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Students want cash, free phones

Building 8 survey shows wide wish list

By Kirk Elliott
Staff Reporter

Students would like to see a lot of new features in the campus Student Center according to a recent survey, but the results show little consensus on what the features should be.

Out of 450 responses, none of the features added up to more than 27 percent of the total.

The survey was conducted by a committee of students and staff, led by Diane Anderson, director of Student Programs. The committee is exploring possible changes for the center, now more than 30 years old.

The survey offered students 26 choices of programs to choose from. In the area of programs, a radio station for the school came out on top with 14 percent in favor.

Other popular choices included: quiet area to study/visit (13.5 percent); small convenience store (13.3 percent); expanded cafeteria and group



Photo by Kirk Elliott
Highline's Student Center is a frequent place for gathering and gabbing. A student/staff committee is exploring new ways to make use of the space.

meeting tables (11.7 percent each); music listening room (10.4 percent); Film/Video/TV room (10.6 percent) Outside Covered Eating Area and student offices (9.3 percent each); and the bookstore (8.2 percent). Survey respondents had 17 choices for services. A cash

machine led the pack with 26.4 percent, followed closely with 25.1 percent for a telephone for free local calls. Other frequently cited choices included a Ticketmaster outlet (17.5 percent); a copy center (16.1 percent); computers with Internet Access (16.2 percent); and local mail

service (10 percent). Now that some of Highline's 9,000 students have spoken, the Student Center committee will set a meeting date soon. The meeting will cover the decisions that need to be made about the aging facility.

State eyes tuition hike

By Lisa Curdy
Staff Reporter

Highline and state officials agree with former Gov. Mike Lowry's proposed two-year, 7.8 percent tuition increase for community colleges.

If the proposal passes the Legislature and is signed by Gov. Gary Locke, the tuition hike would include a 3.9 percent hike on July 1 and a 3.8 percent boost in 1998.

Highline's full-time tuition would jump from \$467 to \$485.21 for the 1997-98 school year. In the 1998-99 school year, full-time tuition would rise to \$503.65.

"This [increase] is due to inflation," said Laura Saunders, Highline Vice-President of Administration. The State Board of Community and Technical Colleges also supports the proposed increase. Community college tuition was last increased two years ago.

Student groups are beginning to rally against the increase.

The recently elected Locke is reviewing all of Lowry's proposals, and though changes will be made, he plans on keeping the proposed tuition hike.

Washington state has a two-year (biennial) budget, and the state Senate is now holding hearings for the 1997-99 budget. The state House of Representatives will have to concur with the Senate's budget proposal before it goes to the governor.

The Legislature is set to adjourn by April 27, but extensions in budget-building years usually keep the gang in Olympia until mid-June.

Privatized health center gets good reviews

Facility treats headaches, colds and winter blahs

By Sheri Ingraham
Staff Reporter

Sometimes there is not so much as a slight breeze of patients. At other times there is a flurry of them.

The Highline Health Center offers such services as family medicine, acute and chronic illness care, annual exams and immunizations as well as others.

The Health Center sees more than 200 people a month. "The main problems being seen during this time of the year are bronchial and sinus infections. Along with those stress and headaches are quite common," said Pam Hill, certified medical assistant.

Office visits for established patients at the Health Center are approximately \$42 to \$58 and can be discounted, depending on monthly income, up to 50 percent.

Established patients are those

who are in the computer system.

The Health Center also offers payment plans for patients if necessary.

Assisting with a health plan is also one of the many services offered. "I encourage students to come in and talk to me about insurance plans that are available," Hill said. "We also have state subsidized as well as student plan applications available."

The Health Center accepts most insurance. If an insurance has a primary care provider, then a referral is needed. "If anyone has a question about the insurance they currently have, I can help with that also," Hill said.

If you are already an established patient in Highline Medical Group, no referral is needed.

Highline Community College ran the Health center for 20 years. Since Mary Lou Holland's retirement in June 1994 the Health Center was open sporadically until March 1996 when it was taken over by the Highline Medical Group.

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just a college health center," said Michael Grubiak, dean of students. "They have access to the entire Highline Medical Group."

Partnership with private industry cuts costs for students and the college said Grubiak. "We couldn't be more pleased with the quality of the Highline Medical Group. The professional health care and the quality of their relationship with us," Grubiak said.

"It is important to utilize the Health Center whenever possible to guarantee its future here at HCC," said Hill.

The Health Center is currently open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. "If we had a need to open more hours to

accommodate patients, we would," said Hill.

The Health Center is located next to the book store in Building 6. Appointments are not required, but can be made by calling 878-3710, Ex. 3258.

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Robert Frost



Rodman rattles but the T-birds just keep on rolling. Details, page 3.

Involvement is student director's goal

By Jenny Hagan
Staff Reporter

Diane Anderson wants Highline students to be more involved on campus.

"The more students get involved they are more likely to stay in school," Anderson said. "It actually adds another dimension to learning."

Anderson now is in her second quarter as director of Student Programs. She says student programs — clubs, student government, activities — help connect students to the institution.

Studies show that the more students get involved the better grades they get and the better they do in the job market, Anderson said.

Anderson came to Highline after 10 years at Green River Community College, where she was the coordinator of student activities. She came to Highline, she said, because this job was a promotion over her last one.

She is a competitive person and would like to see more competition between nearby community colleges. But it's the students who matter to her the most.

Eleven framed portraits of Anderson and students she has worked with hang on the wall in her office, 10 from Green River and the just recently taken photo of her first group from Highline.

"I always want to remember everyone I have worked with," Anderson said. "I have talked with other faculty and they don't remember students they have worked with. I always ask them, 'How could you not remember who you have worked



Photo by Kirk Elliot

Diane Anderson says involvement in campus activities can help students learn and even help them raise their grades.

with?"

Anderson currently is leading efforts to redevelop the Student Center in Building 8.

"This is a place where we provide recreational, educational, and social programs for the student body," Anderson said. "We should be having something going on every day and the building is not big enough to facilitate the student body."

Anderson noted that the Student Center was built to serve 2,000 people; Highline's popu-

lation now is about 9,000.

Anderson said the college needs to take a close look at improvements facilities, services, and programs that could be offered.

She would like to develop leadership opportunities for students who aren't directly involved in student government, and provide training for club presidents. She would also like to have a club fair at the beginning of the year to show students what Highline has to offer.

Students who work with Anderson praise her efforts so far. "I appreciate her enthusiasm for change and her ambition," said student government member Margaret Cassidy.

Alesha Anderson, Treasure/Club liaison agreed. "She has been an important asset for all the clubs and organizations," she said.

Anderson went to Timberline High School in Lacey where she was an active student.

She played soccer — for the men's team.

"I had to play for the men's team," Anderson said. "We didn't have a women's team." Anderson was the first woman to apply and receive the Thurston County Youth Soccer Association Scholarship. It was not easy for her.

"They weren't going to give it to me because I was a woman and not many colleges had women's teams," Anderson said. "That was the whole controversy."

Anderson continued her education at Eastern Washington University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. She majored in business with minors in personnel and communications. She also went to Chamaine in Hawaii for one semester to get a feeling for a different area.

Anderson was born in Canada, but moved to Olympia when she was in grade school.

"The Northwest is my home," Anderson said.

She is married and has a black Labrador dog named Shadow.

And she still plays soccer, on the faculty entry in the indoor intramural league at the college.

Boredom to be cured by activities

By A.J. Feroe
Staff Reporter

If you think Highline is boring, perhaps you haven't looked very far.

If all you do is go to class, study and leave, day after day, your mind will turn to cheese. But the college does offer a lot of other opportunities for getting involved, meeting people and having some fun, from athletics to student government.

Neil McLean, president of the Associated Students of Highline Community College, said he got involved in hope that the experience would "train me and give me skills that I will need in the future," such as scheduling, organization skills, and meeting facilitation — not to mention that it looks really good on a resume.

The ASHCC is open to all students; see them in Building 8 for more information.

"A lot of people would not go to college if it was not for athletics," says Athletic Director Fred Harrison. Sports offered here include men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball, women's softball, wrestling, and men's track and field and cross country.

Intramural sports included flag football and volleyball in the fall, and 5-on-5 basketball and indoor soccer this quarter. Spring quarter will feature 3-on-3 basketball and a decathlon. The decathlon winner will get free tuition for one quarter.

Employment opportunities are available as well, some paid, some volunteer. For more information, visit Student Services in Building 8.

Highline currently has more than 20 active, recognized clubs on campus, including the United Chicano-Latino Association, Data Processing Management Association, Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual and Friends, Islamic Group, Physics Club, Highline Association of Library Technicians, Veterans Club, Events Board, Paralegal Association, Circle K, Vietnamese Club, Phi Theta Kappa, National Student Nurses Association, Baptist Student Ministries-Christian Fellowship, The Thunderword, College Republicans, Martial Arts Club, Real Life at Highline, Chiropractic Club, Highline Korean Students Association, Black Student Union, International Club, Native American Student Organization, The Compassionate Friends, and Highline Jewelry Club.

For more information on clubs, visit Student Services in Building 8.



Artists needed for crafts fair

Local artists and vendors of ethnic art will have an opportunity to display their wares at the Arts and Crafts Exhibit and Sale sponsored by the Events Board.

The sale will take place Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., but participants need to register by 2 p.m. Feb. 18. Tables for sellers will be \$25 and information tables will be \$18.

Interested individuals should contact Ivory Ellison at 878-3710, ext. 3903.

Follow foot steps to future

Every Wednesday in February in Building 7 from noon-1 p.m. there will be a "Footsteps" speaker.

"Footsteps" is a program, sponsored by the Events Board, that invites leaders from the community to speak to students about how they got there.

The first speaker is Rickie Bash-Malone, M.Ed. She will be speaking Feb. 5. Bash-Malone is an educator and co-founder of the Seattle Public

School District's African-American Academy.

Student council meeting today

There will be a student council meeting today in the library. The meeting will be held in the Board Room, on floor 5 at 2 p.m.

The meeting will feature announcements of upcoming activities from many of the clubs on campus.

"It's a great way to find out what's happening on campus," student body president Niel McLean said.

Wills, estates seminars offered

Attorney Laurel McDougall, who specializes in wills, asset protection, and estate settlement, will be holding two seminars at Highline. The seminars are being sponsored by the

Highline Community College Foundation.

The seminars will be held at Highline Senior Center (1210 SW 136, Burien) from 6:30 to 8:30 on Feb. 12 and 13.

There is a \$15 fee. For information or to register with Visa or Mastercard call 870-3774.

Talent search looking at HCC

The all-campus talent search will be held Feb. 11 and 14 from noon-2 p.m. and Feb. 13 from 6-8 p.m.

Registration forms will be available starting the first week of Feb. The deadline for entrants is Feb. 10.

The talent search is being sponsored by the Events Board.

"We are looking for any kind of talent you can do," Literature and Fine Arts Chairperson Sara Moulton said.

Highline wrestlers down, but not out

By Kirk Elliot
Staff Reporter

With five wrestlers out of the line-up, the Thunderbirds fell short against PLU, 25-17, last Friday.

The T-birds got outstanding performances by Eric Sinrude with a pin at 158 pounds; Brian Loska, 167 pounds, who competed despite separated ribs; and Jens Pulver, 142 pounds, with a 21-5 technical fall in the third round. Ken Kobes also scored a win at 190 pounds.

The next day in Ellensburg at the Central Washington University Open, Highline again had



Photo by Bruce Jarrell
Jens Pulver flashes a sign to let us know he's in control.

six key wrestlers out. As a result, the T-birds took only one match the whole day, a second-

round win by Matt Walters at 134 pounds. Highline's Nelson Crisanto,

started his physical therapy Monday, with knee surgery last Thursday. The 118-pounder said he should be able to wrestle at regionals, which are in three weeks. "I have a good chance of being an All American, if my knee holds out," Crisanto said.

"Right now we've got to get everybody healthy and in the room for practice," said Assistant Coach Jason Bosshart. "You can't win matches if you don't have a team."

Highline hosts Yakima Valley College 1 p.m. Saturday at the Pavilion. After that, the T-bird wrestlers will have plenty of time to rest for Regionals in Oregon City Saturday, Feb. 15.

HCC track team gets off to fast start

By Meghan Pattee
Staff Reporter

Wes Young broke the 30 year record in the high jump by 4" at the indoor track meet hosted by the University of Washington on Jan. 20. He jumped 6'8 3/4" to win the invite beating the opponent who won the high school state finals last year leaving him in the runner up position.

HCC ran in the indoor track meet to practice for the outdoor season.

The indoor track is half the size of the outdoor track and the surface is harder making times slower but that didn't stop Demone Taylor from setting the freshman record in the 55m hurdles by running a 7.73. He placed 2nd in the event.

The mile relay consisting of Ryan Youmans, Jake Dill, Shelby Buchanan, and Todd Girtz placed 3rd. They will compete in Idaho next.

Lead runner Youmans along with Jont Edgecone ran to the consolation finals in the 55m sprint. Jake Dill ran the open 400 in 52.2 to steal 5th place.

HCC men's hoops 19-0 and rolling

By Ben Erickson
Staff Reporter

With the biggest crowd of the year on hand, the Thunderbirds improved their league record to 6-0, and 19-0 overall by beating Shoreline Saturday (68-61).

Brian Scalabrino led the way for the T-Birds. The 6'9" center finished with 22 points on 8 of 12 shooting from the field, and

also hauled down a team high 13 rebounds.

Quincey Wilder added 17 points, while Brandon Nash grabbed nine rebounds, eight of those defensive.

J.J. Ivy, Derek Johnson, and Moore all played key roles coming off the bench. Ivy, who finished with 10 points, hit a key three pointer late in the game to put Highline up by seven and

virtually seal the victory.

Johnson, in limited action, grabbed two rebounds and had a crucial blocked shot. Moore did a good job filling at point guard for Reggie Ball, who turned an ankle during the game.

On Wednesday, Jan. 22 Highline easily handled Bellevue (80-61). Brian Scalabrino led all scorers with 18 points.

Quincey Wilder finished with 14, and Reggie Ball added 13.

With eight league games remaining coach Joe Callero is pleased with the two game lead they have over Everett (4-2) for first place. "We definitely feel like we can be league champions," said coach Callero.

HCC plays at home this weekend against Skagit Valley on Jan. 28 at 8 p.m., and visits Edmonds on Saturday, Feb. 1 at 8 p.m.

Lady T-Birds nip Shoreline

By Neil DeMerritt
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's basketball team split their two games last week against Bellevue and Shoreline.

Against the Lady Helmsmen, Highline got crushed on the boards and fell, 80-63.

The Lady Thunderbirds then rebounded by beating the Shoreline Dolphins, 66-59.

The keys in this game includ-

ed domination on the boards and a stellar performance by point guard Vicky Watson.

The game was dictated from the start by the Thunderbirds and even though it remained close most of the game the end result was a win for the 'birds.

The women were back in action last night against the Skagit Valley Cardinals, but scores were not available at press time. This Saturday the visit Edmonds.

Watson said the 'birds, now 2-4 in league play, aren't out of it despite a 4-12 overall record.

"Coach (Dale) Bolinger took the time to mathematically figure out our chances and it is still possible for us to make the playoffs," she said.

Watson said Skagit, Bellevue and Olympic remain the teams to beat in community college women's basketball, all three of which pose match up problems for Highline.



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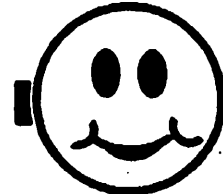
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The photo contest announced its winners Monday, Jan. 27. This photo by Kirk Elliot earned second place. The other winners were first place Wendy Jones and third place David Yamato. The theme was what makes you happy.

Comedy Cafe to return again

By Joshua Gibbons
Staff Report

The Comedy Cafe brought down the house again when 112 excited people had the pleasure to see Duane Goed open for Michael Mancini. Comedy Cafe will be open again on April 18, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$4 per person in advance, \$6 at the door.

On Friday, Jan. 24, the Comedy Cafe hosted Duane Goed and Michael Mancini.

Duane Goed made several jokes about his looks and non-existent sex life. He was very funny, with a very smooth style of joke telling.

Goed was pulling his punch-

es on several of his jokes due to the children that were present in the audience. Any jokes with sex or graphic language was told in a subtle fashion that made them that much more funnier.

The headliner, Michael Mancini, was a very physical comedian. He made sound effects, played his dysfunctional synthesizer, and generally kept the crowds in stitches for his hour of stand up.

His past acts have been seen on An Evening At The Improve, Comic Strip Live, and several comedy clubs such as the Last Laugh in Seattle.

Mancini did several gay jokes; also construction, mar-

riage and Washington driving jokes. The jokes were all familiar though, the no brainer kind, that is very funny but not memorial.

All in all, the Comedy Cafe was very pleased with the two comedians. The comedians are sent by the comedy agency Comedy West. The Events Board has a \$1200 budget for comics, and can present three to four acts a year. All profits made from the

Comedy Cafe are placed back into the Events Board budget to be used for the students.

At some point the Comedy Cafe would like to have some novelty opening acts such as juggling and puppetry, but for right now there is not enough room to do these in the Taza Espresso and Cafe.

Literary magazine accepting submissions

By Lisa Curdy
Staff Reporter

Arcturus, Highline Community Colleges' annual literary magazine, is accepting submissions now through Feb. 14. Students, staff, and alumni are welcome to present all works of poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and

reproducible artwork, including photographs.

After surrendering your literary masterpiece, it is given to the three Writing 260 editors for scrutinization.

Those students will then pick the plumpest and juiciest of submissions. The unused submissions are then returned in a self-

addressed stamped envelope.

Next, the chosen literary creations are handed to the graphics department where the appropriate art is selected.

Lastly, the graphically enhanced wordly works are given to the production crew, where the printing and binding takes place. The end result is a thick,

book-like magazine that showcases Highline's finest.

Now in its 30th year, Arcturus is distributed at no cost during a reading in late May or early June. A date has not been set.

"It's your magazine; submit your stuff," said Sharon Hashimoto, Highline writing instructor and the magazine's second-year advisor.

If interested, students should be brave and deliver a self-addressed stamped envelope and your double-spaced magnum opus to Sharon Hashimoto, in Building 5, room 212, by Feb. 14.

For all those trivia buffs, Arcturus is a star. The name was chosen 30 years ago.

Arting Around

Seattle Opera's production of Jules Massenet's "Werther," until Jan. 30, Seattle Opera House. Tickets \$30-\$97. Ticketmaster 298-ARTS

The Des Moines Cinema presents "Star Trek: First Contact," Jan. 30 at 7 and 9 p.m. and Jan. 31-Feb. 6, Mon.-Fri. at 7 p.m., Sat.-Sun. at 5 and 8 p.m. The Des Moines presents "One Fine Day," Jan. 31-Feb. 6, Mon.-Fri. at 9 p.m. and Sat.-Sun. at 7 and 9 p.m. Tickets \$3. 22333 Marine View Drive, Des Moines, 878-1540

Valley View Library Book Discussion Group, 7 p.m., Feb. 25, "The Eagle Has Landed," by Jack Higgins. 17850 Military Road S. 242-6044

Fat Tuesday celebration next Friday

By Matt Wade
Staff Reporter

Highline will get a taste of New Orleans with a Mardi Gras Carnival Dance on Friday, Feb. 7, 7-11 p.m. in the Student Lounge, Building 8.

Sponsored by the HCC Events Board, the event will feature a buffet, a mask and costume contest, and prizes and giveaways. The music will be provided by KUBE radio disc jockeys. Dance organizers are encouraging dressy but not formal attire or festive costumes.

Arriving with a date is not a requirement. "You don't have to come with a date," said dance committee chairwoman, Dana Joseph. "Most people are coming with packs of friends."

Tickets for the event are \$12 and are available at the Student Programs office in Building 8. Included in the ticket price is a blank mask to decorate, access to the buffet and assorted Mardi Gras paraphernalia. "You're

getting a lot for your money," Joseph said. Organizers have been working on the project since September, she said.

Mardi Gras is French for "fat Tuesday," a reference to the day before Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of Lent, a traditional season of fasting and personal sacrifice in some flavors of Christianity. In the French Quarter of New Orleans, among other places, Mardi Gras evolved into a last bash before Lent.

Highline's Fat Tuesday will be a plump Friday because fewer people are likely to party on a school night, Joseph said.

The Student Center will be taking on a new look for the occasion due to the efforts of decorating committee chairwoman Sara Moulten. "We're hanging about 100 masks," she said, not to mention balloons, lights and other decor in purple, green and yellow, the traditional colors of Mardi Gras.

And let's not forget the food.

On the menu for the evening is chicken gumbo on rice, fruit salad, rolls and king's cake.

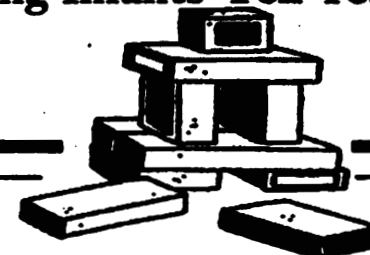
Among the several giveaways and prizes offered are \$125 for the best looking mask and \$75 for second place. A king or queen of the carnival will be chosen based on the creativity of his or her costume. The winner will be presented with a surprise gift package.

Although those who attend should enjoy themselves, dance organizers claim, it may be a learning experience. A Mardi Gras display will be up which tells the history and characteristics of the infamous celebration.

The Events Board has predicted an attendance of more than 100. KUBE D.J.'s will be in the cafeteria during lunch on Tuesday to promote the dance.

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