

# Hoyt Named Coach of Women's Softball Team

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Cal State Hayward women's softball team will welcome former Highline Community College Head Coach Cara Hoyt when she arrives in Hayward from Vancouver, Wash., to take over the women's team in September.

The ex-Eastern Washington University softball standout finished coaching her seventh season at Highline Community College with a career won-loss record of 192-87.

Her most successful season was in 1998, when Highline took first in the Northern Division of

the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges softball conference. In 2001, Highline finished the season with a record of 37-9.

Prior to coaching at Highline, Hoyt had 10 years experience coaching with the Amateur Softball Association travel teams and senior high levels.

Hoyt holds a bachelor's degree in recreation management and a master's degree in education.

"It's a big change and challenge for me," said Hoyt, after finding out about her head-coaching appointment at CSUH.

"I'm excited because I have the opportunity to have players for

four years as opposed to two years."

Hoyt also mentioned that the level of play is much higher in NCAA Division III than at the community college level.

Hoyt has recruited several Washington athletes to complete the Pioneer softball team.

Juniors Brooke Uy, Jenessa Karstens, Jill McCarthy, and Shilo Walker are some of the players coming on board from Edmonds Community College in Washington.

Uy is a third basemen and Walker plays infield, while Karstens and McCarthy both pitch. McCarthy also adds depth at first base.

Junior Mari Farrens, a shortstop,

will be the lone player from Hoyt's former team.

Freshman Kelsey Giffin from North Turston High School in Lacey, Wash., has made a commitment to play for Hayward in the fall, playing infield and outfield.

"My goal at Hayward this year is to build from what the last year's players created and add on to what they already have," added Hoyt.

The softball season starts next spring, but the team will officially start practicing in the fall.

Athletes interested in playing softball may contact Hoyt at (510) 885-3045 or email choyt@csuhayward.edu.

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# Modern Dance Makes Its Way to CSUH

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CSUH choreographer illustrates that modern dance is often perceived and understood as an array of emotion that is felt among the audience as well as the dancer.

Eric Guthrie-Kupers will premiere with "Approaching The Fire" late this July and will offer the audience a chance to experience what he describes. His work will combine many aspects of modern dance pieces, performed with students, alumni and professionals.

Modern dance it is not about a set of rules it is about what "feels right," Kupers said.

"Every person who witnesses a modern dance piece has a valid understanding of it, even if that understanding is to feel confused and uncertain."

His approach is set on values

he said, "in the desire to be truthful to myself and others," and he strives to offer dancers a way of moving that is organic and can allow a full range of ex-

pression. Kupers said he would like his viewers to experience his work

by having it effect some personal aspect of their life and also feel free to have it be what it will for them.

"Approaching The Fire" will perform on July 29 in the CSUH

University Theatre, in addition he and his students along with other professionals will be performing in San Francisco and Los Angeles, for more information call CSUH box office at 510/885-3261 or visit his web site at www.dandeliondancetheater.com.



Dancing Fever: "Approaching The Fire" will exhibit the language of modern dance as interpreted by Eric Guthrie-Kupers.

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