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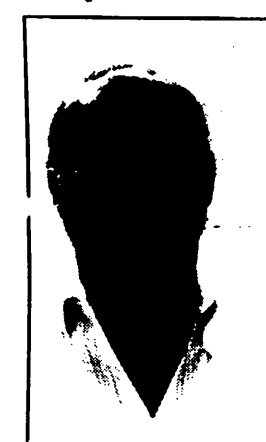
New chief to boost crime prevention

By Julie Diefendorf
Staff Reporter

New Director of Public Safety Richard Fisher hopes to take a bite out of crime with legendary crime dog McGruff.

Fisher's first priority is crime prevention. McGruff, a cartoon character used in anti-crime efforts in recent years will be posted on billboards throughout campus.

"My goal is to make the students and staff more aware of their purses, wallets, bookbags



Richard Fisher

and their surroundings as well as general crime prevention," he said. Also among his top priorities, if money is available, is to provide his office staff with new computer programs, and his five uniformed officers with additional training. Training will include report writing, laws of arrest, and clarification of when it's appropriate to contact the Security Department's backup, the Des Moines Police Department.

Fisher, 53, came to Highline May 5, replacing Glenn Brooks, who resigned. Fisher spent 25 years as a Washington State Patrol trooper. After a four-year term in the State Senate, Fisher found himself unemployed.

Never having worked on a college campus, "I found the idea of working at Highline very appealing," he said. Fisher said he joined the staff with no expectations, only a little apprehension at becoming Highline's third security chief in the last 18 months.

Among his first duties was making sure Commencement exercises went off without a hitch on June 12. "Commencement almost gave me an ulcer," Fisher said.

Fisher is now settled and comfortable in his new position. "I hope this will be my last job and I will retire after my career at Highline," he said.

Graffiti grinsches won't stop work's visit to Rose Garden

By AnnMarie Coe
Editor

The three tons of glistening stainless steel sculpture that bends and flows in front of Highline's Library won't be gracing the campus grounds anymore as of Oct. 1.

Instead, the sculpture will be shipped to the White House where it will be displayed in the "Honoring the Native American" exhibition.

First Lady Hillary Clinton has been putting the exhibition together since their first term.

The sculpture, named Poktalaruk Inukshuk, meaning "sculptural presence," was created by Lawrence Beck, a part-Eskimo Seattle-native.

"This is big news," said Highline Art and Photography Instructor Jim Gardiner. The exciting thing about it is that it will be moved to the White House Rose Garden, he said. The sculpture will remain on display there for eight months before returning to Highline.

It seems as though not everyone was as excited as Gardiner.

Apparently over the weekend the sculpture was marked with

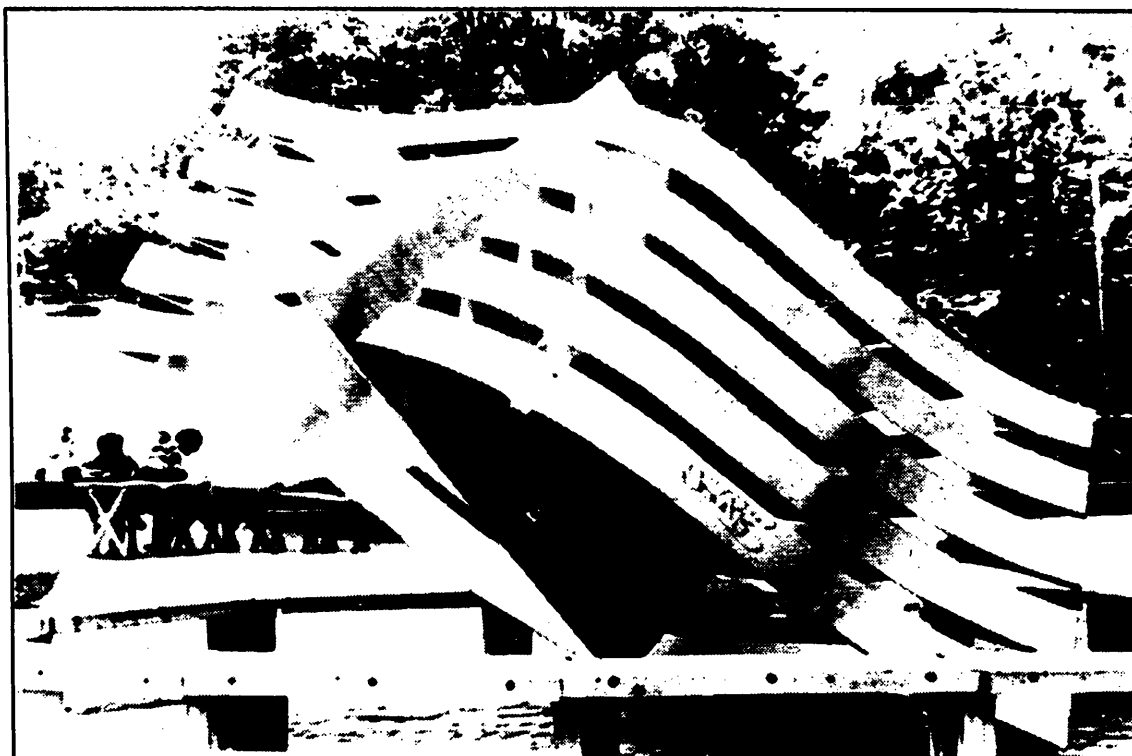


Photo by Corey Chafin

Library sculpture retains its dignity despite vandals' paint job; soon it will visit the White House.

bright blue paint as if it were the bathroom walls in a subway station.

The person or persons who vandalized the stainless steel haven't been caught, but Campus Police Officer Richard Noyer said Highline will prosecute when they obtain a suspect.

"They are trying to express themselves in an art form," Noyer said. "To them it's not vandalism."

The vandalism won't stop the shipment of Poktalaruk In-

ukshuk. Because it the sculpture is stainless steel, Gardiner said the paint can easily be removed.

The late Beck created the sculpture in 1978, when it was purchased with library construction funds that had been set aside to add public art to the facility. The stainless steel cost \$7,000 at the time.

The college purchased the sculpture for \$20,000 through the "Art in Public Places" program. Gardiner said it now is valued at \$80,000.

The sculpture was chosen by

the Phoenix-based Heard Museum, which features Native American Art. It learned of the sculpture through former Highline art professor Ted Johnson, who was here when Beck created the piece.

Beck's work also can be seen at the King County Airport (Boeing Field) and at Golden Gardens Park in Seattle. He studied the Burr Art School in Seattle and at the University of Washington.

"He died too young," Gardiner said.

Hey, dude, let's study

Students hit books, not beaches as enrollment soars

By Corey Chafin
Staff Reporter

More students are fitting a Highline education into their summer vacations this year.

Enrollment is up this quarter, from 2,564 at this time last year to 3,416.

"As you can see, we're ahead this summer from last summer," said Highline Registrar Lorene Miller.

Many students are attending while on summer break from their four-year institutions, while teachers are finding time to return to school, brushing up here and there. There is also a sharp rise in new students from high school who are beginning their college careers in summer and continuing through fall.

Enrollment is down from spring, when Highline had nearly 8,000 students in class, and down from nearly 9,400 in

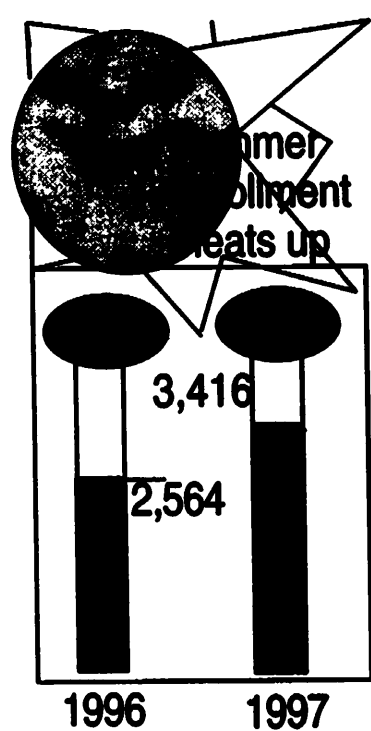
Students say they'd rather spend their summer vacations elsewhere. Details, page 2.

fall. Because people continue to drop and add classes throughout the quarter, the enrollment number is likely to increase. Last year's final head count was 3,407 at the end of summer.

"The more the better," Miller said.

More students generally means more money from the state. HCC gets funding from the state based on full-time equivalents (FTEs). That number is derived by dividing 15 into the total credit hours taken by the student body per quarter.

This, too, has been climbing as attendance has risen. So far the FTE count is 1,802.12, versus 1,537.16 at this time last year. Last summer's final count was 1,655.86.



Most of Highline stays open for summer. See page 2.

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Graphic by Loren Legendre

Summer students work hard, prefer play

The Big Q

By Quincy Wilder

The average Highline summer student attends school full time, works outside of school, gets tuition help from his or her parents, and would rather be at the beach playing.

Out of 55 students surveyed, 65 percent say they are full time students.

Over half of them come to summer school to finish or get caught up in credits.

"I come to summer school because I had classes I needed to take," said Antionette Pleasant.

"I wanted to get some classes I've had a difficult time getting into," said another student, Vivian Moreau.

Sixty percent of the students work outside of school, and several of the others say they would like to find work.

Despite the many hours worked, nearly half — 48 per-

cent — say they get tuition help from their parents.

Nearly all agree they would rather be spending summer somewhere other than class, including traveling, playing or sleeping late.

"I enjoy college, but sleeping and making love is a plus," student Janice Myers said.

"I would rather be going to hockey games," said Aleina Sadag.

"I'd rather be sitting at home with my newborn baby," said Pleasant.

"Riding my Harley in someplace warm," said one anonymous student.

"Traveling the world, or space, or both," said another.

Bomb suspect's hearing rescheduled to July 14

The pretrial hearing of the woman charged with threats to bomb areas of Highline's campus has been scheduled for July 14. The hearing had been set for late May.

Former Highline security dispatcher Traci Lynn Keeney has pleaded innocent to the charges.

Keeney reported 17 bomb threats on campus to 911 between 1994 and 1997.

The bomb threats caused classes to be evacuated and the

Des Moines Police Department to investigate.

On occasion the Port of Seattle Bomb Squad, with K-9 units, responded to the threats, although no bombs were found at any time.

Highline officials began tracing the phone lines and discov-

Campus not on summer vacation

By Cameron Perry and Vicki Watson
Staff Reporters

It's business as usual at Highline this summer quarter with some slight changes in the operating hours.

Some offices will be open longer to better serve the "9-5" working public, whereas others will close early and not open at all on Fridays due to lack of staff, the reduced number of evening classes, no Friday classes, and the typical reduced summer enrollment.

Here is a list of the offices and their hours for summer quarter:

◆ Administration: Monday to Thursday 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Friday closed.

◆ Admissions: Monday to Friday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

◆ Bookstore: Monday and Tuesday 7:30 a.m.- 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday 7:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. Friday 7:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.

"We are trying to stay open as long as we can, at the same time the staff is only on 80 percent," Bookstore Manager Randy Fisher said.

◆ Cafeteria: Monday to Thursday 7 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.

◆ Career Center: Monday and Tuesday 8 a.m.- 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

"We are devoting more of our time to self assessment. We feel that the more a person knows themselves they will be better at choosing a career they love. Come in and check out our new program called choices," Career Information Specialist Glenna Russell said.

◆ Childcare Center: Monday to Thursday 7:30 a.m.- 2 p.m.

◆ Computer Lab: Monday



Marisel Briggs works in the Highline cafeteria.

to Thursday 6:45 a.m.- 10 p.m.

◆ Counseling Center: Monday and Tuesday 8 a.m.- 7 p.m. Wednesday to Friday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

◆ Educational Planning Center: Monday and Tuesday 8 a.m.- 7 p.m. Wednesday to Friday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

"I want people to use the planning center so they will make appropriate class choices," Curriculum Adviser Nancy Allen said.

Denise Gloster, senior curriculum adviser, said that for summer there would be a few extra helpers to better serve all students and a new high school counselor will be available to help applicants right out of high school.

◆ Financial Aid: Monday and Tuesday 8 a.m.- 7 p.m. Wednesday to Friday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

◆ Gym: Monday to Thurs-

day 8 a.m.- 3 p.m.

◆ Information Desk: Monday to Thursday 8 a.m.- 7 p.m. Friday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

◆ Job Referral: Monday and Tuesday 8 a.m.- 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

◆ Library: Monday to Thursday 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.

Closed on Friday because no classes are being offered on that day. Saturday 8 a.m.- noon.

◆ Medical Office: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

◆ Registration: Monday to Thursday 8 a.m.- 7 p.m. Friday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

◆ Security: Monday to Thursday 7 a.m.- 9 p.m. Friday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

◆ Tazza: Monday to Thursday 6 a.m.- 7 p.m.

◆ Women's Center: Monday to Thursday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m.- noon.

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'Century' too much for two hours

By Corey Chafin
Staff Reporter

Trying to fill 90 minutes of theater with good substance is sometimes hard. But sometimes knowing when to cut scenes out is the true sign of a good director. "Seattle Century," a multimedia look at our region's colorful past, opened on Friday, June 27. Beginning with the first settlement in the mid-1800's and continuing through today, it examines key points in Seattle's history.

"Seattle Century" was to be the crowning achievement of the opening of the Group Theatre which just underwent extensive renovations along with the Children's Museum and the entire lower level of the Seattle Center House.

The play itself is a master design in which many different artists, graphic designers, playwrights, and composers combined their energy in creating a living performance of our city's great history.

This play tries too hard to encompass every aspect of theater, from drama and comedy to song and dance. Sure, they danced the jitterbug, Charleston,

Review

and disco while singing a variety of tunes such as native tribal, electronic, and big band but they tried to stuff so much content (100 years is a long time) into the brief 90-minute show that my head was left swimming.

I got the feeling that this play was rushed through production and direction straight to the people for mass consumption.

They were in such a hurry that they didn't even get programs printed in time.

Even the actors seemed to rush through every act trying to get the unbearable suffering over. They spoke at a rate faster than the speed of light, gunning this phrase and that in a never ending barrage of noise, always looking for where they were to go next in the great scheme of the director's blocking. This only succeeded in getting them winded so that during portions of the play their voices didn't even carry to the first row.

Along with the acting the other main ingredient was the multi-media projection screens that framed the stage, summarizing the scene for the audience. They also were used to show the visual montage of photographs and films that span the era. There was so much to see visually that I felt like the couch potato on Max Hedroom who took in so much information that his head exploded.

I can say that if slowed down to the three hour play it was meant to be, it would have great merit (aside from the fact that the only thing that I have sat still that long for was "Dances With Wolves" and "Malcolm X").

I liked the unusual stories they added flavor to the evening. There's nothing like a family play that discusses the prostitution trade in the Pacific Northwest. The costumes and the choreography were also well done. My favorite part of the play was the creative, humorous lyrics and the well written musical scores.

Overall I would give this play two thunderbolts because even though the inventiveness was there, the hurried pace and overwhelming information left me in a big hurry to get the hell out of dodge

Volleyball coach Littleman resigns

Timothy Wyse
Sports Editor

Long time volleyball coach John Littleman resigned last week so he can focus on his new business.

Littleman is currently helping the college find another coach.

"We need to find someone who can carry on the great tradition that this college has enjoyed for the past 15 years in the volleyball program," he said.

Harrison said the search for a new coach is under way. At least three players will be back from last year's Northern Division championship team, with two recruits already signed to letters of intent.

Harrison said it will be difficult to replace the coach on such short notice, but praised Littleman's work at Highline.

"He was one of the best, if not the best volleyball coach there is," Athletic Director Fred Harrison said.

Littleman recently opened a new volleyball center in Tukwila. The center involves various volleyball leagues for all ages, open gym, summer camps, and many other things.

"I run youth teams and adult teams. We have summer volleyball leagues and a team that

goes to Europe. We distribute volleyball equipment to various places," he said. These are just a few of the things we do here.

"Other than that I have nothing to do with volleyball," he said.

"I just didn't have the time management to coach at Highline and manage this business," Littleman said.

"It wouldn't be fair to the kids or the athletic department if I wasn't putting in the time that I should, and I didn't feel I could do that," he said.

"It was a difficult decision for me, because I feel that I and (assistant coach) John Wilson were such a big part of the HCC volleyball program. A lot of the programs success should be credited to Wilson," Littleman said.

The volleyball program has won more regional championships than any other program at the college. They have also won five NWAACC championships since Littleman has been the coach.

"I will certainly help out at HCC in any way possible if they want to," Littleman said.

"I feel that Wilson and I gelled that program, and I am not just going to walk away from it," he said. "That would be like a mother leaving her child."



Arting Around

The Pacific Northwest Arts Fair Exhibition at Anderson Glover Gallery in Kirkland, July 3-Aug. 15. Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Call 739-0303.

22nd Annual Chinatown/International District Summer Festival, Saturday, July 12, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sunday, July 13 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Columbia Gorge Bluegrass Festival, July 25-27 on the Skamania County Fairgrounds, in Stevenson, Wash.. Weekend camping is available. The festival includes concerts, contests, work-

shops, dances and live entertainment. Call 509-427-8928.

The 10th Annual Swim The Lake Marathon, Lake Washington, Aug. 2 from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Swim to win airline tickets, color TVs and CD players. Swimmers must raise \$200 in donations. Call 364-9028 or 364-6337 for more information.

Northwest AIDS Foundation's bikeathon, Ride For A Reason will be put on pedals Aug. 14-17. Pick to start the ride from Portland or Vancouver, B.C. and then power your pedals to Seattle. Call 322-BIKES or 1-888-89B-IKES for more information.

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College hopes new permits ease parking hang-ups

By Ayman Hanna
Staff Reporter

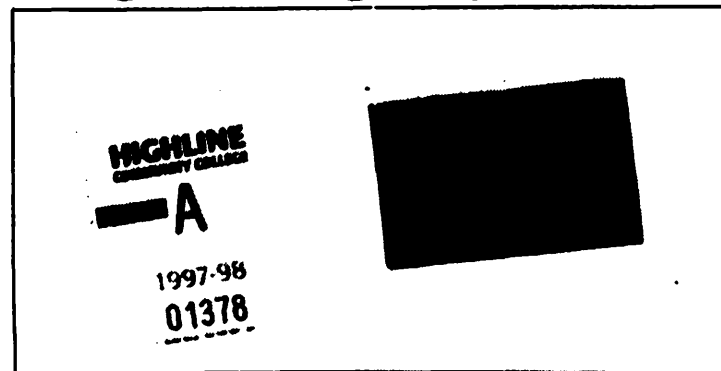
Starting this summer, security officers will be telling you to hang it instead of stick it.

Highline's new parking permits are designed to be hung from your rearview mirror instead of pasted on your car window. No more razor-scraping baked-on parking permits from your rear window.

The new permits have been introduced for a couple of reasons, including visibility for the security officers, and for students who have a hard time peeling the old ones off.

Ferhan Cook-Letic, security department office manager, said she has heard many complaints about the old permits.

"The students will not have any more problems taking their parking permits off," she said.



New, left and old parking permits for Highline.

Students said the old permits were a pain.

"I didn't like sticking the old ones on my car. You couldn't see it through the tinting of the window anyways," said student Adam Willanger.

"I like it because I had a hard time peeling the old permits off," said Elisabeth Schnackenberg.

After hearing of the complaints, the administration de-

cidated to do something about it. The change is also a big advantage for the security department too.

"The new permits are much more visible and easier to see," said Officer Richard Noyer.

Noyer said one problem with the new permits could be students stealing, switching or borrowing permits from other students, instead of getting their own.

Malkuch gone but not forgotten

By AnnMarie Coe
Editor

Former Executive Assistant to the President Betty Malkuch died at home from a brain tumor on June 6.

During her 30 years at here, Malkuch was "a very strong advocate for Highline," said her replacement, Sandy Moser. "She was just a very special person who was proud of working at Highline."

Moser worked as an intern office assistant for Malkuch.

"She went out of her way to make people feel comfortable," she said. "She always made everyone feel welcome."



Betty Malkuch

Malkuch was Secretary Connie Johnson's supervisor for two years.

"She really believed strongly

about making her president and the college look good," Johnson said. "The thing that strikes me the most about her was her attitude about serving. That it's not just a job but it's about serving the people you work with."

Malkuch was Highline President Edward Command's assistant for seven years.

He said she was a highly skilled person who never let anyone leave with a complaint unheard or a bad attitude unattended.

Those who knew here say Malkuch will be missed for her positive attitude as well as her compassion for, and ability to learn from others.

Campus thin on summertime events

By Mary Higdon
Staff Reporter

You'll probably need to refer to off-campus events if you're looking for something besides homework to do this summer.

Denny Steussy, Coordinator of Student Programs, said that no formal events are planned for a typical summer quarter.

Although "Team Highline" (formerly the Events Board) plans a variety of school-wide activities, most of the activities do not begin until fall quarter. Most of the clubs are inactive for summer, too.

The only clubs that are active during summer quarter 1997 are the Environmental Club and the Asian Pacific-Islander Club.

Meeting dates for the Asian Pacific Islander club have not yet been determined, said Pres-

ident of the Environmental Club likewise has not set a meeting schedule, but has several events planned, including an overnight camping trip to a remote island in the San Juans.

President of the Environmental Club Darren Kohn said students will get to study fossils, do some stargazing, and learn more about the environment. The cost has been reduced to \$50 for Highline students. Eight to 10 people can go on the trip. If you are interested leave a message for Kohn at 248-9623.

Don't want to wait for fall quarter? A full listing of recognized clubs and contacts is available at the Student Programs office in Building 8, where suggestions for school-wide activities are welcome.

a new club should talk to Kayleen Oka at the Student Programs office, ext. 3904.

Crisis Nursery offers parents, kids a break

By Karen Schell
Staff Reporter

Parents who feel the overwhelming stresses of being a student and need help to prevent child abuse can call Childhaven's Crisis Nursery.

About 96 percent of Childhaven's clients are single mothers on welfare and some are going to school. These clients are parents who need to talk to someone who will listen and/or need to break away from their children for a while.

Barbara Muller, a counselor at the Women's Programs at Highline, can help if parents, including both moms and dads need to talk.

If parents need more counseling they will be referred to a special clinic. If they find that they need help to prevent child abuse, they may be referred to the 24-hour hot line of Childhaven's Crisis Nursery.

Robyn Bennett, case manager of the nursery, said the 24-

hour hot line is on a paging system; it will page a master level clinical staff to help parents who need to talk about their stress to prevent child abuse.

If talking to the clinical staff is not enough, they can refer the parent to a licensed child-care provider who will take care of children from 0-6 years old — up to 72 hours.

If a parent has children over 6 years old, they can refer them to other services.

Bennett said this service is not related to Child Protective Services.

"This is not a baby-sitting day care service. This is a child abusive prevention program," Bennett said.

Childhaven's has several locations, Bennett said. Including Kent, Federal Way, Rainier Valley and Lynnwood.

Parents who need to talk or are in need of a break away from the stress of dealing with their children can call Childhaven's Crisis Nursery 206-328-KIDS.

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