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Suicide threat atop Highline

By MICHELLE ERICKSEN
staff reporter

Police talked a man who was threatening suicide off the roof of the Outreach Building last Friday.

An unidentified 41-year-old man from Tacoma was spotted sitting on the roof of Outreach Building by a mail carrier. The mail carrier called Highline security, who in turn called the police.

The man had a short conversation with a Highline security officer. The man asked the officer what time it was. He was told the time was 3:25 p.m.

"At 3:45 I'm jumping off the building or taking a cop bullet," he said.

He also asked the security guard to call his sister who lives out of state.

Both the Kent and the Des Moines police departments responded to the call.

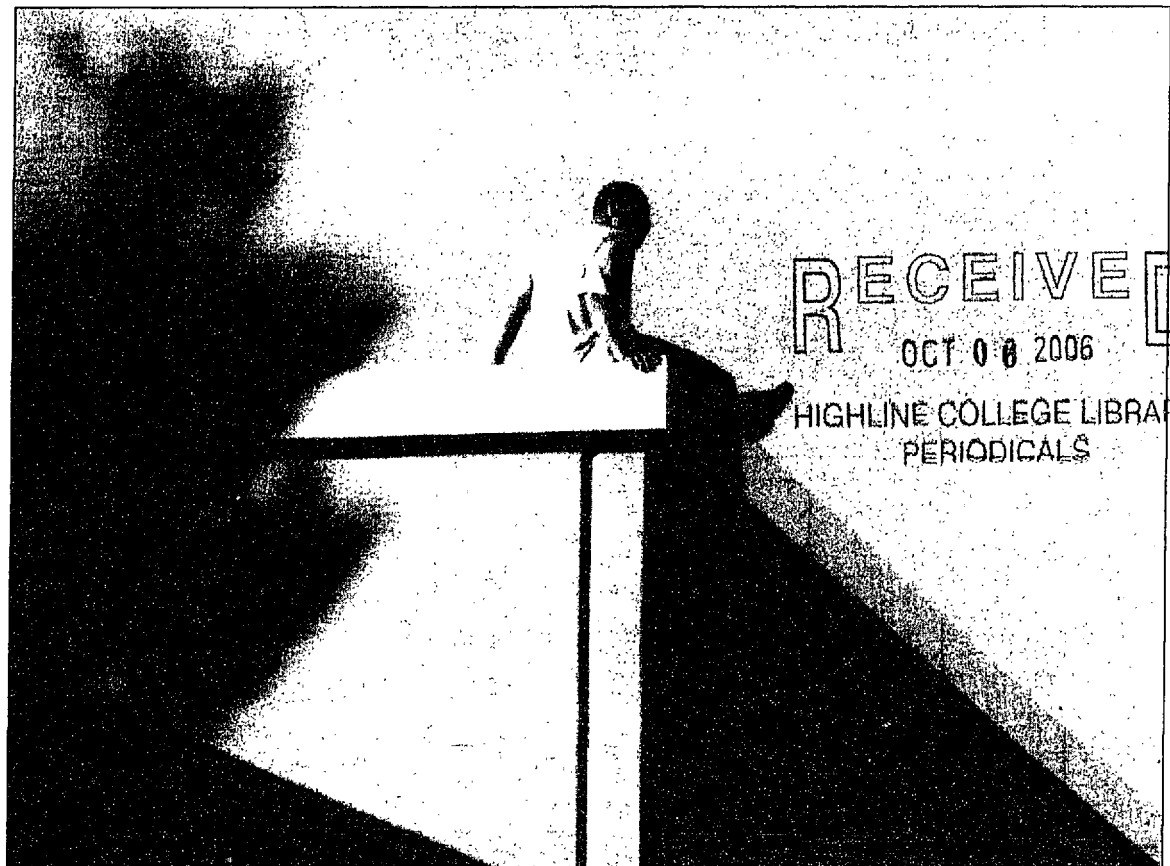
He climbed onto the roof around 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 29. He got on the roof by using a ladder in a back stairwell that had been left unlocked.

The man was talked down from the building at 7:30 p.m. and was sent to an unidentified hospital on an involuntary commitment where he is now being held.

Few people were still at work in the Outreach Building at the time of the incident. The few that were, were evacuated by the police at around 4:30 p.m.

The police evacuated the building because to bring the man down they would have to bring him through the building.

A police negotiator asked the man if there was anyone they could call, and the man shouted



MICHELLE ERICKSEN/THUNDERWORD

An unidentified male dangles his feet on the Outreach Building off Pacific Highway in between threatening to commit suicide by jumping off.

out several numbers down to the police officers.

After the officers received the numbers, the man became very adamant that they make the call.

He repeated the phrase "make the call" several times. His mood seemed to shift from despair to anger.

When it seemed the police were not going to make a call he wanted, he began shouting profanities at them.

"The only thing I ever got from ... y'all was jail," the man shouted down at the police. "Are you going to make the ... call?"

At times the man sat almost

casually on the edge of the building, stretching his legs out in front of them, and merely observing the people below.

Some employees said they didn't want to be evacuated because of work, while others were happy to leave.

"I had so much work to do. I was rather annoyed to be truthful," said a Human Resources employee who preferred to remain anonymous.

"It seemed like he was angry and the police seemed to know him. It seemed like this sort of thing had happened before and he was supposed to be on some medication," said another Highline employee.

They said they were not surprised that everyone had to evacuate the building.

"I wondered if they would do that. For all they knew they could have had weapons. They were just making sure no one would be in the way and get hurt," the employee said.

The employee was not upset by the evacuation.

"It was Friday at 4:30 p.m. I didn't have a problem with it," the employee added.

Crowds of onlookers gathered at various times. At first many of them stared up at the man then after realizing he

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Highline alum's death still unresolved

By ROBERT LAMIRANDE
staff reporter

Police are still investigating the death of former Highline student Jessie Drungo.

According to a Kent Police report, Drungo was stabbed to death Thursday, Sept. 1 around 10:20 p.m. outside the Vetana Apartments in Kent. A verbal dispute broke out between Drungo (who was accompanied by five to seven men) and two males and one female.

After Drungo was stabbed, one of the attacking males dropped the knife and ran with his two counterparts. He was chased down by one of Drun-

go's friends and stabbed, though not fatally.

The news of Drungo's death



Drungo wishes to remain anonymous) from Highline.

"My friend called me up," he said, explaining how he came to

hear the news. "She said 'Der-ek's brother,' which is Jessie, 'died.'" He said that when he heard her crying, he knew that she was serious.

Drungo is not only remembered by Highline students, but by faculty also.

Political science instructor Davidson Dodd, who had Drungo in a class two years ago, remembers him well.

"I find myself thinking about Jessie often, mourning him, and I'm sick thinking about it," said Dodd. "He was an essential human being."

Dodd said that he and Drungo would talk after class, and that he found Drungo to be con-

tinuously enthusiastic and optimistic.

"He was positive about his future," Dodd said. "He wanted to work hard and do well."

Like others that knew Drungo, Dodd is curious to see what happens now, five weeks after the murder.

"Where I'd be interested in is what's happening with the case now," he said. "It's not like somebody fled and we don't know where he is."

Like Drungo's friends and family, Dodd is waiting to hear the outcome of the investigation. "You have a tragic ending, law enforcement gets drawn into it, but what's the result?"

CSI:



HIGHLINE

Student flees scene

A hit-and-run occurred in the North Lot on Sept. 28. A student's car was damaged but no one was injured. Des Moines Police were called to the scene.

Stranger vanishes

An unidentified man was found in Building 11 on Sept. 28 using a computer. When discovered, he grabbed something out of a file cabinet and left with a skateboard. Security was unable to locate him.

Urban art appears

Graffiti was found on the south doors of Building 28 on Oct. 2.

Man fights furniture

Library staff reported a man punching and kicking furniture on Oct. 3. Security searched all floors but were unable to locate him.

Monitor goes missing

Staff reported a computer monitor missing from Building 30 on Oct 3. It is not yet known whether it was stolen or simply moved.

-Compiled by B. Elliot

America's Walk for Diabetes returns

Partners in the war against diabetes will have another chance to fight their battle in the next two weeks at the annual America's Walk for Diabetes.

Walkers can go it alone or form teams for the event, which is expected to raise \$400,000 locally. All funds from the walk will go toward diabetes research, the goal of which is to improve the lives of those with diabetes and ultimately find a cure.

One walk will take place Saturday, Sept. 30, at Qwest Field in Seattle. A second walk will take place one week later on Oct. 7 at the Tulalip Amphitheater in Tulalip.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., and the walk begins at 9 a.m. both days.

Paralegal day is raising the bar

By VERA PATTERSON
staff reporter

Paralegals are one of the fastest growing professions in the employment environment today.

Highlines second annual paralegal informational session will be held on Oct 6 in the Highline Student Union Building from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. They will be booths with advisors and students to provide information and answer your questions.

Coordinator Buzz Wheeler said "we are one out of the five



Buzz Wheeler

programs recognized by the American Bar Association."

The paralegal program has a two year Associate Applied Science degree and a one year certificate program available to those with a four year degree. The program currently has five full time and three part time professors for both day and evening classes.

Gov Christine Gregoire has declared Oct. 6 State Paralegal Day as recognition and emphasis on this growing occupation.

Varied positions are available to the paralegal field are in

human Resources, legislative aides, attorney general offices, governmental offices, alternative dispute resolution services and program managers, Wheeler said.

The paralegal program will conduct quarterly orientation for interested students on

Wednesday, October 18 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the Highline Student Union Building Mt. Olympus room.

For course listings on the paralegal program go to www.flighting.highline.edu/paralegal.

News Briefs

Job fair prepares to put up its tents

Employers can now register for the Fall 2006 Highline/CWU Job Fair. For \$85 an organization can reserve a table, two chairs, and lunch for two persons.

"We have over 22 employers currently registered for the event and plan to have around 35 total," said Diana Baker of Workforce Development.

The event will take place Oct. 18 from 9:30-1 p.m. and will be open to Highline students, Central Washington University students, and the general public.

Beginning Japanese classes offered

Beginning Japanese classes will now be offered in the Extended Learning Center.

The class will cover conversational Japanese, culture, and the Hiragana alphabet.

The class will be every Thursday starting today until the Dec. 14th, from 6-7:30 p.m.

The class fee is \$79 and students interested need to be registered by today at noon.

For more information contact the Center for Extended Learning at 206-878-3785.

Highline students win scholarships

Seventeen students have been awarded scholarships for Fall Quarter. Recent scholarships include the Washington Financial Aid Association (WFAA), and Highline's own Academic Achievement scholarship.

The WFAA is awarded to students based on "leadership ability, academic excellence, and financial need," said Kim Wasierski, the senior associate director of Financial Aid. Recipients include students Rickitia Reid and Kiana Hayes.

The Academic Achievement scholarship required students to write an essay, collect two letters of recommendation,

and have a GPA of 3.5 or better. Recipients of the award include Julie Bentley, Caitlin Elya, Christina Escoto, Lael Esser, Amanda Fleming, Cynthia Johnston, Robert Lamirande, Dana Lee Rae Lashbaugh, Alice Sun Lee, Valerie Manniko, Kimberly Moor, Jeremy Patton, Olga Sidorenko, Kerstin Torrescano, and Michaela Wright.

Highline's best have been recognized

Two Highline employees were recognized for providing outstanding service at the end of Spring 2006. Economics Instructor Phil Droke was named Faculty Member of the Year, while Ronda O'Brien, program coordinator for Highline's

switchboard, was named Employee of the Year.

Droke belongs to the Tenure Review Committee, and is chairman the Faculty Senate. In a nomination from a colleague, Droke was described as having "enthusiasm to deliver that knowledge and caring, and the ability to enable students to understand the coursework." He has been at Highline since 1966.

O'Brien began at Highline in 1988 in telephone services and has since become a program coordinator. As a result of O'Brien's years of service, she has come to be known as "the voice of Highline," a title that she holds humbly.

"I am thankful, flattered and very grateful for the award," she said.

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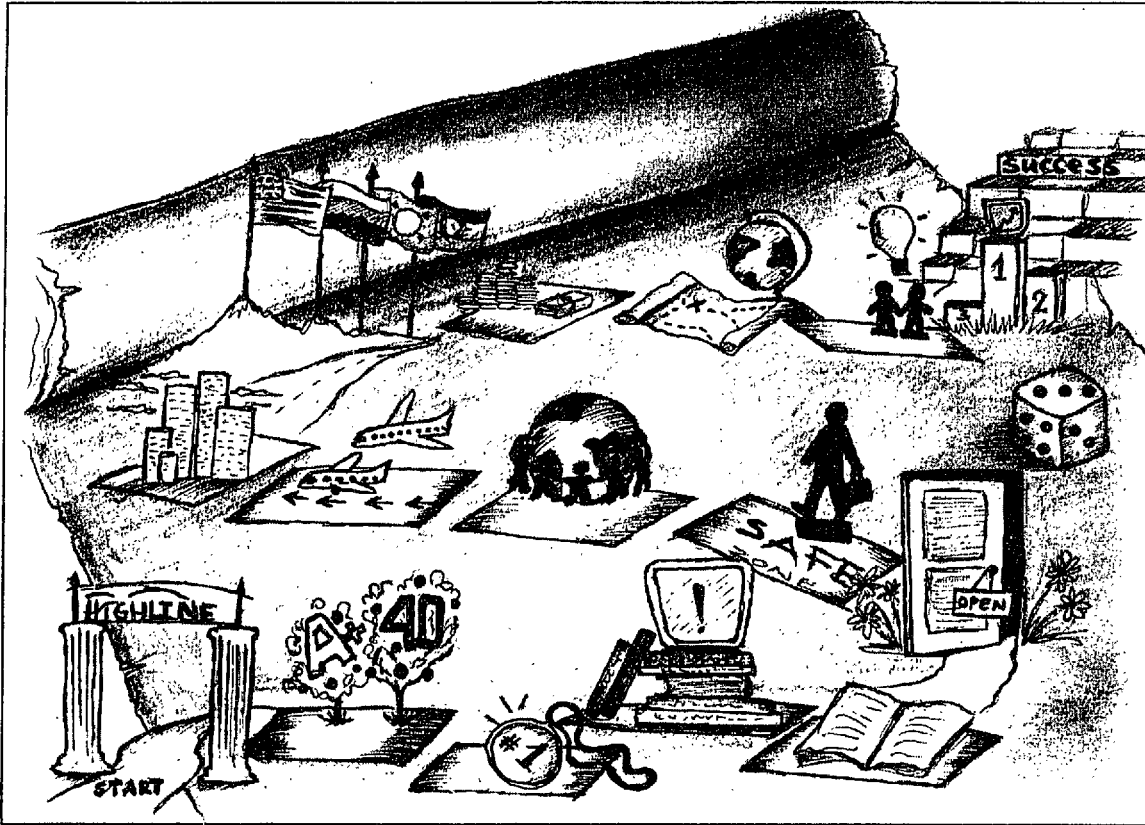
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Mon - Thurs.....8:00AM -7:30PM

Fri.....8:00AM -12:30PM, 2PM -4PM

BY SIMONE SNOW
staff reporter

"It's working because others have seen it," said Skari. "We feel we're on the right track."



NADIA MOSKALENKO/THUNDERWORD

Only a few changes were suggested and made by the Board of Trustees and others around campus.

The values stated in the plan

However, the plan has remained largely unaltered. Many of the activities to accomplish the strategic initiatives came from the 2001 plan.

"We developed a whole se-

"The impressive thing is that this was across campus," Skari said. "A lot of people and input were involved."

By ROBERT LAMIRANDE
staff reporter

The increase in enrolled students comes alongside a shift in student educational interest: the percentage of students seeking an associates degree, transfer, or technical/professional degree are all down. Students hoping to transfer or acquire an associ-

"This is an increase of 25 percent from the 2005-2006 academic year," Allman said. "In fact, this is the largest intake since the new post-9/11 restric-



AUSTEN LAVERY/THUNDERWORD

While the college receives money from local school dis-

Despite the fact that Running Start doesn't boost FTE

"It's annoying as hell."

Editorial comment

Make caucuses matter

Leadership seems to be a theme in Student Programs. It is most noticeable through the addition of student caucuses, specifically designed to create student leaders. Each of the four caucuses revolves around different topics such as global health and political action. Now the question is: who are they leading and how?

The purpose of the student caucuses is rather hazy. While it sounds like a program that could be worthwhile and turn out to provide many leadership and volunteer opportunities, it is up to the students and staff involved to make it so.

The first thing each of the caucuses should do is make a clear plan for what they want to achieve this year. What events are they going to do? What do they want to do out in the community that relates to their topic? For the caucuses to be able to accomplish something, both of those questions and more need to be answered.

Every caucus should promote themselves on campus and encourage people to join by pointing out the great advantage it will provide to students. Running Start students can use the volunteer opportunities to get all those volunteer hours they need to graduate from high school. It will look good on both résumés and college applications. It is a way to meet new people, make friends, and find your niche on campus.

Those to whom each caucus is advertising should also be taken into consideration. The Global Health caucus could aim to recruit students who have aspirations of a medical career. The Empower Education caucus could recruit members who want to be teachers and educators.

The advertising for events also need to go beyond a campus-wide e-mail to the faculty, asking them to announce it to their classes.

The most popular clubs and programs are the ones that offer their members the chance to take part in a variety of events. Therefore, it is essential to the success of the caucuses that plenty of chances are offered for students to get involved in a project they have an interest in. The activities would also be a big selling point when recruiting new members.

Luckily, the caucuses have already taken some steps to plan out their courses of action.

The Political Action caucus is currently focusing on promoting voter registration, and preparing discussion panels on current political issues. The Empower Education caucus is planning on visiting local schools to promote the importance of education.

All of the caucuses need to extend the program beyond weekly meetings and leadership training. Simply talking about issues can only sustain a program for so long. Hopefully the caucuses will be able to continue their active roles, providing occasions for leadership and volunteering for all of their members.



Ignorance isn't always bliss

Commentary

As part of his Monday night ritual, my Dad volunteers with a local chapter of Democrats. A few weeks ago, his task was phone banking. He told me about a particular conversation he had with one woman he called when he asked her what political party she belonged to.

"Ma'am, are you a Democrat?"

"Which is the conservative one?"

"The Republicans."

"Yeah. I think I belong to that one."

This is just one of many scenarios that have made me aware of just how little many people know or even care about politics.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, between 62 and 64 percent of those eligible voted in the 1960, 1964, and 1968 presidential elections. Not until the 2004 election did the numbers come close to matching those from the 60's, when just over 60 percent of those eligible voted.

One thing the numbers don't reflect, however, is just how much people understand what it is they are voting for.

Last week I watched a story on the PBS *News Hour* on Indiana Congressman Mike Sodrel's bid for re-election. The cameras followed him as he went around his district introducing himself to people. What one person in particular had to say really stuck



SIMONE SNOW

with me.

"I hate to say this, but are you a Democrat or a Republican?"

Once Sodrel had assured the man he was in fact a Republican, the man promised Sodrel his vote. This instantly made me concerned, for many people have a tendency to vote for what their political party wants, regardless of whether or not it's in their best interest.

I doubt that man will bother to find out where Sodrel stands on key issues such as social security, the Iraq War, globalization, and the federal deficit. If he votes, he and many others will most likely cast their votes without bothering to be properly informed of whom and what they're voting for.

To me, it's the equivalent of crossing a busy street blindfolded with your fingers in your ears. You simply step off the curb on blind faith, trusting total strangers with your future. That

is of course if you even bother to vote at all.

I can understand why people would want to stay out of politics. You don't always know who to trust, it can be cutthroat, it's complicated, it's frustrating, and often times just plain boring. However, the alternative can be worse.

When people keep themselves out of politics, it prevents their voices and opinions from being heard. The government then no longer does the will of people, since the people have not expressed their will. Instead, those in power are given more freedom to do as they please, and often times go unchallenged.

Make no mistake, there are a lot of honest people in politics, but there will always be a select few who exploit their position for personal gain. However, the more people pay attention to and participate in politics, the more politicians will be held to a higher standard and level of scrutiny.

Remember, the majority of these people have to be re-elected every few years. They are essentially employed by the people. It is in their best interest to keep their employers happy, if they want to keep their job.

The people have power; it's about time they use it, and use it well.

Simone always votes maybe.

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Letters and columns can be on any subject, but topics of interest to the campus community

will take priority.

Please include contact information as all submissions must be confirmed as belonging to the author(s).

E-mail your submission to thunderword@highline.edu.

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Silence can speak louder than words

I've been working at a coffee shop for about five weeks now, serving coffee to the same friendly people every day, offering a "hello," "hi," or "how the heck are ya?"

I ran out of things to talk about two weeks ago.

At 5 a.m. a coffee shop is a cold and lonely place; small talk can only go so far. After successive mornings of taking the same drink orders and asking the same questions, I began to falter for conversation.

There is a terrible, unspoken pain that exists when two people share an awkward silence. Naturally, any person in this situation will grasp for anything to say, choosing feeble conversation over quiet discomfort.

The weather becomes interesting. Rumors gain mileage.

Loser's Corner



ROBERT LAMIRANDE

A car crash, like the one that took place on Star Lake Road and 272nd Street last week, is enough to fuel an entire morning of bright and eager conversation.

The aforementioned car flipped, rolled, and killed its driver, littering the pavement with broken glass.

As customers filed in, my

co-worker informed them of the terrible news, reciting as much as he could about the tragedy before the receiving party voiced his or her despair.

Occasionally someone would come in having just heard a new development on the radio, having seen another rush of lights fly towards the scene. We (my co-worker and I) would soak in this new information, digesting it so that we could share it with the next strangers who came through the door.

That morning was free from the painful silence that I had felt growing during my morning hours. There was something to talk about, and this something was juicy: tragic enough to demand involvement but incredible enough in its circumstances to excuse its being bad news.

Our words conveyed grief for the deceased, but the tones of our voices gave us away. Those were not the voices of troubled people — those were sing-song voices that rejoiced in their use, that were happy just to be heard.

Because we were so bothered by not having anything to say, we opted to say the saddest things we could. For some reason we felt this was all that was worth our conversation.

The death that had occurred on a freezing strip of worn highway was gossip inside the temperature-regulated walls of our world. We had lost the meaning of the thing itself — it had just become news.

Like our conversation, the remains of the wreck disappeared as the day wore on. The

next morning, however, found the site of the accident marked by flower bouquets and sparkling balloons that tugged in the wind, a parting gift from a grieving family and friends.

The shrine symbolized the thing that we all lacked: compassion.

Whereas we felt we lacked something — conversation — this family was missing something real, and would never have another chance to talk about the weather or local politics with the victim again.

The next morning the customers came in and I let there be silence. I let there be silence for the sake of hearing it, of hearing what it sounds like to exist with another person and to be grateful for just that.

Robert knows all the words.

Balancing different roles

Breaking out of traditional roles is one of the biggest challenges Latinas face every time they think about having a career and a family.

"What are they going to say about me if I go back to school and don't have that much time with my husband and kids?"

"What are my parents going to do when they see that I'm gone from sunrise to sunset because I attend school and work and don't come home to cook and clean?"

These are just two of the questions that Latinas face when they think about excelling in life, and chooses to prepare to become a career woman, rather than a housewife.

At the sixth annual Latina Empowerment Summit, Maria Marin, who teaches the art of negotiation, said that a woman can be a housewife and have a successful career, but must find the courage to do so.

Marin said that she came from a family with a father who was very supportive of higher education for his sons because they had to support their families.

Her father was also supportive of her education, but it was just "in case he leaves you."

For a while, I had that same mentality, and many Latino acquaintances of mine have a similar mentality.

"Good for you m'ija. Stay in school and do your thing. Because today you never know if you find yourself a good man," they tell me. "You never know if you get yourself a guy and then he leaves you with the kids."

Many times, we are encouraged to be successful women for the wrong reasons.

Guest Commentary



MARTHA MOLINA

Making the decision of going into higher education or being a Latina in the business world can be a huge sacrifice which hurts the traditional role. You have less time to spend with the family and less time to practice becoming the ideal wife.

"No. You are not a good woman. Look at you. You haven't even cleaned today or cooked a meal for weeks. You are a disgrace to women."

Ahhh ... Those lovely lines. Those are the ones that keep me and many other Latinas going no matter what.

There are some who fall down somewhere along the way and can't take the action of breaking, or better yet adjusting to a modern Latina traditional role.

Women weren't just made to raise babies and be caters to their husbands.

Latinas — all women — are capable of breaking out of the traditional expectations and becoming a loving caring woman with a successful career.

"It's just a matter of taking control of your fear," said Marin. "And not waiting for the perfect timing."

Martha is her own tradition.



Nordstrom looks forward to the year

My name is Daniel Nordstrom, and I am your Student Government president.

Like all students, I have traveled a unique and interesting path to Highline.

I volunteered in the Port Hadlock community and became a volunteer firefighter/EMT in 2002. It was through this volunteer experience that I was exposed to possible careers in health services.

I relocated to Olympia in 2004, continued with college, and started prerequisite classes for the respiratory care program at Highline.

After being accepted into the program, I moved to Des Moines and began classes in the 2005 Fall Quarter.

Soon I was elected president of The Breath of Life Club, advocating cardio-pulmonary health in the surrounding communities.



Nordstrom

I also became active in student government. This activity has led to my interest in and eventual election to president of Student Government for this year.

Personal experience has been my motivator to seek education, hopefully leading to employment in respiratory care.

It was during training to become an EMT that my interest in respiratory care began to develop.

Personal experience with my own active club and other vibrant student communities here inspired me to seek a leadership position in our student government.

I am excited to be a part of the Student Programs team over the next few months and to serve Highline as the student body president.

My hope for the students of Highline is that we share the experience of benefiting from the excellent instruction and an enriched student life outside of the classroom at Highline.

I hope to focus on helping students easily access their basic needs, so that they may be invited to enjoy the many options for involvement in the Highline community.

Highline is a great place that is vibrant, diverse, and full of life as a result of the student community.

I look forward to witnessing and acknowledging the many contributions made by Highline students this year.

Daniel Nordstrom is president of Student Government.



AUSTEN LAVERY/THUNDERWORD

The success of Highline's vocal music program has led to the creation of beginning and advanced choirs.

Highline's new Concert Chorale group will sing their way to Carnegie Hall in New York

By BRIANNE BEETS

staff reporter

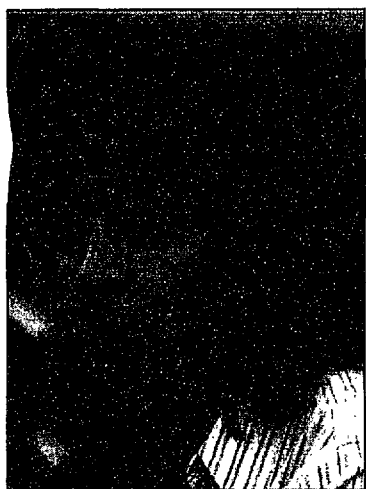
Concert Chorale, Highline's newly formed choir, will fly to New York City next April to perform at Carnegie Hall.

Dr. Sandra Glover, Highline's choir director and instructor of music appreciation and class voice, has created another ensemble which will occasionally sing with the already established College Choir.

While College Choir requires no previous experience, Concert Chorale is an audition-only group.

Auditions for Concert Chorale were held the first week of the quarter, with a core group of 16 members to complete the chorale.

"Concert Chorale was organized to be a campus and community representative of



Dr. Sandra Glover

Highline at various festivals, competitions, and invitational events," says Dr. Glover.

Due to exceptional recommendations that were given by Dr. Glover's colleagues, the Concert Chorale will embark on a trip to Carnegie Hall

A five day expedition in

which Highline's Concert Chorale will perform with three to four other choruses from around the country who were invited to sing.

The performance will be conducted by Dr. Geoffrey Boers, director of Choral Activities at the University of Washington.

The group will sing *Mass in Time of War*, by Haydn, and will feature a professional orchestra to accompany the choirs.

The trip to New York will cost approximately \$1,500, according to Dr. Glover.

"We already have a deposit due next week, and then we must do serious fund-raising to have enough money to help needy students," Dr. Glover said.

No fund-raising plans have been discussed yet, but fund-raising meetings are planned for the coming weeks.

Aside from the excursion to



AUSTEN LAVERY/THUNDERWORD

The new chorale has already begun to practice for their big event in New York.

Carnegie Hall, Concert Chorale will perform locally with College Choir.

"Both choirs will perform at the same concert each quarter," said Dr. Glover.

This quarter Dr. Glover has chosen pieces by Palestrina, Bach, Durufle, and di Lasso.

"The choral music theme this year is music masters," said Dr. Glover.

"Each quarter we are going to study a major era of music history."

The first performance of fall will be on Monday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Building 7.

The Blend returns this fall with the sounds of folk-rock

By SAMMEE GEHRING

staff reporter

The Blend is back, and we're not talking coffee, we're not talking an environmentally safe gas mixture of bio fuel.

It's Highline's very own collection of mini-shows where everyday artists get a chance to wail their hearts out in front of the entire school (or whoever shows up).

This is an event that occurs every two weeks and usually takes place on the second floor of the Student Union building in front of the Bistro.

This fall the Blend has a new coordinator, Amanda William-



Jerin Falkner

Lewis. William-Lewis's goal for this quarter is to make the Blend known for its great cof-

fee, relaxing setting and exciting blend of music.

William-Lewis said she is hoping to attract "a variety of music to come and play, but it does have to be good 'Coffee House' music."

What William-Lewis would like to see is a "coffee house" type band, or Highline's version of "unplugged" or acoustical for heavier type bands.

Due to noise restrictions and the variety of age groups that attend Highline, appropriate language and stage presence is a must.

The Blend provides the sound system, and the artists bring their own equipment.

Most shows are performed between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and the artists are paid for their performance, however, it is free for fellow students to observe.

Any musicians who are interested in performing can contact Amanda William-Lewis at awilliam@highline.edu, Natasha Burrowes, assistant director of Student Programs and Diversity for Highline, at nburrowes@highline.edu, or Liz Shimaura, event consultant, at eshimaur@highline.edu.

You could also take the short walk to the Student Union building on the third floor where their office is located.

William-Lewis is open to all types of music as long as the set guidelines are followed.

She is trying, she says, to pick things that would be appealing to the average student based on her knowledge of the average student.

The first show takes place on Oct. 11 at 10:30 a.m.

The artist starting the quarter off is Jerin Falkner. She is a folk-rock singer from Seattle who can be compared to Jewel.

Following Falkner is Jonathan Kingham, who has his own "blend" of music combining the sounds of folk, pop, country and jazz. His performance will be on Oct. 25 at 11:30 a.m.

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Turn your winter blues, green

Houseplants can lighten up any drab, dark room during the harsh winter months

BY RACHEL LUSBY

staff reporter

Winter may be on its way, but green thumbs need not worry. You can bring your hobby inside.

Houseplants make for an excellent hobby during the drab winter months.

Indoor plants require less maintenance than their outdoor relatives.

They are also great for decorating the inside of your home or office space.

The most important thing to remember about houseplants is that they are in an environment that is not typically ideal for plants, so you'll need to keep track of their health.

You can do this a number of ways. One of which is keeping them clean.

Your indoor plants will, just like most other items in your house, collect a lot of dust.

Dusting your plants helps control insects and keeps your plants healthy.

The temperature of your home is also important.

Indoor plants typically prefer a controlled temperature range that is around 65 degrees to 75 degrees.

In general, houseplants need less light.

This is because most of them thrive in the shade or indirect sunlight. One exception to this is cacti.

Biology lab technician and plant lover Donn Walter suggests that each plant you have



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Indoor plants are beautiful and they help keep the air in your home fresh.

in your home be given special attention in regards to watering and nutrition.

"Individual plants have different watering requirements," says Walter, "so a good rule of thumb is to check the moisture by feeling the dirt down to the root ball with your finger. If the soil is dry, soak or water the plant until the soil is saturated then let the soil go completely dry again."

Walter says, however, that in-

door plants like the African violet do not like this sort of treatment; they preferably should be watered from the roots up, like sit them in a tray of water so that they can soak up water; they also seem to prefer having moister soil, so don't let them go completely dry.

Bugs and diseases aren't just a problem for outdoor plant life they effect the indoor species, too.

"If you really care for your

plants and want them to be really healthy they will need help from time-to-time to fight off infestation," says Walter.

Walter recommends using Neem Oil, (a substance that is used for many purposes as well as a bio-pesticide,) or spray soaps.

"Bugs cannot handle soaps," says Walter. "It causes their cells to break down so they will go other places for easier pray if they can."

As for other diseases, Walter says that if the watering is good and the soil is healthy, this makes the plants healthy and there should be a minimum amount of disease problems.

"If you do end up with a disease, the best solution is to just get rid of the sick plant," says Walter.

He says the same thing if you end up with spider mites in your plants; just toss the plant out.



Prayer Plants (Maranta leucaeura) close up like praying hands when the sun goes down. They prefer high humidity but light to medium amount of sun.

He also says that you could just squish the bugs between the leaf and your finger.

"It works for Cisco Morris, it ought to work for you," Walter said.

There are hundreds of plants that you can easily grow inside.

Some of the most popular ones are African violets, the prayer plant, shamrocks, cactus and schefflera.

Although the requirements for most indoor plants are similar, you should always read up on any plant you want before you buy it.

You should learn about how to fertilize each particular plant, how much water to give it, how frequently to water, and how much sunlight it requires.

You can find out all of this information from most any garden center.

Houseplants help keep the air in your home cleaner by releasing fresh oxygen into the room they are in.

They make for a great winter hobby and add a touch of beauty to any home.

Art brings hope to African village

Highline library gives Zimbabwe village women the chance to display the hardship of AIDS through October exhibition

BY SASHA REYNOLDS

staff reporter

The gallery exhibit on the fourth floor of Highline's library is giving hope to female artists of Zimbabwe.

The exhibit opened Oct. 2 and is scheduled to be on display through mid-November.

This art exhibit visually narrates the impact of AIDS in the daily lives of Weya village women in Zimbabwe.

It is sponsored by the organization Zimbabwe Artists Project (ZAP).

AIDS is by far one of the leading causes of death on the continent of Africa.

In southern Africa alone, (where Zimbabwe is located,) over 20 percent of the adult



ZAP founder and executive director, Dick Adams, brings AIDS awareness to Highline.

population are suffering from AIDS.

ZAP is a non-profit organization founded in 1998 by Executive Director Dick Adams, a

retired sociology professor from Lewis and Clark College.

The ZAP's main goal is to bring awareness and relief to these AIDS stricken communities through their art exhibit and educating the U.S about this area's history and culture.

Funds raised from these pieces of art directly support ZAP's outreach program.

The ZAP initially started from first request for support by a Weya village woman named Albertina Nyamagoronga.

Nyamagoronga couldn't adequately support her two nieces and disabled nephew who lost their mother to AIDS.

The ZAP helped Nyamagoronga by providing her nephew who now walks with the best assistance that developed his



This piece, by African artist Edith Muzurura, shows life in her village of Weya. The gallery exhibit displays artwork meant to depict the impact of HIV/AIDS in the country of Zimbabwe.

physical and mental abilities, school fees and uniforms for all three children.

ZAP provides all artists with health care, care for AIDS inflicted orphans, support for projects to repair fragile homes, and deliver clean water to the community, along with provid-

ing school funds, and uniforms for 75 children who lost both parents to AIDS.

"Dick Adams is very passionate about the cause he has done so much for, and is available to speak to classes, civic clubs, and other groups," said Dana Rollins, exhibit chairman.

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

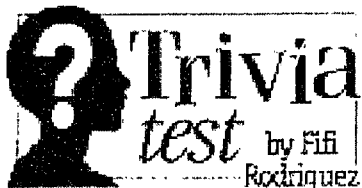
The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom): Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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9. FOOD & DRINK: What is the essential topping on a pot pie?
10. NATURAL WORLD: What is a bergamot?

1. LANGUAGE: What is hardtack?
2. HISTORY: Where was gold found in California that resulted in the great "gold rush" of the 19th century?
3. MUSIC: Pete Townshend may be best known as a guitarist for which band?
4. PSYCHOLOGY: In which culture did the practice of hypnosis arise?
5. TELEVISION: What was the genre of the television series "Babylon 5"?
6. ANATOMY: What is the axial skeleton?
7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the Ivory Coast?
8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What activity would cause a condition called "hammer bite"?

- Answers
1. A simple cracker or biscuit, made from flour, water and salt.
2. Suture's Mill
3. The Who
4. Hindus of India
5. Science fiction
6. The skull, ribs, sternum and vertebral column.
7. A country in West Africa
8. Firing a semi-automatic pistol, which sometimes pinches the skin in the web between the thumb and first finger.
9. Pastry
10. An orange whose skin produces a fragrant, essential oil.

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Arts Calendar

•Jesse Cook, a rhumba flamenco guitar master, is coming to the Kentwood Performing Arts Center on Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Cook fuses music from around the world with age-old traditions. Music from Spain, Cuba, Egypt, Brazil and France will be featured.
•The Rainier Symphony Orchestra will perform its first show of the season, Classical One, on Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Renton Ikea Performing Arts Center. The Renton IPAC is located at 400 S. 2nd Street. A second concert will be at the Foster Performing Arts Center in Tukwila on Oct. 22 at 3 p.m. The Foster PAC is located at 4242 S. 144th Street Tukwila. Tickets for both shows are

also available at rainiersymphony.org.

•Lingo dancetheater presents *Relatively Real* on Saturday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Kent-Meridian High School Performing Arts Center, 10020 SE 256th St., Kent. Tickets for *Relatively Real* are \$14 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. Tickets may be purchased at the Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N., or by phone with a Visa or MasterCard during business hours at 253-856-5050.

•Rock bands She Wants Revenge and Placebo will be performing at The Showbox in downtown Seattle on Oct.

Last week's
Weekly SUDOKU
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28 New England tonic
30 US Air asset
33 Enclosures
36 Sharp
38 Small guitar
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40 Shirts opposites
41 Topic
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43 Turn add on
44 Big hole
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Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

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25 Consumes
27 Uncorked the wine
29 Inquiring
31 Barely gets by
32 Black and green
33 Wind rope
34 Halo
35 International road race
37 Poet's oft used word
40 Choke
41 Adam's son
43 Half: Prefix
44 Popeye's interjection

- 46 Natural gift
48 Lived with
50 African antelope
52 Machine tool
53 Approximately
54 Defects
55 Computer connection
56 Molding
58 Story starter
62 Operated
63 Clairvoyance

Quotable Quote

I believe that the government that governs best is a government that governs least, and by these standards we have set up a fabulous government in Iraq.

... Stephen Colbert

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26 at 8 p.m. All ages are welcome. Advance tickets are \$23.50 and \$25 on the day of the show; tickets are on sale now. The Showbox is located at 1426 1st Ave. Seattle.

•Soprano Sandra Glover, pianist Nancy Warren and clarinetist Erling Iverson will

perform in concert Nov. 19, 2 p.m. in Building 7. Admission is by donation, to support the Breeders Theater Performing Arts Scholarship. Works

by Bartok, Ferenc, Spohr and Vaughn Williams and will be featured.

Last week's crossword puzzle solution

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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Up and down T-Birds battle injuries, foes

Highline blanks Walla Walla, slips in Spokane

By MICHELLE ERICKSEN
staff reporter

The men's soccer team might have had its hardest weekend of the season. They lost one game, but then pulled through, beating the top-ranked team in the NWAACC.

The Thunderbirds traveled to Eastern Washington to play Spokane and Walla Walla. The weekend was plagued by injuries.

Highline lost 1-0 to Spokane. They lost goalkeeper Joey DeTerra in the first five minutes, when DeTerra dislocated his thumb.

Reserve goalkeeper Tayler Campbell proved himself, only letting in one goal, which was scored at the 82nd minute, giving Spokane the victory.

"We compacted together as a team well after every injury," said Captain Daniel Palermo. "The hardest thing was our starting keeper went out."

"Tayler did great for us," said Head Coach Jason Prenovost. "It was two of the most difficult games and one of the toughest road trips."

The injuries continued. Midfielder David Proud went out with a sprained ankle. Midfielder Moise Nistran got whacked in face and had his tooth go through his lip. Midfielder Leo Potts still has a back injury he got early in the season, and forward Edward Walugembe was out with a hurt knee.

"I think they're doing pretty well even though they're pretty beat up," said Prenovost. "We took a big step as a team this weekend."



KEITH DAIGLE/THUNDERWORD

Highline's Mario Magallanes runs away from a St. Martin's player in action on Wednesday night.

Highline came back after the loss and beat Walla Walla 1-0. Aldo Palomino scored Highline's only goal and Campbell recorded his first shutout.

"We didn't let the injuries effect us and during the Walla Walla game we kept tight, and capitalized on our opportunities," Palermo said.

Prenovost said the game against Spokane was a good learning opportunity for the team.

"Spokane was similar to the other loss," said Prenovost referring to the game that bounced

the T-Birds from the NWAACC championship for Highline last year.

The team breezed through the season and when they came up against adversity they didn't know how to react, the coach said.

Highline finished with a 16-1-1 record, best in the league, but lost 2-1 to Wenatchee Valley in two overtimes. "This team now has that advantage to draw on come playoffs," Prenovost said. "I'm proud of the way the guys came back from the loss. It's the way you react to a loss."

They pulled a victory out of very difficult chances, said Prenovost.

On Wednesday, Highline played St. Martin's University in a non-league game and won 5-1.

The men return to action against Bellevue on Saturday, Oct. 7 at Highline. They don't play again until Oct. 13 at Treasure Valley.

Highline is now 6-2-1 in the West Division of the NWAACC, 7-2-1 overall. They are in second place, two points behind Bellevue.



Daniel Palermo

Lady Thunderbirds finally have a full team

By JEFF ALEXANDER
staff reporter

The women's soccer team had a rough weekend out in the east, losing to both Spokane and Walla Walla.

The Lady T-Birds fell 4-0 to Spokane before taking an 11-1 kicking from Walla Walla.

Against Spokane last Friday, Co-Head Coach Val Muehling said that, despite the loss, the defense played very well.

Since the beginning of the season, the team had been playing with only eight players. Friday's game was the first opportunity the team had to play with a full 11.

Right now the Lady T-Birds are third in the West Division of the NWAACC with a record of 3-6-0.

Coach Muehling said the women were excited to have a full team out on the field. However, three of the players played injured.

Saturday's contest against top-ranked Walla Walla was the toughest game the team had experienced all season. One of the things that makes Walla Walla a tough team is the size of its roster. With 19 players, they can

keep their players from tiring as fast as any other team out there.

"Walla Walla is the best team we've seen so far and probably ranked in the top two in the NWAACC," said Co-Head Coach Tom Moore.

The only bright spot of the weekend's games, aside from fielding 11 players, was a goal by Jenny Martini in the 18th minute of the Walla Walla match.

Martini leads the team in goals and is now ninth in the league with 11 goals on the season.

Although the Lady T-Birds

are three games under .500, the future for the team is looking increasingly brighter. During the first week of the quarter, the team sent out invitations to incoming students about turning out for the team.

Coaches Muehling and Moore had a table out during the first week, where they signed up several new students.

The team also had a BBQ during the first week of school where they received several names of students who are interested in playing.

Coach Muehling said that three new players were going to

turnout for practice this week.

"We have a very strong foundation, with many skilled players. A larger team will enable us to relieve the pressure of playing a full game. Especially with the games are back-to-back on the road," said Coach Muehling.

The Lady T-Birds will be back in action this Saturday against Bellevue, Noon at Highline.

The women's soccer team is always looking for more women to turn out to play. If you are interested in please contact Moore at 206-878-3710, ext. 6395 or Muehling at ext. 6107

Volleyball pulls out of slump with three wins

By KEITH DAIGLE

staff reporter

The women's volleyball team has begun to pick up the pace of a slow starting season, winning their last three games.

Highline defeated Lane, 30-20, 30-26, 12-30, 30-25; Centralia 30-23, 30-19, 30-16, and Grays Harbor 30-17, 30-18, 30-12 for a league record of 3-2.

"We started off a little bit behind, because we did our trip to Italy. While it was great to do the trip, a great experience for the players, we didn't have quite enough practice time to get up to speed to play our first couple of matches," said head women's volleyball coach John Littleman.

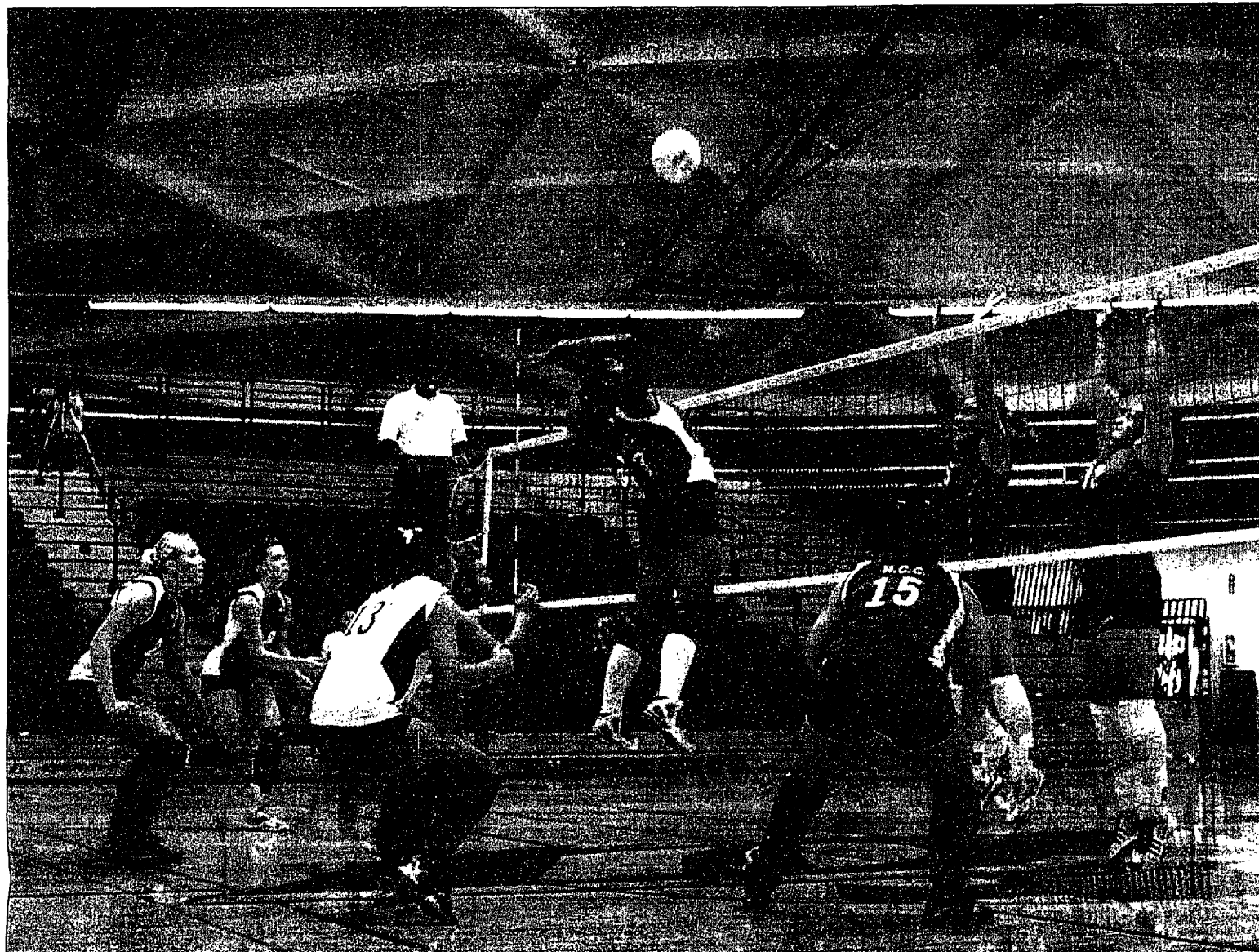
"We played Tacoma and Pierce, which are two of the top teams in the league. We lost close ones, but we still lost," said Littleman.

Littleman said that the team was playing catch up, but that by midseason the team will be up to speed with everybody else and they will just keep improving from there.

"I think we have a lot to improve on, and I think some of the other teams are just going to stay status quo," Littleman said.

Highline faced Lane (1-4) on Sept. 22 defeating them 30-20, 30-26, 12-30, 30-25. Their wins have not come easily, and this was no exception. They were able to come back and win in the fourth match after taking a beating in the third.

Mercedes Fernandes had 14 kills and 10 digs, Anjelika Gouveia had 42 assists and Lyndsay



KEITH DAIGLE/THUNDERWORD

Highline women volleyball's Angelika Gouveia leaps from the floor to spike a ball that dangles above her head.

Hovee had 17 kills.

The Lady T-Birds defeated Centralia on Sept. 27, scoring 30-23, 30-19, 30-16. Fernandes led the team with 18 kills and Gouveia had 29 assists.

The Lady T-Birds stayed fairly dominant throughout the night when they faced Grays Harbor (0-5) last Friday. It was, however, by no means a shut

out. The final score was 30-17, 30-18, 30-12. Gouveia led the game with 29 assists and five aces. Fernandes contributed with 12 digs and Agy Lord had five aces.

Yesterday Highline played the third place team Green River, who are ranked sixth in the NWAAC conference. The results were unavailable at press

time.

Before the game Littleman said he did not feel the results of the night were a foregone conclusion, and that in the end it would come down to who had a better night.

"The two teams are pretty much even as far as skill wise I think it is going to come down to who has a good night," said

Littleman.

Highline will be competing in the crossover tournament at Lane Community College in Eugene, Oregon this weekend, Oct. 6 and 7. This will be a non-league game.

The team will take a break until Friday, Oct. 11 when they play an away game against Clark.

Cross country continues, despite lack of runners

By JESSICA FRANZ

staff reporter

Highline's men and women's cross country team face good and bad news.

The bad news is both teams are still struggling to find capable runners.

Currently the team only has three women runners and three male runners. While each team needs five runners in order to place in competitions.

"I think it is really a mental test for us because if we don't have enough people. Then we must focus on our individual times and that pushes us to get better on our own," says team member Victor Kimuhu.

That isn't the only piece of bad news the team faces.

Tyler Eidsmoe started the



Keith Paton

season off on the injured list because of knee pain.

He had hoped to still run this season but a trip to the doctor changed all of that. Eidsmoe is now not allowed to run for at

least two months because of a knee sprain from excessive running.

Despite the set back Eidsmoe is not giving up.

"I am definitely planning on running track this year and cross country next year," Eidsmoe said.

Even through the bad news there is still a light of hope for the cross country team.

The team may have lost Eidsmoe but they also recently gained another.

Alex Larios graduated from Sumner High School last year and is now a freshman here at Highline.

He has only been to a few practices so far this season, but Head Coach Keith Paton can already see potential.

The team recently ran at the

"I think it is really a mental test for us because if we don't have enough people then we must focus on our individual times and that pushes us to get better on our own."

—Victor Kimuhu,
team member

St. Martins Invite in Lacey. For the men's team Kimuhu ran 28:53 in the 8 kilometer race. William Anderson ran 31:07, a 13 second improvement.

For the women's team, Sherree Barbour ran 26:34 in the 6 ki-

lometer race. Rosie Meeker ran 27:16 and Melissa Better ran a 28:18.

Even though the times don't reflect it, the team as a whole ran stronger and better than the last meet, Paton said. The team will be running this weekend at the Clark Invite at Lewisville State Park.

If anyone is interested in cross country they should contact Paton at 206-878-3710, ext. 3473, or Kpaton@highline.edu.

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Fastpitch team hosts annual fall tournament

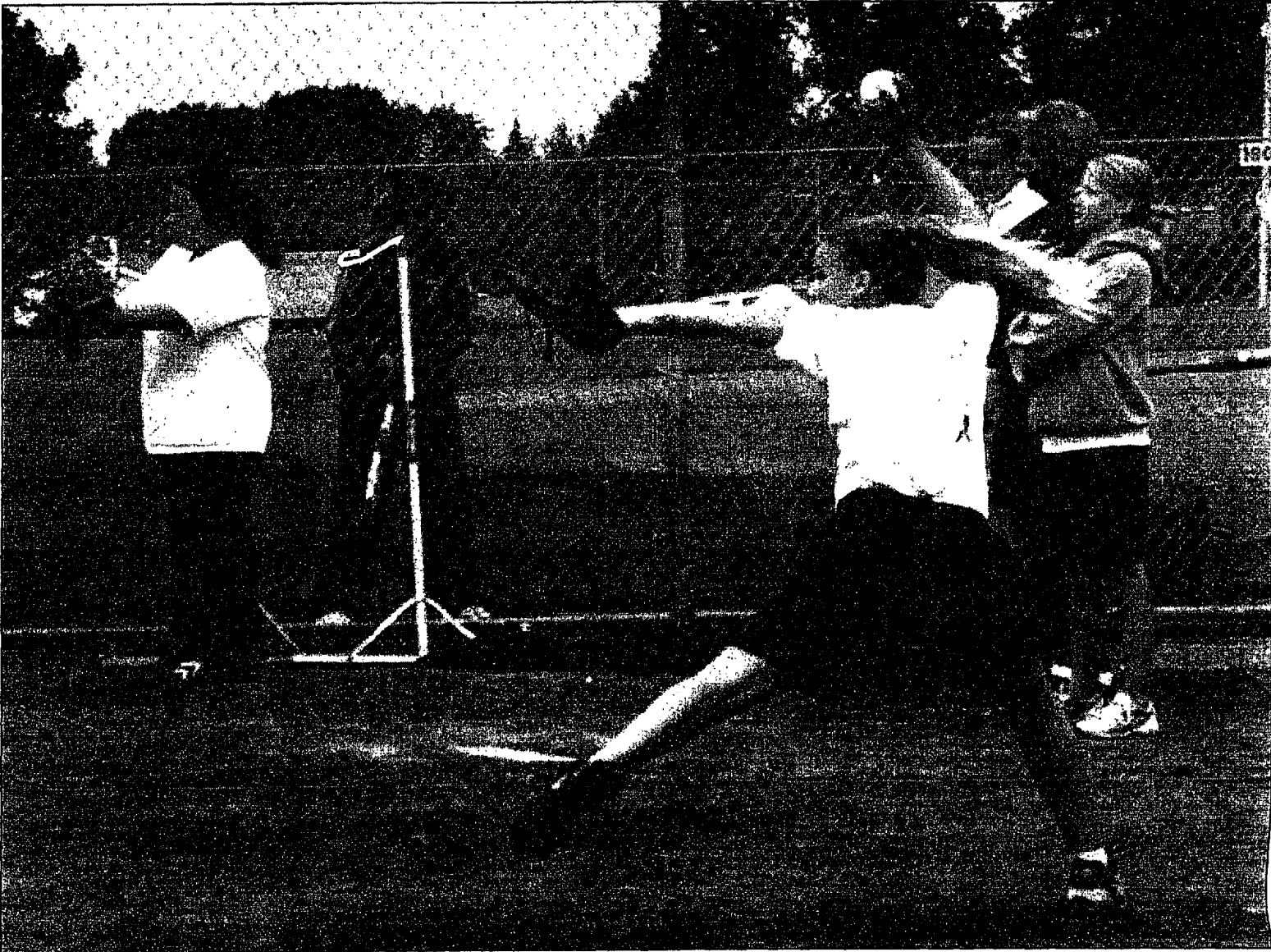
The Lady T-Birds fastpitch team is in full swing for fall. The T-Birds host their annual fall tournament here this Saturday, Oct. 7, with games at Highline's home field and at Steven J. Underwood Park in Des Moines.

Games are 2 p.m. at Highline's field, and 4 and 6 p.m. at Underwood, 21800 20th Ave. S. This year's fall team boasts two returning players from last year's 11-30 team, Amanda Houser and Keresa Steichen.

Last year's team finished fourth in the Western Division of the NWAACC and qualified for the league championships. At the tournament, the T-Birds bowed out in two games.

Six teams are participating in this weekend's tournament: Highline, Bellevue, Everett, Grays Harbor, South Puget Sound, and a club team from Washington State University. If last season is any indication, South Puget Sound and Bellevue are the best two teams in this weekend's tournament with 28-2 and 31-5 records respectively.

If you are interested in playing fastpitch this fall or spring, contact Head Coach Ann Schmidt at 206-878-3710 ext. 3459



A Lady T-Bird warms up her pitching arm at practice earlier this week.

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Scoreboard

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Men's soccer				
NORTH League/Pts/Season				
Whatcom	4-1-1	13	7-2-1	
Shoreline	3-2-1	10	3-2-1	
S.Valley	2-3-1	7	2-3-1	
Everett	1-6-0	3	1-6-0	
Edmonds	0-4-2	2	0-6-2	
EAST League/Pts/Season				
Walla Walla	8-1-0	24	12-1-0	
Spokane	7-2-0	21	9-3-0	
Col. Basin	3-4-2	11	4-5-2	
W. Valley	3-5-1	10	5-5-1	
Tr. Valley	2-7-0	6	2-7-0	
WEST League/Pts/Season				
Bellevue	7-2-0	21	7-2-0	
Highline	6-2-1	19	7-2-1	
Peninsula	2-4-3	9	4-4-3	
Tacoma	2-6-1	7	2-6-1	
Olympic	1-8-0	3	1-8-0	
SOUTH League/Pts/Season				
SW Oregon	5-1-2	17	5-1-2	
Clark	5-1-1	16	5-3-1	
Pierce	3-4-1	10	3-8-1	
SPSound	3-4-1	10	3-4-1	
Women's soccer				
NORTH League/Pts/SEason				
Shoreline	3-4-1	10	3-5-1	
Everett	0-7-1	1	0-8-1	
Edmonds	0-8-0	0	0-8-0	
GrRiver	0-8-0	0	0-8-0	
SValley	0-8-0	0	0-8-0	
EAST League/Pts/Season				
Walla Walla	9-0-0	27	12-0-0	
Spokane	8-1-0	24	8-2-0	
Col Basin	5-3-1	16	5-3-1	
W. Valley	5-4-0	15	6-4-0	

TrValley	1-7-1	4	1-7-1
WEST League/Pts/Season			
Tacoma	6-2-1	19	6-2-1
Yakima	3-4-2	11	3-4-2
Highline	3-6-0	9	3-6-0
Olympic	2-6-1	7	2-6-1
Bellevue	0-9-0	0	0-9-0
SOUTH League/Pts/Season			
Clackamas	9-1-0	27	9-2-0
SWOregon	8-1-1	25	9-1-2
Lane	8-0-0	24	8-1-0
Clark	7-1-0	21	7-1-0
LColumbia	6-3-1	19	6-3-1
Women's Volleyball			
NORTH League/Season			
Bellevue	4-0	5-2	
Whatcom	4-0	16-10	
SkValley	4-1	8-2	
Olympic	2-3	10-13	
Shoreline	1-3	1-9	
Edmonds	0-4	2-20	
Everett	0-4	3-5	
EAST League/Season			
Col Basin	5-0	19-3	
Walla Walla	4-1	13-4	
BlueMountain	3-2	11-6	
Yakima	3-3	5-5	
Spokane	2-3	9-11	
TreasValley	1-4	4-9	
Big Bend	0-5	1-15	
WEST League/Season			
Green River	5-0	12-4	
Pierce	5-0	12-2	
Clark	3-2	5-9	
Highline	3-2	9-2	

By JESSICA FRANZ
staff reporter

Have a ball this fall with Highline intramural sports. Basketball was the game of the day and there was a good turn out said Karen Nadeau, head of intramural sports. Between 25 and 30 participants enjoyed playing 5-on-5 or shooting around.

Nadeau said this year a large number of international students are participating in the program.

Three different intramural sports offered during Fall Quarter. Basketball is offered on Tuesdays, volleyball on Wednesdays and badminton/pickle ball on Thursdays.

Intramural sports are a way to participate in an activity that interests you without having the

stress of being on a competitive sports team.

The great thing about intramurals is that in order to participate all you have to do is show up and the cost is free. No black-soled shoes or street clothes are allowed.

The goal is to provide opportunities for recreation, exercise and fun in a relaxed but structured environment.

"Look at it like a free membership to a gym where you can come and enjoy a different activity each day," said Nadeau.

During Fall Quarter intramural sports are every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1-2 p.m. in the Pavilion (Building 28).

If you have any additional questions about intramural sports please contact Karen Nadeau at 206-878-3710, ext 6046 or knadeau@highline.edu.

Highline Women's Soccer needs you!

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Coach Muehling 878-3710 ext 6117
Coach Moore 253-221-3154

Global warming is a gas, Baer says

BY JEFFREY BENNER

staff reporter

Professor Eric Baer looked to the light to explain how greenhouse gases heat up the Earth at the first in a series of Science Seminars held every Friday.

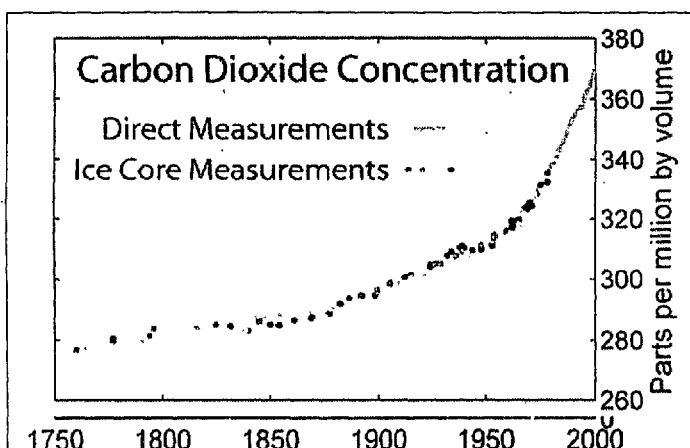
"I find a lot of folks don't understand some of the basic science behind what makes a gas a greenhouse gas and why particular gases heat up the earth and why some don't heat up the earth," said Baer, a geology professor at Highline. "I think the reason is a lot of people don't understand light too well."

In order to explain light, Baer detailed four terms which he would use to explain what defines a greenhouse gas: absorption, reflection, transmission and emission.

Absorption is when something retains light. Things which retain light tend to become hotter.

"You shouldn't wear black in the Sahara because it absorbs heat," said Baer.

Reflection is when light bounces off of something else. Almost all of the light we see is reflected. Something that appears white is reflecting all of the light, something that appears black reflects no light and something that is green is only reflecting green light.



Baer used the graph above to explain the rate of carbon dioxide rising. To the right Baer explains to the audience the differences between light and how it effects global warming.

Transmission, Baer explained, is when light is able to pass through something such as glass or air. "The cool thing is, air — most gases, at least for us in the atmosphere, transmit all visible wave lengths of light. That's a good thing, because if they didn't, we wouldn't be able to see anything."

Lastly, emission is when something gives off light. Objects of different temperatures emit different wavelengths of light.

For example, on an electric stove, the black element is much cooler than the element that emits orange light.

Of course, that doesn't mean the black element isn't hot; it may be producing infrared light.

We can't see infrared light because it's outside of the visible spectrum, but we can feel the heat it produces.

The human body produces infrared light, as does the Earth.

"Go out for a nice hot day, put your hand over the asphalt, [and] feel the heat radiating off. That's infrared radiation," said Baer.

While most gases in our atmosphere transmit this infrared light, greenhouse gases absorb it. As these gases absorb the light, they begin to heat up. This effect is what's commonly referred to as global warming.

Not all gases contribute equally to global warming, Baer explained. The different greenhouse gases vary in their ability to absorb infrared light. In our

atmosphere, water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane and ozone absorb the most infrared light.

Baer identified carbon dioxide as the greenhouse gas most important to long-term climate change.

In the period between 1750 and 1998, the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has increased by 87 parts per million.

"Carbon dioxide is the big'un," said Baer.

Acknowledging that some people are skeptical about global warming, Baer questioned whether some policy makers understood greenhouse gases.

"You can deny certain things, but [if] you've got a greenhouse gas, the Earth is going to be warmer," Baer said.



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Fall Science Seminar Schedule

- Oct. 6 Does it really meter?
Will it Kilo you to learn a new system?
Tricks and tips for navigating strange units — Richard Bankhead
- Oct. 13 Murtle the Turtle — a gentle introduction to computer programming — Tina Os-trander
- Oct. 20 No Science Seminar — Professional Development Day
- Oct. 27 Yeast — what do bread, beer and infections have in common? — Joy Strohmeier
- Nov. 3 How to teach college Algebra: What's new, What's not — Helen Burn
- Nov. 10 No Science Seminar — Veterans Day
- Nov. 17 How to build a computer — Dee Skinner
- Nov. 24 No Science Seminar — Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec. 1 Fibonacci Numbers and the Golden Ratio — Aaron Warnock
- Dec. 8 To Be Announced

Highline to read about the flattened world

BY KORY FARRELL

staff reporter

Highline Reads' newest book selection is *The World is Flat*, by Thomas L. Friedman.

Highline Reads is a faculty sponsored campus-wide reading group with a "two-tiered mission," Literature and Writing professor Dr. Tommy Kim said.

Dr. Kim is the new head of the Highline Reads program, succeeding Pat Phillips.

The program's mission is to bring the Highline community together over an important issue, and more specifically bring together different minds from different areas of education to reflect on issues affecting all of us.

Highline Reads' method of reaching this goal is to have everyone attending Highline read the book faculty and staff voted in as their featured book this year.

Last years selection was *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser, a critical outlook on the nega-



Tommy Kim

tive effects of fast food on our diets, economy, and culture.

On this year's menu is "controversial" and "provocative" best selling author Thomas L. Friedman.

The issue Friedman brings up in his book, *The World is Flat*, is globalism.

Globalism is a complex series of economic, social, technological, cultural and political changes seen as increasing interdependence, integration and

interaction between people and companies in disparate locations.

Thomas L. Friedman stresses the importance of adapting to globalism or being left behind the new "flat" world.

"Jobs are moving around," Dr. Kim said, "and the economy from other countries affects us especially here in the Seattle-Tacoma area because they are port cities."

This Thursday, Oct. 5 at 10 a.m. in Building 7, Highline Reads has put together a panel of experts for a globalism roundtable discussion to further address the question: "What does globalism mean to you personally and professionally?" The panel includes speech professor Dr. Barbara Clinton; Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Jack Bermingham; economics professor Phil Droke; and professor of political science and journalism Dr. T.M. Sell.

The World is Flat by Thomas L. Friedman can be purchased at Highline's bookstore for \$22.50

used to \$30 new. Highline Reads, however, has already distributed well over 300 copies to the faculty and staff of the college, and Dr. Kim hopes that instructors will bring classes to this roundtable.

"It is easy to say we're all connected somehow, but we don't normally take time to really consider just how much we influence each other's lives in the world today," Dr. Kim said about the meeting.

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Changing the face of Health Education

Politics, religion do and don't mix, panel says

By KORY FARRELL

staff reporter

Politics can give religion a bad name, a panel said at Highline on Tuesday.

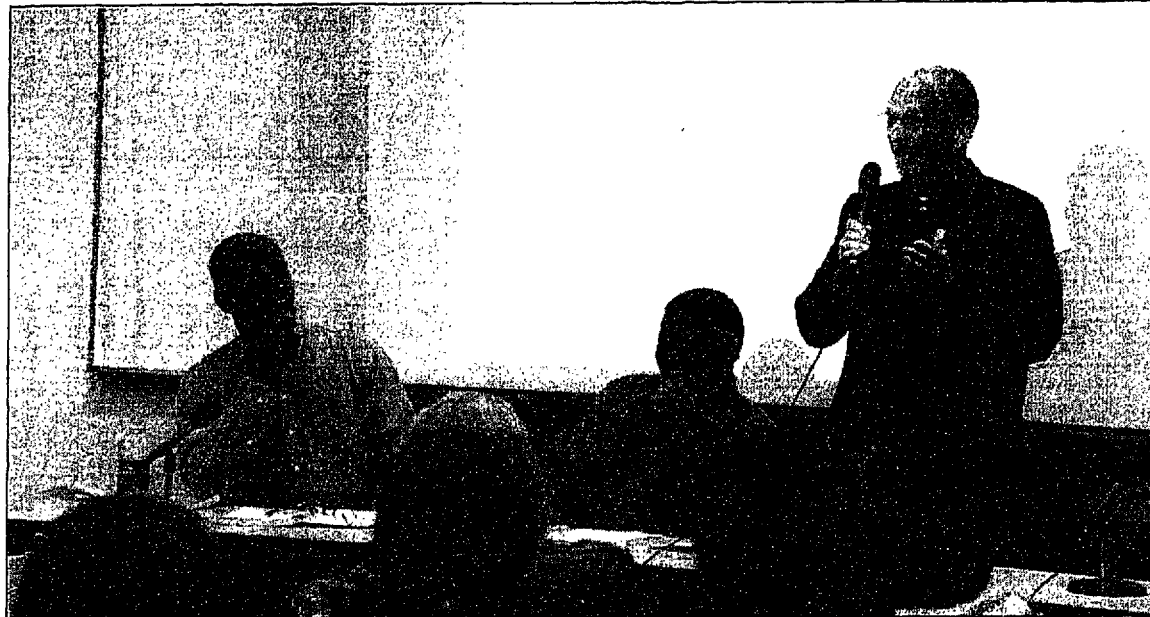
"I don't believe that any one party should look at religion or their belief in God and say, 'y'know what, my political party is better than yours because God just told me so.' And to me that is really kind of absurd," panelist said Le Roi Brashears, a member of the governing board of the Washington Associate of Churches.

Defining Democracy is a fall series of events put on by Highline leading up to the elections in November.

The first session of Religion and Politics took place in the Student Union Mt. Constance room, Oct. 3 at 10 a.m. About 200 people attended.

Panel of speakers included Highline's own instructor of anthropology, history, and political science Emmanuel Chiabi; Tarek Dawoud from the Islamic Speakers Bureau; organizer for the Washington Association of Churches Richard Wells; and Brashears.

"Religion can have a role in its absolute values of uplifting



AUSTEN LAVERY/THUNDERWORD

Le Roi Brashears, left, Emmanuel Chiabi, and Richard Wells discuss how religion does and does not belong in the political arena.

common good," Brashears said, "the values that I talk about really transcend a political party."

All panelists agreed that religious beliefs have their place in politics. Panelists also agreed, however, that church and state should be separate.

"The founders (of the United States) did not believe we should be establishing a theocracy," Wells said. "There should be no official state religion ... but you should still bring your reli-

gious value to the democratic process."

Panelists next discussed the impact that increasing cultural and religious diversity will have on the Republican and Democratic parties.

"The Republican and Democratic parties have to paint their message to appeal to more people," Dawoud said, "but each party will still have to deal with something that is not appealing politically, whether it be abor-

tion, gay and lesbian rights ... I don't see that changing."

Chiabi agreed.

"The lines between Republicans and Democrats will blur," he said. "We are going to be voting on issues and not on party lines. Politicians will be caught in the middle."

"Atrocities in the past like lynching are practically an inconceivable event right now," Brashears said. "But that wasn't always the case. This change

was brought about by a broad-based moral and religious opposition to the brutality of racism in this country. Political leaders will listen and will change when that fire and that passion boils up, and it is my hope that all of you here will be part of that."

One audience member asked, "do you ever think there will come a time in this country when we don't claim red or blue, but that we claim we're one people under a democracy and that we have issues that we all care about or will we be so polarized in the future that we just cannot cross party lines?"

Brashears responded.

"Why not right now? We can all have a part in making that happen," he said. "Politics were not always as polarized as they are right now."

Nearly all of the audience raised their hands agreeing they had been raised with a religious background.

"We all have a chance to become leaders and to participate in the political process," Chiabi said.

"The question then is: Are you going to have your religion influence your issues, or are you going to take issues based on your religious beliefs?"

Defining Democracy will explore major issues and educate

By DAVID BIEHN

staff reporter

Highline is going to try to define democracy this fall and give at least three examples.

Defining Democracy is a series of programs and discussions exploring major issues in the current election and in our political system. It is designed to educate students, staff, and other attendees about political issues relevant to them.

Journalism Department Chairwoman Susan Landgraf's passion for democracy is what got the program started.

"My grandparents were immigrants," Landgraf said. "Grandma spoke of how great America was and I believed that, and I still do."

Over time lies, deceit, and scandals in the government frustrated Landgraf.

She took action. She spoke to the president of Highline and got the proposal for the first Defining Democracy program approved.

Over the years, many of the staff and faculty have volunteered their time to keep the program alive, Landgraf commented.

The events this week are specially scheduled hopes of getting non-registered voters

singed up.

The deadline for voter registration is this Saturday.

The events featured this year are as follows:

- What Does Globalism Have To Do With Me? Thursday, Oct. 5, 10-10:50 a.m., Mt. Constance. A Highline Reads panel discussion based on the themes in Thomas Friedman's book *The World is Flat: A brief history of the 21st century*.

- Initiative 920: Estate Tax Forum, Thursday, Oct. 5, 12:10-1:15 p.m. Building 7. Pro and con panel including discussion of the initiative process, sponsored by the Highline College Education Association.

- US Foreign Policy....So What? Friday, Oct. 6, 9-9:50 a.m., Student Union, Mt. Constance. History and political science teacher Jim Glennon discusses the role of U.S. foreign policy in the coming 2006 and 2008 elections.

- Who votes? Who doesn't? US and International perspectives, Monday, Oct. 9, 11-11:50 a.m., Student Union, Mt. Constance. Jennifer Jones and T.M. Sell discuss who doesn't vote, why they don't, and look at why other democracies around the world have higher voter turnouts.

- Empire and Democracy:

Are they compatible? Wednesday, Oct. 11, 10-10:50 a.m., Student Union, Mt. Constance. Davidson Dodd will discuss the paradox and lessons of the simultaneous growth of the U.S. and European empires.

- Democracy and Education, Wednesday, Oct. 18, 11-11:50 a.m., Building 2. Tim McManon and Patricia McDonald will discuss the problems with undereducated people and how it effects our democracy.

- Latino Awareness Week, Oct. 16-20. Additional programs sponsored by the student United Latino Association.

- State Legislative Candidate Forum, Monday, Oct. 23, 12:10-1:15 p.m., Student Union, Mt. Constance. Short candidate presentations followed by legislative district conversations.

- Current Issue Town Hall Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 25, evening. Sponsored by the student Paralegal Association.

- Defining Democrat, Defining Republican, Thursday, Oct. 26, 10-10:50 a.m., Student Union, Mt. Constance. Jeff Ward discusses what it means to be liberal, centrist, conservative, and libertarian in the U.S.

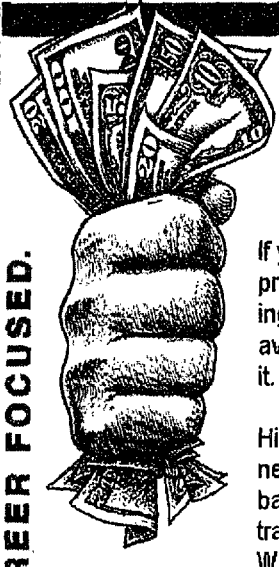
- Immigration and our Democracy: A panel, Tuesday, Oct. 31, 9-9:50 a.m., Student Union, Mt. Constance. Rolita Ezeonu

will the moderating a panel that will discuss issues and challenges surrounding who gets to stay in the United States.

- Visual and Information Literacy: The current campaigns Thursday, Nov. 2, 11-11:50 a.m., Student Union, Mt. Constance. Susan Landgraf and a speaker

from the Society of Professional Journalists pose the question, "How do we know what we read and see about candidates and initiatives is true?"

Updated information can be found one the web at <http://www.flighline.highline.edu/democracy>.



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Emerson is dedicated to Highline, happy with success

By JUDY VUE

staff reporter

After a decade of service to Highline, Mike Emerson will be retiring from his position on the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees is a group of five people who are appointed by the governor to oversee and provide strategic plans for the progress of Highline.

For Mike Emerson, the past 10 years of his life have been a "rewarding experience."

"I was honored to be appointed by [the governor]," he said.

Emerson was born in Spokane and raised in a small town in Montana. He went to Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire.

Afterwards, he enlisted in the Navy where he served for five years and was in the Reserves for another five, before attending law school at Stanford University. His history contributed immensely to his appointment on the board.

"I didn't actually apply [for the board]," he said. "I had worked on the Foundation board [a separate group], which is nowhere near what it is now."

Emerson was active in fund-



Mike Emerson

raising for scholarships while on the Foundation board, and became president in 1994, but he describes it as "not nearly as effective [as it is now]."

"What we were doing could be described as 'friend-raising' more than 'fund-raising,'" he said.

Despite this, Emerson was able to offer a number of \$2,000 scholarships throughout that

year, with the help of the board of the Boeing Employees' Credit Union, of which he was also a member.

All the work he dedicated to Highline's Foundation board eventually led to his position on the Board of Trustees in 1996.

However, to this day, he admits that his appointment to the board "is still not clear to me."

"It was very informal in those days compared to today," he said. "Sometimes these positions are the subject of political patronage but that was clearly not so in my case, so I guess I had some support from [Highline] due to my efforts on behalf of the Foundation."

It turned out being a trustee was something he could do.

In 2001, he sent a letter to

then Governor Gary Locke requesting a second term. He got it.

Emerson had difficulty in selecting what achievements he was most proud of during his time as trustee, but he was able to narrow it down.

"Number one, we haven't had a lot of real problems in my ten years," he said with a laugh.

The second achievement was the selection of Dr. Priscilla Bell to be the president of Highline.

One of the board's main duties is to choose a president for the school.

When then president of Highline, Dr. Ed Command, was announcing his retirement, the Board had a year to find suitable candidates to replace him.

The process involved listening to everyone's input and dealing with "heavy logistics" of the situation, including relocation of the new president and assuring that there are back-up candidates suitable in case one doesn't work out.

Emerson acknowledged that "there were differences of opinion before we moved onto the next step," but said that in the end, that "long and arduous process" brought out the Board's

full potential.

That potential has also spilled over into the rest of Highline.

"We all like to think that there's a special spirit at Highline," Emerson said. "We have some of the best relationships in all of the state. I've looked at other campuses to assess it."

"We have a president who's credible; we have a faculty who continue to do more with less; we have students who grab things by the horns," he said.

"The custodial staff, the admin stuff, they all jump in to do things for the college."

Ten years of his life are expressed with pride and dedication.

Now that he has retired, he has more plans ahead of him.

"[My wife] Jane and I will travel more now that I'm not tied down to a restrictive calendar schedule," he said.

Emerson also plans to enroll in courses at Highline in order to learn more about Washington state's history.

He has joined the Board of Directors of Highline Historical Society, where plans are being considered to build a permanent museum dedicated to the history of the Pacific Northwest.

Hopes are high for caucuses to inspire change, leadership

By SHURVON HAYNES

staff reporter

Four groups of students hope to make changes on campus and in the community.

As part of last year's reorganization of Student Programs, a series of student leadership caucuses, have replaced Team Highline, Ambassadors Club and Student Government.

"These changes were done with the intention of including more leadership opportunities for students," said Natasha Burrows, assistant director of Student Programs.

"We will continue to host The Blend, a musical concert series performed live in The Bistro Coffee Lounge, and we are currently looking for students to help plan the Spring 2007 boat cruise," said Burrows.

The caucuses were organized at a Student Program Conference in August.

Several students were invited by Student Program officials to attend the conference and help create ideas that would influence more students to become leaders and get involved on campus.

As a result, Student Programs established caucuses by connecting students with similar interests to become active

in bringing awareness to social issues.

Student Programs supports each student caucus by providing building space for meetings, financial support, faculty guidance and instruction.

"The goal and focus of Student Programs is to empower students to become leaders by helping them create their own events from a grass roots level," said Burrows.

Currently there are four established student caucuses.

The Empowered Education caucus hopes to help disadvantaged students overcome obstacles that would hinder their education.

The Helping Hands caucus is a group of students who are concerned with meeting the basic needs of others, by providing resources for food, clothing and shelter.

Rich has new book

Susan Rich introduces her new book *Cures Include Travel* with a poetry reading.

The reading will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8 in Seattle at Open Books Poetry Emporium located at 2414 North 45th Street.

All are encouraged to support Rich.

Global Health caucus members plan to educate and discuss major health concerns such as AIDS awareness, eating disorders, and cancer/disease prevention.

The Political Action caucus seeks to get others involved with political issues, organize voter registration and discussion panels.

"One challenge is that the idea of caucuses is so new that the implementation of the new program is still evolving. It is sort of like building a race car while driving it," said Jonathan Brown, Associate Dean of Student Programs.

If students are interested in joining a caucus, they should contact Speaker of the Caucuses Jennifer Graybill at jgraybill@highline.edu.

Graybill was appointed by the Student Government presi-

Club is restarting

Environmental club is back in session.

The first meeting is on Oct. 11 at 2:30 p.m. in the Higher Education Building, room 242.

The club will discuss future plans for Earth Week.

For more information contact Woody Moses at 206-878-3710, ext. 3649.

dent Daniel Nordstrom, and vice president Paul Pittman.

She is responsible for providing resources, support and representation for all the caucuses at Student Government meetings.

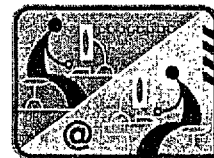
"Our vision is to have at least 50 students, including night and weekend students, in each caucus participating in the caucuses. It not only looks good on a résumé, but it gives students the basic leadership skills they will need in life," said Graybill.

If a student would like to create a new caucus, they must attend an Student Government meeting to become recognized and approved.

They should also have a mission statement regarding their purpose and comply with the goals of the college.

"There is power in numbers, and if students would join forces based on their common interest, they could make a positive impact on campus and in the world," said Graybill.

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Help wanted: Center seeks more tutors

By **ASHLEY DeMAN**
staff reporter

As it opens, the Tutoring Center is actively seeking more tutors.

The Tutoring Center is open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday until 1 p.m. and closed on weekends.

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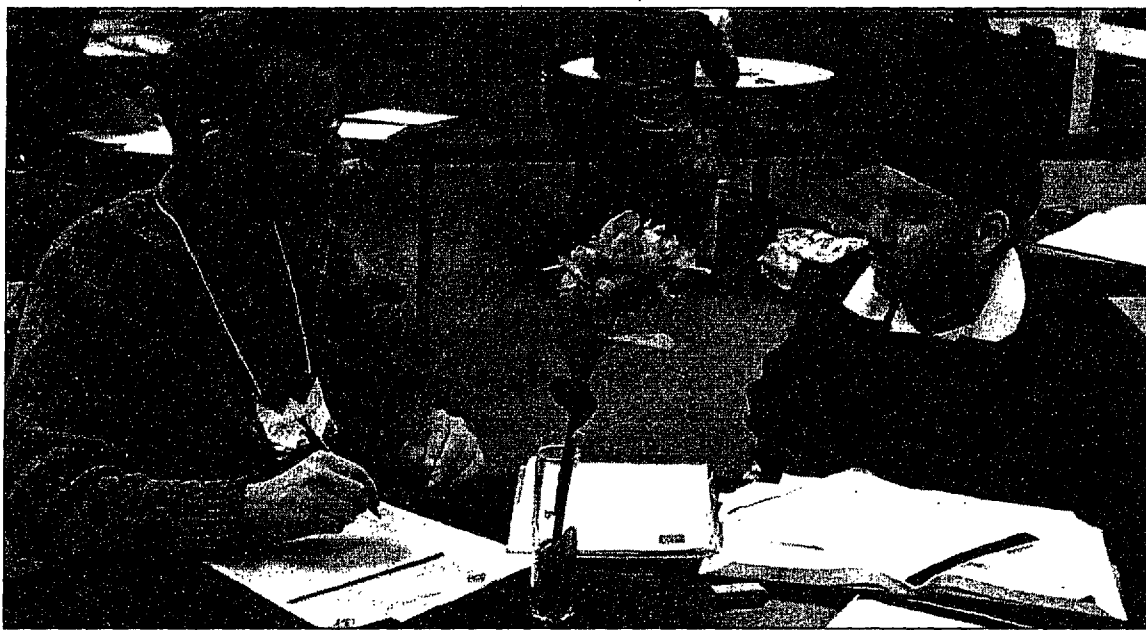
The Tutoring Center is located in Building 26, room 309 and there is no fee for the use of the Tutoring Center.

"What is a better place to provide you with a good learning community than the Tutoring Center?" asks Co-Director Sam Alkhalili.

Right now there are 40 to 45 tutors, and more are needed.

Alkhalili, and the center's other co-director, Kate Skelton, are looking for responsible students with good people skills.

Christopher Thomas, who is the lead tutor for the Writing Center (which is located within



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Christopher Thomas, left, helps Sherjit Singh, right, with his math homework.

the Tutoring Center), says that his department is looking for tutors as well.

"We've been really short-handed," Thomas said.

"There hasn't been a lot of turnout from old writing con-

sultants. We have a lot of new consultants, but not enough of them," Thomas said.

Despite the lack of tutors, Thomas plans to continue serving students.

"We want to help people be-

come better writers by helping them understand their own writing," Thomas said.

Thomas said that helping writers understand their work means addressing issues on all levels, not just helping someone

work out grammar patterns.

Sometimes, Thomas said, writers just need a new perspective on their work.

"You don't have to come in with a bunch of problems on your paper. You can come in to get some feedback on it, to get another set of eyes."

All you have to do is fill out an application, have at least a 3.0 GPA, and a recommendation from an instructor who knows the subject you would like to work with.

At this moment tutors are needed in every subject. The pay for being a tutor is \$7.63 per hour.

Remember "education is what you invest in it. The more you invest the greater the award," said Alkhalili.

The Tutoring Center provides a place and resources towards that goal.

For more information about how to become a tutor, contact the Tutoring Center at 206-878-3710, ext. 3444.

State board calls for standardized course numbers

By **JOCIE OLSON**
staff reporter

Some state officials think that all community and technical colleges should have similar course numbers. But some college officials don't feel that way.

Common course numbering is a renaming of the community and technical college's equivalent courses with the same course identification number and title.

Washington has 34 community and technical colleges.

The director of Educational Services for the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, Jan Yoshiwara, explained that the new numbering system will make it clearer to students on what they have taken.

"[Common course numbering] is primarily for students who move between two-year colleges," Yoshiwara said.

Students won't have to go to a translation table to see if a course they took at one college is called something else at another college, Yoshiwara explained.

At Highline Writing 101 would be similar to English 101 at Bellevue and English 100 at Green River.

Some college officials believe that common course numbering is not necessary.

"The goal of common course



Dr. Priscilla Bell

numbering is to ease student transfer," said Highline President Dr. Priscilla Bell. "Every president is for [easing student transfer]. However, I don't see common course numbering as the best vehicle towards that goal."

"The negatives would far outweigh any little benefit that would result," said President of the Highline College Education Association Ruth Windhover.

Windhover said that Highline doesn't believe there is a problem because there is already an agreement between the community college and the state universities about transferring.

"Whether the common course numbering goes through or not, the student's transcripts will still have to be evaluated," Windhover said. "We believe that a system is already in place and

that common course numbering is not needed."

Highline is not the only college with concerned officials.

"The current plan for common course numbering will have very little positive impact on students, because it is being done without the participation of the four-year universities," said Art Goss, curriculum advisory committee chairman for Bellevue Community College.

Goss explained that the plan would force colleges to change about 90 percent of all the courses names and numbers.

"The only possible value to changing all our courses' names and numbers would be to help students transfer between the 34 state community and technical colleges," Goss said.

The numbering system is designed to help students transfer, Goss said that some students will only become confused.

"Many students self-advise, and often waste time and money taking courses they don't need. Such students will be especially hard-hit by the chaos that

will result after we change all the names and numbers of our courses," Goss said.

Windhover explained that the solution for students is more advising.

Also officials are concerned with the lack of faculty input.

A number of colleges have expressed concern because faculty have not been involved, Windhover said.


"All other states who did this

had heavy faculty participation and the four-year institutions on board," said Goss.

"If the program goes through for Highline it means a great deal of work and expense to make the change over," Windhover said.

Common course numbers is starting at some schools. "The colleges are working right now to change their course numbers," said Jan Yoshiwara.

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Sleep study program off to fast start

By BETH S. ELLIOTT
staff reporter

Students are rapidly waking up to Highline's new Polysomnography Technology program.

After three years of planning, the new program made its debut this fall. So far, the program has been a success its director says. With more than 50 applicants this year,

Program Manager Nicki Bly says the program should continue to succeed.

Polysomnography is used to diagnose sleep disorders through monitoring brain activity.

Students interested in the medical field may want to con-



Nicki Bly

sider becoming a Polysomnographic Technologist. As the field continues to grow, technicians are in high demand, Bly said.

"Polysomnographic technologists are medical professionals that work in state-of-the-art laboratories where they assess patients and prepare them for sleep studies," Bly said.

"They use highly sophisticated sleep computers to monitor and analyze sleep patterns to help physicians diagnose and treat sleep disorders."

Bly warns students to be prepared for the unusual schedule. Most will work overnight in these clinics. An ideal candi-

date for polysomnography will also possess computer skills and work well with people.

These classes work well for people with hectic schedules. The courses begin with on-line lecture classes. Following the lectures will be lab experience and clinical internships.

Because all major hospitals have some type of sleep program, internships are available in all areas, Bly said.

Entry-level technicians can average \$20 an hour. These positions can also lead to other careers in the field, Bly said.

The Polysomnography Department offers two degree programs. The first is a three- quarter

ter certification course, ideal for someone with medical experience. The second is a seven-quarter associate of applied science program more ideal for new students.

The program is funded by a High Demand grant. Highline received \$128,000, Bly said.

Highline will receive the grant every year, as this is a continuous grant.

If you think you may be interested, Bly strongly suggests taking a tour of a sleep clinic.

There are more than 30 in Washington. Once a student, you may also sign up for an overnight observation.

Suicide

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wasn't going to jump immediately they would begin to start yelling "jump."

When people passing by realized what the man was doing up there, they either responded with laughter or with shouts of jump.

Several people got out of their cars and sat on the ground yelling profanities and "jump" at the man.

People walking across the street near a bar and a drive-through espresso stand, also yelled out at the man.

One man going into the bar yelled, "You think you've got problems? Look at me, and I'm not up there."

Every time people got too loud the police cleared the area saying given that the extra attention was only encouraging him.

Cars lined up in the parking lot of Sze Wok Chinese Restaurant to watch the spectacle.

One customer in the restaurant was Highline Employment and Retention Coordinator Aaron Reader.

Reader was in the restaurant for almost the whole duration of time the man was on the roof.

"I was pretty surprised. I got there when it was just him talking to the one security guard," Reader said. "I was a little confused because I didn't know if he was a student."

Reader said he'd never seen a person like that before.

"It's like something you see on TV," said Reader. "I had a lot of mixed thoughts after watching it."

Reader said he didn't himself hear people yelling jump, but he heard about it later.

"There were a lot of things that I saw and I heard that surprised me," Reader said.

Class soaks up remaining sun



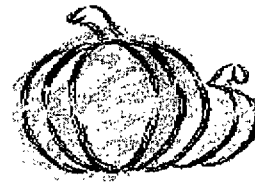
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Kristi Gwinn teaches outside during one of the last sunny days on campus. The class, Hotel 110, teaches how to book reservations; handle check in and check outs; and monitor guest balances during their stay. The course includes other hotel management duties.

Highline Community College/Central Washington University



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