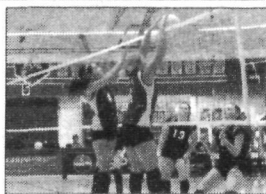




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Highline Community College

# The Thunderword

## Board hopes to name search consultant today

By Jocie Olson  
Staff Reporter

Highline's Board of Trustees may vote to hire a search consultant today to help find a permanent president for Highline.

However, the makeup of the search committee is not yet clear.

The Board is looking for a consultant to recruit and bring the campus the most qualified individuals for interviews, who possess knowledge of the community college system, the budgeting system, and campus and community relations, explained Karen Vander Ark, chairwoman for the Board of Trustees.

Since the Board's firing of Dr. Priscilla Bell last November, Highline has been without a permanent president.

Dr. Jack Bermingham, vice president for Academic Affairs, was named interim president by the Board of Trustees.

The Board members are appointed by the governor to oversee the college's management.

Last Thursday, the Board

### SEARCH FOR THE PRESIDENT



**November 2006**

*Board fires Dr. Priscilla Bell*

**November 2006**

*Dr. Jack Bermingham is named interim president*

**May 2007**

*Dr. Ed Command comes to Highline and talks with the Board*

**June-August 2007**

*Forums were held over the summer*

**September 2007**

*Board moved to hire a search consultant and to conduct a search*

**October 2007**

*Today the Board is expected to name a search consultant*

**Spring 2008**

*Spring Quarter Board expects to name the new president*

members interviewed two consultant firms.

"We were very pleased with both firms," said Board member Rita Creighton.

During the meeting, several Board members expressed concern about someone's ability to dominate the search committee.

Vander Ark, though, ex-

plained that she does not sense any particular concern regarding this issue.

"Our concern is that there is a healthy makeup of representa-

tive groups on the search committee and that they all be able to work together for the good of Highline," Vander Ark said.

The campus's role in the search committee is another concern.

During a special Board meeting on Friday, President of the Highline College Education Association Ruth Windhover explained to the Board that the faculty have an intense interest in the search.

"We would be greatly disappointed if they weren't," said Creighton.

A reliable source told the Thunderword that it is the intention of the Board to have more community representatives on the search committee than representatives from the campus.

However, Vander Ark dismissed that as a rumor.

"We don't work from rumors or address them. We are intent on bringing the correct balance of representation and that is what Friday's meetings were about in gathering views on committee makeup," Vander Ark said.

## Busy Steve Simkins plans for the school year

By Nick Dalton  
Staff Reporter

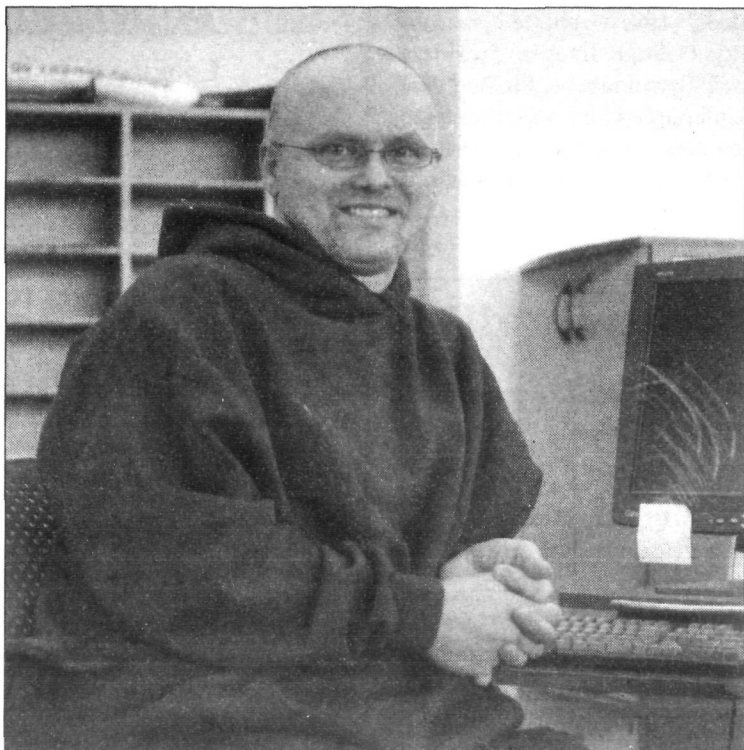
Steve Simkins, who was elected as student body president last spring has a laundry list of things he'd like to get done this year.

Simkins is used to being busy and trying to help his fellow students get things done. He's a nursing student, and a former president of the Sober Socialites club and the Gay/Straight Alliance club.

He's also pursuing a double-master's in nursing and public health.

Simkins, 40, has taken a longer road to Highline than some students.

"Immediately prior to coming to Highline, I worked as produce manager for Grocery Outlet in Burien and as a tax professional with H&R Block in Burien," said Simkins. "Before that I worked in the restaurant industry for about 20 years. I did pretty much every aspect of



Melody Eriksen/Thunderword

Steve Simkins was elected as student body president last spring.

work possible: cook, sous chef, waiter, bartender, dishwasher, (table) busser, host, you name

it." He hopes all of this will give him the leadership skills he will

someday need to be a nurse practitioner.

One of Simkins' first goals this year is finding a lower-cost alternative to Highline's book store for students to obtain the books they need, and a more profitable way to rid themselves of used books.

Simkins said when he attended South Puget Sound Community College, they had a program in place that allowed any student to post a slip of paper on a large corkboard with their name, the name of the book they wished to sell, the quarter they had been for, the desired selling price, and a phone number the seller could be reached at.

"I'd like to have something like that in place here at Highline by the end of Fall Quarter," said Simkins.

Another long-standing issue facing the college that Simkins wants to address this year is the lack of parking available.

Simkins said the stress on



### Mysteries of the market

- Highline will be participating in a survey about student's media preferences.
- Soccer coach Jason Prenovost is also Highline's new marketing director.
- Marketing meetings held to get campus input.

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## CSI: Highline

### Campus hit by car thefts

Lock your doors. Two car thefts, one false alarm and two vandalized cars have been reported within a three day period.

•An '88 Toyota Camry was stolen out of the South Lot Oct. 5, after being parked for only 30 minutes. The owner called 911 and waited for the police to arrive.

•A student's Honda Civic was stolen from the lower North Lot at 6:10 p.m. Oct. 3.

•A '94 Honda Accord was vandalized at 3:10 p.m. on Oct. 3. The glass of the Honda was popped out, the steering wheel was torn out and the stereo was stolen.

•A purse was stolen out of an unlocked car near Building 99, on Oct. 4.

•A student reported her car being stolen. A Security Officer drove the student around the parking lot where she found her car, right where she left it.

### Student reports threats

A Running Start student called the Des Moines Police and reported that a student and their cousin had threatened her.

The police escorted the women to the Dean of Students where she filed a formal complaint. She was then escorted to Building 30 where she delivered the papers to the students who threatened her.

### Goodies and goods stolen

A Highline counselor found her cookies, chocolate cup cakes, candy bars, two USB drives and \$181 worth of books missing from her desk after returning to her office on Oct. 2 at 8 a.m. She left her office the previous day at 1 p.m.

•A Highline staff member reported a 6-inch touch pad stolen out of the Central Washington Building in room 329.

•Stops signs were found ripped off and bent on the north gate. Facility workers are repairing the damage.

### There's no place like home

A faculty member contacted security about a possible homeless man sleeping on the West side of Building 29.

Security scoped out the area and found a soiled sleeping bag and cup. These items were discarded for health reasons.

The area was later checked out, but no one was found.

•A Highline student was found sleeping in the Financial Aid office on Oct. 3.



### All-Academic Team scholarships available

Applications are now available for the All-USA Academic Team.

The program annually recognizes 60 outstanding two-year college students.

This program, sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, USA Today, and the American Association of Community Colleges, is looking for eligible students with a 3.2 minimum GPA and set to graduate with an associate degree by the end of the year.

Applications are due on campus by Nov. 9. Contact Dr. Barbara Clinton, 206-878-3710, ext. 3151, for more information.

For further information, look them up on <http://scholarships.ptk.org/aaat/announce.htm>

### Highline hosts conference

Highline is hosting an annual conference on education and economic development later this month.

The International Consortium of Educators for Economic Development (ICEED) in Seattle, Oct. 17-20, at the Red Lion Hotel in downtown Seattle. The keynote speaker on Friday will be Washington State Rep. Phyllis Kenney, D-Seattle.

ICEED has been working on the issue of international trade within North America for more than a decade. With its headquarters at Rancho Santiago Community College in Southern California, ICEED is made up



Jocie Olson/THUNDERWORD

Representatives of the U.S. Border Patrol talk to a Highline student about a career on the border. Nearly 60 employers visited Building 8 to tempt students with the promise of gainful employment.

of higher education institutions from NAFTA (North America Free Trade Agreement) countries.

This is the first time that Seattle is holding the annual ICEED conference. Approximately 140 educators, business leaders, and policy makers are expected to attend.

The conference theme, International Business & Trade: Education Development = Economic Development, focuses on the impact education has on economic development through its support of international business and trade.

"We're delighted to bring the conference to Washington in order to discuss higher education's part in understanding the impact of trade on Canada, Mexico and the U.S., while examining its impact on economic development," said Highline Community College Interim President Jack Bermingham, Ph.D. "The conference is an opportunity to promote educational partnerships and opportunities for our region."

### 'Canoes' paddles on screen

Movie Fridays will present *Ten Canoes*, a film about Australian Aborigines, noon, Friday, Oct. 12 in Building 7.

The critically acclaimed film was directed by Rolf de Heer and Peter Djigirr. It is being shown for free.

Movie Fridays is sponsored by the World Languages Program and the International Student Leadership Council.

### Learn to write resumes, successful cover letters

Erik Tingelstad, director of Workforce Development Ser-

vices, will talk about Resume Writing and Cover Letters, Tuesday, Oct. 16 from noon to 1 p.m. in Building 6, room 151.

The session will tell students how to build better resumes to help land a job, and "marketing strategies for getting that all-important interview."

The session is free and open to all.

### This is a test - only a test

Patricia Haggerty, faculty counselor, will talk about Conquering Test Anxiety on Wednesday, Oct. 17, noon-12:50 p.m., in Building 6, room 151.

Learn how to keep your mind from going blank on tests.

## Co-Opportunity Cooperative Education

Looking to bridge the gap between education and work experience?

Don't be the one who let opportunity pass you by!


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

## Student Jobs

 **tutors/Mentors Job #3204**  
-Part-Time or Work Study-

Work with small groups of middle school or high school students during class.

**When:** 8:15 am-4:15pm Mon.-Thurs./6-12 hrs. flexible  
**Where:** Tukwila School District **How Much:** \$10-12/hr.

 **Admin./Accounting Asst. Job #3203**  
-Part-Time-

Assist with phone, filing and other admin. duties. Light accounting duties. Some familiarity with Word and Excel, and must be well organized.

**When:** Mid morning-mid afternoon/20-25 hrs. flexible  
**Where:** Federal Way **How Much:** \$12-13/hr.

For more information, log on to Interfase at [www.myinterfase.com/highline/student](http://www.myinterfase.com/highline/student) or visit Student Employment in Building 6.



## Free Tutoring!!!

Feeling overwhelmed?  
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Visit the Tutoring Center: Building 26, Room 319  
We specialize in turning good students into **better** students!

**Tip of the Week:**  
"Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living, the other helps you make a life".  
-Sandra Carey

### Sign up for help in:

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Mon-Thurs.....8:00am-7:30pm  
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<http://tutoring.highline.edu>



## To market, to market

### Highline scrambles to learn how to sell itself and attract more students

By Melody Ericksen  
Staff Reporter

Highline is participating in a nationwide survey that Interact Communications is running about the marketing interests of students in community colleges. This survey will be asking about students' interests in different types of media such as music, coffee, TV stations, and news.

Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Development Lisa Skari is hoping that this survey will serve to target recruitment efforts in a more cost-effective manner.

"This survey is to help us understand better the media preferences of the students," said Skari. The survey is completely voluntary, and anonymous. It takes between 15-20 minutes, and at the end of the survey, students can enter a drawing to win an iPod or iTunes gift certificate. All personal information will be kept confidential, and won't be disclosed by Interact Communications without the written consent of the student.

Skari hopes that this will give Institutional Advancement a better picture of students' responses to different kinds of media.

Questions range from students' preferences on radio stations, coffee houses, and what information they look for in the



New marketing master Jason Prenovost makes a point to Lisa Skari, left, and Jill Childs.

newspaper.

"The survey is being distributed by e-mail and is available online. It will be completely random, and will be advertised through e-mails to students," said Skari. "Institutional Advancement is going to have an ad running in the Thunderword, and there are going to be signs up in Building 30 advertising the survey."

Interact Communications expects to have the Highline report done by mid-December and

the national report done by early January 2008.

"We want to see how the media interests of the students differ across community colleges nationwide, but more specifically what form of media attracts students to certain community colleges, and how we can better our own media output," said Skari.

Skari continued to explain that once the results of the survey come in, Institutional Advancement will use them in a

promotional effort.

"The results of the survey will help to direct the different kinds of mediums that students are most interested in. Also the availability of that medium to the student is important," said Skari. "Basically we want to understand what medium students are looking at, and where they're getting it."

For more information on this survey contact Lisa Skari at [lskari@highline.edu](mailto:lskari@highline.edu) or call 206-878-3710, ext. 3705.

## Prenovost to try to kickstart marketing

By James Bermingham  
Staff Reporter

Jason Prenovost is now managing marketing, as well as Outreach.

"We haven't settled on a title for this position yet," Prenovost said.

Prenovost was the director of Outreach and is also the men's soccer coach.

Prenovost thinks he won't have any problem with the workload. "To me it's about getting the job done," he said.

Prenovost will now have less to do in Outreach.

"Outreach will continue to thrive. It's a great program and there is a great staff in place," Prenovost said. "I'm really proud of what we've done."

Norma Finsterbusch, Rashad Norris, and Tanisha Williams are now doing the bulk of the work in Outreach.

Prenovost has several ways he plans to market the college.

"We need to have good community perception," Prenovost said. "We'll be most successful if we are part of the community."

"We need to target high school students and direct them here," Prenovost said. "It is important for us to not play into any preconceived notions about community college."

"Two-year colleges are a great option for many students," Prenovost said.

"One of the things we did in outreach when we were out speaking is we never demean any other colleges in the area," Prenovost said.

Prenovost plans to "sell the college person to person."

"We haven't marketed our professional-technical programs very well," Prenovost said. "However those programs do a good job promoting themselves."

"My immediate goal is to bring stability to this position," Prenovost said. "We are concerned about the turnover we've had in the marketing director position."

Prenovost's educational background is in marketing and business, with a bachelor's in marketing and master's in organizational leadership.

## Marketing meetings draw interest, suggestions from campus

By Melody Ericksen  
Staff Reporter

People on campus think Highline's marketing efforts could do a lot more to raise community awareness of the college.

In a series of meetings earlier this week, Highline's Communications, Marketing, and Outreach Program tried to find out what they need to know to most effectively target potential students.

At the meetings, faculty, staff and administrators suggested everything from a big reader board on Building 99, to inviting high school students to Highline (even if it's for a jewelry party).

Many people at the meetings agreed that any way to familiarize the community with the campus is an important element in marketing. Participants agreed that brochures for different purposes and departments are a good idea, but there were

mixed feelings about the methods of advertising and promotion. Many agreed that brand recognition is very important, but others asked whether some forms of advertising might not be worth the money.

People at the meetings were enthusiastic about helping out in any way they could, but many were unsure of where they could lend assistance.

"We're all busy, but we still want to know what the word is. Do we have an objective that we're working towards? I want to know what I can do to help," said Dee Skinner, professor in Computer Science/Computer Information systems.

Many people at the meetings said it is important that the community is aware of what Highline is doing, and that relationships are formed between the campus and the community. Consistent branding came up often as an important for the college and its departments.

"Most of the time it's through word of mouth that gets the message out. I think that that's our best hope," said Jason Prenovost, who is taking charge of Highline's marketing efforts.

"These meetings are to find out what are the best ways to communicate to the campus," said Prenovost. "Communication is just not getting out effectively."

People at the meetings thought that it would be a great idea to get a database of former students, and more e-mail addresses in order to contact current students.

Campus members suggested that a lot more attention needs to be given to Highline's web development, such as putting ads on the website's front page, and more stories of student success. They also said there needs to be better communication on campus.

"We are all so busy that we lost the interconnection between

departments," said Skinner.

"It's not that we don't agree," said Lisa Skari, vice president of Institutional Advancement at Highline, "we just need to take the time to have conversations up front."

Other ideas for outreach are direct exchange with high schools, with various ethnic communities, and with ESL students, on a person to person basis. Faculty and staff at the meetings agreed that the development of a strong recruiting plan is of high importance.

"A lot of the same priorities are coming up in the meetings. Some of these things are already being done by Institutional Advancement, but communication is just not getting out to the different departments," said Skari.

"The three marketing meetings that were held, were all basically the same in exercise and format but the input from faculty and staff is different," said Skari.

## Editorial comment

## Parking problems continue at Highline

For the first two weeks of almost every quarter, the hot button issue on campus is parking. This fall is no different.

The thing we should do is encourage students to use public transportation.

The way to do that is to charge everyone a parking fee in tuition. Then, you use the money from the fee to buy bus passes. The bus passes should be available for every student who wants one.

If we do that, more students will take the bus. If parking becomes a problem for students they will have the option of taking the bus.

This is something that Highline could do by next quarter and is easier and more realistic than some of the other ideas.

There have been several ideas from people on campus on how to change the parking system at Highline.

One would be to schedule more classes in the afternoon and evening. Other ideas included paving the field on the west side of campus, allowing students to park in the administration parking lot, and renting space from Lowe's.

It is our opinion that none of these ideas are realistic.

Most students don't want to take afternoon classes. A lot of them go to school in the morning and work in the afternoon.

If we paved the field on the west side of campus it would mean our men's and women's soccer team would have to practice and play somewhere else. Also, it would be really expensive and time consuming to pave the field.

Administration would never let students take over their lot. Also, there are only a few administration parking spots left every day.

It would require a lot of time and money to rent space from Lowe's. The spots would only really be necessary the first and last two weeks in the quarter.

After the first two weeks of a quarter the parking situation gets better. Now, no matter what time of the day you get here, there is parking.

At Highline, it costs \$32 for a full time student to get a parking permit.

At Green River Community College, parking is included in a fee that every student pays with tuition. The fee is \$35 for a full time student.

At Seattle Central Community College, only 300 students per quarter are allowed to get parking passes. They have a lottery to determine who gets the parking passes.

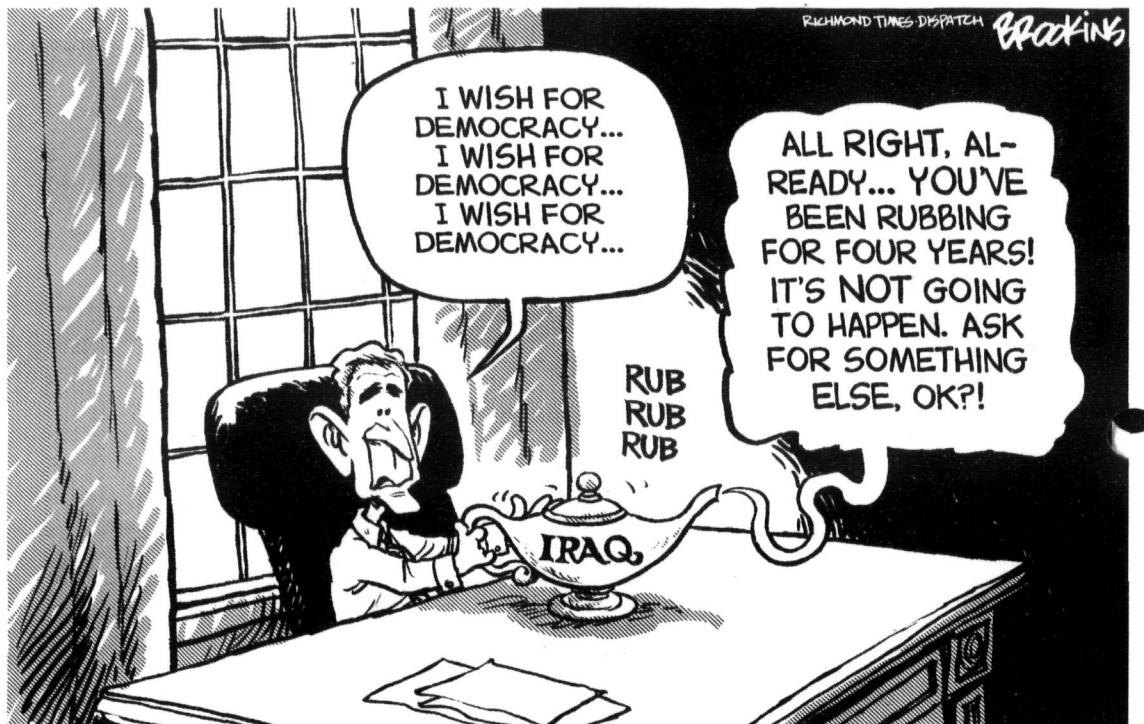
At Pierce Community College, a \$15 fee that is included in tuition covers parking.

At South Seattle Community college, a parking permit is \$50 per quarter for a full time student.

## Staff

"So I guess it's not incest after all."

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## College turned out to be worth the effort

### Commentary



Shurvon Haynes

When I graduated from high school I wanted to experience life and all it had to offer me as a young woman.

After working interesting jobs from child care to government and living in another city, I was ready to go back to school and build upon my skills.

After such a long hiatus I was unsure of how to adapt to the college environment and what to expect, but I soon found many opportunities on campus to quench my thirst for knowledge.

While I was embraced by my peers, there were also many unexpected obstacles I had to overcome.

Such as disappointment, anxiety and criticism. During these difficult times I began to ask myself the question: Why college?

Is it really worth all the trouble?

It would be much easier to get a basic 9 to 5 job, go home and read my own books of interest, instead of staying awake all night reading thick and sometimes boring textbooks.

Or going to concerts instead of listening to lectures and waiting in long lines to register, purchase supplies or pay overdue parking fines.

I soon learned that the quest

for higher education is an adventurous journey, certainly not for the weak at heart.

I also learned after becoming involved in Student Programs and campus activities where I was exposed to new faces, new places and new ways of thinking.

I found that college is more than just expanding the mind beyond K-12 and getting a good job.

College is a place where we are forced to step out of our comfort zones and interact with others different from ourselves.

With events such as Cultural Café, Conversation Pal and

Unity through Diversity Week, there are many opportunities available at Highline for us to become globally minded.

Each day, each class and each book we read, we become a little smarter, wiser and worldly as we meet interesting people from other countries, backgrounds and cultures.

We go to college to learn from each other and to share what we have learned with the rest of the world.

So after two years of doing this college thing, my purpose has become clear and my place in the world is a little more defined.

I'm passionate about being a journalist because I have something to share.

I will use my skills to encourage people to get involved, let their voices be heard and make a difference.

I am dedicated to inspire those who have been discouraged and misinformed about their potential and value as human beings to find their way in a world in which they are often underrepresented.

That's what college is all about, each one teaching another to help make this world a better place for us all to live.

Shurvon believes in happy endings.

## Write to us

The Thunderword encourages letters to the editor and columns from the college community.

Editorial cartoons on timely subjects also may be considered.

Submissions will be edited

for style.

Due to limited space, please limit your submission to 500 words or less.

Submissions that are too long may be subject to editing for length.

E-mail your submission to [thunderword@highline.edu](mailto:thunderword@highline.edu).

Letters and columns can be on any subject.

Topics of interest to the campus community will take priority.

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

Deadline for submissions is Monday of each week.

E-mail your submission to [thunderword@highline.edu](mailto:thunderword@highline.edu).



# Highline will be alive with the sounds of music

By Ariel McKenzie  
Staff Reporter

Top musicians will be performing at Highline as part of a new music series presented by the Des Moines Art Commission and the Highline Foundation.

The Waterland Music Series is a new music series that aims to bring top musical talent to Highline. This three-part series will feature a different musician at each of these performances.

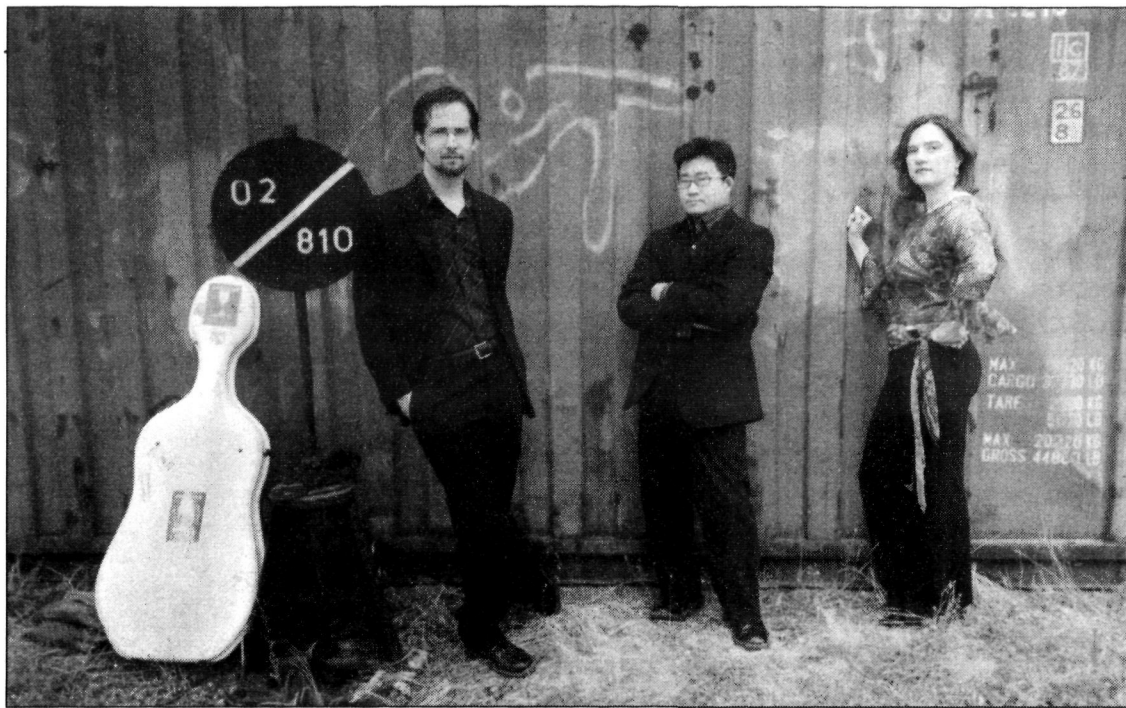
The first performance will feature Finistera, a classical piano trio who have been winners of national and international competitions. Finistera has played at many concert halls around the country including Benaroya Hall in Seattle.

Finistera will perform on Tuesday, Nov. 6 at Highline in Building 7 at 7:30 p.m.

The second performance will feature Susan Pascal, a local jazz vibraphonist. Pascal's music ranges from original pieces to American song book standards. Pascal plays venues and festivals in and around the Seattle area.

Pascal will perform on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008 at Highline in Building 7 at 7:30 p.m.

The final performance in the series will feature Michael



Finistera is a classical music trio. They will be coming to Highline this November as part of the Waterland Music Festival, co-sponsored by the Des Moines Art Commission and Highline Foundation.

Nicolella, a classical guitarist from Seattle. Nicolella has introduced electric guitar into his classical music performances. He plays a variety of music and has performed throughout America and Europe.

Nicolella will perform on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at Highline in Building 7 at 7:30 p.m.

"We wanted variety and top talent," said Nancy Warren, a Des Moines Art Commissioner

and Highline's Program Manager for Instruction.

Warren said that a committee selected the artists based upon established criteria. Criteria ranged from whether the artist matched the theme of the event to meeting the standards of the audience and even the ability to draw a crowd through the name recognition of the artist.

The Des Moines Art Commission sponsors several events

throughout the community including the Des Moines Farmers Market in the summer and the Kid's Art Day in June. The Des Moines Art Commission was re-established in 2007, and has been operating for almost a year.

"Our roles are to bring awareness of art to the community through performance, visual and literary art events," said Warren.

The Des Moines Art Commission, who is co-sponsoring the music series with the Highline Foundation, chose Highline as the venue to hold the events. Warren said that the Des Moines Art Commission felt that Highline had a perfect spot for the event to take place, Building 7, with enough seating for 150 people.

"We felt that this was an opportunity to bring top-notch talent to Des Moines," said Warren.

Warren said that the Des Moines Art Commission felt that this music series is a good way to create a relationship with the Highline campus.

Tickets will cost \$30 for the entire series, or \$15 per show. Student tickets are available for \$5.

Tickets can be purchased through Des Moines Parks, Recreations, and Senior Services by calling 206-870-6527.

Local retailer Corky Cellars, 22511 Marine View Dr., will also be selling tickets to these performances and they can be contacted by calling 206-824-9462.

Another retailer, Des Moines Florist, 721 S. 219th, will also be selling tickets to these performances and can be contacted by calling 206-824-5920.

## Students share poetry at lounge

By Angela McClurg  
Staff Reporter

If writing, the arts or poetry interest you, come join the poetry club for their second Diversity Poetry Lounge meeting.

Aaron Reader, Jasmin Rogers, and Nelly Akers are the coordinators and founders of Highline's Diversity Poetry Lounge.

The Lounge is for students who like to express themselves through writing. Some students like to go and just listen.

"Everybody has their own reasons for coming," said Rogers.

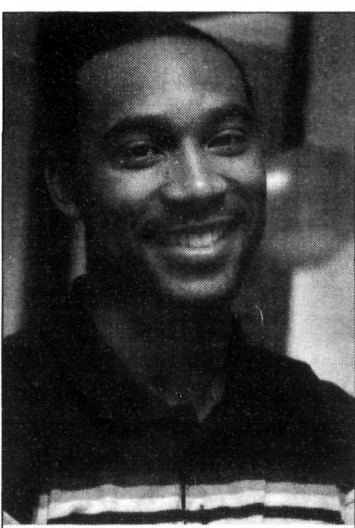
Some people may remember the Diversity Poetry Lounge as "The Breakfast Club."

This was the name of the club last year when it started at 8 a.m.

They want to have it later this year for the students who don't get up that early, Rogers said.

"The poetry lounge is a place where people are inspired to not be afraid of expressing themselves," Reader said. "It is also a place for people to get out of their comfort zone and have courageous conversation."

The first lounge meeting was



Aaron Reader

last Thursday at 10 a.m.

The topic for this meeting was "I Write Because."

It started with 15 people in a circle, and in a clockwise motion, one person would read their poem, or some other poet's work.

After each person would read, everyone else in the room would take turns complimenting or explaining what they took from the writing.

"I write because it is liberating sometimes, and it can help with your feelings," Rogers said.

The goal for this club is to have a big Poetry Slam, said Reader.

"We can't do this all by ourselves," Rogers said. "We have the vision, but we haven't got all the elements." These elements are foundation, people, and public awareness.

"So far this Slam is just a vision," said Rogers. "It's going to take steps to get there."

The first step is getting more people involved.

The Slam would be held in Building 7. They want to have a big event where everyone shares their poetry.

They hope to bring a special guest, a well-known poet, who would come and read.

If you are interested in poetry and want to read your work, or listen, the Poetry Lounge meets next week for their second get-together.

There will be a flyer for the topic, date, and time posted around campus.

For more information about the Poetry Lounge visit the Inter-Cultural Center located in Building 6, room 164, or contact Aaron Reader at 206-878-3710, ext. 3340 or at areader@highline.edu.

## New Blend coordinator appointed

Highline's Blend concert series is rising from the ashes again.

Sung Won Sco was appointed as the new Blend coordinator for this quarter, said Noory Kim, Student Programs events consultant.

Last week's Blend was cancelled due to various issues within Student Programs.

Kim also said that Malcom (Jihad) Bryant has been appointed as winter's Blend coordinator.

The Blend is a free bi-weekly concert series that takes place in the Bistro of the Student Union

Building from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Students can expect the first performance of the fall next Wednesday, Oct. 17.

Local music artist Jonathan Kingham will be the first act for the Blend this quarter.

Kingham performs a variety of music, from folk, to jazz and pop. He just released his third CD titled *That Changes Everything* and has toured in several states along the West Coast.

While official paperwork has not been filled out, Kingham has agreed to play at Highline next Wednesday, said Kim.

## Seattle Performing Arts Fellowship says goodbye

The curtain is closing for the Seattle Performing Arts Fellowship after 20 years of performances.

SPAF spent several years performing at Victory Baptist Center in Des Moines, but changes at the church caused them to have to relocate.

Amy Wyatt, SPAF board president, said that they received several donations to help fund a potential new space for a community-based theater venue.

While they were able to obtain funding they needed for

a new spot, they were unable to obtain a Managing Director to head the transition to a new venue, said Wyatt.

Wyatt said that a managing director is needed to direct the business end of operations and that they cannot launch a new facility and program without someone to fill this position.

SPAF was known for their family-oriented performances.

A sale of their physical assets will be held on Oct. 20 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Victory Baptist Center, 1807 S. 223rd, Des Moines.

# Duke OF THE uke

## Jake Shimabukuro makes new magic with an old Hawaiian instrument

By Ariel McKenzie  
Staff Reporter

With only four strings, Jake Shimabukuro makes a world of music.

Shimabukuro plays the ukulele the way Jimi Hendrix once played the electric guitar. With lightning-fast finger movement and rocking melodies, he transcends traditional Hawaiian music and creates a style all his own.

Shimabukuro is scheduled to play in Kent as part of the Kent Spotlight Series. The concert is on Oct. 11 at Kentwood High School Performing Arts Center, 25800 164th Ave. SE, at 7:30 p.m.

This is not the first time Shimabukuro has come to Kent; he visited last year, also during a Kent Spotlight Series event.

"I've been there (Kent) once and there was a really nice turnout," said Shimabukuro. "The audience was really supportive and there were a few people from Hawaii or that had strong ties to Hawaii. I feel like I'm back at home and it's a really nice feeling."

Shimabukuro said that he started playing the ukulele at the age of 4. He was taught by his mother and when he began, he played traditional Hawaiian music.

"The first time I picked it (ukulele) up, I fell in love with it," said Shimabukuro. "Just the sound of it and it's so simple to play."

Shimabukuro said that the ukulele is unlike any other instrument because little practice is needed to get a nice sound. He said that with the ukulele, the player gets instant results. When he was a child he was drawn to it because of the instant gratification he got from playing it.

It was not until high school that Shimabukuro's skills began to manifest into the intricate melodies he plays today.

"When I was in high school I realized I could play any style or song," said Shimabukuro.

Shimabukuro said that with a ukulele, any melody can be plucked out. He said he took this idea a step further and be-

came more innovative and created sounds that are a little bit more musical.

Shimabukuro now plays several genres of music, from pop to rock and even jazz.

"I draw from a lot of different artists," said Shimabukuro.

Shimabukuro said that some of his influences are artists such as The Beatles, Bob Dylan, and Bela Fleck.

"I love singers and songwriters like Ani DiFranco, Jimi Hendrix, and Eddie Van Halen," said Shimabukuro, "all of these musicians that have changed people's perspectives on the instrument."

Shimabukuro plays original material as well as the music of other artists. Shimabukuro said that he recently did a video featuring his rendition of *While My Guitar Gently Weeps* by George Harrison of The Beatles.

He said that he was surprised to see this video several places on the internet. Shimabukuro said that this song has always been one of his favorite Harrison pieces.

"It's pretty amazing that I received a bunch of e-mails and comments about the video - even a comment from Olivia

Harrison," said Shimabukuro.

Shimabukuro said that when playing another artist's song he strives to capture the energy and the emotion behind that song. He said that he tries to emulate the arrangement and the intensity when he covers another artist's song.

Shimabukuro said that playing the ukulele allows him to

play all different kinds of tones and sounds, like a piano, or a harp, or something more exotic like a Japanese samisen. He said that he has a lot of ways to make the ukulele sound a bit different.

"Music is all about communication and saying something with an audience," said Shimabukuro. "Music touches you

• Jake Shimabukuro performs at Kentwood High School Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 11. Tickets can be purchased at [www.kentarts.com](http://www.kentarts.com).

and moves you so much."

Shimabukuro said that he looks at music like a language and that each style or genre is different. He said that he plays a variety of music so that he has an understanding of these different languages and that it makes him more versatile.

"With knowledge in different styles, you can play with anyone and I strive to learn different styles," said Shimabukuro.

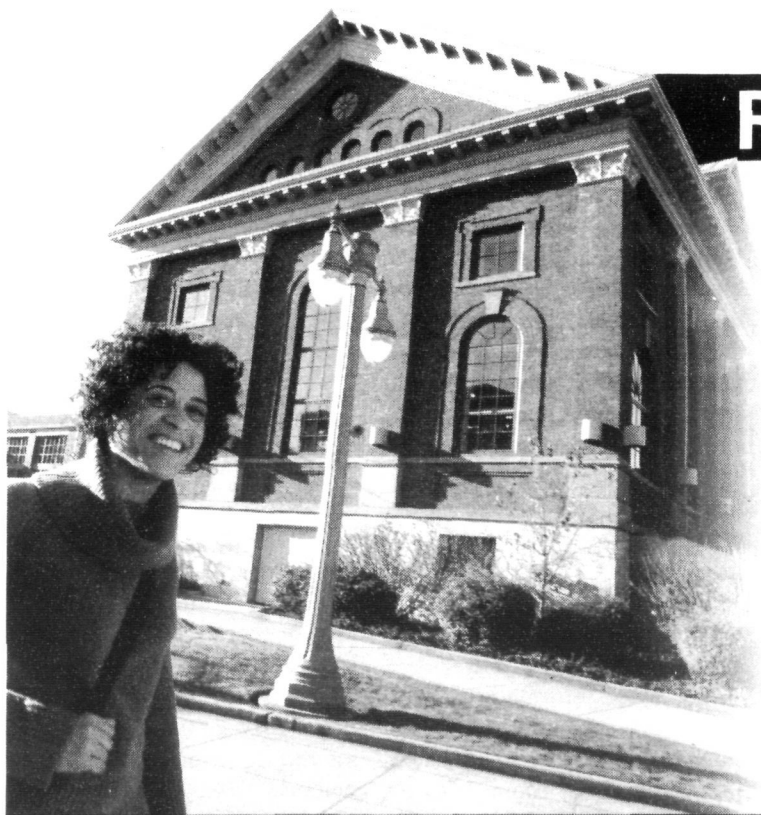
When playing someone else's music on the ukulele, there are a few things that are changed in order to accommodate the different sounds and tones, Shimabukuro said.

"A lot of times, it's changing your right-hand technique, or strumming at a different angle, or playing closer to the neck or farther away from it," said Shimabukuro.

Shimabukuro tours around the world, mostly in Asia and just started touring the U.S. mainland about two years ago. He also toured in Canada and in Australia.

Shimabukuro said that touring the U.S. mainland is intense because of the long distances and the many hours it takes to drive around the country. He said that on the island of Oahu, his home in Hawaii, it only takes about an hour to get around the entire island, but when he tours the U.S. mainland, he sometimes has to drive for seven hours to get from one city to another.

"Going to different places has been a very positive experience," Shimabukuro said.



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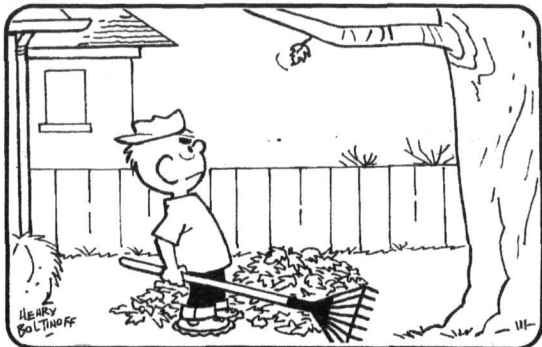
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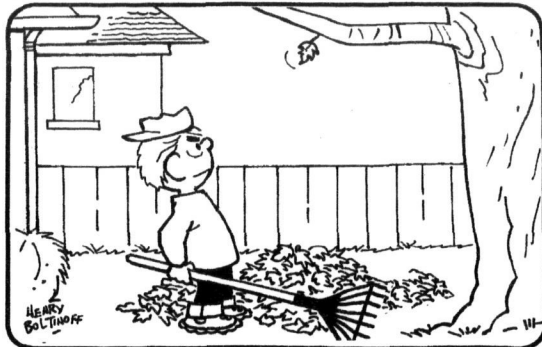


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Window is cracked. 2. Boy's hair is different. 3. Bushes are missing. 4. Pile of leaves is larger. 5. House is narrower. 6. Shift has long sleeves.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. ENTERTAINMENT: Which actress was married to Mickey Rooney, Artie Shaw and Frank Sinatra?
- 2. INVENTIONS: When was the first coin-operated pinball machine invented?
- 3. QUOTATIONS: Who said, "It's not that I'm afraid to die. I just don't want to be there when it happens."
- 4. U.S. STATES: What does the name of Hawaii's capital -- Honolulu -- mean?
- 5. LITERATURE: Which one of Shakespeare's plays contains the line, "The course of true love never did run smooth."
- 6. PETS: What was the name of cowboy star Roy Rogers' dog?
- 7. FOOD & DRINK: What is

- a gherkin?
- 8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many eyes does a bee have?
- 9. TELEVISION: What was the name of the estate in the gothic soap opera "Dark Shadows"?
- 10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where was the first large, free municipal library established in the United States?
- 1. Ava Gardner
- 2. 1931
- 3. Woody Allen
- 4. "Sheltered harbor"
- 5. "A Midsummer Night's Dream"
- 6. Bullet
- 7. A variety of cucumber used to make pickles
- 8. Five
- 9. Collinwood
- 10. Boston, in 1848

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ARTS CALENDAR

Noted ukulele artist Jake Shimabukuro will return to Spotlight Series, presented by the Kent Arts Commission, on Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Kentwood High School Performing Arts Center, 25800 164th Ave. SE. Shimabukuro plays various types of music and music renditions ranging from Jimi Hendrix to Beethoven. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$23 for students and seniors and can be purchased online at [www.kentarts.com](http://www.kentarts.com), by calling 253-856-5051, or by visiting the Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N.

The Des Moines Art Commission and the Highline Foundation will be presenting Finisterra, a Classical Piano Trio, on Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Highline, 2400 S. 240th St., in Building 7. Finisterra will play as part of the Waterland Mu-

sic Series, which strives to bring top musicians to Highline. Tickets are being sold at \$5 for students and \$15 for anyone else and more information on this performance or other Waterland Music Series performances can be found by calling 206-870-6527.

Jazz artists T.S. Monk and Rachel Price will perform as part of Kent's 10th anniversary Spotlight Series, presented by Kent Arts Commission, on

Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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Getting Warmer

Across

- 1 Throbbing pain
- 5 TV maker
- 10 Bounders
- 14 Army meal
- 15 Word before chest
- 16 Actor Baldwin
- 17 Dole out
- 18 Sophie Tucker to some
- 20 Newt
- 21 Danson & others
- 22 salts
- 23 Woodwinds
- 25 15 Across, for one
- 27 Contemporary
- 29 Back and forth
- 33 Priscilla Mullins' beau
- 34 Python, for one
- 35 Implement
- 36 Garlands

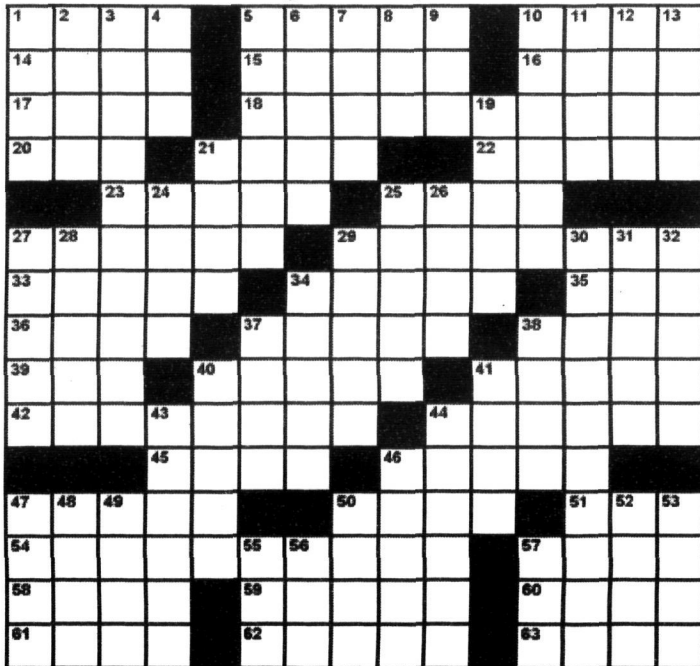
- 37 Funeral march
- 38 Domingo's forte
- 39 Word before dancer
- 40 River deposits
- 41 Holy
- 42 Put together
- 44 Tenant
- 45 CEO's bad news
- 46 Lufthansa employee
- 47 Treadmill product
- 50 Try out
- 51 Plump
- 54 Sterno
- 57 Pleasant
- 58 Eager
- 59 Reunion attendant
- 60 Pennsylvania lake
- 61 Rose's team
- 62 Madison Ave. workers
- 63 Unites

Down

- 1 Pinnacle
- 2 Culinary artist
- 3 Winter favorites
- 4 Barnyard resident

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



- 5 Movie theater panel
- 6 Pays attention
- 7 Tallies
- 8 Football fan's utterance
- 9 Free agent, e.g.
- 10 Bivouacked
- 11 Alack's relative
- 12 Salesman's car
- 13 Three Card Monte, e.g.
- 19 Like a bikini
- 21 Disunited
- 24 Social gatherings
- 25 Ice devices
- 26 Charge per unit
- 27 Mediterranean island
- 28 Spreads
- 29 Rich cake
- 30 Smokey's concern
- 31 Poker move
- 32 Be eloquent
- 34 Follows coffee or flour
- 37 A claim on candy: Slang
- 38 Too
- 40 Inflicted a heavy blow
- 41 Shot of liquor: Slang

- 43 Antelopes
- 44 Eavesdrop
- 46 Serenity
- 47 Blemish
- 48 Football fans maneuver
- 49 Oklahoma city
- 50 Swarm
- 52 Hallucinogenic drug
- 53 Pegs
- 55 Inherited characteristic
- 56 Swept under the rug
- 57 Fresh

Quotable Quote

What is a big shot except a little shot that kept on shooting.

... Proverb

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Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Kentwood High School Performing Arts Center, 25800 164th Ave. SE. Price is a jazz vocalist. Monk is a drummer and composer and plays a variety of musical styles. Tickets are \$28 for adults and \$26 for students and seniors.

and can be purchased online at [www.kentarts.com](http://www.kentarts.com), by calling 253-856-5051, or by visiting the Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N.

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Last week's crossword solution

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!



# Women's soccer battles injuries and opponents

## Lady T-Birds hold onto first place in the West

By Nick Bare  
Staff Reporter

The fifth-ranked Lady T-Birds soccer team went 1-1-1 over the last week while playing with only nine players.

Although Highline has been stricken with injuries, they have continued to play solid soccer.

Lower Columbia paid a visit to the first-place T-Birds on Wednesday afternoon.

Playing with the short roster didn't seem to affect the Lady T-Birds as they went on to hammer the Red Devils 5-1.

Lindsey McGlothlin scored her team-leading ninth goal of the season, and Kelsey Lusebrink added two assists to extend her conference-leading total to 15.

Highline headed south to play two tough South Division opponents last weekend.

The Lady T-Birds returned home with a tie and a loss.

The road trip started with an intense match against Clark College down in Vancouver, Wash.

Early in the game, sophomore forward Maria Mazur rolled her ankle and wasn't able to come back until late in the second half.

Highline managed to play Clark to a 1-1 draw, despite playing the majority of the game down two players.

Lusebrink scored Highline's only goal on a corner kick in the 75th minute.



James Bermingham/THUNDERWORD

*Sophomore Lindsey McGlothlin advances the ball upfield as freshman Bri Singh follows the play.*

It was the second time this year these two teams played to a draw, with the first game ending in a 4-4 tie.

The latest draw against Clark ended Highline's five-game winning streak.

The injury situation didn't get any better the next day as the Lady T-Birds traveled to SW Oregon.

Freshman defender Brittany McKay fractured her fibula in two different spots in the 20th minute of the game.

"She's done for the season. It hurts," Coach Tom Moore said.

Highline ended up losing the game 2-1, but they had some chances to tie the game late.

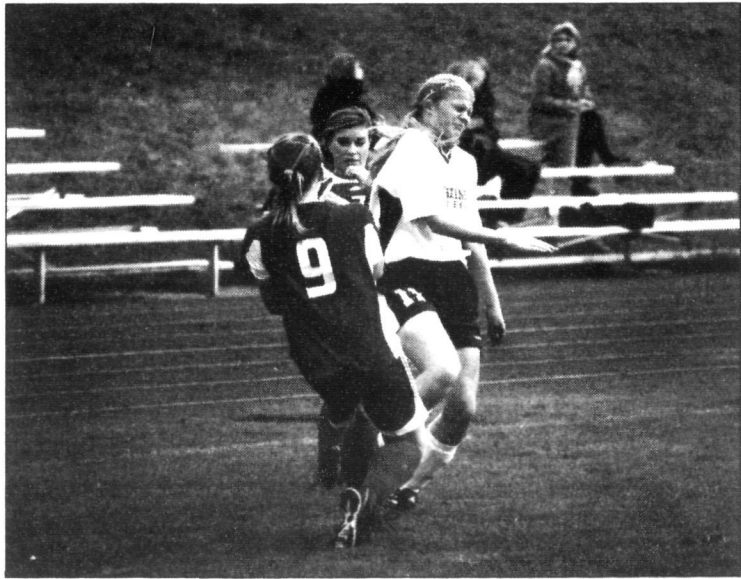
"I told them at halftime that they have to believe they can score," Moore said.

"We had a lot of good chances at the end of the game, and



James Bermingham/THUNDERWORD

*Whitney Lynch eyes a pair of Lower Columbia defenders during Wednesday's game.*



James Bermingham/THUNDERWORD

*Kelsey Louvier slices between two Lower Columbia Red Devils.*

the game was called during a fast break," Moore said.

Highline's goal came on a McGlothlin header after Lusebrink's free kick went off the crossbar.

Coach Moore was impressed with the team's attitude during both of the games.

"The team felt they should have won," Moore said of the games against Clark and SW Oregon.

"These are both very good teams in the South Division. They are fighting for the third spot, and they aren't far behind Lane. It was huge to play that well against those two teams," Moore said.

Highline is now 8-2-2 on the season and they hold a 14-point lead over second-place Yakima Valley.

The Lady T-Birds are expecting to get some roster help this week as four women are expected to join the team.

"We had to get out on campus and do some recruiting," Moore said.

Highline remains at home for their next two games. The Lady T-Birds play second-ranked Clackamas Saturday at noon and fourth-ranked Lane comes to Highline on Oct. 17 at 2 p.m.

This will be the first meeting between Highline and Clackamas and the second meeting be-

tween the Lady T-Birds and the Clark. Highline defeated Clark 1-0.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER NWAACC Coaches' Poll

School/Record/Pts/Pvs			
1 Walla Walla	12-0-1	61 (5)	1
2 Clackamas	11-2-1	58 (3)	2
3 Col. Basin	12-1-0	45	3
4 Lane	9-4-1	29	4
5 Highline	7-2-2	26	5
6 Clark	7-3-2	24	5
7 Shoreline	8-3-0	23	7
8 Spokane	7-5-1	9	NR

Others receiving votes: Treasure Valley 7, Tacoma 1, Yakima Valley 1.



# Freshman midfielder assists in Lady T-Birds' success

## Lusebrink taking conference by storm, leads NWAACC in assists

By Nick Bare  
Staff Reporter

Kelsey Lusebrink is successful both on and off the soccer field.

Last year she graduated from Decatur High School a four-year varsity letterman in soccer, and a member of the National Honor Society.

Lusebrink is now a midfielder for the first-place Lady T-Birds' soccer team.

She has scored nine goals this season, to go along with her conference-leading 15 assists.

"It's really cool," Lusebrink said of leading the conference in assists.

"That's what I like to do, it's cool to score, but it feels good to help the team as well."

Lusebrink's strengths on the field allow her to help her teammates score.

"I have pretty good speed on the outside, and I have the ability to get crosses to teammates that are in scoring position," she said.

The game of soccer has been an important part of Lusebrink's everyday life since the age of 7.

She participated in other activities while she was younger including gymnastics, ballet, and figure skating, but she realized at a young age that soccer was her passion.

"It's a fun way to stay in

shape," she said, "It's also a great way to meet new people."

Looking at Lusebrink's long list of awards and accomplishments, it seems as if she made the right choice.

Lusebrink had a decorated high school soccer career that included three South Puget Sound all-league selections, including a first-team selection her senior year.

She was on the 2005 Top 20 Players to Watch in King and Snohomish Counties list put out by the Seattle Times, and she led the SPSL in scoring in both 2004 and 2005.

Lusebrink credits her coaches for teaching her the technical skills that help her excel on the field of play.

"I've had some very good coaches that have helped me get to where I am today," she said.

Lusebrink returns the favor by having a great personality on the field.

"She's a positive force on the field, and her personality really keeps the team loose," Coach Tom Moore said.

"She always has high spirits, stays positive, and is always cracking jokes," Moore said.

The fast start of the women's soccer team has Lusebrink excited.

"I feel really good about the team right now, we have a good group of girls," she said.

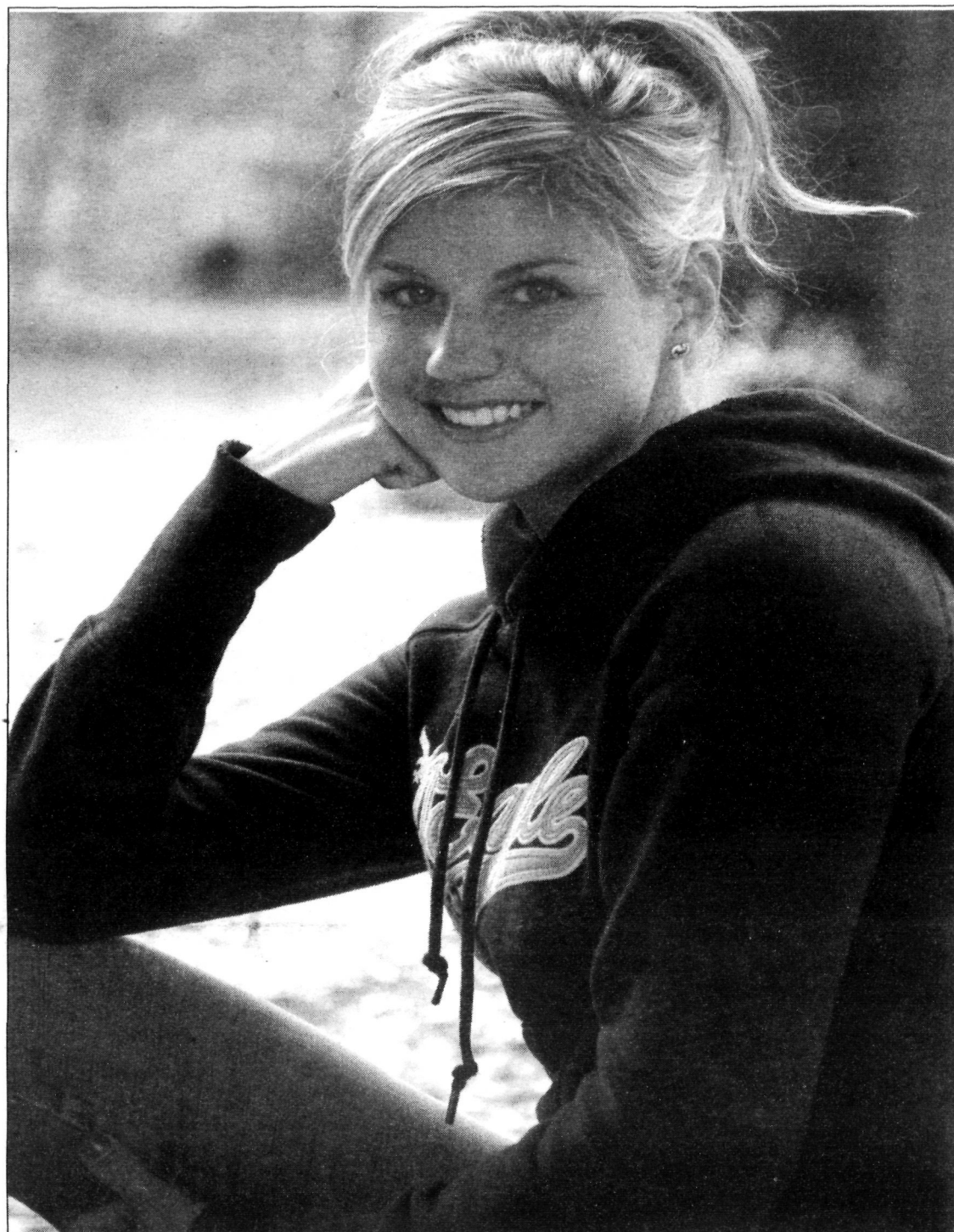
The team has been stricken with injuries this year, and that is a concern for Lusebrink.

"Numbers," she said, "right now we need to field a full team. We have good skill, good camaraderie, and good attitudes, we just need numbers."

With her exceptional performance on and off the field, Lusebrink received offers to play at some four-year schools, but instead chose to attend Highline.

"Highline has a really good nursing program, and the fact that I could play soccer and stay close to my family is what made Highline a good fit," she said.

Lusebrink is still unsure of what she will do after her first two years at Highline.



JOCIE OLSON/THUNDERWORD

Freshman Kelsey Lusebrink is planning on majoring in nursing.

"I could end up being here for four years to finish the nursing program, but I would like to continue playing soccer at a four-year school as well," she said.

The transition to the college life has come pretty easy to Lusebrink.

"There's not much difference between high school and Highline, at least not yet," she said.

Being part of the soccer team has helped Lusebrink with the transition.

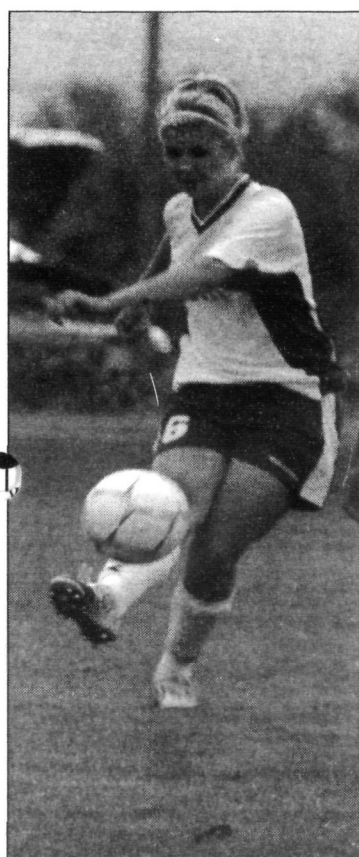
"It was nice to get a good core group of friends before school started, it really helped me acclimate," she said.

Between school and soccer, Lusebrink doesn't have much free time, but she tries to make the most of it.

"I like going to movies, shopping, and hanging out with friends," she said.

Lusebrink's vision is not only good on the field; she sees success in her future as well.

"I'll hopefully be a nurse, married before 30, and playing soccer until I can't run anymore," she said.



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Lusebrink aims for the goal against the Lower Colombia Red Devils Wednesday.

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## Ties tie up men's soccer in first place

By James Jensen  
Staff Reporter

A pair of ties dropped the Highline men's soccer team into a tie for first place in the West Division last weekend.

Highline tied 1-1 against Clark on Friday and tied 2-2 against SW Oregon on Saturday.

Freshmen forward Arturo Brambila scored all the goals for the T-Birds. In the Clark game Brambila scored with a penalty kick. The other two goals in the SW Oregon game were unassisted goals.

"Brambila has been a solid player all year," Head Coach Jason Prevenost.

"I felt bummed that we tied. It felt like losses to me. We could have played better and we were the better team, but it was not enough," Arturo Brambila said.

Taylor Campbell, the keeper for Highline, had seven saves in the SW Oregon game and two saves in the Clark game.

In the Clark game the T-Birds hit the goal post tree times. Freshman Joe Bafford from Highline and Jaime De la Rosa from Clark both received red cards because of a scuffle at midfield. Both players were tossed out of the game.

Coach Prevenost said the referees were constant in calling the game, however.

"We were making mistakes that we were not able to overcome," Coach Prevenost said.

"The coaching staff and I will try to work on the mistakes that were made. As a coach I look inside and say, 'What can I do to help achieve our goals?'" said Prevenost.

The SW Oregon game was not well officiated but that is not an excuse to not come out on top, Coach Prevenost said.

There was a goal called back for obstruction during a corner kick. One of Highline's players was in front of the goalie blocking his view off the kick and the ref called the goal back, said Prevenost.

## Swing hard, swing level



Keith Daigle/Thunderword

Freshman Alea Litvinenko connects with the ball against North Idaho College. The Lady T-Birds finish up their fall season this weekend with a double header against at Olympic in Bremerton.

"We have had a lot of shot opportunities they just haven't been able to put them in the goal," Assistant Coach Chris Conner said.

The coaching staff has some challenging times ahead. Such as making decisions on playing time: Some players are going to expand their playing time and others will diminish. The team

still competes in games and in practices for playing time, Coach Prevenost said.

Another challenge the coaching staff faces everyday is where to practice, because Highline has no practice field. Depending on the weather and field conditions sometimes the team practices at Zenith Park. The park is in walking distance of Highline

but still is a hassle to get rides and the gear there. The reason for this is to keep the field in good condition for games, Prevenost said.

The T-Birds take on Pierce Friday, Oct. 12 at Highline at 4 p.m and South Pudget Sound Saturday, Oct 13 at 2 p.m. . The T-Birds lost to Pierce 3-2 and beat South Pudget Sound 7-0.

## Scoreboard

### Men's Soccer

NORTH	LEA	PTS	SEA
Whatcom	6-3-1	19	6-3-1
Everett	5-5-1	16	5-5-1
Edmonds	2-8-1	7	2-8-1
Shoreline	1-10-0	3	1-10-0
Skagit Valley	0-11-0	0	0-11-0
<b>EAST</b>			
Spokane	10-1-0	30	11-2-1
Walla Walla	9-0-2	29	10-0-3
T. Valley	7-3-1	22	9-3-1
W. Valley	6-4-0	18	6-5-0
Col. Basin	5-6-0	15	5-7-0
<b>WEST</b>			
Highline	5-1-4	19	5-1-5
Peninsula	6-2-1	19	7-2-2
Bellevue	5-3-2	17	5-3-2
Tacoma	3-6-0	9	3-6-0
Olympic	1-9-0	3	1-9-0
<b>SOUTH</b>			
Clark	7-0-3	24	9-0-3
Pierce	6-1-3	21	6-2-4
SW Oregon	3-6-1	10	3-6-4
S.P. Sound	1-9-0	3	1-11-0

### Women's Soccer

NORTH	LEA	PTS	SEA
Shoreline	8-3-0	24	8-3-0
Green River	3-7-0	9	3-7-0
Everett	2-7-2	8	2-7-2
Edmonds	1-10-0	3	1-10-0
Skagit Valley	0-11-0	0	0-11-0
<b>EAST</b>			
Walla Walla	10-1-0	31	12-0-1
Col. Basin	10-1-0	30	12-1-0
Spokane	7-3-1	22	7-5-1
T. Valley	6-4-1	19	7-5-1

Wen. Valley	4-5-1	13	4-6-1
<b>WEST</b>			
Highline	8-2-2	26	8-2-2
Y. Valley	4-7-0	12	4-9-0
Bellevue	3-7-1	10	3-7-1
Tacoma	3-8-1	10	3-8-1
Olympic	0-10-0	0	0-10-0
<b>SOUTH</b>			
Clackamas	11-0-1	34	11-2-1
Clark	8-2-2	26	8-3-2
Lane	8-3-1	25	9-4-1
SW Oregon	7-5-0	21	9-5-0
L. Columbia	2-10-0	6	2-11-0

### Women's Volleyball

NORTH	LEA	PCT	SEA
Whatcom	5-0	1.000	16-11
Bellevue	4-1	.800	12-8
Skagit Valley	4-1	.800	8-8
Edmonds	2-2	.500	8-15
Shoreline	2-3	.400	7-11
Olympic	1-5	.167	6-17
Everett	0-5	.000	2-11
<b>EAST</b>			
Col. Basin	7-0	1.000	23-0
Walla Walla	6-1	.857	25-3
Spokane	5-2	.714	17-10
T. Valley	5-3	.625	12-14
Big Bend	2-5	.286	8-16
Y. Valley	2-6	.250	6-12
B. Mountain	1-6	.143	6-15
W. Valley	1-6	.143	3-11
<b>WEST</b>			
Tacoma	5-0	1.000	16-4
Clark	5-0	1.000	10-6
Pierce	4-1	.800	12-7
Green River	3-2	.600	7-11
Highline	1-4	.200	4-8

L. Columbia	1-4	.200	2-12
Centralia	1-4	.200	1-12
G. Harbor	0-5	.000	0-16

### SOUTH

Mt. Hood	5-0	1.000	15-2
Linn-Benton	4-1	.800	18-6
Clackamas	3-2	.600	14-14
Chemeketa	2-3	.400	17-10
SW Oregon	1-4	.200	8-9
Umpqua	0-5	.000	2-13

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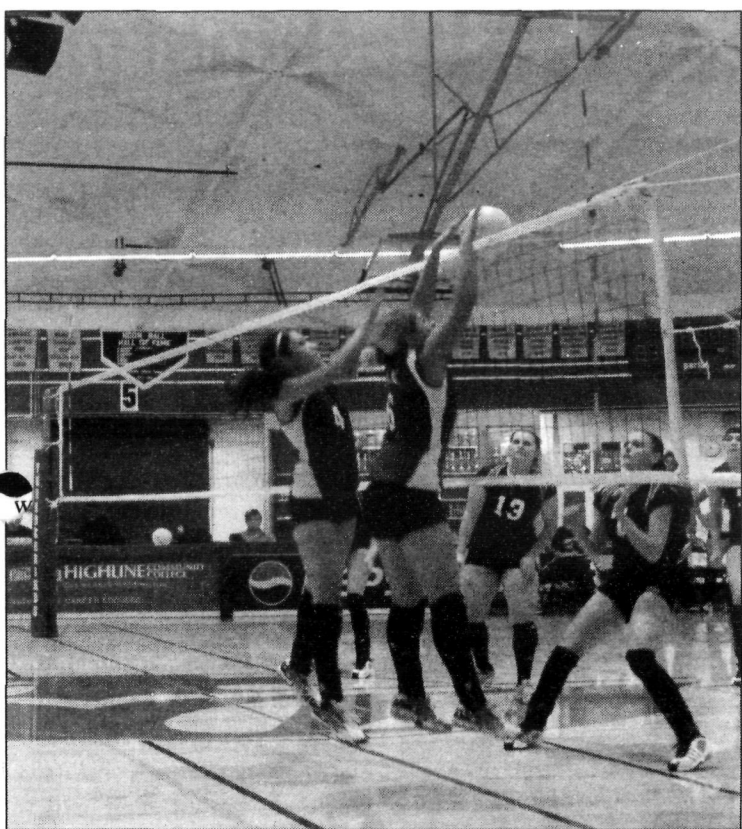


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Lyndsey Reese and Stephanie Rojas(left) go up for a block.

## Volleyball wins three

By Carrie Draeger  
Staff Reporter

Things are looking up for Highline's women's volleyball team.

The Lady T-Birds won their first conference game Wednesday Sept. 3, and added two more wins at the Crossover Tournament at Clackamas last Friday and Saturday.

"(We played) some of the best volleyball of the year," said Head Coach John Littleman.

Highline beat Lower Colombia in three games 30-25, 30-24, 30-22.

Sophomore Lindsey Hovee led Highline with 15 kills while Mercedes Fernandez added 12 against Lower Colombia.

"Mercedes and Lindsey are statistically two of the best outside hitters in the league," Littleman said.

Fernandez is ranked second in kills per game in the NWAACC (4.83 kills per game) and Hovee is ranked sixth (4.13).

Freshman setter Lyndsey Reese added 38 assists against Lower Colombia. Reese is ranked fifth in the NWAACC with an average of 9.55 assists per game.

Freshman Molly Jensen led Highline with three aces against Lower Colombia.

"Molly was coming in and serving tough," Littleman said.

Highline then traveled to Clackamas for the midseason Crossover.

"We just treated last weekend like a live practice," Littleman said.

On Friday Highline lost to fourth-ranked Linn-Benton and sixth-ranked Spokane in close

games.

"We played everybody very close... a lot of the games went into overtime," Littleman said.

All three of the Lady T-Birds' losses in Clackamas had at least one game go into overtime. Linn-Benton beat Highline 32-30, 27-30, 15-6. Spokane defeated Highline 30-25, 31-29.

Saturday morning Highline opened up with a win over Green River 30-22, 30-15, before losing to seventh-ranked Clackamas 31-29, 30-26, 30-28.

The Lady T-Birds then came back to win their final match of the tournament, beating Everett 30-12, 30-11.

"Everybody played really well," Littleman said.

This puts Highline in fifth place in the West Conference standings with a league record of 1-4 and a season record of 4-8.

"We started off 0-4. Our goal is to be 10-4, which means we have to beat the teams that beat us," Littleman said.

Highline so far has lost to Green River, Tacoma, Pierce, and Clark.

In order to better their chances at finishing out the season strong Highline has been working on individual aspects of the game.

"We have to make fewer individual errors. ... Cleaning up our technique will improve our errors," Littleman said.

Highline traveled Grays Harbor Wednesday, but results were not available at press time. Grays Harbor is 0-5 in league and 0-16 on the season.

Friday Highline plays Centralia at home and then travels to Pierce to play the Raiders.

## Fernandez leads with positive attitude

By Carrie Draeger  
Staff Reporter

A quick smile, an encouraging word and a wicked kill are all that Mercedes Fernandez needs to rule the court for the Highline women's volleyball.

"I've never seen her down," freshman Lyndsey Reese said.

Fernandez played volleyball and basketball in high school, but chose to continue playing volleyball because of her team success on the court.

She played for Spanaway Lake's team when they finished third in 2004 at state as sophomore, and when they finished fifth at state as a junior in 2005.

"I ended up on a good team, and I had a lot of fun," Fernandez said.

Her success continued her freshman year at Highline. Fernandez was chosen for first-team All-league as an outside hitter during the 2006 season.

Fernandez is well on her way to earning first team honors again for Highline this season. Fernandez is currently ranked second in kills per game in the NWAACC overall statistics with 4.83 kills per game and third in digs per game with 5.43 digs per game.

"I don't check the stats, I just play to have fun," Fernandez said.

Known in the league for her offensive prowess, Fernandez said digging is her favorite part of volleyball.

"I like the skill it takes," Fernandez said.

Volleyball is unlike any other sport, said Fernandez.

"In volleyball you get everything, there's always a chance to get in the game," Fernandez said.

Fernandez's skills and positive attitude have made her a force not only statistically, but as a leader.

"She's a great encourager and team leader," sophomore Lindsey Hovee said.

Leadership was thrust on Fernandez this season because of the youth of her team. With only three returning players, and small numbers, the Lady T-Birds have struggled so far this season.

She stresses encouragement as the most important part of being a leader.

"If you are looked upon as a leader, you are always supposed to pick up the team," Fernandez said.

Despite Highline's early struggles, Fernandez expects the team to make it to the NWAACC championship.

"The more we get to know each other, the better we get," Fernandez said.



Jocie Olson/THUNDERWORD

Mercedes Fernandez

Improvements are coming for the Lady T-Birds.

"When we are winning, I feel like dancing," Fernandez said.

Fernandez love of the volleyball has passed on to her family members. Her 15-year-old brother plays volleyball for the Junior National Olympic Team and her 11-year-old sister is involved in 14-and-under division volleyball.

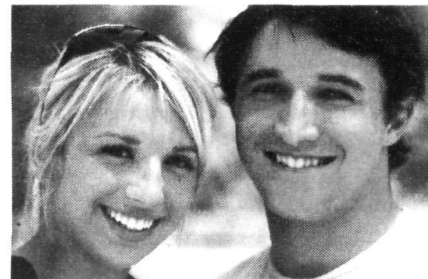
"My brother and sister are going to be way better than I am," Fernandez said.

Fernandez hopes to continue her volleyball career after she finishes at Highline. She is currently looking at playing at Howard University in Washington D.C. while studying to become a labor and delivery nurse.

After graduating from a four-year school, Fernandez would like to travel to experience the world and make a difference.

"I want to do something different. ... I just want to help people," Fernandez said.

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# Mysterious lava flows flattened Eastern Washington

By Nick Dalton  
Staff Reporter

Ancient flows of lava made Eastern Washington flat, but nobody is quite sure where the lava came from.

"We're talking about one of the largest known eruptions in history," said Highline Geology Professor Dr. Eric Baer, "And the largest eruption on Earth in the last 60 million years."

The hot topic at last Friday's Science Seminar was the Columbia flood basalts, a series of eruptions of lava that occurred about 17.5 million years ago, centering in southeast Washington.

The total area covered by the lava flows as they occurred, and now covered by the remaining basalts, is about 63,200 square miles.

Overall, the size of the eruptions responsible for the Columbia flood basalts are the equivalent to more than 100,000 eruptions the size of the one generated by Mount St. Helens

back in 1980.

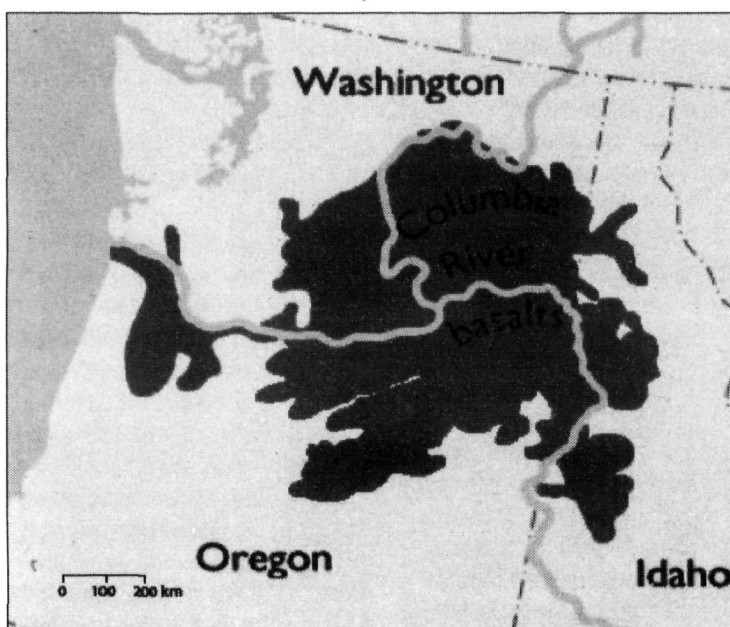
"These eruptions would've had a major ecological effect on the planet," said Dr. Baer.

Massive amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> (carbon dioxide), SO<sub>2</sub> (sulfur dioxide), and HCl (hydrochloric acid) were released into the air. This would've affected plant and animal life, the temperature of our atmosphere, and even weather patterns, Dr. Baer said.

No volcanoes are located anywhere near the original sources of the basalts, leading some geologists to speculate that many small fissures in the earth were the outlets of the over 300 individual flows, Dr. Baer said.

These flows occurred over a long period of time, Dr. Baer said. "They lasted over eight million years, but 95 percent of the eruption occurred within 100,000 to 200,000 years."

One massive flow would cool, and the next eruption would create a stream of lava that would flow over the top of previous ones, Dr. Baer said. That's why if you travel to the



*A very large surface area was covered by the Columbia Flood Basalts. The Columbia River once reached much farther south before turning west toward the Pacific coast, but the flows repeatedly forced the river to retort itself until it eventually adopted its current path.*

Columbia River gorge, you can see what appears to be layers of basalt, because there are.

The increased weight of these layers of heavy basalt would

compress the layers on bottom, as well as the earth below, Dr. Baer said.

"It explains why Eastern Washington is so flat."

"These floods raise a lot of questions, like how the lava made it all the way from its point of origin to the Pacific coast," said Dr. Baer.

"Normally, lava cools pretty rapidly once it reaches Earth's surface, so there's quite a debate among geologists as to how the lava managed to travel so far."

Geologists are generally split among two theories as to how the lava accomplished this, Dr. Baer said.

Some believe that the lava moved in a slow constant flow, insulated by a hard shell of cooled basalt resting on the surface of the main flow.

Others believe that the lava must have moved in an incredibly fast, turbulent fashion in order to span such great distances.

"The thing about these eruptions is that we don't know what caused them, or even where exactly the lava came from," Dr. Baer said. "That's why we need more geologists, to help us figure these things out."

## New Chinese professor notes differences

By Katie Chan  
Staff Reporter

Lisa He is going to teach Chinese at Highline and learn more English at the same time.

"I hope to adapt to the new environment quickly, learn about this school (Highline) and students, immigrants, and cultures, as well as enjoy my life in the US," said He who is the exchange professor from China for this year.

"Before coming to the US, I had mixed feelings: excitement, anxiety, worry, hope, anticipation and joy," He said with a smile. "People are nice here; especially Highline faculty and staff are kind and warm-hearted."

Lisa He (pronounced as "huh") has been in the US for two weeks to teach Chinese at Highline.

She is participating in a faculty exchange program between Highline Community College and Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

Every year, a professor from Highline will go to Shanghai

Jiao Tong University to teach for a quarter.

An instructor from China will come to Highline for a year.

The program has been held for 10 years.

For this year, Lisa He has been selected for this program. Lisa He is an English instructor at Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

Lisa He is originally from Jiangxi which is in Southern China.

She graduated from Nanchang University.

In 1997 she went to Shanghai Jiao Tong University for a master's degree.

Besides teaching at Highline, He currently is taking Writing 101.

She said she sees the great differences between students in the US and China.

Lisa He thinks students in China learn passively.

Students in the US are more

involved in the discussions during class time and thinking critically.

In China, although teachers want to get students to be active, students tend to be receivers without speaking up in class.

"Most of the students in China are full-time students. They usually work on the campus or don't have a job, although there are still some classes offered for part-time students," He said.

On the other hand, she urges American students to learn Chinese.

"Students have to take time to learn the different tones in Chinese and writing characters," He said.

He thinks students at Highline might be interested in Chinese culture or customs from learning Chinese.

"I am here as a Chinese teacher and an English learner... learning any language is a lifetime project," He said.



Lisa He, left, was formally welcomed to Highline yesterday at a reception in the Student Union.



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## Mothers share how to be a parent, student

By Shurvon Haynes  
Staff Reporter

Dedicated mothers shared their stories of how they balance school and parenthood on a student panel as part of the "Student Voices-Opening Week 2007 Event" held here on Tuesday, Sept. 18 in Building 7.

This event was designed to build communication between students, staff and faculty to brainstorm solutions of how to make the college experience more accessible for those who have other responsibilities besides school.

"One of the main issues I faced was that I didn't know what was available to me as a student," said panel member Moniqua McKinney, who is studying real estate law.

The panel consisted of Dana Wilson, Alicia Hyman, Mary Gladstone-Bigwolf, Deanna Moore and McKinney.

They each had to overcome homelessness, illness, divorce, and unemployment to continue their education.

As parents, they were able to receive support and services from the Women's Program located in Building 6.

For more than 30 years, Women's Program has provided assistance to struggling students with tuition, child care and employment.

The room was silent as Moore broke down and cried and described the difficulties she faced while raising seven children.

"I often felt like giving-up because sometimes it was hard dealing with all the stress of returning to school while being homeless. I continued on to show my children how to reach their own goals," Moore said.

They all agreed that the best way Highline could help students succeed was to continue providing quality services that would benefit all students, especially single parents, and be flexible with homework deadlines. "Keep doing what you are doing," panel members said.

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## Women's programs tackles domestic violence

By Shannon Clary  
Staff Reporter

The Women's Programs are planning events to get the Highline community involved with Domestic Violence Awareness.

On Oct. 16 and 17, the Women's Program will have representatives from Domestic Abuse Women's Network (DAWN) and the YWCA to head resource tables. The tables will be found in the lobby of Building 6, in front of the Women's Program office. They will be there to answer questions, and hand out pamphlets.

Also, there will be tables with donated t-shirts, markers and paints for anyone affected by domestic violence to express their feelings artistically. Past shirts have expressed feelings such as "Stop the violence" and



Jean Munro

"Abuse is not just physical."

The events are held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. T-shirts are being hung in Building 6 along the stairs all month.

"It is therapeutic. It validates the individual who went

through it," said Jean Munro of Women's Programs.

Domestic Violence is not just physical abuse; it is also sexual, psychological and emotional abuse.

"Verbal abuse has been evident in my life. People don't realize they are doing it, words do hurt people," said Munro.

According to DAWN, characteristics of an abuser are: hitting, kicking and punching, destroying property, berating, and threatening violence. Domestic violence can result in death, injury and poverty for the victims. It is the greatest cause of hospital visits by women.

Many people wonder why a woman would stay with a partner who abuses her. DAWN has a few reasons: fear of the perpetrator's violence, the risk of being killed when leaving,

lack of economic resources, and suicide threats from the perpetrator. Of women killed in abusive relationships, 75 percent are killed while trying to leave their abuser.

There are options for women who are in abusive relationships. Both DAWN and the YWCA have 24-hour crisis lines, and emergency shelters. The emergency shelters are set up to help women with shelter, food, clothes, medical care and transportation.

If anyone at Highline is being affected by domestic abuse they are encouraged by the Women's Programs to attend the events. Also, if anyone needs immediate help they should contact the Women's Programs and they will be connected to DAWN or YWCA for emergency care.

## News briefs

### Depression screenings to be offered today

Free screenings for depression will be provided today to any student who is interested in the Student Union Building, bottom floor, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The screenings are part of an event hosted by the Counseling Center in recognition of National Mental Health Awareness Day, said Highline's Director of Counseling, Lance Gibson.

"We will be discussing a variety of mental health issues, with a focus on depression," Gibson said.

Also available will be guidance in determining the difference between depression, and just feeling "down" or "low," Gibson said.

"Counselors will be available to assist students who have questions, would like more info about depression, or just want to talk."

Similar events will be hosted by the Counseling Center later in the year, such as one in Winter Quarter that revolves around eating disorders, and one in spring that is focused on alcohol.

More information on upcoming events will be available at the event, or can be obtained within the Counseling Center in Building 6.

### Slang seminar, dude

International Student Programs will host a Slang Seminar, noon-2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12 in the Mt. Constance room of the Student Union Building.

Enjoy free ice cream, the chance to meet new people, and

the chance for students to catch up on the latest and greatest slang.

### Cookie dough for sale

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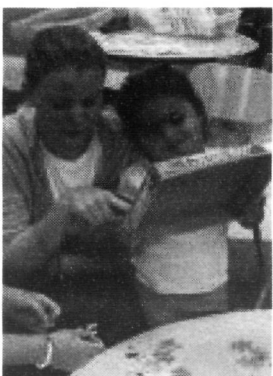
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# Events designed to help students transfer

By Nathan Brown  
Staff Reporter

Fall transfer events could provide students with future academic opportunities.

The Highline Student Union will be hosting a number of school transfer oriented events throughout Fall Quarter. Events range from personal statement writing workshops, to visits from local colleges and universities.

Students should plan their transfer early or they may not be able to get into certain schools, said Siew Lai Lilley, Highline's Transfer Center Director.

Many schools are competitive and it takes time to plan. "Early planning is the key to a successful transfer," Lilley said.

The most important of these events are the College Fair and



Siew Lai Lilley

Personal Statement workshop, said Lilley. The fair is an opportunity to explore options all in the same place and the personal statement is important to get into certain schools and programs.

The college fair will be held

on Nov. 13, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Highline Student Union, Building 8. The Personal Statement writing workshop will be Oct. 23, 12:15 p.m. to 1:05 p.m. in Building 10, room 103. Also, Nov. 7, 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in Building 23, room 103.

There are also prerequisites for some programs. If a student is interested in nursing, he or she might need health care experience to get into a certain school's program.

Students should speak to an adviser so they aren't in a position to say "oh I didn't know I had to take those classes," Lilley said.

If students are still undecided on a major there is career testing and a Career 101 course. Career testing may be useful in deciding which school to attend because not every school offers all majors.

Many schools will be visiting Highline this quarter to answer questions students might have. Info tables will be set up on the first floor of the Highline Student Union, Building 8, during each schools respected dates.

Schools visiting Highline this fall will include:

Antioch University on Thursday, Nov. 1, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Argosy University on Thursday, Oct. 25 and Tuesday Nov. 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Central Washington University on Thursday, Oct. 11, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Evergreen State College (Tacoma Campus) on Thursday, Oct. 11 and Thursday Nov. 29, from 9 a.m. to noon.

UW Seattle School of Business on Thursday, Nov. 15, from 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. in Build-

ing 3, room 102.

UW Seattle Nursing on Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Building 7.

UW Seattle Pharmacy on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and check for updates about the location.

UW Seattle Social Work on Thursday, Oct. 18 and Thursday, Nov. 15, 9 a.m. to noon.

Washington State University on Thursday, Oct. 11, Wednesday, Nov. 28 and Thursday Dec. 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment only.

WSU Nursing and Pharmacy on Wednesday, Nov. 28, noon to 1 p.m. in Building 29, room 116.

For additional information and updates to the Fall Transfer events schedule, go to <http://www.highline.edu/stuserv/ed-planning> and click on Transfer Link Newsletter.

## Professors give students hints on passing their math classes

By Shannon Clary  
Staff Reporter

The math faculty gave students important tips on how to become successful in math, through a workshop.

On Oct. 3, three math faculty members held a workshop called "How to Succeed in a Math Class".

It was aimed to help students become more successful in math. Barbara Hunter, Terry Meerdink and Allan Walton were present to answer questions.

The atmosphere was very informal and the students were able to decide what was going to be discussed.

The first issue discussed was note taking. Many students believe they should copy down everything the teacher writes on the board.

The best advice the faculty had was not to write down every single word, but ahead of time read over the textbook, while taking notes.

Then when it is being taught in class it is not necessary to write mindlessly, the student will already have a general idea of what is being taught.

Another important issue was studying. The most important thing to remember about studying is to do it consistently, and not just the night before the test.

Also, to go over the notes and do practice problems from the book.

"Think of it like a game. If you practice a lot you will do well," said Barbara Hunter, a math professor.

Asking questions will get a student very far in the class. The faculty said the best students are not necessarily the ones who get the highest grades, but the ones who ask the most questions. Also, being there every day will help students be successful. When picking a math class make sure you can be there every day and you have time on your own to study.

The best piece of advice however has nothing to do with studying or note taking.

"Have confidence. People have a lot of anxiety. At Highline we have resources available. Believe that if you want to succeed, if you're willing to put effort into it, you can do extremely well," said Allan Walton, a math professor.

A good attitude will also help a student in math.

Stopping the negative talk such as "I hate math" and "I can't do it" will help a student feel more positive in math.

"It's acceptable in our society to say you hate math. Society needs to overcome that, it's all about attitude," said Terry Meerdink, a math professor.

Meerdink had an answer for why she thinks students have trouble in math.

"It is a vicious cycle. Teachers and parents don't stress it enough as they do reading and writing," Meerdink said.

Also, there is that constantly asked question of "When will I even use math in the real world?" Meerdink has an answer for that too.

**"It's acceptable in our society to say you hate math. Society needs to overcome that, it's all about attitude."**

— Terry Meerdink

She believes when students start having trouble in they don't receive enough encouragement. Her best advice is to start with lower level math classes and work your way up to the higher levels.

The math department is there to show support to anyone who shows they care.

The math department has many more workshops scheduled.

The next one is on Tuesday, Oct. 16. It will be about Student Success Stories in Mathematics, the time is TBA.

On Wednesday, Oct. 24 there will be an Overcoming Test Anxiety workshop at 2:30 p.m. the math resource center. All workshops will be held in the math resource center.

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By Nathan Brown

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# Writing Center rides and writes to the rescue

By Nataliya Muzyka  
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If you need some help with writing assignments, Highline's Writing Center is here to help you.

The Writing Center, located in Building 26, room 319, features a team of student writing consultants who can help with your papers in one-on-one meetings.

The center also offers grammar and writing workshops that "will help you become a good writer," said Jason Flint, writing consultant.

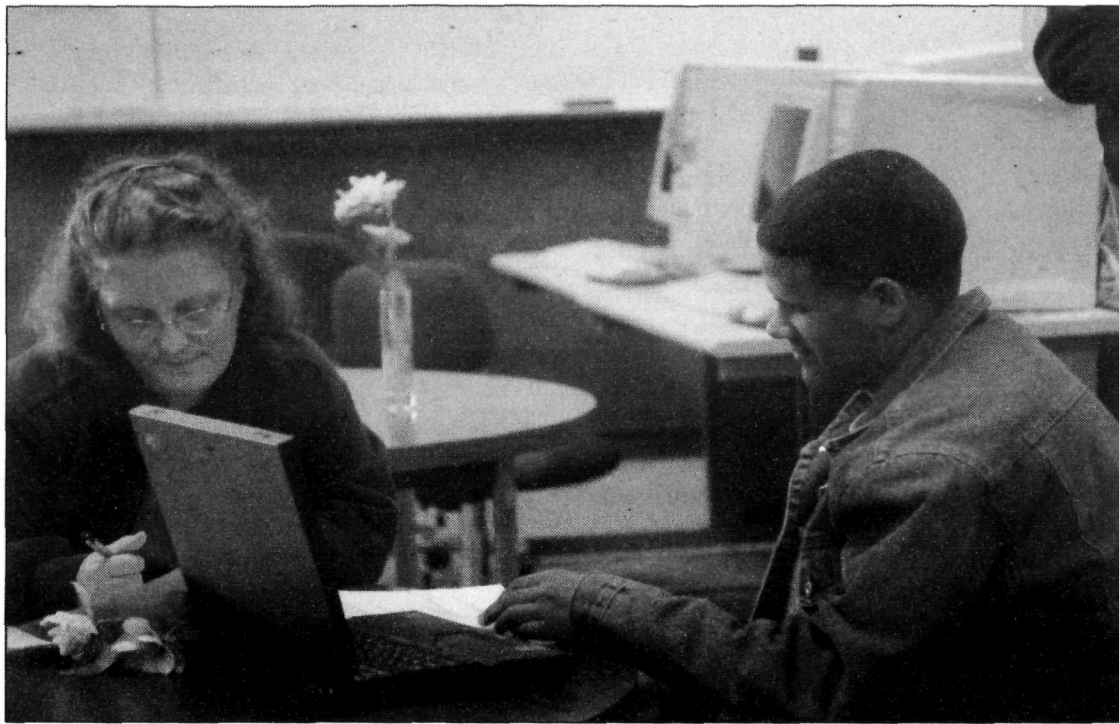
Writing Center consultants say they have several reasons about why you should visit them.

"A lot of people need help to find out what they want to say," said Flint.

"Any paper can be improved, if you will show it to an audience. A writing consultant will be your audience," said Writing Center Coordinator Wendy Swyt.

You can bring your paper in at any stage of its development, from finding the right idea to the final draft.

Caitlin Feeley, writing consultant, said that consultants can help with all papers, from regular writing classes to all other classes that have writing assignments. Feeley and other



Writing Center consultant Kathy Walter helps student Dawit Gebrezghi earlier this week.

consultants that for best results, you need to bring everything you have, such as source materials, ideas and, most important, bring the assignment that your professor gave to you.

Writing associates are consultants who can help with specific classes like Honor, History and more. For example, Kathy Walter is a writing associate for Honors and Human Resources classes. Writing associates are available for a variety of class-

es.

The Writing Center is open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday. Usually there are two or more consultants. You can walk in or you can make an appointment if you want to have consultation in certain time.

"It is better to make an appointment," said Kathy Walter, consultant. You never know

how many students will be there when you came in, so for your safety in is better to be sure that you have an appointment with a consultant.

You can make appointment by phone or in person. The Writing Center phone number is

206-878-3710, ext. 4364.

The regular consultation time is 25 minutes, but you can have

two appointments in one day, but no more than four appointments in one week.

The next grammar workshop will be "Sentence Construction: Simple to Complex," 2-2:50 p.m. on Oct. 16 and 9-9:30 a.m. on Oct. 17.

You can find all information about the workshops online on <http://flightline.highline.edu/writingcenter/index.html> or in The Writing Center. All workshops are free, and no preregistration is required.

If you are good in writing and want to work in the Writing Center, you need to have passed Writing 101 with a 3.5 grade or higher and have personal skills for consulting.

Wendy Swyt, the coordinator of the center, said that usually consultants are recommended by their professors in Writing 101.

"Working in the Writing Center is educational; you will learn something new every day," said one consultant.

As a Writing Center consultant you will get special training every Friday with center coordinator, Wendy Swyt and work with students.

Swyt urges students to come by. "Try the Writing Center at least once this quarter," she said.



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## Simkins

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duced if more students would use mass transit.

"Larry Yok (Highline's vice president of administration) and I have been talking about forming a transportation committee," said Simkins.

One possible goal of such a committee would be to try and establish a non-stop Metro shuttle between Highline and the Federal Way Park & Ride that would run in the morning and afternoon, said Simkins.

Simkins said that the cost of food on campus is an issue too, and students who would like to see a change in the price of food are encouraged to write a letter, and deliver it to Simkins.

"If you have a few people at random writing letters to Brett Willard, who's the head of Food Service, it's not really effective," said Simkins. "But, if a thousand students wrote letters, and let me hand the stack to Brett and say hey man, what the heck? Why are you charging us three bucks for a little piece of

bagel? Then maybe we could get something done."

Simkins said that just the fact that Seattle Catering will have to compete with the bids of other companies to win a renewal of their contract here may help to bring down the cost of food.

Another of Simkins' goals this year that he believes to be a hot topic is the forming of a recycling committee.

Simkins said a plan had been in the works for about three years to have a recycling bin placed on campus so that recyclables other than paper could be handled properly, but he arrived at school this year to discover that school officials had nixed the project due to a lack of funding.

"Dr. Jack Bermingham (Highline's interim president) would like to see the campus go entirely green," said Simkins. "And I think that it's actually kind of oxymoronic that we suddenly don't have the money to put in a recycling bin, but we want the campus to be green."

"We've put a lot of work into making this happen, so I have a feeling he's (Dr. Bermingham) going to be on the warpath."

## International students come to Highline

By Katie Chan  
staff reporter

A record number of international students have come to Highline this quarter.

About 350 international students enrolled this Fall Quarter compared to 280 students in Fall Quarter 2006.

International Student Programs officials say the numbers are up because they have successfully promoted Highline in different countries.

Amee Moon, who is associate director of International Student Programs, has been to Taiwan, Korea, Hong Kong and Vietnam to meet students and parents at college fairs, which offer universities and colleges a chance to tell their stories.

Mariko Fujiwara, director of International Student Programs, usually goes to Japan, Hong Kong and Thailand. Nga Pham, a retention specialist for Educational Planning and Advising, mostly goes to Vietnam.

"Before we go to the college fair, we will meet with educa-

tion advisers who help students to find schools," Moon said. "We will give them information and recommend Highline."

Students are coming to Highline from 13 countries including Japan, Korea, Vietnam, China, Taiwan, Thailand, Hong Kong, Mexico, Kenya, India, Russia, Canada, Germany and Myanmar.

Vietnam has the greatest number of students here, followed by Hong Kong and Japan.

The number of students from Japan has declined in recent years.

International students often have difficulty with the language after they come here.

Moon says many international students lack confidence in their English speaking.

"English is the big problem international students have. Actually students' English is better than what they think it is," Moon said. "They should be more confident to speak English and make friends, speak up in class."

Moon says International Student Programs will have a workshop soon which is called Outcomes Week. It teaches students how to plan their education or their life after graduating from Highline.

"We are planning some activities for students. Conversation Pal is coming soon. We are planning to have a trip to Mt. Rainier, and a corn-maze," Moon said.

One of the international students, Ngoe Doan, from Vietnam, has just come to Highline this quarter.

Before Doan came here, her friends recommended she go to Highline.

Some representatives were going to Vietnam to introduce Highline to Vietnamese students.

"After I came to Highline, I found here is really fun," Doan said. "I met a lot of friends, and teachers are very kind."

"I enjoy going to school at Highline. I think Highline has offered a good education and plan," Doan said.

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