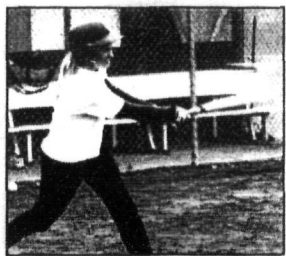


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The myth behind the dream

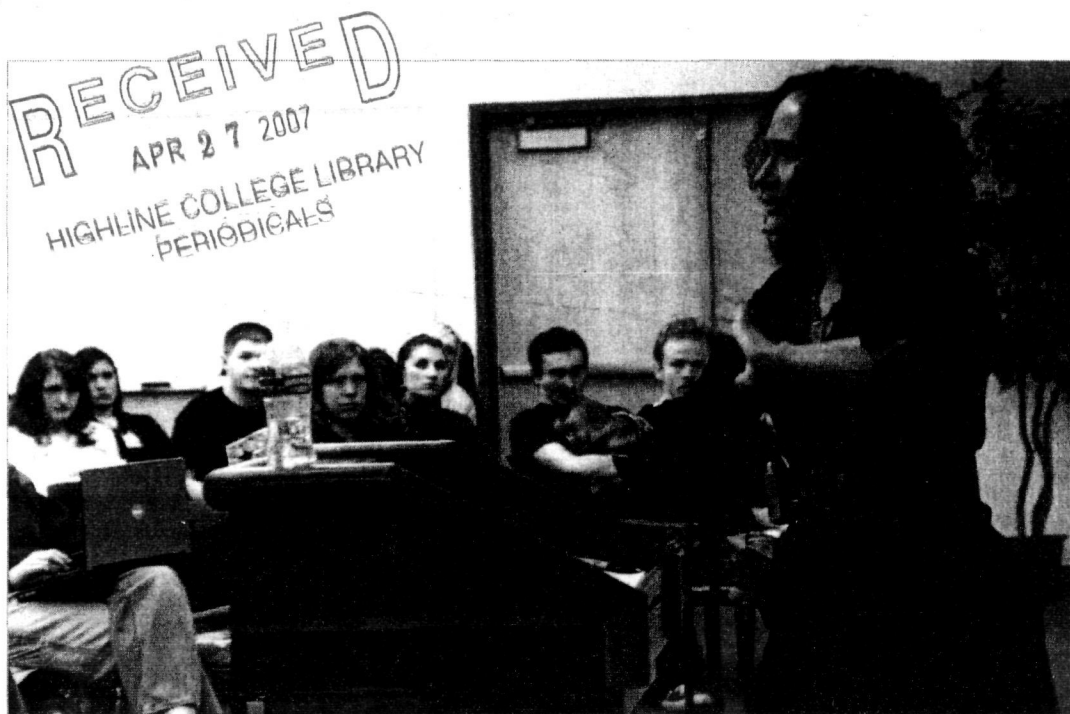
Dr. Tricia Rose
says the American
dream creates a
selfish attitude

By SHURVON HAYNES
staff reporter

The American Dream and meritocracy are twin evil myths in the United States, structured to promote individualism and a "get mine" attitude, an expert said here on Monday.

Dr. Tricia Rose spoke about the destructive effects of individualism has on our society as part of the 10th annual Unity through Diversity

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Dr. Tricia Rose kicked off Unity Week with a keynote address on Monday. Rose said that some elements of American culture don't help the less fortunate to empower themselves and make economic and social progress.

Legislature worked on budget, textbooks

By MICHELLE ERICKSEN
staff reporter

A measure requiring textbook companies to inform professors of what their products will cost students became law when the

Legislature finished last Sunday.

The Legislature adjourned after 105 days of session and Legislators and Highline officials



State Rep. Priest

are generally pleased with results. But a few legislators are concerned about the overall level of spending.

Although the governor's original budget had asked for a tuition freeze with a 3 percent cushion from the state, tuition will not be frozen. The Legislature capped it at no higher than 2 percent a year with a 1 percent backfill.

"The community colleges wanted tuition frozen and they wanted the state to provide them the equivalent of 3 percent," said State Rep. Skip Priest, R-Federal Way. "The state will provide them with the equivalent of 1 percent and community colleges have the option to raise tuition 2 percent but no higher."

No decisions have yet been made on tuition.

"It's not a local decision, the college does not have the authority to change tuition," said Interim Highline President, Dr. Jack Bermingham.

The State Board for Technical and Community Colleges has the authority and the option to make that decision.

"We were very pleased to see tuition increases kept to a minimum," said Dr. Bermingham. "I suspect that they will decide in May at the State Board meet-

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Funding cut for several programs

By JAMES BERMINGHAM
staff reporter

Some college departments are unhappy with what they were given by the Service and Activities Budget.

The S&A budget funds student clubs, activities, and programs from athletics to The Thunderword.

The athletic director's account was one of the ones that suffered a cut, getting \$1,767 less than last year.

John Dunn, Highline's athletic director, said "the cuts made to our program worry me."



than they gave us last year, and we still got less," said Dunn. "I was going to use \$3,000 to hire someone to design a sports web page. The other money I requested was to pay the insurance increases from last year. Now we're in a position where

In Dunn's Athletic Director account, he requested \$53,250 but received \$45,150.

"I requested more than they gave us last year, and we still got less," said Dunn.

we most decide whether we carry insurance or get rid of some sports teams if we can't get more money, although I don't think it will come to such drastic measures."

Dunn's other account, Athletic Grants, requested \$59,800 getting \$56,000.

"That money was all for scholarships, so the money would go right back to the college, so I thought they would give me what I requested there," Dunn said.

Christiana Taylor, coordinator for drama, arts, and music, had money cut from her drama

program.

"These are stressful times for me because we didn't get what we requested," Taylor said. "It seems like the only time we get what we requested is when we have one of our students on the S&A Budget Committee."

Taylor requested \$44,285 and got \$39,000.

"The money we didn't get was going to cover the increase in prices due to inflation as well as student workers whose pay scale increased recently," said

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CSI:



HIGHLINE

More vehicles stolen

A 1994 Nissan Senta was stolen from the east parking lot on April 20 and a Honda Civic stolen from the north parking lot on April 23. The Des Moines Police Department were contacted and are handling both cases.

These are the second and third cars stolen this quarter and the third and fourth cars stolen this year.

Officer Rich Noyer, the supervisor for security and safety at Highline, offered some suggestions to help protect your cars.

"You put away a lot of stuff and secure your care, that's a good start," said Noyer. "If you have a club, use it."

Raging over parking on Highline's campus

A student was yelled at as she tried to park her car on April 25. The student was pulling into a spot when a woman in another car honked her horn and began shouting profane names at the student.

The student gave the woman the parking spot and demanded an apology. The woman then said, "I don't owe you nothing," and called the student several more profane names.

Electrical room falls quarry to thievery

Two pieces of copper cable measuring 200 feet each was stolen from the Facilities electrical room in Building 26 on the first floor on April 23.

Lost property

- A black wallet was reported lost on April 23 in Building 29 at 2:20 p.m.

- A wedding ring was reported lost on April 24 in Building 6 or the Student Union at 4:40 p.m.

Found property

- A white i-Pod was reported found on April 20 in the Student Union at noon.

-- Compiled by C. Feeley



It's time to run

Now is the time to run for Student Government.

Student Government will have positions available for President and Vice President of Administration for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Election packets for students are due May 3 and are available in the Student Programs office on the third floor of the Student Union.

There will also be a candidates meeting on May 3, a candidates forum on May 16, and the elections will be held on May 23 and 24.

For more information, contact Paul Pittman at ppittman@highline.edu.

Bobby is coming

Bobby Kennedy will be at Highline tomorrow.

This week's Movie Fridays will be showing the film *Bobby* about Bobby Kennedy's run for president until he was assassinated.

Everyone is welcome to attend the free screening of *Bobby* on April 27 in Building 7 at noon.

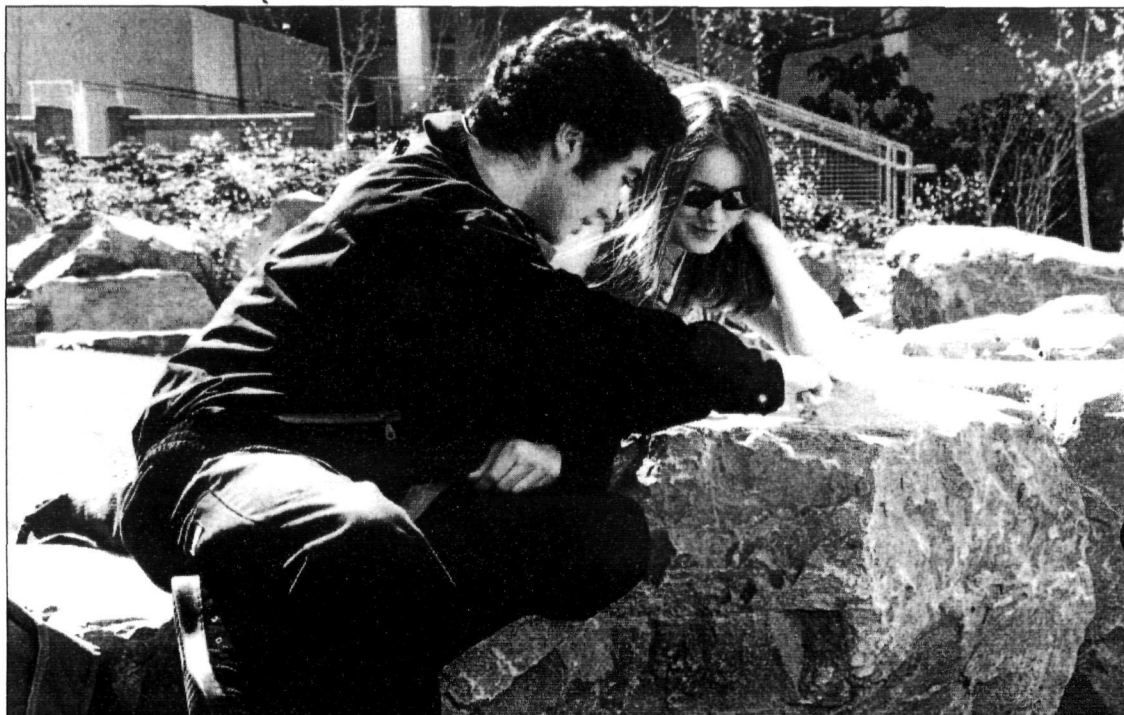
Excelling at Excel

Get ahead with Excel.

This week's Science Seminar will be presented by Accounting Professor Michael Girvin on The Wonders of Excel.

Seminar attendees will learn the basics and a few tricks to working the Excel computer program.

It will be held on April 27



PATRICK CABELLON/THUNDERWORD

Highline students Stafford Cary and Kimberly Miser draw on the rocks on the lawn by the Library while enjoying a sunny day.

in Building 29, room 309 from 2:20-3:10 p.m.

Let's count the votes

The deadline for nominations for Highline's 2007 Employee of the Year is coming up.

To nominate someone, send a letter addressing what sets the employee apart from their co-workers, their achievements, and their working relationships with others on campus.

To be eligible, the employee must be a permanent classified staff, including staff and administrative employees.

Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on May 4. The winner will be announced at the Faculty & Staff Spring Luncheon on June 14.

Book Club is back for Spring Quarter

Highline's Book Club is returning for the new quarter with

a new book.

This quarter the club is reading *The Man in the High Castle* by Philip K. Dick, a science fiction novel about slavery in 1962 when the U.S. is occupied by Japan and Germany after losing World War II.

Everyone is welcome to join in the discussion of the book and its themes today, April 26 in Building 6, room 164 from noon-1 p.m.

Sistas supporting sistas once again

Women are being empowered during Spring Quarter.

Sistas Empowered, a wom-

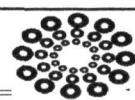
en's group at Highline, will be holding a discussion titled *Breaking the Mold* about daring to be different and exceeding expectations.

The discussion will be held on April 30 in Building 6, room 164 from 1:30-3 p.m.

For more information, contact Dolly Babber at 206-878-3710, ext. 4350 or at dbabber@highline.edu.

Corrections

In an article about Science Seminar in last week's issue of *The Thunderword*, it should have said Lonnie Somer is a professor of anthropology.



Co-Opportunity Cooperative Education

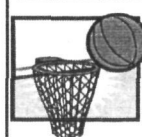
CAREER FAIR FRIDAY, MAY 4TH

Looking for a job? Come and visit the Career Fair on Friday, May 4th in the Pavilion/Gym from 9am-11:30am and meet with some great local employers. Be sure to bring a resume!

Get real world experience while earning real college credit.
Building 6, upper floor

Student Jobs

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The Professional Basketball Club needs 3-4 students as interns for the community relations department. Gain firsthand experience with a professional sports team!

Job # 2719

20 hrs/wk
\$ credit
Seattle

Gymnastics Instructor



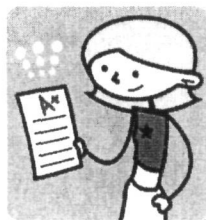
Know a thing or two about gymnastics? Then you can teach great classes based on our proven curriculum for kids ages 6-12.

Job # 2731

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\$9-12/hr
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For additional information log on to Interfase at <https://www.myinterfase.com/highline/student>

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~Arthur Golden

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Highline re-defines traditional students

By SHURVON HAYNES
staff reporter

Renee Reiche was afraid. She had tried college before and it hadn't worked. She missed home; it was a lot of work.

But after 15 years of raising a family, she wanted something more.

Still, she was afraid to enroll in school after being a homemaker for several years.

"At first I was really intimidated in class because of my age, but after a few weeks I realized I can do this, I can get good grades and I love it," Reiche said.

She plunged ahead. In January 2004 she decided to become a paralegal and enrolled at Highline at age 44.

Reiche is considered a non-traditional student, older, not fresh out of high school, someone with some life experience beyond K-12 and a job at McDonald's.

Non-traditional students are in fact something of a tradition at Highline.

There are approximately 4,126 students over the age of 24 enrolled at Highline, which is 51 percent of the student population.

This includes all programs such as ESL, Running Start and Extended Learning.

Older, returning students have long flocked to Highline, especially those who choose to enroll in professional-technical programs.

"Our students are usually mature adults who have been laid-off and lack the skills needed to obtain a new job. Many qualify for Work Retraining grants created for dislocated workers or displaced homemakers," said John Huber, Highline's Worker Retraining manager.

To meet the needs of non-traditional students, Highline has created more evening, weekend and online courses.

"We also have the I-BEST program to help many immigrants who have done assembly or factory work, with little if any transferable skills," Huber said.

The Integrated Basic Education Skills Training program (I-Best) was designed to help ESL students to earn college credits, while improving their English reading and writing.

GED program can bring success

By JUDY VUE
staff reporter

The letters "GED" are usually not associated with success.

But if you're Steve Washburn, that "depends how you measure success."

Washburn is the coordinator and an instructor for Highline's GED program and is quick to throw aside the common stereotypes that usually stigmatize GED students.

GED stands for "General Equivalency Diploma" and is a degree that is pursued by people who are unable to or chose not to earn a high school diploma.

At the end of the quarter, students take a test on basic high school subjects – reading, writing, math, social studies – and the GED is rewarded to those who pass.

The test can be taken without taking the GED class, but it is wise to take the class to brush up on your skills, Washburn said.

"For a number of students [in the GED program], they don't have a positive opinion of education," Washburn said.

But for some students he's worked with in the GED program, that opinion gradually changes.

"When they see success in themselves, they realize 'Maybe college is a reality,'" he said.

Many students who enter the program are at vastly different academic levels



MICHELLE ERICKSEN/THUNDERWORD
Steve Washburn is the coordinator and an instructor for the GED program at Highline.

ferent academic levels

"We work on having (students) be successful in small measures," Washburn said.

"Some students might be high, some may be low," Washburn said. In any case, Washburn says he tries to "tailor to the needs of every student."

He gives a ballpark figure of 25 percent of students successfully completing the GED program. While those figures may seem low, Washburn does not view it from that perspective.

"I don't focus on the 75 percent, but the 25 percent that are successful," he said.



PATRICK CABELLON/THUNDERWORD
Renee Reiche, a non-traditional student, will be graduating from Highline this spring.

"The non-traditional student has changed in recent years. We are now seeing those who are

hoping to eventually become an attorney.

"Initially I was just going to

get a paralegal certificate, but then I thought 'Why limit myself?' I can go further to become a lawyer, there are so many opportunities and doors open for me," said Reiche.

At first Reiche wasn't sure how to relate to the younger students on campus, but after a while they began to see her as a mother figure and a friend who supported them in their endeavors.

"I feel good that they trust me for support and it has helped me realized that my life wasn't limited to just my family and that I could make a difference in the lives of others," Reiche said.

Reiche has held various positions on campus. She was a member of the club resource team, Students' Rights and Responsibility Review Committee, president of the Highline College Paralegal Association, a member of the United Latino Association, public relations of-

Washburn said that the main reasons students end up leaving are due to work, child care issues or moving away.

"Those who do leave do come back," Washburn said. "Any student who's there till the end makes that progress [to become successful]."

Washburn said that most GED students' goals are to go to college.

"[They're] getting their GED just to prove to themselves they can do it," he said.

Former GED student Rebecca Schubert not only wanted to prove to herself she could do it.

"I wanted to prove everybody wrong," she said.

Schubert, 28, received her GED at Highline in 2005. She recently finished an associate of applied science in administrative justice, but is now in the process of completing an associate of arts degree.

"Since I'm doing really good, I might as well get an AA," she said.

Schubert was born in North Dakota but moved to Seattle when she was young.

"I had adjusted [to life in Seattle] and [then] my dad died," she said. Right after her sophomore year of high school, her family moved back to North Dakota.

It was there that she ended up dropping out of high school.

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ficer for Phi Theta Kappa and the 2006-2007 Service & Activities Budget Committee chairwoman.

Reiche's children, now ages 14 and 16, have also benefited from their mother's education.

"I've seen how much they have grown as a result of my decision to attend college and be involved on campus. It has encouraged them to do better at their school," Reiche said.

Some students have returned to college after having worked at low-paying or unfulfilling jobs, which was the case for Scott Robinson.

Robinson dropped out of high school in the 10th grade due to family obligations; he then went to Job Corps before receiving his high school diploma at Bates Technical College at the age of 23.

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Editorial comment

Guns may not kill people but they help

In the wake of the Virginia Tech massacre, we around the Western Washington area cannot forget our own shooting tragedies.

Nov. 20, 2006: Seven people were wounded at Tacoma Mall. The shooter, Dominick Maldonado, also took several people hostage before he was arrested. Victim Dan McKown was one of the most seriously wounded. Maldonado was armed with a MAK 90 semiautomatic rifle.

July 28, 2006: Five women were injured and one was killed by Naveed Haq at Seattle's Jewish Federation Center. Haq was armed with a 9-mm handgun. He said he attacked the center because he was a Muslim-American angry because of the situation in Israel.

March 25, 2006: Six young people were killed at a private house party after a rave on Capitol Hill. The killer, Kyle Huff, was armed with a 12-gauge pistol grip Winchester defender shotgun and a .40-caliber semiautomatic handgun.

Although the numbers were nowhere near to what happened at Virginia Tech, the pain is just as proportional.

It's a tired argument that occurs every time something of this magnitude happens.

How did the killer get a gun? What about my right to bear arms?

And as life moves on, the argument slowly gets swept under the rug.

But we need to start listening. Our politicians – the people who should be working for us, the people who should be leading us – need to start listening.

In editorials across the globe, other countries have criticized or wondered why, after such tragedies, we don't tackle the source of the problem: The availability of guns.

The whole world seems to be on board but us. It's time to swallow and pride and dramatically reduce the easy availability of guns. Sadly, making such huge changes are difficult and many politicians will be chewed up before they even try.

How many more people must die before someone tries? Starting April 16, 2007, the count begins at 33 and seems likely to get higher.

Letters to the editor and guest columns are invited from the campus community. Letters should be no more than 300 words long; please include contact information for confirmation.

Staff

"We're not that deep."

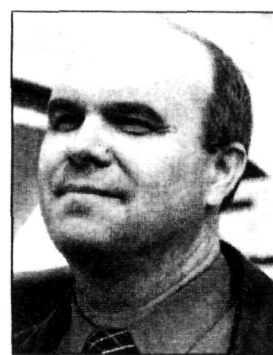
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Use the right words for adoption

Guest Commentary



TIM McMANNON

I probably speak for many other readers of the Thunderword when I say that I was amazed by the story "Happy Ending" on the cover of the April 12 issue. The odds against half siblings born nine years apart ending up at the same college at the same time in the same writing center—and discovering their connection—must be astronomical.

But I'll leave that to the math instructors to try to figure out.

As a parent who adopted a son, however, I wanted to comment on several of the article's improper and misleading references to adoption in hopes of helping to educate the Highline community.

There is such a thing as "adoption-friendly" language, and this article provides some good examples of language that is not.

First, Daniel Watson's mother is referred to as "his pseudo mother." (Notice that I didn't say "Daniel Watson's adoptive mother." His mother is the woman who raised him.)

Even in the worst violations of adoption-friendly language, I have never seen a parent referred to as "pseudo."

"Pseudo" means false, counterfeit, not real. What about his mother is false or counterfeit? Is she made of cardboard?

Second, the article states that after Daniel's birth mother relinquished her parental rights, "his adoptive mother could foster him as her own."

This confuses two very different things: adoption and foster parenting. Parents who adopt children are not foster parents. Foster parents are "licensed adults who provide a temporary home for children whose birth parents are unable to care for them" (www.adoptivefamilies.com). His mother provided a permanent home.

Finally, I was disturbed by some of the comments Daniel

and his mother made. He referred to his "mom that I grew up with" as if he had another "mom." A birth mother is not a mother or a mom.

His mother, on the other hand, commented that he was "old enough not to be scarred by" being told that she had adopted him.

I understand completely why they might speak that way. First, they are adjusting to a new reality in which his adoption is now open and subject to discussion. Neither has figured out exactly how to verbalize that new reality.

Also, both of them seem to be reflecting an earlier understanding of adoption, one that prevailed back when Daniel was born—or even earlier.

That understanding assumed that it was best to hide the fact of adoption from the child, that knowing the truth will create psychological damage in a child who was adopted, and that the only "real" parents are birth parents.

But Daniel Watson's mother is his real mother, not simply "the mom he grew up with."

Experts these days say that adoption should never be treated as something to be ashamed of or come as a surprise to a person who has been adopted.

Even though my son doesn't

understand words like "birth mother" and "adoption," my wife and I use them around him and tell him how happy we are that we adopted him. We have told him the story of his own birth and our efforts to get to the hospital the very day he was born.

We have told him what little we know about his birth parents. We have read him Jamie Lee Curtis's beautiful book about adoption, *Tell Me Again about the Night I Was Born*. We have shown him photographs of our family members who came to court for the finalization of his adoption as well as photos of the judge and our attorney.

In short, he knows he was adopted even though he doesn't quite grasp the concept. Once the words do make sense to him, he'll understand. This kind of openness is becoming more and more typical today.

Perhaps I might seem to be too sensitive, but words matter. They carry meaning beyond their mere definitions.

Negative language perpetuates outdated beliefs and prejudices against adoption and against adopted people just as it perpetuates them in too many other areas of the human experience.

I am happy that Daniel Watson and Elizabeth Olin found each other. It's a truly remarkable story, and I can't even begin to imagine all their thoughts and feelings.

I only wish that their parents had not hidden the truth from them all these years and that their story had been told with greater understanding of adoption.

Tim McMannon is a history professor at Highline.

For more information on adoption-friendly language, McMannon can be contacted at 206-878-3710, ext. 3329 or at tmcmanno@highline.edu.

U.S. needs to help end Ugandan violence

Seattle will be home to thousands of American refugees on April 28. They will represent the millions of displaced Ugandans in hope of spurring the U.S. government into action.

Seattle is one of 15 locations in the United States that has been chosen to host the event called Displace Me. The point is to physically displace thousands of U.S. citizens into camps similar to those in the central African nation of Uganda, home to more than 1.5 million victims of the Lord's Resistance Army.

The Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), led by Joseph Kony, claim they are fighting for the establishment of a government based on the biblical Ten Commandments.

I wonder which one of these "Commandments" promotes killing and mutilation?

In pursuing this they have murdered many people, subjecting those left alive to severely inhumane treatment.

Children are trained for vicious guerilla armies, while little girls are turned into concubines. Other children have been sold, traded, and given as gifts to arms dealers in Sudan.

As a result of these abhorrent conditions, civilians are forced to hide in the middle of the night, fleeing from rebel forces.

Those that are found are burnt to death, after having body parts dismembered – ears, lips, fingers, and noses.

This civil strife has forced the Ugandan government to drive its northern residents into camps, which are far from safe.

There, the victims of the longest running war in Africa are plagued by inadequate sanitation,

Commentary



MEGHAN HOWEY

tion, deprived of education, raped of their rights, and suffer sexual abuse.

These tormented people rely on foreign aid, such as the UN World Food Program for their food, water and very survival.

This month the UN World Food Program's rations will be cut in half, due to a lack of funding. Their school feeding programs and support for HIV/AIDS victims will soon follow.

Ugandans already suffer 1,000 deaths a week in camps.

The timing of this event and participation of people in Displace Me are crucial to the survival of many Ugandan refugees.

By gathering at these locations, U.S. citizens will be able to make a visual statement to the media and government, demanding that someone take action to end this moral outrage.

Many private groups have dispatched help in different form, including Federal Way based World Vision and the



ELISE MULLER-LUNDGREN/SPECIAL TO THE THUNDERWORD
Ugandan refugees line up for health care. More than a million refugees have been herded into camps amid a brutal war there.

Northwest Medical Team, headquartered in Oregon.

The Northwest Medical Team's nurses travel to Internally Displaced People camps (IDPs) and are often the only medical care available to the victims of war in Uganda.

One of the nurses, Elise Muller-Lindgren, teaches here at Highline.

Hundreds of people flock to the medical care sites on a day-to-day basis, Muller-Lindgren said, while listing off diseases the nurses came across.

Health issues encountered are burns, severed limbs, diseases associated with poor sanitation, HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria, cancers, and hernias.

With a solemn face, Muller-Lindgren pointed to pictures of people at the camps.

"This is the face of long term suffering," she said quietly, mentioning that the life expectancy for these people was only

35 years.

Although helping cure one person is a success in itself, changes on a larger scale need to be made to affect larger numbers of people.

It seems that a collaboration of private groups would be more effective in maximizing available resources.

If too many groups are vying for funds, competition becomes inevitable and the focus on victims and disasters shifts to business concerns, which defeats the very purpose of the aid program.

I think both the aid programs and the government need to shift the focus off of money and onto what they were both went to do: help the people.

Regardless of this, U.S. moral support and financial aid has made an impact. However, our money and protesting is not what is needed to end this war.

Action needs to be taken

soon before Joseph Kony picks up his gun again.

Peace talks which yielded a cease fire are already failing and without international pressure, the LRA will go back to their methods of terrorism.

Diplomatic pressure should be pursued. However, terrorists sometimes don't understand or respond to this type of action.

Taking away their modes of sustenance (blood diamonds – valuable gems used to finance the war) would weaken their armed forces, encouraging diplomacy instead of war.

If the U.S. dispatched a senior American diplomat there would be a far better chance of ending this atrocity.

Without the blood diamond industry financing weapons, Sudan's aid, and child soldiers, the LRA would be greatly weakened.

The U.S. could play a role in forging a coalition that would put the Lord's Resistance Army out of business.

With a man like Joseph Kony leading the LRA, this 20-year war would be easy to end if the right type of action is taken.

Will we send aid now?

Or will America wait, like we waited with a similar cult-like leader in Germany 68 years ago, until the problem reaches our shores?

Meghan Howey is a reporter for the Thunderword.

To find more info or be a part of Displace Me in Seattle on April 28, visit <http://www.invisiblechildren.com/displaceMe/>.

The event will be held at Magnuson Park, 7400 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle.

We need to carry guns to protect ourselves

Virginia Tech, like many colleges across the nation including Highline, are considered gun-free zones.

The question lies whether or not that is the "safest" method or not.

The latest shootings both at the University of Washington — where a female employee was shot and killed by a crazed ex-boyfriend — as well as the tragic mass murder in Virginia Tech where 33 people were killed could have been prevented if there wasn't a gun free policy and law abiding citizens were able to carry a concealed weapon.

The fact is that criminals are able to obtain guns regardless of whether or not it is legal. With

Guest Commentary



PAUL KALCHIK

this knowledge, why is it that we have such an attack on second amendment rights by not allowing students, who have gone through the proper steps that the

state of Washington requires to carry a concealed weapon?

If there were students on that Virginia Tech campus that had firearms the situation would not have been so deadly and there wouldn't be 33 dead college students today.

We take into example the recent Tacoma Mall shooting where there too, was a crazed gunman who entered the mall and a citizen who had a concealed weapon defended others.

Had it not been for that citizen, in my opinion, that situation could have been much worse.

Highline is no different. If a situation similar to Virginia Tech occurred, to what means do we students have to protect ourselves?

Even our campus security isn't armed and has absolutely no way to protect themselves, let alone other students.

How many more people need to die before anyone takes any action?

Why is it so difficult to comprehend that law abiding citizens who carry guns are not a safety threat, and if the situation arose, would protect themselves and their fellow students?

I believe that this college, as well as all of the other colleges and universities need to re-look their policies on weapons.

Where is our "Public Safety Department?" If we don't allow students to carry weapons, why can't we at least give campus security the means to protect us?

Instead, our security officers are a group of employees who write out parking tickets and open buildings.

My high school even had a police officer, and because of that, I felt much safer. It is naïve to think that crime cannot happen on campus.

Concerning Virginia Tech, I not only blame the shooter, but the administration and its policies as well.

Let's make our campuses a safer place by changing our weapons policy or at least provide our security officers the correct means to protect the public.

Paul Kalchik is the former president of Highline's Student Government.

Pint-size Picassos



This is 4-year-old Morgan's mask titled African Mask. This was done with a piece of strategically cut cardboard paper, and decorated with different colors of puffy paint. This month's Library Art Gallery is speckled with innovative art done by pre-school agers. The children's art is an annual event that each year includes different art from a different pre-school. This year, the art came from the Tukwila Learning Center. The art included watercolors, tempera, paper weaving, crayon melts, crayon and markers; puff pants; cutting and pasting; and putty. "Artwork is an extension of the child, and a very personal experience. Through manipulation, the child learns of the world around him, and he learns about himself," wrote Jan Faull, in her *Nurturing a Child's Development in Art* handout. "The ability to create satisfies emotional needs, stimulates and develops the child's imagination, gives practice in skills and coordination, and demands concentration." This month's art gallery will be up through the end of April.

The new Library Art Exhibit will be *The Sumi Art of Lois Yoshida*. The exhibit will be an ode to Asian Pacific Heritage month. Yoshida is a local Sumi artist. On May 3 Highline will have an opening for the exhibit at 7 p.m. on the fourth floor of the Library. There will be a special performance put on by Japanese ensemble Duo En.

Upcoming Hi-Liner show now auditioning

By KELSEY SIMS

staff reporter

you will need to go to: <http://www.hi-liners.org/current/aud-form.html>

The Hi-Liners are holding auditions for their musical *Bugsy Malone Jr.* on April 23 and April 26.

The Hi-Liners are a long-standing theater company. They have done a range of shows including *Grease*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* and many more. Just since 1994 they have done 16 shows. They are a committed group of young actors who have drawn in crowds for every performance.

"I've seen 42nd Street, *West Side Story*, *Les Misérables*, and *Cinderella*. I really like the way they do their shows," said Sam Boyd, who is a student at Highline.

The auditions will be held at Lake Burien Presbyterian Church which is on 15003 14th Ave, SW, Burien. If you are interested in trying for a spot then

You will need to sing a short song at your audition. Songs like *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star* are perfectly acceptable.

The musical *Bugsy Malone Jr.* is a gangster story that is based off a book written by Alan Parker. There was also a movie made in the 1970s. However, this particular version of the story was directed by Kathleen Edwards. All the gangsters are children and instead of real bullets they use "splurge guns" that cover the victims in cream. It also involves a power struggle between two rivals, "Fat Sam" and "Dandy Dan."

"Their shows are always fun to watch," Boyd said.

It is supposed to be an entertaining and exciting show, filled with song and dance.

The show will run from July 13-15 at the Renton Civic Theater.



Des Moines raises money to bring a library sculpture

By ALICIA MENDEZ

staff reporter

The Des Moines Arts Commission is making an effort into bringing a sculpture to the Des Moines Library.

"Libraries are the storehouses of culture," said Barbara McMichael, a member of the Des Moines Arts Commission. "Visual literacy is apart of the library's mission."

After visiting the Redmond Library McMichael was convinced the Des Moines Library needed a sculpture to add to its

surroundings.

Because Des Moines is a waterfront city, the theme for the sculpture they purchase will be "maritime" and it will be family friendly.

The sculpture to be purchased, however, has not been decided.

That decision will begin once the commission has finished all of its fundraising for the sculpture.

So far, \$8,000 has been raised from the Book/Clam O Rama fundraiser.

Students would read a book, and for every book they read,

a local business would donate money.

The next fundraiser the commission is going to do is the Waterland Reading Invitational.

This invitational will include participating reading groups who will compete against each other in a literary Jeopardy-style game.

The only difference would be that the entire group is able to discuss the answers; it will not be based on individual performance.

Also, instead of the fundraiser being geared toward children,

it is geared toward adults as this is an adult competition.

There is one high school team, and some teams have one or two school-aged children on their team.

If anyone has a team, the cost for competition is \$50, and the teams are no more than five people.

First prize is a cruise around the Puget Sound from a local citizen who owns a yacht, and dinner at Red Robin.

The competition will be on April 28, at 7 p.m. at the Des Moines Library 21620 11th

AVE S, Des Moines.

The cost to watch is \$5 at the door, and \$1 will be charged for dessert at the end.

The point of fundraisers like these two are to involve the community into the purchasing of the sculpture, McMichael said.

Along with these two fundraisers, the commission have solicited for grants, and some local businesses have just been donating to the fund.

"We really wanted this whole effort to be a community effort," said McMichael.

Card making isn't just for the creative inclined.

The art of card making can involve all kinds of crafts from stamps, to sewing fabric, to embossing, to a fancy flick of the pen.

Artistic Pursuits



ALICIA MENDEZ

"What crafters don't always understand is card making is very open ended," said Jane Yancey, card-making instructor for Impress in Southcenter.

Impress is a store that focuses on making cards with stamps. However, classes are offered for different types of elements to bring into card making. The classes teach you the basics of putting together a card, the quick and easy way, or the slower and perfectionist way.

Making cards can be a little easier, and the final product more refined, with some basic materi-

als, such as: various colors of your choice of card stock paper, sold individually or in sets; paper trimmers, around \$30; glue, double-back tape, hot glue gun and hot glue sticks starting at \$4.99; an embossing gun and embossing powder starting at \$19.99; scissors; stamps and ink; and markers or your choice of writing utensil.

Once you have all your basic supplies you are free to begin slicing and dicing your greeting card.

What's great about making

your own cards is that once you have all the supplies, in the long run it is much cheaper, and more personal.

Keep in mind if you need to just make a birthday card you can make it individually, or if you do not always have a lot of time on your hands you can always make a batch of cards and use those for the rest of the year.

Making cards in bulk comes in handy during the holidays.

"When I make cards for the holidays or events, I do each

step one at a time," said Rochelle Holland, "Stampin Up" card instructor in Seattle.

"First I cut all the paper down to size, then I fold each piece of paper, then I cut out the next size of paper I may need to add, and it just goes on from there."

To begin, trim down the card stock paper to your choice card size with your paper trimmer. Fold the card in half.

All cards can open any way you please; there is no set direction. The most common ways are right to left, and bottom to



top.

Next cut out the next piece of paper you may need if you are planning to layer pieces together.

Once you have an idea of what you'd like your card to look like, get all those supplies ready.

Embossing adds a sparkly aspect to the card that makes it look more expensive. There is a special embossing pad, which resembles an ink pad, that causes the embossing powder to lift and harden.

Using stamps as your art gives you the ability to include more detailed art that you can still personalize. Once you stamp a picture, you can color it in.

Sewing fabric into the card also gives it a more personal and vintage look. Be sure to cover the opposite side of the card with the stitches with a piece of paper.

Another way to decorate your card is using at-home products.

If you have beads around the house you can hot glue them into a design or into the words you'd like your card to say.

Personally, I prefer using vintage photos as a part of my decorating. Old fashioned pictures of people, which can be printed off of any computer with the internet, can be a nice way to add humor or emotion to a card.

Whether you decorate the inside of your card is completely up to you.

Generic sayings such as "happy birthday," "happy anniversary," or "I miss you," can be added with stamps, or embossed, or stuck on by sticker letters, or simply written.

Slowfolks are not so slow

Slowfolks members Cameron Moulton on guitar and Robert Lamirande on piano play their moving song "Revelations." Slowfolks graced the Bistro with the Blend's second performance this quarter. Slowfolks are a local band out of Federal Way who trekked their way from California to Seattle to pursue a music career almost a year ago. Audience members were struck by this band's performance noticing the heartfelt words coming from each member's vocal chords. If you like what you heard, you can catch Slowfolks at their next show at The Alley Upstairs at Cafe Allegro in Seattle on May 11 at 7 p.m. or just check out them out at myspace.com/slowfolks.



MICHELLE ERICKSEN/THUNDERWORD

'Gracie' premier today in Seattle

Catch the first showing of *Gracie* today at noon at the Seven Gables Theatre. *Gracie* is a movie about a young girl who decides she wants to play professional soccer. The movie is set in the late 70s when a women's professional soccer did not exist so Gracie must overcome a lot of obstacles.

Gracie is directed by David Guggenheim, and is not yet rated.

A 'Tutors Tale' of love and mayhem

The Tutor's Tale will be performed May 11-13 and May 18-20.

The Tutor's Tale is a Russian musical based off of Chekov's novel. The show will be performed at Youngstown Cultural Arts Center in West Seattle.

The first showing will be Friday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m.

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!



1. SCIENCE: The conversion of water vapor to liquid is called what?
2. PSYCHOLOGY: What is gymnophobia?
3. LITERATURE: What was the name of the primary centaur in "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone"?
4. MOVIES: What does Cruella De Vil want to make out of the puppies in "101 Dalmatians"?
5. TELEVISION: Where does the show "The Gilmore Girls" take place?
6. MUSIC: In what year did the Beatles make their first visit to the United States?
7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Iceland?

8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of animal is a macaque?
9. MEDICINE: What is the chief cause of cholera?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the biggest snake in the world, in terms

- Answers
1. Condensation
2. Fear of nudity
3. Firenze
4. A fur coat
5. Stars Hollow, Conn.
6. 1964
7. Reykjavik
8. A monkey
9. Contaminated water
10. The anaconda

of weight and girth?

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Arts Calendar

•The Sumi Art of Lois Yoshida will be featured in the Highline Library Fourth Floor Gallery during the month of May. Yoshida's art will help celebrate Asian Pacific American History Month.
An opening night party will be held May 3 at 7 p.m., with music provided by the award-winning Japanese music ensemble, Duo En, which performs on the koto and shakuhachi (bamboo flute), plus a performance by the Highline Yamato Daiko Club.
•Ushani Nanayakkara's landscape paintings will be on display from May 4 to May 31 at the Kent Centennial Center Gallery, 400 W. Gowe St.
•The City of Burien's Mosh-

ier Community Art Center is holding its annual Spring Student Pottery Sale, Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Moshier Art Center, 430 S. 156th St. This popular event features work by more than 30 students, instructors and studio potters. Checks are accepted, and cash preferred. For information, call 206-988-3700 or 206-242-7752, or visit www.burien-parks.net.
•A spring plant sale, sponsored by Friends of Burien Parks, will be Saturday, May 5 at the Burien Fire Station, 15100 8th Ave. SW. Proceeds to benefit improvements at Jacob Ambaum Park. To volunteer for the event or donate any surplus

Go Figure!
answers

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Last week's

Weekly SUDOKU
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- 1 Rights org.
5 Showboater
8 Crash scene org.
12 Unwilling
14 Moby Dick Captain
16 Yes ___ (answer choices)
17 Farmer's coop
18 ___ Colada
19 Fridge attack
20 He was a good egg?
23 Social ending
26 Vane letters
27 Pics
28 Tommy Stout vs Johnny Flynn saga?
32 Foil maker
33 Expert ending
34 Pop the question
37 A feline with a bow tale?
42 Tolkien creature
43 Conclude
44 Two points in time
45 An infant on an oak?
49 Nest sounds
51 Row
52 "That ___ a lie"
53 Town crier?
57 Dismounted
58 Fight site
59 Hose material
63 Fuss over
64 The Dixie Chicks, e.g.
65 N.H. city
66 Gang ending
67 UFO crew
68 Get up

Down

- 1 Miss. neighbor
2 Machine part
3 Bar topic
4 2002 Olympic site
5 ___ upon (find)
6 "We want ___" (ballpark chant)

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

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9 ___ Family Singers
10 Fits of anger
11 Word before count and weight
13 Korean carmaker
15 1956 movie with The
21 L-P go between
22 Like some tel. nos.
23 Sun Valley locale
24 Floor worker
25 Ref. work
29 George Burns role
30 Comic Radner
31 Teacher's deg.
34 Two-time loser to Dwight
35 Unkempt ones
36 Uganda neighbor
38 Napoleon, at times
39 Ltrs. after Gov. John Lynch's name
40 Buffalo Sabres workplace
41 Vital stat
45 ___-skelter

- 46 AP rival
47 Small drums
48 Ramble on
49 Stove light
50 Select few
53 Loads of moolah
54 Telegram
55 Monogram part: Abbr
56 Observer
60 Hilo hoop?
61 Switch positions
62 Obituary word

Quotable Quote

If you don't know where you are going, any road will take you there.

... Lewis Carroll

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perennials or other plants, please contact Gloria Gould-Wessen at 206-241-8142. For more information, visit www.friendsoburienparks.org.

•The Highline Swing Club offers swing dance lessons every Thursday, 3:30-4:30 p.m. in Building 27. Lessons are \$5 for Highline students,

faculty and staff and \$10 for others. All skill levels are welcome.

•Got arts news? Send items to the Thunderword at tword@highline.edu. Deadline is Monday of each week for Thursday's paper. Listings in the arts calendar are

free. Preference is given to on-campus events. Call 206-878-3710, ext. 3317 for more information.

Last week's crossword puzzle solution

HERE AGAIN?

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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
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Fastpitch spites injuries for second place

By BRITTANY STILL

staff reporter

Highline women's fastpitch team battled injuries and a weekend road trip but still managed to reclaim second place in the West Division of the NWAACC.

The west division is led by Pierce with a record of 12-2, followed by Highline (11-5) and South Puget Sound (10-4).

The Lady T-Birds won three out of four division games, sandwiched around a 1-3 weekend in Wenatchee at a crossover tournament.

Highline's division record now stands at 11-5, 13-16 overall.

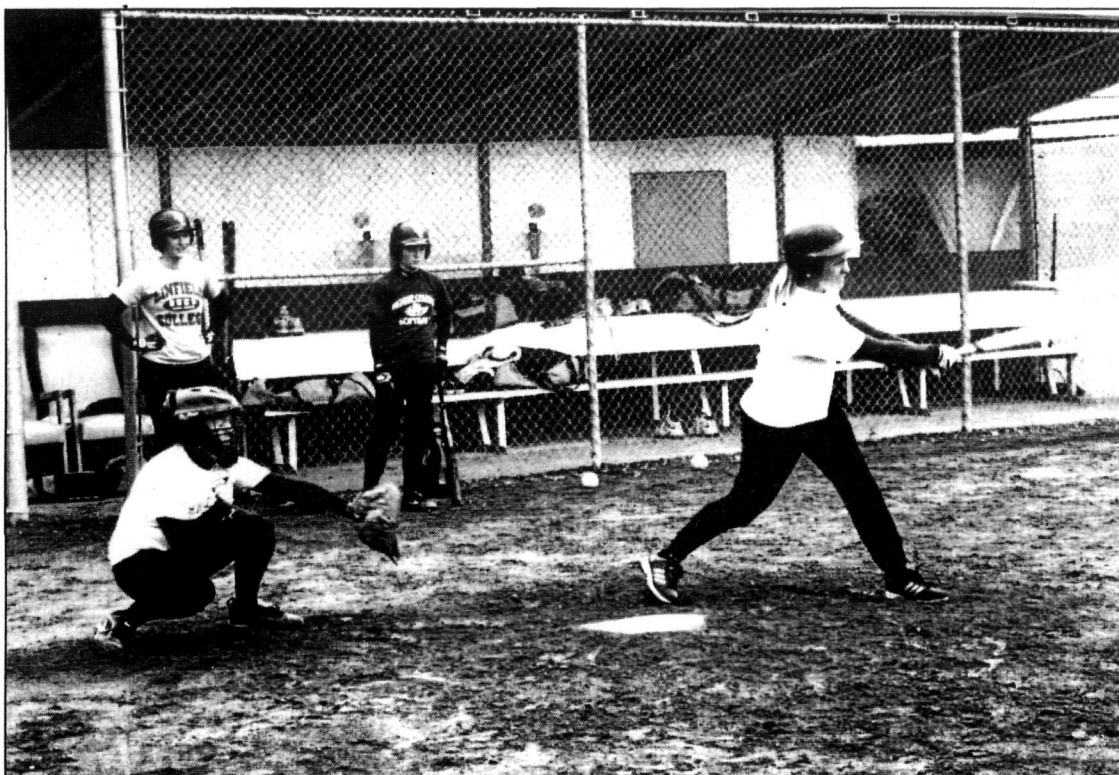
Along the way, they lost sophomore center fielder Amanda Houser during practice, to a broken, dislocated finger diving for a grounder, while freshman third baseman Rachel Comstock broke the knuckle on her right hand and had to be moved to first base and right field.

"Amanda was a solid center fielder. She is our only sophomore and still is really supportive from the dugout," catcher Ashley Carey said.

Comstock will continue to play, however. Comstock will be at first base because she can't throw. With Comstock at first they have moved Carey to third.

"Rachel is a huge asset to the team. She is a strong player that goes where she's needed. Even though she's injured she is still a threat to any team we face," Carey said.

Regardless of the Lady T-



T-Bird Amanda Houser makes contact with the ball, while Caitlyn Ratcliffe catches and Alexis Nichols and Janice Ludington wait for their turn at bat during practice.

MICHELLE ERICKSEN/THUNDERWORD

Birds' injuries last week Highline remains in the playoff hunt, trailing first-place Pierce by two games.

Last Thursday the Lady T-Birds battled Grays Harbor, losing their first game 3-2. Carrie Draeger pitched the first game. The ladies were leading 2-0 until the bottom of the 7th when Grays Harbor scored three runs to win the game.

However the Lady T-Birds made a come back the second game with Anna Herried leading the team to a 7-3 win. The T-Birds were ahead in going into the bottom of the seventh 3-1. Grays Harbor tied the game

and the winning run was on first base when Comstock caught a line drive with her bare hand before shoveling it into her mitt, ending the inning.

The T-Birds sent eight consecutive batters to the plate in the bottom of the eighth inning scoring, highlighted by a two RBI double down the line by Caitlyn Ratcliffe. Herried was able to shut down Gray's Harbor in the bottom of the inning for the win.

In both games the Lady T-Birds were fortunate enough to have two pick-up players: Anya Serebryakov and Lindsey McLaughlin both from the High-

line lady soccer team. Serebryakov and McLaughlin both contributed to the eighth inning rally. Serebryakov with a infield run scoring single and McLaughlin with an RBI walk.

Shortly after their split with Grays Harbor, Highline played April 21 and April 22 in Wenatchee for a crossover tournament.

The ladies faced Treasure Valley first, losing 4-2. Despite her injury Comstock drove in the first runs of the game in the first inning, smacking a double with Carey on third and Draeger on second.

The ladies came back with a

win against Clark, 12-4. Draeger pitched, and the Highline offense was on. Carey and Draeger both contributed their first home runs of the season against Clark.

Sunday the ladies lost both games, being defeated by Clackamas 7-1 and falling 15-6 to Big Bend.

Clackamas has not lost a game against any of the teams in the NWAACC yet this season. They are considered "the team to beat," Draeger said.

Herried pitched the game against Big Bend taking the brunt of Big Bend's potent offense. Big Bend walked away with six home runs for the game.

"The East division is definitely stronger than the West," Carey said.

Highline returned home to travel to Green River on Tuesday, sweeping the Gators 11-9 and 8-5.

Draeger started the first game, going five innings before being relieved by Herried. Herried also threw the second game for Highline.

"We played a great second half of the second game. We came back with a rally to win," Carey said.

Highline's next three games will be against the top four contended in the West Division.

On Friday the Lady T-Birds will travel to Pierce for a doubleheader at 4 p.m. Saturday the ladies return home to face Grays Harbor at noon. The Ladies also host South Puget Sound on Tuesday for a doubleheader at 3 p.m.

Three more meets until the track championships

By JAIME GUDJONSON

staff reporter

Highline's track team did not compete over this past weekend.

This Saturday, the team will compete at the Duane Hartman Invitational at Spokane Falls Community College in Spokane at 10 a.m.

Including the meet coming up this weekend, Highline's track team has only three more meets left before it's time for the runners to face off in the NWAACC Championships.

The meets prior to the NWAACC include the Ken Shannon Invitational on April 5 which will be held at University of Washington. The Ken Forman Invitational that follows on April 12 will be held at Seattle

Pacific University.

With these coming meets in mind, Coach Christina Loehr said that the team will be working on form and running techniques.

Loehr said that one of the positive aspects of having a smaller team is that it permits her to spend more one-on-one time with each runner.

"With each runner I am able to focus on helping him or her find their pace and speed so that we can focus on how to make them faster," Loehr said.

With Trevor Jennings' outstanding time at the Spike Arlt Meet automatically qualifying him for the NWAACC Championship, Loehr said that once the official stats are updated the other T-Bird runners should qualify as well.

Former Highline coach earns NWAACC accolades

By KORY FARRELL

staff reporter

From T-Birds to Redhawks, former Highline Head Coach Joe Callero knows how to make teams take flight.

Callero and his '97 and '98 T-Bird men's basketball team were recently inducted into the 2007 NWAACC hall of fame. The hall of fame includes athletes, coaches, teams and/or administrators who have enhanced and improved the quality of athletics at Northwest Community Colleges or distinguished themselves after leaving the NWAACC.

Callero qualifies in both categories.

From '89-'92 and '95-'98, Callero coached Highline men's basketball to back to back NWAACC championships in '97 and '98, earning him and his team of coaches and players a berth in this year's NWAACC Hall of Fame.

Before becoming a coach at Highline, however, Callero played as a T-Bird from '81-'83 under head coach and former Athletic Director Fred Harrison.

"It was very, very rewarding," Callero said. "We ended up 25-2."

Callero's team also made it to the NWAACC championship semi-finals.

After playing for Highline,

Callero transferred to Central Washington University, where he played ball from '83 to '86.

Callero also earned his BA in psychology while backing two teams that went on to multiple NAIA national tournament appearances.

As a senior Callero was starting point guard and captain.

"I wasn't a big scorer," Callero said. "I was kind of the point guard. My claim to fame was that I was smart enough to get all the good players the ball."

A claim which has no doubt carried Callero to fame as a coach, as well.

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Callero

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"We've always been in the position where we've all worked very hard and surrounded ourselves with very good players and very good people and very good assistant coaches, and had great support from administrators to athletic directors to players and parents," Callero said.

"The coach doesn't win any games, the players win the games," Callero said. "As a coach for 20 years now I've never scored a basket."

Callero ended up as assistant coach for Highline after graduating from Central and earning his master's degree in education in post-secondary counseling from Seattle University.

After beginning as assistant

coach for Highline from '87-'89, Callero took the position of head coach, and in two three-year stints compiled a career record of 130-49.

With an overall record of 63-2, Callero coached the T-Birds to back-to-back NWAACC championships in '97 and '98, and earned the title of Northwest Division Coach of the Year both seasons.

"That was really an exciting team," Callero said. "We had the best talent the state's ever seen, including our NBA current player in Brian Scalabrine (Boston Celtics)."

Callero then moved down to assistant coaching as a Trojan under Henry Bibby at the University of Southern California.

During his season coaching there, the Trojans earned a spot in the NIT postseason tournament.

But after his wife, Erika, got pregnant with their daughter, Malia, Callero decided to move back to his home state of Washington.

Upon his return, Callero took the helm at the University of Puget Sound from 1999-2001, leading them to an overall record of 22-25.

In his second season, the Loggers earned a record of 14-10, their first winning season in nine years.

They also won the first six games of their season, the best start the program had had in 20 years.

From there Callero went on to his self-described dream job coaching the Seattle University

Redhawks.

In only his second season as head coach, Callero earned Seattle University its first winning season in nine years as well, and it's best winning percentage since the 1984-1985 season.

The Redhawks finished that season with a 16-11 record, a 10 game improvement from the previous season.

With their recent 20-9 '06-'07 season, including a second round showing at the playoffs, Callero is hoping to push Seattle U from Division II into Division I competition.

"It's been a lot of work, and a long haul, but it's been really exciting, [and] very rewarding," Callero said.

"I attribute it all to Highline Community College. It's where I got my start as a player, [and] it's where I got my start as a coach," Callero said.

"I'm a big supporter of the junior college system, I really believe that it gives kids the opportunity to bring their grades up, improve their game, gain some weight, whatever it might be," Callero said. "And my two years as a player and my six years as a coach helped me to polish my coaching skills and allowed me to go on to the four-year level."

"I had a great time at Highline. I have a lot of fond memories as a player and a coach," Callero said.

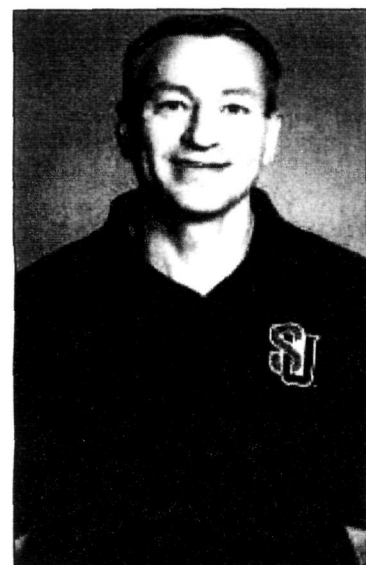
Despite all of his success, Callero said there isn't a real secret to it.

"I just think it's really perseverance. I don't think I possess



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Callero supports his team from the sidelines at Connolly Center.



Joe Callero

Scoreboard

Women's Fastpitch Standings

NORTH	League/Season
Everett	20-2 31-9
Bellevue	19-3 24-8
Olympic	15-9 17-16
Peninsula	9-10 13-13
Shoreline	8-12 10-18
S. Valley	2-17 3-20
Edmonds	0-20 0-20

EAST	League/Season
W. Walla	13-5 30-12
Col Basin	12-6 16-17
Wen. Valley	11-8 26-11
B. Mountain	10-8 20-17
Big Bend	9-9 16-15
Spokane	9-9 15-17
Tr. Valley	4-14 11-30
Yak Valley	4-14 11-21

WEST	League/Season
Pierce	12-2 22-11
S.P. Sound	12-4 18-12
Highline	11-5 13-16
G. Harbor	9-5 9-14
Centralia	2-14 2-14

Green River 0-16 0-24

SOUTH	League/Season
Clackamas	10-1 22-4
Mt. Hood	9-3 24-3
Chemeketa	9-5 21-10
L. Columbia	7-4 19-6
SW Oregon	0-10 5-19
Clark	0-12 0-16

Results

04/24/2007

Peninsula 5, Skagit Valley 1
Bellevue 4, Everett 1
Everett 13, Bellevue 12
L. Columbia, 5 Clackamas 3
Mt. Hood 7, Chemeketa 2
Mt. Hood 8, Chemeketa 2
Highline 11, Green River 9
Highline 8, Green River 5
S.P. Sound 19, Centralia 0
S.P. Sound 16, Centralia 0

04/23/2007

Grays Harbor 19, Centralia 5
Grays Harbor 4, Centralia 2

04/22/2007

Spokane 8, Clark 0

B. Mountain 15, Gr. River 3
Chemeketa 11, Sk. Valley 0
Yak. Valley 6, SW Oregon 1
Wen. Valley 16, Gr. River 1
Mt. Hood 12, Walla Walla 4
Yak. Valley 5, Chemeketa 4
Tr. Valley 9, Olympic 5
Big Bend 15, Highline 6
L. Columbia 13, Col. Basin 5
S.P. Sound 11, G. Harbor 5
Clackamas 7, Highline 1
Clackamas 9, Bellevue 5
Wen. Valley 14, Bellevue 4
Everett 4, Pierce 0
L. Columbia 13, SP Sound 7

04/21/2007

Olympic 12, Grays Harbor 2
Treasure Valley 6, Pierce 2
L. Columbia 11, W. Walla 4
Yakima Valley 15, Clark 6
Treasure Valley 4, Highline 2
Mt. Hood 17, Col. Basin 14
L. Columbia 10, Olympic 5
Everett 6, Columbia Basin 2
Clackamas 8, B. Mountain 1
Highline 12, Clark 4
Mt. Hood 7, Bellevue 5
SW Oregon 13, Gr. River 9

W. Valley 10, Chemeketa 6
Yak. Valley 16, G. Harbor 2
Mt. Hood 11, Big Bend 6
Pierce 13, Clark 1
Spokane 3, Olympic 2
Wen. Valley 16, Sk. Valley 0
Pierce 9, Columbia Basin 7
Chemeketa 5, Spokane 4
Walla Walla 5, Everett 3
Everett 11, SW Oregon 8
B. Mountain 15, Sk. Valley 3
Bellevue 9, Big Bend 5
W. Walla 19, S.P. Sound 6
Big Bend 15, G. Harbor 1
Clackamas 6, Spokane 0
SW Oregon 11, Tr. Valley 8
B. Mount. 19, SP Sound 11
Sk. Valley 7, Green River 6

04/20/2007

Col. Basin 6, B. Mountain 4
Col. Basin 9, B. Mountain 5
Wen. Valley 7, Spokane 3
Spokane 7, Wen. Valley 2

04/19/2007

Everett 17, Shoreline 0
Everett 10, Shoreline 3
Mt. Hood 7, L. Columbia 3
Mt. Hood 18, L. Columbia 5

Chemeketa 20, Clark 3
Chemeketa 14, Clark 0
Pierce 10, Centralia 2
Pierce 21, Centralia 1
Grays Harbor 3, Highline 2
Highline 7, Grays Harbor 3
S.P. Sound 19, Gr. River 2
S.P. Sound 12, Gr. River 1

Schedule

04/27/2007

SW Oregon @ Clackamas
Blue Mountain @ Big Bend
Shoreline @ Bellevue
Clark @ Mt. Hood
Shoreline @ Bellevue
Everett @ Skagit Valley
Blue Mountain @ Big Bend
Wen Valley @ Walla Walla
Treasure Valley @ Spokane
Edmonds @ Peninsula
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Panel says there's more to Africa than you think

BY ASHLEY MESSMER

staff reporter

A panel of African students said that America's media portrayal of Africa is incomplete.

The panel was combined of five students from countries such as Nigeria and Kenya.

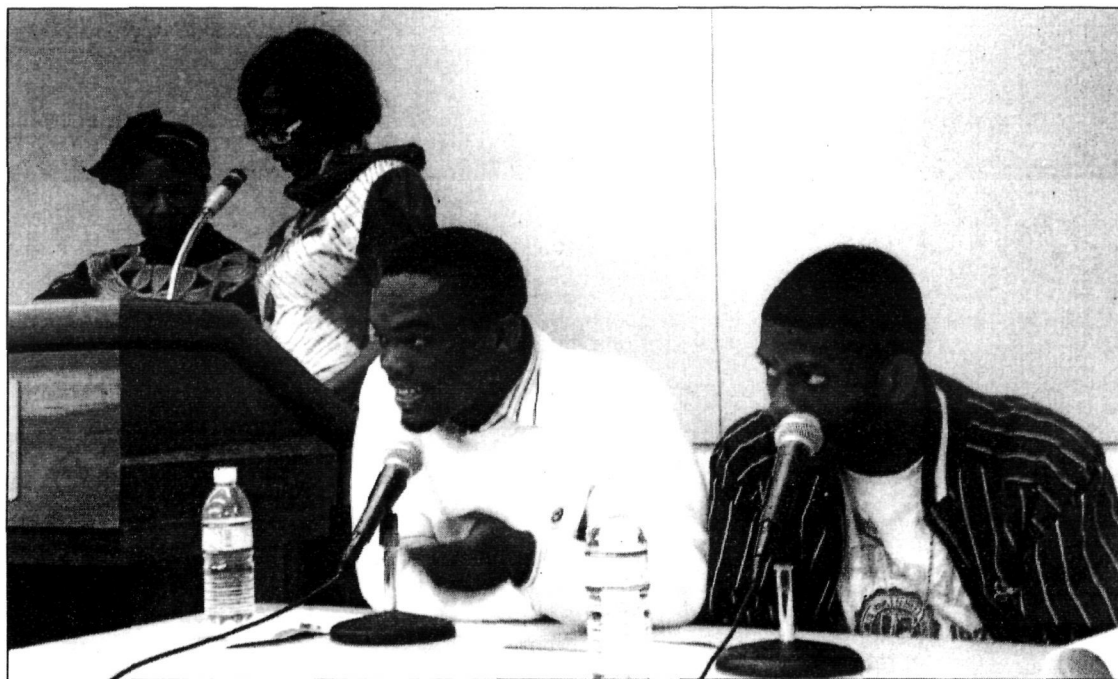
The event was presented with Kenyan Women's Association as part of Unity through Diversity Week.

Njamibi Gishuru is the President of the Kenyan Women's Association. During this meeting she asked a variety of questions to the student panel.

The student panel urged people to look beyond the media's portrayal of the wars and the famine in Africa, and research and ask people about Africa.

As awareness of Africa increases, so will understanding of Africa's culture and customs, the panel said.

"I have never heard anything about Africa that was ever really positive. I urge people to research Africa for themselves," Highline student Mohamed Ali



MICHELLE ERICKSEN/THUNDERWORD

A panel of Highline students answered questions on African society and the transitions they made from Africa to the U.S. on April 24 as a part of Unity Through Diversity Week.

said.

"If we get involved we can clear people's perspective of Africa," Vivian Nwankwo said. "We have a lot of people from Africa that go to Highline, so

it's nice to get together and talk about things."

Nwankwo, an immigrant student from Nigeria, talked about her struggles when coming to the U.S.

"I was so depressed, the first time I got here I couldn't understand anyone," Nwankwo said.

The students said they did not have too many problems with racism when coming to the

U.S. and when they did experience it, it didn't affect them too greatly.

"When I came here I totally ignored it, I tried to look at it a different way," said Nwankwo.

"I thought maybe because I was a teenager that it was OK, but I realized once I was older that things people had said in the past were racist," Temitope Alanfolarin said.

Some of the changes when coming to the U.S. were things such as their names and even their birthdays.

"For me, I came here when I was 13. My family (in Africa) would call me white boy," Alanfolarin said.

"They changed my birthday to Jan. 1, but I know when my real birthday is," Ali said.

For most they have come to get an American education and will eventually return to their country and make a difference.

"It's been a great challenge. I'm really honored to be here. Many people back in my country would love to be in my position," Ali said.

Rose

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Week Celebration, Empowering Communities: Moving Beyond Individualism.

"I want us to dismantle the negative power of these myths. They seem productive but they actually serve a much more

destructive purpose than what appears," said Dr. Rose.

Unity
through
Diversity

Dr. Rose is a professor of Africana Studies at Brown University.

She specializes in 20th century African-American culture and politics, social thought, popular culture and gender issues.

Dr. Rose asked the audience to consider the definitions of these two phrases, meritocracy and the American Dream, that have produced a belief system which says that a person has reached a certain status because they deserved it.

"Meritocracy is the belief that those who are successful have done things to merit success, but the flip side of that is if a person does become successful, it is because they just didn't want it bad enough or they didn't take care of business. Whereas the American Dream



MICHELLE ERICKSEN/THUNDERWORD

Dr. Tricia Rose speaks Monday at Highline to debunk the myth of the American Dream.

is the belief that those who are disciplined and work hard can transcend their economic position and produce upward mobility," Dr. Rose explained.

Unfortunately this causes a tremendous amount of pressure to focus on individual success and to get money at all cost, including stepping on and taking advantage of others.

"The labor of enslaved Africans is one of the two key reasons that the West, particularly Britain and United States, have been so economically powerful in the world for over 300 years," she said.

Although slavery is gone, economic inequality persists, Dr. Rose said.

"We have a level of inequality that makes democracy almost impossible because 70 percent of the wealth is controlled by 5 percent of the population. We are the wealthiest nation in the world yet we are unable to make a dent in the level of poverty and inequality that should be a crime. We cannot have a real operational democracy with the power of consolidation that we have allowed to happen, it is not that complicated we just don't have the political collective will

to enact change," Dr. Rose said.

As a result blame is placed on the individual, which masks a much deeper problem which is the normalcy of gross inequality and disadvantage of opportunities for those within a certain race, class or gender.

"In California, for example they determine how many prison beds will be needed in the future by the number of children who can read by the fourth grade, they don't look at criminal activity, they look at economic related educational elements," said Dr. Rose.

She went on to explain that all humans depend on each other for survival.

Being able to cross-identify with another person's struggle is the key element of progress.

"None of us has ever achieved status and success on our own; someone else sacrificed and made connections. I don't have to be gay, poor or a minority to be able to relate to their struggle," she said.

Personal achievements, sacrifice and responsibility still matter, but it is how they are used to help those who are less fortunate that is important, Dr. Rose said.

"Our individual actions and endeavors should be guided by producing the greatest good for the largest number of people for the longest period of time. ... It was this kind of collective struggle that enabled people to fight for the non-discrimination laws and equal opportunities that we have today," Dr. Rose said.

Unity Week continues with music, food

Unity Week will be continuing today and tomorrow.

The remaining events are:

•Derrick Broome from Loyola University will be giving a lecture titled Reparations Movement about making reparations for slavery. The lecture will take place today, April 26 in the Mt. Constance Room in the Student Union from 10-10:50 a.m.

•Dr. Patrick Chapman will be presenting What We Don't Talk About: Homosexuality and American Society. He will be presenting today, April 26 in the Mt. Constance Room in the Student Union from 11-11:50 a.m.

•State Raised will be presented by Floyd F. on how serving 33 years in prison and his "criminal identity" shaped his life. It will be presented on April 27 in Building 2 from 10-10:50 a.m.

•Samba: The Heart of Brazilian Music will be presented by Arturo Rodriguez and his quartet on April 27 in the Mt. Constance Room in the Student Union from 11 a.m.-noon.

•GlobalFest will feature food, music, performances, and booths with information on various cultures from around the world. It will be held on April 27 in the Student Union from 6-9 p.m.

Campus members answer hard questions

By BECKY MORTENSON
staff reporter

Women aren't to blame, but Christians might be.

These were two of the topics that were discussed last Tuesday as 120 students and a handful of faculty gathered together in the Highline Mt. Constance room as a part of Unity week.

These taboo topics are "an opportunity for people to discuss kind of sensitive issues in a safe place," Professor Shawn McDougal said.

In the Mt. Constance room there were four circles set up. Within each circle was an inner circle made up of eight chairs.

The rule was that the only people who were able to comment were the people sitting in the inner circle. The people sitting in the outer circle were only observers.

"It's really important—if you're not in the inner circle, you can't speak," McDougal said.

After five or 10 minutes the facilitator of the circle would stop conversation and allow people to switch in and out of the inner circle.

The topics that were picked were meant to get a reaction out of people. "If it was all boring then we wouldn't come together to talk about them," McDougal said.

One of the questions presented was "Are women to blame for the way they are treated in society?" About 25 students



PATRICK CABELLON/THUNDERWORD

Students and faculty discussed race, gender, and religion on April 24 in Taboo Topics: Conversation Circles as a part of Unity Week.

sat in this group, three of them men.

"When a guy works hard he is called driven; when a girl works hard she is either called aggressive or a bitch," one student said.

If a woman responds in a certain way or if she doesn't respond in a certain way she is labeled a bitch, one woman said.

The guys in the group did agree with this comment. However, they were more focused on how women dress to impress other women.

"Women are way more worried about what others think than what they think," one male said.

"Sometimes the biggest criticizer of women is women," another woman said.

While women are their own biggest critics, a general consensus between the women was also that they don't feel that they get credit for doing anything for themselves.

"I usually dress in jeans and a sweater because it's easy. Everyone automatically assumes

because I dress up it is for someone else," one student said.

"Just because I dress up doesn't mean it is for someone else," said another.

Women were mad that men feel they have the right to make catcalls at them.

Guys feel that they have the right to comment whether girls want it or not, one student said.

"This is not just a one way street. Men are just more vocal than women," said one guy.

While the question "are women to blame for the way

they are treated in society?" was not completely answered, some of the sub topics of this questions were discussed.

Both the men and women said they were able to hear the other side of the argument and now they have a better understanding of why people do what they do.

Another question that was presented was "Do Christians think they have a monopoly on God?" About 20 people were in this group.

One of the comments that set off this conversation dealt more with religion in general versus a Christian monopoly.

"I think [religions] all come from the same God," said one student.

"We should all be accepting and open and not criticize," said another student.

This topic seemed to be discussing more about religion and acceptance until a professor stepped in and made a comment. "I believe that some say they do, but do they really have it? I would say no," he said.

After that, the conversation seemed to be centered on whether there is a monopoly.

"It depends on which Christian you're talking to," one student said.

"I think no one has a monopoly on God," said one lady, who said that she believed in God.

"Do [Christians] feel they have a monopoly on God? I would say very much so," said another faculty member.

Stereotypes in video games don't bother students

By FERESHTA NOMAN
staff reporter

Video games can be violent and degrading, but Highline students seem to believe they shouldn't be changed or limited.

Highline instructor Craig McKenney led a discussion on video games and their effects on media, race, and representation last Wednesday as part of Unity Week.

"We all are game players and we love to play games," McKenney said.

Mt. Constance was filled with passionate gamers and McKenney's students, all who were participating in a discussion about how video games portray certain races negatively, and promote stereotyping.

"I think it's important by the way the video game is distributed, it contains a lot of stereotypes," McKenney said.

The speech included several



examples of games that portrayed a community of people badly. Some examples are:

Def Jam portrayed the black community as gangsters and thieves.

Ganja Farmer is a game about a Rastafarian soldier who protects his marijuana from federal agents trying to confiscate them. This portrays all Rastafarians as people who grow illegal crops for a living.

Grand Theft Auto series is famous for its depictions of Italian mafias, Latino gangsters, and hip hop felons.

Hitman 2 is a game that negatively involved people of the Sikh religion.

However the debate took a turn when students argued that video games should not be limited and censored.

"I know I'm not advocating censorship because I do believe in the art of expressing," McKenney said.

McKenney said that society today encourages the depictions of violence, sex, and unreality.

"We're interested in crime," McKenney said. "How many movies about Hannibal Lector are we going to make?"

Studies however said that not all video games have negative effects. Religious and educational ones were the most positively impacting, but also the least popular among other video games.

McKenney said it's easier to focus on negative examples and there is a personal responsibility to know the difference between "character" and "caricature."

People should look beyond perceptive retention and remember that games are not a reality, and that is the greatest thing about them.

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Highline honors four extraordinary women

By **CARRIE DRAEGER**
staff reporter

Highline's Women's Programs recognized three students and one staff member as Extraordinary Ordinary Women during their Annual Women's celebration on Wednesday.

The four award winners are Shanelle Powell, Cheryl Carino-Burr, Penny Phair, and Jasmira Mulic.

Powell was born in Alaska to a mentally challenged mother who could not take care of her and her sisters. She spent many years in and out of foster care and by the age of 14, Powell was a ward of the state of Washington.

At 16 she passed her GED tests. She then got an accounting degree from Renton Technical College. She married, had two children and suffered from spousal abuse before getting a divorce and enrolling in Highline. Powell is a sophomore getting her associate arts degree

with a concentration in Spanish and will graduate with honors in June.

Carino-Burr is the only staff member that was chosen to receive the award this year. She works in Educational Planning and Advising, and specializes in work with ESL students. She plans and coordinates orientations for GED and high school completion. She continued her education after joining Highline's staff, getting her AA degree and her bachelor's degree from the University of Washington-Tacoma. She comes from a large, close family with eight kids. Three of her sisters have had breast cancer, and she often tells her sister story's to students and the people she works with.

"I am a better professional and a warmer person because I work with Cheryl," said Gwen Spencer, who nominated and works with Carino-Burr.

Mulic fled her home country of Bosnia during the war where



JOHN THOMPSON/THUNDERWORD
(From left) Shanelle Powell, Jasmira Mulic, and Cheryl Carino-Burr were recipients of the Extraordinary Ordinary Women Award.

she was a lawyer. She and her family spent six months in Spain, believing that they would

be able to return to Bosnia. She moved to America soon after and had to rebuild both her life

and her career. "(Jasmira) carries a very high GPA, earning a 4.0 in many of her classes. She works in a physically demanding part-time job and has a family to care for as well," said her nominator and fellow classmate Candace Bohonik.

Mulic has two children, a son and a daughter who is currently attending the University of Washington and she is the office manager for the Thunderword.

Phair is a single parent who is currently attending school to pass her GED tests and is also working towards an I-BEST business Technology Certificate. She was a victim of domestic violence, battled substance abuse, and even spent time homeless. Her nominator Susan Greenlee, her pre-college studies instructor, describes her as an overachiever with a long list of goals, despite her situation.

"I have been to hell and back and I'm still standing," said Phair.

State senator speaks about community involvement

By **CARRIE DRAEGER**
staff reporter

Claudia Kauffman wants to know what's going on in her community and what she can do to make it better.

State Sen. Kauffman, D-Kent, spoke to Highline students and staff about education, her political experience, and community involvement at Highline's 25th Annual Women's Celebration on Wednesday.

Kauffman was the first Native American female senator elected to the state Senate. She is the youngest of seven children who grew up on Beacon Hill.

"As Oprah Winfrey says there's poor and po'. We were po'," Kauffman said of her childhood.

Kauffman recalls always being involved in community service, although she didn't realize she was involved in it.

"It (community service) was a way of life. ... Every time that you do something like that, you create something bigger and better. The impact you have is long lasting and far reaching," Kauffman said.

Her involvement in her community made the choice of running for political office an easy decision.

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"I grew up wanting to serve my community; to me it seemed so natural a thing to do. A lot of folks think that elected people are doctors and lawyers, but they are just people. If they are just people, then why not me?" Kauffman said about her decision to become a politician.

Kauffman posed questions in her life, asking "what's going on?" and "what can I do?" challenging others to do the same, describing those moments as "hands on hips" moments.

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"It's so easy to give up, its so easy to say that someone should do something. ... Once you see all the things you can do, it isn't all consuming," Kauffman said.

Kauffman also spoke about the education reform within programs such as Head Start and early childhood programs, and improving upon the WASL Test.

"Testing itself creates stress," said Kauffman.

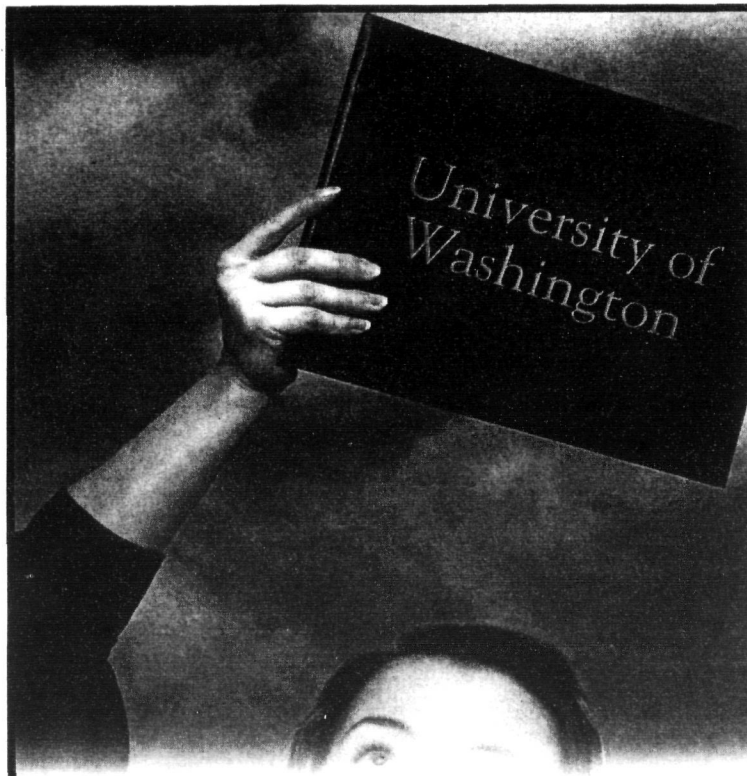
Kauffman cites statewide math curriculum as an example. There are currently over 300 different math curriculum in the state of Washington. Kauffman said getting math curriculum down to a central core will help improve WASL test scores.

She also talked about the importance of honoring veterans and elders during her speech.

Kauffman and her husband

started a program that gives a dinner honoring veterans. The first year it began they had three people attend. The event now caters to 150 people.

"Everything that I have done has been paved by someone else. Everything they have overcome has allowed us to be where we are today. It's important to get out there, it's also important to recognize those before you and those in front of you," Kauffman said.



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Don't eat animals

By ARIEL MCKENZIE
staff reporter

Eating animals and animal products has negative consequences for our planet and for animals, Dave Bemel, a vegan activist said last week. Bemel outlined the negative effects of factory farming and offered tips for an inexpensive vegan diet.

Bemel, president of Action for Animals, came to Highline promoting veganism and living a vegan lifestyle as part of Earth Week. Bemel said Action For Animals is an organization that strives to end animal suffering through educational outreach, demonstrations, and media involvement.

Bemel explained that Vegan is really a made-up word that has existed for about 50 years since around the time the Vegan society was formed.

He also said that being a vegan means eating a purely plant-based diet.

Bemel, who is 30 years old, said he became a vegan 14 years ago after starting a recycling center at his high school. Bemel said he wanted to show people how much was being wasted.

"Many environmental groups recognize that raising animals for food damages the environment," Bemel said.

"Factory farming produces more greenhouse gases than cars, trucks, and airplanes put together," said Bemel.

Bemel said that 4 million acres of land are being degraded annually by animal grazing. Referencing a 1997 USDA statistical bulletin, Bemel said that 80 percent of land in the U.S. is used to raise animals.

"Livestock is most damaging to earth's resources," said Bemel.

Bemel said that raising livestock degrades coral reefs and is depleting fresh water reserves. Bemel said that the manure run off from livestock pollutes streams and rivers, possibly causing birth defects.

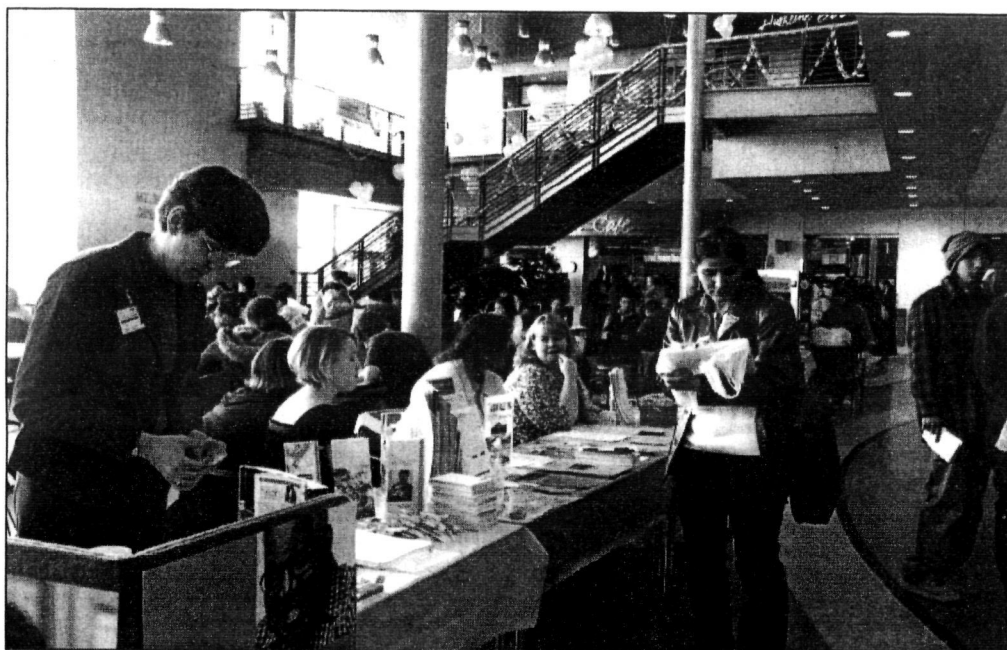
He said that not only could manure run off cause birth defects, it increases eutrophication, which stimulates the growth of algae and noxious aquatic weeds. Bemel said that eutrophication decreases oxygen levels in water and kills fish.

Bemel said that he began a vegan outreach program to help the environment and animals. While Bemel said that he recognizes the environmental benefits of being vegan, he became vegan for animal rights, not the environmental benefits.

Miranda Meier, an attendee of Bemel's presentation, raised concerns about the affordability of living a vegan lifestyle.

In response to Meier's question, Bemel said that he thought it could be affordable. Bemel offered an idea to buy beans and rice in wholesale to make inexpensive vegan tacos.

Lending a hand at the Volunteer Fair



JAIME GUDJONSON/THUNDERWORD

Students look for a way to lend a helping hand at Highline's third annual Volunteer Fair. Students browse the various booths, left, to find a cause that interests them. One student mans a booth giving cotton candy, right, to anyone who visited three booths or more and gave their information.

Secondhand smoking still a significant danger, speaker says

By BECKY MORTENSON
staff reporter

Secondhand smoke is worse than most people think, two students said here last week.

Cheryl Blackford and Candice Swingle are two members from the Medical Assistant Club who spoke last Thursday as a part of Earth Week.

Secondhand smoke is a "mixture of the smoke given off by the burning end of a cigarette, pipe, or cigar, and the smoke exhaled from lungs of smokers," Blackford said.

Secondhand smoke is dangerous in many ways. It does short and long term damage to anyone around a smoker.

The average cigarette burns for 12 minutes. The smoker only inhales part of that since the cigarette is not constantly in the smoker's mouth. Therefore, even standing next to a smoker places you at a higher risk since you inhale all of the chemicals emitted, Blackford said.

A single puff of smoke con-

tains 4,000 known chemicals; 250 of those are known to be toxic. "The highest concentrations of these chemicals are in secondhand smoke, and have a huge effect on non-smokers," Blackford said.

Some of the chemicals found in secondhand smoke are arsenic (used in rat poison), formaldehyde (used in embalming dead bodies), cadmium (used to make batteries), ammonia, carbon monoxide and nicotine. A survey showed that most people could not name any other chemical besides nicotine and tar, Blackford said.

Out of all the chemicals in secondhand smoke, the most addictive one is nicotine. "It is one of the most addictive substances known to man," Blackford said.

A common misconception is that opening a window will cut down on the amount of chemicals ingested. "Opening a window, adding ventilation, fans, or air conditioning does not keep smoke away from you," Blackford said.

Some of the immediate affects of secondhand smoke include eye irritation, headache, coughing, sore throat and nausea. After only 30 minutes of exposure, secondhand smoke can cause reduced blood flow to the heart.

Just like a smoker, a non-smoker can also get lung cancer, heart disease and stroke from being around cigarettes.

While secondhand smoke has affects on adults, the affects teens and children get are much greater.

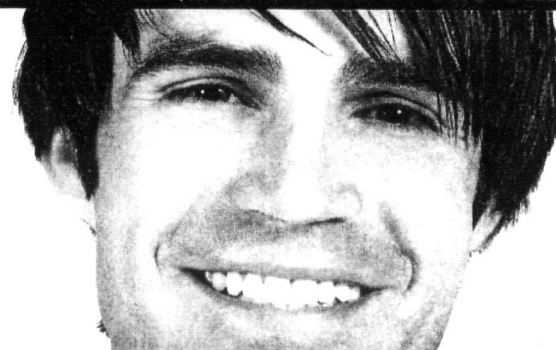
When teenagers smoke, they tend to underestimate how addictive smoking can be, Swingle said; there is concern that some teens might become addictive with smoking only one pack of cigarettes, she said.

If both parents smoke, teens are more likely to smoke themselves. "Currently, 23 percent of high school students smoke and more than 1,000 kids become regular smokers every day," Swingle said.

When a mother decides to smoke while she is pregnant, the baby will receive "lower amounts of oxygen and higher amounts of carbon monoxide," Swingle said.

Other problems that a child faces due to secondhand smoke include hyperactivity, ADHD, SIDS, ear infection which leads to hearing loss and a higher rate of severity of asthma attacks.

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Chemicals in cosmetics could be linked to cancer

By EBONEE WOODS
staff reporter

Cosmetics and personal care products we use everyday may be linked to cancer, a cancer

When she was first diagnosed, a friend gave her an article entitled, "The High Cost of Cancer Prevention," written by Dr. Samuel S. Epstein. The article explained how that?

the most is: 'Why worry about my toothpaste; and my shampoo; and my soap; and all my other personal care products? Doesn't the FDA regulate

She went on to explain how boycotting products and writing letters to the cosmetic manufacture companies is a way to fight back. "I have been involved in several boycotts" Massey said

Acne Care, just to name a few. Not only did the website show cancer related chemicals in the products, it also showed chemicals and toxins that are related to birth defects, embry-

Student uses sobering experience to help others

By BECKY MORTENSON
staff reporter

After 20 years of working in restaurants, Steve Simpkins wanted a change; after one DUI, Simpkins needed one.

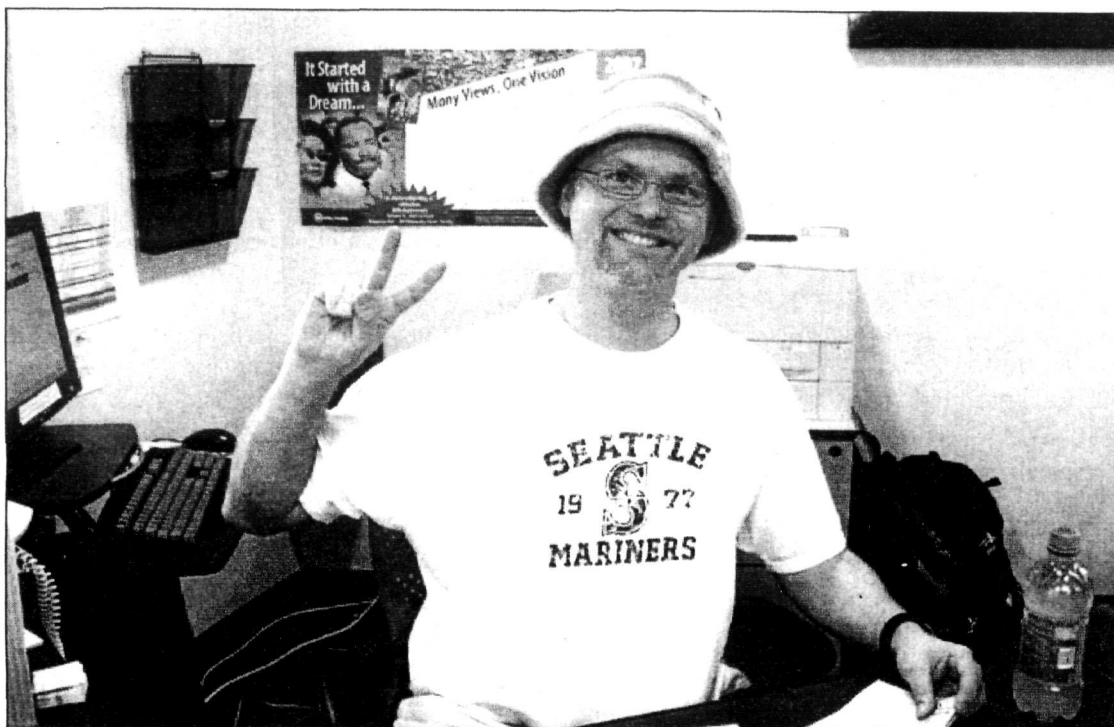
Simpkins is a Highline student, a recovering alcoholic and is now starting a club for others like him.

While Simpkins was working at restaurants, it became increasingly harder to get sober. Alcohol and drugs were everywhere and readily available.

During this time, friendships were lost. "I had lost every single relationship; I became known as a geographical," Simpkins said. When he felt that he had lost too much in the area that he was living in, he would up and move to another city and start over.

However, when he moved to Tacoma and was cited for driving while intoxicated, Simpkins said he started to think about his life.

He knew that he needed a change. He also knew that he could not make that change on his own. That is why he enrolled himself into a 30-day, inpatient, and recovery program, he said. By the time Simpkins went to court, he had been sober for five months.



Steve Simpkins is founder of Sober Socialites, a club that helps people find alternatives to drinking.

Simpkins ended up walking away from that courtroom with a deferred prosecution. That means that as long as he stays away from alcohol, he will be allowed to stay out of jail.

Deciding to go for deferred prosecution was a very hard decision for Simpkins. Going into it, he had been advised against taking that option.

Many people who had decided to take it ended up failing since they were not able to stop drinking.

Also, someone is only allowed one deferred prosecution in his or her entire life.

Hearing this, Simpkins realized that just because other people had failed didn't mean that he would.

It was very negative to go into something thinking that failure will be the outcome, Simpkins said.

This was Simpkins's chance to set his standards high and have an incentive to stay sober. It also gave him a chance to prove to himself and to others that he could get away from alcohol.

This was a good obstacle

for him to accept to challenge himself to stay sober Simpkins said.

After the DUI, Simpkins, now 40, decided to go back to school. He is now in his third quarter at Highline working toward becoming a nurse; he has been sober for three years.

When Simpkins came to Highline, he started looking for a club that would help support his decision to stay sober. Since he was not able to find one, he decided to start one.

"There is so much pressure on college students to use. I wanted to provide an atmosphere to stay away from that," Simpkins said.

After three quarters of planning and searching, Simpkins has found his club.

The Sober Socialites club is just the place to go for someone who is looking for a good way to spend their time. The club focuses on finding good alternatives to fill free time instead of turning to drinking.

Some of the activities that the Sober Socialites will be holding include sober bowling, laser tag, and pizza parties. Since the club is funded by the school, the majority of the activities will be paid for. Meaning: it is cost free.

Film examines the dangers of body pollutants

By ASHLEY MESSMER
staff reporter

You are what you eat, and the average American may be eating too many inorganic additives.

The film *Pollution in People* was shown last week on Thursday, April 19 at Highline in Building 2 for Earth Week. The film was created by three Highline students: Adam France, Cameron Adams, and Kory Kirshenraum.

The film was made to show the harmful chemicals that we consume into our bodies everyday.

France, Adams, and Kirshenraum are students at Puget Sound Early College located in Federal Way.

The film started out as a class project in the fall. It hasn't stopped, and the trio might carry it into their senior year.

"It started as a class project, as we researched it more we got more into it," Adams said.

"Our main focus was to spread awareness, that's the first step to change," Adams said.

The film's main focus was to educate people about the dangerous toxins being used to manufacture products and which of these chemicals we ingest into



our bodies.

"Our inspirations came from Al Gore's film, *An Inconvenient Truth*. We wanted to imitate it in a sense," Adams said.

The film discusses the dangers of polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs). According to the Washington state Department of Ecology, PBDEs are chemicals used to reduce the flammability of everyday items and can be found in everything from furniture to carpet pads. The use of PBDEs has been banned in the manufacturing products in Washington. Lab test on rodents have shown that some PBDEs may cause problems in brain development and thyroid hormones.

The film also states that the

levels of mercury in food, especially fish.

The students say that federal regulations say that if the chemical has not yet been proven dangerous, then it can be used.

In the film Adams went on a 24-hour all-tuna fish diet, to see if the amount of mercury in his system would change. Adams had blood drawn before and after he started his diet.

After the 24 hours, the level of mercury in his blood had increased significantly.

In the film Kirshenraum also went on an all-organic diet for one week.

A food is considered an organic is when it is not sprayed with pesticides or preservatives to make it lasts longer or look better.

Organic foods are considered a healthier choice because no pesticides or artificial flavorings are used in growing them.

The pesticides in non-organic foods can be very harmful to the human body and our environment, the students said.

In the test Kirshenraum learned that only eating organic foods is costly and the selected food items weren't tasty. For

example the cost of an non-organic gallon of 2 percent milk at Albertson's is \$2.59, while a gallon of organic 2 percent milk costs \$5.99.

By buying organic foods consumers are supporting the farmers who grow organic foods.

"If you can afford to buy organic, go for it," Adams said.

If consumers were to buy more organic food than the price would decrease due to the high demand for organic foods.

"Right now it's not totally economical," Adams said

France, Adams, and Kirshenraum said that making *Pollution in People* has changed their lives.

"(We are) a lot more aware, and were a lot more involved," France said.

"Just going down to the legislators and them remembering us and our cause has made a difference," said Kirshenraum

"More issues need to be covered," France said

"We have really gotten into the Washington Toxic Coalition, we just want to help out," France said.

If you missed this film and wanted to see it, it can be viewed online at: <http://www.myspace.com/nwpollutioninpeople>

Traditional

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Still not sure what he wanted to do, Robinson worked at various jobs and enrolled in several different schools before settling at Highline in 2005.

"I have no regrets about taking this long route in education because I appreciate my education more and understand the subjects better," Robinson said.

Both Reiche and Robinson will be graduating this spring with their transfer degrees with hopes of attending the University of Washington or Seattle University.

"It took me a few years to realize that the respect that I deserve does not always come, I had to get out of the box...I had to reevaluate myself and my situation and realize that I'm worth more and I want to earn what I deserve, that's why I'm in college," said Robinson.

Reiche encourages other non-traditional students who are struggling with their classes to not give up and enjoy their college experience.

"Don't be shy about voicing your opinion, make new friends and get involved on campus because it will lead you to where you want to go," said Reiche.

Video game club heats up from Pac-Man fever

By EBONEE WOODS
staff reporter

While other clubs at the recent spring Clubs Fair tried to tempt new members with candy and water bottles, the big draw in the Student Union was a Nintendo Game Cube.

Students played Super Bros Melee three at a time, while other students crowded around the Video Game Club booth with eyes glued to the TV in fascination.

"It's a way to relieve stress," said Nate Edgar, Video Game Club president. "They're (video games) for students to let loose."

Highline's Video Game Club was established last spring. The club offers a laid-back environment where gamers can just come and "hop on the sticks," Edgar said.

According to a recent study on the impact of gaming conducted by Henry Jenkins, an MIT professor, video game play has gone from a solitary endeavor to a popular social activity.

The study concluded that nearly 60 percent of gamers play with a friend, 33 percent

play with siblings, and 25 percent play with a spouse or parent.

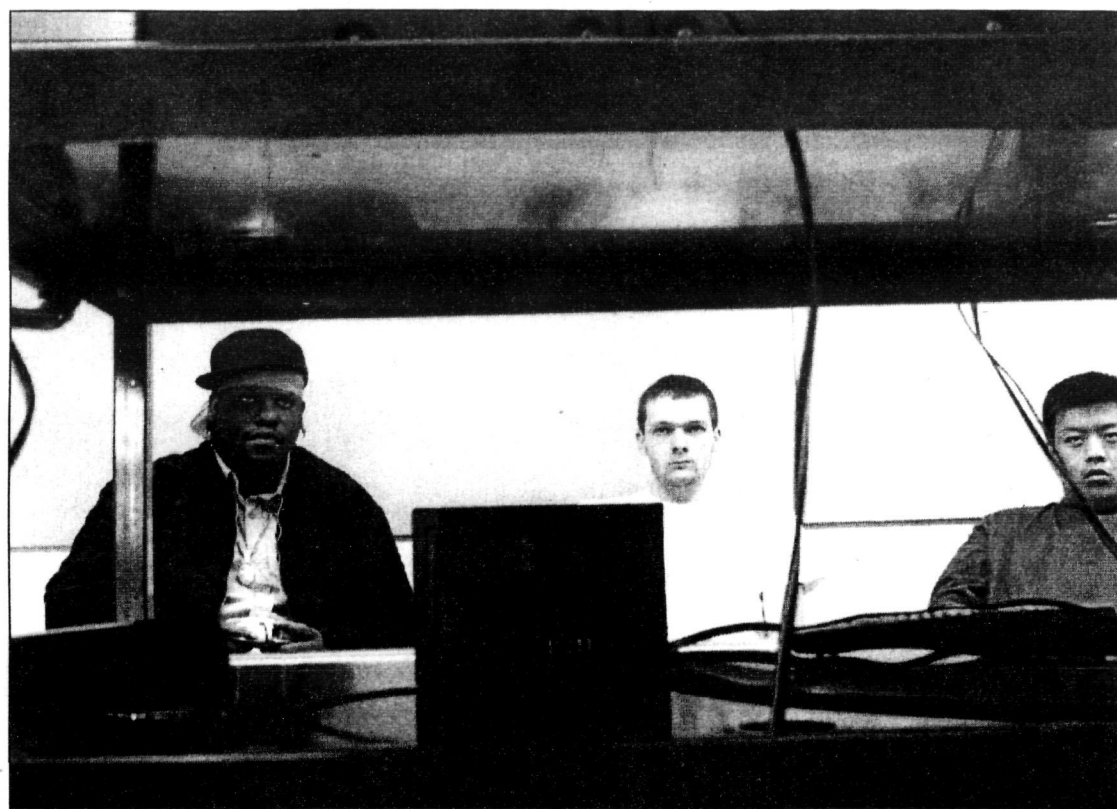
That's what brings Highline's gamers together. The club currently has about 15 members, though membership tends to fluctuate. Many students join in the beginning of the quarter, but the closer it gets to finals week, the less people turn out, said Tyler Cummings, a current member.

Although a member, Cummings said he is not a gamer.

"A gamer is someone who will spend his whole paycheck on video games," Cummings said. "I play because I'm not old enough to go out to clubs and party."

The club meets in Building 17, room 105 on Wednesdays. During meetings, members vote on new games to play and on what game system they will play on.

"Most members like old school games," said Qwaysen Bradford. Bradford has been a member of the club from the beginning and said he plays video games to get a way from problems. "This is our fun. Like, if you have anger with somebody,



JOHN THOMPSON/THUNDERWORD

Three club members play against each other during one of the Video Game Club's meetings.

you can just take it out on the controllers."

Last Thursday the club hosted a Super Bros Melee tournament in the Mt. Constance room in Highline's Student Union Building. About 20 people showed up, but only four people actually entered the tournament.

The \$10 entry fee seemed to be the cause.

"It should have been a lot lower buy-in fee," said Tyson Unrau, a student at Highline. Joel Gautam, another student at the tournament, said he would rather buy tacos with his \$10.

But this didn't stop both of them from participating in warm-up games, and watching the few contestants compete.

With only four people entering at \$10 each, and 50 percent of the entry fees going to the winner of the tourney, Nate Johns won a whopping \$20.

A part-time student at High-

line, Johns is a sponsored professional gamer who is ranked third in the state for Super Bros Melee, so it's probably no coincidence that he won the tournament. He plays in tournaments about once every two weeks.

"Compared to real tournaments, this is a pretty worthless tournament," said Johns. "I just came to have fun."

Johns is not a member of the club, but is friends with several members. Johns said people who play video games fall into three categories.

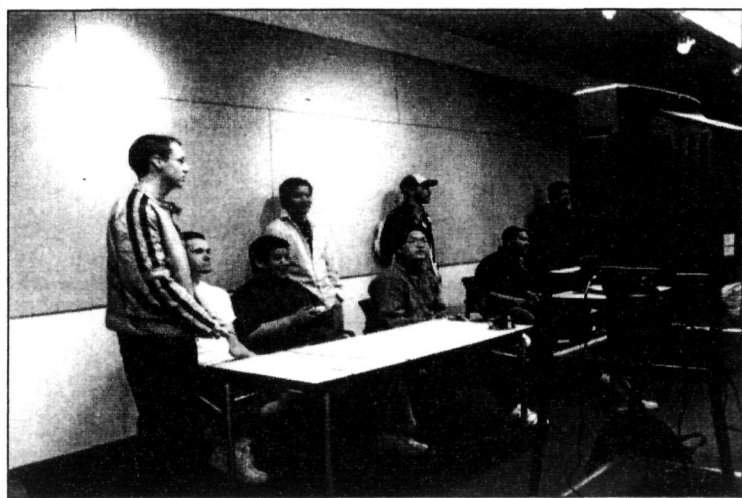
"You have nerds; your gamers; then everyone else." He has been a professional gamer for about a year and half and said he plays the game to win money.

"I know a guy that makes

\$60,000 a year playing this game," Johns said.

Playing video games continues to be a popular pastime among students at Highline. While some people such as Nate Johns play professionally for money, and others such as Qwaysen Bradford play to get away from problems, members of the Video Game club agree that they all simply play to pass the time and have fun. Only a few members admitted to pursuing a career in video game design, but they do admit they have better things to do than play video games -- like studying.

For more info about the Video game club contact Nate Edgars via email at vgclub@hotmail.com.



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Some members play, while others watch during a club meeting.

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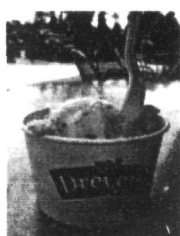
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Egos keep evolving in science, Somer says

By Aaron Quam

staff reporter

In the study of evolution, anthropologist's egos are evolving faster than the subjects that they study.

Anthropology instructor Lonnie Somer said some of the problems anthropologists face are the complexities of the historical matter that they study and the level of competition between anthropologists in an attempt to make the history books.

"One thing we don't lack in anthropology is egos," Somer said. "This leads to an extremely competitive field that can turn real nasty."

"The one thing all anthropologists can agree on is the fact that we did evolve from apes and that these early hominids all come out of Africa."

Last week in the Science Seminar series, Somer spoke on "Human Evolution: Egos, Politics, Fossils, and Genes."

Somer spoke on various groups of hominids ranging from some of the disputed earliest ones known, to some of the most recent and controversial.

Somer said Sahelanthropus tchadensis may be the earliest known hominid.

They are believed to have existed somewhere between 7.4 – 6 million years ago.

The remains of these specimens were first discovered in Chad in 2002 by Michel Brunet of the University of Poitiers in France.

"The remains found were that of a nearly complete skull and it may be as close to ape ancestors that we have found to date," Somer said.

However, some scientists argue that it is an ape and not an early hominid. Those mak-



PATRICK CABELLON/THUNDERWORD

Lonnie Somer, Highline professor of anthropology, presented at last week's Science Seminar on the science of evolution and the clashing egos that define it.

ing these arguments are usually other scientists who themselves claim to have found the earliest hominid.

"Basically it all boils down to we just don't know for sure," Somer said.

Orrorin tugenensis was the next group talked about in the lecture and they were believed to have walked the planet roughly 6 million years ago.

They are considered to be the second oldest possible hominid ancestor related to modern humans.

The team that found these fossils in 2000 was led by anthropologist Martin Pickford.

The remains found were very small and they included just a tiny bit of a skull. From this Pickford claims to have found the oldest hominid to date.

"From these remains we can't even tell if it was biped-

al," Somer said, "again, it gets backs to the fact that we really can't be sure."

Another group further up the species tree is Ardipithecus. They are believed to have lived 5.8 – 4.4 million years ago.

They were first discovered in 1992 by anthropologist Tim White and an Ethiopian team.

White claims this to be the oldest known hominid to date.

Seventeen separate specimens were found but it cannot be told whether this member of the hominid family was bipedal as all of the hip-bones and femurs were missing.

Although not as old as Orrorin tugenensis, Ardipithecus is much more widely accepted by the scientific community as a hominid and is thus considered by some to be the oldest known hominid.

"Not a single paper has been

published on these subjects [White's finds] to the scientific community to date," Somer said.

Next in line was Australopithecus which in native terms means "southern ape".

They are believed to have existed 4 – 1.2 million years ago according to most scientists.

"This is a group that we do know a lot about," Somer said, "and this is my favorite and what got me into anthropology."

"These hominids are considered to be somewhere in the middle between today's humans and chimps."

Their brains were about the size of modern chimps and they were bipedal, just not as efficient as today's humans.

"They probably spent just as

much time in the trees to avoid predators as they did on the ground," Somer said. "They had big and powerful muscles and could have peeled me apart like a banana if they wanted to."

One area of huge controversy in the field as of late is the species Homo floresiensis.

The first specimens of these were discovered in 2003 by a Australian-Indonesian team of paleoanthropologists and archaeologists on the isle of Flores.

"There were two things about them that were absolutely amazing," Somer said. "The first was their small size, the adults are thought to have been three feet full grown."

"The second is how late they are believed to have lived," Somer said.

The skull of the first specimen found was not even fossilized with the most recent specimen dating to about 18,000 years ago.

Previous to this the Neanderthal was considered to be the most recent hominid group to have existed.

"There is the possibility that H. floresiensis existed on the island when the first modern humans arrived on it," Somer said.

"We still don't know how they got there, perhaps they paddled," Somer said. "We just don't know for sure yet."

Science Seminar continues with accounting instructor Michael Girvin showing "The Wonders of Excel." This will be a special "hands-on" presentation that will take place in Building 29, room 309 at 2:20 p.m. this Friday.

Budget

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Taylor.

"The committee justified not giving us all the funds we requested because we still have money left over from this year. But that is just because our program runs longer than a lot of other programs do. We always use all the money we are given," Taylor said. "Now we will probably have to shrink productions again."

Jonathan Brown, associate dean for Student Programs said, "I'm happy with how the budget came out. The committee had some hard decisions to

make and I think they handled the situation well."

"All cuts and increases were justified," said Brown.

Brown said he is most worried by the contingency fund.

"We put it at the lowest it has been since I've been at Highline."

Last year the contingency fund had \$265,545 in it. This year the committee put \$46,915 in the fund.

Overall, the committee was asked for \$2,260,785.45, and gave out \$2,232,286.25. That gave them a \$499.20 surplus.

There were programs whose cuts totaled up to \$28,066.

There were 35 programs that got what they requested, some getting more than they got last year. A few of them included

the design team, center programming, The Thunderword, International Student Programming, and men's wrestling.

Yesterday, the account managers met with the committee to discuss the cuts.

The S&A budget is expected to be finalized in three or four weeks.

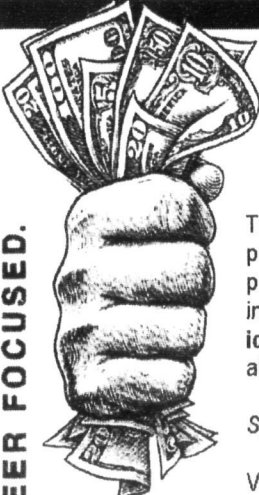
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Highline is hoping to raise Veteran awareness

By ANNIE MAYTUM

staff reporter

A series of guest speakers will be discussing war and veterans issues on campus next week as a part of Phi Theta Kappa's Spring Voice Infusion.

Highline faculty member Jim Glennon is a scheduled speaker.

Glennon will be talking about a selection of wars throughout history, and their effect on our society.

His emphasis is expected to be the wars in Iraq, Korea, Vietnam, and Desert Shield, said Phi Theta Kappa member Steve Simpkins.

He will be speaking at noon on Monday, April 30, in the Mount Constance Conference Room in Building 8, and again at noon on Tuesday, May 1, in Building 2.

In addition, a panel of American Veterans will be making an appearance to share their personal experiences.

The group will include war veterans of Highline as well as others; many will be from the war in Iraq, Simpkins said.

The panel will be ready to share their stories at noon on Thursday, May 3, in Building 2.

Simpkins said the solitary purpose of this event is to create awareness of American soldiers.

The goal is to respect and honor the individuals who fought for our country, not establish a political debate.

"Please, please, please come," said Simpkins.

Simpkins also invites everyone to make donations for the USO (United Service Organizations) Drive, which is collecting hygiene and non-perishable food items for U.S. soldiers in Iraq.

Acceptable items would be things such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, deodorant, tampons, foot powder, granola bars, beef jerky, chips, cookies, sport beverages, or boxed meals such as Hamburger Helper, rice, pasta, or macaroni and cheese.

Donations can be dropped off from April 30 to May 3 in the Student Union Building, Building 6, or in the library.

Look for the barrels decorated in red, white, and blue.

For more information about the upcoming events or the donations contact Steve Simpkins at 206-878-3710, ext. 3536 or at ssimpkin@highline.edu.

Career opportunities await students

By CAITLIN FEELEY

staff reporter

Dozens of employers and colleges will be at the 10th annual Career Fair in the Pavilion on May 4.

And after looking through the Career Fair you could learn to salsa dance or have a barbecue lunch at the Spring Festival at the Student Union.

The Career Fair will run from 9-11:30 a.m. that day.

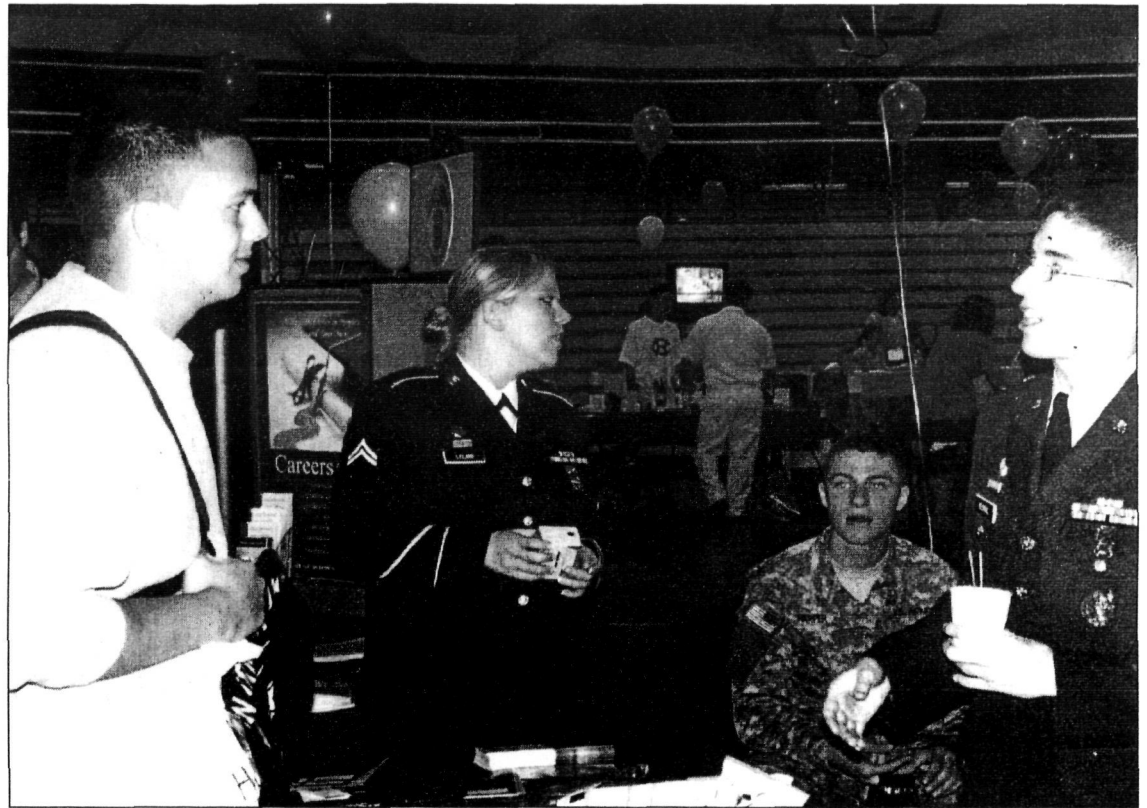
A number of employers, Highline programs, and four-year colleges will be represented at the fair.

Some employers that have already agreed to come are the Des Moines Police Department; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; King County Library System; and Manpower International. Students who are interested in finding a career or just a job are encouraged to come.

"The best thing to do is have a resume, go down, and make a connection. That would be a great start," said Jason Prenovost, director of Outreach Services.

Colleges will also be making an appearance at the Career Fair. Some colleges that have agreed to come are the University of Washington, Washington State University, the University of Idaho, and Trinity Lutheran College.

Nancy Warren, program manager for Instruction at Highline,



FILE PHOTO

Highline students were able to speak with potential employers during the Career fair last spring.

said students are encouraged to come and learn about Highline departments, career opportunities, and transferring to four-year colleges after Highline.

Students are also encouraged to dress professionally.

"Don't come in your flip-flops," Warren said.

The Career Fair is one event held during the Spring Festival on May 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Around 700 high school students from surrounding districts including Auburn, Fife, Federal Way, and Kent have signed up to join in the festivities.

The Spring Festival will be on the back side of the Student Union Building.

This year's theme is the beach and an array of theme-appropriate activities are lined up.

"A fun day for them," said Liz Shimaure, event consultant

in Student Programs.

Some of the activities include a dunk tank, a photo booth, a surfing simulator, and salsa dancing lessons, said Shimaure.

A barbecue lunch will be held from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., \$2 for students (don't forget those I.D. cards), and \$3 for faculty and the community.

"This is a great event for Highline," Prenovost said. "It's not just outreach."

GED

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[I figured] I'd just get a job and move back to Seattle," she said. At only 17 years old, she moved in with some friends back in Seattle.

"I was ill-prepared for living on my own," Schubert said. "I partied a lot and it took me a long time to get back on track."

The only jobs Schubert could manage to get as a high school dropout were in fast food.

Despite this, Schubert still tried to make something of herself. She attended Sea-Tac Occupational Skills Center, a vocational school for high school students. However, that didn't work out well because "I didn't show up."

"Before my dad died, I was a good student," Schubert said. "I got sick of people saying 'She's really clever but she's not educated.'"

This drove Schubert to pursue her GED.

After successfully completing the program, she enrolled in college courses at Highline and



Rebecca Schubert

is the first in her family to go to college.

Schubert said Steve Washburn drove her to continue her education.

"Steve said 'You gotta go to college!'" she said.

"Steve is the man. He will definitely go out of his way to help. He's one of the teachers a troubled person really needs," Schubert said of Washburn.

Washburn himself is modest about his own role.

"I loathe to take credit for students' success," he said. "They help themselves and I'm just there to facilitate it."

It is students such as Schubert that drive Washburn to enjoy his job.

"You wouldn't do it for the money," he said with a laugh.

Washburn estimates that about 200 students participate in the GED program per quarter.

For Rebecca Schubert, she is uncertain about what she wants to pursue, but there is no doubt

in her mind that she is better off now than she was before.

She hopes to transfer to Seattle University or the University of Washington.

"Some people say they don't accept GED students," she said. But that's not going to stop her.

"I'm the kind of person that's defiant and [I hope] to prove everybody wrong."

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Legislature

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ing.

"We continue to need more support for the colleges. We have lots of students in basic skills. We got some things that are specific for Highline focused on repairs," Dr. Bermingham said.

"We think the governor's budget was very supportive of community colleges and higher education," Dr. Bermingham said. "We were pleased with the expansion of access and that there was more support for our Adult Basic Skills and ESL population."

Highline received \$2 million for general maintenance and improvement.

"Altogether I think we did a good job at funding education," said State Sen. Karen Keiser, D-Des Moines.

"We balanced the budget without any increase in taxes and we have a rainy day fund," Sen. Keiser said. "We were fiscally responsible and prudent." Priest wasn't as sure.

"I'm very concerned about



Dr. Jack Bermingham

the budget," said State Rep. Priest. "We spent too much."

State Rep. Priest said that the last budget deficit was very unpleasant.

"I'm concerned we'll have a situation close to four years ago if we're not careful," State Rep. Priest said.

"Textbook costs outweigh tuition (in some cases) and it's really outrageous," Sen. Keiser said.

Senator Keiser said that there needs to be a new approach to textbooks.

"Maybe a CD ROM approach, or electronically," Sen. Keiser said.

Legislators were also con-

cerned about the price students have to pay for textbooks.

House Bill 1224 and Substitute House Bill 2300 both concern college text books and were both passed by the House and Senate. SHB 2300 has already been signed by the governor.

HB 1224 requires that community colleges provide students with the option to buy unbundled materials when possible, provide for the disclosure of the changes to textbooks and costs, and promote book buy-backs. Faculty are required to look into the least costly practices when assigning course material.

"I believe it will be signed by the governor. I've heard nothing to the contrary," said State Rep. Priest.

HB 2300 would require textbook publishers to tell faculty members the price of the materials they are presenting. College textbook publishers must also disclose the intended price of their products at the bookstore. The publisher must also disclose the history of revisions to the products.

HB 2300 has already been signed by the governor.

Although the Legislature has closed its books, the textbook



State Sen. Karen Keiser

measure has yet to write its first chapter. Yet some Highline professors say that these new bills will not have a big impact on the way they choose textbooks.

"It's a little bit complicated with U.S. history books. We all went with the same textbook," said History Professor Tim McMannon. "It would be harder for us to change textbooks, so I doubt I would change now."

"I think it would be good information to have. I don't think it would effect my decision in selecting a new textbook because there are other factors that are more important to me than the price of a textbook," said Spanish Professor Monica Gart-

man. "If I had that information it would help me to choose the most economic option between two equivalent textbooks."

Other professors say that they already factor textbook prices into their choices.

"I want to choose the best choice. I did think about the cost of books this quarter," said Engineering Professor Bob Maplestone. "I bought one of the cheapest textbooks I could find."

Maplestone said that the textbook, which was about \$29, wasn't the best book, but there was free software with the book that was really all the students needed.

"The students had the option to buy the textbook, and all they really needed was the software," Maplestone said.

"In the Math Department, we usually do talk about the price of the textbook. It's usually a factor in our decision," said Math Professor Erik Scott. "It (the bill) is not going to give us new information we didn't have before. We usually ask (for the price) and look at the different combinations."

Scott said often publishers will throw in stuff like software for free.

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