Smoke this, 43 percent do

By Amber Bierfiedt
Staff Reporter

A survey of 100 Highline students showed that 43 percent smoke, 57 percent do not. In the general population, smoking is down to 25 percent, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Designed smoking areas have been an issue at Highline for quite some time. Nine percent of Highline students were asked what they thought about designating smoking areas around campus. The result was 48 percent would prefer designated areas, 41 percent would not, and 10 percent gave no opinion. Highline Community College is a very student-friendly school. The school allows smoking anywhere outside, the school cleans up the cigar butt mess, and most of all, the school pays up with the no-smoker complaint calls from students, faculty and parents come every week.

Designated smoking areas are necessary for not designating smoking areas. The state runs on student fees and the school cannot spend taxpayer's money to provide places where people can go to smoke. "By providing designated areas, the school is not committing29 illegality," a former Highline student said. However, director and Highline has in mind to keep it that way. It is still not clear whether the school's final decision will be to have designated areas or not.

The exciting conclusion of a Highline Halloween, See page 4

Sleeping 101
See page 5

Faculty fails 'Generation X'

By Peggy Finnison
Staff Reporter

The book "Generation X Goes to College," written by Peter Sacks has caused quite a stir among both faculty and students. Sacks, who is believed to be a former HCC instructor, produced a scathing report on teaching methods at Highline, the tenure process, and Generation X.

The author feels that student evaluations carry too much weight in the tenure process, that a lot of hand-holding is done by the faculty for the students, grade inflation is running rampant, and students expect to be handed good grades for very little work.

"Generation X is a generation of slackers," Sacks wrote. "No matter how they are tried to be conditioned during class, in most of actually being trained is what they can learn."

In a recent campus forum, faculty and students said Sacks had some valid points, but criticized his writing and his approach. The purpose of higher education is the ability to read a variety of opinions and recognize them for what they are. Just that," said Donna Wilson, Humanities Division chairwoman. "It is the ability of an educated person to separate opinion from fact.

The general consensus was that student evaluations should not carry too much weight. Faculty feel that the students are just as fallible as teachers, and they say they still have high standards, but try to be understanding so that the students enjoy learning.

"You can be empathetic, hold up standards and teach students to own up to these standards all at the same time, you don't have to sacrifice your philosophy and writing courses. Sacks spent a lot of time in his book talking about how much teaching has changed since he was in college. Today, he said, you're not a good teacher if you don't entertain your students as just as they are students.

See Book, page 8

Index

Arts Page 5
Comic Strip Page 4
News Pages 2, 3, 8
Opinion Page 4
Sports Page 8
Gifts Page 4

"The belief in a supernatural source of evil is not necessary; men alone are quite capable of every wickedness."

Joseph Conrad
**News**

**Oct. 31, 1996**

---

**BSU on mission**

Students aim to foster unity, education, socialization

By Ingrid Butler

Unity, education and socialization are just a few of the many concepts that will be used to form a mission statement for the Black Student Union at Highline Community College. "We felt that it is important to define who we are and our purpose before we set up our structure," said Denny Steussy the Coordinator of Student Programs.

The first meeting of the BSU was held Oct. 6. The agenda included welcoming and introducing new and returning members, establishing meeting times and deciding on a tentative schedule to get as much participation as possible.

The second meeting dealt with the mission statement. A volunteer member will develop this statement and the BSU will decide if it adequately represents its goal.

"It was important to define who we are and our purpose," Denny Steussy said. "It is important to give everyone the opportunity to be active participants in planning the events."

With a turnout of at least 35 students at each meeting, Steussy believes BSU is off to a good start for this year. "I thought it was wonderful to see so many students attend the first meeting and just as many the second," he said. "I think we've got momentum here and I hope we keep that going. I think we will have a very strong Black Student Union run by our black students which is our ultimate goal."

Most African American students agree that a BSU is needed here at Highline. "Supporting and encouraging events and classes are places where we can meet people, but the BSU is there specifically to educate each other, socially, and help one another through unity," said Quezique Gilmore, a BSU member and student at Highline.

The BSU hopes to sponsor many events this year. Some of the ideas discussed at the initial meeting were developing a master list of activities from previous years. Steussy will review that list in the meetings to come to solidify ideas and bring our potential programs of interest.

Some of the functions might include fund raisers for scholarships through dances, talent shows and cook-offs. BSU members would like to see a tutoring program along with African American history courses.

Steussy has been asked to lead a Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration committee to plan events in January. BSU members wish to work with this committee.

---

**YO, NEWSDUDE!**

And duude! Polish your writing, photography and design skills at The ThunderWord, Highline College’s weekly student newspaper. We’ve got a handful of paid positions, but we’ve also got credit to offer in journalism for that pretty solid writing course and lots of hands-on training at writing, research, photography, design and even practical things like Pagemaker.

For Winter Quarter, sign up for Journalism 101 (newswriting), 201 (advanced newswriting) or 215 (publication design).

Or see T.M. Sall, adviser, in Building 11-202 or at the T-ward office, 16-366. Or apply to be business manager and develop those advertising and public relations skills (and get paid for it!).

For once you’ll be able to show mom, dad and the servants what you’ve been doing in school.

---

**BSU on mission**

Students aim to foster unity, education, socialization

By Ingrid Butler

Unity, education and socialization are just a few of the many concepts that will be used to form a mission statement for the Black Student Union at Highline Community College. "We felt that it is important to define who we are and our purpose before we set up our structure," said Denny Steussy the Coordinator of Student Programs.

The first meeting of the BSU was held Oct. 6. The agenda included welcoming and introducing new and returning members, establishing meeting times and deciding on a tentative schedule to get as much participation as possible.

The second meeting dealt with the mission statement. A volunteer member will develop this statement and the BSU will decide if it adequately represents its goal.

"It was important to define who we are and our purpose," Denny Steussy said. "It is important to give everyone the opportunity to be active participants in planning the events."

With a turnout of at least 35 students at each meeting, Steussy believes BSU is off to a good start for this year. "I thought it was wonderful to see so many students attend the first meeting and just as many the second," he said. "I think we've got momentum here and I hope we keep that going. I think we will have a very strong Black Student Union run by our black students which is our ultimate goal."

Most African American students agree that a BSU is needed here at Highline. "Supporting and encouraging events and classes are places where we can meet people, but the BSU is there specifically to educate each other, socially, and help one another through unity," said Quezique Gilmore, a BSU member and student at Highline.

The BSU hopes to sponsor many events this year. Some of the ideas discussed at the initial meeting were developing a master list of activities from previous years. Steussy will review that list in the meetings to come to solidify ideas and bring our potential programs of interest.

Some of the functions might include fund raisers for scholarships through dances, talent shows and cook-offs. BSU members would like to see a tutoring program along with African American history courses.

Steussy has been asked to lead a Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration committee to plan events in January. BSU members wish to work with this committee.
**Sleeping 101; a how-to guide**

By Leah Colborne  
Staff Reporter

It is yet another dreary Monday morning at Highline Community College. Stumped down in your chair, baseball cap covering your face, you frown and comfort in using your math book as a pillow.

Come on, you know this same situation has happened to you before, so sleeping in class just cannot be helped. You were up until 2:30 studying, woke up late to class and avoided Starbucks, and finding the line to be out the door, you wind up in math class minus the double shot vanilla latte.

An invigorating run from the Midway overpass parking lot to your classroom causes a brief moment of alert behavior. Also, the familiarity of your warm and comforting classroom brings back the sandman.

Students offered a variety of excuses for sleeping in class.

"It’s the only time I can catch up on sleep because I work and play soccer," said Sam, Donny Money. "I always fall asleep in my first class because I stay up late at night reading," said another, Corey Toller. What are teachers’ feelings about napping in class? One teacher, Mr. Walson explained that he understands, since many students work, have other responsibilities, and take a full load of classes as well. Another expressed extreme disapproval of this "mindless behavior".

Pam Hill, Certified Medical Assistant, who works in the Student Health Center, believes the reason students sleep in class is how the classes are taught. She feels that "teachers need to interact more with students." If these teachers had more class involved activities, and did not lecture for the entire 50 minutes, she feels the students would stay more alert.

Venus Sanders, a morning student at Highline, believes not eating a nutritious, well-balanced breakfast can be a factor in sleeping in class. Another reason is staying out late partying. The amount of drugs and alcohol consumed causes their bodies to become run down and how the classes are taught. She feels that "teachers need to interact more with students." If these teachers had more class involved activities, and did not lecture for the entire 50 minutes, she feels the students would stay more alert.

Venus Sanders, a morning student at Highline, believes not eating a nutritious, well-balanced breakfast can be a factor in sleeping in class. Another reason is staying out late partying. The amount of drugs and alcohol consumed causes their bodies to become run down and

**History or harassment?**

"Huck Finn," the often controversial story may be banned in schools

By Michaela Macias  
Staff Reporter

Highline students overwhelmingly say they oppose banning Mark Twain’s classic "Huckaberry Finn" from schoolhouse shelves. While the story was originally seen as a tribute to the anti-slavery movement, its predictable use of the "N" word and perceived racist imagery are now offending some who would like to see it taken off the Federal Way School District’s reading lists. They cite laughter during class reading of the book and the uncomfortable effects it has on African American students as reasons for removal.

Most of those polled at Highline showed a great deal of interest and concern over the issue. Seventy percent of 100 students surveyed said they had read the book, with 60 percent of those reading it as a required assignment in school. An overwhelming number — 94 percent — opposed banning the book.

Those who favored the removal of the book from the lists cited high racial tensions and caution regarding offending anyone as reasons to remove it.

"I don’t think it should be banned, but there should be an alternative option..."  
HCC student

"Tensions are high enough already regarding the races, aggravating it serves no purpose. There are plenty of other classics that are more appropriate to be read in classes," said one student.

"Many of you may not be as fortunate to have the understanding teachers. Or maybe you ran out of the door, forgetting to grab breakfast. To perfect the art of sleeping in class, these following guidelines are a necessity..."  
One student said that part of creating the life you want is about wing

**Program to help people find life they deserve**

By Amber Rietveld  
Staff Reporter

"Creating the Life You Want," is the main focus of a workshop led by Ellen Finn, former Women’s Programs director at Highline College. The four-week class meets on Wednesdays from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and is focused on helping women "get what they want out of life," Finn said.

Finn said that part of creating the life you want is about letting go of your biggest fears and letting love take over.

Coming up in the following weeks of the class, Finn plans to have the class look at what their individual fears are and define them, hopefully making them easier to face and overcome.

Also the class will talk about how to let the artist inside you and what you can do to make your dreams happen.

"The course uses various self-help tools, "Reflecting and voicing thoughts helps to bring issues and ideas to the surface," Finn said. Individuals are encouraged to talk openly with others in the class about themselves and what they are feeling.

This class is for anyone who is unsatisfied with where they are at in life and wants a change. Nobody is exempt from getting what they want out of their life. "God, the universe, cosmos, whatever, doesn’t give us a degree without giving us the ability to achieve it," Finn said. This philosophy simply states that anyone can make it happen. The class was the first of a series of four and it’s not too late to join.

For information on this or other public affairs call the Women’s Program at 787-3710, Ext. 3340, to register or for further information.

**Students-at-Large chosen**

By Michaela Macias  
Staff Reporter

Highline’s student government added three new members recently. Jessica Cap, Mark Clarke and Nelson Crisanto were chosen to fill the Student-at-Large positions that had been open since the beginning of the school year.

"With all the issues on campus, the most difficult issue to face is really informing students of what options are available to them," said student body President Neil McLean.

One obstacle in getting to student awareness is the fact that most don’t even know their government exists, much less what the officers do.

Reaching a larger number of students will bring to light the reason for the government’s existence as well as its duties and accomplishments, student government officials say.

Meetings are held every Thursday and all students are encouraged to attend. Every single student has a vote at these meetings and an effect on the daily life of the campus.

Another link in the chain of communication is the Maroon. Highline is a commuter school. Most students stay on campus only long enough to attend classes. A wide range of schedules, cultures and languages also contribute to the problem.

With increased awareness, officials hope to become a bigger and more important part in every student’s school day.
Just chill

What's on my mind...

By Carmine Coburn

Well, here we are coming upon mid-terms. How’s everybody doing? Getting stressed out yet? If you are at all human I’m sure everyone’s felt a little touch of the stress bug already this year, I know I have. Many of us work, as well as go to school, so balancing everything can sometimes be...well, a balancing act. Further more it can cause stress.

So, how do you deal with it? Everyone deals with stress in different ways, but something that I have found to be good for relieving stress is to participate in both mental and physical outlets.

Physical outlets are wonderful for many reasons. These activities not only keep you in shape, but make you more confident, feel more alive, and sleep better. I also get some blood pumping to your brain. Plus, these activities are considered stress relievers.

Examples of good physical outlets are: Working out, playing (any) sports, hiking, biking, jogging, walking, etc.

You get the picture right? Anything that gets the blood pumping, and I recommend trying to do these things outside if possible. We all spend so much time inside, in class, studying, at work. Get outside!

Mental outlets are also wonderful for many reasons. Mental outlets can calm us, relieve headaches, help us focus, and help recharge our brains. These activities also “slow down” our brains, and not feel so overwhelmed. Some good mental outlets are: Meditation, painting, creative writing (for yourself), or for class; playing a musical instrument, reading a good book (not school text), listening to music, watching a good movie, etc. Mental outlets, are activities that basically give you a break from the daily grind, and allow your mind to be somewhere else for awhile rather than always stressing on school.

Many activities overlap into both categories. For some, doing Yoga is means of a mental and physical outlet. The same could be said with playing sports, or going hiking. If you are hiking up in the mountains, and you stop for a moment to relax and take in the scenery around you, this can be very soothing mentally and physically.

The point of all of this, is that school can be real stressful at times, but you can’t allow the stress to overcome you. It is vital that you give yourself a break once in awhile or eventually you will burn out.

Also, many people don’t really know how to really relax. Even on their days off they remain tense and stressed. For these people I would recommend meditation to learn how to relax. People also have a tendency to say things like, “I don’t have the time to exercise.” Here’s a little tip, exercising will give you energy. Have you ever seen a sluggish sophomore instructor?

The big idea is that we’re at school to make better for ourselves, and although this process sometimes takes most of our time, we must care about ourselves enough to give ourselves a break once in a while and blow off some steam!

The Thunderword
BOO! (scared)

Editor in Chief
Carmine Coburn
Sports Editor...Glenn Flashen
Arts Editor...Eric Fadden
Design Editor...W.B. Hening
Graphics Editor...Chris Griffin
Cartoonist...Jake Dill
Photo Editor...Mike Day
Business Manager...Peggy Finnison
Reporters...Bryan Butler, Tina Phelps, Kellie Bonfield, Genevra Buckner, Leah Colborn, Anita Coppola, Rose Embrocado, Holly Freeman, Mikhail Khachyan, Sandra Krantz, Michaela Macias, Joseph McLaughlin, Amber Rievelt, Chris Schelde, E.C. Schneckenberg, Corey Tulliver, Frances Vols, Jake Vose, Stanley Brownlow, Ronnie Char, Mike Day, Jake Dill, Sheri Ingraham, Nadira Khan, Justine Lallana, Jeffrey Nast, Jose Quemado, Pamela Singer
Art Director...T.M. Sell
P.O. Box 98400 Des Moines, WA 98198
Building 10, Room 106
Newslne...878-5710 ext. 5518
Advertising...878-5710 ext. 2891

Opinion
Oct. 31, 1996

A Highline Halloween: Part 2

Second of two parts

There I was in the living room of the house from Hell, and my roommate comes home. They argued over what to have for dinner: stew or biscuits. I voted for biscuits.

Now she came back to the couch and sat very close to me again. She started to tickle me too. I made the mistake of tickling her back.

“You better watch out. I’ll get the hand cuffs and tickle you all night,” she said. “Oh I’m really scared,” I said.

Where are the handcuffs?” she asked. “I don’t know. You used them last,” the roommate said. “No I didn’t. You used them last when you had that red headed chick with that thing own here, remember?” She said. “Oh yeah,” he said. “Go look in that box in the bedroom next to the machine,” she said.

Now I’m starting to freak out. This is something that only happens in movies and poorly written newspaper articles. But it was real.

“I can’t find them,” he said. “What about next to the saddles?” she replied. “No, they’re not there either,” he said. “Well, what about the fuzzy print ones?” she said. “We gave those away. Why don’t you just see theirs?” he said. She said, “Shit! how, only because you kicked the last guy.”

Right then I was getting convinced that this was no joke.

“I gave the video camera out to my dad yesterday, and you know what? I forgot to take it out, the roommate said. She said, “Oh my god! No wonder your dad was looking at me all weird the last time I saw him. I probably freaked him out.” He said, “I think he just didn’t know that you were there.”

“Well I can’t help it if your dad is sexually deprived,” she said.

This was too much for me. What kind of girl was this?

They started talking about his sister’s husband and his equipment.

She said, “Now that’s gross. I bet you scared our guest now. And I was about to get him to sign the contract.”

I was scared way before he said that.

Then he turned to me and said, “Hey, what size feet do you have?” “Eight,” I replied. “Oh man, small feet,” he said.


Then I interrupted and said, “Sorry man. You can’t touch my feet. I’m a track runner.” “Well then we’ll just release the hounds on you. We have two German Shepherds which we named after the first people they killed,” he said. “Hey, did you know that if you inject potassium into a person’s tongue they’ll die and it will come out to be natural cause?”

I pretended that it was useful information and said, “No, I didn’t know that.”

“I don’t know what’s going on around here,” he said.

“Yeah, then you don’t have to worry about disposing the body,” he said.

Right then about I started slowly reaching for my keys.

Then she said, “Remember our pact. We can’t kill anyone anymore.” “Why not?’” he said.

“Yeah, but that was really annoying.”

“You guys kill people?” she asked calmly.

“No, doesn’t everybody?” he said with a smile.

Who are these people? I thought, and then I started to inch my way to the door.

“Well I better take off,” I said. “You sure you don’t want to stay the night?” he said.

“Yes,” I said. “Well OK. We’ll see you around, but don’t you know what you’re missing?” he said.

My point exactly, I thought as I went out the door.

After I had shut the door I put my ear up by the door and listened. If they started laughing, but to my amazement they didn’t. They just kept on discussing their latest killing spree.

Then I opened the door poked my head in and asked, “Is this some kind of joke? Because I’m looking around for a video camera taping my face and I can’t find one.”

“Oh no,” he replied. “We don’t hide the video camera.”

I calmly shut the door, walked slowly past their window and headed back to my car.

An old girlfriend later said she had heard this girl before. She said that she had talked to one of the crazy girl’s ex-boyfriend and she said she went off the deep end.

I went into that local super store the next couple of days, but not of my own will. My friends wanted to see her, but she was never there, and I have never seen or heard from her since that night.
Oct. 31, 1996

**Gootblatt has answers to love**

By Eric Fladon
Art Editor

Ellen Gootblatt, a nationally syndicated advice columnist and author, is coming to town on Monday, Nov. 4, in Building 7 at the Arts Center. She begins a four-city tour of the United States, where she will talk about Sex, Passion, and Intimacy. Tickets are $15 in advance or $30 at the door.

Ellen has all of your answers to relationship and other friendship questions. She is the author of "How to Talk About 'The Trouble: Translating, Appreciating, and Celebrating Men,'" and her book "Meeting, Dating, Relating, and Meaning." Until a couple of years ago, she was the host of the No. 1-rated ABC evening talk show, "Getting Together with Ellen Gootblatt," which was based on radio in thirty-nine cities. The show focused on how to build and sustain relationships. She has 15 topics that emerged from a utopia of singles to marriage.

On her show, she invited anyone who would tell a story that inspired her listeners. For example, she interviewed an everyday person who fulfilled their childhood fantasies by going to an adult baseball camp and playing against yesterday's superstars. However, she doesn't always talk about relationships. Her lectures include "How to Survive and Thrive: Raising Your Child." "Parenting Can Be Fun," "How to Raise a Terrific Human Being," "Values, Morals, and Ethics," and many more human-interest topics. She's not afraid to share her audience's lives experiences. She is a former educator who taught in Harlem at a junior high for 11 years. She taught English, Sex Education, Nutrition, and was also a guidance counselor.

Ellen Gootblatt's warmth has brought her show many willing-to-talk celebrities. Steve Allen, Valerie Harper John Denver, David Brenner, David Steinberg, Kris Kristofferson, George Carlin, Patricia Neal, Phyllis Diller, and Lucille Ball all have been guests.

So why is Ellen Gootblatt bringing her show to town? Simply put, her life experiences have inspired her to share her life stories.

"She's not afraid to share her audience's lives experiences. She is a former educator who taught in Harlem at a junior high for 11 years. She taught English, Sex Education, Nutrition, and was also a guidance counselor."

**Common man's story in 'Michael Collins'**

By W.B. Hemingway

"Michael Collins" is the story of a civil servant turned rebel in the struggle for Ireland's freedom from England.

Collins, portrayed by Liam Neeson, won the Irish revolution leader responsible for establishing the Irish Free State. Collins was assassinated at age 31 while trying to negotiate a peace to end the Irish civil war.

The movie was written by Neil Jordan, who also wrote the novel "The Crying Game" and "Interview with a Vampire.

The movie opens with the Easter Rising, a brief Irish rebellion in 1916. The rebels surrender and Collins, a member of the rebellion, is agents to prison as one of his closest friends, King of Ireland, escaped from prison.

Upon his release, Collins begins making speeches about getting rid of the English. He is soon befriended by a government agent, Niall noel (Stephen Rea). Niall becomes Collins' informant and allows Collins to begin his urban warfare. Much of the film is focused around the rivalry between Collins and Roland for Kim's siren, Julia Roberts. The rivalry eventually breaks the friendship even as Collins tries to unite Ireland under Free State, which he refers to as "the step up to a Republic." The Free State is not welcome by everyone. De Valera, the leader of the Irish Republic, breaks away from Collins, signaling the start of an Irish civil war. Jordan lends the viewer the evident point that violence solves nothing with gruesomely accurate assassination scenes. The story comes full circle when Collins is assassinated by Irish guerrillas.

Irish history is wrought with tragedy and Jordan does his best to bring that horror to the screen. Jordan captures the very feeling of the time in his Bloody Sunday scenes on Nov. 21, 1920 to strike back at Ireland's English allied Republican Army for killing English agents the English sent troops and troops, called Black and Tan, to a local football game. The Black and Tan opened fire on the players and the crowd killing twelve and injuring hundreds of others. The gunshots scenes are another example of Jordan's feel-ings toward the Irish Problem.

"This movie is extraordinary," said a viewer who had read the novel. "The film is a masterpiece of storytelling, and the performances are nothing short of brilliant." The movie was nominated for several Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Actress, and Best Original Screenplay.

**Thinner falls flat**

By Kay Newstaff

Step aside Richard Simmons, there's a new Diet Guru in town. In the latest book from the author of "How to Talk About 'The Trouble: Translating, Appreciating, and Celebrating Men,'" Taso Langa confronts you in a diet that is not dieting.

Based on the novel of the same name, "Thinner," Langa's book is a conceptual novel, "Thinner," is the story of a man, played by Robert John Burke, who eats for the first time in his life and finds himself falling in love with his new found diet. Langa's unusual, the book is a diet, but it's not about weight, according to the author, as being too much to carry on his shoulders. Langa's diet, a low-calorie, low-sodium diet, is a simple, healthy, and effective way to lose weight. According to the author, his diet is not about weight, but about living a healthy lifestyle.

"Thinner" is a story of a man, played by Robert John Burke, who eats for the first time in his life and finds himself falling in love with his new found diet. Langa's unusual, the book is a diet, but it's not about weight, according to the author, as being too much to carry on his shoulders. Langa's diet, a low-calorie, low-sodium diet, is a simple, healthy, and effective way to lose weight. According to the author, his diet is not about weight, but about living a healthy lifestyle.

"Thinner" is a story of a man, played by Robert John Burke, who eats for the first time in his life and finds himself falling in love with his new found diet. Langa's unusual, the book is a diet, but it's not about weight, according to the author, as being too much to carry on his shoulders. Langa's diet, a low-calorie, low-sodium diet, is a simple, healthy, and effective way to lose weight. According to the author, his diet is not about weight, but about living a healthy lifestyle.
T-Birds, Sonics to aim for team spirit

This year's Sonics, and this year's T-Birds are faced with expectations to win, but for them to do so, every player on these teams will have to contribute. Every player will be equally as important as the other. The only difference between players is who will receive most attention.

Both the Sonics and the T-Birds emphasize defense. This means team defense, and every player is just as important when playing defense. Defense wins championships, and there is no substitute for it. The Sonics' Coach Karl, McMillan is a team player. He doesn't care about his own statistics, all his cares about is winning. Payton may be the best defensive player in the NBA, but it's Nate McMillan who helps him. McMillan is a true team player.

The T-Birds will try to follow the Sonics' model of teamwork. The Sonics have Payton and Kemp, who will get their numbers on the board, but if the Sonics are going to win the NBA championship they will need important contributions from Craig Ehlo, Eric Snow, Greg Graham, and so on.

The T-Birds are putting the mixture of players they have together as a team. If one thing fails, something else might take over. This is the challenge that stands before Coach Joe Callero. He might succeed, or he might not.

The success and failure of a coach can be compared with Sonics Coach George Karl. He was sitting in the hot seat if his Sonics didn't win last season. He won, and he became a hero, and that's just because he was able to stack together a team that liked each other.

It's team chemistry and depth that is important in winning. That will probably determine if the Sonics and the T-Birds become champions this season.

Men's hoops to look for prime time

After successful recruiting, T-Birds are looking for a championship run

By Glenn Fleshman

The Highline men's basketball team scored a slam dunk, a tip-in, and a three-point swish in off-season recruiting.

The additions of local high school standouts Quincy Wil-ter, Brian Scalabrine, Reggie Bird, and Garrett Miller have Head Coach Joe Callero looking toward what he said would be a championship season for the T-Birds.

Wild is the state of Wash-ington Most Valuable Player last year, playing for Decatur High School. He is a Division I prospect, but came to Highline because "the school is right for me.

Callero said that he talked to Wilder when he was in Kansas last summer, and Wilder wanted to be closer to home.

"It was a choice between Tacoma C.C., and Highline, and Quincy made the smart choice to attend HCC," Callero said.

Wilder hasn't decided if he wants to play one or two years for Highline, but he is going to transfer to a four-year school when he's done at HCC.

Scalabrine, a 6'8" center from Evansville, decided to come to Highline for "the chance to win the NWAACC championship, and because of Coach Callero.

Callero said that Scalabrine was in Utah when he heard that Wilder had decided on Highline, so he made the choice to attend Highline himself. Scalabrine is planning to play basketball for Highline one year, then he wants to finish his AA degree. After that he plans on transferring to Gonzaga University or the University of Washington, to play basketball there.

Callero has been the head coach at Highline for three years now, and his expectations for the season is that his team plays as hard as they can every game, and improve on that throughout the year.

"Then, if everything turns out right it's possible for us to win the NWAACC championship," Callero said.

"I've learned through my years as coach that it's not to expect too high expectations on your team," said. "It's better to see one game at a time, and build on that."

"My goal is that the team plays hard every game, and then win in the Northwest championship," Wilder said.

Scalabrine added that "we have to play with high intensity every game."

Returning sophomores Justin Adam, who Callero said is the team's leader and best shooter, and Payton, who Callero said is "the team's leader and best shooter, said, "I'm hoping that we'll win the Northwest championship, and I think we have one of the best teams in the Northwest."

Callero's main goal for the season is that his team is "the best defensive, and rebounding team in the league."

"This is the most exciting team at Highline since I was playing here 15 years ago, and then we were undefeated. It's a fast-tempo, full-court team, and it's going to be exciting," Callero said.

"I like fast breaks, so the players can show their ability."

The team has been practicing since Monday. "The players have given good effort," Callero said.

"We have a lot to learn, but we'll be all right," Wilder said.

It's early on in practice, so the team still has time to get to know each other. "We still have a lot of work to do if we are to get to where we want to be," Scalabrine said.

"This is a big jump from where we were last year at the same time," Adam added.

After a 1-12 record last season the T-Birds are hoping to improve, and maybe to win a championship. "The difference between this year team and last year is the depth, and the ability of all the players," Adam said. "The new players will bring defense and quickness to the team."

Callero thinks that the new players will be a perfect fit to his system. They are quick, strong, and talented, and that combo makes a perfect fit," he said. The T-Birds play pressure basketball, somewhat similar to the Sonics, and Callero thinks that his new players are just what he wanted.

The first game for the T-Birds will be on Nov. 22 at Highline against Grays Harbor.

Women's soccer to come to playing plateau

By Joe McLaughlin

Point guard Reggie Ball slashes to the basket during practice in the Pavilion.

Staff Reporter

Beth Ransom scored three times for a hat-trick in a 7-0 Highline victory over Southwest Oregon Community College last weekend. Unfortunately for Northwest Oregon, the Birds rolled into Coos Bay Oregon on Saturday morning fresh off of a disappointing 3-2 loss to Skagit Valley CC but they were not at all happy about it.

"We were pretty upset after the Wednesday (Skagit Valley) game so yes we did take it out on Oregon," Ransom said.

The first goal of the game came in the 10 minute mark of the first half off of the foot of freshman Tracy Wilkenson for the Birds' first goal in the last four games. Freshman Stavon Williams came up with the assist on the play. Ransom scored her first of three goals at the 24 minute mark off an assist by Wilkenson and the team rolled on to win improving their record to 10 wins, 4 losses and 1 tie.

"This is (Southwest Ore-
Volleyball hard to stop

By June Quemado
Staff Reporter

Highline finished third in the consolation round at the Mt. Hood Classic Volleyball Tournament on Oct. 25-26, but came back to kick Olympic College on Oct. 28 to remain unbeaten in league competition.

Highline lost its first two matches on Oct. 25 to Clark College and Malaspina University-College of Canada, but won its next two matches on Oct. 26 against Green River and Edmonds at Mt. Hood.

"We were just trying to get better," Head Coach John Littleman said — officials dressed as clowns, surgeons and equine- nesses, and players dressed in tutus, diapers and bibs. The tournament featured the top 12 NWAACC teams, two teams from Canada and two teams from Idaho.

Clark demolished Highline in three games, 15-10, 15-8, 15-8. Immediately following, Malaspina pulled the feathers off the Thunderbirds, 4-15, 13-15, 15-12, on its way to the tournament championship.

"Malaspina may be the best team in the state," Assistant Coach John Wilson said. "They're hard, and they have a big blocking team." Malaspina played six women who towered 5-foot-10-inches or taller. The Thunderbirds won a bronze medal at the Canadian nationals. Malaspina's players, unlike Highline's, also have four years of eligibility.

Highline bounced back the next day to upset the Walla Walla Warrior, 15-11, 15-12. The consolation playoffs brought new challenges for the Thunderbirds. Michelle Eichorn sat out with a knee injury, and Michelle Maloney left the tournament to go to work. Amanda Such, who currently leads the conference in assists and ranks fourth with 22 aces, was slowed by illness but continued to play.


"We're a home match team," Wilson said. "We're not as good a tournament team because of the limited number of people. We're tired. Angie (Henderson) and Kelly (McGee) hit 80 to 90 percent of the balls."

Highline returned to league competition at home on Monday, dispatching with Olympic, 15-8, 15-4, 15-3. However, the T-Birds suffered another loss when Daisha Clinton sprained her ankle during practice and may miss some action.

Highline traveled to Edmonds on Oct. 30; results were not available at press time. The T-Birds face Everett on Nov. 4 and Skagit Valley on Nov. 8 at the Highline Pavilion at 7 p.m.

Cross country to get prepared for state finals

By Corey Tolliver
Staff Reporter

The Highline Community College Cross Country team got a feel of what the upcoming state meet is going to be like at the Bigfoot Invitational past weekend.

The T-Birds plac second behind rival Spokane Community College on the course that will host the regional championships next month.

The Bigfoot Invite should have been one of the largest races in the state with all teams invited, but unfortunately only four community college teams came.

Coach Frank Ahern was a lit- tle disappointed about the com- petition, yet he was still happy with the way the team ran.

Two T-Birds placed in the top five. Brian Smith fourth and Frank Ceniceros fifth, and the team had many other improved times.

This race turned out to be a first for Smith, who usually finishes behind teammate Ceniceros. Running 27:02 over 8,000 meters, Smith finished one second in front of Ceniceros.

Ahern said that the most pos- sive aspect of the race was that both of the runners improved their times considerably, and so did several other Highline runners.

Kicking

Continued from page 7

Tacoma and Skagit Valley (10-4-1 record) in the last two weeks, team members still are hopeful of defending their conference championship.

"I see no reason to doubt our chances," Ransom said. "We have yet to reach our peak and we are hoping every body else has. If everything goes as planned we will reach it around playoff time."

The team fought hard against Skagit Valley but couldn't quite get the job done.

Skagit held a 2-0 lead at halftime and scored another goal early in the second half to go up 3-0.

Freshmen Kelly O'Neill broke the seal for Highline at the 66-minute mark scoring off a pass from team co-captain Jill Anderson. Jennifer Odell added another goal for the T-Birds with 7 minutes remaining in the game.

"We were on the attack but we just ran out of time," Ransom said.

Coach Brigham credited the Skagit Valley defensive effort as the key to the game.

The keeper and her sweep- ers both played great. We had more shots than they did but they were able to stop them from going in," Brigham said.

Another chance for redemption is coming up 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, against Spokane CC, who is responsible for one of the T-Birds' losses.

"We will get a good idea of where we stand when we play Spokane," Ransom said. "We lost to them once this year and right now they are our main focus.

Including Spokane, Highline has four games left, including what could be a crucial last game at Tacoma on Nov. 13.
News

Oct. 1, 1996

Book

Continued from page 1

foundations from his attempt at
writing, but he made some vital
points in the second half of
the book,” said science teacher
Carlos Torres. “There have been
ironically, the students have
been forced to learn
how to think
personally, and
this has
been
the most
important thing...”

Continued from page 1

Smoke

but they are making people to
smoke, increasing health risks
offices,” said Bloomberg. Adver-
sing money to play a part in
raising health risks
offences are in the new school
campaign. Bloomberg has tried to
get
his
message
out,
organization, get them to stop,
said Bloomberg. The idea
was to have the schools teach
and put to the animal com-
pauny. This was to be the building
on an animal.

Continued from page 1

However, it has seemed to me
that the book said those students
should be left out, ignored
nately, this is no reason to
abuse. Community colleges are
places and they should be given
our chances. You can’t just
be in a college, you have to be
your chances. You can’t just
be in a college, you have to be
more than that,” said speech
instructor Barbara Clinton.

Continued from page 1

the book and those students
should be two different things.

Continued from page 1

Student life, but today it is
more common for work to be a
good job,” said Michael Lockard.
“A lot of students have a
job, but a good job, and a
"good job is not always the
same thing. We need to find a
way to bring them up to the
level they should be at.”

Continued from page 1

The general attitude toward
college is different now. It used
to be the most important thing

Continued from page 1

in a student’s life, but today it
is more common for work to be a
good job,” said Mike Lockard.
"A lot of students have a
job, but a good job, and a
"good job is not always the
same thing. We need to find a
way to bring them up to the
level they should be at.”

Continued from page 1

Several instances have
occurred when students have
failed to show up for classes.
The students are not coming
to classes and are not involved
in the classroom.”

Continued from page 1

The campus is operated by
the Board of Trustees. The
administration is responsible
for the operation of the college.

Continued from page 1

The Wrinklewall

 fastest, coolest, rockin' blue.
KICKABOILJEANS, AND NEAT
CARE-UNIFORMS

REAL LIFE UNIFORMS. SELL
STUFF. NO ADVENTURE AT PARAUNCHING."POISON.
THURSDAY’S MAIN CONTEST IS SKELETONS.
COMPETITION AVAILABLE WITH NEEDED QUALITY.
SPECIAL

THE DAY BREAKS FRESHLY
CHEWING GUMBO WEAR.
PREVIOUS TUPPON TONGUE TELLER
REPLACEMENT MAKES ROSES
AND THE LIGHT WINES WITH ORANGE
BEANS ANNALEIGH BROWNSTOCKS
AND THE MANY RINGS TO
COMPLETE YOUR FRESHNESS.

COMING THURSDAY: LADIES BLUE NIGHT AND VARIOUS
NATIONAL NIGHT.

THE GREAT ENTERTAINMENT SHOWS (Remember,
NO COVERING)

LOCATED: 5th & 12th Avenue
BARMAY NIGHT LITE AND FEDERAL WAY
WELL, ÁND LITE
1-800-818-3242
DISCOUNT WITH STUDENT ID