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Highline Community College

The Thunderword

Birmingham to build on Highline's strengths

By **Carrie Draeger**
Staff Reporter

Dr. Jack Birmingham wants to build Highline's future on its solid foundation.

"I think you have to spend as much energy on what you do well as you do on weakness," he said.

Dr. Birmingham was appointed Highline's president last Thursday by a unanimous vote from the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Bermingman's appointment was met with cheers and yells by the faculty, staff, and students present.

"I was particularly pleased with the warm reception and ovation I received," he said.

At the Board meeting where Dr. Birmingham was announced trustee, Dr. Ed Davila commended him for his patience and perseverance.

"Because you prevailed, you will be stronger and the college will be stronger," Dr. Davila said.

Dr. Birmingham has served as Highline's interim president since the Board fired Dr. Priscilla Bell in November 2006. Before his appointment to interim president, Dr. Birmingham served as Highline's vice president of academic affairs since 1994 and was a finalist when Dr. Bell was hired in 2001.



David Hsu/THUNDERWORD

Dr. Jack Birmingham (background center) was named president in last Thursday's Board meeting.

Dr. Birmingham was one of five finalists to visit Highline to be interviewed for the position during the past two months.

"I had a strong commitment to my colleagues at the college and to the local community and I thought I could address that commitment more effectively as president," Birmingham said of his desire to be president.

Dr. Birmingham said that funding is a great challenge for Highline in the future.

"The ongoing challenge is

funding resources," he said.

Dr. Birmingham said that programs such as Adult Basic Education, English as a Second Language, and Running Start create a funding problem for Highline.

"(ABE/ESL) is critical to our community but does not create tuition dollars," he said.

Dr. Birmingham said that Running Start is an "underfunded resource" and hopes that the work that Highline has done in the Legislature will put Running

Start on the radar.

Dr. Birmingham also said that he hopes to work with the Legislature toward the replacement of buildings on campus.

"Though we've done really well with our meager capital funds for repair and renovation, there are several buildings that need replacing," he said.

Dr. Birmingham also wants to develop the relationship that he has with the Board and with the surrounding community.

He said that he hopes he and

•Highline faculty and staff react to Dr. Jack Birmingham's hiring. **See Story/Page 16.**

the Board can participate in a couple of retreats to "clarify our priorities and improve our relationship."

Sources on campus say that Dr. Birmingham has had a somewhat challenging relationship with the Board in the past. This was evident at his appointment, as two Trustees chose not to take part in the standing ovation after his name was announced.

Dr. Birmingham also wants to continue to shape the relationship that he has with the community around Highline.

"I intend to continue my efforts to connect with each of the municipalities we serve, as well as with community leaders throughout the region," he said.

Dr. Birmingham said that he plans on setting up meetings with city councils and other community programs in the area to discuss issues such as sustainability.

"In our society we are grappling with issues of sustainability. ... I see us having a conversation about sustainability and how it fits into us (as a college)," Dr. Birmingham said.

Homelessness problem continues to blight King County area

By **Shannon Clary**
Staff Reporter

First in a series.

Volunteers walked around King County areas on Jan. 25 and witnessed 2,631 people on the streets between 2:30-5:30 a.m. without any permanent housing.

According to the Seattle/King County Coalition for the Homeless website, there are 8,000 homeless people in King County. Some of them attend Highline.

Manuela Ginnet, housing program director for the Multi-Service Center, a private non-profit agency that provides



emergency and support services to individuals and families living in poverty in South King County, said there are many different reasons people become homeless.

"When you think you've heard it all, you hear another,"

said Ginnett.

Lack of education, mental health issues, drugs, lack of money for childcare, are all reasons Ginnett said people can become homeless. She said one of the biggest reasons is when people get evicted.

"Anytime someone gets evicted it stays on their record," said Ginnett.

Landlords will not likely approve of someone to live in their apartments if they have an eviction on their record, Ginnett said. This is why transitional housing can help many families.

The Multi-Service Center has transitional housing where people can stay up to two years. Homeless people will work with

a case manager, and 30 percent of their income will pay for the program.

Even though the transitional housing can help people get back on their feet, Ginnett said she does not think it is always enough time.

"Two years is not a long enough time, their records are not always reparable in two years and it is harder to rent," Ginnett said.

Ginnett has not yet had any of the people who benefitted from transitional housing come back to the program, but for drug users it is a different story.

"Addiction brings another level that can take years to break," said Ginnett.

Another problem is that they may see people succeed from transitional housing, but the turn away rate is extremely high.

"The turn away list is a lot longer than the list that gets assisted," said Ginnett.

In Seattle shelters the amount of people being turned away is a big problem.

Carol Cameron, a homeless woman and employee at an organization in Seattle called the Women's Equality and Enhancement League, was at Highline recently to speak at a Counseling and Career Resource Center workshop.

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CSI: Highline

Highline student dies from stab wounds

Highline Running Start student Jaspreet Atwal died early Saturday morning from stab wounds.

Atwal, 16, was stabbed during a fight after a house party he was attending was broken up.

Atwal was stabbed in the abdomen and tried to drive for help but only drove a block until he ran into a curb. His friend found him passed out in his car.

Four teenagers are being sought by police as suspects.

Lonnie Somer, an anthropology instructor, had Atwal in his class.

"He was an average kid with his whole life in front of him. It's an awful tragedy," Somer said. Atwal's family is asking anyone with information to come forward.

Suspicious man asks too many questions

A bookstore employee requested Security after a non-student had been asking strange questions on May 12. A Security officer stood by at the bookstore and watched the subject to make sure nothing more happened. The subject bought items and left.

Possible van hijacking

The driver side panel window was broken out on a Chevrolet van on May 11.

An adult female opened the door when Security approached and noted that the area under the steering wheel had wires hanging down and she was talking to someone in the back seat.

Security also noticed two male adults walking around the parking lot watching the van.

The Security officer did a loop and on his way back to the lot the van was leaving with one of the adult males driving it.

Another male at the bus stop said that they had been walking around looking into vehicles.

Security lassos loud students in Library

Security was called to the library for a noise complaint on the sixth floor on May 11. Upon arrival, an officer contacted several males horseplaying around and asked them to quiet down or they would be asked to leave.

The males said that they had been studying and stopped to play around and got too loud. They said they would quiet down.



Spice up your writing

The Writing Center has a grammar and writing workshop today and next week.

Find out how to properly cite sources at a workshop today from 1:30-2:20 p.m.

Learn how to avoid plagiarism by using MLA and APA documentation. You will receive hands-on practice while learning the tricks to avoid copying someone else's words and ideas.

The "Semicolon, Colon, and Dashes – Oh My!" workshop is on May 20 from 4-4:50 p.m., May 21 from 9-9:50 a.m., and May 22 from 1:20-2:20 p.m.

When to use semicolons, colons, and dashes can sometimes be tricky.

Go to the workshop to learn where to place these confusing punctuation marks to add something special to your writing. All of the workshops are located in The Writing Center, Building 26, room 319.

Share unjust experiences with the law

A public hearing on police accountability will be today.

The hearing will be hosted by the Multicultural Services and Student Programs-Center for Leadership and Service, and is at 6 p.m. in Building 7.

Individuals in the community will have the chance to talk about their personal experiences with law enforcement.

The stories about police misconduct will be compiled into a community assessment. This



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Tom Collier, vibes, and Dan Dean, bass, performed jazz music at Highline on Monday.

collection of stories will be used to promote police accountability.

Dance your stress away

The Counseling and Career Resource Center is having workshops that will help improve relationships, portfolios, and reduce stress.

The "Dance Movement Therapy [Health Stress Reduction Technique]" workshop will be on May 20, from noon to 1 p.m.

Guest dancer Gabrielle Roth developed the Five Rhythms, and will take you through them. Roth is an artist, philosopher, and dancer.

Her life has been devoted to communicating the language of dance, movement, and experimental theater.

The Five Rhythms are an invigorating way to get your body de-stressed regardless of age, shape, condition, or experience.

Roth will take you through the movements of this healthy way to reduce stress.

Lance Gibson, director of counseling, will lead "How to Improve your Interpersonal Skills and Relationships."

The workshop will be on May 22 from 11 a.m. to noon in Building 8, Mt. Skokomish room.

Learn how to deal with and communicate with people in your work and school environ-

ments. This workshop will focus on communication, motivation, and personal attitude.

Also on May 22 is the "Developing Educational and Career Portfolios" workshop.

Thressa Alston, faculty counselor, will lead this workshop from 12:10-1 p.m. in Building 8, Mt. Skokomish room.

Using a portfolio can help you manage and showcase your career and educational achievements.

Find out the right way to organize your portfolio so it will express and bring clarity to your goals and directions in life.

Plant sale a success

More than 2,000 plants were sold last week at Highline's spring annual plant sale.

The plant sale was sponsored by the Biology Lab and Gerry Barclay's biology students.

Some of the plants sold included tomatoes, pumpkins, cucumbers, peppers, and a miscellaneous collection of flowers.

There are a few yellow tomato plants and pumpkins left over. The return of any pots left over would be greatly appreciated.

Please bring the used pots to the greenhouse located next to building six. All used pots will be used again in next year's sale. The profit from the plant sale will go towards new sup-

Former Highline president named as PTK trustee

Former Highline president Dr. Shirley Gordon has been named to the board of the newly formed Phi Theta Kappa Foundation.



Gordon was president of Highline from 1976-1990.

Dr. Gordon

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges. The foundation will be used to fund-raise and develop programs for Phi Theta Kappa. Highline has a chapter of the organization on campus.

Learning and technology go hand in hand

Science Seminar presents "Learning and Technology" with Marc Lentini this Friday.

The discussion will be about how technology has changed the way students learn. Science Seminar is located in Building 3, room 102 from 2:20-3:10.

Summer Job Fair

Building 2
Friday, May 16, 9-11:30am

Free to students and the public.

Dress to impress and bring copies of your resume.

25 employers will be here to recruit for full-time/part-time jobs and seasonal summer jobs.

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-Fred Meyer
-Home Instead Senior Care
-King County Elections

-King County Library System
-McDonald's
-Northwest Hospital
-Phoenix Protective Corp
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Student Government candidates need your vote

By Kandi Carlson
Staff Reporter

Six students are trying to win your vote for Student Government office in the election being held next week.

Students will be able to cast their vote next week at the Highline website from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, May 21 and 22.

The voting will be done on line at <http://www.highline.edu>. home. There will be a link to follow on the day of voting.

A few of the responsibilities of the president are; acting as a direct liaison between the student body and Board of Trustees and college administration faculty, sits on the Services & Activities Budget Committee and appoints student to different campus committees.

The presidential hopefuls are:

•Lance Frank: Frank previously attended Highline from 2002 to 2004, taking a five- year break to work.

Frank returned in 2007 and has been attending ever since.

Frank is running to “accurately express the thoughts and feelings of the students,” he said at the forum meeting Wednesday.

Frank “is passionate about filling a role in our community here at Highline,” he said.

One of the issue he would like to deal with is the “outrageous” cost if books.

The fact that “new books nearly cost the same as used seems unfair,” he said at the forum for candidates.

Another issue he would like to work on is health insurance. He said far too many students are unable to seek preventive medical care.

He would like to look into the options that may be avail-



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Student Government candidates Yen Nguyen, left, Kelly Tracey, Ernie Hogan, Lance Frank, Dave Gannett.

able for students and make the students aware of those options.

Frank and Kelli Tracey, vice presidential candidate, started Coffee with Lance and Kelly.

This is a forum held at the Highline Bistro where any student can speak with about concerns they may face and would like brought to the attention of faculty or administrators.

•Dave Ganett: Gannett has been involved in the Gay and Straight Alliance and Black Student Union on campus and is the vice president of the Investment Club.

“I came to Highline because it was the most diverse in the state,” he said.

“I looked around and saw people from all different backgrounds, colors, sexual orientation and thought, this is not the how it is in the world, but it is how it should be in the world,” he said in his application for president.

Ganett did not respond to a request for an interview.

•Melissa Smith: Smith is a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

“I see a Student Government that will be involved in bringing or students and faculty together, and emphasize our strong sense of community and diversity,” said Smith on her application for office. Smith was ill and unable to attend the forum on Wednesday.

Smith did not respond to a request for an interview.

The vice president hopefuls are:

•Ernie Hogan: Hogan has been attending Highline for the past several years. He is working toward a bachelor’s of art degree in computer science.

Hogan said he hopes to “help the people who are becoming leaders become better at it,” he said.

Hogan would like to provide his “fellow students with the resources they can use to improve themselves and their education,” he said on his application for office.

“I really would like to give the students more voice on the academic side of how things are run,” he said at the candidate forum.

Hogan expressed the need to “move into the 21st century by phasing out textbooks.”

He said taking on this issue make him more ambitious than the other candidates.

Hogan said the struggle that has affected him the most has been his depression.

“I think I get people with different ideas to come together,” he said during an interview on Tuesday.

•Yen Nguyen: Nguyen has been at Highline for three quarters.

“I am very thoughtful about diversity, which is one of the biggest components that make up Highline,” she said on her application.

“I want to be a motivation for other students,” she said.

Nguyen did not respond when asked to meet for an interview.

•Kelli Tracey: Tracey is a full time Running Start student.

This is her second year and she will be completing her associate of arts degree in the spring

of 2009.

Tracey’s goal is to “get the communication flowing between students, faculty and counselors,” she said.

“I want to get their voices heard,” she said at a forum for candidates.

Tracey has been on the Services & Activities Budget Committee.

She said this experience “has been a blessing,” she said during an interview on Tuesday.

“I am ready to get out there and figure out what the students need,” she said in an interview.

The vice president acts as the liaison between the students and the president of the student body.

Responsibilities of the vice president include being the chief financial officer of the Student Government, keep track of the operation budget and acts as a student representative on the Faculty Tenure Review Committee.

The election results will be posted Friday, May 23 at noon.



Lance Frank

Restripping continues to cause delays on Pacific Highway

Delays will continue on Pacific Highway South in Federal Way this week.

Crews will restripe the South 288th Street intersection to create a median work zone just south of the intersection today. Traffic will be shifted to the new curb and the



gutter in both the northbound and southbound directions.

The work on the new sidewalk behind the new curb and gutter will continue through tomorrow.

Storm water vaults and a drainage pipe will be installed in the median just south of South 288th Street Friday.

Drivers should expect daytime lane closures during these times.

Striping season will cause

other delays in the Puget Sound area this week.

The new HOT lanes will be closing from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. tonight for permanent striping on State Route 167 between State Route 18 and South 84th Avenue.

The two right lanes between South 43rd Street and State Route 516 will close for the installation of traffic-detecting equipment starting at 8 p.m. tonight, with both lanes reopening

by 11 a.m. Friday morning.

I-405 widening will cause two lanes of southbound SR 167 to close between I-405 and South 180th Street from 8 p.m. tonight to 5 a.m. Friday morning.

The right lane of northbound I-405 will be closed just north of Benson Road Bridge over I-405 from 10 p.m. tonight to 4:30 a.m. Friday to mobilize equipment.

Crews will close the left lane

of eastbound and westbound State Route 509 to State Route 99 from 10 p.m. tonight to 5 a.m. tomorrow to install signs and retrofit guardrails and barriers.

The Seattle Mariners have a three-game homestand this weekend that could cause traffic delays in Downtown Seattle.

They host the San Diego Padres Friday and Saturday and 7:10 p.m. and Sunday at 1:10 p.m.

Editorial comment

Board votes right for president

Highline has named a president and we believe the Board made the right choice.

After about a year and a half of having Dr. Jack Bermingham as interim president, the Highline Board of Trustees appointed him to the permanent position. Although the other candidates had the potential of performing the job well, it is good to have a president who is already familiar with the inner workings of the school.

There is a transition for Dr. Bermingham and Highline to make but it is very minute compared to if a new person had taken over the duties of president. Most of the transition will essentially give Dr. Bermingham more freedom to perform the duties he had already been charged with. Highline made an excellent choice by having open and online forums. The voices of the students, staff and faculty have truly been reflected in the Board’s decision. Retaining a familiar face benefits the school by creating a smooth transition and keeping a valuable asset employed at Highline.

Dr. Bermingham has proven his competence of the position of president and shown a true concern for the interests of Highline. We look forward to the time ahead with Dr. Bermingham in office.

Student elections important

It’s important for students to get involved with the selection process of the people who represent them.

The Associated Students of Highline Community College is the student government here on campus. The ASHCC participates in setting policies, allocating activity funds and evaluate student programs. Elections will soon be held for next year’s student government candidates and students should educate themselves on which candidates would perform their duties best. Highline’s current student government has shown that strong student leadership is important to the college. We must continue the tradition of strong student leadership and the example of current student body president Steven Simpkins.

Students should strive to be informed so that they can cast a vote for the candidate that would best represent them. Students can vote online at www.highline.edu on May 21 and 22.

Staff

“This guy sounds like a good person to buy pot from.”

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Letters to the editor

Transgender student clears Drag Show misconception

Dear Editor:

In the Thursday May 8, 2008 article about the drag show, “Kind of a Drag,” the reporter stated (mostly correctly) that performing is what separates drag queens (and kings, although those were not mentioned and I assume not present at the show) from other types of crossdressers and transsexuals.

However, the following sentence, “Crossdressing and transgender behavior is more associated with sexual fetishism,” hurt me.

Fetishistic transvestism, being aroused from wearing clothing associated with the opposite sex does exist, but the term transgender can cover everything from someone who simply enjoys performing in drag shows to a transsexual who wishes to change their entire body to match their brain.

Lumping all of many different thoughts, acts, and beliefs under a sentence like that misinforms the students at Highline who may have little to no knowledge about such things beyond what popular media shows and only serves to further the notion that being transgendered is only about sexual arousal.

As a transgendered student, I hope articles like this one can be more factual and less sensationalistic in the future.

-Ken Fraser,
Highline Student

Sun, volunteers shines on Highline Plant Sale

Dear Editor:

I understand that these types of letters should be involved with current politics, but they

should also cover events; thus, I am writing about an event. The 2008 Annual Highline Community College Plant Sale!

This year’s Plant Sale was a huge success! It would have been nice if the Spring Festival had fallen on the same day, but hey, we got the weather to cooperate. The profits from this Sale go to pay for the next annual Plant Sale.

As long as income meets the expenses, the prices will never go higher. If you came to the sale, you would have benefitted from this well known fact.

The main purpose of The Plant Sale though is not the money. It is for the Highline Community to kick back and enjoy each other, to get excited about Spring and growing, and to feel good about buying plants for their yard, etc. This is what makes the Sale work. To me, it’s like playing Santa, watching everybody get excited!

I want to personally thank a number of people that made this sale happen:

Thanks so much to all that came and bought plants. It starts with you!

Thanks to Gerry Barclay/Angi Caster and their students of the Bioshock cooperative Writing/Biology class that grew some of the plants, volunteered their time at the Sale, and for being this year’s sponsor.

Thanks to my student workers, Patricia, Nancy, and Vinnie, for taking their Friday to spend working at the Sale.

Thanks to June Jarvey from I.C. for donating “neighborhood” strawberries to sell.

Thanks to Kate Skelton from Math/tutoring Center/MRC for sharing her seed growth and donating plants to the Sale.

Thanks to Lauri Spivey for sharing her humongous collection of starts, but for also hanging in there all day at the Sale working hard the whole time.

And a special thanks to Sabine Walter for not only sharing plants, but starting growth of starts way back in January so people would have something special to take home, for donating hours and hours to keep the plants healthy and happy, and for also spending all day moving plants and answering every question during the Sale.

If I missed anybody (which I hope I didn’t), come by and see me.

Thanks so much again for another successful HCC Annual Plant Sale.

-Donn Walter,
Biology Instructional Technician, Highline

Write to us

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

Editorial cartoons on timely subjects also may be considered.

Submissions will be edited for style.

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

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

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

Letters and columns can be on any subject.

Topics of interest to the campus community will take priority.

Please include contact information.

E-mail your submission to thunderword@highline.edu, or nbrown@highline.edu MS 10-3 via campus mail.

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Lady T-Birds are soaring to NWAACC tournament

By Thunderword Staff

The T-Birds let their chance to place second in the West Division slip through their fingers on Friday. They gave up a 2-0 lead against South Puget Sound in the fifth inning of game two by committing three errors.

"Had we not committed those errors infield we would have held on to our victory," Head Coach Anne Schmidt said of her team's loss.

Highline lost one of two in their doubleheader against South Puget Sound, winning the first game 3-0 and losing the second game 3-2.

Highline had the bases loaded several different times and never managed to capitalize on the opportunities.

Coach Schmidt attributes their inability to act on these opportunities to some of the player's mental lapses on the field.

"You get a routine ground ball and you fail to field it, that's a mental error," Schmidt said.

All errors committed by Highline in game two were no more than your run-of-the-mill routine plays such as ground balls. Highline merely failed to capitalize on the errors, whereas South Puget Sound did and that's why they came out on top.

"You win by hitting, but you can lose by playing bad defense. Everyone knows defenses win games," Schmidt said. "This game was a prime example of that."

Cara Chaet pitched her second straight complete game, al-

lowing zero earned runs and two hits against South Puget Sound in their 3-2 loss. Chaet allowed no earned runs and only five hits in the two games.

Sophomore centerfielder Ashley Carey hit a double, and freshman right fielder Shanna Shepard added a double and an RBI, and Carrie Draeger had two hits.

South Puget Sound committed four errors and scored three runs following Highline's fifth inning fallout as they banged out a 3-2 victory in game two.

Had Highline stayed focused like they did during game one against South Puget Sound perhaps they'd be sitting comfortably in second place right now.

Cara Chaet pitched a complete game shut-out, struck out two and only allowed three hits against the Clippers in game one. Kayla Leliefeld went 1-3 and knocked in the only two runs of the game.

Freshman leftfielder Alea Litvinenko and Shepard each added two hits as the T-Birds won game one 2-0.

Despite 15 hits in two games, the T-Birds only scored four runs total. While on the other hand they kept South Puget Sound off the base paths, only allowing five hits and three runs in the two games.

The Lady T-Birds had a very good regular season going 20-10 in league play and 30-21 overall. They ended up just two games back of second-place South Puget Sound (22-8 and 27-15 overall) in the West.



Lisa Visintin/THUNDERWORD

Second baseman Michaela Hector dives for a soft line drive as pitcher Cara Chaet (13) locks on.

However, the T-Birds failed to accomplish their seasonal goal: Win the West Division.

"The team wanted to win the division this year," Schmidt said. "We're disappointed we didn't do so but we're still excited to be heading into the NWAACCs."

The NWAACC Tournament will be held in Portland, May 16-18.

Highline will play No. 2 from the North Division, Olympic.

"It's going to be difficult going in and playing Olympic," Coach Schmidt said. "The word is that they're a decent hitting,

scrappy team with a very, very, good pitcher when she is on."

The Lady T-Birds did not play Olympic (26-9 and 27-12 overall) this season. The game is at 9 a.m. on Friday, May, 16.

Schmidt said in order to beat Olympic they're going to need to adjust to Olympic's pitcher, Erika Quint, and even more so have Highline's pitchers step up and play well.

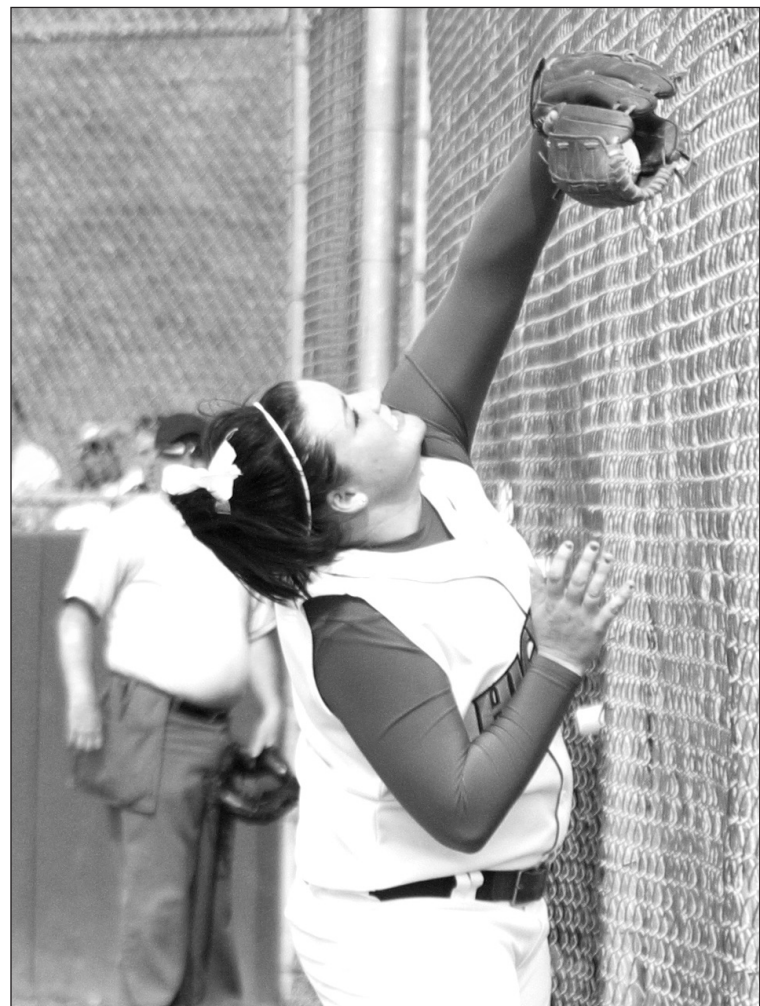
"When we pitch well, we play well," Schmidt said. "And with a pitcher as good as Olympic's we're going to have to be able to adjust our hitting when necessary."

In the event that Highline had defeated South Puget Sound in game two, they would have headed into the tournament facing Everett, who is No. 3 in the North Division.

"It would have been nicer going in to face Everett," Coach Schmidt said. "We've played them a few times and know how to beat them."

If Highline wins, they will go on to play the winner of the Wenatchee Valley-Chemeketa game.

Reporters Stephen Marcum and Maxx Shelley contributed to the story.



Lisa Visintin/THUNDERWORD

Highline player Jaclyn Wills catches a ball on the fence during Friday's game against South Puget Sound.

Dinner and auction hits jackpot

By Maxx Shelley
Staff Reporter

The less fortunate were made a little more fortunate over the weekend as the Des Moines Legacy Foundation, the Des Moines Rotary Club, and the Des Moines Dollars for Scholars raised nearly \$15,000.

The auction and dinner is put on to raise scholarship funds for those who otherwise can't pay for a higher education themselves.

"We raised somewhere between \$10,000 to \$15,000 dollars. We're not totally sure yet,"

said Bob Houston, director of the event.

Houston said that many people from around the Des Moines community showed up to support the event including Seahawks alumni Ron Howard.

"We had somewhere around 120 people attend the event," Houston said. "That's quite a bit for an event such as this one."

The auction was a huge success with many people donating a large amount of sports memorabilia and other things.

"It (the auction) was very successful," said Houston. "We raised lots of money for young-

er kids."

Houston said that a wine assortment, comprising some 45 bottles of wine, raised the most money out of all.

Everyone who participated in putting on the event and helped prepare the auction and dinner we're very pleased with how it turned out, Houston said.

Although they didn't exceed the amount of money they raised last year, Houston and team are still going to do their best in the years to come.

"We're always trying to be more creative and get more auction items," Houston said.

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Veteran centerfielder hopes to leave it all on the field

By Melissa Canfield
Staff Reporter

As the Lady T-Bird softball season comes to its end, Alexis Nichols finds herself in a bitter-sweet situation.

"Thirteen years of playing is gone, it went by so fast. After leaving my high school team, I had to adapt to a new one. But now that I'm just getting use to the Highline girls, it's over," Nichols said.

Nichols is 20 years old, a sophomore, and a center fielder for the Highline fastpitch team.

She grew up in Enumclaw and graduated from Enumclaw High School in 2006. Nichols played fastpitch, dived on the school's swim and dive team for all four years, and was on the dance team for two years.

Throughout her high school years she racked up many academic and athletic achievements.

Nichols was on the Honor Roll from 2002-2006 and received a Leadership Award 2005-2006. For fastpitch, Nichols was awarded second-team All-SPSL her junior year, first-team All-SPSL and team captain her senior year, and was voted Most Inspirational 2004-2006.

At Highline, she was awarded second-team All-League and Team Defensive Player of the Year in 2007.

Nichols credits most of her knowledge of the game to Gus Hall, the assistant coach at Highline.

"He's been with me for six years and he's seen me bleed, cry, and laugh. He showed me how to play the game and help me understand it inside out," Nichols said.

"He has been with me from the beginning, to my last year, which is almost at its end, and he's still here," Nichols said of Hall.

Nichols said she loves to play fastpitch because of her competitive fire and enjoyment.

"If you know me, I'm very competitive and I love to win. But throughout the years I've

learned that it's not all about winning. I have a good time and when I'm playing with some of my best friends it makes it even more fun," Nichols said.

Fastpitch was the main reason why Nichols decided to attend Highline, and doesn't regret it at all.

"It's been a new experience for me and a new environment. Overall I am happy I get to be with my friends and play a sport that I love while getting an education of course," Nichols said.

"I think the campus is beautiful and the atmosphere is just warming. I have met some of my favorite teachers here," she said.

Nichols definitely feels that the T-Bird fastpitch team is a perfect fit for her because it gives her a sense of belonging and always brings up good conversation with people when they find out she's on the team.

Nichols' favorite part of playing the game is throwing someone out at home all the way from the outfield.

"When someone on third tags up, as a pop up is hit to center field and they think they are in the clear to take home and then I throw them out. It's awesome," Nichols said.

Nichols has been told her leadership ability and voice are some of her biggest strengths on the field.

"I've always been a leader. Anyway I can get my team inspired to play or pick them up. My voice and energy help get through the long innings and practices, besides everyone likes a good laugh when situations are stressful," Nichols said.

Even though she inspires others with her strong voice, she is tough on herself and needs some help lifting up her spirits at times.

"I'm really hard on myself. So if I make an error or I'm having an off day, you can definitely tell I get quiet and sad and sometimes it can bring down my teammates," Nichols said.

Her most memorable moment so far was when she achieved



Lisa Visintin/THUNDERWORD

Sophomore centerfielder Alexis Nichols gets ready to lay down a bunt against Centralia.

her goal of hitting a home run this season.

"It was so weird; it felt like I didn't even swing. It was so cool because it wasn't over some three-foot fence; this fence was like 10 feet high and 215 feet deep. I had to look back at the dugout and make sure that it was really happening. And it totally was!" Nichols said.

Nichols said her goal for her team is to make it to the second day of the NWAACCs, which they are more than capable of doing.

Since this is Nichols sophomore year at Highline, she is looking forward to what her future has in store for her.

"I'm excited to start a new chapter in my life without fastpitch, but in a bad way I feel like a part of my lifestyle is just gone," she said.

Nichols says the thing she'll miss the most is her teammates.

Throughout the past two years she has been at Highline, she is most proud of her dedication to fastpitch.

"Over all these years I have committed 100 percent. I go out excited to play. I've made goals: to throw someone out at home, slap from the left-side, or hit a home run, and I've completed them, which I never

thought I could do.

Nichols is really proud of her team's determination.

"When we put our mind to it we can beat anyone. We feed off each other and the energy that each individual brings," Nichols said.

Nichols hopes to transfer to another school to pursue her goal of becoming a nurse.

"I would love to work in pediatrics because I love kids, they are so much fun and when they're in pain I want to be there to make them feel better," Nichols said.



"I had to look back at the dugout and make sure that it was really happening. And it totally was!"

**- Lexi Nichols,
on her first
career home run**

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Lower Columbia looks to be favorite in tournament

By Jason Baker
Staff Reporter

NWAACC coaches agree that the team to beat in this year’s tournament is Lower Columbia Community College.

The 2008 NWAACC softball tournament will be held on May 16-18 at Delta Park East in Portland.

Even though LCC finished second in the South Division with a league record of 23-7, they have won the NWAACC Championship eight out of the last nine years.

With a record of 20-10 in league play this year, Highline is looking to improve on last year’s tournament, in which they lost the first two games.

Highline is led in pitching by Cara Chaet who has a won-loss record of 16-9 and has an earned run average of 2.73.

Alexis Nichols leads the team in runs with 38 and Kayla Leliefeld leads the team in hitting with a batting average of .410.

Highline is entering the tournament after finishing in third place in the West Division.

The Thunderbirds first game will be against Olympic College at 9 a.m. on May 16.

“We need to play well together, pitch well, and play great defense to be successful in this tournament,” said Highline coach Anne Schmidt. “I expect



Natasha Stepanchuk/THUNDERWORD

Cara Chaet hurls a pitch toward a South Puget Sound player in a game earlier this year.

everyone to do well. We have tremendous potential, it just needs to be collectively realized.”

This season hasn’t been an easy season for the Thunderbirds.

“We’ve had some injuries with our pitchers that have hurt us a bit in league play, but everyone should be healthy going into NWAACCs,” said Schmidt. “Our goal is to win the first game against Olympic and move into the second round on Saturday. We are just going to take it one game at a time.”

Other coaches seem to have the same hopes.

Bellevue Community College improved their standing from last year with a record of 34-2 in the North Division.

“What it really comes down to is who has the focus and who peaks at the right time,” said Bellevue Coach Leah Francis.

“We just need to hit, hit, and hit some more,” said Francis.

Even with a strong record going into playoffs, there is still some concern from the coach.

“If we have a weakness, it is that we are young. We have

10 newcomers who have not played in the NWAACC Championships,” Francis said.

Bellevue finished with two wins and two losses in the tournament last year.

Highline isn’t the only team who had a rough start. Spokane’s first day on a field was in a game against Lower Columbia.

“We battled the weather more than anything in the early season with snow on the ground for the entire months of January, February, and over half of March,” said Spokane Coach

Janet Skaife. With the tournament being double elimination, some teams are just hoping to get that first win.

“I believe that if we can get that first win under our belt against Clackamas, we’ll be on our way,” said Skaife.

With a young team there is always a concern on how they will perform.

“We have six freshman starting so I’m a little concerned about nerves, and we will have our hands full with their pitcher, but have a great deal of confidence in this team,” said Skaife.

Spokane finished 22-6 in league, earning them a second place spot in the East Division improving from last year.

Just below Spokane in the East Division is Walla Wall Community College.

After placing fifth in the tournament last year, Walla Walla coach Mike Staudenmaier has high hopes going into it this year.

“It is a tough tournament and I feel like we are ready to make a run at it. We are starting off against the returning champions and that’s never easy. I know that they will compete well,” said Staudenmaier.

If Walla Walla can beat the LCC in the first game, they will go on to play against the West Division champions, Pierce.

Scoreboard

Softball

NORTH	DIV	PCT	SEA
Bellevue	34-2	.944	41-4
Olympic	26-9	.743	27-12
Everett	22-14	.611	26-22
Shoreline	21-14	.600	23-22
Skagit Valley	16-20	.444	22-26
Peninsula	5-31	.139	7-36
Edmonds	1-35	.028	1-35

EAST

Wen. Valley	23-5	.821	40-10
Spokane	22-6	.786	30-14
Walla Walla	22-6	.786	37-15
Bl. Mountain	16-12	.571	19-22
Yak. Valley	11-17	.393	18-26
Col. Basin	10-18	.357	15-29
Treas. Valley	7-21	.250	16-34
Big Bend	1-27	.036	3-33

WEST

Pierce	28-2	.933	36-10
S.P. Sound	22-8	.733	27-15
Highline	20-10	.667	30-21
Centralia	10-20	.333	14-24
Green River	7-23	.233	7-27
G. Harbor	3-27	.100	3-37

SOUTH

Mt. Hood	26-4	.867	38-7
L. Columbia	23-7	.767	39-8
Clackamas	17-13	.567	24-21
Chemeketa	12-18	.400	22-22
SW Oregon	10-20	.308	18-29

Clark 2-28 .067 10-38

Softball scores

May 13

Skagit Valley vs Edmonds (SVC wins by forfeit)
Skagit Valley vs Edmonds (SVC wins by forfeit)

May 11

Shoreline 8, Everett 1
Shoreline 8, Everett 2

May 10

T. Valley 2, B. Mountain 1
B. Mountain 2, T. Valley 0
W. Valley 6, Y. Valley 0
W. Valley 4, Y. Valley 1
Spokane 3, Big Bend 0
Spokane 8, Big Bend 0
Walla Walla 2, Col.Basin 1
Walla Walla 17, Col.Basin 1 box
Olympic vs Edmonds (OC wins by forfeit)
Olympic vs Edmonds (OC wins by forfeit)
Bellevue 6, Shoreline 4
Bellevue 10, Shoreline 3

S. Valley 6, Peninsula 2
S. Valley 19, Peninsula 0
Mt. Hood 6, L. Columbia 2
L. Columbia 6, Mt. Hood 4
Clackamas 12, Clark 3
Clackamas 12, Clark 0
Chemeketa 5, SW Oregon 3
Chemeketa 7, SW Oregon 6

May 9

Bellevue vs Edmonds (BCC wins by forfeit)
Bellevue vs Edmonds (BCC wins by forfeit)

S. Valley 2, Olympic 1
Olympic 1, Skagit Valley 0
SW Oregon 8, Clark 0
SW Oregon 14, Clark 2
L. Columbia 5, Clackamas 4
L. Columbia 3, Clackamas 1
Mt. Hood 16, Chemeketa 1
Mt. Hood 4, Chemeketa 0
Green River 3, Grays Harbor 1
Grays Harbor 5, Green River 4
Highline 2, S. Puget Sound 0
S. Puget Sound 3, Highline 2
Pierce 13, Centralia 0 box
Pierce 8, Centralia 6 box

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Pacific Islander Club dancers show their stuff on Friday.

Dancing around the world

Some Highline students took the campus around the world during two events last week.

First, the Pacific Islanders Club celebrated a luau on Friday night, featuring dancing, fashion and food in the Student Union.

That was followed on Saturday by Highline's annual Global Fest.

The Islanders wanted to "make a mark on Highline territory," said club Vice President Katrina Yu.

Global Fest, which drew 350

people, brought together the cultures from 40 different countries together in the Student Union.

"It was awesome," said Chuong Pham, a director of the event.

Students created booths to represent their countries and cultures. Tickets included a meal drawn from different global cuisines.

In the performance portion of the event, several different groups displayed traditional dances and music from their cultures, in full traditional garb.



Satori Johnson/THUNDERWORD

African dancers put some energy into the evening, left, while Joseph Timoteo, right, wowed the audience on Saturday in this traditional Pacific island dance.



Satori Johnson/THUNDERWORD

Yamato Daiko club members take turns on the taiko drum, left, while Caribbean dancers pumped up the audience with a lively number on Saturday.





Shannon Clary/THUNDERWORD

Charlie Scanlon has helped children at the Early Childhood Learning Center learn about food with a garden in the middle of the center.

Home cooking is child's play at Learning Center

By Catherine Dusharme

Staff Reporter

Charlie Scanlon's passion is evident as he talks about his job at the Early Childhood Learning Center.

"It's a bane to my existence that children recognize a red box with a yellow 'M', as opposed to homemade food and fruits and vegetables."

Scanlon has been the chef at the center since it opened in the new building in September of 2004 and says he loves his job.

"I have a really strong passion for child health and nutrition – it's something I truly believe in."

Scanlon believes that children formulate most of their eating patterns and habits by the age of 5.

Therefore, 99 percent of the food at the center is prepared from scratch by Scanlon.

The center, which serves the children of Highline students, faculty and staff, serves a beef-, pork- and shellfish-free menu, out of respect for the center's ethnic and cultural diversity.

"We don't want to separate one child from another," he said. "We serve only low-fat chicken and turkey, and we use only olive oil."

"And one of the things that we're really proud of is that we don't do any deep frying."

All the food prepared at the center is low sodium and Scanlon says he only uses about one box of salt per year.

"The parent feedback has been phenomenal and by making food from scratch we save money."

The meals are served family-style, and a teacher sits at the table with the children, modeling a healthy plate of food.

"Family-style is a good thing – the kids see their friend who is sitting next to them eating a fresh vegetable and so they try it, too. That effect cascades down the table."

Scanlon also has been able to bring a very special program to the center this year. He gardens a lot at home and started growing tomatoes in the center's interior courtyard last year, which hadn't been used for three years.

Then the kids got interested and he realized there might be an opportunity to teach them about where their food comes from. After getting the soil approved, he designed garden spaces around the courtyard that were accessible to the children.

"This is the first year we've been able to go to town on this and I've got the kids involved in every aspect along the way," said Scanlon. "All the plants are where the children can reach them – they planted them, they nurture them and they'll harvest them."

In addition to seven different kinds of tomatoes, they planted pumpkins, squash, zucchini, chilies, corn, onions, potatoes, bell peppers, green beans, sweet peas, carrots and cucumbers, as



Shannon Clary/THUNDERWORD

Scanlon prepares food for students at the Early Childhood Learning Center.

well as various herbs.

They also planted a Golden Delicious and Red Fuji apple tree. When the children were told there wouldn't be apples on the trees for a few years, they immediately made paper apple cutouts and hung them on the tree, so they could see apples while they waited.

"There are no chemicals, pesticides or fertilizers – just dirt, water and air," Scanlon said. "We just released 1,000 lady-bugs as pest protection

and we're starting to see birds, bees and other bugs – we now have our own ecosystem, and the kids are having so much fun with it."

He said that his upbringing on a family farm outside the small town of Edmunston, New Brunswick, in Canada, really influenced his habits and opinions regarding food.

"There were always whole foods, always fresh, always grown on the farm and we never ate anywhere but Mom's kitchen," said Scanlon. "We were completely self-contained."

There were seven people in the Scanlon household and the basic ethic was "work the farm, help the farm."

"We would milk the cows in the morning and then run home after school and fight over who got the cream that had risen to the top of the can," he said.

"When you introduce good food and simple, slow, eating environment, you develop life-long habits."

Up-and-coming rapper cools next week’s Blend

By **McKinzi Mortensen**
Staff Reporter

Reco Mckenzie Jackson performs under a lot of names, but most of all, his main goal is to be cool – Reco Cool.

The Blend is an ongoing free concert series featuring local artists performing live at Highline. This event will take place every other Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Bistro of the Student Union.

“I think every musician just wants to be heard first, and with that, I want to bring out more people like me,” Jackson said.

The band, called The Legion, consists of Joe Schmoe, J Santos and Reco, also known as Galactus Jack. Santos is one of Highline’s very own, the director of the Blend.

The Legion is a rap act that does performances to the background music of *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*, while performing “Seattle anthems”, because Jackson says the band loves to hear about themselves.

“Reco has many names besides Reco Cool and Galactus Jack, like ulookallshady, Apollo Kid, and the list goes on,” Santos said. “I like the name he has now, it fits him well.”

Galactus Jack is Cool’s alter ego and doesn’t hold anything back in his lyrics.

“We’re all very close, we’re like a clan or a legion and I’m secretly a comic book geek, shhh,” Jackson said. “Success, that word is thrown around so much in the mainstream media as getting paid,” Jackson said. “I will say it means respect in this industry.”

Jackson knew from a young age that he was meant to be a musician.

“I think it was when I was about 15 when I was really convinced, I would tell myself look, you’re a rapper,” Jackson said.



Satori Johnson/THUNDERWORD
Cool (right) performs during the Hip-hop summit with his group The Legion.

“Well I knew that in my life I would be in a career with music, it’s just a part of my life.”

Just being able to speak out is what inspired Cool.

“I really dislike seeing someone or something or people being treated wrong and that is my drive, Cool said. “I got to let the people know what’s happening.”

Rehearsals for the band are set every week which Cool says are never on time.

“That’s just how the music life is, expect the unexpected,” Cool said.

However, when they get started it’s a long process, because Cool says he is constantly hard on himself, constantly asking for feedback and constantly editing himself.

“I try to keep everything in order so there’s not too much spontaneity going around, unless I get instantly inspired, which has occurred over time,” Cool said.

Cool said that he really enjoys Blu, a California artist.

Other major influences are

Run-DMC, Whoodini, Kool and The Gang, Mos Def, Talib Kweli, and Common Sense.

“The whole *Yo MTV Raps* era is me, just take all of those artists and sprinkle some rain on them and you got Reco Cool,” Cool said.

Cool says he’s very competitive with his music so watch out.

“You are what you eat, and I am a rapper, Cool said.

“Well genre, I don’t like that word,” Cool said. “It’s a bad word so let’s throw it out.”

Cool is a hip-hop artist and would list his music as progressive rap or hip-hop.

“Endurance, I am strict,” Cool said about his strength in the band. “Time, sometimes I just won’t let something go until it costs me.”

“Being on stage, ha, any artist who says he or she isn’t nervous just a little bit is lying to you; it’s hard for me, but I do it for you guys, the people, and that makes me get over it,” Cool said on one of the drawbacks of being a rapper.

Since the band formed, Cool says the music just gets better and better each time they practice.

“The more you work at anything, you’re bound to get good at it,” Cool said.

“When it comes to writing music, it’s not just up to one person.”

Cool writes all the songs, but hooks and choruses are sometimes formed by the other group members.

“I just speak from my heart and as long as I make sure I’m doing that, I’m OK,” Cool said.

Cool’s themes are usually about the everyday struggles in the world, which some call political rap, but usually he tries to stay away from that title.

“I do believe my themes will change as I continue to move the world and make them aware,” Cool said. The ultimate direction for Cool is to get paid.

“Everyone in this industry wants to make money, however if that is your primary goal then you usually don’t get too far or just not well respected in my opinion.”

Cool says he’s just trying to be heard.

“Money is always going to get thought about, because even us artists have bills to pay,” Cool said. “So I guess I’m doing it for the glory, but you can’t have the glory without the work.”

Cool’s advice for people trying to form their own bands is to make sure the music is smooth

“You never want to force it, because it’s got to come from the soul and stay true to your-

self,” Cool said. “Money is not the reason why you’re doing this.”

Cool wants to acknowledge that if it weren’t for the band he wouldn’t be where he is today.

“We’ve all carried each other in someday when it comes down to making music,” Cool said. Right now Cool is working on two mix tapes and his major role is the hero.

“I’m here to save the day, Rap Man to the rescue,” Cool said.

Cool has had several private parties, performed at his former high school, at Studio 7, and rapped at Highline for the Hip-hop Summit before.

“My music is a spaceship to the people of my community, so when you listen you get to get away,” Cool said.

Cool and the band will be performing at a local café/hip hop club, called the Hidmo, this weekend. For more information, contact Reco Cool at www.myspace.com.

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University Night offers cheap tickets for priceless entertainment

By Elize Papineau
Staff Reporter

Taproot Theater is practically giving away tickets to students for their next show, *Over the River and Through the Woods*.

The theater's University Night will give students a 50 percent discount off the normal admission price to help ease some of the burdens of a tight budget.

"We understand that students often don't have a lot of disposable income, and we want to make live theater financially accessible to them," said Daytona Strong, Taproot's communications manager.

University Night is May 22. The play will start at 7:30 p.m. Although regular ticket prices can be over \$20, University Night admission will be \$15 or \$10 with a student ID.

The theater decided to offer a University Night to, "...educate students that theater doesn't have to break the bank," Strong said.



Taproot Theater will present *Over the River and Through the Woods* with discount tickets for students on University Night.

They advertise the event to a number of universities and community colleges in the Puget Sound area.

"We hope to attract as many college students as possible,"

Strong said. "It would be great if students make this a social activity, coming with a group of friends."

Taproot Theatre offers a University Night for each of the shows during their regular season.

This spring the play is Joe

DiPietro's *Over the River and Through the Woods*.

It is "a hilarious and heartwarming comedy about leaving home that college students are bound to relate to," according to a Taproot press release.

DiPietro has also written the comedy *I Love you, You're Perfect, Now Change*. This play "illustrates the love between generations of family members, and how traditions survive – but transform – throughout generations."

Over the River focuses around Nick, who is trying to leave New Jersey for a promotion he was offered in Seattle. His grandparents attempt to influence his choice by inviting the lovely, single Caitlin O'Hare to Sunday dinners.

"Their weekly Sunday dinners turn into a comic dance as the entire family tries to influence Nick's choice," according to the press release.

The play is directed by Scott Nolte, who cofounded the Taproot Theatre 32 years ago. He has directed multiple plays including *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *The*

Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge.

"Seldom do you find a play that is so funny and celebrates the family as much as *Over the River and Through the Woods*," Nolte said.

Nolte has directed at Tacoma Community College as well as acting experience. All the plays at the theater are directed by either Nolte or Karen Lund. The group receives funding from various businesses and organizations.

The Taproot Theatre is a non-profit theater in Seattle that was founded in 1976.

"Taproot Theatre exists to create theater that explores the beauty and questions of life while providing hope to our search for meaning," said Daytona Strong.

The show will run with regular ticket prices starting May 16 through June 14 with showtimes on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

The Taproot Theatre is located at 204 N. 85th St. Their box office telephone number is 206-529-3676.

Accountants rock out at annual Battle of the Bands fund raiser

By Satori Johnson
Staff Reporter

Local accountants will transform from number crunchers to rock stars this weekend as they strap on their guitar harnesses and plug in their amps at the annual Battle of the Bands.

This Saturday, May 17, five bands will gather to represent their respective chapters of the Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants in a fund raiser to benefit Highline and Central Washington University.

Tickets are \$20 per person and all the proceeds will go directly to Highline and Central Washington University. The night will start at 7 p.m. and will include a light dinner, door prizes, and of course, entertainment. Special host Mike West, from 103.7 the Mountain radio station, will join the event as the night's emcee.

The five bands competing for a year's bragging rights are: Bubba and the Bean Counters from the Bellevue chapter; Lien on Me from Pierce County chapter; Terminal Liability from the Seattle chapter; Age Gone Bad from Seattle chapter; and Disregarded Entity from the South King County chapter.

Each band will each have 20 minutes to give the audience their best performance. Attendees can then vote for their favorite at the end of the night.

Tom Byrne, guitarist and harmonica player for Disregarded Entity, said they will mostly play contemporary pop and rock 'n' roll.

Last year, the fund raiser generated approximately \$2,400 said Byrne, who has organized the event since it started three years ago.

"It's one of the most enjoyable things in the year," he said. "It's not hard to find time to do something that you enjoy so much."


Byrne is currently president and head accountant of A & H Stores, Inc., a small, independently owned chain of Hallmark shops and drugstores, but has a history in the educational field.

As a former math teacher and social counselor for 12 years at Tyee High School in SeaTac, Byrne said that he felt that it was important for his chapter to have a better relationship with the community and the surrounding schools.

"It's also a great opportunity to show those who are interested in the field (of accounting) or those who are currently studying it to see a different, fun side," he said.

Byrne said that the event has allowed peers in his profession to get to know each other and bond.

"We've made a great deal of effort to make sure that everyone just has a really great time."


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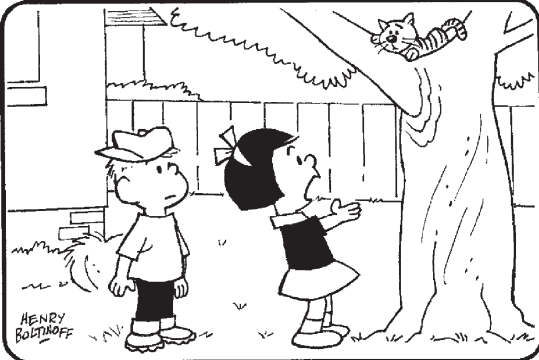
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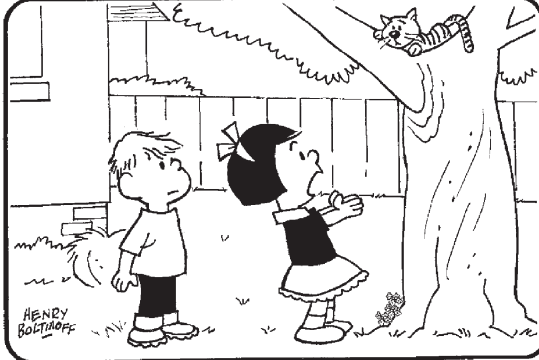
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Boy's hat is missing. 2. Girl's skirt has ruffle. 3. Boy's left arm is hidden. 4. Flowers added near tree. 5. Cat's tail is longer. 6. Girl is extending both arms.

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Caddy Advice Back Nine

Across

1. "Mamma Mia" pop group
5. Quotes
10. Kite part
14. Jacket
15. Speak
16. Ill-mannered
17. Took a taxi
18. Advice to a camel driver
"Watchout for ____"
20. Road curve
21. Tennis's Sampras
22. Gofers
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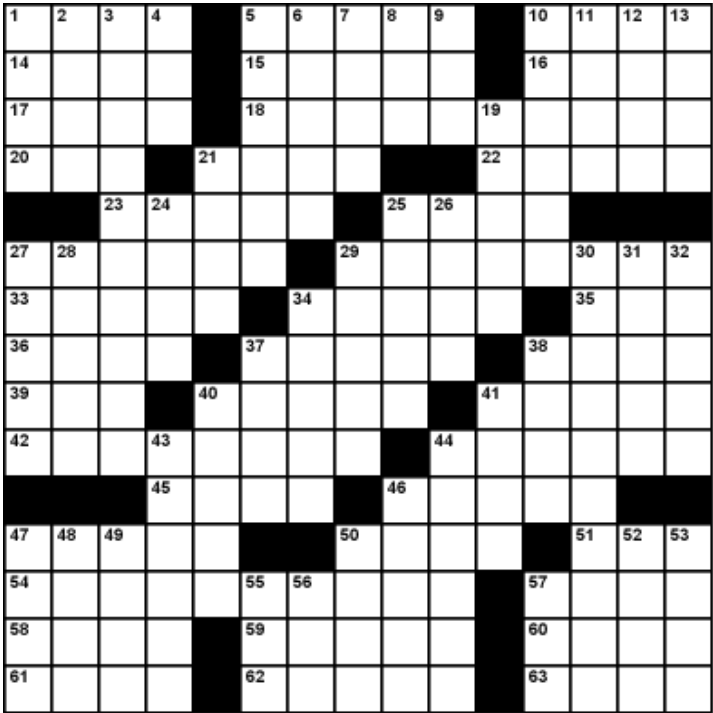
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38. Over
39. Rd. or hwy.
40. Deed holder
41. ____ Hawkins Day
42. Experiment area
44. Got rid of
45. Derbies
46. More cunning
47. Oregon's capital
50. Blind segment
51. Santa's helper
54. Advice to a judge -
"Decide this ____"
57. Phobia
58. Carry on
59. Shampoo brand
60. Add to the pot
61. Terminal info
62. Taxi feature
63. Tennis great Arthur

Down

1. A lot of lot
2. Catcalls

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



3. Advice to a doctor -
"Avoid ____"
4. Broke bread
5. Cringes
6. Boiling mad
7. London art gallery
8. Hot time in Paris
9. Sun. talk
10. Group of three
11. "____ Lang Syne"
12. Nice notion
13. Not so great
19. Pocket item
21. Guinea pigs, maybe
24. Crude dwellings
25. Circus performer
26. Treaty subject
27. Kick off
28. Bakery offering
29. Beneficiary
30. Advice to a dietician-
"Be sure to include ____"
31. Sesame Street Muppet
32. War horse
34. Hotel pillow toppers
37. Insignificant person

38. Challenge
40. Terrorist ____ bin Laden
41. Legal action
43. Robberies
44. Golfer Gary
46. Dred Scott, e.g.
47. Father
48. Med school subj.
49. Actress Turner
50. Kind of team
52. Plaster base
53. Complimentary
55. Doctrine: Suffix
56. Regret
57. Airline safety gp.

Quotable Quote

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1. GEOGRAPHY: In what U.S. state is Salt Lake City located?
2. HISTORY: Where was abolitionist John Brown's famous raid in 1859?
3. ENTERTAINERS: What stand-up comedian who gets "no respect" was born with the name Jacob Cohen?
4. ANATOMY: What is the most common blood type?
5. MOVIES: Who was the movie *Anne of the Thousand Days* about?
6. GAMES: What early version of a video game mesmerized TV viewers in the mid-1970s?
7. RELIGION: What are the first four books of the Bible's New Testament, in order?

8. COMICS: What is Catbert's title in the "Dilbert" comic strip?
9. BUSINESS: What popular business did Judy Shepard Missett create?
10. TELEVISION: What was Ray's last name in the series *Everybody Loves Raymond*?

- Answers
1. Utah
2. Harpers Ferry, Va.
3. Rodney Dangerfield
4. Type O
5. The relationship between Anne Boleyn and Henry VIII
6. Pong, a slow-moving table tennis game
7. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
8. Evil Human Resources Director
9. Jazzercise
10. Barone

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Arts Calendar

- Highline's annual student-directed Spring One Acts continue May 15-17 at 8 p.m. in the Little Theatre, Building 4. Five one-act plays will be presented. Tickets are \$6 for students and \$8 general admission.
•CenterstageTheatre presents *My Fair Lady*, through June 1, at the Knutzen Family Theatre, 3200 SW Dash Point Road in Federal Way. Showtimes are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for youth, \$20 for seniors and \$25 for adults. Call 253-661-1444 for tickets.
•Taproot Theatre Company will offer another University Night on 7:30 p.m. May

22 with a production of Joe DiPietro's *Over the River and Through the Woods*. Tickets for college students are only \$10. Taproot also offers a \$2 discount for students and a \$15 ticket to people ages 25 and under for all performances during the

Last week's
Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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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.
Taproot Theatre is at 204 N. 85th St. in Seattle.

•Breeders Theater presents *Coriander*, July 11-27 at E.B. Foote Winery in Burien. Tickets are \$20; showtimes vary. See www.breederstheater.com for more information.
•Got arts news? Contact arts editor

Satori Johnson at sajohnson@highline.edu, or call 206-878-3710, ext. 3318.
On-campus events get priority listing.

Last week's crossword solution

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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No magic bullet to save the environment

Dive into science this summer

By Max Dubbeldam
Staff Reporter

Science and economics cannot stand alone to solve today's environmental problems said three Highline professors at last week's science seminar.

At last week's Science Seminar, "Going Green", three Highline professors spoke about the problems in finding the right balance between the science and the economics of creating more eco-friendly products.

The three speakers were environmental Science Professor Woody Moses, Economics Professor Dr. James Peyton, and Political Science and Journalism Professor Dr. T.M. Sell.

"We're here to bring together science and economics," said Science Seminar host Dr. Eric Baer.

Sell said that together with Moses and Peyton they have been discussing what the right way would be to organize the economic function of society so that it can provide a maximum benefit while minimizing the effects it has on the environment.

"Any commons that is open to unregulated use will eventually be destroyed," Moses said.

Moses explained that commons are pieces of the environment that no one owns, like the air and the ocean. He said that since no one owns it, no one has to take care of it.

Moses set up a demonstra-



Woody Moses

tion to show how over fishing works. Over fishing being how people fish too much for personal gain and completely wipe out a fish population. Moses passed out bowls of M&Ms, straws, and cups to small groups of audience members.

The audience members then tried to fish out the M&Ms within the allotted time and put the M&Ms into their personal cup.

Afterwards, the M&Ms were replenished based on how many of them were left over. This was to represent the reproductive process.

For the second round spoons were dealt out to represent the development of technology and soon all the M&Ms were gone.

"With the drive to get as much as you wanted individually you completely depleted the M&Ms," said Moses.

One of the biggest environmental problems that the planet

faces is the premise of global climate change that's being driven by human-generated carbon output.

"The question... is not what should we do, but what works and what doesn't?" said Sell.

Sell went on to explain that the problem is that people look at things from their particular perspective only, and that they don't look at it from another side.

Sell used the issue of global warming as an example. He said that while people from different viewpoints can offer important insights on such a topic, practitioners of these points of view tend to necessarily leave out or discount alternative explanations.

Peyton went on to explain why corporations don't use eco-friendly resources and/or ingredients.

"[They] do it if the costs of doing it are less than the benefits," Peyton said.

Peyton said that people, and governments, should start cleaning the world up now before it's too late.

He also said that results might not be seen right away.

"The system is so big, and we've already made such a mess of it, that whatever we do won't have an impact 50 years from now," Peyton said.

Peyton said that some solutions can be carbon sequestration, which would take carbon

out of excess and pollution, and implement emissions taxes according to how much carbon you produce.

"Until the U.S. joins, there's no incentive for others to join," said Peyton.

Peyton said that America is the foremost nation that produces and releases excess of carbon into the environment.

"Poorer nations and groups tend to have higher damage and adaptation costs," said Peyton.

Peyton said that people and countries that are on the margin of survival will be wiped out so people who have a financial "cushion" won't be as affected and should step up.

Moses said that there is no one thing we can do to deal with saving the environment and reducing carbon output.

"There is no magic bullet," Moses said. "There is magic buckshot. We have to do a lot of little things."



Dr. James Peyton

Highline's summer catalog is bursting at the seams with an expanded science program.

With more than triple the usual load of science classes, Joy Strohmaier, coordinator of Life, Oceans, and General biology, wasn't kidding when she said "We've got something for everyone."

Although the number of classes available has expanded, almost all have a condensed length and are considered new hybrids.

Each course only lasts four weeks, and they can be used for credits toward an associate of arts or associate of science degree.

These classes are a variety of biology courses. For the first time there are two options for basic biology, although both classes are technically considered Biology 100.

"Only one focuses on the traditional general biology while the second has an emphasis on microbiology" said Strohmaier.

Another class offered is Marine Biology, which will be working at the new Marine and Science Technology Center at Redondo.

The MaST Center will make wet labs and studies easier, said Strohmaier.

Human Anatomy, Introduction to Plants, Environmental Science, Oceanography, Wilderness biology and Diving biology are other classes that will be offered next quarter.

Registration for summer quarter started Tuesday, May 6.

Strohmaier said to be sure to add a biology course to your schedule next quarter to make your summer a "summer of science".

Science gets a boost in scholarship money

By Liz Phillips
Staff Reporter

Highline's Engineering Scholars Program has been expanded to apply to more majors within the science field.

This program gives scholarships to students aiming to major in areas within math, engineering, and computer science.

In September, Highline's \$400,000, four-year grant from the National Science Foundation came to an end and a new, \$600,000 grant was awarded to the college.

The 2003-2007 grant funded student scholarships in the math, engineering, and computer science.

The new grant has been expanded to include astronomy, biology, biotechnology, botany, chemistry, computer information systems, drafting design technology, environmental science, geology, marine science, oceanography, and physics.

When Highline was awarded the new grant, however, it ex-

cluded the majors that covered under the old grant – math, engineering and computer science.

A proposal to include these core areas was submitted, and was finally approved just recently.

Due to the acceptance of these programs into the grant students who were funded through the original scholars program will have a smooth transition to the new program, said Bob Embrey, an engineering professor at Highline and project manager of the NW Engineering Talent Expansion Partnership.

"This is very cool and is the most exciting work I've ever

done. Taking away financial hurdles of students so they are able to achieve their goals without worry, it's very rewarding," Embrey said.

The \$200,000 increase in the grant will help more students who struggle with the financial aspect of college. Students can be awarded up to \$5,265 per year.

In order to be eligible for a scholarship from the scholars program, students must maintain a 2.5 GPA and be enrolled in at least 12 credits toward one of the degrees within the program.

Students must also be eligi-

ble for federal financial aid, as well as provide proof of citizenship in the US according to Section 101 of the Immigration and Naturalization Act.

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A passion for history leads a teacher to Highline

By Shalina Baldwin
Staff Reporter

After realizing her fascination with history, Teri Balkenende decided to direct her talents toward educating others. Originally from Mason City, Iowa, Balkenende began her academic career at the University of New Mexico. She earned her bachelor and master degrees in economics while at UNM.



Teri Balkenende

she wants to share her enthusiasm for history with others, said Balkenende. While still in college, Balkenende was confronted by close friends about how she had no clear direction in life. “They made me realize that I needed and wanted to do something meaningful. “Teaching opens people up to new ways of thinking. It was a challenge for me to learn to teach, but I enjoy the challenge and love what I do,” said Balkenende. Balkenende came to Highline in Fall Quarter 2007. Before coming to Highline, Balkenende taught part-time at the University of New Mexico, Antioch University in Seattle, and Bellevue Community College. Balkenende chose to come to Highline because of the emphasis that community colleges place on teaching and mentoring, as well as Highline’s own reputation. “I’m really glad I came to Highline — I really enjoy the students here, and I feel like

the faculty and staff are very friendly and professional,” said Balkenende. Balkenende’s goal as a teacher at Highline is to make others as excited as she is about history. “First and foremost, I try to instill a love of history in my students,” said Balkenende. “I want to give students enough of a taste of history that they will want to learn more on their own,” said Balkenende. Currently, Balkenende teaches a World War II course, Modern European History and Medieval European History. In her spare time, Balkenende works with the History Club, alongside colleague Dr. Tim McMannon. History Club is a place where avid historians strive to see history in new ways. They watch historical videos, debate on history-related topics, and sometimes go on field trips to places such as museums. In addition to the History Club, Balkenende has many other hobbies. “I’m an outdoorsy kind of

person,” said Balkenende. “I really enjoy taking my dogs on walks in the snow. Sometimes I’ll throw on my snowshoes and start walking, while they dive after tennis balls in the powder. It’s really fun.” Along with snowshoeing, Balkenende also enjoys skiing, running and hiking. Balkenende’s passion for history and for teaching is apparent in her enthusiastic manner of speaking. “The best part of learning is discovery. There’s so much history to learn about, and so much discovery in history.”

HELP WANTED

The Thunderword has openings for a business manager and an advertising sales rep for Fall Quarter. If interested, bring a resume and a cover letter to T.M. Sell in 10-106, or e-mail thunderword@highline.edu

Festival and career fair are full of opportunities

By Katy Weythman
Staff Reporter

Universities and employers will flock to Highline during the 11th annual Spring Festival and Career Fair on Friday. Thirteen workshops, 20 employers, and 32 universities and colleges will be in various locations on campus on Friday, May 16 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. After the Career Fair, the Spring Festival will begin with live music, food and games until 1 p.m. Employers will be located in Building 2 and will be open from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Advanced Health Care, City of Des Moines Park and Recreation, Verizon Wireless and King County Elections are just some of the 20 employers that will be on campus for students to meet with. The universities and colleges will be in the Pavilion from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Universities and colleges from all across the Pacific Northwest will be at the fair, including Washington State University, Seattle University, Eastern Washington University, and more. To further help students and prospective students, Highline will also be hosting a number of workshops. Workshops will include: •9:50 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.:

“How to Choose a Career” in Building 23, room 306. “College Survival Skills” in Building 23, room 211. “Paying for College” in Building 26, room 120. “College Athletics” in Building 7. •10:25 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.: “How to Choose a Career” in Building 23, room 306. “The Running Start Program” in Building 26, room 121. “Choosing the Right College or University” in Building 17, room 105. “College Survival Skill” in Building 23, room 211. “Paying for College” in Building 26, room 120. •11 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.: “Powerful Resume Writing” in Building 23, room 306 “Choosing the Right College or University” in Building 17, room 105. “The Running Start Program” in Building 26, room 121. “Campus Life: Student Programs and Opportunity for Involvement” in Building 7. Twenty-five professional and technical programs for Highline are also going to have booths for students who are undecided and want to see what Highline has to offer. These programs will be located in Building 8, the Student Union, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. “We moved this on campus

to get college students who were undecided to see what Highline has to offer,” said Nancy Warren, program manager for instruction. With the Career Fair closing at 11:30 a.m. the Spring Festival will start afterward, with live music, basketball, soccer, bounce houses, and food for students and visitors to enjoy until 1 p.m. Most events are free, but food will cost \$2 and hotdogs will be on the menu. Highline students shouldn’t expect to be the only students on campus. Students from 11 high schools and middle schools have also been invited to come to the fair and festival. These students will be coming from Evergreen, Highline, Truman, Tyee, Mt. Rainier, Auburn, and Fife high schools. Students from two middle schools, Sacajawea and Totem, have also been invited. “We want to help students off and on campus who want to go to college,” said Rashad Norris, director of Highline’s Outreach program. Highline wanted to provide sources of education and employment opportunities for students and the surrounding community. “We wanted to promote what this college is,” Norris said. “It is a community college.”

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Highline happy with Board’s decision for president

By Jaren Lewis
Staff Reporter

Highline faculty and staff say they’re happy with the Board of Trustees choice for the new president.

“It’s been a long process and there’s been tremendous relief across campus, one that the process is over and two that it ended with (Dr.) Jack (Bermingham),” said Kathleen Hasselblad, director of international programs.

Dr. Jack Bermingham was named President last week in a unanimous vote by the Board.

The general consensus seems to be that Dr. Bermingham did a fine job before this decision and will continue to do so, with more freedom, as president.

“Having a permanent president is an important factor at any higher education institution, and Highline is no exception,” said Patti Rosendahl, executive assistant to the president.

Rosendahl said she is “extremely pleased” about Dr. Ber-

mingham’s appointment. “His qualifications and experience made him an excellent choice for this position.”

Many faculty seem to be of a similar opinion.

“I’m happy that we can continue with what we’ve been doing the past year and a half, and even before that when he was vice president,” Japanese instructor Midori Kunitsugu said.

“I think it’s a good decision, one that I’m happy with,” humanities instructor Dr. Tommy Kim said. “Jack has proven his leadership abilities already.”

Dr. Kim echoed some of the staff by saying he doesn’t expect too much change.

“I’m surprised it’s taken them this long to choose,” one nursing student said.

“Many of the duties of my position will not change on a daily basis,” said Rosendahl, Dr. Bermingham’s assistant. “However, I hope to be able to assist the President in a number of initiatives he will spearhead

during his presidency.”

Opinions vary on what Dr. Bermingham’s priorities should be as the new president.

“These two go hand-in-hand somewhat, community outreach and enrollment,” Kim said.

“Raising the academic standard,” Kunitsugu said.

“Ensuring a growth in finan-

cial resources will very likely be a key focus for Dr. Bermingham,” Rosendahl said. “I believe that he will have visionary ideas for Highline’s future.”

Homeless

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Cameron calls being homeless a full-time job because it is so hard to find a bed. She is lucky to have a permanent bed in a shelter.

Cameron said she is skeptical whether or not there will be change anytime soon. She said she feels the housing situations are failing, and people’s attitudes toward homeless people needs to change.

“Anyone can end up being

homeless. You never know what’s going to happen,” said Cameron.

She said people can help by starting petitions for more shelters, volunteer for the Women’s Empowerment Center, or become a host for a Tent City.

In the Puget Sound there are shelters that are specified for certain people. They include shelters for single men over 18, families, youths ages 10-25, single women over 18, and victims of domestic violence.

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The Thunderword

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Focus on your future! Be a photographer for the award winning news team at Highline.

By Prashant Verma
Staff Reporter

The citizens of Federal Way will vote Feb. 19 on whether to change the current form of government from council-manager system to mayor-council form. Currently, the city has an elected council of seven people, who choose a mayor from among themselves. The mayor runs council meetings, but has no more authority than the other six council members.

The council usually hires a professional manager to oversee the day-to-day operation of the city.

Under a strong mayor form of government, a separately elected mayor would be the city's chief executive, and wouldn't be part of the city council.

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