Panel hammers out S&A budget
Committee adds contingency fund

The Student Activity Budget won't look any different on the surface and may be changed significantly.

The S&A Budget Committee has recommended a 1997-98 budget of $65,900, about the same as the current level. The committee also established a contingency fund to allow groups to seek money for special needs.

The student activity budget is funded by the fees paid by all Metro students. The budget committee, composed of students from student government, faculty and staff, divide this money among the competing organizations. The money is used to fund a list of student activities on campus.

The committee recommended a larger budget (over $19,000) to fund more sports teams. Funds for uniforms and championship travel have been set up differently this year. They are not always a yearly expense. If funds are not used, then they will be put back to the general fund to be used by other organizations,
Highline E-mail is only a keyboard away

College offers accounts to students for $20 a quarter

Sebastien Guerin  
Staff Reporter

Have you ever thought about low cost, unlimited-time calls and worldwide communication? No? Some 119 people at Highline have. These people currently have accounts on the Highline electronic mail system. But what exactly is electronic mail? E-mail is a communication resource that is used to send messages to anybody at any location in the world. The person that you want to contact just has to be connected to the Internet. To send mail to this person, you need the E-mail or Internet address.

The service that HCC provides, called "Northwest Net," is the same server as the other community colleges in the Northwest. They all use PINE as the server system.

One reason to open an E-mail account is the cost — only $20 per quarter. You can send and receive messages as much as you would like.

To open an account, you simply need to go to the registrar's office and register for E-mail 100.

The following day, your new account will be ready to employ from any of the public workstations in the library. Or if you have a pass, you could start your account from the Instructional Computing Center.

As with everything that you first start, you will probably need help. Some students believe that the librarians and staff members are not as helpful as they should be, but others have found them to be very helpful.

E-mail, and especially PINE, are not without problems. They tend to freeze up.

Let me explain. When writing to your girlfriend in Alaska, your computer locks up. No matter what you have done, it's still frozen. The lovely message that you wrote with passion to the one you love, is frozen. The lovely message that you wrote with passion to the one you love, is frozen. The lovely message that you wrote with passion to the one you love, is frozen.

At this state you could either be extremely upset or simply think that your message was rubbish and that you had better re-start it anyway.

When this happens, you don't have many possibilities. You could have posted your message every five sentences, which would let you bring it back.

Or you could have sent your message in pieces. It could be fun!

The other problem which occurs with PINE is that the system is slow. No matter how fast you type, the system is slow and it may never catch up with what you have just typed in.

However, it will get better. Tim Wrye, manager of the student E-mail server, suggests reporting problems to the person who is in charge of the computer area where and when it occurs. Or call the student E-mail help line at 879-3170, ext. 3883. HCC is currently working on this frustrating problem.

If you want to start an E-mail address book, just go to one of the thousands of chat rooms on the Net. In a few days, your network of friends could expand dramatically to dozens of people that you could talk to worldwide for $20 a quarter.
June 6, 1997

Campus Life

CPR training makes HCC student a life saver

Ann Marie Coe
Staff Reporter

In nine months' time, Randy Radley did three times what Highline instructor Keith Pont has never had to do in his entire life—perform CPR on a real person.

Radley was certified through Pont's CPR class last fall and has put his training to good use.

The first episode happened last September on the Friday night of Labor Day weekend at 2:30 a.m.

Radley was relaxing in his home when there was a knock at the front door. He opened it to discover a 26-year-old man who was covered in blood from two bullet wounds in the head.

After Radley compromised the wounds, the man went unconscious and stopped breathing.

Radley frantically performed CPR on the man until two minutes later when the paramedics arrived and took him to Harborview Medical Center.

Later, the man knocked on Radley's door again, this time to thank him for saving his life.

Radley later learned that the life saving front porch was what drew the man to his house.

"I don't look at it as an inconvenience," Radley said. "When you look at it like 'thank God my porch light was on.'"

Last quarter Radley's ability to work his skills on a quick turn was tested once again.

"I was up in the computer lab when I heard some grunting noise," Radley said. "I opened the door and noticed her 6-year-old son in the passenger side wearing his seat belt.

"He was OK but scared and hysterical," Radley said. "His lip had a little blood on it." Brock was not wearing his seat belt and had slammed into the windshield head first. She was bleeding heavily from multiple cuts and had several broken bones.

"She was conscious so I reassured her that her son was fine," Radley said. "I held her hand and let her son hold her hand. You have to be really reassuring to calm them."

While they were waiting for the paramedics to squeeze through the traffic, Brock went into shock. Radley quickly removed his shirt and wrapped it around her.

After the paramedics took her, he said, "I started crying, I knelt down on my knees and started praying. I was so grateful that the son was wearing a seat belt."

After the woman recovered she was able to thank Radley for his generous gift. "The one thing she said to me was that she was so thankful that I didn't move her or let anyone move her," Radley said.

Instructor Pont said Radley's adventures are a good example of why people should know cardiopulmonary resuscitation. He said that Highline's CPR course has the highest certification rate in the country.

"What are you going to do if a family member goes into cardiac arrest right in front of you?" Pont said. "Wouldn't you want to know what to do?"

"If I had one wish," Radley said, "it would be that everyone would be required to take this class, because you never know when your going to be put in the situation where you'll be able to save someone's life or at least help them."

Building 8 redesign: features and flexibility

Lee Gillenwater
Staff Reporter

Donna Pratt's interior design class has taken the first step toward Building 8's renovation.

The next step in the process is for students to tell the committee what they think.

Although the plan incorporates most of the requests made by students, the Short Range Building 8 Committee says it is just the first step in a long process.

"The plan is based upon some general suggestions made by the committee and is in its infant, pre-design stage," the committee said in a prepared statement.

"At this point, issues of exact costs have not been an area of focus," said one committee member. "That will be addressed further as we continue the pre-design phase."

Most of Building 8 would remain a lounge area with chairs and tables and arrangements of silk plants.

The committee has zeroed in on several areas in this plan that are close to ideal and several places that may need revision.

One aspect that the committee agreed upon was the dividing of the north and south halls.

This allows for comfort in socializing and studying while providing a versatile environment for concerts and dances.

The convenience store area was also a big hit with the committee. Committee members appreciated the range of services offered. From video games to possibly a A-frame center, the store would offer services requested in the initial student survey.

One area of concern and probable modification is the formal study area. The committee felt that the space needed to be under-utilized, as the same resources are available in the library.

They felt the space could be better used and the students would better served with a designated club area. Such an area would provide phone lines, mail boxes, and act as a meeting room and work space.

"Throughout this process, this is a student center, so student input is extremely important," said Dennis Steussy, coordinator of student programs.

"The intention at this point is to get feedback from students so that the plan can be further developed."

The committee would like interested students to use the tear out form provided here to jot down their ideas or comments on how best to meet their needs regarding the renovation of Building 8.

Completed forms can be dropped off in the box located outside of the ASHCC office, upstairs in Building 8. Forms can also be dropped off at the Thunderbird office.

"The idea is to utilize the space more effectively and meet the students' needs," said Steussy.

The more student feedback the committee receives, the more the final plan will reflect the students' desires.
Similarities should be celebrated too

Diversity is a word that is heard often these days, but diversity means different things to different people.

We hear phrases like, celebrate diversity, which demonstrates a great coming of age not only for our country, but the entire world. Today people are encouraged to learn about, appreciate, and enjoy other cultures, which has allowed for better understanding between the people of the world.

Even here on campus we are able to delight in what other cultures have to offer. For example, during Asian awareness week there was an Asian food festival, and the Seattle Kokon Taiko, played their drums. This was an opportunity for people to hear, see, and taste some Asian culture.

Recognizing and appreciating our differences can be very advantageous, but it is equally important for people to realize that we all have in common, the human race.

Recognizing and appreciating our differences is an enlightening thing, but recognizing our common goals, loves, interests, concerns, and fears is what will ultimately unify the people of the Earth. You can make a difference by creating cliques in our society.

As good as celebrating diversity can be, it seems that people forget all the similarities we have with each other. There needs to be more emphasis for people to come together as a whole, whether you are Asian, Black, Indian, Caucasian, etc., we all inhabit this one planet together. And eventually, instead of all of us breaking into little groups, we must have the desire, courage, strength, and wisdom, to form one big group not separated by our race, but brought together by the race we all have in common, the human race.

Summer break needs to be exciting, safe

Don’t be alarmed, that bright orange spot in the sky is just the sun.

With the arrival of the sun comes the impending summer vacation for thousands of Highline students.

Although some students may be planning to stick to their studies diligently, there is the distinct possibility that everyone will take some time off to have some fun.

It has been a hard year and taking some time to walk on the beach, throw a party or just enjoy a good book is not out of the question.

Before students go running off to fulfill their utmost desire, however, they should keep in mind that safety truly does come first. Designated drivers have saved countless lives and a brief study of outdoor safety can make camping and boating a more enjoyable experience.

Students have earned their rest, but that doesn’t mean that they have earned the right to be foolish. Enjoying summer break does not require forgetting common sense.

For those students who have not signed up for Summer Quarter, be safe and have a good summer. For those who will be cutting the books, take some time to enjoy that bright orange spot hanging in the sky, after all, it may not be around for too long.

Opinion Policy

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Word to the wise: get involved

The end of the year has arrived, and this will be the final issue of the Thunderword for Spring Quarter. This issue has special meaning to me. Besides being the last issue the T-word office has put out, this issue marks the end of my career as Editor.

After this quarter I’ll graduate from Highline, but before I go I’d like to take this opportunity to share some of the things I’ve learned from my experience on the paper, and my time at Highline.

If there is one message that I could try to impress upon people, it is the importance of becoming involved whenever you are. There are always things going on around us. Whether you are at school or not, so many of us are happy to just sit on the sidelines and be a spectator to life. But those who take a risk and get involved are the ones who are recognized.

I give credit to everyone who is in college because you see all people who are striving to be more, and this is an accomplishment in itself.

My challenge to everyone is to take the extra step, and devote some of your time to something you believe in, something you enjoy, or just something that interests you. This could mean trying out for a sport, running for student government, joining a club, or working for the Thunderword. I guarantee that if you were to ask anyone who has ever joined a club, or otherwise been involved, they would highly recommend the experience.

School is all about learning, but how much we take the things that we learn and apply them to real life depends on the individual. As I have said before, there are those of us who sit on the sidelines, and those that get involved.

Before I became involved with the Thunderword, I was like most Highline students. I

from sports is much the same as being a part of any group that gets together to accomplish a common goal. This year the Thunderword has been my team. Every week we start out with nothing, and by deadlines we distribute a newspaper around the school.

I’d like that working for a newspaper isn’t for everyone, but there is something for everybody if you just look for it. There are a lot of clubs, student government positions, sports (including intramurals), and many other opportunities to quit being an observer, not become a participant. Take advantage.

Working with people helps to develop communication, teamwork, social, and leadership skills, each of which are an invaluable commodity in the career market. These important skills, aren’t in the Quarterly. These skills are only found by those who look but just a little harder than the rest.

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What's on my mind...

Carmine Coburn

Came to school, went to class, and departed as soon as I could.

After getting involved with an organization on campus, I have felt much more of a connection with school. I began to care if our teams won, and took more of an interest in the different events put on by the college. In the process I met a lot of people, and had fun.

When people come up to me and talk with me about the paper, my column, it is very fulfilling.

I’ve played sports all my life, and the feeling of competition, and sense of accomplishment

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Opinion

Modern polite conversation should not include whining

It's strange how much people complain about the weather. Just a few weeks ago the sun was out and the Pacific Northwest magically turned into the most wonderful place in the world to live.

Some people at Highline might not have noticed, but I am originally from the southeast part of France, the Alps. I guess I was lucky.

French Thunderbirds aren't uncommon

Sebastien Guerin
Staff Reporter

Bonjour, parlez-vous francais? I guess so. My name is Sebastien, and I am originally from the southeast part of France, the Alps.

People at Highline might think that I am the only one with a French background. But actually, there are a few other French speakers on campus.

I have attended Highline for a little over six months, and so far I have had a good time. Actually, there are a few other French speakers on campus. But actually, there are a few other French speakers on campus.

And even if my English still needs to be improved, everyone has been very helpful with me. All of the teachers that I have had so far have been very kind and honest, and everyone has been very helpful with me. All of the teachers that I have had so far have been very kind and honest, and everyone has been very helpful with me.

Next time if you have any questions about my culture, please come to see me. I will be very happy to help you.

A bientot.

Letters to the Editor

Respect needs to be earned

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Thankfully, Tim Allen does not speak for anyone but himself. The last paragraph says it best for all of our Highline athletes.

"Even though many student-athletes feel pressure and are embarrassed, they all agree that it is worth it and they wouldn't change a thing.

At least, that's what I have been hearing at Highline since 1996. In my 21 years, I cannot think of one staff member or instructor who did not give students the respect they earned.

By the way, Tim, we were only two students; but the snow was a lot deeper..."

Fred Harrison
Highline Athletic Director

All candidates were qualified

Dear Thunderbird Editor:

In the May 29, 1997 issue of the Thunderbird, Stacy Mason's front page article "Cisai wins run off in ASHCC elections" misrepresented -- for whatever reason -- the views of the Student Government and included some remarks that were never stated.

The inaccurate statement read "Two candidates apparently did not meet the minimum 2.0 grade point average requirement..."

This statement is false because we went to great lengths this year before elections to make sure every candidate was qualified to run according to the By-Laws of the ASHCC Constitution. We want to assure everyone that each candidate who ran was fully eligible to seek a Student Government position. If this were not the case, we ourselves would be breaking the rules.

We welcome the 12997-98 Student Government officers and wish them the best of luck in the new academic year. Most of them have proven themselves to be active, involved, and thoughtful during the 1996-97 year, and they will continue to be in the future.

Thank you for allowing me to clear this up, and I hope that this doesn't happen at any time in the future.

Neil McLean
Student Body President

McLean is not only ASHCC voice

Dear Editor:

I am writing to express a concern of mine as a member of Student Government. This is an issue that I should have brought up earlier in the year, but I hope that by expressing this it will prevent this problem in the future. Over this year, I have noticed that the articles put out by the Thunderbird covering issues that mainly involve ASHCC issues have been extremely biased. For one thing, Neil McLean was the only one repeatedly quoted. That's nice, but what about the rest of us? Doesn't our opinion count too?

The reason this bothers me so much is because Neil's opinion is something that I value, but it is certainly not at all representative of everybody's opinion, insight, or knowledge in the Student Government.

Neil is not the only, or most important, person in Student Government. We all contribute to ASHCC.

Marlene M. Clarke
ASHCC Student-at-Large Representative

On the Wild Side

W.B. Fleming

I was given the opportunity to hold class out in the woods, far from the city. I felt the pains of the sunshine when they woke up the next morning pink as a Mary Kay Caliche.

The effect on everyone by the end of the first week was a world of complaints. Then, as if by some divine and sadistic force, the clouds rolled in and the weather did its impression of the great outdoors.

Unfortunately, it seems that people like to complain. Within two days of the return of the clouds, complaints rained down on the campus.

It's the humidity, students say. I really hope this is not an occurrence in the future. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Marlene M. Clarke
ASHCC Student-at-Large Representative

Western eyes long-term campus expansion plan

Beyond Highline
Sheri Inagraham

Editor's note: The following news items have been taken from other campus sources.

Western Washington University has drawn up a Master Plan for expansion. The plan was made in part to the increasing demands on Western's campus facilities and space. The campus Master Plan will give us guidance on what needs to be done and the direction the university is going to take. It is a long-time plan. Some of these things may not happen for 25 to 40 years," said Western President Karen Morse.

Pres. Ku says goodbye to SSCC

South Seattle Community College will be saying goodbye to President Peter Ku, Ph.D. after just two short years. Ku will be returning to North Seattle College to be president. The position he held before he came to SSCC.

Dr. David C. Mitchell will be taking his place. Mitchell is currently Vice President for Instruction at NSCC and will be taking over July 1, 1997.

Still active after 99 years

Hazel Wolf is 99 years old and a recipient of an honorary degree, which she will be receiving at Seattle University's graduation.

As part of an Earth Day celebration at the Pogots Auditorium, Lorena Janacocek, dean of the School of Theatre and Minastry introduced Wolf as the "best known woman environmentalist in all of Seattle.

Wolf, still very active, generally gives two speeches a week. Wolf hits the "Outdoors West" magazine and travels around the United States.

Wolf is the president of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, the chairman of the Seattle Audubon Publishing Committee, the co-founder and board member of the Community Coalition for Environmental Justice, and a board member for the Anne Frank and Friends Coalition and the Country Doctor.

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Nelson Crisanto
Student Body President

As the newly elected student body president, I cannot wait to get started. On the other hand I can also say that I am glad this year is over. It's been a year filled with great experiences and learning. It will be different without Neil, Maquita, Marlene, Natalie, Alesha, Robert, and Joshua. I am really excited to begin working with the new officers.

As president, I will do my best to represent the student body. I have many ideas which I hope I can put into action. My biggest desire is to get students involved and aware of what is happening. My office is open to everyone at all times.

Jessica

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ON A MISSION:
Highline's new student government leaders lay out their plans for the coming year

Paul L. Gerhardt Jr.
Vice President Administration

As the newly elected vice president for administration at Highline, I pledge my dedication to accomplishment and would like to address a few issues of interest.

To my fellow students, I would like to make a pledge for an outstanding year. I have many goals that I would like to accomplish during my term. I will use my past experience as vice president of my high school and president of many school activities, to accomplish my goals.

I believe that effective communication is the foundation for success. I will encourage open lines of communication between faculty and staff, because I believe that the faculty are our best asset. Teamwork and the willingness to work hard are key ingredients in accomplishing goals. My goals include publishing a weekly newsletter for all students. I would also like to encourage the rest of the student government members to contribute their goals and thoughts for the week.

I would like to encourage more student involvement in our clubs and government forums. I invite all faculty and students to general meetings, and would like to encourage more student activities.

I am looking forward to serving the student body and plan to make myself accessible and open for listening and making positive things happen. I count it an honor to be a part of the student government at Highline and am dedicated to not only my education, but also to my responsibilities as vice president of administration for student government.

Success, accomplishment and growth is the 1997-1998 year, let's party!

Moira Windon
Clubs & Organizations Liaison

Greetings fellow Highline students! I'm honored to take the opportunity to discuss my objectives for the '97-'98 school year. As club and organization liaison, I am dedicated to assisting clubs reach their goals and generate greater membership. This summer I will be working with Multicultural Coordinator Kayleen Oka as well as my fellow student government officers on programs and workshops for club officers and club members.

One of my goals is to produce a club and organization student directory. This directory will be available for current and incoming students in their admissions pack, and will be updated quarterly. This way students will be able to contact and participate in the club of their choice.

Another of my goals is to set up a program for evening students. Because the majority of students attend class during the day, club activities and meetings are scheduled early. Yet we must not leave out our evening students. Their involvement in clubs is just as important as day-time students.

I am happy to be serving you in the quarters to come. I urge everyone to participate in our college community and club activity. If you have any ideas or if you would like to start a new club, come and talk with me. We can make your vision a reality.

Yenerma De Las Alas
Student-at-Large

I may be a little person, but I've got a big heart, and I've got a lot of love for those that want to invest their time and money into their education, as well as their future. I am so honored to be a newly elected student-at-large. I think this will be a great opportunity for me to make a difference in our community and our school.

As student-at-large, I represent the students as a whole, and am an active voice on campus. Meaning, I am here to listen to any kinds of problems, concerns or questions you may have. I intend to maintain open lines of communication with students, faculty, and my fellow student government members. Communication is the key principle in resolving problems and achieving goals.

I have several goals that I hope to accomplish during my term. Including developing more outreach programs. I hope to provide more resources for students who are single mothers, suffer from domestic abuse, or are dealing with any other challenges that might jeopardize their college survival.

Also I intend to establish a cultural awareness day. Giving students the opportunity to appreciate each other's cultures.

The skills, abilities, and experience that I bring will be used to their fullest potential. I care about making positive changes. My office is open to everyone at all times.

Bettina Casad
Student-at-Large

I have great expectations for the new executive council of student government. We are highly motivated, diverse, and will work well together. As president of Phi Theta Kappa, I bring leadership skills and high expectations to student government.

As student-at-large, I am required to complete one project per quarter. If all goes well I will accomplish much more. Also I hope to contribute to the leadership seminar, a multicultural program, and a broadcasting system.

In addition, many students have made suggestions on possible projects. The goal is to need of new music was one request supported by many students.

Right students need an improved variety of courses available during the evening.

Many students have to pay computer lab fees for their writing classes. The Computer Information Services program students have to pay the fee for each class. This becomes costly when the students have to take four or five computer classes a quarter.

The student government office will offer a comfortable and welcoming environment for all students. I would like students to be able to come and talk to any of the officers if they have problems or suggestions.
Joint classes ranked high by students

Candice Fenison
Staff Reporter

Coordinated Studies has two purposes: to develop a learning community, and to develop skills students can immediately apply to a content area. “I love it, there’s a million benefits,” said instructor Green, “the students and faculty have more time to be more in depth analysis.” Classes are usually two (sometimes three) combined and are worth 10 credits (sometimes 15). They go from two to three hours long with a 10 minute break.

Coordinated Studies started at Highline in the early 1970s and stopped in 1975 when Dodd began coordinating the Paralegal Program. In 1992, Coordinated Studies returned with Dodd as coordinator.

AIDS speaker Pat Migliore gives condoms to the Path Ahead: reading, writing about Life, Death and AIDS class.

“The intellectual interchange is amazing,” said political science/speech student, Josh Gibbons.

Coordinated Studies started with Angi Caster. “The traditional model of education is no longer as useful as a model as it once was, it just needs revision I think.”

A Coordinated Studies good program is a learning community of students and several instructors, several studies, and one central focus.

“The ideal way to learn, you implement two things, it’s easier to comprehend.”

Some instructors feel they can’t cover the same amount of material, said Caster.

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“Coordinated Studies return the same as if students had taken the classes separately and all schools accept credits earned through Coordinated Studies.”

Students can obtain information about Coordinated Studies from brochures obtainable in the Counseling Center, Davidson Dodd, and sometimes the Student Lounge.

Summer schedule: work, school and escape

Beagan Freed
Sebastians Garden
Staff Reporters

Can you imagine spending your whole summer just vacationing wherever you wanted to go? As impossible as it sounds that dream will come true for 8 percent of the Highline population surveyed.

“I am going to spend my summer traveling across the USA,” said Slavic Borishkevich.

But Borishkevich will be largely alone. Sixty-one percent of Highline students will be working this summer and another 31 percent will be going to school. Of these people, not everyone will be hitting the books or waiting tables all summer long. Thirty percent plan to spend a couple weeks out of their summer vacationing.

If they had the money, many students say they would hit the highway.

“My ideal vacation would be to spend a month in Hawaii cruising around in a luxurious yacht, going from island to island with unlimited vacation funds,” said one student.

Nicole Elder said she “would like to go to Australia and never come back.”

Ethan McDonald was even more optimistic. "My ideal vacation would be lying naked in a tub of banana pudding on the coast of Rhode Island. Then I would pro-wrestle a couple of superstars like Jenny McCarthy and Heather Locklear.”

Vacation spots ranged from the Oregon Coast to Disney-land, but everyone wants a little quiet and rest.

“Three months of sleep, relaxation and not being bugged,” would be Brian Jeffers’ ideal vacation.

Long arm of the law: Niccum retires after 46 years

J. Chase
Staff Reporter

After 26 years at Highline, Forrest Niccum is turning in his badge. He is not a security officer here, although he has played a large part in teaching many in the Criminal Justice field.

“In my years of being here I have come to the conclusion that the people here are hard workers and they're smart, not only the teachers but the administrators too,” Niccum said recently. “They are good at what they do.”

Niccum has been in the Administration of Justice field for 46 years. For the last 10 years he has been the head of Administration of Justice at Highline.

I want my HTV: New video sells Highline College

Jae Young Yoon
Staff Reporter

Staff and students have produced a "Welcome to Highline" video to promote the college.

“Welcome to Highline" is three minutes long. The video contains fast music, and fast pictures of Highline students, the campus, and classes. The video has an exciting and energetic feel.

The video was made by the Media Department at the library. It took a month to produce the film.

The video was provided by Julie Burr Director of Outreach Services. The video covers and

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Highline's Bird flies on

Volunteer, 92, helps others to master English

Ann Marie Coe
Staff Reporter

Highline volunteer Viola Bird seems more like the Energizer bunny than someone who has existed on earth for 92 years. On June 6, her friends and family will be throwing the lively lady a surprise party.

“she’s probably the most positive person to work with,” said Adult Literacy teacher Margaret Jones.

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Bird was born in Wisconsin in 1905 and then moved to Long Beach, Calif., where she grew up. She graduated in 1927 from the Lawrence University at Appleton, Wis., and was married in 5th Grade when she was 23 years old. The couple remained married for 47 years until her husband died of a heart attack.

“I was a widow,” Bird said. “I thought I should do something for someone else.”

She has raised two daughters, who are now in their 60s. She has four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Bird is a strong person who doesn’t seem to give up on anyone or anything.

For two years I tutored two Mexican women,” she said. “I didn’t know a word of Spanish and they didn’t know a word of English.”

With the help of Bird, they learned how to read, write and speak English.

“We were on our own,” Bird said. “And now they can carry on a two-hour conversation in English.”

In Highline’s ESL program, Bird tutors immigrants from places such as Somalia, Korea, Pakistan, Vietnam and Russia.

“It’s a band around the world of different people,” she said.

“The powers of a man’s mind are directly proportional to the quantity of coffee he drinks.”

Viola Bird is 92 years old and an Adult Literacy volunteer.

Communication is a definite barrier between Bird and her students since English is the only language she can speak.

“I don’t have an ear for learning languages,” she said. “But you can communicate by your gestures and smiles.”

Bird isn’t able to pinpoint just one reward she receives through volunteering.

“It’s just the minor things,” she said. “The little satisfaction that you get from helping someone carry on in their daily life.

Even though Bird doesn’t have a degree in education, she is very good at what she does.

“Viola is good at teaching the day-to-day living that we take advantage of,” said Americano leader Lee Cane. “She just steps right up and asks if they need help. She really makes an
good impression.”

Aside from donating her time to the ESL program, Bird takes pride in owning a computer, but she is hesitant in logging onto the Internet and getting an E-mail account.

She also takes great interest in the hummingbirds. She enjoys watching them eat from a feeder, which was a gift from a friend, on her porch.

Like hummingbirds in flight, Bird has been around and seen a lot of this world.

“I’ve traveled the world over every year for the last 30 years,” she said.

Nothing can keep her down. She’s experienced Russia five times, Tibet three times, Siberia, Mongolia, India, Nepal, Bhutan and Africa.

Bird has survived a heart attack but it hasn’t seemed to limit her involvement in what she loves to do.

“I’ve had pretty bad help,” she said. “My doctor has kept me pasted together very well.”

Humans are not perfect and Bird has accepted this.

Bird also said she wouldn’t change a stitch in the quilt she has sewn.

“I’ve been very pleased and interested in what I’ve done,” she said.

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Women's Programs earns three grants

Karen Schell
Staff Reporter

Highline Women's Program has won three grants totaling $160,000, said Director Kelli Johnston.

The first grant, the Carl Perkins Vocational Funding Expanding Opportunities, is worth $50,000.

“Expanding Opportunities will serve young women in the South King County,” Johnston said. “This grant will pay for a program that will be introduced to eighth and ninth grade girls to improve their ability to find work at livable wages.

It will support and increase young women’s interest and success in non-traditional vocational programs for high-wage careers.

Expanding Opportunities will help improve sex equity in Highline and Green River College’s vocational programs.

Students will learn about high-wage jobs that require more math and science, such as manufacturing technology.

The second grant, the Carl Perkins Pathways to Economic Stability, is worth $70,000.

“Highline Women’s Program will recruit and provide academic retention services to a specific population in the South King County,” Johnston said.

This grant will help low-income single parents and displaced homemakers pursue educational programs as a pathway to economic stability.

Johnston said the program will help women gain job and job-search skills, computer literacy and work experience.

The third grant, Better Start: Empowerment for Rural Community Women, is worth $40,000.

“Highline and Lake Washington Technical College Women’s Program will recruit and provide advocacy and academic retention services to a specific population in suburban and rural King County,” Johnston said.

Johnston said this program will help low-income single parents and displaced homemakers who are under trained and/or under educated and living in poverty or on public assistance.

These students will receive vocational programs, employability services and career training.

For more information about these programs, stop by Building 21A, or call Johnston at 787-3710, ext. 3340.

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Longtime secretary retires

By Candice Penison
Staff Reporter

After 30 years of service at Highline, Betty Malkuch retired on March 31 and is greatly missed by those who worked with her. "It was hard for her, a lot of tears," Lucy O’Bannon said of Malkuch’s retirement for health reasons.

O’Bannon is the secretary for the vice president of administration, Dr. Laura Saunders, and has worked with Malkuch for 27 years.

Highline has had four presidents during Malkuch’s time. She was the executive assistant to President Shirley Gordon and current President Ed Command.

Despite Malkuch’s wish to continue her career at Highline, a seizure from a cancerous brain tumor last July kept her in and out of the office. Since July, Malkuch has undergone radiation treatments.

Malkuch has organized many events across the college and she has always done it first class, Command said. She organized the Spring Brunch, which will be held on June 12 this year, an annual event where service pins are given and retirees are recognized among staff and faculty.

Students and faculty would often look to Malkuch when they needed an answer, said O’Bannon. "She was a very valuable resource if you had a question."

“She always handled people who came to the president’s office to complain,” said Command.

O’Bannon and Malkuch always worked alongside each other, Command said.

“She was the secretary’s secretary,” said O’Bannon. “She was the first one here in the morning, and the last one to leave at night.”

“We worked closely for the benefit of our offices,” O’Bannon said.

Big Brothers seeking a few good men

By Larry Paul
Staff Reporter

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Students debate Highline's worth

Ethan McDonald  
Staff Reporter

Highline faculty say college is easier now

Jeff K. Wilkson  
Staff Reporter

"Yes, except for the actual transfer process," said Sherry Gillard. "You are kind of left out to dry."

Unfortunately, most who said no did not elaborate on their answers. A large-scale 96 percent say that they take Highline more seriously than high school. Why? Most said it was because now their spending their own money, but some had a little more to say.

High school was a joke. A plan to bang out and vacillate with friends," Jihb Rashid said. "College is serious. If you have goals or dreams you can't play around at school."

"High school prepares you for college. College prepares you for life," said Carrey Rome. Class difficulty is usually a combination of the subject, the instructor and what time of day the class is held. Most of the classes at Highline seem to be "moderate" to "hard," according to the results, as those answers collected 68 percent of the vote. Those who found classes to be "easy" tallied up 19 percent. Another 11 percent found class "a breeze." And two percent feel they should "drop all their classes."

Work ethic has a lot to do with your perception of class difficulty and 37 percent feel their work ethic is "not bad" while 31 percent think theirs is "good." Twenty-one percent feel they have a "great" work ethic and six percent say theirs is "poor." Then there is the five percent that ask the question "what work ethic?"

Over half of Highline faculty believe college is easier now than it was when they were attending, according to a recent Thunderword survey.

Of those polled, 58.4 percent thought it was easier, 56.9 percent thought it was harder, and 13.2 percent thought it was about the same.

Reflecting his opinion, physical education instructor Fred Harrison said, "The snow was a lot deeper [than] and I had to walk uphill both ways to school!"

Still others said that making the decision whether college is easier or harder than when they attended was too complex of a question to answer.

Speech instructor Barbara Clinton said it's "impossible to compare the '90s to the Jurassic Age."

Instructor Angi Caster, in the writing and humanities department, said that when she was at college, she "had more time available and so technological quality teachers and facilities," said Brent Kipling. Some students feel a little differently about the situation.

"No it is not worth the money," said Sebastien Guerin. "I feel that we pay way too much for some slacker classes and some sorry teacher who couldn't get the job they really wanted," said Josh Matlock.

"Yes it does. I would have done full time if I had known then what I know now," said Fmch and writing instructor Ellen Hoffman about her beliefs on grading on a curve.

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An overwhelming majority of faculty do not grade on a curve. Of those polled, 90.5 percent said they did not. Only 9.5 percent said they graded on a curve.

"I set the standards, and whoever meets them earns the grades," said French and writing instructor Ellen Hoffman about her beliefs on grading on a curve.

Although most instructors do not grade on a curve, at least half of them on campus give chances for extra credit in their classes.

Sandi Dahlberg, writing and literature instructor, said she offered extra credit, "but usually this is tied to more writing and effort and it focuses on areas to enhance a student's experience at HCC.

"There is no such thing as extra credit," said John Pfeffer, physical science instructor. "Any extra credit becomes credit students either obtain or miss adding—it is more regular credit." The survey also showed that 73.3 percent of faculty give either midterms or finals in some form, and that a little over half—50.9 percent—allow late papers and make-up quizzes or exams.

Most instructors said that late papers or make-up exams came with some type of reduction in the total grade. Late papers are penalized—make-up exams are given with excused absences only," said writing teacher E.W. James.

A large majority, 69.8 percent, said they have an attendance policy. "No one missing more than three classes will receive full class participation points," said social sciences instructor Jonna McCaleb.

Still, others do not rely on attendance.

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Academic standards, the rules of the road
What every student must know
Karen Schell
Staff Reporter

Highline has specific academic guidelines that students and instructors should go by. As stated in the Students Catalog, students receiving financial aid must have a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) and take:
- $12 credits per quarter for full-time.
- $8 credits per quarter for three-quarter.
- $6 credits per quarter for half-time.

Students with or without financial aid that are taking six credits or more, who don't have a GPA of at least 2.0, will be placed on academic alert status, and will be warned by the dean of students.

Out of 7,682 students, 1,517 were placed on academic alert status:
- Students from Spring 1996: 482 students from Fall 1996.
- 500 students from Winter 1997.

If students have below a 2.0 GPA two quarters in a row, they will be placed on probation.

There have been 367 students below a 2.0 GPA for the third time, they will be suspended on probation in the past year:
- 112 students who have been suspended the first time:
  - 51 students from Spring 1996.
  - 55 students from Fall 1996.
  - 16 students from Winter 1997.
  - There are 13 students who have been suspended for the second time:
  - 5 students from Spring 1996.
  - 5 students from Fall 1996.
  - 3 students from Winter 1997.
  - The Dean of Students Michael Grubiak said that students who are attending Highline must keep their GPA at 2.0 and go by the Student Rights and Responsibilities Code WAC 1321-120 that is located in Building 6.

Highline students must maintain minimum grade levels; must do much better:
- WAC 1321-120 booklet in the last year on disorderly conduct and cheating & plagiarism. GPA is set at 2.0.

According to the booklet, Highline authorities can take appropriate disciplinary action against any student who breaks the rules, takes any unreasonable action that interferes with education or misrepresents the property of the college or others. Disciplinary action goes as follows:
- First time, an oral statement by the dean of students.
- Second time, a written warning.
- Third time, probation.
- Fourth time, reinstatement.
- Fifth time, summary suspension for a hearing to determine if a continuance of suspension is warranted, if so the student will be suspended for a period of time.
- Sixth time, definite suspension or dismissal for an indefinite period of time.

ASSET gets mixed reviews
Computerized system to replace ASSET in fall
Loren Legendre
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Same scores, less learning
Brooke Babcock
Staff Reporter

Grade inflation has been a question concerning academic statistics around the country.

The average GPA over the last six years at Highline has been 2.93.

Director of Instruction Scott Hardy said that grade inflation is "not truly an issue" at Highline. "Highline has a relatively constant faculty, this probably seems to have the same grading standards as they did when they first started teaching," Hardy said.

Dean of Instruction and Academic Programs Ken Hildebrant said, "I think there is a grade curve, but what's the discussion, what's the point? Grades are irrelevant. What is relevant is what students learn to take with them in their careers and life.

Hildebrant said that he believes the grade inflation through the '70s set the standards of grades today. "Instructors thought that grade inflation meant that the world would end," Hildebrant said.

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Education must change the times

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Education standards must change?

Good question any time, even at the end of a spring when we're all running out of time. We've started the countdown for the end of the 1996-1997 college year, and many of us at Highline Community College are graduating or starting a new leg of our journey...

10...Marge Tomlinson
9...Sherry Ingraham

Faculty

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tendence policies. "No, math class was unimportant, it's own way of extracting penalties of low test seems if too much class is missed" said Mathematics instructor Brian Hoggs.

Over half of the faculty requires minimal reading each week for their classes. Sixty-points-dozens percent require no reading, or up to 49 pages of reading each week, which 50 percent said they required 50 pages and up each week.

Standards

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T-Birds soar to new heights

Hey Alex!

Tell me how can I get to bat?

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Staff Reporter

Hey Alex, Oh A-Rod, Mr. Rodriguez, HEY BABY!!!!

Do you see me over here? I'm here with a few of your other 70,000 fans.

Gee, getting your attention is really difficult!

Maybe if I wear a brightly colored shirt you'll see me in the crowd. Maybe I can invite 10 of my friends and we could spell out "We luv Alex." Maybe I could hang a sign over the railing that says "Young woman loves Alex."

Commentary

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But I'm waiting for you to notice me. I'm over here working on getting inconspicuous by hiding behind all the 4 to 14-year-olds, trying to get your attention.

Do you think that the Moose would let me stand on top of the dugout? That would be close, but not too obvious.

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Dimonie Taylor had a pat on the back. The T-Birds, for various reasons, and lost one of their big stars David Blair to a season ending hamstring injury.

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A big reason for their success was due to the outstanding wrestling of Nelson Cristiano. In his first season at Highline, Cristiano dropped weight to become a 118-pound wrestler, came back from a semi-serious knee injury, did not wrestle in a match for over a month, and was still able to place at nationals.

Others that made it to nationals were: Matt Julian, James Clark, Eric Searud, Brian Donahue, and Ken Kobe.

Cristiano and Jess Pulver are now on their way to an invitation to Toronto.

Next season Pulver will be gone, but Cristiano hopes to win a title.

The lady T-Birds weren't as fortunate as the men, having an up and down season. The team only had a couple of returning players, so they young and inexperienced at the college level.

They showed heart and after a slow start, and began to play with intensity at the end of the season.

The track team had every interesting season from start to finish. They ran into some problems with keeping people on the team, for various reasons, and lost one of their big stars David Blair to a season ending hamstring injury.

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Basketball recruits look promising

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Sports Editor

It doesn't seem like it would be easy to duplicate last year's performance by the T-Bird men's basketball team. But repeating a 32-1 record and a state title doesn't seem too far-fetched to Coach Joe Callero.

"If our team has the confidence that it had last year and if our new recruits follow suit, then there is no reason that we cannot win another title," he said.

Several of this year's championship squad won't be back. Along with graduations, starting point guard Reggie Ball may transfer to a four-year school, and all-out center "Big Red" Brian Scalabrine may sit out a year to preserve three years of eligibility at a major college program. That leaves NWAACC tournaments most valuable player Quincy Wilder almost alone on the court.

With the celebration cigar still burning, Callero has recruited five new players from four different high schools.

Trying to fill the shoes of Scalabrine, Callero was in search of a big man. He found 6'6" center Marty Delange from Lynden.

"He's a great rebounder and a big banger," Callero said. To go along with Delange, Callero took fellow Lynden teammate Adam Enfield, a 6'-4" shooter.

"Enfield has a great outside shot and plays well defensively," Callero said.

Callero also commended the Lynden High basketball program.

"Unsure if Ball will be playing here next year, the T-Birds need some insurance at the point position." Callero liked Ball so much that he went and got the next closest thing—his cousin.

Gabe Ladd was the point guard this year at Franklin High School in Seattle. "He was injuyed his junior year and didn't play at all and his senior year his minutes were limited. But he has quickness and his strength," he said.

Callero also looked for some extra incentive to fill the shoes of departing sophomores Justin Adams and Brandon Nash. Jason Bridges and Jelani Stewart of this year's champion Highline, stresses the importance of the two-year education.

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Houser will help the team defensively.

"Houser is an outstanding athlete and he can jump higher than anyone on the team," Callem said.

"Bridge is like Brandon Nash with a better perimeter game," he said. He is a big, solid body at 6'4" and 220 pounds.

"It is going to be an interesting year. We have a lot of new faces," Callero said.

"A lot of our success or lack thereof will depend on the play of Derek 'Juice' Johnson and Garrett Miller. I feel that these two guys are going to have great success this year," Callero said.

"Derek's attitude has always been: 'What can I do to help the team?' I think everyone's attitude should be somewhere along that line," Callero said.

"There are still a lot of unproven things. I have learned throughout my coaching career that championships aren't won in the first two weeks of the season," he said.

With a potentially smaller lineup, the T-Birds will probably have to show some different strategies at both ends of the court.

"The most important thing to me are: keeping the team balanced and keeping everyone in school with passing grades," said Callero.

Highline hooks Callero with full-time position

Tim Wyse
Sports Editor

Head men's basketball coach Joe Callero has landed a full-time spot here at Highline.

Callero has been inserted as a full-time recruiter for the college. He has been added to the athletic staff, not only for recruiting purposes, but also to promote HCC in general.

"I'll be here as a student recruiter and for community relations," he said. By community relations, 1 mean things like working at senior citizen homes and centers, ports and recreations, and I'll be giving tours of the college to various groups—like Microsoft and Boeing.

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The Highline cross country and track and field teams are preparing for what could be among their best seasons ever next year.

"This year's recruiting efforts have been the best I've ever seen. We're going to be extremely strong in the sprints and jumps, and we're vastly improving our distance squad," Coach Louis D'Andrea said.

The team is expecting numerous top-quality athletes next year. "I've ever seen. We're going to be prepared for what could be extremely strong in the sprints and jumps, and we're vastly improving our distance squad," Coach Louis D'Andrea said.

David Blair
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's softball team will welcome 10 new players next year to replace the 10 that will be leaving the team this year.

Five of the ten recruits have already signed letters of intent while the other five have made verbal agreements.

One of the most impressive names heading up the list is Alicia Bossuyt of Kentridge High School. Bossuyt has led Kentridge to the state tournament numerous times and has received all-league recognition the last two years.

"Bossuyt is one of the top pitchers in the area," said Head Coach Cara Hoyt. "I think it surprised a lot of people when she signed with us,"

Also appearing on the mound next season will be Heather Saw of Kent Meridian School, who also can play infield.

Filling a void at first base will be Tammy Unger of Kentwood High School. Unger also has state tournament experience and rounds off a trio of players from the competitive South Puget Sound League.

Highline will also welcome Kerry Rhodes of Seattle Christian High School. Rhodes will be playing behind the plate and can also play the outfield.

Cheer staff seeks new talent for next year

Highline is looking for some new faces to fit its cheerleading needs for the 97-98 school year.

"It is amazing to see people know about the cheer-squad at Highline," said Terry Dixon, cheer coach at Highline. Dixon, a teacher at Evergreen High School, has been Highline's cheer coach since the squad was resurrected five years ago.

"The difference between high school cheerleading and college cheerleading is amazing," Dixon said.

Terry Dixon, cheer squad coach

"Cheerleading is not just for girls. It's a great way to get in shape and make friends," Dixon said.

Dixon said that although Highline itself does not do any competitions, being a cheerleader is still very demanding.

"Never try it out if you have 'always wanted to be a cheerleader.' The difference between high school and college cheerleading is amazing," Dixon said.

Dixon enjoys the job. "I'm thrilled to be working at Highline," she said. "There is a lot of support for the cheer-squad.

"John Dunn, our assistant athletic director, takes care of the kids," she said.

If you are interested in trying out for the cheer-squad, you are not required to be enrolled at Highline. "Some students who have had experience on Highline's cheer squad have moved on to four-year universities to continue their cheerleading talents," Dixon said.

Even though Highline only cheers during basketball season, each person who tries out has the responsibility to keep themselves conditioned and in shape all year round.

"Terry Dixon says, "There is a lot of talent that tries out."

Dixon usually recommends one of the following three backgrounds prior to trying out for the cheer-squad: gymnastics, drill, dance, or prior cheerleading experience.

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Candice Fenison
Staff Reporter

The smell of the dojo causes your eyes to blink as you walk down the stairs and through the entrance. Ninjitsu class is over and the Muay Thai boxers have already begun warming up with a few rounds on the bags.

Thai boxing has captured the attention of several Highline students. James Addison, Donald Sichmeller, Jon Corkerling (former students), Derek Luis, Anthony Hayes, Mike Rhodes, Edward Komperda, and Paul Mascularo are Highline students who train at the Burien Underground Dojo.

Most of the guys train three to four times a week under Master Michael Cairns.

"The most important thing my students get from me is the ability to be a leader and to be physically fit," said Cairns.

Muay Thai (Thai Boxing) is a system of unarmed combat which originated in what is now Thailand more than 2,000 years ago. Early records show that the system was developed by constant practice, hitting the kicking and punching bags and pads, and participating in matches. 

"It takes a lot of stress out of me from school and work, I take my aggression out on the bag," said boxing student Hayes.

To end each training session all the boxers circle up to yell, "Tjaiki!" which means to end. Boxers make certain that Master Cairns hears them or they may find themselves doing pushups.

The school competes internationally and most recently Edward Komperda placed first and Jon Corkerling placed third in the Ko Shiki tournament at Tyee High School in SeaTac. The Ko-Shiki is a full-contact tournament in which use of knees and elbows is legal.

Corkerling, who took first in his last match, hopes to become a teacher of Muay Thai. "I was basically looking for something to dedicate my life to and I saw I could go far with this," he said.

Lessons are $55 a month. The Burien Underground Dojo is open Monday-Friday 4 p.m.-9:30 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 242-2362 for more information.

Norwegian basketball god says Sir Charles is negative

Have you ever had a conversation with yourself? I don't know how to respond to this statement, so I just shook my head and said, "What?"

He proceeded to say that the Chauncey is a hero of the team and is the prototype of a basketball player should be. Day by day we hear his voice on the floor, and people who don't see that just haven't watched him play.

But Mr. Estupido just continued with his statement and now he was saying that I didn't know what the hell I was talking about. So he said, "I played basketball for eight years, did you?"

That was his argument for me being wrong, and it should be mentioned that his eight years of basketball fame was done in Norway. Not exactly the Moca of basketball, but I haven't played basketball, so I was wrong.

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Finals frontier: A long day's journey to hell

The end of the school year is here, and it's as conspicuous as a naked mole rat in a bowl of your morning Cheerios.

Lisa's World
Lisa Curry

Migraine headaches permeate a drawing classroom for the last week of class.

Every morning of the week before finals, you wake up hating life, knowing that your grade depends on how hard you study...and right now, you've even too tired to watch another batch of trailer trash figure out who fathered what child on Jenny Jones.

Drugging yourself to school, you find your instructors making up for lost time, hurriedly jammimg in thousands of facts they should've told you a month ago.

Your hand begins cramping as you attempt to take notes, and the friction between the paper and pen causes small firey sparks.

The nasty woman beside you-cute with a moustache-begins sucking on her peas. She emits sick, wet, cacophonous noises, and this is very annoying.

Her gross nicotine-yellow hands are obviously finding the pen a cigarette substitute.

You want to take the nasty pen from the hairly's mouth and jam it in her bottle blonde nest of playground-mom hair, where the pen will then be carried off by her colony of cooies.

You areJoeled from the fantasy as you hear the gasps and groans of your fellow pupils.

The world freezes and goes into slow-mo, like a bad 1980s movie, and a realization hits you like a frying pan to the throat.

Instructor Durnoogies announce to the class that the final will be in an all-essay format and that the material needed for the essay will come entirely from the 400-page text that you didn't buy, and definitely didn't read.

As the saying goes, you're now officially rafting on the Ganges, with no oars.

You decide to take a breath and head over to the bathroom. In there, you notice someone in worse shape than you.

Watching from the mirror, you strongly want to yourself, "Ha! That girl is on the edge of a breakdown. Look at the way her eyes water! Man, glad I'm able to handle my finals fear..."

Holding your head high, you leave the bathroom and notice you were the only one in there just you and your reflection.

**Spring portfolio show debuts today**

Brooke Roback
Staff Reporter

The Spring Portfolio Show is coming to promote student work from Highline's Graphic Design 3 today, from 3 to 8 p.m. in Building 16, room 158.

This is the 18th year that the portfolio show has taken place. Various arts, such as oil and acrylic paintings, pencil and ink drawings, scratch board drawings, and even computer generated designs will be on display.

"Come by and see the show.

Gary Nelson"

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Advice guru Gabby dishes up frank fodder

Dear Gabby,

When I sit studying on the "silence" fourth floor of the Library, I have an almost irresistible urge to talk. Is there a support group for people like me?

-Bubbling Brooke

Dear Brooke,

I'm not aware of any support groups, but I wouldn't recommend stifling these intense urges. Repression of this kind could be dangerous down the road. So share your voice with the library, the worst that can happen is that you'll be kicked out, right?

Dear Gabby,

What happens when it doesn't work?

-Aye Dammow

Dear Dammow:

Years of practice have refined my art of fixing it. First, I find it helpful to employ the use of other body parts, namely, my foot. A few swift kicks to it not only makes it work better, but also has a calming effect. I follow this with forceful whacks and phrases containing words such as "your mom," or "piece of useless refuse." Follow this regime, and soon enough your troubles will be either solved or compounded.

Dear Gabby,

There are two people in one of my classes who talk through the whole hour. How can I politely tell them to be quiet?

-Shut Dammop

Dear Dammop:

There is no polite way to tell someone to shut up. However, when faced with the silencing of a chatterbox, the correct procedure is to pet your finger to your mouth and make the "shhhhh" noise, making sure to spray the talkative couple with as much saliva as those glads will allow. Mmmmnnm, saliva.

Dear Gabby,

On the Internet, there are many terms I don't understand. Has anyone invented an Internet-English, English-Internet dictionary?

-Internet Idiot

Dear Idiot,

Assuming a CPU operating at 333 MHz with full exclusion and SmartTALK linking all terminals, you should be able to open your brain to accept all download options made accessible in the next three nanoseconds with consideration to connection time and baud speed. This should answer your question of how you can command my transistor.

Dear Gabby,

Recently I found I can simultaneously fly my thumbs and index finger inside my right nostril. Since then, I've been doing it constantly—at my place of work, in the car, walking to class, even in Nordstrom. What gives?

-Finger Picker's Good Deed

Dear Picker,

Quitting being such a loser. Of course you think you annoy and disgust Gabby with your childish recitation of your digital/nasal wanderments. And yes, it fascinates and disgusts me in a way I can't quite describe. Nonetheless, obviously you're looking for something, and I rather doubt you will find it amid your sinuses... Look within your soul, and if you still find boogers, pick away!
**HorrorScope**

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IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY! Ask that favorite prof for a birthday gift! Extra credit?

Jim "n' (The Twins) 5/22/4 I
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taxa version of the Tibetan Book of the Dead, now through noon at Wild Wally's Temple of Temptation in Yakima. Free sponges for the first 100 cus-
tomers!

Cancer 6/22-7/23 — Anoth-
er interesting form of cancer is melanoma. So stay out of the sun.

Lee 7/24-8/23 — Lee says it's time for summer leagues, so re-escalate just now. Bowl for the Bellevue Bear victims on Tuesday night.

Virgo 8/24-9/23 — Time to do something about that coffee pot. Here's a hint: Coffee normally is kind of a brown color.

Libra 9/24-10/23 — This summer, strive for balance. Especially when you're on narrow things like tightropes and some of those opinions you've been developing this year.

Scorpio 10/24-11/22 — Love's parting leaves a bitter trout. Or something.

Sagittarius 11/23-12/21 — Watch for signs of impeding disaster, and don't go there.

Capricorn 12/22-1/20 — If you had been born in pre-Colum-
bian times, would your sign have been capricapies?

Aquarius 1/21-2/19 — Water you waiting for? Get out there and make a splash — then be sure to mop up afterward. Too much moisture might make the colors fade and splotch, and you know how you hate that.

Pieces 2/20-3/20 — Be for-giving with that special some-
one, or at least forgetful. Summer is the time for romance, or at least for salads.

Aries 3/21-4/20 — All is not as it seems. Someone is trying to tell you something. Expect the unexpected. Of course, if you expected it, then it wouldn't hardly be unexpected, would it? You'll have to work this one out.

Taurus 4/21-5/21 — You find yourself running across a sun-drenched field of daisies, dancing and singing and laugh-
ing all the way. Then you wake up, and it's Fall Quarter, and you're behind again. Make the best of it.

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**Women celebrate writing excellence**

Karen Schell
Staff Reporter

Cannon also has a story, "Southern Girl," which is published in the 1997 edition of "Aurora." Also an Honorable Mention winner, Tram is earning a book-
keeping certificate.

Her story, "My Mother," was a descriptive essay written for her Writing 101 class. Her tutor promised her to enter it into the contest.

"I love my mother, when she was alive I never did anything for her. She did everything for me, and now that she is dead I wanted to do something for her." Tram said.

In her essay, Tram wrote: "She was the biggest influence to me...she was a good mother and...taught me so many good things...she taught me how to be a good person."
Sex, Money, Politics!

Well, money and politics, anyway, have been the topics of discussion at the political science department this semester. A new course, 201, is being offered, and it's about the intersection of business and government, and what makes the world go round. Item 1322, 10-10:50 a.m., daily.

Advisement

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Students should keep in mind that advising is not only a service to the students, but also a service to the faculty. The advisors are there to help students with their decisions, but they also need to be aware of the needs of the department.

The advisors use the advising software to keep track of the students, and they can see when a student is due for an advising appointment. They can then contact the student to remind them of their appointment.

The advisors also use the software to keep track of the students' progress, and they can see what courses the student has taken and what courses they need to take.

Budget

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The budget for the Department of Political Science is $40,000, and this includes the overhead costs for the department.

The department is also receiving $12,000 from the Student Affairs Office for the development of a new course in political science.

The department is looking to increase its budget in the future, and it is working on developing new courses to attract more students.

Grounds

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The laboratories are open to students, and they can use them during the day.

The laboratory is also used for research, and students can use it for their research projects.

The laboratory is also used for meetings, and it can be reserved for meetings.

Advice

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