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T-Birds host track meet Saturday.
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Photo by Bruce Jarrell
Student Hyun Choi takes a smoke break in the courtyard outside Building 8.



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"Education is not preparation for life. Education is life itself."

John Dewey

Smoking fires campus debate

Survey of Highline student body suggests several possible solutions

Karen Schell
Staff Reporter

Students are smoking next to the classrooms at Highline, and it is leaving some students and faculty doing a slow burn.

Signs are posted on the windows of Building 4, 10, and 17, that say no smoking in this area. Smoking is prohibited because of new ventilation systems; the smoke goes through the system and enters the classrooms.

Students and faculty have complained about students smoking near the classrooms and throwing cigarette butts on the ground, so the Associated Students of Highline Community College has discussed the matter to help clear the air near the classrooms.

The student government did a survey on student opinions on

the smoking issue at Highline, here are some comments out of the survey:

♦ "Highline should designate areas for those who smoke, because second-hand smoke can be harmful as the person who smokes."

♦ "Yes!!! I am a non-smoker and the smell of smoke makes me nauseous. I seem to get stuck between or behind packs of smokers puffing away, and they blow their smoke straight into my face. Also, with designated smoking areas, there is a designated place for butts! Let's keep our campus clean!!!"

♦ "Yes- I don't like holding my breath as I enter or exit classrooms and buildings. With designated areas,

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Election hopefuls lobby for votes

Stacy Montague
Staff Reporter

Candidates for the three contested offices in this week's student government election made their best pitch to students at a forum on Tuesday.

Four candidates for two student-at-large positions, and two candidates seeking to be clubs and organizations liaison promised to work on everything from getting a leadership class to bringing baseball to Highline.

Candidates for president, vice president of administration and legislation, also spoke. Voting continues today in Building 8.

Bettina Casad, candidate for student-at-large, spoke first.

"I want to get more students involved, participating in activities is very important," said Casad. "I want to reach more students."

Casad said she has a special project goal for her year as student-at-large. "We need at least one elective class in leadership to provide students with some training," she said.

Yenerma DeLasAlas, also running for student-at-large, stressed communication.

"I'm a well-rounded individual who has a lot to offer," said DeLasAlas. "I'm deter-

mined to meet all my goals and maintain open lines of communication."

DeLasAlas helped to coordinate the Asian food festival and has been the environmental club editor as well as being involved with the cultural board.

"I feel college is about establishing yourself and finding yourself in the world. I feel I can make a difference," she said.

Jerry Davis, also a candidate for student-at-large, is a precinct officer in the 30th legislative district.

"We need to reduce the cost to go to college, and address issues like age discrimination," said Davis. "Also I'd like to get

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a baseball team started at Highline. This would also provide funding."

Davis vowed to address the ever-present parking problem. "I'd like to promote carpooling and provide other parking options," he said.

The last student-at-large candidate that spoke was Diana Ruggiero. Ruggiero was very involved at her high school and received several academic scholarships.

"I have good leadership and organizational skills," she said. "I'd like to make people more aware about what's going on around campus. Also, I'd like to see more support out on the field at different athletic

events."

Jennifer DiFani and Moira Windon are the two candidates for clubs and organizations liaison.

DiFani was involved in the Natural Helpers organization and drug awareness during high school.

"Becoming involved, I learned to speak to people in a positive way that would be beneficial to my position in student government," said DiFani. "My goals for this position are to provide better information for the night students and I'd also like to have a representative from each club at orientation in the fall. This would help students become involved right off the bat."

Moira Windon enjoys planning events that involve students and feels she is a very qualified candidate. During the past few years she said she has learned a lot about the formation and coordination of clubs and was instrumental in forming the Asian Pacific Islander club.

"Through appreciation of our differences we will achieve a greater understanding," Windon said. "I want the students to understand the opportunity that the existing clubs and organizations

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Professor to speak at conference

Gina Carpinito
Chief Copy Editor

Donna Wilson, chairwoman of Arts and Humanities and Spanish instructor at Highline, will give a presentation at the international NISOD conference at The University of Texas at Austin during Memorial Day weekend.

The Texas based National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) comprises more than 600 member community colleges worldwide.

Wilson will speak on the need for proficiency in learning a foreign language. She wants her students to be able to understand the culture being studied and to be able to effectively communicate in the language.

Her one-hour presentation will focus on the switch from a teacher-centered curriculum to a student-centered curriculum. This switch changes the emphasis from the instructor doing the talking, to the student having an active role in learning.

The future will bring the necessity to learn another language, Wilson said. "Language is a reflection of culture," she said.

It is important to learn about another culture, or you will be on the shy end of the employment field, she said.

Wilson learned Spanish at The Ohio State University, where she did her undergraduate work. Her post-graduate work was done at the University of Salamanca in Spain and some

doctoral work was done through the University of Washington and Seattle Pacific University.

She has been teaching for 19 years and has written and edited books during that time.

She has learned French, she can get by in German and is able to read in both Italian and Portuguese.

Wilson said that career options were limited for women in the 1960s. She thought about nursing, but decided against it. "You get to a point in life where you know what you're supposed to do," Wilson said. For her, it was teaching.

Teaching gives her the opportunity to expand the views of students. "A lot of times, people have preconceived notions, and it's my job to open minds."

Boodie over the breakers

Margaret Cassidy
Special to Thunderword

Have you been wanting to take that special someone out? Or even meet that special someone?

Well, here's your chance. On Tuesday May 27, from 7-10 p.m., the student government is hosting a dance cruise around Lake Union. We have invited other local community colleges. There is going to be a D.J., lots of munchies, doorprizes, photographers, unlimited beverages, and tons of fun. This is going to be the event of the year for only \$10.



We are offering this at such an affordable price to allow for donations to the Tammy Allen Wulff Cancer Fund. A special thanks to the Events Board for helping lower the costs.

For more information please call the student government office at 878-3710 ext. 3315. Tickets are available in the Student Programs office in Building 8.

Women study their gender's contribution to the arts

Stantonena McDaniels
Staff Reporter

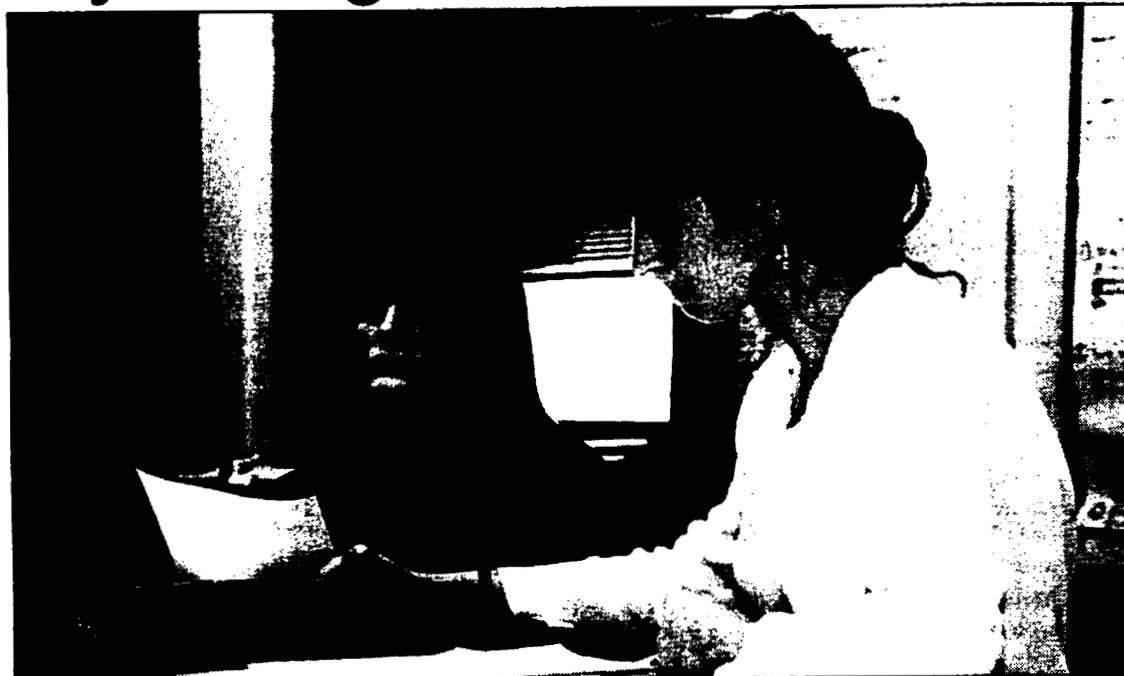
A group of Highline women students are learning about women, art and themselves in "Women on the Edge."

"Women on the Edge" is a coordinated studies course being offered this quarter.

Taught by Alison Green and Wendy Swyt, the course gives students five credits for Writing 101 and five credits for Humanities.

Students taking the course learn how to look at and write about art, film, and literature. They look at the way contemporary women artists, writers and filmmakers represent their lives in art.

Women on the Edge considers issues of body, family, work and identity. Students also take a look at traditional forms of art and literature on the World Wide



Danielle Purand and Wendy Swyt discuss women's role in their "Women on the Edge" class.

Web.

Students keep journals, write essays, produce group presentations, and create self-portraits.

"I've learned about different women artists and writers and how to interpret different poetry, arts and films," said Patty DeLe-

on, a "Women on the Edge" student.

Either on the Web or in class, students are able to explore the

work of such artists as Roberta Brentmore, Yolanda Lopez and Zola Mumford.

The class is formed of four subject clusters: Identity, Body, Politics, and Putting the Pieces Together.

Students "learn to think critically about the role of women in our time," said writing instructor Green, who may offer the course again next year. "Men are welcome, but it is all about women's perception of men."

The topics the class has explored have included how women are portrayed in the media; women's roles as mothers, daughters and wives; sex and childbirth; and women in politics.

"It's not for people who want to write," said student Robin Richards. "I learned about feminism. I am enjoying the class, it's just different."

Rafting trip to shove off soon

A whitewater rafting trip is planning to ship off May 17.

The trip, sponsored by the Events Board, will be cruising down the Skagit River with a professional guide from noon-4 p.m.

Tickets for the trip are available in the Student Programs Office of Building 8 and will cost \$35. However, the first eight people to sign up will be able to get their tickets for \$15

less.

Tickets must be purchased by 2 p.m. on May 14 and are non-refundable unless the trip is cancelled.

Students who plan to go must fill out a Student Program release form. Information about location is available in the Student Programs Office.

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Student leaders reflect on year

ASHCC officers say time in office was time for learning and building

Stacy Montague
Staff Reporter

Completing the 1997 school year at Highline Community College also ends the terms of office for the current members of the student government.

"It's been a wonderful experience for me," said Neil McLean, student body president. "Although it was a more complicated position than I originally thought. This year we did a lot of creating of procedures and handbooks rather than maintaining. We worked hard to lay a strong foundation for the next year's government."



McLean also said that a surprising amount of hours were spent attending meetings.

"Laws exist on campus that mandate student government involvement on many different committees, including tenure review," said McLean.

Natalie Picinich, vice president of administration, found that her job involved more projects than she had originally anticipated but she enjoyed meeting all the people.

"This year I learned the importance of working together and good communication," said Picinich.

Alesha Anderson, treasurer and club liaison, had an award-winning year. In January she received the Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award in recognition of her role in promoting non-violent change.

Anderson said she has enjoyed her year in the student government.

"I'd do it again in a heartbeat," she said. "I've enjoyed every minute of the learning process. This quarter we have a record number of 25 clubs on campus. It's been a busy year and a huge success for me personally."

Margaret Cassidy, student at large, feels that she was in touch with the students, yet frustrated she was unable to create change.

"I've been disappointed by the lack of power and that I've only been only able to do so much," Cassidy said.

Nelson Crisanto, student representative, will be returning next year as student body president. Crisanto, along with the other members, has been busy too.

"I felt I had a certain responsibility to use the experience that I've gained. That's why I'm running for student body president," said Crisanto.

Highline to host second International Week festival

Sebastien Guerin
Staff Reporter

Beginning next week, Highline will be a great place to party.

The party will be to celebrate the second International Week.

This celebration, presented by the International Program and the International Club, will take place May 12-14. The festivities will include a variety of activities and live performances.

These activities will provide an opportunity for students to meet with international students.

A volleyball game will be played outside Building 8, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., May 12. That game will be followed by a video "Cold War" from 2:10-3 p.m. in Building 7. The video is aimed to show students the difficulties that foreigners have while attending college in the United States.

A performance from the band Quinchua Maschis will kick off the festivities on May

13, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The band will be playing music from the Andes. The performance location will vary depending on the weather.

At the same time as the band's performance an Asian buffet will be offered in Building 8.

A fashion show will wrap up the celebration on May 14. The show will feature traditional Japanese kimonos and will take place in Building 8 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

The week will also include calligraphy, origami and writing contests each with a \$50 prize.

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Photo by Bruce Jarrell
Nicole Elder talks career talk with a Kent firefighter at the Career Fair last Friday.

Career Fair draws 800 job seekers

Momodou Krubally
Staff Reporter

The second annual Career Fair, held last Friday in the Pavilion, was a success, said Director of Cooperative Education Lisa Skari.

According to Skari's records, more than 800 people showed up, and the employers were happy with the questions they received. Among the more than 50 companies that planned to attend, only three of them failed to show up.

Despite this successful outcome, Skari said she would like to see more students attend in the future.

Among the people that attended was Joanne Jordan of the registration department. Jordan's son was one of the people who took resumes to the fair.

"I was suprised that my son got a call back from one of the employers the very same day his resume was turned in," Jordan said. With that kind of response, "I would recommend that every student attend next

year's fair," she said.

It was such a success that most of the companies already plan to attend next year's fair, Skari said.

Skari said the Career Fair will return for a third year, and urged students to have their resumes ready at that time. The date of next year's Career Fair will be announced as soon as it is settled, she said.

Contact Skari at 878-3710; ext. 3343, for other questions relating to internships and co-op employment.

Women's Center celebrates 15 years

AnnMarie Coe
Staff Reporter

It's a celebration! Sponsored by the Women's Programs, the 15th annual Women's Celebration will be Friday, May 16 from 3:30-9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and limited scholarships are available.

"We always have a theme," said Pat Flores, information coordinator of Women's Programs. "This year's emphasis is on women writers, encouraging women to write."

The evening will include:
♦ 3:30 p.m.: A Resource Fair in Building 2 with organizations such as Planned Parenthood, National Organization for Women, Discovery Toys and more.

♦ 5 p.m.: A musical performance by "The Rhythm Sisters" and announcement of the winners from the campus writing contest.

♦ 6 p.m.: "The Tribute," a

performance by the Nu-black Arts West Theater.

♦ 7 p.m.: Dinner and Auction in Building 2.

♦ 7:45 p.m.: Extraordinary/Ordinary Women Awards Ceremony.

♦ 8:30 p.m.: Readings from local women poets.

"It's a day of learning about different women," Flores said. "A lot of people on campus and around the community look forward to it."

The Women's Programs' staff, interns and volunteers have been putting the event together for the last two months.

Last year 110 people attended the dinner and so far this year, 45 have bought tickets.

"It means a closure to the year," Flores said. "It's a day for everyone to get together and have a lot of fun."

For more information on how to get tickets call 878-3710, ext. 3340.

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Editorial

Democratic solution to smoky problem

It's important to anyone who has walked to class, dodging clouds of putrid, regurgitated smoke.

It's important to anyone who has sat in class, painfully aware that the time for a break has come and gone yet the teacher is still talking and you're dying for a cigarette.

It's important to anyone who has had to run the gauntlet of smokers lurking outside of class trying to suck down that last little bit.

It's important to anyone who has had someone tell them that they really don't appreciate their smoking or anyone who has told someone else to quit polluting the air we all have to share.

To anyone who has experienced any of these, smoking on campus is an issue that's important.

Everyone feels strongly about smoking and has ideas of how to handle it. Both smokers and nonsmokers feel that their rights are being violated by the other. It's simply impossible to police something as intangible as the air we breathe.

The administration is certainly capable of making a sweeping arbitrary decision. Smokers would lobby for the unrestricted right to smoke on campus and regular smoke breaks during long classes. Nonsmokers would lobby for the banning of smoking on campus all together. The administration might even arbitrarily decide on the middle ground, creating designated smoking areas and leaving campus security to try and keep people from smoking on the rest of campus.

Dropping it in the administration's lap and trusting them to make the best decision is certainly the easiest solution but it is not the best solution.

The newly elected officers of the ASHCC should solicit proposals on how to handle smoking on campus. Anyone would be able to suggest a possible solution. A referendum, or in other words a vote, should be scheduled for this fall. It should be open to everyone who has to be on campus: students, staff, faculty and administration. The proposal with the most votes should be adopted.

Though the decision that the vote makes will not make everyone happy, it would be democratic. In America majority still rules.

Highline students sing midterm blues

Midterms have set upon Highline campus like a rather nasty bout of the flu.

Students can be seen everywhere with their noses buried deep inside books, doing their best to not attract attention to themselves.

These students can later be observed dragging their feet as they do their best impression of the Bataan Death March.

However, these borderline poster children for prozac don't grasp the concept of midterms.

A midterm is not only a test that instructors inflict upon students because they believe that it's exceptionally funny to watch them stress themselves out. Midterms are also an indicator that the quarter is half over.

The word midterm is quite literal. It occurs in the middle of the term. Sure, it means that there will be a test, but it also means that it's all downhill from here.

Half of the total work has theoretically been done, students are well on their way toward completing the course objectives and they are also learning about the class's subject.

Instead of contemplating the demise of their grade point average, students should rejoice that they only have five more weeks separating them and summer vacation.

Of course finals separate that vacation from reality, but those are still five weeks away.



Life is special - treat it as so

This past weekend a good friend of mine that I graduated from high school with was killed in a car accident. He had fallen asleep at the wheel. Just hearing things like this are sad, but when it happens to someone you've have many good times with, the feeling of helplessness is indescribable.

My friend was a great person who could always make you laugh. The world is in need of more people like this, and now one has been taken away.

Anyway, I'm not trying to bum everyone out, but I'd definitely like to take this time to reflect on some of the things this experience has taught me.

Don't take things for granted. Too often we concern ourselves with all of the things that "suck" at the time. Homework sucks, work sucks, traffic, and getting up early can suck, too.

It's strange though, when someone close to you dies, your appreciation for life gets a jolt. The day after my friend died, it was a typical drizzly, gray Seattle day, but I was glad to get up early, go out in the rain, get into traffic so that I could go to school, then work, and finally come home and do homework.

Life really is an extremely fragile thing, and we take it for granted too much. I made sure to say goodbye to my brother, and I told him to have a good day before he went off to school that morning, because you just never know.

Take the time to let your friends know that you enjoy their company, and you care about them if you haven't said so recently. You just never know.

The last time I saw this friend I told him I'd call him and we'd get together and shoot some pool. I never got around to calling him, and now he's gone.

What's on my mind...



By Carmine Coburn

You just never know.

The hardest part of the whole thing is that he is gone forever. Forever. Our minds cannot fully grasp what forever is. I think it will probably take me years for it to sink in that forever isn't just a long time, it's forever.

I suppose the best thing to do in a situation like this is to count your own blessings, and so that's what I'm doing. At the same time I'm trying to pass on this message to you.

Yeah, school is rough and stressful at times, but it's also a great time. We are fortunate to be given the opportunity to learn

and make a better life for ourselves. At the same time everyday at school there is always something new. New challenges, new people to meet, new things to be learned.

Many of us are always so busy, we're always worried where we have to be next, and we never stop to enjoy where we're at. Each day is special, each day is a new beginning.

I will never see my friend again, and as much as this hurts, he has reminded me to appreciate the family and friends that I still have. It's sad that sometimes it takes such a tragic event for us to appreciate something so wonderful as life.

I'm going to miss my friend a lot, and I will mourn his loss. At the same time, I will try to learn what I can from this, and look at life a bit differently. I don't think he would want it any other way.

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Lisa's World

Lisa Curdy



Like many, I had these two large front teeth that (from what I hear) resembled those of a beaver. As if that wasn't enough, I was also gifted with a devastating over bite and a spacious gap between my two front teeth.

Before my years of bracketed hell, I endured many a day of dental horror.

Picture it--your mom has made you a lunch. In this wonderful lunch is a peanut butter-marmalade sandwich and a crunchy good green apple.

As you bite into this fruit of delicious greenness, you feel the peel becoming lodged between your mangled teeth.

To distract yourself from the fact that you now have the dermal layer of an apple jammed into your gums, you decide to begin working on that yummy sandwich.

Choking on the thick layer of peanut goo, you realize that the gap o' infinite wideness between your teeth is now filled with Wonder bread and marmalade.

"Who cares that I rinse out an ounce and a half of food out of my mouth after each meal," I'd say to myself, "that just makes me extra special--that's what my mom says, anyway."

After enduring many a harsh-worded taunt involving my teeth and some fictitious characters (Huge tooth the horse and Bucky the beaver), my parents thought it best to correct this cosmetic anomaly.

Off I went to see a highly praised (or was that paid) orthodontist, Dr. Lotsa Greendough.

Dr. Greendough and his matching crew of blonde-haired blue-eyed orthodontia wonder women treated me like I really didn't whistle when I said words starting in "s."

That could have been because my parents were paying their mortgage.

When I was lucky, the doctor would grace me with his divine presence. Looming over me, his nose hairs flapped with the cool breeze as he exhaled.

For years he lied to me, in a voice thick with the accent of old money, how wonderfully my teeth were coming along, and that I'd get my braces off in six months.

Then one fine day, his falsehoods came true. Off flew the appliances, brackets, and glue.

My parents were left with empty moth-eaten pockets and a daughter with two rows of horribly large pearly teeth that were begging to be flossed.

But, alas, I can now eat peanut butter sandwiches with the confidence that only thousands of dollars of orthodontic work can bring you.

Bands spew righteous melodies

Lisa Curdy
Arts Editor

Bands Loser and Godot will be tempting your ears with musical hors d'oeuvres at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 10 in Building 7.

Formed in late 1996, Loser's three band members, guitarist and vocalist Chris Smith, drummer and vocalist Sean Smith, and bassist Don Smith (no relation) ditched their "high paying positions as deep fry operators" in a rebellion against down-sizing, according to a press release from the band.

Penniless and unemployed, the three childhood pals decided to pay the bills with their musical talent.

Chris Smith's grandma, kind in her grandmatriarch ways, let the boys practice in her basement.

Supplying the budding musicians with "Gatorade, pop, and PEZ candy...the band cranked out some very catchy numbers



The band Loser appears Saturday night at Highline.

about the pitfalls of corporate success and life on the skids."

Loser's goal and ultimate focus is to become "bigger than the Bay City Rollers or at least bigger than Quiet Riot."

Groupies may not abound, but at a recent concert a crazed

fan hollered, "You guys are total losers, but your music kicks ass!"

If you're looking for nonconformity, maybe Loser isn't for you.

"We will sell out in a heartbeat if it means more money or

a big recording deal with a major label," Sean Smith said.

The second band, Godot, was formed in 1993 by two ex-University of Washington students, Nick Denke and Mark Postlewaite.

Now a mighty threesome comprised of Denke, Postlewaite, and Pat Sargent, Godot quiets crowds with their emotionally dramatic sound.

Jazz combos and our city's alternative scene are this group's major influence.

Releasing their second CD "Still" in October 1996, they have perfected their style--from melodic shuffle jazz to funk to rock.

Mother's Day is just around the corner, so come funkify your mama's life and see both groups this Saturday.

Tickets are on sale in Building 8 for the bargain basement price of \$3 for students and \$5 for the general public.

'Nothing Personal' proves troubling

Brook Boback
Staff Reporter

Innocent people were victims of an IRA bomb while eating lunch in a Protestant pub in Belfast last week. A family man named Liam (last name unknown) helped to pull the injured from the remains of the building before going home to his two children.

Later the same night, a young man had his kneecap blown off by a Protestant Loyalist squad leader, for accusations of harassing women in the area.



Ian Hart and John Lynch

Yes, this did happen last week. Last week in a movie theater, that is.

Director Thaddeus O'Sullivan begins his new movie "Nothing Personal" in

the same way he ends it--strong and in your face.

"Nothing Personal" takes place in a 24-hour period. The main story line is of a murderous turf war between the Catholics and Loyalists of Belfast, Ireland.

Troubling yet direct, in one scene, you see a young boy drenched in kerosene set on fire and burned to death.

O'Sullivan said "some may think 'Nothing Personal' is a hard film, but I don't think you can make a soft film about a

conflict such as the one in Northern Ireland."

Rivalries brew not only between different religions but also between members of the same squad.

The film mirrors the bloodshed strangling Ireland today.

Through all the killing, rivalries, and hardness, everything appears to be as though nothing's personal.

"Nothing Personal" opens on Friday, May 9 at Broadway Market Cinemas. It runs 82 minutes and is unrated.

Beauty secrets: tuna oil and rigid unguents

Dear Gabby:

Can you take a moment to reveal your special beauty secrets to us, your devoted and loyal reading public?

— Starving in Stanwood.

Dear Stan:

I apply a thin, thin, coat of clear lacquer with each new moon. Then I apply buff coat, before adding wax, polish and a vinyl preservative. Using no more than 40-grade emery paper, I work this up to a hard shine, before bathing in a vat of tuna-packing oil. But the secret is to find something that works for you.

Dear Gabby:

My mother keeps telling me to do things, but all I really want

Dear Gabby



to do is run the family hotel business. How do I get her off my back? — Batty Bates

Dear Bates:

I think the forefathers before you had the right idea. Simply name your dear mother into an oblivion with the help of sharp screeching music.

Dear Gabby:

I really dig this far out chick in like a major way. The drag is that she doesn't know that I'm a hip, groovy guy. How do I get her to turn on to my way-out

vibes? — Unhappy Hippy

Dear Unhappy Hippy:

It's really quite easy, just inject a radio transmitter into her neck when she's least expecting it. Then in eight to 10 days, the skin around the injection site will have healed and you can turn her on with whatever vibe you so desire.

Dear Gabby:

What do I do if it begins to turn green and fester?

— Fearful Freshman

Dear Frosh:

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FBI looks into Pierce College bomb threats

Editor's Note: The following news items were taken from other college's newspapers.

Racially oriented bomb threats shook Pierce College on March 11. President George Delaney is offering a \$5000 reward for any information. The FBI is now involved because of

Other campuses' news Sheri Ingraham

the racially derogatory nature of some of the calls. The college has had to close for part of a day.

"They were absolutely intent on closing us down," Delany said.

"I don't think there's a bomb, but he's very serious about destroying us."

Pierce installs phone registration

On a more positive note, Pierce College students will be able to take advantage of phone registration. After random students tested the system without error, it will be implemented Summer Quarter.

Underground paper under fire

Seattle University's underground newspaper, the Chutney Reader, gets a warning from the Event Planning Coordinator, Liz Fenn. It seems the paper was being distributed without proper authority.

Students vote to raise tuition

Peninsula College surveyed 300 of their students, of which 259 of them supported a proposal that would raise the cost of attending college in order to lower the cost of getting to the campus. Many students in the community use the transit system. "We provide transportation. We already have a pretty good schedule service that goes right to the college," said Terry Weed, operations manager for Clallam Transit. "And the college could solve its parking woes."

Author visits bookstore

Local author and Highline alum Anne Rule will be visiting the Highline Bookstore from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on May 15.

Rule will be writing autographs as well as signing copies of her books.

Highline snags old pro for dean

Reagan Freed
Staff Reporter

Ken Hildebrant celebrated his retirement by taking another job at Highline. He became the new dean of instruction for academic programs, and is on a one-year contract with Highline for the 1996-97 school year. He was the executive dean of instruction from Pierce Community College and retired from that position on Jan. 1, 1994.

He joined Highline due to Mary Odom's decision to leave for Green River. Since the hiring process for this job is not a short one, the administration hired a dean for the year in order to take the time necessary to find a suitable person for this position. Initially Hildebrant was uninterested in the position but now is glad he joined Highline and is "delighted to be

here." Hildebrant started teaching when he was just 18 years old. He grew up in a small, rural town in North Dakota. When he graduated from high school the need for teachers was so desperate a one-year crash course was offered, with free tuition, books, and most of room and board, which he took.

His first class had only seven students. Not only was he the teacher, he was the whole administration as well. He had his own school in one year!

After Hildebrant decided this



Ken Hildebrant

was the career he wanted, he went back to school to get his degree at a small college near home called Valley City State. He received his master's degree at Southern Oregon State College and his doctorate in education of Texas. He taught English, composition, and Shakespeare at Mt. Hood Community College in Oregon for 10 years before coming north to Pierce.

Although he has a great love for the classroom he also leads an exciting life. Not only was he a teacher at those colleges but a basketball and football coach as well. Right now he plays tennis at Bally's in Federal Way on a team.

His passions are reading, traveling and most of all, wine. Currently he is teaching a five-week course on the "Wines of the West." This is much more

of a relaxed course considering they taste six different varieties of wine each night and then share their likes and dislikes.

He also is married to a fellow teacher at South Seattle Community College. From a previous marriage he has one daughter and two grandchildren who live in Portland and whom he visits quite often.

Because Highline has made such an impact on Hildebrant's life, he has decided to stay with the college through July, longer than his original contract, in order to finish up some projects he has already started before he goes on to enjoy retired life.

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Sports

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Sonics vs. T-birds run away with victory

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The NBA playoffs are here, and people in Seattle are getting caught up in the excitement.

It's hard to concentrate on homework and school when the hype of the playoffs and the Sonics are here. Especially after a screamer of a series like the one against Phoenix.

Seattle
Sports
Minute



Glenn Flaathen

One just can't help being in awe after what happened there, and even though the Supes are trailing Houston at the moment, anything can still happen. The Sonics proved this when facing elimination for two straight games against the Suns.

I have a big problem focusing on school during the playoffs. This only doubles when Shawn Kemp and Gary Payton are playing their best ball of the year. They both look like they're two men on a mission, and let's hope that mission ends with an NBA Championship.

What I try to do during these times in school is to set up a schedule to do homework before and maybe after the games. On game day I go home from school, eat, and after that get some lessons done. Then when the game starts I relax and enjoy the excitement.

Nothing replaces the basketball that is played in the playoffs. It has everything. Excitement, fast paced, dunks, and screaming! The tension is so high, and when the home team is a championship contender there is a buzz of excitement around town.

Kemp is blowing off the roof, and Payton is always stable. Let's hope the bench and the other starters can come through so the Sonics can go all the way.

But don't forget about school. It's important to keep up with your workload there too.

Remember, your life goes on even though the Sonics may not!

Ethan McDonald
Staff Reporter

Once again the mighty Highline men's track and field team crushed all the opposition last Saturday at the Clackamas Invitational in Oregon City, Ore. and took first overall.

The Thunderbirds had another motive for attending the invite besides collecting a victory; they were on a scouting trip. "This is where the NWAACC championships are going to be held and wanted to check out the facilities," said Coach Louis D'Andrea.

The championships, being held on May 22 and 23, were on all the athletes' minds as they considered the Clackamas Invitational a tune up for the end of the month.

In the running events, the T-Birds grabbed a first-place finish in the 1,500 meter dash with a solid performance from Said Musse with a time of 4:05.99 and Brian Smith placed second with a time of 4:06.44. Ryan Youmans had second place finishes in the 100 and 200-meter dashes, posting times of 11.42 and 23.06.

Highline had a one-two punch in the 800 meter dash as Frank Cenicerros took first with a time of 1:57.9 and Oscar Tiglao took second with a time of 1:59.97.

Demonne Taylor won the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 15.21 and Charles King finished second posting a time of 16.20. King also won the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 1:03.39.

The 1,600-meter relay team



Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Demonne Taylor breaks from the blocks in a recent practice.

finished first with a time of 3:27.4. The team included Youmans, Musse, Todd Girtz, and Jake Dill. They posted a great time despite missing David Blair and Shelby Buchanan, who are currently injured.

In the field events Brent Twaddle had an incredible day, setting a new personal record and winning the shot-put with a monestrous throw of 51'6". He also moved up into the top four in conference and set a new personal record by 12 feet in the hammer throw with a toss of 143'4". That moved him into fifth place overall in HCC history.

Garrett Miller won the high jump clearing 6'4" and Russ Kirkegaard won the triple-jump with a leap of 42'1/2" and took second in the long jump with a distance of 21'103'4".

Jack Decou competed last Saturday in a number of events but nothing could be more impressive than his efforts at the NWAACC Decathlon on April 28 and 29. DeCou came in ranked 10th overall but finished fifth in a competition that included a 100-meter, 400-meter, 1,500-meter, 110-meter hurdles, long jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, javelin, and shot-put.

"Jack competed extremely

Thunderbird track meet on Saturday

It's your chance to see the Thunderbird track and field team in action this Saturday May 10 at the thunderbird open track and field meet at highline track. It all starts with men's and women's hammer at 11 a.m. and ends with men's 4x400 meter relay at 4:15 p.m.

Along with the thunderbirds the meet will feature athletes from Grays Harbor Community College, Bellevue Community College, University of Washington, Western Washington University, Club Northwest, Club Ballard and Club Spokane.

Volunteers are needed to help run the meet. Contact Louis D'Andrea at the pavilion during open gym this Friday to help out.

well," said D'Andrea. "He knew what he needed to do to place and he got it done." When Decou went into the 1,500-meter dash, which was the final event, he needed to keep within 12 seconds of a 1,500-meter runner to place fifth, DeCou kept within eight seconds and broke the decollation freshman record for total points.

The Thunderbirds look forward to hosting their own track invitational this Saturday, April 10 as they prepare for the championships.

T-bird softball team heads towards playoffs

David Blair
Staff Reporter

The women's fastpitch team goes into the last week of league play with a positive outlook toward the playoffs.

The team is 15-9 and currently No. 4 in league standings.

"The players are well aware of where we're at. They know that this is an important week for them, and that we need to win these last few games," Coach Cara Hoyt said.

The team built a lot of momentum heading into this week with victories over Skagit on Friday and Edmonds on Sunday. Last Tuesday's games against

Edmonds were rained out and tentatively will be made up on Sunday. The T-Birds play a double header against Spokane here at 2 p.m. Friday.

The Lady T-Birds cruised to victory beating Skagit 12-1 and 11-0. "We hit the ball well, and our defense is really coming together. The girls are really communicating on the field allowing us to turn good defensive plays," Hoyt said.

The team made a strong showing against No. 3 Edmonds, winning 3-1 on Sunday. The pitcher-catcher team of Katie DeCastro and Kim Hipol turned in a very strategic perfor-

mance to bring home the victory.

"Katie pitched really well," Hoyt said. "She forced their batters to go after pitches. This was a big win for us, one that we really earned."

The team is also getting excellent help from third baseman Kristen Brown. "Kristen has been playing great. She won't hesitate to make a diving play in order to throw someone out," Hoyt said.

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I will know where I will encounter the smoke and avoid those areas. Unfortunately, as it is now, I can't avoid the smoke-filled haze surrounding the entrances!"

♦ "Move the ashtrays away from doors."

♦ "I am a smoker, but I don't want to offend others by my smoke. A designated area would help people who smoke and people who don't smoke to not step on each other's toes."

♦ "No. Since smoking is not allowed in any of the buildings anyway, there is no reason to designate areas since they have to smoke outside. Just

don't smoke in front of doorways."

♦ "Should not have designated areas because students only have 10 minutes between classes and they don't want to re-route just to smoke."

♦ "Ashtrays should not be put near the doorways and students should not be allowed to smoke in confined areas. Be considerate smoker instead of being confined to a designated area. Have a not-allowed-to-smoke-within-five-feet-from-the-door rule."

Student government has suggested more no-smoking signs in windows and moving ashcans away from buildings.

Vice President for Administration Laura Saunders said that students shouldn't be smoking around the classrooms, but the

college isn't going to fine them for it, although other students have the right to report it and the matter will be discussed.

According to the Student Rights and Responsibilities Code, WAC 1321-120 booklet, "Highline Community College may take appropriated disciplinary action," when students misbehave on campus, including threatening the health and safety of others, failing to maintain and protect college property and following campus rules. The book can be obtained in Building 6.

For the moment, the cigarette cans are back by the classrooms in Building 17, and students don't seem to follow rules.

Student Leslie Rettig said students ignore the no-smoking signs. "They can't follow simple

guidelines to not smoke near the classrooms," she said.

"I stopped smoking because of health problems and I don't need to walk into second-hand smoke," Rettig said.

Student Andy Fenkner said "it's in consideration for others" to not smoke by the classrooms or near the buildings.

Most students -- smokers and non smokers -- agree that it's respect for others to not smoke near the classrooms.

Some student smokers say they want to socialize with others who are standing there waiting to go to class. Some say they don't see the harm because it's outside. Some say they need covered areas when it's raining.

"There will be no covered smoking areas built, because who would pay for it and we

don't want to promote smoking here at Highline," Vice President Saunders said.

Saunders said that covered areas are available along some of the pathways. Near Building 17 a covered area is just a few steps away.

Dean of Students Michael J. Grubiak said that hopefully peer pressure and respect for others will discourage students from smoking around the classroom buildings.

Student government and Facilities are in the process of trying to create designated areas that are at least away from the classrooms.

If students have any other ideas to help with the smoking issue, they can contact ASHCC, at ext.3315; or Laura Saunders 870-3701.

Forum

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Alexandria Peacock is an unopposed candidate for vice president of legislation. Peacock is hoping to get more people involved with student government.

"My goal this year is to establish a column in the newspaper. Providing another way to let student know what's going on," said Peacock.

Candidate Paul Gerhardt Jr., vice president of legislation, is also unopposed. Gerhardt was a member of student government in high school and very involved in many areas of leadership.

"My goals are to bring business and political leaders to speak at our college, in hopes of having the college better recognized," said Gerhardt. "I'm a good motivator and have many ideas on how to make things run more smoothly."


Also unopposed is presidential candidate Nelson Crisanto. He is the only returning member of student government and is also running unopposed.

"This year I want to get the name of student government outside of the office," said Crisanto. "I want people to feel they are treated equally, fairly, to have a feeling of diversity and unity and not just like customers. I want the student to be proud to be members of the Highline community."

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