Lunch-time protest turns stomachs

Woman charged in bomb threats

Highline believes in higher power

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A. Chase

Former Highline security supervisor Linda Keeney has been charged with bomb-making material in her home on campus.

Keeney was arrested,11 months to 11 years.

On each occasion, these bomb threats caused classes to be evacuated. The Des Moines Fire Department and the King County Sheriff's Office responded.

Highline officials, according to Keeney, said the phone lines were cut and the security office was alerted each time.

"I am not sinner, even when I sin, I am not sinner," said student Rev.

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Campus to get facelift over summer

Karen Schell
Staff Reporter

A number of construction projects on Highline's campus will begin this summer.

Associate Director of Facilities Sheryl Bean and Director of Facilities Pete Babington said that Summer Quarter is the best time for construction on campus. Fewer students are enrolled, so there aren't as many classes to interrupt.

This summer, construction will start June 14 for Building 22 and will be completed by September 1997. Highline will spend about $1.2 million on the project. It's the worst of three other classroom buildings on campus that are 35 years old. Babington said it's beyond repair and needs to be totally renovated.

"Useful life in a building is about 20 years, and this one has outgrown its time," Babington said.

It needs to have all new electrical and light fixtures and double-pane sound-proofed windows.

Building 13 and 21 are scheduled for renovation in summer 1998 or 1999. Babington said they are old buildings that need new tile floors; the asbestos ceilings must be replaced; and they need new carpet, ventilation systems and sound-proof windows.

Bids now are being taken for the design phase to add 1,750 square feet to Building 30, the computer lab. "It probably won't be until summer 1999 or 2000 the construction of the addition to Building 30 will be done," Bean said.

Highline received $900,000 from state of Washington to improve the drainage from the ravine on the west side of campus. The ravine, on the west side of campus, is broken, clogged and needs to be restructured because it's causing property and environmental damage.

Runoff from the ravine also causes problems at the Newport Apartments on 20th Avenue South.

Highline is working with the city of Des Moines to help control the runoff water. "The ravine stabilization is in the pre-design phase and the system will be installed within the next two years," Bean said.

Memorial Day closure ahead

Highline Community College as well as all King County libraries will be closed May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.

Dance cruise to depart soon

Tickets are still on sale for the "Evening Under the Stars" which is ready to set sail on June 1. For more information contact Joanne Jordan, graduation evaluator at 878-3710 extension 3323.

Campus Life
May 22, 1997

Highline honors students' hard work

Brooke Boback
Staff Reporter

Some 121 Highline students were presented with awards Tuesday night at the Student Awards Program held in the Artists-Lecture Center.

Neil McLean, ASHCC President, led the ceremony that honored several Highline students for achievements each have accomplished in their college careers. Each award was given to "show appreciation for award winners making a difference," McLean said.

The Highest Scholastic Achievement award was presented to Ann Debeide by Jim Sorenson. Debeide was acknowledged for her many achievements, including being a member of the 1997 All Washington Academic Team. She wishes to further her education at the University of Washington to get a bachelor's degree in English. "Teaching literacy to adults is a main goal of Debeide's academic career," McLean said.

Jennifer Baker was the recipient of the Washington Award for Vocational Excellence presented by Robert Eley, dean of instruction for Occupational Programs. The WAVE Award is only presented to 147 students chosen from thousands of applicants. Baker now has the opportunity to receive further grants for future training power by being honored with this award.

Scholastic Achievement Awards were presented to 37 students by Ken Hildebrant, dean of instruction for Academic Programs. The following students received an award for achievements in a specific area: Phoebe Pham, Administration of Justice; Julie Rieben, Administration of Justice; Nadine Fray, Radiation Therapy; Mary Lane-Hick, Biological Science; Sharon Crow, Biological Science; Bruce Beach, Chemistry; Carol Minieri, Microcomputer Information Systems Specialist; Fred Chetney, Client-Server Specialist; Amir Sampere, Newest Specialist; William Hase, Computer Science; Sook Hui Sim, Early Childhood Education; Olga Baydak, Early Childhood Education; Monica Hollin, Early Childhood Education; Lisa Ferguson, Early Childhood Education; Debbie Pianese, Education; Marc Nelsen, Engineering.

Tree savors sought by club

The Environmental Club is looking for volunteers to help save the trees on campus. The event is going to be held on June 1. For more information contact Darren Kohs 245-9623.

Info, services offered at fair

The Student Fine Arts Exhibition opened May 16 and will run through June 13. The exhibit will be in Building.

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Award winner Kristie Powers is congratulated by Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Friends Advisor Allison Green.

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Focus

Religion in class: finding the balance
Teachers use religion to help bring their lessons home

Anthony J. Rose
Young S. Noh
Staff Reporters

The debate over religion in schools has been fierce since 1962, when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of separation of church and state in public education. The issue of religion in classrooms has been surprisingly stable at Highline College.

Highline's policy regarding teaching religion is based on the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment, which states that public institutions, such as Highline, must maintain a neutral stance regarding religious beliefs and activities. However, neutrality does not require Highline to prohibit teaching about different religions.

Dean of Students Michael J. Grabek says Highline's policy is simple yet inexplic- it. This allows instructors the flexibility to teach without the fear of interference from administrators, the Board of Trustees, government authorities or pressure groups. Many instructors take advantage of this policy by incorporating religion into their classes.

Highline physics instructor David F. Johnson implements different aspects of religion into his classes by associating religious values with science. "Since 1962-63 every measure of our country's moral health is in a steady state of decline," Johnson said. "I cannot stand by and do nothing about this." Johnson incorporates religion by showing that there is "a tremendous agreement with what the Bible and science say." He shows the "truth and relevance of the Bible" through scientific lectures in class. Despite the historic conflicts between science and religion, Johnson shows the similarities and resemblances of the two.

Highline Science Professor Charles Stowe says that all religions deal with "revelation and blind faith."

Nevertheless, Stowe incorporates religion into his classes, using religious doctrines to point out potential fallacy of religion. He wishes his students would "be aware that religion has been a hindrance to society as well as beneficial." Stowe points out the importance of comparing the religious and scientific worlds.

Philosophy instructor Lorin Stowe believes that "it is appropriate to teach and for students to learn about religious organizations, doctrines, and philosophers so that they are relevant to specific courses." In her classes, Stowe covers everything from Roman Catholic teachings, values, and prac- tices to the artistic works of the Renaissance and Reformation.

"In philosophy courses, arguments about the existence and nature of God are read and exam- ined," she said.

Stowe hopes to have her stu- dents "understand that their religion and beliefs are personal to them and that they should not confuse religious stories and

A sense of community, a network of support

Loren Legrande
Staff Reporter

Real Life brings together Christians to share their faith and give each other support through prayer.

Jon Simonson, a professor at Highline's Real Life club and the adviser to Tom Sill, said that you can talk about your life and get help through prayer from other mem-

Next Week's Focus:
Diversity at Highline
with guest commentator: Kayseri Oka
Coordinator of Multicultural Student Programs

Fellowship and fun
Jeff K. Wilkoon
Staff Reporter

If you are in Room 207 of Building 22 at the right time, you won't hear interesting teaching cultural anthropology, economics, or even speech.

Instead, you might hear the voice of Ginny Howerton, a member of Highline's Baptist Student Ministries, reading aloud from the Bible or saying a prayer for the group.

The group, led by Kalinda Byrd, who acts as mediator, meets three times a week to discuss readings from the Bible, tackle important issues and topics, pray, and talk about any personal tribulations its members may have.

The club is affiliated with similar BSM clubs all over the country, and sponsored by the Southern Baptist Association. The group has been at Highline for three years.

They meet Tuesdays at 9 a.m., Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m., and Thursdays at 11 a.m.

BSM goes beyond the three times they meet during the week, though. "A lot of times we'll go roller-skating, or go to a movie on the weekends," said Howerton.

Also, the group will go on "mission trips" where they will participate with church or do similar activities. Over spring break, Byrd participated in a mission trip where she helped out the United Gospel Mission in Oregon, and worked in a nursing home.

The group is open to new members. "Anybody is welcome to come and share, and we're not a selective group," said Howerton.

"Living as Christians, we feel it makes our lives more peace- ful," said Byrd. "But we're not going to shove that down any- one's throat."
Editorial

HCC must address low participation

Out of about 8,200 Highline students only 3 percent showed up to vote according to Neil McLean, Associated Students of Highline Community College president.

The truly sad thing is that the meager 266 students who did show up to vote were an improvement over last year, when around 200 students voted.

The problem, McLean said, is location, location, location. "One of the biggest reasons," he said, "is that we're limited in location wise."

Highline's archaic system of voting includes a book with every student's name listed in it. As a student votes, his or her name is marked off in the book.

As a result, the locations that the voting may take place is limited. Currently, the voting takes place exclusively in Building 8.

The booth, McLean said, should be located in a place that people go through, like Building 6. Though more people may have stumbled upon the polls, the change in location will only succeed in catching the eye of students who otherwise didn't care.

It is that sense of apathy that keeps students away from the polls. It is the same apathy that keeps club attendance low and student activities relatively unpopular compared to the large student body.

The voting population was so small because students didn't take the few moments out of their lives that it would have taken to read about the candidates, pick up the ballot, make a few marks and drop it in the box.

Though the apathy problem is easy to recognize, it is more difficult to combat.

One solution may be mailing ballots with information on candidates home to each student.

Another solution could be organizing an election committee that could call every student and take care of general publicity for the election.

Whatever solution is applied, it is up to students to make the choice to care about who speaks for them in the future.

T-Bird softball team display dedication

The T-Bird women's softball team finished up their season this past weekend at the championship tournament. This year the women's softball team has shown tremendous dedication.

When the season first started, the team had to practice at 5 a.m. If they had to practice at this time, imagine what time they had to get up in the morning.

The women dealt with the early mornings, while balancing school at the same time. This kind of dedication deserves praise and acknowledgement.

It can be tough staying on top of school as it is, but playing a sport and staying aloft in the ocean of academics takes much hard work and discipline. For this, these young women should be commended. The team had a successful season winding up in the championship tournament where they placed seventh.

Let it be known to these dedicated queens of the diamond, this kind of hard work and dedication will ultimately lead to very successful lives.

Opinion Policy

The Thunderword Opinion section presents a perspective on the news and the newsmakers of the Highline community. It offers analysis and background, debate and opinion, and is produced by the Thunderword staff.

Religion: a tough topic to tackle

In this issue we cover religion on campus, and our purpose was not to promote one religion over others, but to provide a glimpse into the vast variety of cultures and beliefs that exist right here at Highline.

Like anyone, I have my own opinions about religion and its place in both the world and my life. I will not attempt to force my views upon other people, but would, however, like to share some thoughts.

To me, religion is a myriad of paradoxes. I can't help but lose a bit of faith in religion every time I hear about countries in the Middle East fighting over differences in beliefs.

Is killing not totally hypocritical to the foundations of most God loving communities? Why is it that people are so gocenotic to believe that their particular belief system is the one and only to offer salvation?

To me, this is just ignorant and stubborn. It is especially ironic that for most of these people, religion was simply given to them by what ever family they were born into. A person born in Salt Lake City will almost certainly have completely different beliefs than someone born in Tibet, but just as certainly each will believe that theirs is the only right and proper set of beliefs.

Hello, doesn't this whole idea raise questions for anyone? HCC instructor Charles Stotes helped to put things in perspective for me when he said in a lecture that, "we get our religious like we get our clothes, off the rack." This statement was made to provoke thought, but one student reacted typically by taking offense, assuming that Stotes was mocking those who hold on to religious ideals, which he was not.

But let's examine for a moment this concept of getting our opinions about religion, is this kind of hard work and dedication will ultimately lead to very successful lives.

What's on my mind...

Carmine Coburn

religion "off the rack." It's true in so many ways, although so many would never agree. Even in my own personal experience, I have friends who were not brought up in a religious family, so they are left to fend for themselves. I have watched some of them read and learn about different religions, and in a sense try some different ones on for size, and if a particular one doesn't fit, they move to a different one on the rack until they find one that fits.

The point I am trying to make is not that religion, is a ridiculous idea, but ignorance, stubbornness and close-mindedness towards other religions is foolish. Before people dive head first into their religion they should consider why it is that they need religion. Is it because your family told you so, or do you truly believe? I have much respect for those who have a strong faith, but I am annoyed by those who know claim to be long to a religion, have little one faith, and criticize others for their beliefs.

It seems to me that religion ultimately serves a virtuous purpose no matter who you are praying to. For many, having faith helps to get us through the difficult times, and it seems hard to argue with something that offers this kind of comfort.

I think that religion is inherently a good thing, but just like any controversial issue, not everyone is going to see it the same way. The trick is to be able to accept our differences.

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Arts

Spring Fever heats up HCC

Christi Croft
Staff Reporter

The Highline Community College Evans Board is holding a music, food, and entertainment filled day today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Spring Fever '97 is in full bloom at Highline's Library Plaza or in the Student Lounge in Building II in case of rain. Did you run out of the house today not giving your stomach a decent breakfast? No prob-

Stop by the plaza, pay $3, and enjoy a barbecued burger to meat. Chips, cookies, and soda pops are included in the deal.

Are you aching to hear some good music? You're in luck! The music for Spring Fever will range from The Seattle Navy Band playing country and pop to Michael McDonald's award winning performance of jazz from his latest CD.

There will also be a Celtic and Balkan selection by Stanley Greenenthal, and Cooke 'N Greens blend of urban blues. James "Curly" Cooke of Cooke 'N Greens, was part of the Steve Miller Band, and periodically teaches guitar at Highline.

Besides assorted music, there will also be other continuous entertainment available for your pleasure.

The artist of the day will be Caricature Artist Tom "Huf" Hofstadt. Known as the "World's Fastest Caricaturist," this Tacoma resident has drawn over one million faces, and has had many appearances throughout the U.S. as well as Canada and Australia. If you have always wanted to see yourself as a cartoon, Hof- stadt will be in the plaza from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Featured artists from Gig- gelworks in Federal Way will also be making appearances throughout the day. There will be a magician from 10 a.m. to noon, a balloon sculptor from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and a mime artist from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

So make a special appearance today and feel the fever.

Stanley Greenenthal will feed your cars with Celtic goodness, see yourself as a cartoon, Hof- stadt will be in the plaza from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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I've heard that they carry Ebanks, shingles, piles, pinkeyes, but on the positive side, they're a great source of protein-Bon appetit!

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Comparison between the views of the students and the professors.
sports

May 22, 1997

T-Bird track team aims for an upset

Ethan McDonald
Staff Reporter

It's time for all the off-season workouts and hard work to pay off for the Highline men's track team as they prepare for the NWAACC Championships being held today and tomorrow in Oregon City, Ore.

The T-Birds have their work cut out for them against some incredibly tough community colleges.

"Lane Community College and Spokane Community College could beat many of the four-year schools in the area," said Coach Frank Ahern. Highline has also had success against some of the four-year schools, placing highly in numerous NAIA meets.

Highline has several top qualifiers including Demonne Taylor in the 110-meter hurdles where he leads the conference with a time of 14.32. Brent Twaddle leads the pack in the shot-put with a conference best throw of 51'-6".

Both the 400 and 1600-meter relay teams lead the conference but are missing David Blair who was a part of the team that posted those marks. Despite the losses to injuries the relay teams should still be considered the teams to beat.

Shelby Buchanan and Todd Gorz are second and third overall in the conference in the 400-meter dash with times of 48.39 and 48.91 respectively. Buchanan is a 1/4 of a second behind conference leader James Knefel of Lane Community College

Standing third overall in the conference for the T-Birds are Charles Grimmer in the triple-jump with a leap of 45'-1/2" and Garrett Miller in the high-jump with a mark of 6'-0". Charles King is fourth overall in the 110-meter hurdles.

If all athletes were to place exactly where they stand currently in the conference, the point totals for the teams would look something like this. The championships would be Lane CC with 146 points. Second place would go to Spokane CC with 125 points, followed by Clackamas CC with 90 points, Clark CC with 83 points, Mount Hood CC with 82 points and Highline with 80 points.

Fortunately, most of the events are very tight and these point totals will most likely be different which keeps the team optimistic.

"We'll be happy as long as we continue to improve and give it our all," Ahern said. "We can't ask for anything more."

T-Birds stumble in softball tournament

Women close season with two close losses

David Blair
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's fastpitch team finished seventh at the NWAACC conference championships this Friday in Portland, Oregon.

The team sealed their seventh place finish after losing their first two games of the double elimination tournament. Highline finished the season with a 16-14 record.

Their first match-up was a tough one against no. 1 southern seed Clackamas. They battled hard in a 6-0 losing effort. "It was our mental errors that cost us the game. We knew that we had our work cut out for us because they were the no. 1 team," Coach Cara Hoyt said. The team then faced off with Edmonds in a heart-breaking loss of 2-1. Highline drew first blood by scoring first in the ball-game. Edmonds responded back by tying the game 1-1 during the sixth inning. A crucial play at the plate came later in the game as catcher Jennifer Francis caught the ball and tagged out a runner coming in hard at home plate. The umpire called the runner out, but the ball fell out of her glove, resulting in change in call making the runner safe.

The team now down 2-1 had one last shot to win during the bottom of the seventh inning. The T-Birds loaded the bases with only one out, but couldn't squeeze a run in.

"They played their hearts out, but just couldn't get to hit," Hoyt said.

Hoyt said the team should look at the positives of the season.

"It was hard when the season ends all of a sudden, but we did well," she said. "We finished strong at the end of the season and were above .500."

"We were an unpredictable team," Hoyt said. "This gave us an advantage, because teams didn't know how to play us. During the season we set our goal to make the playoffs and we did what it took to accomplish that."

The Lady T-Birds were well represented on the all-league team with six athletes named.

Making first team were third baseman Kristen Brown and shortstop Jennifer Francis.

Making the second team were first baseman Reagan Fried, outfielder Elissa Garrels, catcher Kim Hipol and pitcher Katie DeCaro.

Highline will have four representatives in the annual sophomore all-star game this Thursday at 5 p.m. at Olympic College.
Student-athletes face pressure on, off field

Juggling school, work, athletics is not an easy task, T-Birds say

Highline track team member Jack DeCos works on an assignment in class this week.

Imagine trying to carry a full load, working 30-40 hours a week, having practice two or three hours a day, only being able to sleep five or six hours a night, and all the while praying you'll survive until the weekend when you can rest.

Then you find out you have a road trip to Spokane.

Now imagine trying to do all this while keeping up a social life, family life, possibly a relationship, and trying to keep yourself sane.

Many student-athletes here at Highline have this daily schedule the whole year through, with a few days off here and there for Christmas, and if you're lucky, a few things such as Thanksgiving, New Year's, and Labor Day.

It's not easy.

Even though student-athletes feel pressure and are exhausted, they all agree that it is worth it and they wouldn't change a thing — except to add a few more hours to the day.

Staff Reporter

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to give up a lot luxuries to last through it," Nicole Elder said.

"It (track) keeps me in line so I do my homework," Oscar Tipton said.

But at many points throughout the year these students feel overwhelmed.

"Softball, as is every sport, is very time consuming, you have to take the best one. Three ways exist to legally scramble style. Everyone in your foursome hits a shot and you take the best one. Three ways exist to legally cheat for a small cost. The Mulligan Rule will be held on June 13 at Elk Run Golf Course.

The tournament benefits the HCC athletic department. One hundred and forty-four people including alumni, staff, and community business leaders will be played scramble style. Everyone in your foursome hits a shot and you take the best one. Three ways exist to legally cheat for a small cost. The Mulligan Rule will be held on June 13 at Elk Run Golf Course.

"It's worth it in the long run because it will give me more of an edge to get a quality job," Brown said.

Many of these athletes are attending Highline just for the sport they are in. Even though they lead stressful lives, these students say they are doing what they love.

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"Softball, as is every sport, is very time consuming, you have to take the best one. Three ways exist to legally cheat for a small cost. The Mulligan Rule will be held on June 13 at Elk Run Golf Course.

"It's more fun than competition," said Assistant Athletic Director and coordinator of the tournament John Dunn.

The field will be split into two divisions, the good and the not so good players. The winning foursome in each division will receive golf shoes courtesy of Adidas.

The winner of the longest drive competition will receive a driver from Red Bird and closest to the hole will receive round trip plane tickets to anywhere in the continental United States. Prizes for a hole-in-one will include a Bayliner Boat, a car from Southgate Ford in Burien, and $10,000 in cash. Last year Athletic Director Fred Harrison's brother, Denny Harrison, won the cash with an impressive drive.

The T-Bird Classic Golf Tournament will be held at Emerald Downs, extension 3455.

In addition to a fun filled golf tournament there will be a silent auction. A luxury box at a Sonics' game, a luxury box and tickets for 15 at Emerald Downs, autographed Sonics memorabilia, and T-Bird Basketball autographed ball and championship watch.

"This year's tournament is full, but the athletic department is planning another one for the fall" said Dunn. For more information on the tournament contact John Dunn in Building 20 or extension 3455.

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Carolyn Berggren

Berggren is a wife and mother of four children. Originally from Wisconsin, she moved to the Tacoma area to pursue her professional goals and to be near family.

"I'll miss the people and friends that I have made at Highline," Berggren said. "They have become a part of my life and I will miss them dearly."

Going through the check-out line just before the school's start date, Berggren said, "I am looking forward to the move back."

"I am very excited about the move," Peninsula hosts outstanding child prodigy.

Abortion

Beyond Highline

In Missouri, the Public Planet is offering a chance to attend the University of Missouri at an early age. The program, called "Ready, Set, College," allows students to start college at age 11.

At age 11, Matthews took the Scholastic Aptitude Test. He scored in the top 5 percent in his grade level.

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