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Highline Community College

The Thunderword

Birmingham presidential finalist in California

By **Carrie Draeger**
Staff Reporter

Highline Interim President Dr. Jack Birmingham is one of four finalists for another presidential position at a college in California.

Dr. Birmingham is one of 12 remaining presidential candidates for Highline's vacant presidency and is expected to be included in the six finalists.

Santa Barbara City College's search process is further along than Highline's process, mean-

ing that Dr. Birmingham could be offered the presidency there before Highline's search process is complete.

The four finalists will meet with the constituents of Santa Barbara City College on March 12, with interviews with the Board of Trustees of Santa Barbara City College the following day.

The Presidential Search Advisory Committee will narrow down Highline's applicants to six on March 17. The chosen six will meet with the campus

community on April 21-29, with the Board of Trustees hiring a president in early May.

Dr. Birmingham has been serving as interim president since the firing of Dr. Priscilla Bell in November 2006.

When Dr. Bell was hired in 2001, Dr. Birmingham was one of the three finalists. He has served at Highline as vice president of academic affairs since 1994 before he was named interim president.

"In reality, this means only that I have an interview and a



Dr. Jack Birmingham

wonderful opportunity," Dr. Birmingham said.

"Since some will ask how

this affects my candidacy at Highline, I thought I should write directly to you," Dr. Birmingham said in the e-mail. "I am currently a candidate for the president position here at Highline and I expect to continue in the process at this point."

Board of Trustees Chairwoman Karen Vander Ark said the search process remains the same as previously announced.

"His (Dr. Birmingham's)

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Student works to help others

By **Catherine Dusharme**
Staff Reporter

Samuel Maina speaks softly, occasionally clasping his hands together thoughtfully.

He is well-dressed and well-spoken, with a gentle and studious manner.

But his calm demeanor belies his passion for helping others.

Prior to coming to the United States from Kenya in November of

2005, Maina spent almost a year diligently helping women and children affected by the AIDS virus.

Maina is now a pre-nursing student at Highline, with possible plans to become a doctor.

"Back home there is a perception of America as the land of milk and honey and I wanted to come see for myself," said Maina. "Although it's not quite that way, the biggest opportunity I saw that I could exploit was education. In Kenya, there used to be no public schools and it takes four years to get an associate degree."

Before he moved to the Unit-



Maina



Jocie Olson/ THUNDERWORD

Construction worker Jim Mungia works on the nearly completed MaST Center at Redondo.

MaST Center nears family donation goal of \$50,000

By **Paul Song**
Staff Reporter

Highline's Marine and Science Technology Center looks to be completed soon, but funds still need to be raised to maintain the project.

"Highline Community College is a great community and the MaST Center is

a great program that will benefit students, faculty, staff, and the community at large," said Bob Maplestone, engineering instructor and chairman of the Capital Campaign. "And also Puget Sound and the local environment."

The Campus Family Campaign is a program that is aimed toward faculty and staff

to raise funds to benefit the new, modernized, and renovated MaST Center, which is not only for the building and equipment, but also for student endowment.

In the project's endowment, \$200,000 will be going toward faculty development and lecture series, \$200,000 towards outreach activities

and other programs, and \$100,000 for science scholarships.

"There was an all campus e-mail sent out to thank those people who have given, and to keep them up to date of the totals," Maplestone said.

"Currently the total is at

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CSI: **H**ighline**Student's car broken into**

An international student's 1996 Honda Accord was broken into in the east lot at 12:33 a.m. on March 3. The student's vehicle's ignition was punched out and his iPod was stolen. Black Tie Towing took his vehicle to a shop.

Campus gets shady visitor

Central Washington University staff called Security at 8:39 a.m. about a suspicious man in Building 29 on March 3.

The man entered the office and read the bulletin board then left, slamming the door. Security found him wandering around the building and questioned him. He claimed that he was waiting for the bus and seemed jittery. He complied with Security and left the building.

Runaway car is recovered

The Security Office received a phone call about a vehicle that rolled downhill out of its parking spot at 9:31 a.m. on March 3.

Security found a black Acura left in neutral with the emergency brake half-way up. The vehicle rolled eight feet backward, almost hitting another parked vehicle. Security looked up the license plate number and left a voice mail on the student's phone.

Porn watcher gets ousted

Two juveniles complained to Library staff about a man watching porn where they were sitting, on March 2 at 4 p.m. The man departed to another floor when Security arrived.

A juvenile gets assaulted and Security gets involved

A juvenile was assaulted by another juvenile in the Library at noon on March 2.

Security found both juveniles on the fifth floor. One juvenile was standing over the other juvenile who was crying. The juvenile who was bullying the other tried to leave as soon as he saw Security.

Security contacted the crying juvenile's mother and informed her of the incident. The mother took her son to the Des Moines Police Department to file an assault report. She also stated that she will contact Pacific Middle School and notify them about the bullying that has been going on at school.

-Compiled by Rachel Aleaga**Learn to kick the smoking habit at workshop today**

The Career and Counseling Workshop Series continues this week with two workshops this Thursday.

Led by Lance Gibson, director of Counseling and Career Resource Center, will be the Smoking Cessation: "Kicking the Habit" workshop. Information, resources and referrals will be given to students, staff and faculty who want to quit smoking.

The workshop will be from 11-11:50 a.m. in Building 8, in the Mt. Skokomish room.

Also on Thursday the "Utilizing the Career Collection in the Library" workshop will be lead by Dr. Gloria Rose Koeping, a psychologist and faculty counselor.

Students will have the chance to meet with a career counselor in the library's Career Resource room. The workshop will allow students to explore print resources and develop their career paths.

The "Utilizing the Career Collection in the Library" workshop will be from 12-12:50 p.m. in Building 25, room 316.

Understand what it's like to live your life HIV positive

Princess Kasune Zulu will be at Highline to talk about her life living with HIV.

Zulu has spoke in front of audiences and heads of states all over the world about her amazing life, and hitchhiked with truck drivers and gave seminars and worked with schools and

churches to warn people about the risks of casual sex.

Zulu is from Zambia and lost her mother, father, sister and brother to AIDS. She is an international activist and educator for World Vision's HIV and AIDS Hope Initiative.

Zulu will be at Highline on Thursday, March 13, from 10-10:45 a.m. She will speak in the Student Union Building in the Mt. Olympus room.

For more information on this event contact Bob Baugher at bbaugher@highline.edu or at 206-878-3710, ext. 3414.

Financial Aid checks are now available to students

Spring Quarter Financial Aid checks will be available to students as follows:

•Saturday, March 29: Building 2, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

•Monday, March 31: Building 2, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. and in the Cashier's Office, Building 6, 3:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

•Tuesday, April 1: Building 2, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. and in the Cashier's Office, Building 6, 1:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

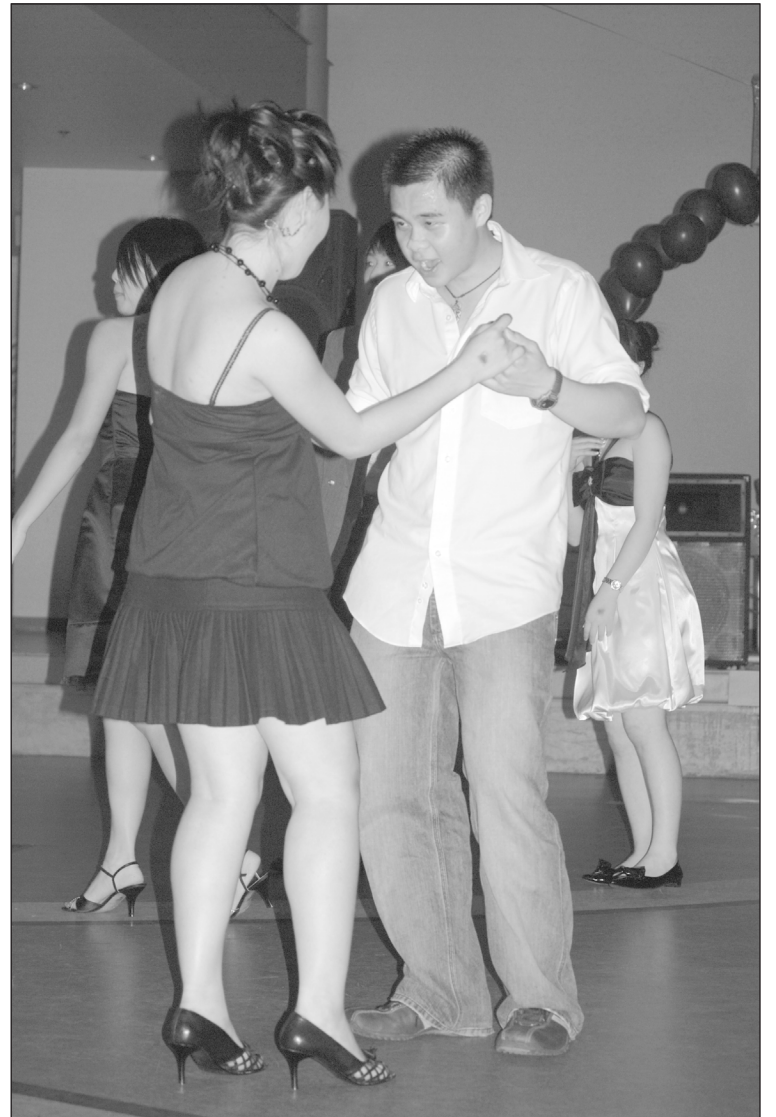
After April 1, checks will be available at the Cashier's Office, Building 6, during regular business hours. For more information contact Shirley Bean director of financial services at sbean@highline.edu or at 206-878-3710, ext. 4341.

Movie Fridays will show Oscar-nominated shorts

Movie Fridays this week is presenting the 2006 Academy Award nominated short films.

World Languages and International Student Programs are hosting the showings of nominated short films from two categories. The categories are live action short films and animated short films, featuring 15 movies, each of them under 30 minutes long.

Films shown will include the



Melody Ericksen/THUNDERWORD

Students break it out at the Highline Winter Dance that took place last Friday.

live action short film *Eramos Pocos (One Too Many)*, about a father who asks his son to help persuade his mother-in-law to do the housework after his wife leaves him; and *West Bank Story*, a musical comedy centered around the fast-paced world of competing falafel stands on the West Bank, an area apart of the Middle East.

Animated short films include

The Little Match Girl, about a poor young girl who looks into the fiery matches that keep her warm and sees visions of happiness, and *No Time For Nuts*, about the character Scrat who finds a time machine during the Ice Age while trying to bury a nut.

Free popcorn is provided, the movies will be shown at noon this Friday in Building 7.

Co-Opportunity: Cooperative Education**Thinking about an Internship for the summer?**

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Building 6, upper floor

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~Part-time~**Job #3517**

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Hours: 175-30 per week
Where: Puget Sound **How Much:** \$12.88

File Clerk

~On Campus Work Study~

Job #3510

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Hours: 16
Where: On Campus **How Much:** \$8.07

For more information, log on to Interfase at www.myinterfase.com/highline/student or visit Student Employment in Building 6.

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ON A ROLL

Engineering students practice their art with wooden race cars

By Luis Lemus
Staff Reporter

College students were having a blast last Friday in the Student Union Building as they gathered around a derby racetrack to race their handmade wooden cars.

Aside from the noise in the background and all the side conversations, the students in the Engineering 230 Dynamics

class were concentrating in getting their derby project done.

Richard Bankhead, instructor of the Dynamics class, assigned the project of building a derby car.

The engineering class gives students the opportunity to build real projects that give them hands-on training, Bankhead said.

The derby car project is divided into three parts.

The initial part consist of students building and designing their derby cars.

The second part is the re-design report were students make modifications to their cars in order to make them go faster and



Jocie Olson/THUNDERWORD

Engineering students watch excitedly as their handmade wooden cars race to the finish line recently in the Student Union.

the last part is the final race that will be conducted in two weeks, Bankhead said.

“Students use the same rules that the Cub Scouts use,” Bankhead said.

“We had to use a pinewood derby kit,” student Justin Palm said.

“The car has to be fewer than five ounces and we can modify the cars,” he said.

Students let their imagination run wild in designing their cars.

All the derby cars had their own touch of personality, from a line of paint in the middle to a unique design in the frame of the car.

Students line their cars in the 15-foot ramp, racing two cars at a time, hoping that their car is the winner in order to advance to the next race.

When the race started the excitement grew.

Students ran from the beginning of the ramp to the end trying to keep up with their car in order to see which car would cross the finish line first.

By the time the cars cross the finish line you could notice the disappointment in some of the students faces.

On the other hand the winning team was glad because they get to race again and that brings them closer to a better grade.

In a class where most of the students are males a little competition rises.

As some of the students start discussing how their car is better.

At the end of the race Justin Palm and his teammate come out in second place, losing to the professor.

The students will be graded based on how they finish in the race, Bankhead said.

Now they go back and improve their derby cars for the final race.

The Engineering 230 pinewood derby final race will take place on Friday, March 7 in the Student Union Building at 11 a.m. Students are invited to attend the races.

Construction crews striping new section of Pacific Highway today

Commuters in South King County should expect more closures than usual on State Route 167 on upcoming evenings, while other traffic delays are minimal.

•The northbound HOV lane on SR 167 between 84th Avenue South and South 212th Street will be closed from 8 p.m. to night until 4 a.m. tomorrow.

•The right lane of northbound SR 167 at 15th Street Northwest, South 277th Street, and South 180th Street are all subject to closure between 8 p.m. tonight and 5 a.m. tomorrow.



- The following ramps will be closed from 10 p.m. tonight until 5 a.m. tomorrow to install curbing:
 - Right lane of westbound 15th Street Northwest near the northbound ramp to SR 167
 - 15th Street Northwest on-ramp to northbound SR 167
 - Southbound SR 167 off-ramp to South 277th Street
 - South 277th Street on-ramp to northbound SR 167
 - Right lane of westbound South 180th Street near the northbound SR 167 on-ramp
 - South 180th Street on-ramp to northbound SR 167
- One lane of southbound SR 167 between Interstate 405 and South 43rd Street will be closed from 8 p.m. tonight until 5 a.m. tomorrow.
- The on-ramp from south-

bound Rainier Avenue South (SR 167) to northbound I-405 will be closed from 10 p.m. tonight until 4 a.m. tomorrow.

If weather does not permit, this work will proceed on the next available dry night.

•Up to two lanes of southbound I-405 between I-90 and 112th Avenue Southeast will be closed beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, with both lanes closed by 11 p.m.

Both lanes will reopen by 6 a.m. tomorrow.

•In addition to the usual delays on SR 99 (Pacific Highway) between Dash Point Road and South 283rd Street, crews will be restriping the newly paved road in preparation to switch traffic onto the new roadway.

This is a one-time project, and work will be completed be-

fore the rush-hour period today.

•The left lane of the off-ramp from southbound I-5 to Swift/Albro will be closed until March 17.

•Through Saturday, the left lane of the westbound SR 518 ramp to SeaTac Airport will be closed from 8-10 a.m., and from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following morning.

•Up to two lanes of westbound I-90 between the East Channel Bridge and 76th Avenue will be closed tonight. The first lane will close at 9 p.m., and the second by 11 p.m., with both lanes reopening by 5 a.m. tomorrow.

•The ramp from westbound I-90 to the express lanes of westbound I-90 will be closed from 9 p.m. tonight until 5 a.m. tomorrow. This work is weather

dependent.

•Until July, the northern-most lane of the I-90 center roadway between 80th Avenue Southeast and Bellevue Way will be closed.

•The traveling lane underneath the Alaskan Way Viaduct between Columbia Street and Yesler Way is still scheduled to reopen in spring.

•In Tukwila, one lane of eastbound Grady Way near Oakesdale Avenue Southwest will be closed until 5 p.m. today.

One lane in each direction on Oakesdale Avenue Southwest will be closed until 5 p.m. today as well, and one lane of westbound Tukwila Parkway from 66th Avenue South to the on-ramp of I-405 will be closed until 5 p.m. today.

-Compiled by Nick Dalton

Editorial comment

Protect America Act gives away too many liberties

Congress should not renew the Protect America Act. The Protect America Act extends the powers of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA).

FISA is a law that goes over procedures for the physical and electronic surveillance and collection of foreign intelligence information between or among foreign powers on territory under United States control.

Since the attacks on 9/11, many bills have been passed into law extending the power of FISA and the power of the Executive Branch to collect intelligence without proper due process.

Examples of this have been the Patriot Act in 2001 and the Terrorist Surveillance Act of 2006.

In 2007 Congress passed the Protect America Act which eased restrictions on surveillance of terrorist suspects when one (or both) parties to the communication are located overseas.

The 2007 version also made it easier for the government to do wire taps without getting a warrant from a FISA court or have any other judicial oversight.

The bill that the president has asked Congress to pass this year would add to the 2007 version of the Protect America Act.

One of the most controversial aspects of the version in congress now is it gives immunity to cell phone companies who illegally gave the government information about the people who were using their phones.

The other troubling thing about these recent bills is they are violating our civil liberties. The new versions of FISA clearly violate the Fourth Amendment.

Now, it is understandable, in times where our national security may be in jeopardy, our civil liberties may be inconvenient for the government when they are trying to gather intelligence. However, it is at that time such liberties are most crucial to us.

The debate on whether the bill should be passed should come down to what is more important, liberty or security.

While security is important, liberty should always be more important.

Congress should keep that in mind when they vote on the Protect America Act.

Staff

"You're swimming in mediocrity."

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Former student volunteers in Zambia

commentary



Simone Snow

Dorica is looking for a way out. Every volunteer that enters Linda Clinic is asked by her to look into jobs for nurses overseas on her behalf. She dreams of living and working in England, the U.S., or whatever western country pops into mind. To her, any Western country would be Utopia compared to her home in Livingstone, Zambia.

I returned home last week after spending three months volunteering in Livingstone in medical clinics. As one of the poorest countries in the world, the structures put in place for an effective health care service suffer from insufficient resources, depleted supplies, and a lack of basic medical knowledge.

Dorica is part of the "brain drain," the flood of well-educated Zambians looking for work and life abroad. The situation became so dire, the Zambian government created the position of clinical officer, a medical professional as well-trained as a doctor, but whose credentials are only valid in Zambia. It also costs less in school fees to train to be a clinical officer than a doctor.

In creating the clinical officer position, the government recognized that each person who leaves Zambia takes their knowledge with them, and leaves behind people who need their help. Dorica knows the importance of washing her hands, sterilizing medical equipment, and how to use a condom which, in a city where the HIV/AIDS rate is well over 80 percent, is knowledge that could save lives.

In Maramba Clinic, I saw a nurse trying to insert an IV into a patient's arm. When she couldn't find the vein, she put the needle on the dirty blankets on the bed, flicked the patient's arm to find a vein, and then inserted the contaminated needle

in the woman's arm without cleansing the needle or the woman's arm beforehand. I saw clinical officers drawing blood without wearing gloves, use the same thermometer for dozens of patients without cleaning it between uses, and go an entire day without washing their hands once despite handling very sick and contagious people for hours on end.

Those who are sick would, at minimum, be more comfortable if their medications were always in stock. For example, I saw a man suffering from Parkinson's who had run out of his pills to lessen his tremors. Sitting helplessly in a wheelchair, stuck in his home all day, everyday, he told me "my heart shakes," and was crushed when I told him there is no cure for Parkinson's. I checked with Livingstone General Hospital, but they were out of his medications, and didn't know when or if they would get more.

For the few that know better, such displays must be appalling. To be treated as no more than a ticket out of Zambia for Dorica and others like her is of-

fending, but understandable in its desperation. I admit I had an extra bounce in my step when I was packing to go home, but what made me so happy to leave also made me want to help even more. It's also what makes it so important that people like Dorica remain in Zambia to move the country forward.

Most African languages have no word for "future." People don't plan more than a few days ahead, and the big dream is to be a taxi driver or work retail. In a country where its citizens are considered walking miracles if they live past age 40, there is an overwhelming amount of work to be done. The clinics need more than one thermometer, they need more than one nurse on staff who knows how to give injections, and they could do well with a computer to replace the more than 40,000 notebooks used to store medical histories, which take a chunk of space out of the waiting room in Marmaba Clinic, forcing the sick into tight quarters.

In the bigger picture outside of health care, there is a desperate need for a proper sewer system, clean water, and general organization. I believe very firmly the solution lies in education, teaching the next generation that they needn't accept things the way they are. There doesn't have to be a 75 percent unemployment rate in Livingstone, or untreated sewage in the streets, or people dying of preventable diseases.

I can and will do my part by sending money or supplies, and even giving my time when I get the chance, but my contributions will ultimately do little more than put a Band-Aid on a gushing wound. Instead, it is in the

Iraq and Afghanistan changed perspective on life

War can take you to the darkest parts of hell. It can also serve to show you what's truly important in life.

On Oct. 14, 2003 I headed back to Iraq after a month and a half long break in Germany. A mortar attack on the detention facility at Abu Ghraib prison had left a personnel shortage, which needed to be filled by members of the military intelligence community.

The attack killed two of our unit's soldiers and wounded 15. Nearly all of the soldiers killed and injured were friends of mine and my team.

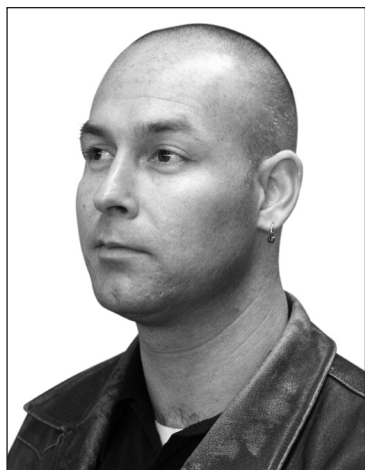
I was asked to lead a team to replace the soldiers who had been attacked and assist the interrogators in developing questioning plans for use on their detainees. Soon after, I was asked for a divorce so that my wife could be with her boyfriend back in Germany. It was evident that my life would forever be changed by this war.

While discussing my divorce with a member of my squad, who was also having infidelity problems with a girlfriend, we were unaware that another soldier was listening in. Neither of us knew that this other soldier was having the same problem until we heard him chamber a round into his M16 rifle.

It took five soldiers to wrestle the weapon away from him so he couldn't commit suicide.

The conversation that followed set the mood the rest of the deployment. No one was worth killing yourself over and we all had to stick together. We owed it to each other. Especially after some of our other friends had already died doing

Commentary



Nathan Brown

what they thought was right.

Even if we seemed fine, no one was immune to thoughts of taking his or her own life. Sanity was a very fragile thing. We were our unit's bastard children. Nearly forgotten and stuck out in mortar alley, we would be damned if we wouldn't be there for each other.

From that moment the job was performed and our lives were run in a businesslike manner. There was a sense of indifference toward the mission, to significant others and to many people outside of our circle. We felt there were few back home who would understand having to deal with these problems.

Although the missions were being accomplished, no one who was a part of my team had much concern for anything else besides being there for each other and making it home.

The desensitization and acceptance of whatever the future held was so great that during mortar attacks we would some-

times finish a hand of cards before reacting. If the round hit outside our building rather than on it, we would keep playing.

Keeping our family unit intact while deployed is an issue soldiers are constantly thinking about. When I asked my commander for a week or so of leave in order to salvage my marriage, I was told that my situation wasn't unique and that I was too important to the mission. This statement actually held much truth.

Out of the 11 soldiers I was deployed with to the Abu Ghraib detention facility just outside of Baghdad, nine soldiers had relationship difficulties with a spouse or significant other.

When deployed to an environment where hostile fire is constantly expected and some of your friends end up dying, stability of family is even more important than during peacetime.

Nonetheless, having been a sergeant in U.S. Army Intelligence with eight years of service and one-year tours in both Iraq and Afghanistan, the armed forces taught me many things. I feel fortunate to have a life perspective which I wouldn't have otherwise had.

Soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines all take an extreme amount of pride in what they do for a living, even if the daily living conditions aren't the most comfortable.

For many deployed service members there is concern about simpler matters which many civilians take for granted.

Clean drinking water and enough ammunition are real concerns for soldiers.

In the first year of the conflict in Iraq, logistic issues were common place.

Frequently my unit ran low on water and my troops and I would actually raid other units' water supplies to ensure we had enough.

Although it was somewhat of a joke, on Dec. 25, 2003, I remember not wanting anything other than water for Christmas. In the winter time each soldier would go through about three liters of water per day, five to six in the summer months. Having enough water was always an important concern.

During this time my smoking increased from seven cigarettes a day to smoking 30 per day and I went from weighing 205 lbs. to 168 lbs. This was a combination of 120 degree weather and massive stress.

In the years following my deployments it was evident that my friends and I had at least some minor psychological issues that needed to be dealt with. Mistrust in people, lack of personal drive, anger management, lack of concern for well being and abuse of alcohol were common by-products of the deployments.

Many soldiers fall through the cracks when attempting to reintegrate into normal society. Members of the military are taught to suppress feelings or "suck it up" in order to accomplish the mission and do what is necessary. Although this is affective during times when stress and emotion must be overcome, it can cause problems releasing emotions later in life.

No one returning from a deployment wants to spend hours

with a counselor upon return. They want to relax and spend time with friends and family. If I didn't have close friends in the psychological profession, it probably would've taken a considerable amount of years to be able to use my experiences for positive introspection. Many others are not so lucky.

Even with all that has been said, not every day while deployed was a bad day. When a person experiences how they and their friends are mortal and the fairy tales of perfect relationships fade, what's really important in life comes to light.

I take great joy now in good conversation and can be comfortable in silence. I have seen true loyalty and concern for the way another human being really feels. In a combat zone, having someone understand and truly be concerned with your well being can save your sanity.

Unlike the many civilians who see the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan as mostly political, a soldier does not. It's a job and a way of life, where every aspect of a soldier is affected while deployed. Although many soldiers do have opinions about the political aspects of our current conflicts, they often take a back seat to their personal experiences.

And what of the soldier who tried to kill himself? He made it home safe and we still talk to this day. Thanks to the close bonds formed at the prison, we maintained our sanity and every team member returned home safely.

Thunderword reporter Nate Brown served one year in Iraq and one year in Afghanistan

Simone

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people of Zambia that the solution lies. It is the Zambian people who have to demand more from their government.

It is the Zambian people who are elected to positions of power that have to give more to the country.

We can give them the tools to do it whether in the form of schools and teachers, doctors and hospitals, diplomats and financial aid, but they are the ones who, in the end, must do the work. Otherwise, I fear it could be little more than a temporary fix that cannot be maintained in our absence. Zambia was colonized once, but fell into poverty in the absence of the British since the Zambian people were unfamiliar with running the country themselves. We owe them something better this time around.

Letter to the editor

Dear editor:

Don't call me trendy, call me responsible.

I am so sick of people saying that being an Obama supporter is a "trend".

If another old white woman voting for Hillary Clinton comes up to me and says, "It must be your generation. You don't know what's best for you" I swear to God I will kill myself before I turn 60.

I find it offensive that they believe I am so swayed by popular opinion. That I would vote for a candidate simply because my friends are, or because it would make my father mad.

I'm sorry, but this is not the 1950's. I'm not rebelling. I am being a responsible and an informed voter, unlike many of the people who nag at me for

supporting Barack Obama. I'm not voting for him because he's young. I'm not voting for him because he's a Christian. I'm not voting for him because he is a black man.

I'm not voting for him because I don't like Hillary Clinton. I am voting for Barack Obama because he makes me proud to be an American.

He restores my faith in America, and that we can, once again, have respect and dignity throughout the rest of the world.

I trust him to fix mistakes the Bush, Clinton, and Regan administrations made. I know he'll be honest with me, because he knows what democracy is and values our voices.

If you talk to Barack Obama supporters, generally you'll hear a laundry



list of reasons why we support him; from his background to his policies, or his vision for the United States.

On the whole, Obama supporters have a firm grasp on why they're voting for who they're voting for. Many McCain supporters I talk to say they're voting for him because, "He's a Republican, and I'm

a Republican." I'm sorry, but when has that ever qualified you for anything? Having enough common sense to recognize the qualities in a candidate that you admire and would be honored to have represent you isn't a trend. It seems to me that if anything, ignorance is the trend.

-- Michelle Duffie, Highline student

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T-Birds' hopes dashed early in NWAACC tournament

By Nick Bare
Staff Reporter

KENNEWICK--The Highline men's basketball teams' chances for a championship were dashed before lunchtime last Thursday.

In a tournament that had Yakima Valley upend No. 1 Spokane for the championship, Southwestern Oregon had ended the T-Birds' chance for the NWAACC championship with a 72-64 victory over Highline by 10 a.m. Thursday.

The T-Birds extended their tournament stay on Friday with a 73-63 victory over Treasure Valley, but Everett knocked out the T-Birds for good with a 72-69 victory on Saturday afternoon.

Sophomore forward Kris Rainwater said his team didn't play as well as they could have, but he enjoyed his time in Kennewick.

"It was fun. It was a good experience to come out here (Kennewick) and play some games. It was nice to get away from school and homework for awhile," Rainwater said.

Rainwater was proud of his team's chemistry as well.

"Our team stuck together throughout the tournament. That was nice to see," Rainwater said.

The T-Birds were slated to face the Southwestern Oregon Lakers in the first game of the tournament at 8 a.m., which Highline had been preparing for.

"We'd practiced at 8 a.m. all last week, so the time wasn't really a factor," Rainwater said.

The time was a factor for the Toyota Center though as the microphone didn't work, half the ads in the rafters didn't light up until late in the first half, and even the lights in the arena got brighter as the game wore on.

Highline's Stedman Richardson started the scoring with a free throw at the 18:57 mark. The game stayed close through the first half and the Lakers went to the locker room with a 30-26 lead.

The Lakers held most of their advantage over Highline from the 3-point line.

Southwestern Oregon was driving and kicking the ball out to their shooters to hit 39 percent (10-26) from the 3-point line, while the T-Birds were 0-12 from 3-point land.

Another thing that came back to bite the T-Birds was second-chance points.

Even though Highline had nine more offensive rebounds than the Lakers, the T-Birds scored four fewer points off rebounds.



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Freshman forward Coby Gibler (center) scores two of his 14 points against Treasure Valley last Friday in the NWAACC tournament. Highline guard Kelly Edwards (34) scored a game-high 17 points in the victory over the Chukars.

Southwestern Oregon extended their lead to 10 points with just over 12 minutes left in the game.

Highline kept fighting and pulled within two at 57-55 after Richardson went 1-2 from the free-throw line with 4:20 left on the clock.

After the Lakers' Emmanuel Olekaibe made one free throw on the other end, Highline got the ball back, down by three.

At the offensive end, freshman forward Coby Gibler got called for offensive charging, which turned the ball back over to the Lakers.

Olekaibe then made a field goal, got fouled and drained the free throw to extend the lead to six at 61-55.

Highline's Shedrick Nelson hit a basket on the other end, but the T-Birds never got any closer than that, as the Lakers pulled away to secure the 72-64 victory.

The T-Birds were led by

sophomore forward Jesse Norris with 13 points, while Stedman Richardson and Gibler pulled down a team-high nine rebounds.

Southwestern Oregon was led by guard Joseph Foster with 19 points, and Olekaibe pulled down a team-high seven rebounds.

Highline Head Coach Che Dawson said the T-Birds were being too careful.

"We played too tentative. We needed to be more confident. We were thinking too much. We needed to be in attack mode," Dawson said.

Highline's Rainwater said the outcome might have been different had there been more experience on the team.

"A lot of the freshmen were overwhelmed in the first half. It took a while to get over the 'awe' factor," Rainwater said.

The T-Birds' freshmen definitely looked more experienced in their next game against the

Treasure Valley Chukars.

It was a tight contest through most of the game until Highline freshman guard Kelly Edwards took over the game and went on a scoring outburst to help the T-Birds pull away for the 73-63 victory. Edwards led Highline with 17 points and nine rebounds.

"He's (Edwards) one of the guys who if you tell him to attack and play fearless, he steps up his game. He's a winner and a competitor," Dawson said.

Highline improved their 3-point shooting by a mile in this game as they hit 53 percent of their shots from beyond the arc.

The T-Birds shot 44 percent from the field compared to the Chukars' 35 percent.

The improved shooting was chocked up to improved confidence, Dawson said.

"We came out and attacked. We played loose. We weren't worried about making deci-

sions. We just played loose," Dawson said.

Highline had three others score in double digits including Richardson with 16, Gibler with 14, and Nelson with 11.

The Chukars were led by forward Shane Miller who scored a game-high 18 points, and forward Newt Basey pulled down six rebounds.

Highline's chance at winning the consolation side of the bracket ended with a loss to Everett on Saturday night.

The T-Birds were unable to contain Trojan guard Jon Moe in the first half as he put up 16 points, Everett went to the locker room with a six-point lead.

"The scouting report on Moe was to not let him go to his right. We weren't able to keep him from going to his right. Once we focused on stopping him from going right, we minimized his productivity," Dawson said.

Moe still added eight points in the second half to end the game with a game-high 24 points.

The T-Birds came out slow in the second half as the Trojans extended their lead to 13 at 47-34. Highline chipped away from then on to make it a nail-biter.

With under a minute left, Everett was up one and Highline had the ball.

Freshman guard Kelly Edwards missed a three that would have put the T-Birds up by two.

After the miss, Highline had to foul Moe to stop the clock and he hit his two free throws to increase the lead to three. It came down to an inbounds play with six seconds left in the game.

The T-Birds inbounded the ball to Gibler who handed it off to Edwards who was coming off his screen.

Edwards put up the three and it bounced off the rim and, with Highline's hopes, the ball hit the floor.

Highline was led by Gibler who scored 17 points, and guard Cody Thueringer pulled down 10 boards.

The Trojans were able to move on in the consolation bracket before they eventually lost to Whatcom in the next round.

Although Highline didn't finish how they hoped, Dawson said it was a good experience.

"It was a positive experience. We had our highs and lows. We weren't as effective offensively as we have been," Dawson said.

With a roster that will be returning 10 freshmen, and one redshirt sophomore, the experience will help in the future, Dawson said.

"It couldn't hurt," Dawson added.

Thunderbirds had ups and downs throughout season

Highline's season turned around with eight-game winning streak

By Carrie Draeger
Staff Reporter

KENNEWICK--Highline's men's basketball team turned what most would call a learning experience into a winning experience.

"I think we learned a lot. We matured," Head Coach Che Dawson said.

The season started out rough for the T-Birds, as they won only one of their first seven preseason games, including a 103-44 pounding by the College of Southern Idaho, the winningest junior college basketball program in the United States.

The youth of the team made the transition from high school athletics to college athletics difficult, Dawson said.

Freshman Brandon Brown said he wasn't used to having such a complete team, while Shedrick Nelson was surprised by how much more physical his opponents were.

"(In high school) either Shedrick (Nelson) was scoring or I was. This year we had more threats," Brown said.

But hard work and patience paid off for the T-Birds as the season wore on.

The team went 12-4 in division play (18-13 overall), thanks to an eight-game win streak in the middle of league play, taking second in the West Division.

"We had a nice stretch when it counted in the middle of league," Dawson said.

The streak ended with a one-point loss to West Division Champion Lower Columbia.

The T-Birds bounced back quickly from the loss, winning their final two league games by nine and 17 points respectively.

The team was flying high going into the NWAACC championship, only to have their hopes dashed by a first round loss to Southwestern Oregon, 72-64.

Sophomore Kris Rainwater said the atmosphere at the tournament affected the T-Birds' play.

The freshmen were a little overwhelmed in the first half of the first game, he said.

The T-Birds won their second game against Treasure Valley by 10, but lost in the final seconds to Everett, 72-69.

Despite the losses, Rainwater was glad his team had the chance to compete in the tour-



Highline guard Shedrick Nelson fights off Southwestern Oregon's Joseph Foster to move the ball down the court. Nelson scored 10 points and pulled down seven rebounds in the loss against the Lakers.

nament.

"Half the teams in the NWAACC can't say that they had a chance to play (for a championship)," Rainwater said.

Brown agreed with Rainwater.

"(Next season) I hope that all of us know what it takes to get to the NWAACC tournament and we can get back there again," Brown said.

Highline's future looks strong with the prospect of 10 returning freshmen, including first-team West Division selection Cody Theuringer, and second-team selection Shedrick Nelson.

"They will have a good foundation," sophomore Josh Broussard said.

The only thing that would stop the T-Birds from having a strong returning core would be freshman being recruited by four-year schools, or failing to meet eligibility requirements.

Dawson doesn't expect to lose many freshman, but acknowledges that it does happen.

Last season, Highline lost its only full-time starter when Vaughn Gaines was recruited by Colorado State University-Pueblo.

With only Broussard and redshirt sophomore Justin Armstrong returning from last year's roster, Rainwater and fellow transfer Jesse Norris were thrown into leadership roles that neither expected.

joyed the experience. "It was fun to learn what this team could do," he said.

Dawson said all of his sophomores were "high character and unselfish" individuals.

"We like to think (they are) what our program is about," he said.

"They did a lot of the little things, no glory things that impacted our team," Brandon Brown said.

Dawson hopes that the freshmen will take what they have learned from the sophomores this season and carry it into next season.

"I expect us to understand what it takes faster, us to be more consistent, to have more leadership (next season)," Dawson said.

He is hopeful for the T-Birds' future because of their experiences this season.

"(We learned) what it took to prepare to compete at a high level," he said. "We intentionally threw the team into the fire. Hopefully next season and 10 years down the road we will see benefits from that."

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Kelly Edwards (right) makes a successful shot against the Treasure Valley Chukars in last Friday's win. Guard Sherrick Nelson (below) dribbles past Everett's Jon Moe in last Saturday's loss to the Trojans.



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The Thunderbirds (above) shake hands with the Everett Trojans after losing the game and falling out of the tournament. Guard Stedman Richardson (right) surveys the court looking for a teammate during last Thursday's loss to the Southwestern Oregon Lakers.



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T-Birds tumble at tournament

The Highline men's basketball team made it to the NWAACC tournament once again, but didn't manage to come home with a trophy this time. The Thunderbirds managed a 1-2 record in the tournament,

held last weekend in Kennewick. Coaches and players both said they felt the team gave it their best. Yakima upset Spokane for the championship.



Carrie Draeger/THUNDERWORD

Assistant Coach Josh Baker (left) congratulates the team after Brandon Brown hit a shot during Friday's game.

Four all-league performers to lead Highline softball

By Maxx Shelley
Staff Reporter

With four returning players this season, all of whom were all-league players last season, the Highline softball team is looking to be a real threat in the West Division of the NWAACC conference.

“I see us being a real contender this year,” Assistant Coach Josh Magallanes said.

Ashley Carey, the team’s catcher, spent some time last season playing shortstop and is expected to play a little of that position again this year but will still spend most of her time behind the plate.

Carey hit two homers last season and had 40 RBIs. Her batting average was .461 and her on-base percentage was .550.

Alexis Nichols is Highline’s returning centerfielder. She had 17 RBIs, a batting average of .353, and had an on-base percentage of .449.

Caitlyn Ratcliffe is expected to do good things in the outfield this year. Last season she helped the team with catching and is expected to do so again this season even though she’ll spend most of her time in the outfield.

Last season, Ratcliffe hit four home runs and had 28 runs batted in. She had a batting average of .384 and had an on-base percentage of .467.

Carrie Draeger is another returner this year and plays first base. Last season she was a



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Highline’s Deisha Pico makes a diving catch during practice. Pico is one of nine incoming freshmen on this year’s softball team.

pitcher but will pass down most of her pitching duties to the new freshman pitchers this year.

Draeger had a record of 11-9, posted 29 strikeouts, and had an earned run average of 4.99. In addition to that she hit one home run, had 38 RBIs, a batting average of .452, and an on-base percentage of .477.

Aside from four talented returners, Highline has picked up two talented pitchers, Cara Chaet and Carrie Crookshank. Chaet is from Montana and is expected to be an impact play-

er.

“She has shown hard work and dedication,” Magallanes said of Chaet. “I think she’ll be a strong force in the pitching department.”

Besides the two new pitchers, Highline has seven new players joining the team all of whom has a knack for understanding the game.

“They are hard working and are able to pick up the game easily,” Magallanes said of the freshman class.

The coaches appear confi-

dent in all their players at all positions, and are expecting good things to come.

“We have some strong hitters, our catching and pitching is solid, and our defense is solid at all nine positions,” Head Coach Anne Schmidt said.

So far it sounds that if the T-Birds face any problems this season, they will all be mental complications.

“We have to stay focused,” Magallanes said. “If we stay grounded, good things will happen.”

The coaches seem to think that there is already some good chemistry between the players.

“I think this team hopes to play well every game together and play with the sense of family we’ve developed,” Schmidt said.

South Puget Sound and Pierce are both expected to be strong opponents in the West Division this season.

“Pierce has a really good pitcher and a new coach and should be pretty good,” Schmidt said.

Pierce won the division last year but South Puget Sound has been steady the past few seasons and should not be underestimated.

“South Puget Sound has been pretty good the past few years so we expect them to be good this year,” Schmidt said.

The T-Birds ended last season with a 17-13 division record and a 19-26 overall record and the ended the season in third place in the West Division.

The T-Birds went 0-2 in last season’s NWAACC tournament but were still proud they made it there.

“It was an accomplishment for our team to make it to the NWAACCs last season and we hope to do it again,” Schmidt said.

The T-Birds will play doubleheaders all season long and have their first game of the pre-season coming up on March 8 against Big Bend. The games will be at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

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Men’s basketball
NWAACC Championship
Kennewick, Wash.

Sunday, March 2
Championship game
Yakima Valley 66, Spokane 65
Peninsula 60, Bellevue 44
Umpqua 84, SW Oregon 81

Saturday, March 1
Yakima Valley 89, Umpqua 79
Spokane 81, SW Oregon 64
Bellevue 70, L. Columbia 63
Peninsula 88, Clackamas 84
Whatcom 81, Big Bend 68
Everett 72, Highline 69

Friday, Feb. 29
Umpqua 80, Bellevue 73
Yak. Valley 70, L. Columbia 66
SW Oregon 89, Peninsula 84
Spokane 78, Clackamas 50
Big Bend 75, Grays Harbor 70
Whatcom 81, Lane 75
Highline 73, Treasure Valley 63
Everett 92, S. Puget Sound 86

Thursday, Feb. 28
Bellevue 86, Big Bend 84 OT

Umpqua 68, Grays Harbor 63
L. Columbia 74, Lane 61
Yakima Valley 81, Whatcom 71

SW Oregon 72, Highline 64
Peninsula 88, Treasure Valley 70
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By Satori Johnson
Staff Reporter

With huge eyes and porcelain white skin, Emily Wilcken looks like she could have stepped right out of the anime comic she writes.

Wilcken is a Highline staff member who works as an office assistant in Building 5, but her passion for Manga artwork, a style of Japanese comic, takes a front seat in her life.

"The meanings and the characters are very deep," she said. "It's different than American cartoons, it's more grown up."

Wilcken said she has always loved creating art, but there was

something extra special that drew her into the anime world.

"When I was about 10 or 11 years old, my brothers introduced me to *Sailor Moon*," she said. "The character design was so different than anything I'd ever seen."

Watching Japanese anime shows influenced her to start draw anime at the age of 12.

Wilcken graduated from Highline with an associate of arts degree. She traveled to Japan where she said many of her experiences added depth and richness into her work.

"It helped to see firsthand the places that you want to illustrate," she said. "You want to

make the artwork accurate and authentic."

Being immersed in the Japanese culture gave her many inspirations for her work.

"I'm inspired by Japanese culture, the music, fashion, especially Japanese street fashion because it's so unique."

Wilcken is currently working on a Manga titled *The Way to Your Heart*. The story involves a young girl who transfers to a new school where she meets a young man, who is the lead singer of a band. Along with themes of love, friendship, jealousy, and acceptance, the characters endure personal struggles and help each other grow emo-

tionally.

Although her passion drives her to overcome her obstacles, she said she faces many challenges as a Manga artist.

She said it was a struggle for her to create artwork in a Japanese style because so much of the Japanese culture, which she was unfamiliar with, was involved in the work.

"At first it was especially difficult because it's (Japanese culture) so different from American culture, but because it's gaining popularity in America it's getting easier."

As a comic writer, she creates all of the illustrations as well as the story line. Her cur-

rent project *The Way to Your Heart* was started in 2002 and isn't even half-way finished she said. There are 345 pages completed, each one taking about nine hours to complete.

"(It (Manga artwork) can be pretty time consuming."

She said she dreams of the day when she can devote an entire eight hour day to her passion, until then freelance writing will suffice.

"I would love to do it professionally," she said. "I would be able to dedicate all of my time to it."

Wilcken's Manga is available for the public to read at her website, emi-art.com.

Highline's Chorale continues global reach through international music

By Satori Johnson
Staff Reporter

Highline Chorale students say they are filled with excitement and anticipation as the quarter ends and all their diligence culminates in the winter concert.

"They (the audience) can expect for our hard work to show," said third-year Chorale member Jay Smith.

The winter concert will be March 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Building 7. The concert is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first come first serve basis.

For the winter concert, the Chorale will be performing a repertoire of six pieces of musical literature from all over the world in their respective languages.

They will be performing: *Il Est Bel Et Bon* by Passereau, an early French Renaissance piece written in 1535; a piece based on a Japanese folk song titled *Kojo No Tsuki* (Moon at the Ruined Castle) by Rentaro Taki; *La Lluvia*, by Stephen Hatfield, an Ecuadorian folk melody about the rain, using double pan pipes called siki to make sounds of the storm; *Mi Yitneni Of*



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Highline Chorale members practice for their upcoming performance.

(Who Will Give Me Wings?), a song with a traditional Jewish melody with lyrics by Shimoni/Snyder; *Lux Arumque* (Light of Gold Lustre), based on an Esch poem with lyrics by Eric Whitacre; and *Gate Gate* (Gah-Tay), a song based on a Buddhist mantra written by Brian Tate.

Amanda Sample, a new member to Chorale, will be singing a solo from *Bester Jungling* from *Der Schauspieldirektor* by

Mozart, *Nell* by Gabriel Fauré, *Endless Pleasure* from *Semele* by G.F. Handel, *Elle A Fui, La Tourterelle* from *Les Contes D'Hoffman* by Jacques Offenbach.

Jennifer Krenning will be singing a French impressionist piece by Gabriel Fauré titled *Rêve d'amour*.

A favorite among many of the Chorale students is *Lux Arumque*.

"It's a calm and relax-

ing song," said Jay Smith. "It can almost bring tears to your eyes."

Not all of the material came easily to the students though. Many singers were challenged by advanced and technical music.

"Unusual meter changes in *Gate Gate* were definitely challenging for a lot of us, but we've gotten a lot better and it sounds good," said Sample.

Chorale is an audition-only

group. This quarter the Chorale has approximately 20 members, many of whom have returned from previous quarters.

Lynn Smith, a new member of Chorale, said she is excited to be a part of the group.

"When I started, Dr. Glover said that I would get better, and I did. I've improved tremendously," Smith said.

Interested prospective singers are invited to come to rehearsal in Building 4, room 104 between 1:20 p.m. and 2:20 p.m. at the beginning of Spring Quarter.

"Performing for people is a good experience," said Zoe Westbrook, also a new member of the Chorale.

"When you're singing, it's like you're showing a part of who you are and it can be nerve racking," she said.

The stress of concert time strengthens the bond between the singers.

"Performing together really brings us all together," said member Frances Hunsberger. "It's like our own family. It doesn't matter if whether or not you like somebody, you'll like them by the time the quarters over."

Cabellon to showcase photography in Library exhibit

By Satori Johnson
Staff Reporter

A woman walking down a city sidewalk in her winter coat; a lone seagull flying over a telephone pole set against the gray backdrop of Seattle clouds; rows of electric blue fish tanks; in these everyday scenes, Highline student Mandy Cabellon finds something beautiful and with her photography, captures it to share with others.

Cabellon’s collection of photography titled *élan* will be featured for the March Library art exhibit.

Every month, the Library displays the work of a local artist for the public to see for free. The exhibit is located on the fourth floor of the Library and is open during Library hours.

Cabellon’s art exhibition will be the first time her work will be on display for the public.

“I hope they like it. I actually really enjoy taking pictures for myself. Photography is some-

thing I do to please myself, and it’s nice to show others what I think is art.”

Cabellon has lived in the Puget Sound all her life and takes pictures of things that inspire her.

“What better area to take pictures than your own home?” she asked.

All of her photos have been taken in Washington, from Seattle to Northeast Tacoma.

“If I’m driving and I see something, I will pull over and start taking pictures,” she said. “That’s the way I like it. It just kind of happens.”

Cabellon says she wants to tell a story with her photos, to not just take a picture of a pretty face, but a person. Her work has evolved from staged photos to natural pictures.

“I used to have everything set up, from the make-up to the hair, now I like taking pictures that tell a story,” she said.

Her love for photography all started two years ago when she picked up a camera and started to experiment. Since then she has taught herself the art of photography.



Mandy Cabellon

Cabellon’s photo of downtown Seattle is part of a collection titled *élan* on display in the Library

New Blend act Society’s Child brings R&B music to Highline

R&B band Society’s Child will be performing for Spring Quarter’s final Blend.

The Blend is a bi-monthly music concert hosted by Student Programs that takes place at Highline’s Bistro. The shows are an opportunity for local artists and Highline students to reach college students with their work.

Next week’s Blend will be from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, and is free for Highline students, faculty and staff to attend.

The band’s keyboard player Arthur Ross is also works at Highline’s registrar’s office. Of the remaining members, three are vocalists, one on bass , one on keyboard and one on drums. Altogether, the five members of Society’s Child will perform for their second Blend concert in two years.

They will perform popular cover tunes including songs by The Temptations, Gladys Knight, Earth, Wind & Fire, as well as music by contemporary artists such as Blackstreet and Alicia Keys.

Arts news?
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‘Nightmare of a Married Man’ to explore drama of matrimony


Centerstage Theatre is performing *Nightmare of A Married Man* at the Knutzen Family Theater.

Centerstage’s own artistic and managing director, Alan Bryce, wrote the play, which is a comedic thriller about irreconcilable differences in two marriages.

The cast consists of Bob DeDea as Gordon, Lisa Viertel as Yvonne, Jeremy Topping as Stephen and Helen Harvester as Anita.

Nightmare of A Married Man runs through March 16 on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. Only people over the age of 16 may attend. Tickets are \$8 for youths (under 18), \$20 for students, seniors, and military and \$25 for adults. Tickets may be purchased online at www.centerstagetheatre.com or by phone at 253-661-1444.


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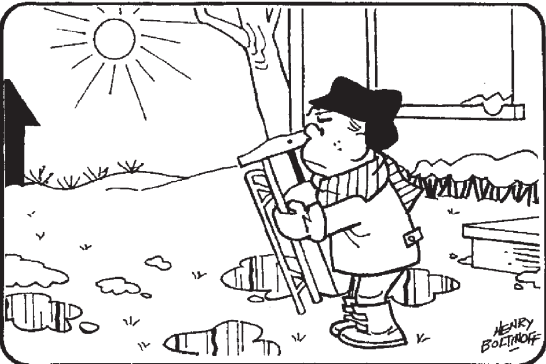


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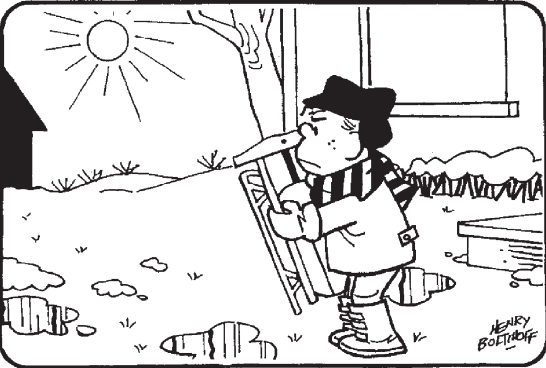
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1. GEOGRAPHY: What was the ancient name for Japan's capital Tokyo?
2. ANATOMY: How many chromosomes do human beings have?
3. TELEVISION: What popular 1970s U.S. sitcom was based on an earlier TV series in the United Kingdom called *Till Death Us Do Part*?
4. LITERATURE: What is the name of the family in John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*?
5. SCIENCE: A scientist who studies animals is known as what?
6. MOVIES: Who played the dead friend in *The Big Chill*, although none of his scenes appeared in the final movie?

7. INVENTIONS: Who invented the cowboy hat?
 8. ENTERTAINERS: What is the birth name of singer Diana Ross?
 9. COMICS: What is the name of the news correspondent in *Doonesbury*?
 10. U.S. PRESIDENT: Who was the only president to be married in a White House ceremony?
1. Edo
2. 46 (23 pairs)
3. All in the Family
4. The Joads
5. A zoologist
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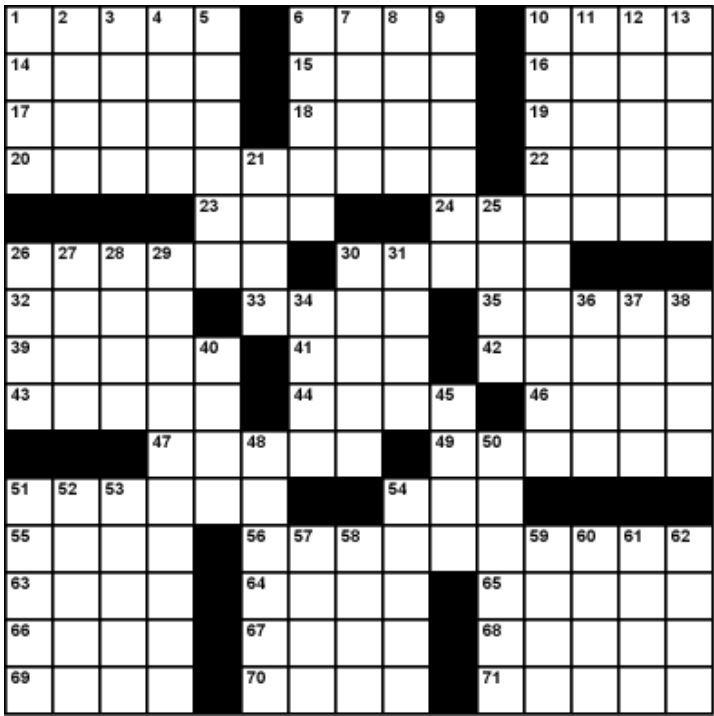
1. Colgate rival
6. Spreadsheet numbers
10. Wood cutters
14. Flower child, e.g.
15. Kind of agreement
16. Help in a holdup
17. More aloof
18. Pinball foul
19. Gaucho's weapon
20. Cape Canaveral neighbor
22. Small whirlpool
23. Easter lead-in
24. Go out
26. Dapper
30. Not together
32. Mesa dweller
33. Seafood selection
35. Main line
39. Bids first
41. First name of 16th President found within 20A, 56A, 10D and 20D
42. "Sicko" film maker
43. Golfer's choice
44. Pitch
46. Wedding cake feature
47. Rock garden herb
49. Fashion designer Laura
51. Turned into
54. Order to Fido
55. Part of U.A.E.
56. Do a street cop's job?
63. Peeved
64. Guesstimate words
65. Andean animal
66. Object of worship
67. Eye drop
68. Also-ran
69. Pen part
70. Tender-hearted
71. Hound's clue

Down

1. Smart

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



2. Puerto ____
3. "Paradise Lost," e.g.
4. Plan detail, briefly
5. Tough boss
6. Grandparent, often
7. Opera highlight
8. After-bath powder
9. Tennis great Gibson
10. Extinct tiger
11. Home
12. Joins
13. Collar inserts
21. Some scouts
25. Fat unit
26. Finish third
27. Tiara wearer
28. Newspaper piece
29. Sounds familiar
30. Photo holder
31. Jury member
34. Pearl Harbor locale
36. Stir up
37. Hammock holder
38. Eagle's home:Var.
40. Appear to be

45. Put tile down
48. Stops on a line
50. Drags one's feet
51. Kind of training
52. Lose ground
53. Actress Burnett
54. Belt
57. Nabisco treat
58. Mil. fliers
59. Legislative group
60. Alleviate
61. End of grace
62. Like sour grapes

Quotable Quote

A union of government and religion tends to destroy government and degrade religion.

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Arts Calendar

- Highline's winter drama production, *All in the Timing*, runs tonight, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Little Theatre in Building 4. The collection of one-act plays by David Ives opened last week. Tickets are \$6 for students and \$7 for adults.
- Actor Frank Ferrante presents "An Evening with Groucho Marx" on Thursday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Kent-Meridian Performing Arts Center, 10020 SE 256th St., Kent. The show features classic Marx Brothers songs, dances, jokes, ad-libs and audience interaction. Tickets are \$24 for adults and \$22 for students and seniors. Tickets are available on-line at www.kentarts.com, by calling 253-856-5051.

- Ladies of Slack Key Guitar come to the Kentwood Performing Arts Center, 25800 164th Ave. SE, Covington, 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 15. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$23 for students and seniors. Tickets are available on-line at www.kentarts.com, by calling 253-856-5051.

Last week's

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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•College students with school ID can explore the mystery of uncertainty in the Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-winning play *Doubt, A Parable* at a dramatically reduced price of \$10 on Taproot Theatre Company's University Night, April 3, 2008, at 7:30

p.m. Taproot also offers a \$2 discount for students and a \$15 ticket to people ages 25 and under for all performances during the regular season. To purchase tickets, contact the box office at 206-781-9707. Half-price rush tickets

are available at the box office to students 15 minutes prior to curtain when available. *Doubt, A Parable* runs from March 28 - April 26 with previews on March 26-27.

Last week's crossword solution

WALKING ON EGGS

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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!

Experiment shows earthquakes are unpredictable

By Martin Ericksen
Staff Reporter

Through an experiment with a brick and sandpaper Eric Baer, a geology professor at Highline, said that people can't predict earthquakes.

People living in the Puget Sound area are likely to be affected by earthquakes.

This is because of the earthquake faults such as the Seattle and Tacoma faults.

What generates most of the earthquakes in this area is the Cascadian Subduction Zone in the ocean, just off the coast of Washington.

At the subduction zone two plates collide and the stress built up by the subducted plate creates earthquakes when the stress is released.

Last week at Science Seminar Baer presented Forecasting Earthquakes: A Hands-On Activity, in which he demonstrated the random occurrence of earth-



Martin Ericksen/THUNDERWORD

A student slowly pulls a string to make a brick move in an experiment which simulates the unpredictability of earthquakes.

quakes through a lab activity.

At the seminar several tables were set up with sandpaper glued to them and Baer had the audience break into groups to perform an experiment.

The experiment was to set a brick attached to stretchy

rope on the sandpaper and then slowly pull on the rope until the brick yielded and slid.

"People got a chance to test ideas about earthquakes and come up with their own conclusions," Baer said.

In each group there was a

person to pull on the rope and someone to measure the distance the rope was pulled, and how far the brick traveled once it yielded.

The results of each trial were recorded to determine whether the brick slid at random or if its yield point could be predicted. Baer instructed the participants to perform the experiment with the brick and sandpaper 12 to 20 times to get a more accurate account.

Most of the bricks yielded a few inches under the strain applied by the rope, but there were some cases in which the brick slid much further. There was even a trial where the brick slid the full length of the sandpaper and flew off the table, nearly hitting a group member at another table.

When the experiment was over Baer gathered the information and plotted it on a graph. The data showed that the amount of stress on the brick did not determine how far it slid. The oc-



Eric Baer

currences were random-as Baer predicted.

Although people can't predict earthquakes, they can take steps to prepare for them such as having an earthquake kit, and an emergency plan, Baer said.

"Earthquakes are like car accidents on the freeway, you don't know when or where it's going to happen. You just know that it's going to happen," Baer said.

Scholarship application deadline extended

By Alyssa Hoffman
Staff Reporter

The Mathematics scholarships' new deadline is approaching rapidly.

The deadline for the scholarship has been changed from March 1 to March 14.

Highline students who are enrolled in the calculus sequence (Math 124, 125, 126) or in the Precalculus sequence (Math 115, 116) are encouraged to apply.

"This scholarship is targeted at students who will be taking a significant portion of the higher end of the calculus sequence," said Allan Walton, math profes-

sor at Highline.

The value of the math scholarship is up to \$1000. The amount may vary due to financial need.

"Students do not have to be math majors to apply. Some of our best applicants have been science majors," said Walton.

In order to apply you must submit a completed application which includes a copy of the a current Highline transcript, two letters of recommendation (one from the math department), a detailed plan of courses the applicant will take, and a personal statement from the applicant.

A GPA of 3.25 and a demonstrated mathematical competen-

cy is required to apply.

All completed applications must be turned in to the Math Department secretary in Building 18, by March 14, for the scholarship to be awarded by the next academic year.

The scholarship winners will be announced by April 1, 2008.

Students can apply for Power of One conference

Nine spots are available to Highline students to attend The Power of One conference.

The conference is designed for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered college students to come together and share information to create positive changes in their communities. The purpose of this year's conference is to explore connections

between past social movements in the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities and today's academia using discussions and activities.

Applications are due March 19, for information about this event and the application contact Josh Magallanes at 206-878-3710, ext. 3886, or Cesar Portillo at ext. 3320.

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Dushan's brings style and more to Des Moines

Former Des Moines resident returns to town, brings variety

By Nathan Brown
Staff Reporter

Dushan's is trying to fill the void in downtown Des Moines, after Benson's Fashion Apparel closed last year.

The new location works well due to Mrs. Benson's boutique having been located there previously, said Dushan's owner Pamela, who asked that her last name not be used.

Mrs. Benson retired after 42 years and freed the space for Dushan's to relocate to.

Dushan's had previous locations in Federal Way and Edgewood but arrived at its current location on Sept. 27, 2007.

"I lived here many years ago and it was the happiest time of my life," Pamela said about another contributing factor to Des Moines being a good location



Nathan Brown/THUNDERWORD

Dushan's owner Pamela relocated her business to the former site of Benson's Fashion Apparel.

for her store.

Dushan's is an alternative to the mall for women looking for a boutique, Pamela said. Customers can park at the front door instead of walking nine miles.

Dushan's is also more than just a women's boutique. The store offers a vast product inventory which is a lot for the eyes to take in at first glance. The store specializes in women's clothing,

gift wear, furniture and Spode china.

"We wanted something for everyone," said Pamela. The store's garments range in size from small to 3X and prices

range from \$10 to \$200.

Dushan's has evolved immensely from the original idea, Pamela said. The store was initially supposed to be a small gift wear shop which also carried furniture, Pamela said.

"The clothing just sort of grew," Pamela said.

There's a lot of satisfaction in making someone look good, Pamela said. Her goal is to accentuate a person's better features, and masking the less flattering ones.

It's good to see a customer smile about a purchase, she said.

Due to the variety of products Dushan's carries, many of the early passers-by thought the store was an antique shop, Pamela said.

"If people took a chance they would really find something to buy. It's hard to not find something," Pamela said.

Dushan's is located at 21907 Marine View Dr. S. in Des Moines, and is open every day except Sunday, from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Highline accounting students offer free income tax preparation

By Max Dubbeldam
Staff Reporter

Highline offers free income tax return assistance thanks to a dozen student volunteers.

Accounting instructor Geoff Turck is organizing this 10th annual event using accounting students from Highline as well as from Central Washington University.

"Turck made the announcement before the quarter started to all accounting students," said student volunteer Abdelraziq Adam. "It was a great idea for me because I get to know more about accounting and I get to help the community."

Adam and his fellow volun-

teers took a month long course in which they were trained to prepare income tax return forms.

"They had IRS-developed training materials which they studied and then they passed the exam that came with it," said accounting instructor Turck. "They can do the basic 1040 income tax return and electronically file them for free."

"We're at the same level as the professionals," said Adam.

Turck said there are a few situations that can't be handled. These include owning rental

property, charitable contributions other than cash that were greater than \$500, "day-trading" of financial securities, and proprietorships that incurred a loss for the tax year of 2007.

"The software we have isn't capable to do some of the extra stuff," said Adam.

"If an individual has an income tax situation that is beyond our scope, then we will advise the taxpayer to see a paid professional," said Turck.

If you're interested in this free income tax service you need to bring a copy of your

2006 tax return form, your 2007 W-2 forms received in the mail, well-documented Social Security numbers and birth dates for household family members as well as for the individual, and in the case that you would like your refund to be deposited directly into your account, you

need to bring bank routing and account numbers.

"Plan for at least an hour," said Turck. "Make sure to bring your patience."

The service takes place every Friday until April 11 from 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Building 29, room 308.

Yangzhou representative to visit Highline today

Zhao Lan, program coordinator of the Yangzhou Foreign Affairs Office, is coming to Highline today to talk about such topics as business training and policies.

She will also share some information about her hometown of Yangzhou, one of Kent's sister cities since 1993.

Yangzhou on China's eastern coast, and is northwest of Shanghai. The city is known for its beautiful landscapes.

Lan's presentation will begin at 12:15 p.m. in Building 7.

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\$50,000, but gifts are still coming in. Since we’ve sent out the e-mail, a number of people have contacted me and are interested in giving,” he said. “There are a lot of people on campus that have indicated that they would like to give, but are also very busy -- so tracking the paperwork is our goal.”

A popular option among faculty and staff has been to contribute enough funds to receive a wall plaque at the MaST Cen-

ter with their name on it, which will be displayed permanently. Some faculty and staff have donated a wall plaque in memory of the late Darlene Rangitsch, a longtime library technician who recently died.

The Campus Family Campaign was first conceptualized in the middle of Fall Quarter and after a few weeks of rigorous planning, the Campus Campaign Committee hosted a faculty and staff professional day at the Highline Student Union where they introduced their plan to raise funds for the Mast Center.

“There was a pretty big re-

ception, about one-third of the faculty and staff attended,” Maplestone said. “We introduced the MaST Center with a PowerPoint presentation, revealed the artist’s conceptions and drawings, and handed out fliers. There was also a 20-foot sailboat on display inside the Student Union building.”

Throughout Fall Quarter the committee went around to the faculty and staff buildings and displayed tanks with fish caught locally from Redondo and handed out fliers and pamphlets during meetings.

“There are about 20 of us on the committee and each member

is from a different department,” Maplestone said. “We were each responsible for letting our department know about the MaST Center and the Campus Family Campaign program.”

“The Capital Campaign has received donations from a variety of sources,” Maplestone said. “There has been big interest from students, and the student government is considering making a donation. “We contacted all the retirees and as a group they have made a substantial contribution,” Maplestone said.

“If people give a gift, they can designate where the funds

would be applied--either to the endowment, capital campaign, or unrestricted where the foundation would decide where to best apply the funds,” Maplestone said.

“We’ll be expanding the Campus Family Campaign until June with the hopes of reaching our goal,” Maplestone said. “A donor has agreed to match any gift up to \$200,000 and any new donations will count as double.”

Anyone that is still interested in donating to the Capital Campaign can contact Maplestone at 206-878-3710, ext. 3521, or Rod Stephenson at ext. 3696.

Birmingham

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status will change if he is selected at another college and he consequently withdraws his application,” Vander Ark said.

Dr. Birmingham would have to withdraw his own name to be removed from the search process, she said.

Dr. Birmingham said that his candidacy at another college will not affect his work at Highline.

“I remain committed to providing leadership and enthusiasm to the college in collaboration with executive staff and the Board during my tenure here,” he said.

Presidential Search Advisory Committee member and Reference Librarian Jack Harton said he was not surprised by Dr. Birmingham’s candidacy at Santa Barbara.

“He is an excellent candidate for a presidential position at any college,” Harton said.

“It’s something that a person of his abilities should be looking into.”

Santa Barbara City College in Goleta, California is a community college like Highline.

It is on the south coast of Santa Barbara County, in Southern California. Santa Barbara is located about 100 miles north of Los Angeles, California.

Approximately 19,000 students are enrolled each semester and 50,000 continuing education students annually.

Santa Barbara announced last Friday that Dr. Birmingham and Dr. Carlos Campo of the College of Southern Nevada were the two finalists for the position, but Campo removed his name from the running to take a position at Regent University in Virginia on Monday.

The search committee at Santa Barbara decided to add three additional candidates to the finalists at a meeting on Tuesday.

The three additional candidates at Santa Barbara are Dr. Jack Friedlander, executive vice president of Educational Programs at Santa Barbara; Andrea

Serban, former institutional researcher and associate vice president of Informational Technology, Research and Planning at Santa Barbara from South Orange Coast College; and current Umpqua (Roseburg, Oregon) Community College President Blaine Nisson.

Santa Barbara wanted to add more candidates to the list for the benefit of the college, said Luis Villegas, a member of the Board of Trustees and presidential search committee in a recent interview for The Channels, Santa Barbara’s college newspaper.

Santa Barbara declined to comment on their presidential search.

Some faculty feel that Dr. Birmingham accepting a position at another school would be loss for the college, but hope that he will remain. Most faculty members contacted declined to comment.

“Jack would probably rather stay here,” said Terry Meerdink, a mathematics teacher at Highline.

He has been here longer and

is probably proud of the progress he has made. He has helped make Highline one of the most diverse colleges in the nation ,Meerdink said.

“I think that his (Dr. Birmingham’s) preference would be to stay Highline, but I don’t think that anyone in his position would be wise to stay in

one place hoping for something good to happen without checking out other possibilities,” Harton said.

Harton said that Dr. Birmingham and Highline are both going through a difficult process.

“You have a person and place trying to do what is best for them,” he said.

Highline grad to speak about AIDS effect on African orphans

Former Highline student Meheret (Debebe) Endeshaw will speak about the how the psychological stigma of AIDS affects AIDS orphans in Ethiopia and how her summer project in Africa will address this problem.

Endeshaw graduated from Highline as an Honors Scholar and will graduate from Whitman College this spring.

She recieved a national grant to fund her project

Endeshaw will speak in Building 7 from 12:10-1:15 p.m. next Wednesday, March 12.

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Maina

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ed States, Maina, who is 31, worked as a salesman for Mutual of Omaha and often went to the shooting range on his days off.

On the way to the range, he would pass a small, very poor village of mostly women and children who lived in houses made of paper cutouts and plastic. “You could tell the structures would not last,” said Maina. “Kenya is very dry and the structures had recently been rebuilt after being destroyed in a fire.”

One day in early 2005, he stopped at the village and spoke with the leader.

Because he spoke Swahili and most of the villagers did not, he had to have someone translate for him.

Kenya has 42 tribes, each with its own language, but the Swahili language is only taught in school.

Maina found out that most of the women living there were former street girls infected by the AIDS virus and had nowhere else to go with their families and children.

“They had support from no one and lived mainly on corn, which they grew, and the occasional donation,” Maina said. “The children only had porridge to eat and were very malnourished, with large, bloated stomachs and small feet.”

“They really suffered – they would walk miles for a cup of water from a contaminated river or stream. A lot of children had been born with AIDS and had died because of the contamination.”

Maina decided he had to do something to help.

“So I went back to my com-

pany and had a meeting with my friends. We formed a club and came up with ideas to help them.”

“First we collected baby clothes,” said Maina. “But we also knew the children needed schooling. If not, they would group without education and the only recourse they would have would be a life of crime.”

Maina and his friends then built two classrooms, using the same materials that were available to the villagers such as paper cutouts and plastic. They also hired a teacher.

“But there was a problem: the kids weren’t able to learn on empty stomachs. We needed a feeding program, so we hired someone to cook food at the school,” said Maina. “And the attendance went from 15 kids to 40 or 50.”

The problems continued but Maina and his friends found a solution.

“Then the classrooms weren’t adequate and we had to incorporate more members to join the club and help,” he said.

“We also raised enough funds to connect the village to city water and sewer pipes, which ran only a few feet from



Samuel Maina (third from left standing) is using his experiences from Kenya to make a difference.

the village.”

Unfortunately, Maina had to resign his position in the club when he moved to the United States in late 2005.

The club he founded continued to support the village until December of 2007, when Mutual of Omaha came under new management and laid off many employees. Before the layoff, the club was able to build permanent classrooms for the children.

Maina says he became like a surrogate son to many of the elderly women and he still calls them frequently.

“They know they have a son somewhere who is looking out for their needs.”

He said that he learned the value of giving back from his mother, who was a teacher who personally paid for many children to attend school. She also

lobbied schools to allow the brightest underprivileged children to attend for free.

There is a new government in Kenya now and free public schooling is available for grades one through 12.

In addition to learning three more languages during his time at the village, Maina said, “it was amazing to realize that so much is taken for granted.”

Maina plans on completing his associate degree, and then wants to transfer to the University of Washington.

“At that point I may possibly go back home and begin giving back,” said Maina. “With a bachelor’s degree I can start working as I pursue more goals in life.”

He wants to continue his medical education in his hometown of Nairobi. “It’s never

too late to become a doctor,” he said.

Maina encourages people to contribute to charity instead of just saving their money.

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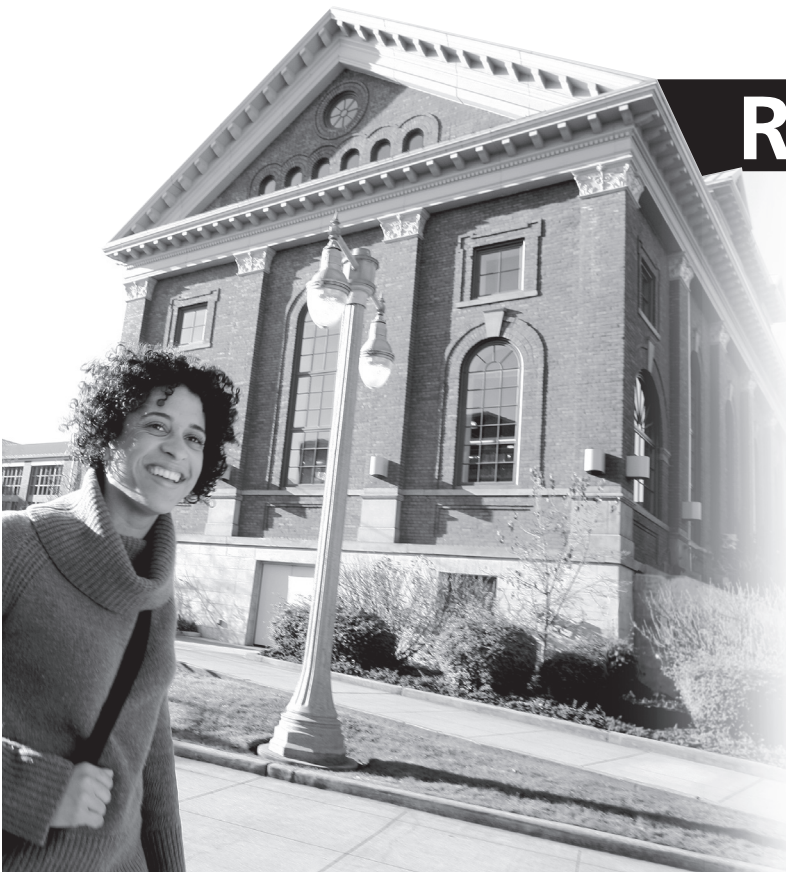
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