Bermingham presidential finalist in California

By Carrie Draeger
Staff Reporter

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

Dr. Bermingham 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, meaning that Dr. Bermingham 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 Highlines 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. Bermingham has been serving as interim president since the firing of Dr. Priscilla Bell in November 2006. When Dr. Bell was hired in 2001, Dr. Bermingham 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 wonderful opportunity,” Dr. Bermingham said. “Since some will ask how this affects my candidacy at Highline, I thought I should write directly to you,” Dr. Bermingham 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. Bermingham’s)

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 $100,000.”

See MaST / P15

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-
**Cooperative Education**

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 sawed the jamb. He complied with Security and left the building.

**Runaway car is recovered**

The Security Office received a phone call about a vehicle that rolled eight feet backward in Building 3 on March 3. Security found a black Acura left in neutral with the emergency brake half-way up. The vehicle rolled downhill out of its parking spot at 9:31 a.m. on March 3.

Security arrived. The man claimed that he was waiting for the bus and sawed the jamb. He complied with Security and left the building.

**Porn watcher gets ousted**

Two juveniles complained to Library staff about a man watching porn where they were sitting. Security found him wandering around the building and questioned him. He claimed that he was waiting for the bus and sawed the jamb. He complied with Security and left the building.

**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 about the incident. The man was turned over to the police.

**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 live action short film Eranos Pocus (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.

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**Where:** On Campus High/Mach 52/88

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**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 11:10-50 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 Keppinger, 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**

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

Zulu has spoken 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 10:10-4:54 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.

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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 consists of students building and designing their derby cars. The second part is the redesign report; students make modifications to their cars in order to make them go faster and 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.

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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.

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 5 a.m. tomorrow.

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Construction crews striping new section of Pacific Highway today

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• 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. to 5 a.m. tomorrow.
  - The on-ramp from southbound Rainier Avenue South (SR 167) to northbound I-405 will be closed from 10 p.m. to 5 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 roadway.

• This is a one-time project, and work will be completed before the rush-hour period today.

• The left lane of the off-ramp from southbound I-5 to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport will be closed from 8 a.m. to 6 p.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 South 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. to 5 a.m. tomorrow.

This is a one-time project, and work will be completed before the rush-hour period today.
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 Terrorism 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.

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 off-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 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 Maramba 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 gunshot wound. Instead, it is in the

Dorica's journey and the challenges faced in Livingstone, Zambia, highlight the importance of education and proper medical practices. Dorica's dreams of living in Utopia outside Zambia and the realities of the current situation create a stark contrast, emphasizing the need for global support and understanding.

The Protect America Act, while controversial, raises important questions about the balance between national security and civil liberties. This debate is crucial for ensuring that our systems do not erode fundamental rights in the pursuit of protection.

In conclusion, while the Protect America Act may offer a temporary solution, the long-term solution lies in comprehensive reforms that respect our civil liberties while maintaining national security.
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.

Albeit it was somewhat of a joke, on Dec. 25, 2003, I remember not wanting anything else for Christmas except for a mass wedding and a huge Christmas meal. 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 re-integrate 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.

I was told that my situation wasn't unique and that I was too young to deal with these problems. 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 had if I wasn't in the Army.

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 simple matters which many civilians take for granted. Clean drinking water and enough ammunition are real concerns for soldiers.

I was asked to lead a team to replace the soldiers who had been killed and injured. My friends would be could with her boyfriend back in Germany. It was evident that my life would forever be changed by this war.

My unit 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.

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, return to a sense of dignity throughout the rest of the world.

I trust him to fix mistakes that have been made by our government administrations. I know he’ll be honest with me, because he knows what democracy is and values our country.

Dear editor:

Don't call me trendy, call me responsible.

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

If another old white woman voting for Hillary Clinton is 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 1950s. I'm not rebelling. I am being a responsible and 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.

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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 him. I know that many McCain supporters I talk to 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 anything, ignorance is the trend.

Michelle Duffie, Highline student
T-Birds’ hopes dashed early in NWAACC tournament

By Nick Bare
Staff Reporter

KENNEWICK—The Highline men’s basketball team’s chances for a championship were dashed before lunchtime last Thursday.

In a tournament that had Yakima Valley upset 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 six-point 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.

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 Cody 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 Sh德rick 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.

“The (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 a positive experience.

“It was a positive experience. We had our highs and lows. We weren’t as effective offensive as we have been,” Dawson said.

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

“It couldn’t hurt,” Dawson added.

A WAACC tournament stay on Friday with a 72-64 victory over Highline.

Highline guard Kelly Edwards (34) scored a game-high 17 points in the victory over the Chukars.

By Jesse Olson/THUNDERWORD

Freshman forward Cody 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 ended 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 Cody 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 Sh德rick 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 a positive experience.

“It was a positive experience. We had our highs and lows. We weren’t as effective offensive as we have been,” Dawson said.

With a roster that will be returning 10 freshmen, and one redshirt freshman, 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 play,” 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 tournament, only to have their hopes dashed by a first round loss to Everett, 72-69.

“We didn’t know what to expect,” Sophomore Kris Rainwater 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.

Rainwater was surprised at the leadership role he stumbled into upon transferring, but enjoyed 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.”

The T-Birds won their second NWAACC tournament selection 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.

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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.

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.

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

Kelly Edwards (right) makes a successful shot against the Treasure Valley Chukars in last Friday’s win. Guard Shedrick Nelson (below) dribbles past Everett’s Jon Moe in last Saturday’s loss to the Trojans.
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 .474.

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

“Her 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 confident 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.

“I think this team hopes to be pretty good 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 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 NWAAC’s 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 preseason coming on March 8 against Big Bend. The games will be at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
Highline’s Chorale continues global reach through international music

By Satori Johnson

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 Rose by Passeroue, an early French Renaissance piece written in 1535; a piece based on a Japanese folk song titled Kogu 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 (Light of the storm; pipes called siki to make sounds about the rain, using double pan an Ecuadorian folk melody (ined Castle) by Rentaro Taki; and a song with a traditional Jewish melody with lyrics by Shimoni Snyder; Lux Aeterna (Light of Gold Lustre), based on an Esch poem with lyrics by Eric Whitacre; and Gate Gate (Gat-Yay), 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 Schauspieljäger. Mozart, Nell by Gabriel Fauré, Endless Pleasure from Semele by G.F. Handel, Elle A Fus, La Trouxterelle 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 Aeterna. “It’s a calm and relaxing song,” said Jay Smith. “It can almost bring tears to your eyes.” Not all of the material came easy 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 rehearsals 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 Westbrooke, 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.”
Cabellaon 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.

Cabellaon’s collection of photography titled elán 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.

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

Cabellaon 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.”

Cabellaon says she wants to tell a story with her photos, 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.

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“Photography is one of the most expressive ways to put myself into the art and to show a part of myself,” said Cabellon. Cabellon is currently in her third year of studying toward a business degree at Highline.

Her business degree has helped her establish her own business doing freelance photography.

Photo shoots and pictorials help bring in income for Cabellon and also give her the opportunity to refine her skill.

“I hope it (photography) remains a part of my life because it’s an outlet for me,” she said.

Examples of her work and more information are available on her website www.mandaling.com.

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.

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 Sundays and Saturdays at 2 p.m.

Only people over the age of 16 may attend. Tickets are $8 for adults, $5 for 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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Highline’s winter drama production, All in the Timing, runs tonight, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Little Theatre in Building 8.

The collection of one-act plays by David Ives opened last week.

Tickets are $8 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.

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• Doubt, A Parable runs from March 28 - April 26 with previews on March 26-27.

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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 earthquakes 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 occurrence 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 professor 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 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 competency 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.

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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 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.

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

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 volunteers

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 Center 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 reception, 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 very happy with 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.

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

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

Dr. Bermingham 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. Bermingham’s decision.

“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. Bermingham 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 decided to comment on their presidential search.

Some faculty feel that Dr. Bermingham accepting a position at another school would be a 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. Bermingham’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. Bermingham 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 received 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, 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 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.”

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Maina decided he had to do something to help.

“So I went back to my community 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 clothing 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.”

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“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 the village.”

Unfortunately, Maina had to resign his position in the club when he moved to the United States in late 2005. There is a new government in Kenya now and free public schooling is available for grades one through 12.

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 instead of just saving their money. “The return is so much greater than the interest you would earn at the bank.”