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Warning: parking can be hazardous

Nearby firms promise to tow students' cars

By E.C. Schnackenberg
Staff Reporter

You are 15 minutes late to class, and you have spent the last 20 looking for parking. You get an inspired idea, you will park in the gravel lot between Baskin Robbins and Antique Junction.

You lock up your car and go to class, ignoring all of the Pete's Towing signs or maybe only glancing at them with passing curiosity with that feeling of "they mean all of these other cars."

This is nothing new, students have been parking in this lot, and have been towed away for decades.

This has become a common occurrence, and local businesses are tired of students using their lots.

Skippers, Baskin Robbins, and Antique Junction will soon begin towing away students using their lots.

"Our biggest complaint from customers is lack of parking," said Skippers Manager Ron Cooper.

The towing signs don't seem to help, many students ignore them, or simply don't see them.

"I didn't realize those signs were for

TOW
ZONE!

me, but I'll move my car if that is what they are going to do," one student said, getting back into her car.

Ignoring the signs could be costly. Pete's Towing charges \$125 for the tow, and \$20 every day after your car has been

Photo by Mike Day

Those signs at local businesses are not just for show. Highline students' cars can and will be towed.

Local businesses are doing issuing warnings.

impounded.

So for \$150 dollars it may be in the best interest of students to just accept it and park at Mid-Way. Obviously, parking at HCC is limited, and those students who arrive earliest get the best spots. Those who arrive late need to use the designated overflow area, or they run the risk of being towed.

Scholarships available from HCC Foundation

Pencils to be posed, ready for scholarships made available on Feb. 1

By Anita Coppola
Staff Reporter

Need money for school?

Last year the Highline Community College Foundation had \$24,000 available in scholarship money. They had 42 scholarships to award.

"Students are encouraged to apply for more than one scholarship," said Laurie Sorensen, executive director of the foundation and also director of resource development for Highline Community College. "It is a fairly easy application and one form applies for all of the scholarships offered through the foundation."

The scholarships will be offered on February 1. The deadline for turning them in will be April 15.



Mark McKay

Scholarship winners will be announced two-weeks later on May 1.

"Don't be afraid to apply," Sorensen said. "Last year the competition was not stiff." In fact there was one scholarship that went unasked for.

Sorensen's advice to students is "when the competition is stiff, it is often the well-written letter of recommendation from a faculty member or employer that determines who

gets the scholarship."

The foundation, located in Building 9, raises money for scholarships, emergency funds and special projects on campus such as multi-media equipment for the library or assistance to a faculty member to attend a seminar.

"A lot of students fear that scholarships are based on academics, which is not necessarily true," Mark McKay, assistant director of the foundation said. "Students also don't have enough confidence in themselves to apply."

Last year the foundation sent out flyers to 5,000 high school students to advertise the availability of scholarships. "We like to get the word out to high school students," Sorensen said. "We want to let them know what a great school Highline Community College is."

The foundation raises money through various events. Currently it is in the middle of its annual fund raiser which is called Home Grown Treasures. The foundation is seeking

ing money from among its 1,000 active donors, at this time. The foundations annual Golf marathon in September raised over \$30,000.

The foundation has many different scholarships available.

This year five \$1,000 scholarships are being offered in jewelry making. Each year the Des Moines / Midway Rotary offers scholarships.

This year they are also offering a leadership scholarship and will be looking for applicants who have had leadership experience in their communities.

"We as a foundation and college have to create a better awareness of the program and the availability of scholarships," McKay said. "I'm sure as the cost of tuition keeps rising, students will start looking at them more and more."

"Students can inquire at the financial aid office about scholarships available at the foundation," Sorensen said. "We also advertise on campus."

Volleyball
going for
the gold.

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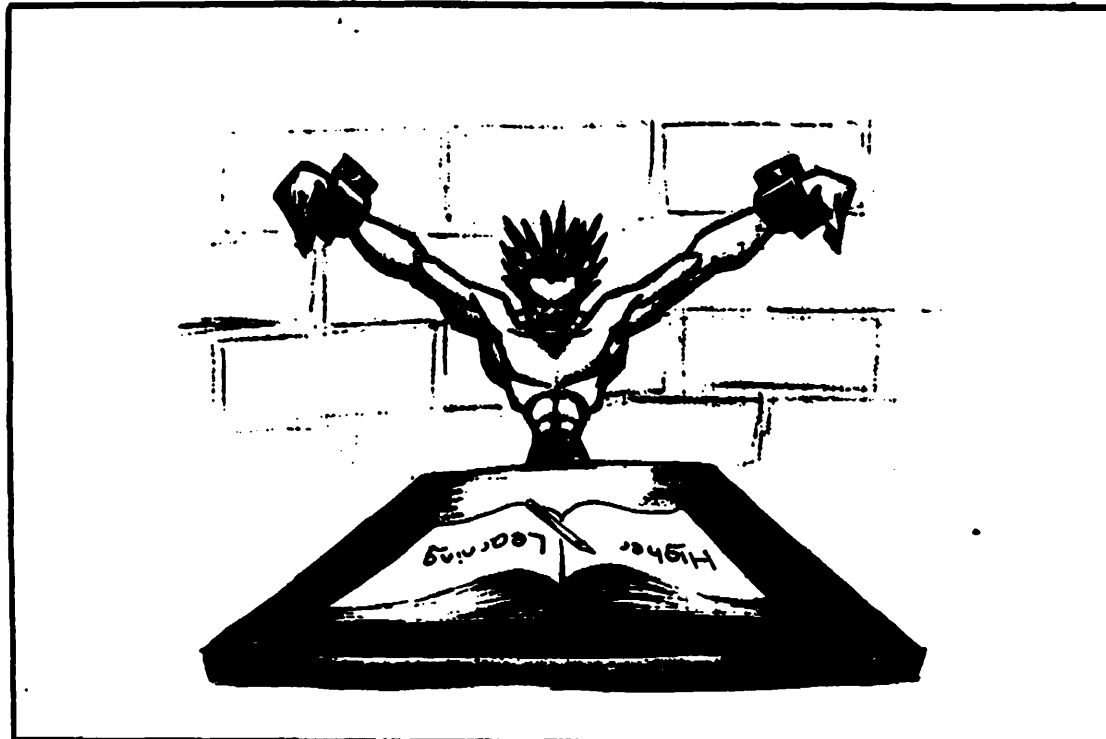
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"Eighty percent
of success is
just showing
up."
Woody Allen



Highline teacher builds cyber school

By Bonnie Char
Staff Reporter

Terryl Jarvis Ross recently took his students for a walk in the moonlight. This new instructor at Highland Community College was not teaching astronomy, but rather a lesson in the value of community and democracy within the classroom.

When Journalism 100 student Dana Walker asked Ross's permission to view the recent lunar eclipse, he had the class vote on the matter.

"He's open to letting us change the rules if we need to," Walker said about her new teacher.

Ross wasn't stressed at being hired just three days before class started this quarter. "I really like teaching, so I was just excited," said Ross, "I think learning and teaching should be fun."

Ross was born in Germany in 1959, the son of a soldier in the United States Army.

When Ross's father was sent to fight in the Vietnam War, his family moved into a public housing development in Philadelphia.

Growing up in a family of eight, sharing was a way of life for Terryl. "We had no car or telephone, but we had a freezer," said Ross. "My parents shared the use of their freezer with several other families in exchange for transportation and telephone needs."

Ross draws a metaphor between this early experience and the mutual rewards of cooperative learning in the classroom.

"I've just always believed in sharing, and that a student can learn more from a whole group than from one person," said Ross. "He really gets people involved," commented student, Donn Fast.

Ross earned his Masters Degree in Public Relations at Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Public Communication.

Currently a student at The University of Washington, Ross is working towards his Ph. D. in Educational Communication and Technology.

Ross's goal for the next decade is to create an international learning facility called

The Gaia Culture is where he will run the TV station for Gaia's virtual classrooms.

Gaia's 21st Century cyber college will train educators on a case by case basis. "My school will accommodate people's lifestyles," said Ross. "I want to know what kind of learner you are, what your interests are, and then customize student course work."

The Gaia Culture's curriculum will utilize diverse communication skills, teach critical thinking and weave a tapestry of knowledge by integrating subjects. "I want to teach people how to see the connection in things," said Ross.

While Gaia is still in development, Ross invites people to share in its evolution.

For more information on The Gaia Culture, visit Terryl Ross's website, Virtual Village, at <http://www.weber.u.washington.edu/~tjross>.

In his spare time, Ross prefers to be in a social setting. "I love being with people; That's my greatest hobby," he said. "I'm also a big Husky Fan, I love the Huskies!" said Ross, who tries to make it to as many games as possible.

As a child, Ross dreamed of being an ambassador.

In a sense, Ross is still working toward that goal, striving to be an ambassador for what he calls, "education in the information age."

"I believe the key to human survival in the 21st century lies in education and that if you truly view the people of the world as your brothers and sisters, you will approach things differently," said Ross.

Access Services opens doors

By Nadira Khan
Staff Reporter

You are sitting in a classroom just like all the other students and listening to the lecture. However, you cannot understand what the teacher is saying, you cannot write down the notes in your notebook, or read what is written on the board.

You find yourself so nervous and anxious in this situation that you want to run out of the class. But on the other hand, you believe that you have enough mental capabilities to perform well in the class and achieve your academic goals.

This dilemma is not unfamiliar for many Highline students at who have learning disabilities such as Dyslexia and Attention Deficit Disorder.

Candy Hatcher, the assistant to the director of Access Services, said, "Since now that the people are getting more aware of learning disabilities, they get detected in students more." Approximately 70 to 100 students at Highline Community College have such disabilities. The learning disabled students display a wide range of characteristics, including poor reading, spelling, spoken language, and reasoning ability.

Despite having a normal intelligence, sufficient instructions, and emotional and behavioral stability, such students experience problems in succeeding in school. Some other causes, hyperactivity, inattention, medication, and psychological distress, can be associated with learning disabilities, but are not characteristics of learning disabilities.

Access Services for Students with Disabilities, located in Building 6 on the upper level, provide the learning-disabled students the accommodations and services that they need to meet the academic standards expected from all students. Hatcher described how the services work for students with learning disabilities.

"I make sure that students with medical documentation of learning disabilities get in touch with our director and learn what we can do to make education accessible for them," Hatcher said. The information on the student's disability is kept confidential.

Students get accommodated by Access Services in many ways. Some students with psychiatric disabilities cannot handle test anxiety, getting so anxious that they feel unable to per-

form on the test.

"For the students who can not perform tests in the classrooms," Hatcher explained,

"We provide them a private and quiet room and extra time, so that they feel less anxious and show their learning on the test at the same level that other students do."

The learning-disabled students who face difficulty in reading text books can get them in alternative formats such as on tapes. They can get assistance with class note-taking and reading.

Often people with learning disabilities do not recognize the actual reason for their difficulty in learning concepts and materials and feel less mindful.

"If a student sits in the class and does everything he or she is supposed to do and still does not make it to what he or she thinks are his or her mental capabilities, he or she may want to get tested for learning disabilities rather than being frustrated," Hatcher said.

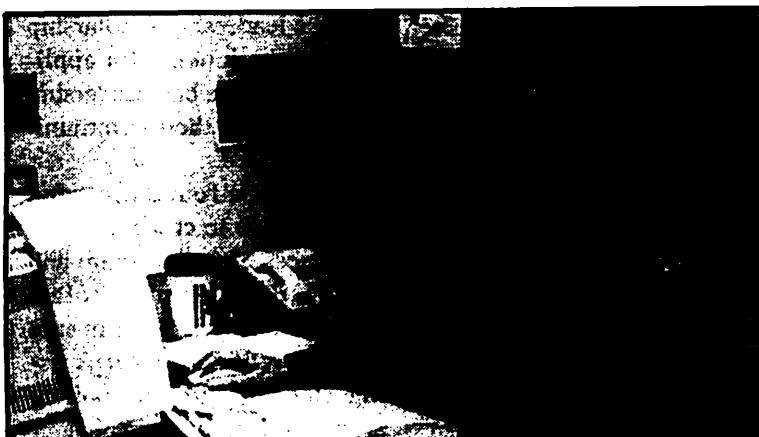
Sometimes teachers recognize the problem in students' performance and refer them to the Access Services.

To get an appointment the students need to contact Hatcher by telephone or in person.

Internships can pave way to jobs

By Peggy Finnson and
Nadira Khan
Staff Reporters

It's your first day on the job and you're not having much fun. You're learning that this work isn't what you want to spend your life doing, and you're beginning to regret the time you have wasted in college trying to



Lisa Skari helps students find internships opportunities.

get this job.

You can explore a job ahead of time, however, through an

internship.

"I advise students to test out their careers by experiencing

them," said Lisa Skari, director of cooperative education and internships at Highline. "You wouldn't buy a car over the phone."

Skari had her own experience with the wrong job.

"I had originally considered being an accountant, but decided to that I didn't want to sit alone at a desk all day," she said. "So I decided to become a buyer in retail because it sounded like fun and I thought I would get to travel a lot. I wound up alone at a desk."

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Campus cats more than just cute

By Anita Coppola
Staff Reporter

Stubbie and his sister Domino get a full ride at Highline Community College; free room and board and no tuition.

As a result, the pair are well versed in biology and cooperative education.

Stubbie and Domino are the campus cats. The feline pair have roamed the campus for nearly three years.

Stubbie and Domino were purchased at Midway Pet Center by Linda Carlson, science instructional technician at Highline.

Carlson took them home and raised them for the first six months. "They were so cute as kittens, I thought someone might try to take them," she said.

Earlier on, Stubbie was borrowed by instructors to help students deal with test anxiety. "Stubbie has a calming effect on people," Carlson said.

Stubbie and Domino are currently being used by Biology 100, which studies animal behavior.

Biology 100 used to study human behavior. Students would observe humans by standing too close to people in elevators or put books on top of someone's car, and then record the results. Those practices, however, became too hazardous.

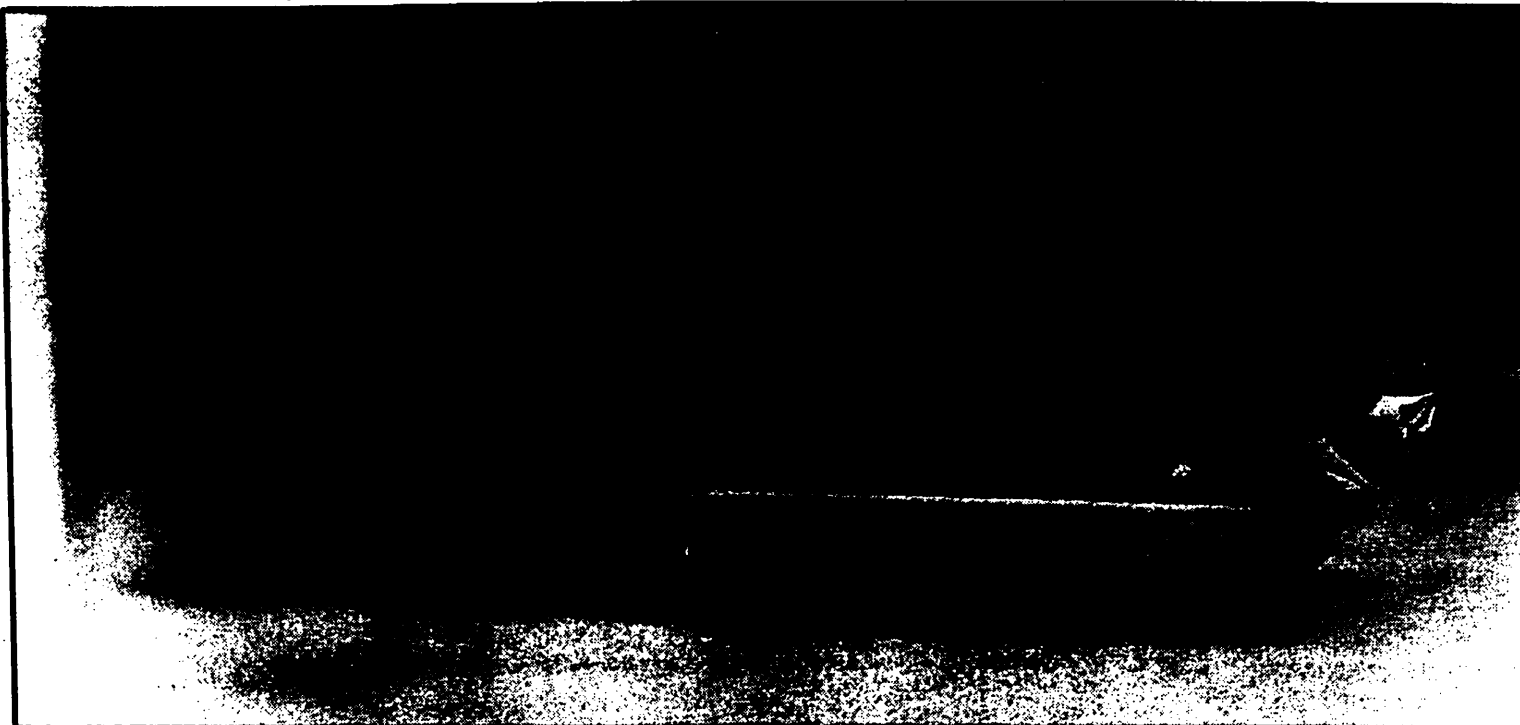


Photo by W.B. Heming

Stubbie the cat takes a break from his busy schedule of eating, sleeping, and helping students.

"Stubbie has
a calming
effect on
people."

Linda Carlson

ous.
"It was getting too dangerous," Carlson said. "You don't know if someone is carrying a

gun or what."

The cats live in the lab in Building 12, year round. Stubbie enjoys roaming the campus more than his sister.

"Domino stays within ten feet of the door when we let her out," Carlson said.

During the summer, Stubbie likes to hang out in Building 19. "We're a captive audience," Lisa Skari, director of cooperative education and internships said.

"We don't really take care of him," she said. "He just gets his fill of affection from us."

When taking his catnaps in Building 19, he loves to sleep in a box under Cyndi Sorrel's desk.

"Stubs and I are buddies," Skari said. "He likes to help me with my word processing by walking on the keyboard."

The pair of cats are employed four days out of the year. Every year during Thanksgiving weekend, Stubbie and Domino are kept in the greenhouse and are put on rodent patrol.

"It's nice and warm in there," Carlson said. "It's like a vacation in Palm Springs for them."

Stubbie and Domino are both

well fed. They don't just live off of their Science Diet though.

"Chocolate donuts," Carlson said. "That's Stubbie's favorite junk food." He has also been seen eating dry flake fish food.

The two spend their days living the "Life of Riley". They get plenty of attention from students and when they get bored, they love to watch the other animals in the lab, especially the mice and fish.

"Stubbie and Domino have enriched our program," Carlson said. "They've added a personal touch to our building."

Women's center provides support

By Amber Rietveld
and Rose Embuscado
Staff Reporters

Starting college can be a very scary experience, especially for those returning after years of working in the home. The Women's Center at Highline College is here to help women adjust and make the transition to college.

The center was founded 25 years ago by a group of faculty women who saw the need for special programs that would help women return to school and work after having been homemakers for many years.

The center has nine staff members under the direction of Kelli Johnston, who has been with the center for four years. The center provides women in the community and on campus "an alternative entry point to the college," Johnston said. The center provides a safe, caring environment for women starting out again, she said.

The center tries to "help the people who fall through the

cracks," Johnston said.

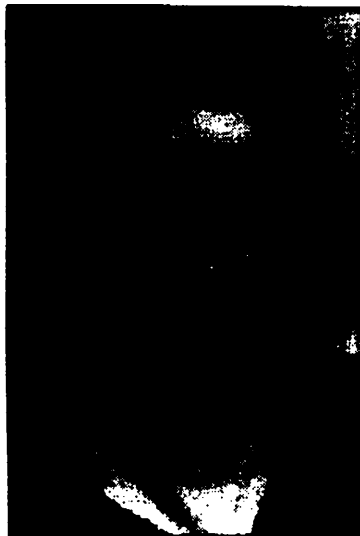
Staff members include an employment specialist and a certified marriage and family therapist. Many staffers also are students.

The center is career-focused and many of their programs help build skills and knowledge required in today's work force. Workshops have included "Surviving the First 30 Days of College," and "Divorce, Money and You," to computer classes of all levels.

Many of the workshops offered are free; those that do require a fee also offer scholarships and at least one scholarship is offered for every class.

The center also provides support services for women who have been abused, are experiencing relationship, career, or family problems, or just need someone to talk to. These services are provided free by the staff at the center.

The center is funded by the college, along with grants from the federal government and



Kelli Johnston

King County. The federal grant can be renewed each year while the two-year county grant expires next month.

The center also raises money through social functions, raffles and food sales. Donations have come from Rotary, ROTC and individuals, including women instructors at Highline.

The center also makes grants to women unable to afford college tuition. Since the beginning of Fall Quarter, the center has doled out more than \$3,000 from its emergency fund to help

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Fast food staple in many students' diets

By Chris Schelde
Staff Reporter

When thinking about food, Highline students opt for convenience over price and taste.

The love of food— is it money well spent or a frivolous extra? Everybody has to eat. But does it have to cost so much?

An unscientific survey asked 100 people here on campus six basic questions about food and where people eat.

The survey was divided into three living conditions: 60 students lived with families, of those, 40 were the mothers of the house and 20 were still living at home with their parents. Thirty students were living with roommates and 10 were living by themselves.

The 60 students who lived with family spent an average of \$32.50 a week on food with the majority being spent on groceries. They are at home an average of 7.5 times a week and only ate out 2.4 times a week.

The 30 students who live with roommates spend an average of \$49.90 a week on food. They eat

out an average of 3.12 times a week, and eat at home 4.6 times a week.

The 10 students who lived alone spent an average \$49.30 a week on food, eating out 3.5 times a week and eating at home 4.2 times a week.

The 100 people who participated in the survey said the number one reason for eating out was after a long day at work or school, most people don't want to go home and spend the time or the energy fixing a meal.

The majority of students who live with roommates said they eat at fast-food establishments because it's cheap and quick.

The 10 students who live alone also chose fast-food over sit-down, because they said it was faster and they didn't like to cook at home because they hated cleaning up the mess.

The 40 mothers said balancing school, work and home life doesn't leave much time for eating out or cooking so they use mostly premade products because of convenience and time constraints. Only 18 percent of all surveyed cook from scratch.

Choose your teacher wisely

With registration for winter quarter right around the corner, it's time to start thinking about the classes you are going to sign up for. Something to think about when registering for your classes, which might be even more important than the actual classes themselves, is who will be teaching the course.

An instructor can make or break a class. A good instructor can make even a typically boring class interesting and entertaining. These instructors take the time to interact with their students. Interaction between student and teacher allows the instructors to relate to their class. Each student learns differently and at different speeds, so instructors who are aware of where their students are at, are the kind of instructors you must seek out.

I have found that some instructors can be overly intellectual in what they are teaching. They have been in their field for so long that they have it down cold. These instructors spout forth a huge amount of information, and to them it's all second nature; they've become numb to how overwhelming some of the material can be when heard for the first time. (Just a note: I'm not speaking of anyone in particular, so any instructor of mine, please don't take offense to any of this. Please.)

Instructors have different ways of approaching the classes they teach. Some like to refer to personal experiences, and anecdotes to relate the information to the students. Others take materials directly from the text books. The former can make the learning much smoother rather than forcing down a healthy dose of boring text. What I'm getting at is, some of the required courses can be hard to swallow at times, but getting the right instructor can be the spoon full of sugar to help the medicine go down.

So, how do you find out

Whats
on my
mind...

By Carmine Coburn

which instructors are the good ones? Well, a great place to start is by asking other students that have been on campus for a while. Keep in mind however, that different people will have different opinions. Go beyond whether or not the instructor is any good, but ask why or why not. What did they like about them? What did they dislike? Then it's up to you to be subjective enough to decide if that instructor might be for you.

A little time investigating can save you some headaches, and will also help you to maximize what you get out of the courses you're taking. Not only this, but chances are if you enjoy the course, and enjoy your instructor, you'll probably have more success and get a better grade in the class.

Some other good questions to ask people about instructors are: Did they make the class interesting? Was the text they used good or bad? Did they write their own book? How much does they interact with the class? Did they seem to grade fairly? Did they deliver the material in different ways, applying it to things you could identify with, or was it all lecture?

You get the picture, right? Dig a little and you may come up with some things that will help ensure your success in finding the classes that are right for you.

To conclude, I just want to say that you're paying for this education, so it's worth the time to make sure you're investing your money in the right instructors.

Thanks again for letting me share what was on my mind.



Marriage shouldn't be redefined

By Mike Day
Staff Reporter

Recently at Highline while addressing the subject of same-sex marriages Democratic candidates for the 33rd District, Karen Keiser and Julia Patterson, rejected a recent state law that attempted to define marriage as being for procreation only. The law would effectively have denied the recognition of same-sex marriages in the state.

A recent bill which passed the Republican Congress, U.S. House 342-67, U.S. Senate 85-14, and was signed by President Clinton, leaves it up to each state to decide if same-sex marriages will be recognized. Though not currently legal anywhere in the nation, this vote was spurred by a ruling made in Hawaii that would legalize same sex marriage.

Much like a Las Vegas for same-sex couples, they could fly into Hawaii, get married and then return home. Certainly a boon for the Hawaii tourism market. At last count 23 states were at various stages of banning same-sex marriages, and four others have passed laws that prevent recognition of same-sex marriages.

"Whatever one's views are concerning the morality of same-sex marriages," wrote University of Oregon law professor Maurice J. Holland in the Washington Post, "no one could characterize the legal change anticipated [in] Hawaii as other than revolutionary. The change would drastically alter the nature and character, indeed the very definition of the most important institution of human civilization, the family."

What is marriage? Marriage is for procreation, it is the uniting of a man and a woman, the first step in creating a family. As Robert H. Knight of the Family Research Council wrote in the Washington Post, "marriage is the basis of family life and families are central to civilization."

First society was asked to pretend homosexuality was normal, though it is not found outside the human race. Then we pretended that homosexuals were having sex, though that is biologically impossible. Now we are asked to legitimize this aberrant coupling by allowing it to be called marriage.

If this redefining of marriage is allowed, where do we draw the line? Three, four, five people, why would this be any less legitimate? Marriage within a family? What coupling or grouping would not be allowed? What are the boundaries? Why those boundaries and how would they be enforced?

Marriage is for propagation of the species, building families. It is about sex and life's struggle to survive. Proponents of same-sex marriage call those opposed judgmental and religious extremists. But being opposed to an issue is no more judgmental than being for an issue, and religion has nothing to do with it. Different denominations have different wedding ceremonies but as far as the state is concerned religion is not a factor.

Opponents have compared those opposed to same-sex marriages to those that pushed for miscegenation

laws in the south. Miscegenation laws would have banned interracial marriages. But propagation of the human race is not effected by a couple's different ethnicity, as it certainly is by that couple's inability to have sex.

Since all couples do not have children, opponents ask why should they be allowed to marry? Even heterosexual couples with no possibility of having children may choose to marry, though marriage is not necessary. These couples may intellectually know that procreation is impossible, but that does not change who they inherently are.

Marriage is for procreation, though obviously it is not required. With current social ills caused by children born out of wedlock, marriage is clearly preferred. What goes on between couples is their business up to the point they ask society to legitimize it, then it's everyone's business and everyone can judge it. To Karen Keiser, Julia Patterson and those who support same-sex marriages I firmly chide, show some respect to your species.

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Presidents winning votes again

By Eric Finden
Arts Editor

Just as the votes were being tallied this past Tuesday, so were the sales of the new album from "The Presidents of the United States of America."

Because "The Presidents" are a Seattle band the whole album, "P.U.S.A. 2," was broadcasted on the radio on the Monday before last.

The Presidents are unlike any group that has come out of the Northwest. The combination of Chris Ballew, Dave Deder, and Jason Finn define a new meaning in rock music.

The sound of a two-string basitar, a three-string guitbass, and no-string drums make for a

Music Review

one-of-a-kind sound. Even with the missing chords the band has been successful under the contract of Columbia records.

Their first album consisted of songs that stretched the imagination and brought out the kid at heart. They sang about a kitty coming in from the cold, froggies playing music, peaches in the country, and other songs that were on the lighter side of



life.

On of their first album, the song "Stranger," was made by taking personal adds from the local magazine "The stranger." It was definitely taken from the "I saw you" section. As the song goes, "I saw you. It was incredible."

Bill Clinton sure saw them at his inaugural party four years ago when he was elected. Earlier in 1996 they played the Seattle Center Arena where they rocked in front of a packed house. They entertained the crowd with their country-like accents and goofy ways of singing their lyrics.

For example they did a cover of "Video Star." At the beginning Dave Deder sounded like a guy leading a square dance.

Their second album has a bit of a darker side, and a stronger guitar sound. They still have their missing chord though. It has songs "Volcano" which is about a certain mountain over the Puget Sound that is ready to blow. Most likely it's Mt. Rainier. A song called "Mach 5" is about smashing Matchbox cars in the back yard. It also has a song about an Indian princess selling E-coli burgers. Then

there's "Bath of Fire" that goes like this: "Razor fanged rattlesnake only tryin' to protect itself. I had to haul off and blow its little head away; Sucked out the venom, kept the little skin and Meat found its way onto my plate."

Another interesting feature about the new album is the use of two songs that sandwich the album. The first song is "Ladies and Gentlemen part 1" and the last song is "Ladies and Gentlemen part 2."

The presidents made a surprise appearance at Moe's Rockn' Cafe on Halloween. They put themselves on the bill as the name of some other band.

On Dec. 7 though their coming back to play "Deck the Hall Ball" presented by "The End." Tickets go on sale at Ticketmaster on Saturday Nov. 9 for \$28.50. Other bands on the bill include Fun Loving Criminals, Butthole Surfers, Eels, Silver Chair, Stabbing Westward, and Orbital.

The Presidents are known to most of their critics as entertainers and have even been quoted as saying so themselves. With their newest album though, they have defined themselves as Rock Artists.

HorrorScope

By Red Dawn



Scorpio 10/24-11/22

Drop that class now before you embarrass yourself any further. Did you think you could fake your way through this?

Sagittarius 11/23-12/21

Artistic pursuits will be most rewarding right now — for everyone except you, that is. Go shopping and by something nice before that someone special leaves for good.

Capricorn 12/22-1/20

Be all you can be, as little as that may be. Practice the lines until you get them right: "Do you want fries with that?"

Aquarius 1/21-2/19

Cats invade your home and open all your canned tuna. You arrive just in time to discover the next dance craze: The Catarena!

Pisces 2/20-3/20

Dogs invade your home, thinking it's the house where the cats went. Can you say doggy treats? Collect all the hair they shed and weave it into a scarf.

Aries 3/21-4/20

Ever consider a career in telemarketing? This could be the perfect fit for you. Everything is happy and skippy all the way home, and then you find a big bunch of flowers just waiting for you. Look out; they're not in a friendly mood.

Taurus 4/21-5/21

Frenchmen in a hot air balloon will land on your car. They'll be cranky after the long flight, so keep the Grey Poupon chilled and ready!

Jim'n'I (The Twins) 5/22-6/21

We'll be playing "The Songs of Boxcar Willie," our musical tribute to music you can't find in stores, Thursday through Armageddon at Wild Wally's Disco Truck Stop in Burien. Be there.

Cancer 6/22-7/23

You have the only sign named for a horrible disease. Figure it out; buy the insurance. Leo 7/24-8/23

Leo bowled a 217 last week, and he cuts a mean french fry. Just don't order the shoes marked "Punter;" in fact, you ought to consider getting your own.

Virgo 8/24-9/23

Germans invade your flower garden in search of the French balloonists. But don't take any lip from them; it only encourages them if you're nice.

Libra 9/24-10/23

Happy times are just around the corner. But you can't get to the corner without directions, so what's the point?

Listen to the voices, I do

Dear Gabby,

I'm having problems figuring out if my cow is a boy or a girl. Can you help me? — Utterly Confused

Dear Confused,

I've that same problem, only it was me, not my cow. I thought that I was a man, but in the last issue of the Thunderword, they referred to me as a female. Gosh, quit bothering me with these questions you get me all confused.

Dear Gabby,

I never have any money, but I do have a lot of friends. Is there a way to have a lot of money and a lot of friends that doesn't cut into my study time? — Poor and Popular

Dear Poor,

You are obviously a loser masquerading as a cool person. The only reason you have friends is because you spend all of your money to keep them around. Quit living a lie and you may one day become rich. As for friends, give it up. If you weren't your friends meal ticket they'd kick you to the curb and leave you bleeding in the gutter.

Dear Gabby,

There is this guy I've been talking to, we are somewhat involved, but he sends many mixed messages.

At one point he tells me that I am "the one." Then in other

Dear Gabby



conversations he tells me he's not sure he can love again.

I'm concerned that I will give up other opportunities and wait for him and he'll decide that he can't love again then I'll be back to square one. —Looking for Love

Dear Looking,

Why are you being such a loser? Quit being bossed around by a man of all people. If he is being that wishy-washy then I wouldn't think twice about dumping him. My own little personal hint when dealing with relationships are if you're second guessing then you probably should get out.

Maybe you should try one of these other opportunities, who knows, you might find the right guy in places you would never expect. Happy hunting.

Dear Gabby,

I am interested in this guy in one of my classes. We talk and joke around in class all the time. I would like to get to know him better, but I don't know if he is interested in dating someone

Calendar

"I Want Cake and Passionate Kisses"

Nov. 1-Dec. 6, 1996
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wheel). Ticket info-
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409 7th Ave. S.
Seattle Wa. 98104
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of a different race. What should I do? — Confused Cookie.

Dear Cookie,

You seem like an intelligent person, and intelligent people usually tend to know if they're on the right track, if you think he'd be a worthy conquest, then by all means pursue him with the tenacity of a predator. On the cross-cultural dilemma, if you are truly concerned about his ethnic preference, then I suggest you find out through the female talent of being subversive. He may just be shy or not comfortable in the art of social fencing when it comes to dating.

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Dear Gabby,

My inner child goes down for long naps at inopportune times, and when it wakes up it's really cranky. What should I do? — Puzzled in Pierce County.

Dear Puzzled,

What puts your inner child to sleep? Is it bored with you as an adult? Ask yourself "What is so boring?" If you can't answer, get professional help. Untill you resolve your dominance problem you can be both.

Why not, being multiple people works for me!

Sonics back, set to win it all

The Seattle Supersonics are back in business! They started their home opener the way they left off the last home game of last season.

Before the game against the Portland Trailblazers on Nov. 2 the team arrived one by one in limousines so the fans had the opportunity to see them up close. This set the atmosphere for the game, and what a convincing game it was.

After the introduction of the starting lineups the Western Conference Champions banner was raised, and the crowd responded the same way they did

Seattle Sports Minute



By Glenn Flaathen

through the playoffs, running the decibal meter to the max. This set the stage for the game, and Shawn Kemp started out with a spin around move followed by a dunk.

After that the game went one way, the Sonics' way! Their defense created turnovers with traps and steals, and scored off of them. The quarterback of their defense, Gary Payton, had three fouls after the first quarter, so Nate McMillan ran the point for the rest of the half.

Kemp and Detlef Schrempf took care of the scoring while new free agent signing Jim McIlvaine blocked the weak stuff in the middle. He ended the game with five rejections. He is just the presence in the middle that the Sonics were looking for in the off-season.

Kemp was a perfect 14 for 14 from the free throw line, and he keeps on showing increased maturity on the court. I have no doubt that he will contend for the regular season's Most Valuable Player award at the end of the season.

Payton also came back in the game in the second half, and helped the Sonics increase their lead. In the fourth quarter all the starters were resting on the bench, so the reserves got some playing time.

The Sonics showed a lot of positive things during this game, and that could lead to a championship year in Seattle. Kemp has improved from last season, so has Payton, who had some absolutely stunning passes during the game. McIlvaine is an awesome shot

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Division title in making for volleyball

Women 11-0 and only one game away from clinching the inevitable

By June Quemado
Staff Reporter

One more victory and the T-birds will be assured the women's volleyball championship of the Northern Division of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC). League opponent Edmonds Community College failed to topple the T-birds from their perch high above all other teams. This lat-



Head Coach
John Littleman

est victory puts Highline at 11-0.

"The magic number is one," said Assistant Coach John Wilson following the hard fought battle in Edmonds on Oct. 30. "One more win and we're champs!"

However, Head Coach John Littleman was quick to jump in and say, "I want three more." Three more wins would give the T-birds an undefeated season. The last time a Northern Division team went undefeated was in 1993 when Highline's record was 12-0.

Edmonds nearly shattered all possibility of this vision of excellence in a 1-3 match. The first game was tied on seven occa-

sions: 2-2, 3-3, 4-4, 7-7, 8-8, 11-11 and 12-12. The T-birds mercifully ended the marathon, 15-13.

Vengeful after their loss in the first game, the Tritons came back to score 11 unanswered points early in the second game. The T-birds could not mount a defense to stop Edmonds, 6-15.

The T-birds ensured victory early in the third game with seven consecutive points, including two aces—one each from Amanda Such and Angie Henderson. Kelly McGehee punched in the game-ending ace serve, 15-11.

The T-birds repeatedly tied

the fourth game early-on: 2-2, 3-3 and 4-4. Edmonds dug deep to score eight consecutive points, which gave Edmonds a 7-4 lead. Highline mounted a comeback late in the game and scored 10 unanswered points to seal the game at 15-13, giving the T-birds the match victory.

The Nov. 4 match against Everett Community College was rescheduled for Nov. 6. Results of that match were unavailable at press time.

The T-birds will play their last home game on Nov. 8 against Skagit Valley Community College, second in the Northern Division. The T-birds' final league game will be played at Shoreline on Nov. 13.

The NWAACC Championship Tournament will be held at Chemeketa Community College Nov. 21-23.

Men's soccer may fall short

By Glenn Flaathen
Sports Editor

The season for the men's soccer team is going down to the wire as they aim for a playoff spot.

With four games remaining the T-Birds are trailing Edmonds Community College and Everett Community College by three points for final playoff spot in the Northern Division.

Last Wednesday, Oct. 30, the Birds beat Grays Harbor by a score of 6-0. In the win Anthony Stafford and Damon Edmondson scored two goals each, while Showbo Tilsbury and Brandon Nilson added one a piece.

On Saturday, Nov. 2, Highline lost a tough game against Bellevue Community College. This was a game in which the referee came in to focus by handing out ten cards, including two Highline players being sent off. "It was a physical game that got out of hand," Assistant Coach Keith Paton said. "The refereeing was not of a high level, and it contributed to the rough play."



Photo by Glenn Flaathen

The men's soccer team practices at the Highline pitch.

The two T-Bird players that were red carded were starters Bryan Martin and Eric Duke. "They are two of our strongest players, so it's a big loss that they will miss the game against Shoreline," Paton said.

This was a game that the T-Birds really needed to get closer to clinching a place in the playoffs. "It was a very intense game, but it just didn't happen," Paton said.

"We have to keep winning now, and hope that Edmonds and Everett lose a game each," he said. Both teams in front of Highline in the division have a tougher schedule remaining. They both play Spokane Community College who leads the Northern Division.

"All our remaining games are highly winnable, so we just have to get to it," Paton said.

Wrestling season to open

By Corey Tolliver
Staff Reporter

Highline's wrestling team opens its 96-97 season against one of the toughest teams in the nation, North Idaho Junior College in Couer d'Alene on Friday.

Northern Idaho is loaded with all-Americans and even national champions, coming off a No.

2 finish at last year's two-year college U.S. tournament.

The Thunderbirds have only one wrestler with national experience, Jenz Pulver at 150 pounds. The varsity line up is made up of mostly freshman with a handful of sophmores who are moving their way into varsity positions.

Highline's team has close to 30 members, who have been

turning out since before the start of Fall Quarter. Training has included four to five miles of running a day, live wrestling six days a week and weightlifting four days a week.

Saturday, the T-birds remain in Couer d'Alene to participate in Northern Idaho's Takedown Tournament. The second match of the year is Nov. 15 at Yakima Valley College.

Cross country to prepare for state meet

By Corey Tolliver
Staff Reporter

Highline's cross country team is looking ahead to the upcoming state meet this coming weekend at Spokane Falls Community College, where just two weekends ago they placed second at the Bigfoot Invitational.

Coach Frank Ahern is not expecting the team to be among the ranks of the top teams in the state, but just hopes the team runs as well as they did at the Bigfoot invitational, where nearly the entire team improved there times substantially.

The team took this past weekend off. Ahern said the bye week gives the team the rest it needs to be prepared for the state meet.

"It is very taxing to the body to run 5-mile races as hard as you can three weekends in a row, so we decided to take a bye this past weekend," Ahern said.

The T-birds are very optimistic about the team they will have next year if all the freshman come back and run again. By no means though does Ahern seem to be disappointed with the team this year.

"The guys on the team have worked hard in every practice and been working hard in the meets and that's all I can ask them to give," Ahern said. All he wants now is for them to run hard next weekend to end the season on a good note, he said.

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Center

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students with late financial aid checks or for gas money.

The center works with other out-reach programs in the community, such as the state Department of Social and Health Services. Last summer the center offered a General Education Degree (GED) class for women on assistance from DSHS.

Out of 27 who started, 15 graduated. "We sometimes had to drag them down, tooth and nail, but in the end we were happy with the turnout," said Liz Cantrell, office manager.

The center is in Building 21A at the south edge of campus. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Call 878-3710, ext. 3340 for more information.

Tastes great according to Highline

On the wild side

By W.B. Heming

You wake up in the morning and pull on a sock followed directly by a shoe, you fit into a 9 percent minority, and you are a freak.

Both socks followed by both shoes fit the routine of 91 percent of 100 recently surveyed Highline students.

Most students, an overwhelming 83 percent, believe that it tastes great, 14 percent believe it is less filling, and 3 percent think that it's beer. "Pineapple tastes good," one student said.

The survey participants were given a choice between a few sitcoms of disputable quality to watch for the rest of their lives, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. As a backdoor, they also had the choice of ending their existence.

The choices consisted of "The Beverly Hillbillies," "F-Troop," "Gilligan's Island," "The Brady Bunch," "Green Acres," and "Hogan's Heroes." "There's nothing like mindless hicks," said a fan of "The Beverly Hillbillies," but apparently not. Only 11 percent said they wanted to spend eternity with Uncle Jed and Granny.

"Gilligan's Island" was the number one choice of 35 percent of those polled. Other choices were "The Brady Bunch" with 34 percent, "Hogan's Heroes" with 13 percent, "F-Troop" with three percent, and one student chose "Green

Interns

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Skari got involved in the internship and co-op program to try to help students avoid the same experience she had.

Traditionally, internships were unpaid and co-op positions were, but those lines are blurring. Today, Skari said, such programs give students an opportunity to work with professionals, learn valuable skills and smooth the transition from school to work. Internships also help students build networks to find that post-graduation job. Sometimes, an internship turns into a full-time job, she said.

Highline student Alesha Anderson did a marketing internship at the SuperMall in Auburn. "It was a great thing," she said. "I learned every aspect of marketing and I have accomplished a connection and network with many people in working in that field."

About 200 positions currently are available through Highline's co-op and internship office.

The co-op office will try to arrange for a job with a specific employer, or help a student try to land one on his or her own.

For more information about the program, contact Skari in Building 19, Room 107, or call 878-3710, ext. 3324 or 3803.

HCC club takes pride in diversity

By Justine Lallana
Staff Reporter

Highline students can find information and friendship at the Gay, Lesbians, Bisexual and Friends Support Group, which serves students of different genders as well as different races.

Having a club for gay, lesbians, and bisexuals at Highline is beneficial to students who want to be accepted and who want to belong, said club co-president Stacy Lowe.

The Gay, Lesbians, Bisexuals, and Friends Organization was formed in the Winter of 1996 with 15 members. The organization's purpose was to allow young students to have a safe and supportive place where they can talk about their problems and concerns.

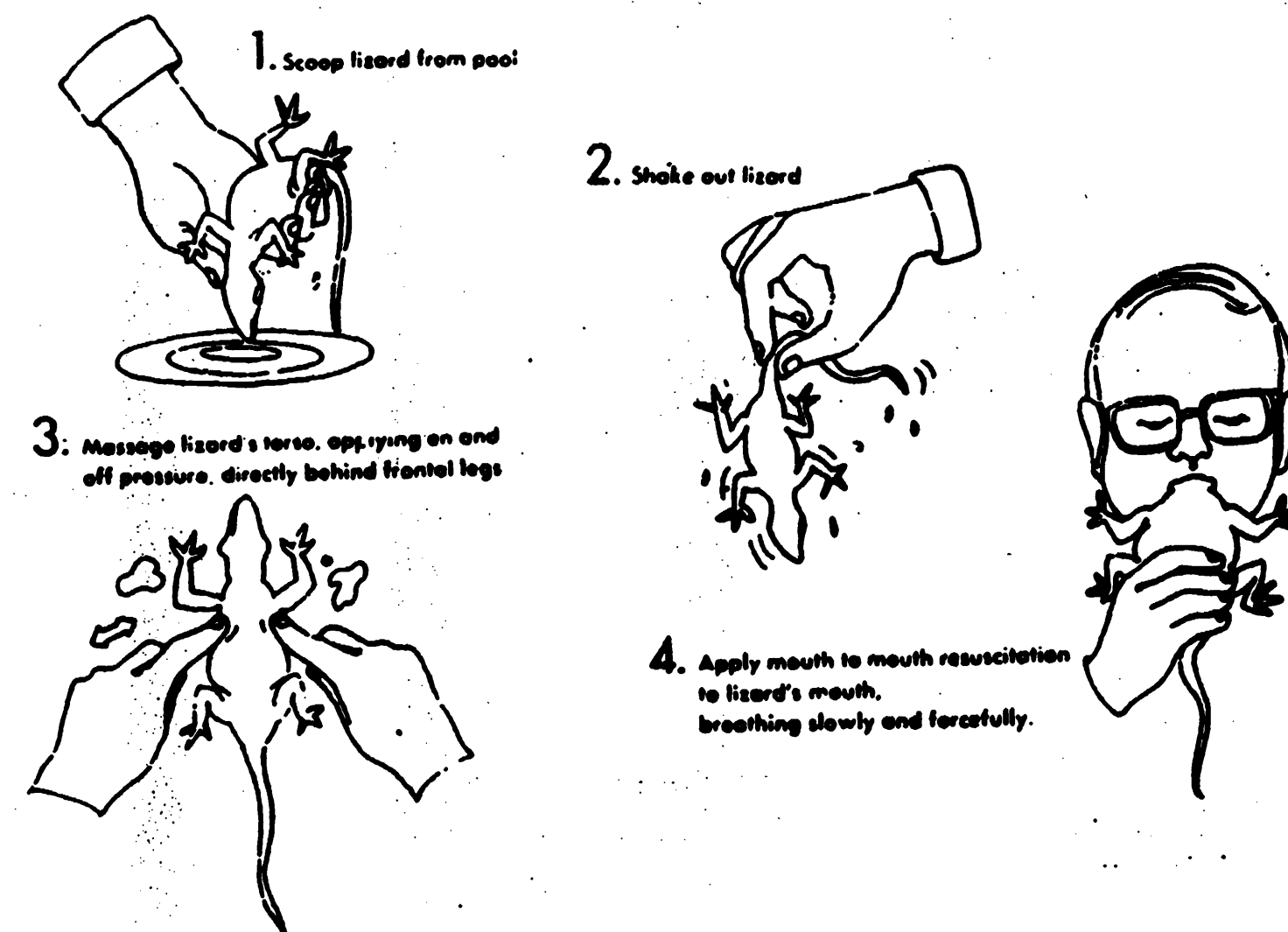
"The organization is a support and social group geared for education; the group is not an activist group," said Lowe.

The organization's main goal, Lowe said, is to objectively educate students to be more aware by guest speaking and discussion.

The group observed Gay Pride Week in October with panel discussions, videos, guests, and entertainment.

Lowe, a student in the paralegal program, said that attending Highline Community College has been "extremely fulfilling." Lowe has found support from instructors, advisors, and students.

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