week.

"I wanted to get involved - I teach a section on environmental awareness in my global stud-

ies class," Brigham said.

•Air-Monday: In the Highline Student Union from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be an Earth Week button sale to benefit Earth Week. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Highline Student Union one can find out what their ecological footprint is.

Also on Monday in the Mt. Constance Room from noon to 1 p.m. there will be a Clean Air Forum with State Rep. Dave Upthegrove and Richard Stedman, executive director of the Olympic Regional Air Agency.

•Water-Tuesday: In the Mt. Constance Room from 10 to 11 a.m. there will be a presentation on Oceans and Human Health by Rohinee Paranjpye, Science and Research Director of the National Oceanic and Atmo-

spheric Administration's Northwest Fisheries Science Center.

Also on Tuesday in the Highline Student Union from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Highline's MaST Center will have a marine critter table with sea stars, crabs, and anemones.

•Food-Wednesday: In the Mt. Constance Room there will be a quiz show on Fast Food Nation in the format of Who Wants to be a Millionaire? presented by Highline Reads. The quiz show is open to anyone reading Fast Food Nation and will be quizzed on the first 10 pages of the book, with cash prizes. Afterward there will be a movie The Future of Food from 1-2 p.m.

•Transportation-Thursday: There will be a transportation forum presented by the Trans-

portation Choices Coalition in the Mt. Constance room.

•Lifestyle-Friday: Sarah Massey will be speaking on Toxics in the Home from noon until 1 p.m. in Building 3-102.

Also on Friday there will be a Science Seminar on Life After Cheap Oil, a panel discussion with Bob Maplestone, T.M. Sell, Michael Campbell, Carla Wittington, and Woody Moses in Building 3-102 from 2:20 - 3:10 p.m.

There will be a campus cleanups starting at 1:30 to 3 p.m. organizing in the in the Highline Student Union on Tuesday and Wednesday.

For more information on Earth Week or The Environmental Club contact Woody Moses at 206-878-3710, ext. 3649.



Editorial

Immigration reform requires careful thought

Protesters took to the streets all over the nation Monday, demanding rights for undocumented immigrants. The protest was in response to the ongoing immigration debate that is splitting the country onto either side of the fence.

Unfortunately, the sides that people are taking are too widely divided, and the masses are avoiding the middle ground. The opposing opinions are clashing in our nation's capital, and with the U.S. Senate crumbling last week, it's difficult to imagine a final decision appearing any time soon.

At the core of the immigration argument is the employment issue. Immigrants are filling jobs that Americans do not want to do. However, there is a trend of illegal immigrants taking jobs, like construction, that Americans still want. The result is that wages are dropping.

The issues regarding immigration reform are numerous, ranging from rising health care costs to whether or not the U.S. has the right to secure its borders.

Hopefully, the break will allow Congress to mull the issue over, allowing for a little bit of flexibility and compromise.

However, the possibility remains that resolutions could be hardened, and the opposing sides could remain just as obstinate.

While it's important to have a variety of ideas converging in Washington D.C., blind, unwavering commitment to those ideas won't serve anybody.

The truth about immigration reform is that there is no correct answer. The bottom line is that immigrants are crossing the border, but even the tallest fence can be dug beneath or cut through.

And as badly as some Americans do not want to admit it, the country does rely on illegal immigrants to an extent. There will always be a number of illegal immigrants in the U.S.

Making those immigrants felons isn't going to solve anything. As a result, our prison population will increase. Because of the nation's fear of creating citizens, America will find that it has created criminals instead.

It's also important to remember that the people crossing our borders aren't terrorists — they're here to find work. In that sense, illegal immigrants are Americans too, and it's difficult not to sympathize with their position.

On the other hand, granting immediate citizenship to people who are breaking the law isn't going to do anything except encourage more illegal immigrants.

As a nation, we do have the right to secure our borders — the question boils down to whether or not it's the right thing to do.

Either extreme of the issue offers more problems than solutions. Taking the middle ground does not ensure an ideal solution, but it offers one that may be more beneficial than not.

There is no clear cut solution for immigration reform. The best decision will not be sudden or extreme, because such decisions often result in a program that is doomed to fail eventually. The topic needs thought, deliberation, and a healthy composition of ideas from a variety of influences.



Student Programs changes policy

Dear Editor,

We are writing to announce a new considered initiative with our Associated Students of Highline Community College (ASHCC), our campus student government.

In light of recent college restructuring and a reduction of staff in our student government's office of Student Programs, ASHCC Executive Council is considering proposing a reform of our governmental structure.

The guiding concepts for this consideration is as follows: 1) to honor and magnify the distinct contributions of student leaders within our governmental structure, 2) provide more access to government functions the constituents we serve, and 3) ensure that resources and opportunities remain for those seeking leadership development and involvement at Highline Community College.

We have had opening discussions that are starting points for possible reform. We have questions to help us inform a possible new governance structure.

What if there were fewer

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Jonathan Brown Paul Kalchik

elected executive positions in our ASHCC to require a stronger reliance on representative roles in our decisions?

What if our primary work was to create leadership access for all students as opposed to providing access to campus activities for all students?

What kind of structure would evolve in our student government if we modeled our practices around the concepts of servant leadership? We need your help in insights as we probe possible reforms.

At this point, we believe some changes would be a positive thing for our student population.

If we remain student-centered and approach governance reform with students' needs and interests in mind, we strongly believe that in a year from now we'll be able to better represent our HCC students.

Those interested in this initiative are encouraged to contact us at the ASHCC offices in the HSU, 3rd Floor or e-mail us at stugov@highline.edu.

We are considering both a Constitutional Reform Committee to address this issue and/or a public hearing to get feedback on proposed changes.

Thanks for your consideration.

-- Paul Kalchik, ASHCC President  
Jonathan Brown, ASHCC Advisor

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## RaShawn to lend soul to The Blend

BY KAYDEE SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

By night RaShawn Noble is a surgical technician, but she doubles as a musician.

She will be performing in the Bistro on April 19, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

RaShawn is the second spring performer booked for the Blend, a twice monthly concert series hosted by Team Highline every other week.

Noble works graveyard as a surgical technician as she pursues her musical career in the earlier parts of the evening.

RaShawn describes her musical sound as, "R&B, really soulful with a hip-hop influence."

RaShawn's musical sound and lyrics are inspired by life itself, she says. The ups and downs are woven into her lyrics and beats. Pain and hurt are the main influences of her music, RaShawn says.

Life inspires RaShawn to express herself through music.

She started playing music by "beating the piano (keys)" on her grandmother's piano.

RaShawn says the early experience of beating the piano



RaShawn Noble

is what started her relationship with music. A few years later, she was taking lessons.

RaShawn has been performing for the past six years. Recently, she traveled to New York for studio time, in hopes to have a record out by next fall.

She says the reason she is still unsigned is because she is awaiting the right manager to walk into her life. RaShawn says she needs someone who knows the music business very well before she signs the big-contract-record-deal.

RaShawn's hip-hop, soulful, R&B performance in the Bistro on April 19, is free to the campus.

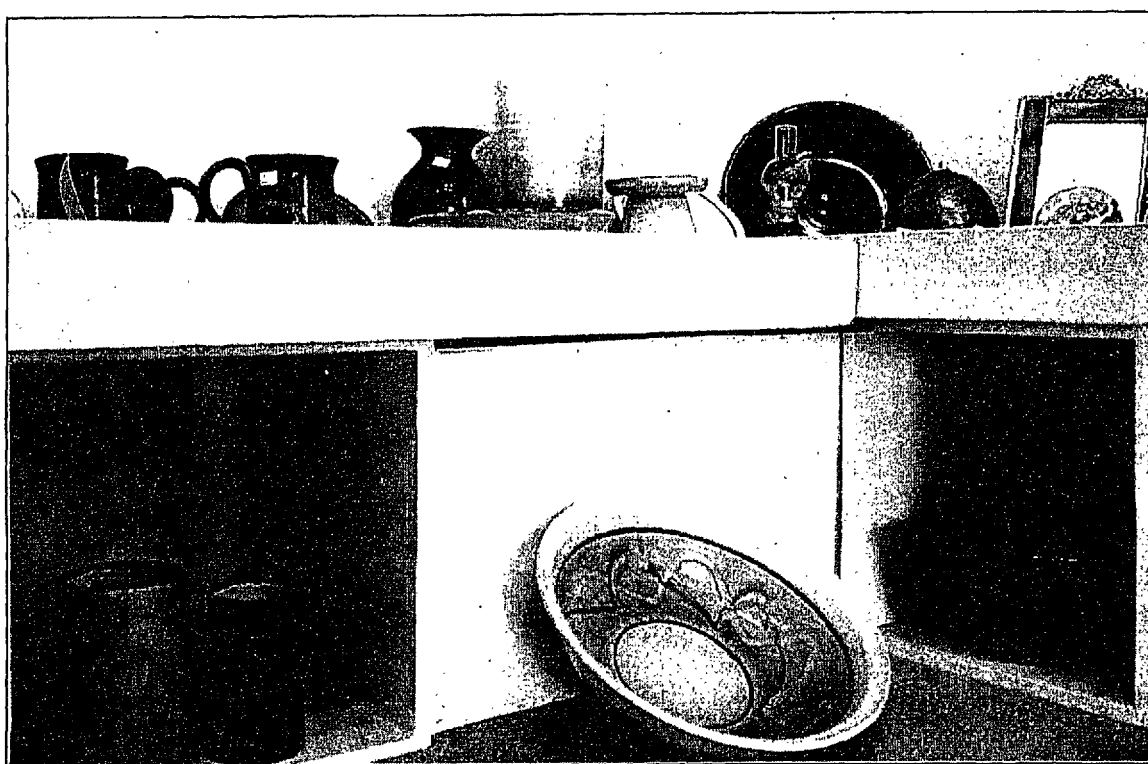


Photo by Austen Lavery

You won't see just paintings at the Seahurst Art Gallery, Northwest artists also display their three-dimensional masterpieces.

## Seahurst showcases Northwest art

BY AUSTEN LAVERY  
STAFF REPORTER

From the first moment you enter the Seahurst Art Gallery, you're lead into the world of pottery, paintings, three-dimensional art and more by many Northwest artists.

Since 1966 Burien's Seahurst Art Gallery has been displaying the works of local artists.

The gallery is a non-profit organization, providing quality works of art at affordable prices.

Every eight weeks the gallery will update its showcase, presenting new artists and their creations.

"We draw from a stable of artists, some affiliated with the gallery and some new artists," said Pat O'Dell, acting treasurer of the gallery.

There is an application and screening process for all newer artists looking to be represented at the gallery.

"We never repeat artists at the gallery," said O'Dell. "We arrange a calendar the year before."

Although the gallery is small, there are two distinct rooms, the Mazzoni and Northwest rooms where art by affiliated artists and Northwest artists are presented.

One can find various medias such as pottery, jewelry, crafts, stained glass, watercolors, pastel and acrylic designs, and matted paintings.

Because of the many different styles, the gallery has had many of the members shown their work at Highline's very own Fourth Floor Gallery.

From three-dimensional but-

terflies hanging on the walls to Native American inspired paintings, to landscapes, this gallery has it all.

"I think touring the galleries is a very good experience for students," said O'Dell.

The Seahurst Art Gallery offers free tours to students, and are made by appointment only with the gallery.

"Students should tour galleries. They need to do that," O'Dell said, noting an open house on April 21 from 5-8 p.m.

The artists will be presenting their work that evening, and accompanying them will be live music by Rachel Greenspan.

The Seahurst Art Gallery is located at 15210 10th Ave. S.W. in Burien. It is open Tuesday through Saturday from noon-5 p.m.

## Charity from Poverty

People drank wine while raising money for charity at the Poverty Bay Wine Festival.

The second annual Poverty Bay Wine Festival raised over \$30,000, \$10,000 more than last year.

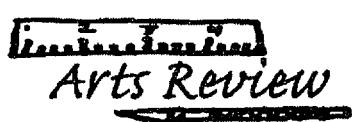
The festival, which ran March 10 through the 12, features over a dozen local wineries and the

proceeds go toward a variety of charities that the rotary supports.

The black tie Black Cru Gala, held on Friday March 10, raised over \$2,600. Former rotary president, Ric Jacobson said that it was very successful, "It went very well. We had a great turnout of people."

## 'Steel Magnolias' stirs up tragedy and laughter

BY ERIK BREAKFIELD  
STAFF REPORTER



Comedy shadows tragedy in the Valley Community Players performance of *Steel Magnolias*, a local theater show with a good laugh every other minute.

The play is about six women in the small town of Chinquapin, Louisiana whose lives all revolve around the friendships they have developed at Truvy's beauty salon.

When you enter the house in Carco Theater in Renton, on the black and shining stage you are introduced to nothing short of a professional level set.

Complete with full-size barbershop mirrors, chairs, hair dryers and anything else you might find in a hair stylists store.

It even includes a counter; the only things missing are all of the hair care products for sale.

The only technical part of the show found unfavorable was the small radio on stage that played opera music too loud and stole focus from the actresses on stage.

When the lights dim and the show starts go ahead and get comfortable in the nice chair you're in, as the first 10 minutes of the show will most likely go by slow.

But after the "warm-up" and all six characters get onstage the show really picks up and it is not long at all before the audience is

getting involved with laughter.

Do not expect anything like you might have seen in the movie however, these are obviously not the same actresses and the show is actually different.

This entire performance takes place in the beauty shop and the cast includes only the six female leads.

The six women in these six leads are Michele Solano as Truvy Jones, Ellie Simpson as Clairee Belcher, Lucy Oaks as Ouiser Boudreaux, Debbie Featherston as M'Lynn Eatenton, and Elizabeth Castonquay as Shelby Eatenton.

These ladies banter back and forth at each other for the entire show with insults directed at themselves, each other, their husbands, pretty much everybody except for the audience.

Director Vincent Orduna's skills in getting a laugh do not however transfer to his ability in drawing tears.

It is when the show becomes serious and then tragic that the acting begins to lack emotion.

The events leading up to the end of this story were rushed and sudden and the characters onstage are in a state of denial.

This makes it hard for the audience to really grasp what is happening, even though the event has been foreshadowed multiple times.

So when the worst is realized the characters appear unaffected and unchanged by the loss, there is no apparent reaction to the tragedy other than the smaller amounts of dialogue in the script.

But based on the comedic

value of the show, is it worth the \$12-\$14?

Yes, this was a very funny play.

When the pace of the performance picks up and the actresses find their groove it gets to be pretty good, so take a friend, don't take it too seriously and get ready to laugh.

The show runs April 7-23 at the Carco Theater in Renton.

The performances are Fridays and Saturdays, April 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. There is an earlier show on Thursday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. and a Sunday Matinee, April 23 at 2 p.m.

Individual ticket prices are \$12 to \$14 and can be reserved through the Valley Community Players by calling 425-226-5190. Tickets can also be purchased at the box office on each

PUZZLES

Rational Numbers by Linda Thistle

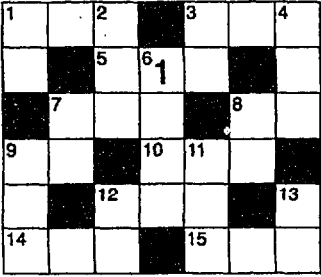
Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.

ACROSS

- 1. One-half of 6-Down
- 3. The first digit is the sum of the other digits
- 5. Three less than 1-Across
- 7. Digits of 4-Down reversed
- 8. One less than 8-Down
- 9. Consecutive digits in descending order
- 10. Six more than 3-Across
- 12. 9-Down minus 15-Across
- 14. The first digit is the sum of the other digits
- 15. Two times 1-Down

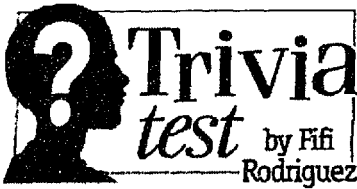
DOWN

- 1. Same digit repeated



- 2. 14-Across plus 11-Down
- 3. Consecutive digits in ascending order
- 4. The last digit is the sum of the other digits
- 6. Consecutive digits in ascending order
- 7. Six times 13-Down
- 8. 7-Down minus 12-Down
- 9. One-half of 7-Across
- 11. Three times 8-Across
- 12. Ten less than 3-Down
- 13. Twenty less than 9-Across

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- 1. LITERATURE: The novel "Sweet Thursday" is a sequel to which book?
- 2. MUSIC: What state was Jojo leaving in the Beatles' song "Get Back"?
- 3. HISTORY: Who was the leader of the 1790 mutiny on the Bounty?
- 4. TELEVISION: What was the name of Ed Sullivan's first TV variety show?
- 5. MOVIES: Who starred with Spencer Tracy in the movie "Adam's Rib"?
- 6. GAMES: What is the distance between the foul line and the pins in bowling?
- 7. LANGUAGE: What does the Greek prefix "rhino" refer to?
- 8. PLAYS: Who was award-

ed a Pulitzer Prize for drama for "The Heidi Chronicles"?  
9. MEDICINE: What is the common name for the disease called varicella?  
10. BIBLE: What is the shortest verse in the Bible, found in the New Testament?

Answers  
1. "Cannery Row"  
2. Arizona  
3. Fletcher Christian  
4. "The Toast of the Town"  
5. Katharine Hepburn  
6. 60 feet  
7. The nose  
8. Wendy Wasserstein  
9. Chicken pox  
10. "Jesus wept." (John 11:35)

Chinese Proverb

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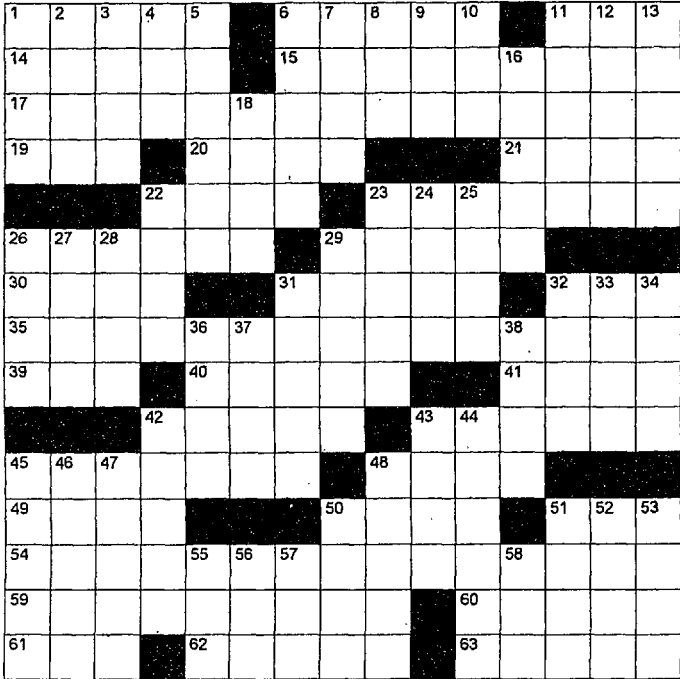
- 1 Air conditioner additive
- 6 Manila hemp
- 11 Play part
- 14 Main artery
- 15 Worth having
- 17 Beginning of proverb
- 19 Just get by
- 20 Fall mo.
- 21 Kind of frost
- 22 Pork
- 23 Edmonton locale
- 26 Say again
- 29 Fill with gloom
- 30 Bye part
- 31 Office NFL contests
- 32 Anger
- 35 Proverb continued
- 39 Letter
- 40 Encourage
- 41 Stray
- 42 Outspoken
- 43 Schedule
- 45 Awkward persons: Yiddish
- 48 Family chart
- 49 Biblical you
- 50 King Henry add on
- 51 In favor of
- 54 End of proverb
- 59 Concentrating
- 60 Squirrel away
- 61 Before
- 62 Holds back
- 63 Church areas

Down

- 1 Disappear gradually
- 2 Chess piece
- 3 Sea eagle
- 4 Cooperstown Giant
- 5 Queasiness
- 6 Proficient
- 7 Comes before generation
- 8 Residue
- 9 Bush former org.

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



- 10 Comedian Carney
- 11 Loathe
- 12 NFL shoe projection
- 13 Tropical fish
- 16 Yearned
- 18 Theater offering
- 22 Fit together nicely
- 23 Up in the air
- 24 Lounge about
- 25 Actively occupied
- 26 Marriage ceremony, e.g.
- 27 God of love
- 28 Photos
- 29 Glide
- 31 Manual laborers
- 32 Press
- 33 Highway
- 34 Jane Austen novel
- 36 Competent
- 37 Minestrone, e.g.
- 38 Complimentary
- 42 Utter impulsively
- 43 Dry
- 44 Japanese entertainer
- 45 Flair
- 46 Church group
- 47 Ranch, for one
- 48 Metallic sounds
- 50 Air passage
- 51 Legumes
- 52 Uncommon
- 53 Vegas numbers
- 55 Handful
- 56 Genetic info transmitter
- 57 Caesar's trio
- 58 School dance

Quotable Quote

A bird in the hand is worth what it will bring.

... Ambrose Bierce

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•The reknowned, all-wom-

an Helios Trio performs at the fifth annual Estonia Piano Series in Building 7 at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 24. The con-

cert is free, though donations will be accepted. Donations go to support performing arts scholarships at Highline.



•Highline's Movie Fridays presents *Memoirs of a Geisha*. It's a free event and takes place April 14 in Building 7 at 12:30 p.m.

•The third annual Langston Hughes African American Film Festival returns to Seattle April 22-30 at the Langs-

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ton Hughes Performing Arts Center. The nine-day festival will feature 40 films and several live sessions with filmmakers. The center is

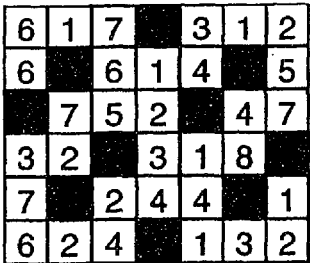
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# Fastpitch moves into fourth place

BY BRETT MILLS

STAFF REPORTER

The Lady T-Birds have their first three wins of the season.

Highline had improved results this last week with a record of 3-3. The Thunderbirds started out the week sweeping Green River in two games.

Then, South Puget Sound swept Highline in two games last Monday.

Most recently, Grays Harbor came and split two very close games with the Thunderbirds.

"[The game] was great. We scored a lot of runs against Green River. That was fun," said Head Coach Anne Schmidt.

The Thunderbirds got their first win of the season by beating Green River 12-0 in their first game on April 7.

Highline was efficient with 12 runs from 8 hits. Jennifer Ventoza was the winning pitcher. Jessica Ventoza hit a home run.

Though the score was lopsided, Green River was not far behind with 7 hits.

The difference proved to be on defense, where Highline committed one error to Green River's four.

In the second game, the Lady T-Birds won easily by a score of 20-2. The team had 16 hits and no errors.



*Sandra Proulx winds up for a swing against Grays Harbor on Tuesday, April 11. The T-Birds won the second game, getting 14 hits and 13 runs.*

Photo by Keith Daigle

The winning pitcher for the second game was Keresa Steichen. Green River was held to only three hits.

Jessica Ventoza hit another home run while going 4 for 4.

"We did everything right defensively and everything right offensively," said Assistant Coach Mark Hall.

With a 3-13 record (3-5 in league) Highline is well on their way to improving upon last season.

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The Thunderbirds are tied for fourth place in the Western Division with Grays Harbor.

With their three wins they already have the same amount of wins that they had all of last season.

The Lady T-Birds played two tough games against South Puget Sound on Monday, April 10.

They lost the first game 14-1,

before falling 18-0 in the second game.

Highline only managed a total of six hits and one run during the doubleheader against South Puget Sound.

"We can't win ball games without scoring runs," said Assistant Coach Hall.

The most recent games were on Tuesday, April 11 against Grays Harbor.

The T-Birds bats came alive

against Grays Harbor, with 20 runs and 25 hits in two games.

Grays Harbor won a very close contest in the first game by a score of 8-7. Highline had 11 hits to Grays Harbor's eight hits in the first game.

The Lady T-Birds won another close contest in the second game by a score of 13-10.

The Thunderbirds out hit Grays Harbor with 13 hits to six. The winning pitcher for Highline was Jennifer Ventoza.

Coming up the team will be competing in the NWAACC Crossover Tournament at Walla Walla Point Park in Wenatchee, Washington on Friday, April 14.

They will be playing Southwestern Oregon in their first game at 10:15 a.m.

Highline has a few days off until their next games. Their next games after the tournament are on April 21 with South Puget Sound coming to play here at Highline.

The coaches said that in order to get some more wins the Lady T-Birds' entire lineup needs to hit and score runs, not just a few players.

Both Head Coach Schmidt and Assistant Coach Hall said that if the team can get some more hits and score some more runs than it will make it easier on the pitching.

## Proulx has high ambitions in school and sports

BY TREVOR KULVI

STAFF REPORTER

One incident that happened last season led to a very frustrating season for sophomore Sandra Proulx. Proulx plays center field and left field, on a rotating basis for the Highline women's fastpitch team.

Last year, as a freshman, Proulx only played in four games due to a broken thumb she sustained in a game against Peninsula College.

During the game, she was sliding into third base and the third baseman accidentally stepped on her hand. Her thumb broke and she missed the remainder of the season.

Of the four games she did play in last year, two were against Bellevue Community College. At the time, her sister Amanda was playing for Bellevue.

Proulx has been playing fastpitch for the last nine years.

"I started playing because we had a family history of fastpitch

players," said Proulx.

Proulx came to Highline for the start of the 2004-05 school year after graduating from Lindbergh High School in Renton.

While at Lindbergh Proulx earned several awards. She was on the honor roll, named second team centerfielder for the Seamount League and was the team captain her junior and senior year of high school.

While playing at Lindbergh, Proulx always gave 110 percent no matter what and helped lead Lindbergh to the state playoffs twice during her tenure.

As a freshman in 2001, Lindbergh lost in the first round to Jackson 3-0.

As a sophomore in 2002, Proulx again led her team to the state tournament, but lost in the quarterfinals 5-3 to Sammamish.

Proulx chose Highline after graduation because of its outstanding tradition.

"I chose Highline because it was a good school to play at and my boyfriend was here as well,"

said Proulx.

After missing almost all of last year, Proulx hopes to lead Highline back to the NWAACC playoffs after Highline struggled through its worst season in 12 years.

"We have more talent and enthusiasm to play ball this year," said Proulx. "Here it's more intense because people come here because they want to be, and training starts early, unlike high school. It's almost like a full time job here."

Personally, Proulx has set some high goals for herself this season.

"I want to master the left hand side of the plate and have fun with this being my last year," said Proulx.

After Proulx graduates from Highline, she hopes to continue with her education at Seattle University where she will major in nutrition.

Her ultimate goal in the field of nutrition is to help people be healthier in hopes they can lead a healthier life.

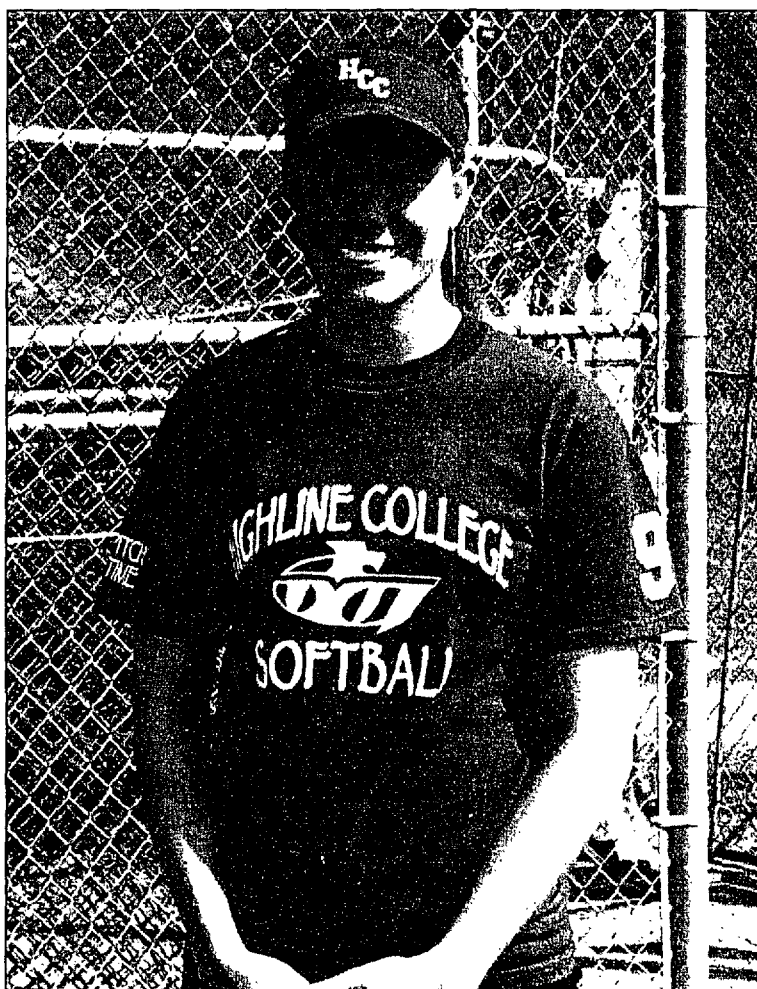


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*Sandra Proulx, one of the leaders of the softball team, takes a break from practice to watch the team's progress.*

# Men's track finishes fourth at UPS

BY JOHN THOMSON

STAFF REPORTER

The Highline men's track team placed fourth in the Shotwell Invitation thanks to some great performances.

The Thunderbirds scored 59 points in the meet, which was held on Saturday, April 8 at the University of Puget Sound, which placed them fourth in the team standings.

Western Washington won the meet with a score of 192.50, Puget Sound was second with 172 points and Pacific Lutheran University was third with a score of 96 points.

This was the first of four meets that Highline will compete in that keeps team scores.

"I thought the team did fairly well," said Sprints Coach Les Black. "The weather wasn't the best but we dealt with it."

The team fought through the rain and wind and ended up with some great performances.

The sprinting duo of Ken-jamine Jackson and Bruce Hubbard played their part.

Jackson placed third in the 100-meter dash with 10.87 and second in 200-meter dash with 22.29, both NWAACC qualifying times.

Hubbard won the 100-meter

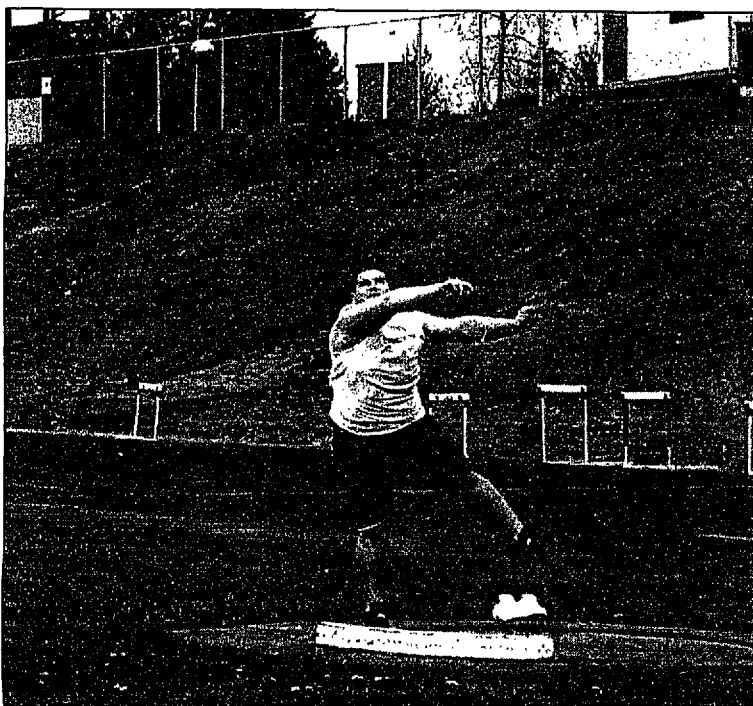


Photo by Roman Klimenko

Jeffery Vick throwing the shot put in practice earlier this week in preparation for the Spike Arlt Invite this Saturday at Central Washington University.

dash with a 10.82 and placed sixth in the 200 with a 23.34, both NWAACC qualifying times.

Another key sprinting performance was by Miguel Martinez, who placed ninth in the 100 with a time of 11.43 and eighth in the 200 with a time of 23.40.

The Highline 4x100 relay won with a NWAACC qualifying time of 42.59.

The relay consisted of Jack-

son, Hubbard, Martinez, and Rashawn Boyce.

That time has Highline in second place in the league behind only Spokane, which ran a time of 42.55 at the Dusty Lane Open.

Trevor Kulvi and Noah McDonald placed second and third in the 3000-meter steeple-chase with times of 10:35.33 and 10:35.62 respectively and has them in range of the qualify-

ing mark for the championship meet.

In order to qualify for the steeple chase in the championship meet, an athlete must run a time of 10:24 or better at least once during the season.

Kulvi also represented Highline in the men's 5,000 meter run. He finished the race in a time of 16:27.78 which was good enough for a 17th place finish.

Brian Van placed seventh in the triple jump with a distance of 40' 8.25".

The coaches were pleased with the team's performance. "Everyone really put in a great effort at the meet," said Coach Black.

Looking forward to the rest of the season Coach Black said "The biggest thing for me is that we get through the season with good grades and a small amount of injuries. Hopefully we can get a lot of our guys to qualify for the championship." Many of the track athletes have qualified and a lot of others are close.

As the team is getting ready to head into the latter part of the season, attitudes have been great and the athletes are having fun.

Coach Black added, "This team may not have great quantity, but the quality of the indi-

viduals has been outstanding"

The Thunderbirds head to Central Washington University in Ellensburg for their next meet.

Expected to join Highline at the meet will be Western Washington, Pacific Lutheran, Seattle Pacific, Saint Martin's, Seattle University and Club Northwest. This week marks a very important time in training for the men's track team.

With the championship meet only 42 days away, everyone is scrambling to get qualifying marks for the championship.

Once the athletes have qualified for the meet, the only thing they have to worry about the rest of the season is seedings and how the rest of the league does in their events.

At the championship meet, the top 16 athletes, except for the steeple chase and both relays, will compete in the meet in hopes of getting a team win.

In the steeple chase, the top 12 athletes will run at championships while all eight schools will have an entry in both the 4x100 and 4x400 meter relays.

As of right now most of the men's team has qualified for the championship meet and it still leaves a lot of time for the non-qualifiers to qualify.

## Women's runners sprint through bad conditions

BY TREVOR KULVI

STAFF REPORTER

TACOMA – The Highline women's track team came away with great performances and an eighth place finish at the 26th annual Shotwell Invite hosted by the University of Puget Sound on April 8, despite the horrible weather conditions.

Western Washington won the meet with a score of 180 points, Seattle Pacific was the runner up with 167.5 points and Pacific Lutheran University was third with a score of 122 points.

"The weather was horrible," said Head Coach Amber Rowe. "I would have packed my things and left the meet, but it was a good meet to be at. We met the high standards we set for ourselves."

Freshman Brittany Smith had a great day in the 100 meter dash, the triple jump despite the fact that the weather was unfavorable.

In the 100, Smith finished fifth overall and was the top community college finisher with a time of 13.34 seconds.

In the triple jump, Smith fin-

ished third overall and again was the top community college placer with a jump of 36' 11.5".

Also representing Highline in the field events was freshman Lindsey Farah who competed in the javelin for the first time.

"I was very impressed with Lindsey's performance in the javelin even with it being her first time ever," said Coach Rowe.

Farah finished the 10th in the javelin, but was credited with scoring points in the event because two athletes in front of her were competing unattached and they were unable to score points.

Running for the first time since the UW Outdoor Preview was freshman Sheree Barbour, in the 800 meter run after missing the WOU Open due to a hip flexor injury.

Barbour finished fourth overall with a time of 2:24.27, which currently still has Barbour in first place in the league and has already qualified her for the NWAACC Championship Meet.

Representing Highline in the women's 5,000 meter run was

the duo of Melissa Better and Rosie Meeker.

Meeker finished in a time of 21:15.08 which placed her 14th in the race, while Better finished in a time of 22:57.25 which was good enough to place 16th in the race.

Both performances also made Meeker and Better the top two community college finishers in the race and currently has them within striking distance of the qualifying standards for the championship meet.

The quadrant of Smith, Farah, Meeker and Barbour ran in the women's 4x400 meter relay.

Highline finished the race in a time of 4:30.56 to place fifth in the meet which made them the top community college team to finish.

The time currently has them third in the league standings behind only Spokane and Lane.

Up next for Highline will be the Spike Arlt Invite hosted by Central Washington University

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on Saturday, April 15.

This will be the second meet of the year that will keep team scores.

The Spike Arlt meet will signify the half-way point of the season for the Highline women's track team.

Following the Spike Arlt Invite, will be the prestigious Oregon Invite at Hayward Field on the campus of the University of

Oregon.

The entire team will not go to the Oregon Invite because athletes must qualify for the meet and the standards are tougher than the NWAACC championship meet standards.

Basically, if an athlete qualifies to compete in the Oregon Invite, they will have also qualified for the NWAACC championship meet.

### The Best of HCC Table Tennis Tournament

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Where? Bldg 8 Mt. Olympus and  
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When? Fri April 21 and Sat April 22

What Time? Fri 2pm-7pm Sat 10am

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The final day of registration is Tuesday April 18th at noon

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Registration forms are available in the Recreation Room and in the Student Programs Office



# Stay fit with a variety of workouts

You are not getting younger, but your middle is getting rounder.

Experts agree that good workouts should include a variety of exercises.

A good fitness program should include some work on the muscles that the experts call the core.

"Abs are a good way to exercise not to burn fat," said Josh Baker, physical education instructor and certified strength coach.

Baker says you should strengthen your core so when you are doing other activities, like mowing the lawn or picking up the groceries, you are less likely to hurt yourself.

"Do a variety of different types of sit-ups," said Baker.

He suggests six exercises to strengthen your abs:

## Regular Sit-ups

Lie on your back with knees bent, feet flat on the floor and shoulder width apart, fingertips at the side of your head. Sit all the way up, bringing your chest to the top of your thighs, lower to the beginning position and repeat. Keep your feet on the floor at all times.

## Boxer Sit-ups

These are exactly like regular sit-ups, but as you sit up, twist your right elbow to your left knee and then left elbow to your right knee (quickly), return

to the beginning position and repeat.

## Straight Arm Sit-ups

Lie on your back, knees bent, feet shoulder width apart. Extend your arms straight over your head, biceps covering your ears. Sit-up, bring your chest to the top of your thighs, lower and repeat. Keep your arms overhead the entire time.

## Crossover sit ups

Assume the Regular Sit-up starting position. Cross your right leg over the left and place your right arm straight out to the side. Place your fingertips at the side of your head, raise your left shoulder to your right knee, lower and repeat. Complete the prescribed repetitions and switch to the other side.

## Bent Leg Crunch

Lie on your back, bend your knees and raise your legs (bending at your knees) so your thighs are perpendicular to your body and your feet and calves are parallel to the floor. Place your fingertips at the side of your shoulders and back off the floor in a curling motion, lower your torso to starting position and repeat.

## Quick Bent Leg Crunch

Same as Bent Leg Crunch, but as quick as possible.

"You can do sit-ups when you are watching TV, rather than sitting back and watching TV eating ice cream," said Baker.

## Fit with Farah



Lindsey Farah

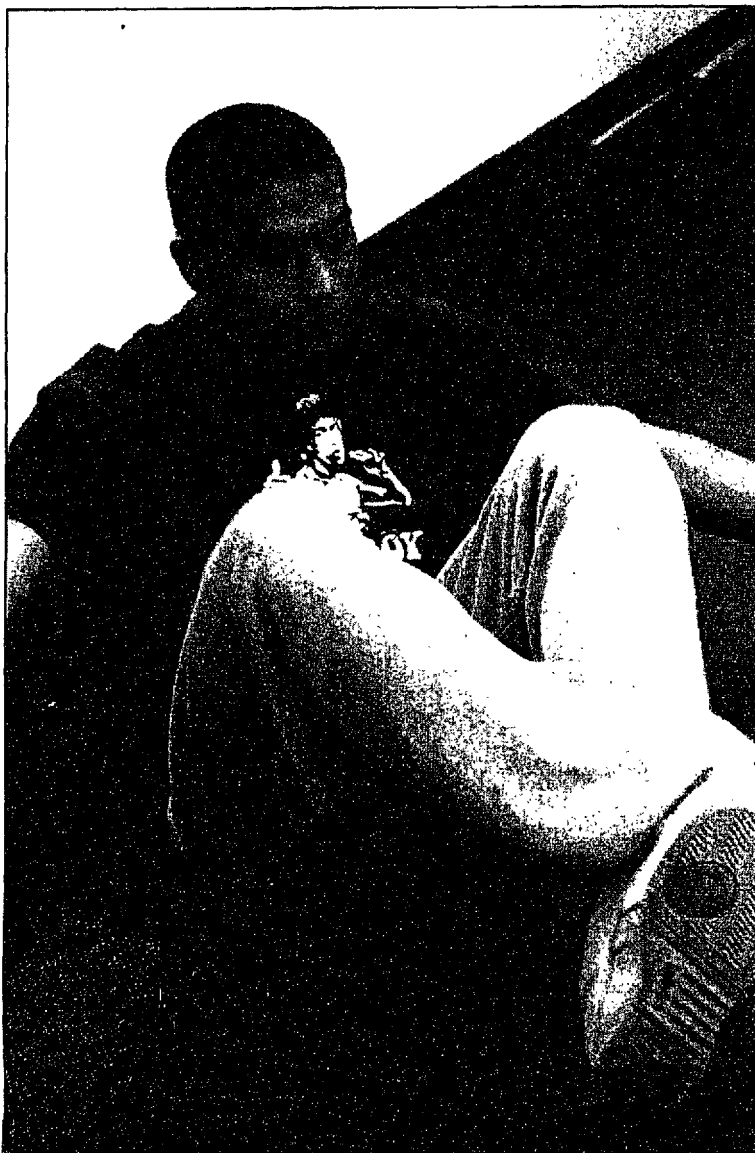


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Highline student Brian Van does an ab workout in the Highline gym after school. The gym is a free place to work out for students.

He also suggests that if you have an exercise ball or if you have access to one you can do abs on it and put less stress on your back.

Such balls can be purchased for as little as \$20.

Ab workouts can help you

get that rock-hard six pack, but Baker says that's not the only thing you have to do.

You have to include cardio workouts – such as jogging, walking, aerobics or bicycling – and make sure you have a healthy diet.

## Scoreboard

### NWAACC SOFTBALL STANDINGS

#### NORTH League Overall

Bellevue	11-3	16-4
Everett	8-4	12-8
Edmonds	11-5	13-7
Peninsula	8-5	10-9
Olympic	5-8	9-14
Shoreline	3-9	3-11
Skagit Vly.	1-13	1-15

#### WEST League Overall

Pierce	7-1	9-14
S. Puget Snd.	6-2	14-6
Centralia	5-3	5-5
Grays Hbr.	3-5	3-11
Highline	3-5	3-13
Green River	0-8	0-16

#### EAST League Overall

Wen. Vly.	10-2	17-7
Spokane	8-3	14-6
Walla Walla	9-5	14-18
Treasure Vly.	7-5	11-8
Big Bend	7-7	13-8
Col. Basin	4-8	7-9
Yakima Valley	3-6	11-10
Blue Mountain	0-12	6-18

#### SOUTH League Overall

Clackamas	6-0	12-6
Lower Col.	6-0	14-1
Chemeketa	3-3	16-3
Mt. Hood	2-4	4-7
SW Oregon	2-6	2-11
Clark	1-7	5-11

## CORRECTIONS

Jennifer Ventoza was misidentified in a photo in the sports section of in last week's paper.

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# Protesters rally against reform of immigration laws

By LYNETTE MARQUIS  
STAFF REPORTER

Organizers of Monday's protest against immigration reform say the event shows that many Americans support immigrant rights.

"It showed that over 25,000 people support immigrant rights, and that was just the people who were able to make it," said Julian Torres, president of Highline's United Latino Association and an organizer of the student rally that preceded the main event.

"It empowers people to feel free to speak what they feel," he said.

The student rally drew about 150 people. Torres was among the speakers. After the initial rally, students and supporters marched to join the main protest at Fourth Avenue and Jackson Street in Seattle.

"The main purpose for rallies is to get students' voices out because a lot of these students will be affected. Deportations will separate families," Torres said.

Students and supportive organizations met in front of Union Station on Fourth and Jackson at 2 p.m. Ready with handwritten signs, megaphones, and handouts about the march, the group of about 30 people snaked its way to the rally location.

The march was led by three people, including Torres, holding a large sign reading Latino Liberation March. The march lasted a few blocks before it ended in Highway Park on Maynard Avenue and King Street where other protestors were waiting with electronic rally equipment, signs, handouts, and stands selling T-shirts, buttons, flags, and newsletters.

The rally was sponsored by the Freedom Socialist Party and the Radical Women. The crowd consisted mostly of high school students accompanied by their parents and members of the sponsorships, but included college students from local colleges such as South Seattle, Seattle Central and Highline, as well as people who were just passing by.

Signs were handed out as an invitation to everyone to participate in the protest. Signs read everything from innocent "We're Not Criminals, We Just Want to Work," to blunt statements like, "Your justice system is a whore."

Even young children held small signs saying "Open the Borders" as their mothers held



Photo by Keith Daigle

Protesters wave flags and signs during Monday's rally. Over 25,000 people were in attendance to fight for immigrant rights.

them.

Flyers explained the need to "demand unconditional amnesty for all undocumented immigrants and open borders for working people."

"This is the opportunity for students to gather before joining the other protest. This gives them their own voice," said Jonathon Hurd, Freedom Socialist Party member. Hurd explained the reason the Socialists helped endorse the rally, "We see the attacks on immigrants as attacks on all workers. Ultimately dividing the working class. The real criminals are the corporations exploiting the immigrants." He held a sign that read, "No One Is Illegal. Full Rights For All Workers."

"Show people that together we are stronger and they can't kick us out," said Roxana Garcia, Highline High School student. Garcia later read a poem into the rally's microphone about being brown in the United States.

For a little over an hour, several speakers spilled their hearts out in the microphone set up at the park. They spoke Spanish and English, in poetry, chants, and five-minute speeches.

"The U.S. government is using war on terrorists against immigrants. But we know better. The terrorists did not cross the border. Immigrants are not terrorists," said Carrie Hatchorn, an activist for Youth Against War and Racism, in her speech.

Ramy Khalil, a local antiwar and labor activist, talked about a nationwide strike planned for May 1 when immigrant workers are not to show up at work and

students are not to go to school. "Tell everyone and participate in this to bring exploiting corporations to their knees," Khalil said.

"I hope Highline students walk out to show support," for the walkout, Torres said.

"The purpose for student walkouts is to show disagreement with the [congressional] bill. Could you go to school and concentrate when your family is separated? If you're family is deported or you are deported, there's no way you could still go."

"Highline has been good to Latino students," said Torres, "especially with the ULA. Highline has been very consistent, which is great because it coincides with the diversity policies."

Torres explained that walkouts aren't against the school; they are to show support and protest.

At the rally, Torres spoke about the thousands of people who die trying to cross the border to work here. He said the immigrants are trying to get a better life by coming to the United States, all in Spanish. He spoke on the liberation movement to much cheering.

Later on, Torres had a Mexican flag tied around him.

"People assume I'm Mexican when they look at me. I was born here and I'm treated like a foreigner. If I'm being treated this way in an American society, I'm going to show pride to be a Mexican with the flag."

The crowd and speakers were very diverse, one speaker introduced himself as a son of

Egyptian immigrants, and another said she was Czechoslovakian. The crowd was mostly Hispanic-American but was not without other ethnic support.

Only a few speakers at the rally spoke English. Torres said the rally was directed towards Spanish-speaking students, but the Spanish at the larger protest was because many of the immigrants are still learning the language.

"It's also a way to keep culture and Americans diverse," Torres said.

Along with the chant "Estados Unidos no es nada Latinos" in megaphones — which means "The United States is nothing without Latinos" — protestors were reminded to stay on the sidewalks and out of traffic's way while marching.

Police on bikes followed on the street by the sidewalk to keep protestors in line as well as protect them.

Often times the streetlights would be green and traffic would have to wait and watch protestors cross. Between crosswalks, cars full of supporters passed by honking and waving and taking pictures, the people in the march would cheer and wave American flags.

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## New drugs will lower cost; work better

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Pharmacogenetics is the future of medicine, a Highline professor said here last week.

Cheedy Jaja, who teaches philosophy but also is pursuing an advanced degree in genetics, spoke at last Friday's Science Seminar. The weekly series highlights current topics in science.

Pharmacogenetics is a hybrid of the words pharmacology and genetics, Jaja said.

"In the coming years, pharmacology will be based in genetics," he said.

Jaja noted that among the five leading causes of death — heart disease, cancer, stroke, respiratory disease and diabetes — current medical cures work only for 30 to 50 percent of victims.

Pharmacogenetics offers the promise of drugs tailored to individuals' particular needs. Drugs could be made to fit the particular genetic make-up of a group of people, hopefully leading to a higher rate of cures.

"The effectiveness of [current] medication is based on the metabolism of the person," Jaja said.

Jaja said that there is a spectrum of individuals, from those who metabolize slowly to individuals who metabolize very quickly. When a doctor writes a prescription, Jaja said, she or he is basing the decision on an assumption that the drug works for most people.

He offered the example of codeine, used in the UK for pain relief. There, 95 percent of the population will get pain relief from codeine. That last 5 percent of the population can't have a gene that allows the drug to work.

"The current doctor's practice of prescription is a hit and miss method," said Jaja.

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## New ideas for Student Programs

By AUSTIN MACKENZIE  
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Student Programs could look very different next year.

Highline students may see a drastic decrease in the amount of Student Government officials; a Team Highline that works largely on a contractual basis; and a greater involvement for club leaders and officials.

Jonathan Brown, associate dean of Student Services, and members of Student Government are discussing the changes, which could require a change to the student Constitution and a vote of the students to take effect.

The plan being considered could drastically reduce the amount of paid student posi-

tions in Student Programs.

Student Government could be reduced to two positions instead of the current seven.

Team Highline, the student-run events board, could be run on a contractual basis, with



groups of students are hired for a period of time and paid throughout that time.

Student Programs

Kalchik recently lost Fred Capestany, the Student Programs assistant director.

Since the college is not going to hire someone else to fulfill

his position, Student Programs needs to be streamlined for greater efficiency, Brown said.

"I'm doing about 70 percent of Fred's job," Brown said. "We're over capacity."

The plan also calls for a major change in focus.

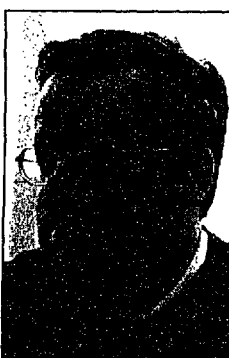
Currently a lot of activities on campus are dictated by Team Highline and students are given the option to attend if they so desire. The new model calls for greater involvement, giving students more of an opportunity to make their own events.

"We're expecting to see a larger, involved student body and less paid student leader positions and more access to student leader positions because our program will be more responsive to student needs," Brown said.

"We want to shift the focus from putting on events to find leaders to making leaders using the resources and training we offer to have them make more events," Brown said.

Time is short for an election before the end of Spring Quarter. "I'm anticipating that it's just radical enough to make people concerned," Brown said.

"My hope is that it will get people thinking about it and offer feedback to make it better



Brown

and better."

"People are people and a lot of times when it comes to change people become wary of it," said Paul Kalchik, Student Government president. "One of the biggest challenges is just getting the message across."

After last year's elections where every candidate ran unopposed, there is still some concern within Student Government that with or without the changes to the amount of positions, there still may not be a lot of involvement in the election.

However, both Kalchik and Brown seem unconcerned.

"I think that grassroots are really where our numbers are. We have some really strong leaders in our clubs who will step up," Kalchik said.

## Trash

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Highline's recycling situation and noted the best way to develop a recycling program would be to have one large bin for all recyclable materials to go into, and for Highline to select a recycling company that would sort through the recyclables themselves.

Depending on the company chosen, Highline could receive anywhere from \$5 to \$40 per ton of recyclables.

"We're waiting for the college to choose a provider," Moses said.

As long as the program is cost effective, the Recycling Committee has high hopes to have more improvements for recycling at least begun by the end of the year. However, they believe their hopes could be slightly damaged as there may be limited room in the budget to pay for the services of the recycling companies.

"Highline would have to pay for someone to collect recyclables around campus. That shouldn't be too expensive though. It's probably only a 5-10 hour a week job," Moses said. "Ultimately, the recycling program should save the college money, but I'm not sure if the administration will view it as such."

Dianna Thiele, purchasing manager for Financial Services, says differently.

"We don't know if it's going to save money," Thiele said.

Thiele said the greatest benefit Highline might receive from recycling would be the conservation of raw materials and the education on recycling companies would provide for staff, faculty, and students.

Thiele shares the hopes of the Recycling Committee to have a recycling program going by spring, most likely starting with Building 8 and then spreading to the rest of the campus.

"I feel there is a real need to recycle more on our campus," Thiele said. "I hope to have a recycling program in place this

spring."

For now, "be conscious of what you're throwing in [the recycling containers]," said Dave Kress, supervisor of Central Services/Grounds. "Make sure it's paper products."

Kress went on to describe how people misuse Highline's recycling containers, saying he often finds things such as food products in the recycling which he has to remove and throw in the trash.

Kress hopes that with the further development of a recycling

program, such problems will diminish.

"We want to see one universal container [for recyclables]," Kress said. "That's the easy solution. We've been working towards that."

Until Highline has a recycling program covering more than just paper, the Recycling Committee has been encouraging staff, faculty, and students to reduce the amount of waste they produce, and to take recyclable materials home where they can be properly disposed of.



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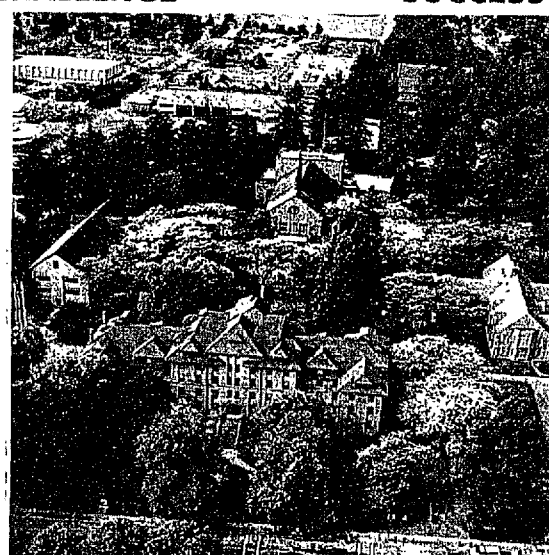
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## Tuition

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on students. There are other options, such as charging different rates for time of day, and college location.

"The state board wants to better understand their options besides tuition increases before their next budget request," said Ames.

When the state Legislature sets the budget it also sets a maximum that tuition can increase and part of that budget is determined on the increase. A portion of the budget includes the amount that is counted as revenue from the increase.

The Legislature determines the budget on a biannual basis as well as determining how much money technical and community colleges can take from the state. Meanwhile, the state board has the responsibility of allocating the money to each individual school and determines the tuition level under the mandated maximum. The individual boards of trustees determine school fees and how the money is used.

Highline has little leverage when it comes to tuition.

"We don't have a choice - tuition is set by the system and we have to follow it. The option Highline has is we can use 2 percent of the increase for waivers. That's an option but we haven't discussed it yet. I think it's a board [of trustees] decision," said Ivan Gorne, vice president of student services.

Tuition is actually rising at a faster rate than inflation.

"Inflation is the general price level increase - cost of living is probably a more intuitive way of saying it," said Dr. Peyton. "If your wages are going up approximately with inflation that means you are able to buy the same amount of stuff as before. But if your wages don't go up with inflation, you may be making more money, but you are able to buy less stuff."

"Very broadly, students are being asked to pay for a greater share of their educational experience," said Dr. Peyton.

The biggest reason for the rate of increase over inflation is that the school's expenses are increasing and bills have to be paid.

"The cost of education is ris-

ing for a variety of factors - we are serving students at higher levels, there is new technology, we want to pay our faculty competitive salaries, and there is the need to offer a state-of-the-art education," said Ames.

Covering the costs has to come from somewhere and the only options are student tuition and the state. The shifting of burden from the government to the individual student increases the portion of the overall cost borne by the student, hence the tuition increase.

The amount of money from the state depends on the funding formula

"The current funding formula is very enrollment driven," said Gorne. "In good times a growth embedded formula is a good thing, but in bad times it's not."

Funding formulas are difficult to change because no matter what you do you can't meet everyone's needs and expectations, according to Gorne.

The state board is looking at other options for funding formulas besides relying on student enrollment. The current system has been in place since 2001.

"Each state does it differently. We need to determine

what is best for our state," said Ames.

There used to be a system that charged the same tuition for 10 credits that it charged for 18, so it advantaged the student to take a full load. Now the burden has shifted somewhat onto the shoulders of the full time students since the cost is per individual credit. This has actually had a big impact on enrollment. The effect of the increase is not yet known.

"There is always cause for a concern," said Gorne regarding enrollment. "What's the price

point at which students say 'I can't afford this'?"

He hopes that the 2 percent waiver will help.

Regardless of what is decided, higher education remains the top priority.

"The state board strives to create opportunities for students at all levels and it understands that the level of tuition has effect on whether the student goes to college or not, and the state board is trying to work so there are waivers and financial aid so they can attend college," said Ames.

## Shooting

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because lots of rounds were being shot at the rocks and popping off those hitting people. I got shot on the left upper arm, lower left leg and in the upper back," she said.

"What if these were real bullets? I would have been dead," the victim said.

The victim waited for the police to arrive but then got on the next bus fearing that the shooters would return.

The juveniles were gone when the police arrived.

So far the she is the only one who has reported the incident and at this point she is the only victim.

"These boys should have been in school but were troublemakers out for a thrill," she said.

The victim explained how this incident has changed her life.

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