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A hard beginning maketh a good ending.

John Heywood

Starting the year off right



Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Incoming Highline students cheer during a team-building exercise at the opening of orientation last Wednesday. Nearly 400 students attended the affair, which included a barbecue, workshops, campus tours and a lot of rain. Student clubs and program shared information with the new students. The event was supported by a variety of campus organizations.

International Initiatives to make Highline world class

By David Blair
Staff Reporter

Highline is going global in an effort to increase ties with colleges and countries overseas.

Last month Highline President Ed Command, Vice President for Instruction Jack Birmingham, Director of Personnel Services Sue Williamson, Assistant Director for Continuing Education Kristin Baldwin, and Business Division Chairwoman Kathy Dunn took part in a trip which included England, Namibia, the Netherlands and South Africa to help build international relations for the college.

The goal of this trip was to try to achieve several strategic initiatives, college officials said.

One such initiative focuses on enhancing Highline's level of international understanding.

"It's very important that we develop global perspectives. We're increasingly headed toward a more multicultural economy," Birmingham said.

Another strategic initiative is to form partnerships with col-

leges in other countries that have similar programs or interests.

"These partnerships will offer a great opportunity for future student and faculty exchange programs," Birmingham said.

"We're working on incorporating ourselves with schools that offer compatible programs. This will allow our students to integrate much easier."

One of the team's main objectives was to meet face to face



”It's estimated that soon, one out of five jobs will depend on trade. . . . It makes sense that we start thinking in terms of trade economy now.

Ed Command, Highline president

with college personnel from these countries.

"It helps greatly when you can actually meet people face to face. It helps initiate plans, and lets your contacts know you're anxious to work with them," Command said.

One source of Highline's recent push for international integration is Washington's huge dependence on trade.

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Live large: Student positions open to all

By David Blair
Staff Reporter

Two student-at-large positions are open to Highline students who successfully fill out a candidate information packet.

A candidate information meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 29 in Building 8. All election packets must be turned in to the student government office by Thursday, Oct. 2.

A student-at-large has many duties such as advocating the interests of Highline students, gathering suggestions from the student body, making weekly reports to the Associated Council, and attending all ASHCC sponsored events to name a few.

Elections for student-at-large candidates are held every Fall and Spring Quarter, to ensure that new students get a fair chance at the position.

This fall, student government has made plans to spice up the election by adding some interesting twists for candidates. The most noticeable of these is the addition of a videotaped debate between chosen candidates. The debate will be administered much like a game show, with the candidates answering campus-related questions and giving specific goals they would like to achieve.

The debate will be replayed several times a day in the student lounge so as to give all students a chance to see their candidates in action.

"This election promises to get the student body much more involved. Our main goal is to have more students get out and vote," said Paul L. Gerhardt Jr., vice president of administration and coordinator of the election.

Student government is aiming to dramatically increase voter participation after last spring's record turnout of 250 student voters.

"This fall we want to get a quarter of the student body to come out and vote. I think it's sad that 250 students is a record turnout for an election here. I strongly feel that getting one fourth of the student body to vote isn't too much to ask," Gerhardt said.



College adds one-stop shopping

By Gina Carpinito
Staff Reporter

New students will be able to register for school in one afternoon, instead of weeks, by this winter.

Building 6 was reorganized for the new enrollment process, called one-stop registration.

The new system integrates all the services of registration into a one-stop process, said Vice President for Students Jim Sorenson.

The system allows students to apply for admission, apply for financial aid and take a placement test, all on computers. Students may also receive educational planning in the same day. This avoids the need to stand in long lines and repeatedly returning to complete the registration process.

"I never liked standing in lines, and I probably wouldn't like to stand in lines now, any more than any other student would," Sorenson said.

In the traditional system, students had to come in and apply for admission to the college, wait for an acceptance letter and then return to make an appointment for placement testing. After testing, students had to return again for the actual class registration.

Under the new system, students can do all of this in one

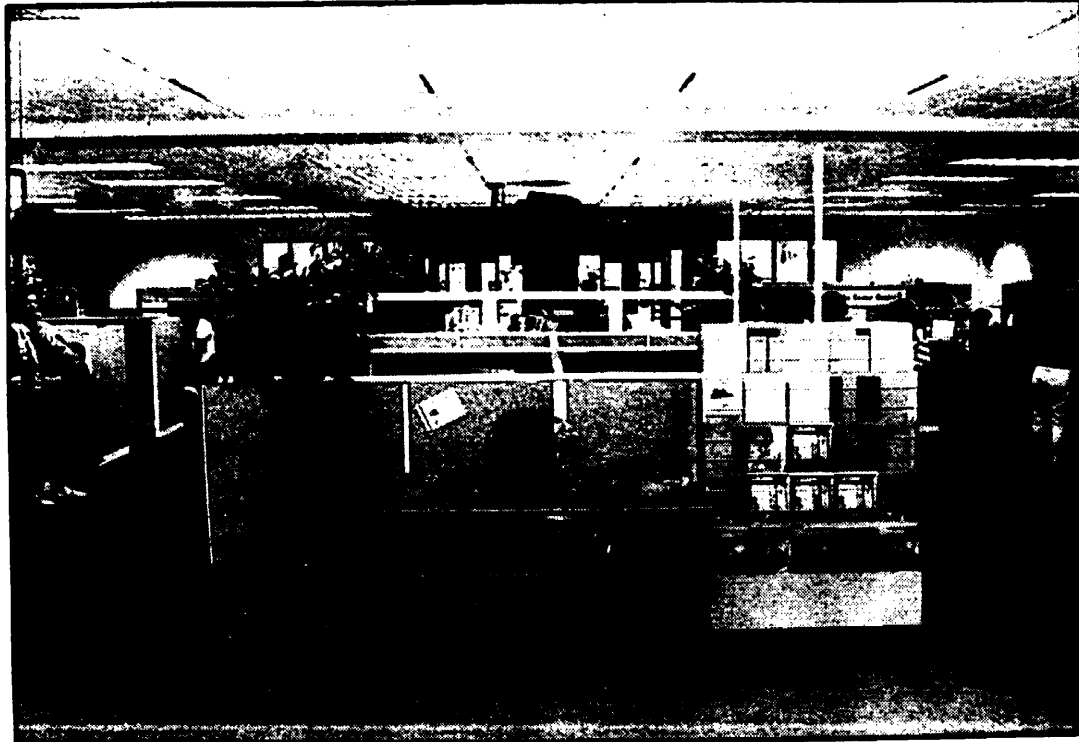


Photo by Bruce Jarrell

New cubicles upstairs in Building 6 are just part of one-stop registration, a system Highline officials hope to have up and running by winter.

place, except for the testing. That is done with computers in Building 19. The COMPASS placement test is an alternative to the ASSET test. Since it is done on a computer, the results are obtained quicker and registration can occur sooner. The ASSET test is still available for students wishing to use a more traditional method of paper and pencil testing.

Sorenson said that with the one-stop registration, a new student out of high school might need about two and a half hours

to register, with two hours of that allowed for testing. The process will be fully operational in the winter, Sorenson said. It just needs a few finishing touches like working out bugs and posting signs for the new cubicles.

"I'm real pleased with just the look of it. I hope it feels friendlier and more personalized for people when they come into the building," Sorenson said.

Sorenson sees good things for the one-stop registration, and he said that students and faculty

are responding positively. He said that the idea had been brewing since last year when faculty and students made suggestions for a change. Sorenson also hopes the program will utilize the Internet in the future.

"We want it to be easy for you," Sorenson said. "We don't want to lose you in the process because you get tired of being in a line and walk off, because that has happened," he said. "We want to meet your needs and we want you to be satisfied. It's just good customer service."

Hearing postponed in bomb threat case

By Gina Carpinito
Staff Reporter

The pre-trial date of Traci Keeney, the former Highline security dispatcher charged with threats to bomb campus buildings, has been moved back again, to Oct. 1.

Keeney was charged in May 1997 on two counts of threats to bomb or injure property. She has pleaded innocent.

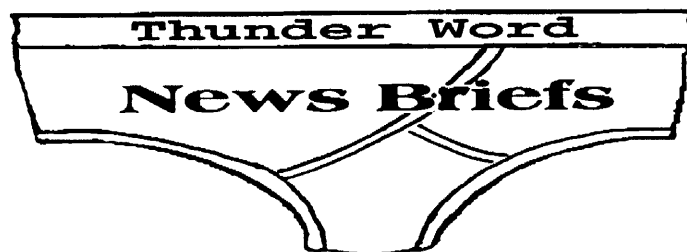
Her first pre-trial date was set for May 28, but it was moved to July 14, then to Aug. 12, and now to Oct. 1. However, Dan Donohoe, spokesman for the King County Prosecutor's Office, said that it is not unusual to push dates back.

According to court documents, while working as a college security dispatcher, Keeney reported 17 telephoned bomb threats to 911 between 1994 and 1997.

College officials had all of the phone lines traced to show incoming and outgoing calls. According to the documents, Keeney was alone in the office each time a call was reported. Also, no incoming calls were made at the time of the supposed threats on Oct. 10, 1996 and Jan. 14, 1997, the two days for which Keeney was charged.

Police responded to each instance, and evacuated occupied buildings. No bombs were ever found.

Police said that Keeney admitted to inventing all of the threats. Keeney resigned her job, and is under a court order prohibiting any contact with the college. Her attorney declined to comment on the case.



Student leaders, hot dogs at Highline

Free hot dogs, soda and music are on tap for Wednesday, Sept. 24.

Come meet the student leaders of Highline at this social event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lower level of Building 8.

Weather permitting, the event will be held outside of the lower level of Building 8.

Local bands play

Three local bands will give a concert on Sept. 26 in the student lounge from 8 p.m. - midnight.

The Quick Tips, a punk band, is among the performers. They played in the Warped Tour

Unwind at carnival

this summer.

The other bands are Losing Hand, also a punk band, and Mobius Strip, a band that compares itself with Rocket from the Crypt. Losing Hand and Mobius Strip have also played clubs around the area. Admission is \$3 or \$2 with a valid student ID card.

Unwind at carnival

A mini carnival is coming to Highline Thursday, Sept. 25

day, Sept. 25 in Building 8.

This free event offers the opportunity to have your palm read by a psychic and be wowed by the tricks of a roaming magician.

A chance will also be given to compete for a title in arm wrestling. Prizes will not be awarded to the winner, but be sure not to miss the popcorn.

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Team Highline takes the field Cooking coach tasty for Highline

By Bill Heming
Staff Reporter

Team Highline has broken its huddle and is now preparing to tackle the new school year.

The newly-founded group is taking the place of last year's Events Board.

Though the team will take on planning events, it will also participate in out-reach and recruitment programs.

"The concept is three-fold," said Kayleen Oka, co-adviser of Team Highline. Besides out-reach and event planning, Oka hopes that the experience will also develop the team into student leaders.

The line-up, consisting of Kris Peterson, Menna Tesfatsion, Christine Stevenson, Rachel Thorne, Yumi Okuwaki and Touraan Smith have just completed their six-week training and already planning out events for the up-coming year.

Their training consisted of team-building activities, program planning, public speaking exercises and "becoming familiar with all the services college offers," co-adviser Denny Steussy said.

The six-weeks of training is an increase over the Events Board's two weeks.

While Team Highline is receiving more money from the Service and Activities budget, to the tune of \$6,875, it is also receiving money from International Programs.

Each member of Team Highline has received \$4,000 to plan events and take care of their promotion. A total of \$2,000 was given to the team from International Programs in part because of Okuwaki, who is an international student from Japan.

International Programs was also going to donate another \$2,000 for the training process,



Photo by Bruce Jarrell
Team Highline members Rachel Thorne and Menna Tesfatsion work on upcoming events.

but Okuwaki was unable to attend training until the beginning of September.

Team Highline is receiving more money, Oka said, not only because of the extra training, but because it will also add student input to all event planning. In years past an event could be planned solely by faculty, but now that planning should involve at least one student voice.

The other change over the Events Board is the elimination of positions. Each member of the Events Board had a specific area that they planned for such as multicultural events and special events.

While the members of the team have not been assigned positions, "some of them have gravitated towards music and some have gone toward literatures and fine arts," Oka said.

Peterson, for example, has planned two up-coming concerts as well as starting work on a web page.

Another of the team's more interesting up-coming events is Smith's "Men of Highline" fashion show. The event will culminate in 12 winners who will pose for a 1998 calendar.

"The whole goal here," Peterson said, "is just to make this a better place."

By Candice Fenison
Staff Reporter

Filleting Seattle Supersonics Coach George Karl proved beneficial for the Highline College Foundation.

The Foundation worked together with Karl's Friends of Hoop Foundation and raised about \$40,000 in a roast of the Sonics' coach Sept. 5 at the Museum of Flight.

Karl's roast took about nine months to put together, said Laurie Sorensen, executive director of the Highline Foundation, which raises money for the college.

Roasters included Charles Barkley, Gary Payton, Rick Majerus, Doug Moe, Frank Brickowski, Mitch Kupchak, Sam Perkins, and Kevin Calabro.

Friends of Hoop is Karl's non-profit organization, which helps provide scholarship opportunities to underprivileged youths in the Puget Sound area.

Tickets sold at \$200 per per-

son and a house of about 300 people helped to raise the \$40,000.

"It was a fabulous event," Sorensen said, "especially for the public exposure for the college and the foundation."

Assistant Athletic Director John Dunn originally thought of having the roast. Dunn and Athletic Director Fred Harrison didn't attend, however. "I'm just real happy they had such a successful event," Harrison said.

Dunn worked with Karl on Friends of Hoop and they became close friends.

Highline's Athletic Department will receive \$4,000 and some proceeds will go to engineering scholarships from Highline's share.

Many volunteers, including Assistant Foundation Director Mark McKay, Diane Anderson, Neil McLean, and Alesha Anderson, helped get the Roast in the oven.

"It was a lot of hard work," Sorensen said.

Honors Colloquy looks at families

Highline's Honors Colloquy this year will explore "Family: Myth, Metaphor and Reality."

The Honors Colloquy is sponsored in part sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa. The national PTK organization chooses the topic each year.

The centerpiece of the colloquy is a weekly lecture series given by either Highline faculty or visiting professors from local universities. The lectures are every Wednesday at noon in Building 7.

Tim Morrison, one of two new Phi Theta Kappa advisers on campus, is in charge of the event as well as its first speaker.

Morrison will speak on what makes a family as well as introducing the rest of the series on

Sept. 24.

Other speakers include Donna Wilson, arts and humanities department head, on Oct. 15, speaking on the role of family in Hispanic culture and how it differs from that of the United States.

Davidson Dodd, political science instructor, will speak Oct. 22 on how the recent welfare reform bill will affect families.

The lectures are free an open to everyone on campus.

Students who want to attend the whole series may also sign up for Honors 101 for one credit, and Humanities 100B. Both classes have a 3.5 grade point average as a prerequisite. The seminar meets every Tuesday and Thursday from noon-1 p.m.

Highline Library adds Sunday night hours

Highline's Library will have Sunday hours beginning this quarter.

The Library will be open 5:30-9:30 p.m. Sundays on a trial basis, to see if student use is high enough to warrant the cost of staffing and operation.

The Library also is getting new pipes for the hot water that heats the building. The originals were installed when the

building was constructed in the mid-1970s. In the last three years serious leaks have sprung, often over the weekend when the facility was closed, damaging books and other materials.

The work is scheduled to be

done by mid-October, and Hawk currently is two weeks ahead of schedule.

The Library's old security system also has been replaced, although alarms still ring if you leave without checking out.

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Editorial

Textbooks tell tale of funding dearth

One textbook costs \$100. There is just no way to get around that. But the question arises: Why do they cost so much?

We know that it's not the doing of our Highline Bookstore. Our textbook prices are comparable to that of most other college bookstores in the state.

The bookstore has a 25 percent margin on textbooks, and a portion of the profits go to cover overhead and freight expenses.

The bookstore also funds a few campus activities, such as last year's \$127,000 bookstore remodel, a portion of the Food Service Budget and even some landscaping projects.

Key reasons for the high textbook prices is due to late orders, frequent changes in textbooks, and low numbers for book orders.

If instructors could keep using the same textbook year after year, and if the bookstore could order mass amounts of the same book, then book prices could come down. But as luck would have it, this is not a reasonable solution.

Textbooks can rarely be used for more than one year with our classes changing topics so often, and our technology growing so quickly.

All of these points direct us to one conclusion: The state is not giving the school enough funding.

If the state could extend the school more funding, then the school wouldn't be as dependant on the bookstore to help fund these campus activities.

This in turn would allow the bookstore to lower their profit margin on textbooks, which would reduce the overall price on new books. And consequently save money for us students.

It is important for the state to recognize just how expensive going to college is now a days. Tuition and class fees take a big enough chunk out of our pocketbooks as it is without the added strain of excessively high book prices.

Students should bound together

Get ready, get set, get studying.

Summer is officially over and now is the time to sharpen those pencils and hit the books.

That's right, Highline is back in session and with it come many new students. Veteran Highline students may recognize a part of themselves in the wide-eyed gawking faces of these new students.

The main problem with going to a new school for the first time is that chances are, the campus layout is a mystery. So, many of these new Thunderbirds may need help finding their classes.

It should be the duty of all students to help each other out. Whether it's helping the new students find their classes or just helping each other study.

Everyone was once an incoming freshman. Everyone felt the loneliness of being in a strange place for the first time.

That loneliness doesn't have to occur. It takes as little as a kind word and as much as a smile.

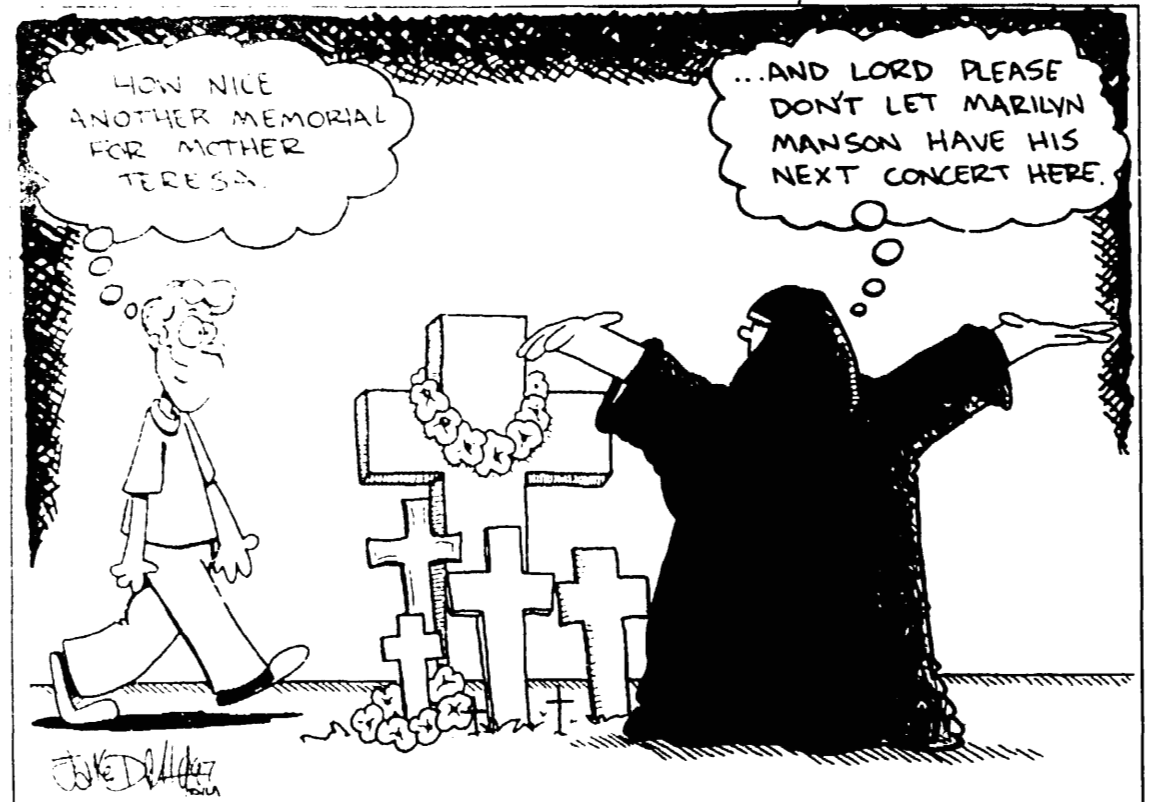
College teaches more than what can be found in text books, it also teaches students how to interact with each other.

The start of a new school year is an excellent time to get to know people, new and old students alike. It becomes far too easy as the quarter drags on to go only to class then rush home as quick as possible without stopping to say hello to anyone.

As any instructor will say, there is no place quite like college, so don't squander this time. Within a few more years, everyone will have a career and be typing or working their fingers off.

Take this time to get to know people that will help make those long days bearable.

School has started again, welcome back.



Learning has to continue, in school and forever afterward

There's excitement in the air—school's starting!

For those of us devoting our professional lives to education, the opening of school is always an exciting time whether it's meeting first graders or welcoming new and returning college students. That is why you will see me, the president of the college, standing on the sidewalk wearing a big Ask Me button. Many people think the president should have more im-



Edward Command

later when I quit my good teaching position to earn a doctorate degree from the University of Washington, my father wondered if I would ever stop going to college. Continuing my education was a wise investment for me, both financially and qualitatively.

A lot has changed since I was standing in that line at Grays Harbor College in the mid '50s. It was possible then to have only a high school education and find a good paying job with excellent security. Today that is unlikely and tomorrow it will be impossible. The jobs of the future will require higher and higher levels of education to be successful in work and in life. Success will require a commitment to continuous learning.

The old phrase "Life Long Learning" takes on a much deeper meaning as global competition intensifies. One out of every five jobs is dependent on international trade in Washington state. We need to become even more globally competitive in order to sustain our chosen lifestyle. It is imperative that we continually assess our current skills and compare them to those that will be needed for future success. What are you doing today to be prepared for tomorrow?

Education is the key to earning a living and the secret to learning how to live. Good luck and make your opportunities happen through education.

Ed Command is president of Highline College.

Soap Box is a weekly chance for college faculty, staff, students and administrators to voice their opinions on issues that concern students as a whole in the Thunderword.

As always, Letters to the Editor are welcome.

Soap Box

portant things to do than help lost students find their classrooms. But for me, these few days help me connect with students and reinforces my commitment to and excitement for the Highline experience.

Like many of my fellow college educators, each fall I remember my first experience at college. I was standing in a long line at Grays Harbor College, waiting for my turn to talk with the English teacher, Miss Holy (yes, that was her real name), about which classes I should take and explain my hopes and dreams. Most of my high school friends were working at well-paying lumber-related jobs at the plywood mill up the street. Some migrated to Seattle to begin working on the assembly lines at Boeing. While my experience with Miss Holy was rather negative, I gave it a good shot because my parents thought education was the most important investment one could make. My father, a high school graduate, repeatedly emphasized that success in life requires a college education. I was the first in my family to go to college. Years

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House sitting: A how not to guide

I've always considered myself a rather intelligent fellow. So when I found myself house sitting for my journalism adviser I was shocked.

I don't know if house sitting

On the Wild Side



With W.B. Heming

for a man who could potentially ruin my grades and fire me was such a good idea after-all. As they say, however, hindsight is 20/20.

It isn't like the job itself was that difficult. Water the plants and take care of all of the animals.

And it isn't like there were that many animals, just two dogs, two cats, and two tanks of fish. It all seemed simple enough, I just don't know what went wrong.

The dogs and I didn't hit it off the way I wanted us to.

My adviser's dogs live inside the house and so must be put out to do their business. Lucy was no problem, in fact, she liked to go out.

Jones decided he'd much rather conduct his business inside.

So day one ended with me cleaning up some doggy mess.

Day two saw the dawning of the phone situation. That morning I picked up the phone to make a call and noticed it was buzzing. I made a note to call the phone company and have that problem fixed.

I then cleaned up the dog mess and took solace that things couldn't get much worse. Oh the fool I was.

After cleaning up the dog mess during the morning of the third day, I remembered that I needed to feed the fish. I walked over to the tank and noticed that a fish had died.

As I stared at the floating corpse I realized that things had just gotten worse.

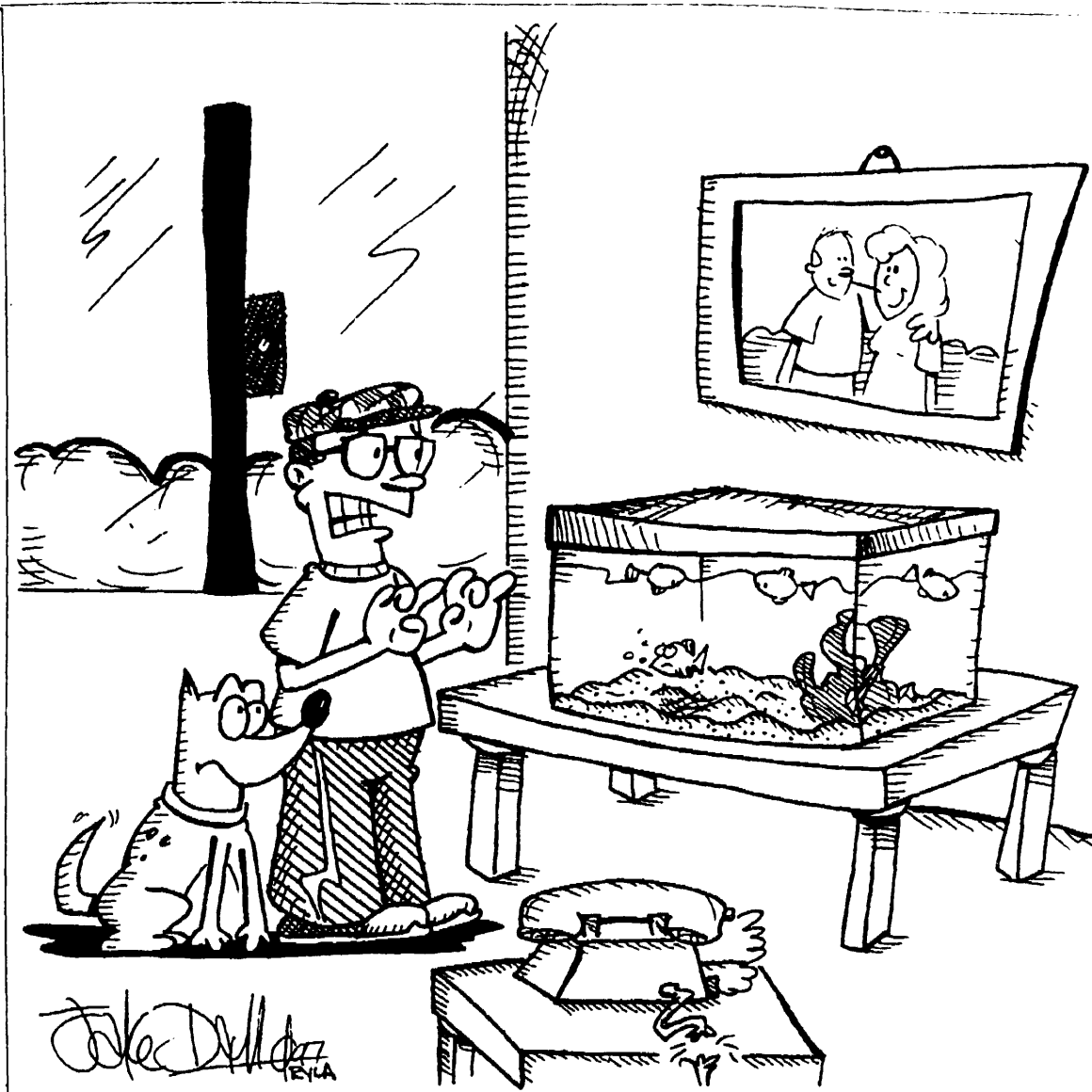
I called the phone company, US Worst, on day three for the first time. They said that without written verification of power of attorney over the phones they couldn't come inside to take a look.

This concerned me, but I figured that all I could do was plead and beg. So I did.

After a few more days and more phone calls, US Worst agreed to send out someone to look at the outside lines.

Meanwhile, four more fish bit the big enchilada in the sky. I tried to be ceremonious while I flushed the fish. T.M. would have wanted it that way.

The morning of day five saw



the biggest doggy mess I've ever seen in my entire life. It took me a good half-hour to clean it up. That's when I hit upon an idea.

If I pretended to take Jones for a walk then got him outside, maybe I could stop this madness. To my surprise, the plan worked and I felt pretty good about myself.

I went up to get dressed that morning and discovered that the cats had peed all over my clothes in the night. So much for small victories.

It was at that point that I decided I was being punished for something.

US Worst sent somebody five days and another dead fish later. The phone worked after that for about an hour. I celebrated and then the phone stopped working.

That night I pulled another casualty out of the water. I began to see that the dead fish situation was escalating beyond my control.

As the last few days ticked by I began to get concerned. Finally, my adviser's sister talked the phone company into a more thorough check.

The morning of T.M.'s re-

turn, US Worst sent Yosemite Sam to check the phones.

The conversation began normally. He asked me what the problem was I said the phone just buzzes. He grunted and sauntered off.

I started folding laundry. The cat had not been kind to my wardrobe and it had taken several washings to get the smell out.

Yosemite Sam came back about 10 minutes later and proclaimed that "varmints had gotten at the line."

I was shocked and a bit scared. If varmints could attack and destroy a phone line, just think what they could do to my car if they ever got into it.

Worse yet, think what they could do to other parts of the house. Varmints seemed like mighty serious business to me, but then again I could be wrong.

Sam looked at me as if itching to do something. He smiled a little and said he could get one of the phones back on-line but the rest could only be fixed if I paid him \$77 per hour to rewire the house.

I decided that making decisions like that could wait until tomorrow, so I told him to hook up the one phone.

On the way out of the house he mentioned over his shoulder that a maintenance charge would be attached to the bill. All I could think was "thanks for telling me before you started."

I began to walk upstairs when I noticed two limp forms floating on top of the goldfish tank. Why those two fish couldn't have waited to die I'll never know.

Panic took over that day at work as I realized I would have to tell T.M. that half of his fish had died.

As I said before, it may not have been the best idea to house sit for a man who held my academic future in the palm of his hand.

Raw panic took over as I approached his home. It only took a moment more to realize that he had already returned.

I strengthened my reserve to tell him it turns out he wasn't that mad.

Now if he could only find the remote, we could all put those two weeks behind us.

Club fair to get students involved

Welcome back returning and new students! I'm proud to start off the '97-'98 academic year with a new team in student government. We've worked half of the summer on fun exciting programming just for you!

As the new clubs & organizations liaison, I am happy to say that clubs and organizations are off to an outstanding start. Oct. 1, will be the first quarterly clubs and organizations fair. At

Moira Windon



Clubs & Organizations Liaison

this quarters fair there will be a raffle. Where a winner will be announced every half hour.

During the clubs fair, every club will be given a form for possible members to fill out. Every time a student signs up for a club he or she will receive a half of a ticket. The club rep will keep the other half. The ticket number will also be printed on the form. We will call a ticket number every half hour. The lucky winners will receive Highline gifts, such as Highline mugs, T-shirts, annual planners, and other Highline goodies.

In addition, the group "Afro Blue", an African blues trio, will be performing during the clubs fair. Afro Blue plays blues from the west coast of Africa.

Afro Blue uses guitars and talking drums. All of their lyrics are sung in their native African tongue. This will be cultural experience for everyone in attendance.

I encourage everyone to attend. This event will give new and returning students to socialize and see what clubs are offered at Highline. The clubs fair will be held in Building 8 (the Student Center). The time will be from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Bring yourself and bring a friend. Hope to see you there!

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Volleyball team aims to rebuild

By T.M. Wyse
Sports Editor

The Highline volleyball team experienced a complete makeover from last season. After a rocky start, however, the T-Birds bounced back to spank Tacoma in the Pavilion last Wednesday night.

"It's going to take two to three weeks to iron out the nerves and for the team to start gelling," said Tanya Burkett, the team's new head coach.

Head coach John Littleman resigned last summer, but he helped find a replacement in Burkett, who has coached for several years at local high schools and clubs.

On top of the surprising resignation, the team only has eight players, only two of whom are returning from last season. Those two are defensive specialist Michaela Eischen and middle hitter Daisha Clinton.

The new members of the team are outside hitters Heather Vistaunet and Karen Yantis, middle hitters-Nashonne Watkins and Sara Ledin, right-side hitter-Katie Reynolds, and setter Angela Burgess.

"Angela has been a bit nervous out there because she comes from a single-A high school to playing at the college

level," Burkett said.

The team has played in a tournament and had two league games, and has struggled so far, but they are showing signs of improvement.

At the tournament the T-Birds were down from eight players to six and they ended up winning only one of five matches.

To open league play, Highline lost its match to Green River College 15-4, 15-11, and 15-7.

"We are still learning how to play together," Burkett said.

Then they struggled again against Pierce College, 15-4, 15-7, and 15-9.

The T-Birds bounced back on Sept. 17 against Tacoma College, winning 15-9, 15-10, and 15-10.

"We played much better as a team last night," Burkett said.

In the second game, Highline was down 8-0 and freshman sensation Katie Reynolds served 11 straight points. "I was really impressed. It was like there was an entirely different team playing between the first eight and the last 11 points," Burkett said.

"We have great athletes with great potential. Just because we lose the first two matches doesn't mean it constitutes the rest of the season," Burkett said.



Photo by Bruce Jarrell
Sara Levin spikes the ball against Tacoma in a match last week.

"In our division I think we'll be fine. I am really looking forward to when we get comfortable with each other and start playing as a whole," she said.

"My biggest goal for this season is to place well enough to go

to regionals and then hopefully to the NWAACC tournament," Burkett said.

Highline's next volleyball match is tonight at 7 p.m. in the pavilion. Then they play at Edmonds on Wednesday Sept. 24.

Women's soccer aims for crown

By T.M. Wyse
Sports Editor

The women's soccer team has hopes of getting back to the top spot in the NWAACC this season.

Two seasons ago the team finished No. 1 and last season they lost 3-0 in the final game to Tacoma.

"I am almost positive we will go post-season," said Assistant Coach Tracy Brigham.

Still, the team is starting the season with some challenges.

"We didn't have any pre-season games and some of the other teams had two or three," Brigham said. "We also have no designated home field right now."

The T-Bird soccer home field was to be at Seattle Christian this season. When the soccer field was constructed the wrong soil was used to build the field. The athletic department wasn't notified until last week.

"We definitely have some work ahead of us," she said. "We also start off with two of the toughest teams in the NWAACC."

Highline is returning seven players from last season. Tracy and Farah Wilcoxon, two sisters play midfield and defender respectively.

Eryn Redmon is back at goalkeeper. Maria Sutter, Stavon Williams, Jen Odden, and Nicole Turnidge are also back.

In addition the seven returners, the T-Birds added 10 new players to the soccer team.

One of them is defender Jean Wilcoxon, who is the mother of Tracy and Farah.

"She is the fastest one on the team," Brigham said.

"She is a tremendous player," Head Coach Shari Andresen said.

"There are a lot of good teams in the NWAACC. Just by looking at the scores, I can tell that some other teams have improved a lot," Andresen said.

"We have the potential to go all the way. I just hope we get the breaks during the game," she said. "My main objective is for them to stay healthy and to have fun."

Men's soccer team alive and kicking

By T.M. Wyse
Sports Editor

The Highline Community College men's soccer team is looking to improve on last season's 9-9-4 record.

"We definitely have some obstacles to overcome," said head coach Jason Prenevost.

The T-Bird soccer teams — men's and women's — recently lost their home field. Their home field was located at Seattle Christian, now their home field is "to be announced."

"We are also located in the toughest division in the NWAACC," Prenevost said.

Spokane and Bellevue are two of the teams in the northern division with Highline. Spokane won the championship last season and Bellevue the previous two.

Also in the division this season is Green River. "Green River always makes a run for the playoffs. They are always pretty strong," Prenevost said.

"Traditionally the teams in our division beat up the teams in

the other division."

Assistant coach Keith Paton hopes that their new recruits will help push his team over the .500 mark and into the playoffs.

This year the team has some talented new team members. Jerry DiPietro and Mike Desimone from Kennedy High School are two players who could make dramatic impact. "These two guys are a deadly combination," Prenevost said.

The two took the Kennedy Lancers all the way to a double-A state championship last season. "Jerry was probably their strongest player, and Mike definitely has a goal scorer's mentality," Paton said.

Desimone has scored three goals in the team's first two games, 4-0 and 8-2 victories against Everett and South Puget Sound, respectively.

DiPietro plays central midfielder and Desimone plays forward.

Paton also cited defender Dusty Richardson and forward Randy Rolowitz as impact players.

"Dusty is probably our most

versatile player. He can play almost any position at any given time," Paton said.

Prenevost also recruited Koichiro Kikuchi from South Seattle Community College. SCCC doesn't have a soccer team and Kikuchi was playing in a men's league outside of school. Kikuchi came here from Tokyo.

Prenevost was impressed with his play, so he convinced him to come and play for Highline.

The starting line-up also includes goalie Travis Goodpaster. Robby Poupore will probably see some playing time there, too.



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Cross Country team starts off on right foot

By David Blair
Staff Reporter

Highline's cross country team gets set for the new season with a vastly improved squad of runners.

The team is anchored by their four returning sophomores, Frank Cenicerros, who placed fourth in last spring's NWAACC Championships; Brian Smith, who earlier this summer placed second in the prestigious Renton River Days Run; John Friedman; and Andy Zacharezyk, who was sidelined last season due to a major leg injury.

"This year we have a good assembly of older kids on the team. Last year we didn't have a single sophomore on the team," Head Coach Frank Ahern said. It will be Ahern's second season, joined by former T-bird Adam Leahy.

This year's new additions include Todd Lopata, last year's Sea-King District champion from Hazen High School; Andy Gist, West Central Champion and fourth place finisher in last year's State Championships from Kent-Meridian; Dagen

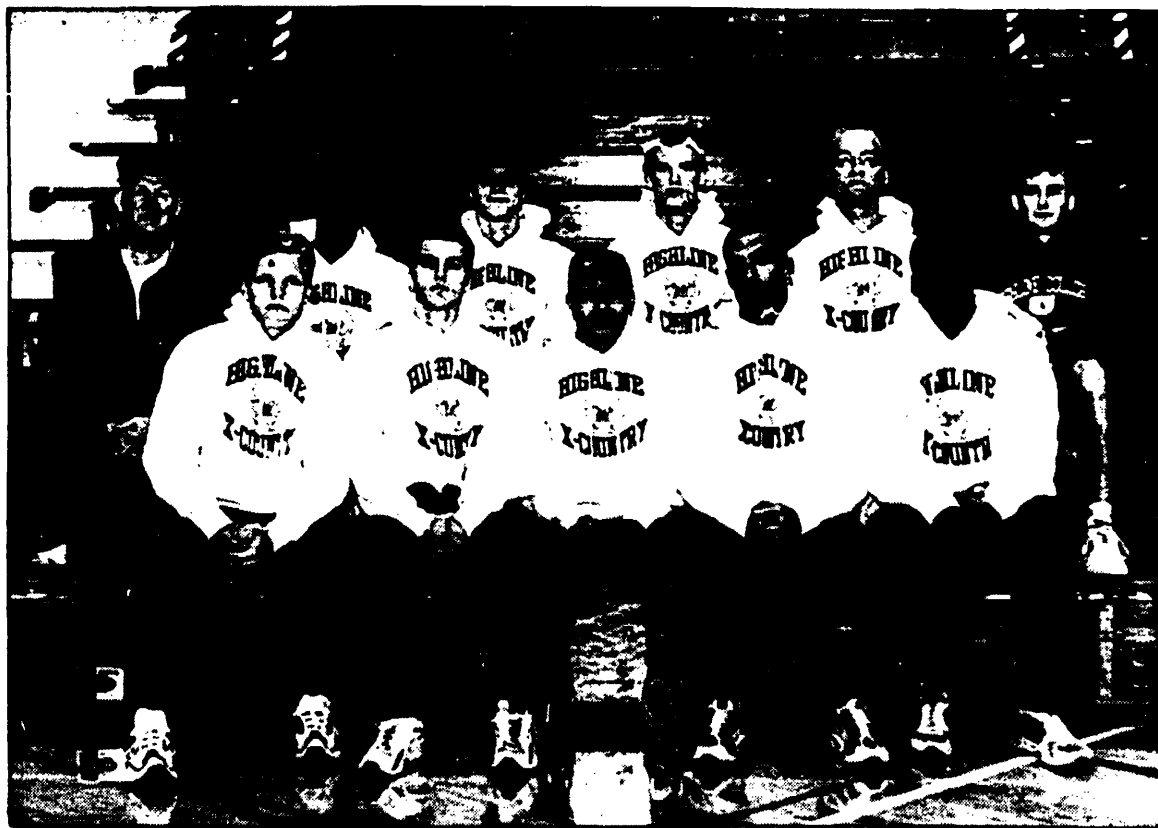


Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Highline's cross-country team includes: top row; Head Coach Frank Ahern, Ahmed Mahamed, Dagen Bendixen, Rob Sundine, Todd Lapata, and Adam Leahy. Bottom row: Andy Gist, Prahlad Friedman, Frankie Cenicerros, Brian Smith, and Pat Boyd.

Vendixen from Sumner; Pat Boyd from Clover Park; and Rob Sundine from Curtis High School.

Other new runners to the

team include Aaron Gibson from Christian Faith, Ben McNelly from Evergreen, Mitko Tanev from Mount Rainier, and Ahmad Mohamed, who was last

year's Metro AAA 800- and 1,500-meter champion.

"So far everyone has been working very hard. We've been having some really good work-

outs the past few weeks," Ahern said.

This year's team is aiming big, and looking ahead toward the Conference Championships at Clackamas Community College in Oregon on Nov. 2.

"We're a much improved team over last year. We definitely have a good shot at winning the Conference Championships this year," Ahern said.

The team can expect to see big things from sophomores Cenicerros and Smith, who are quickly showing their dominance and determination early in the season. The team is also anticipating the return of sophomore Said Musse, who was last spring's 800-meter conference champion.

The team participated in their first official meet last Saturday at the Big Cross Invitational in Pasco. The meet consisted of roughly 25 teams, many of which were Division I university teams. Results were unavailable at press time.

The T-Birds get set to run again this Saturday in the Clackamas Invitational at Oregon City.

Good Stuff for Students!!

From Student Services

Students, mark your calendars for these upcoming events!!!

Thursdays, beginning Oct. 2
Job Club for job seekers
12:00-1:30 p.m., Building 2

Tuesday, Oct. 7:
"Keep Your Financial Aid"
Tips that help you stay on financial aid.
1:00 & 6:00 p.m., study area Building 8

Thursday, Oct. 9:
National Depression Screening Day
Building 2, no appointment necessary,
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 23:
"Community College Transfer Tour"
Reps. from over 20 colleges and universities to answer your transfer questions.
Building 8, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 4
"Make it Count"
Make sure every course towards your transfer degree counts. 1:00 & 6:00 p.m., Building 8

Tuesday, Dec. 2
"Beat the Math Blues"
Overcome your fears & pass your classes. 1:00 & 6:00 p.m., Building 8

Happy Belle School's in session

Lisa
Curdy

As it looks pretty much enough, the sleeping gargoyles who we call security have us ante up and fork out some dough to park on a six-by-ten foot hunk of oil-stained pavement.

Sure, that little plot of cement might be located in, oh say, a shut-down drive-in, and we might have to walk across a deadly highway in the rain, and we might be really pissed we have to leave our car to be pilfered by the filth of humanity, but that's OK by them.

Tired, broke and hungry, we now have to mentally prepare ourselves for that psychological fun-house that lays ahead, the first day of school.

It's finally here, and everyone looks as if they snacked on a brick of lard for breakfast. Freshly ground pencils crunch monotonously in the background as caffeine junkies (where'd they get the money for coffee?) twitch unexcitedly in their chairs, fiending for a cigarette.

Look around. Can you see the blank stare in other students' faces? In their minds, they are parked on the couch watching the Price is Right, bidding on that dreamy popcorn cart. Summer isn't over, it's just taking a leave of absence 'til Winter Break.

School is in, let the fun begin. No money, no sleep, unforgiving instructors and savage campus beasts (oh yes, those vicious ninja killer squirrels!) really take the fun out of learning.

So when you feel like dropping all but your Human Sexuality class, take heart. Money, rest, and good daytime T.V. to the starving student is like silt to the Euphrates river valley. You just can't prosper without it.

Lisa Curdy is Arts Editor and her life's mission includes outselling every Mary-Kay woman alive, as well as re-vamping the boring Webster's Dictionary.

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Pat O'Donel, Ryan Tanaka, Nate Francois Travis Wood and Ian Kawabata of the Skantraceptives.

Skank, Jedi: New music craze has Yodas and Darth Vaders alike getting down to reggae-polka

tone era of ska.

The group got together about two years ago when Nate Francois came out of a convenience store and bumped into bass player Will Christison at a bus-stop. The rest of the band fell into place in the coming weeks.

"Nate passed me a note a German class," alto sax player Ryan Tanaka said.

Trumpeter Pat O'Donel and drummer Graham Mitchell came in and the band was born.

Guitarist Ian Kawabata, tenor sax player Travis Wood, and trombonist Derek Cour completed the band later.

The band got the crowd skanking, the standard ska dance, which is a little like running in place to a beat, with favorites such as "Mama San," a

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Gabby takes stand against child abuse, bad music

an eager audience makes you spin with nausea, other spots await you.

Production folks, make-up gurus, costume people, advertising sharks, as well as lighting and house managers extra-ordinaires are needed, too, as well as 12 to 15 stage designers to build the set and props.

After auditions, rehearsals will be Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

"Fall is the time when we can really work with people, older students and staff both help out," Taylor said. "Even if they've never done something like this before, they are encouraged to audition. Everybody is welcome."

If that doesn't sail your schooner, Choir and Vocal Jazz are also on the artsy scene.

Choir is a credit class.

Dear Gabby: I feel like an answer in search of a question. Where can I go to find life's meaning, or at least a nice vat of salad cream?

— **Richie Ranchero**

Dear Rich: Hey, in the walk-in freezer of some finer Northwest food chains, like Taco Time, you'll find huge Supermarket Sweep-sized containers of the creamiest tossed salad shtuff you've ever tasted. I prefer jelly.

Dear Gabby: How can I be sure, in a world that's constantly changing? Doesn't that sound like a song lyric? Where are the rest of the words, the tune, all the harmony?

— **Whining Willy**

Dear Whining Willy: I believe the children are our future, teach them well and don't beat them as much as you'd like.

Dear Gabby



Dear Gabby: What is your advice for commencing a successful school year at this fine institution?

— **AA degree Annie**

Dear AA: My suggestion for kicking off a stellar year would be to purchase an obscenely expensive floral gift for your most treasured instructors. I hear FTD has a nice arrangement which comes complete with its own black market baby.

Gabby is always ready and willing to answer your needs. If you have a question for the Gab-meister, send it to "Dear Gabby," Thunderword office, 10-106.

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partment will be open for their audition on both Sept. 24 and Oct. 1 from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Theatre Building 4.

talents and experience are welcome to try out. Aged 15 to possibly 25 is expected, and no experience is necessary.

"Expect to recite a memorized monologue," said Drama Coordinator Christiana Taylor.

You can read something from their collection, if you don't have something prepared.

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Scorpio 8/23-9/21 — The new school year is just beginning. I wonder how you will do in your new class? The new place isn't quite thick enough for you to skate on any more.

Capricorn 12/22-1/20 Find out about more about that new venture before sinking your life savings in it. If he says he's a pirate, isn't it worth your time to investigate?

Aquarius 1/21-2/19 — As this is no longer the Age of Aquarius, why not return to the 20th century before it ends? Modernize! Cast off the old! Or something.

Pisces 2/20-3/20 — Unchain your passionate beast and let it run rampant on the field of love. The fish will come back.

Aries 3/21-4/20 — Action now could prevent heartache later. Like eating more than once a week, or not playing "race the carwash."

Taurus 4/21-5/21 — Beware those who want to hurt you, or want to take all your stuff, and borrow things and never give them back. Don't hang with these people.

Jim'n'I (The Twins) 5/22-6/21 — We'll be playing our reggae version of "The Tibetan Book of the Dead" now through Sunday at Wild Wally's Albino Aardvark in Auburn. Free cheese logs to every woman over 40!

Cancer 6/22-7/23 — Death remains our No. 1 killer. So give generously when asked, and signal when changing lanes.

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Programs feature health concerns

By Gina Carpinito
Staff Reporter

Think pink, as in ribbons. A pink ribbon is the symbol for breast cancer and October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Three weeks of October will be dedicated to celebrating the survivors of breast cancer and talking about keys to early detection. The fourth week of the month will highlight National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

Student-at-Large Yenerma De Las Alas has planned for each month of the year to have a different theme to raise the awareness of various issues. Also planned for Fall Quarter is smoking awareness in November and helping the homeless in December.

For October activities, De Las Alas will be handing out pink ribbons and brochures on breast cancer at the Club Fair Oct. 1 from 9-10 a.m. She will be in her own booth labeled "Breast Cancer Awareness."

A run/walk called Race for the Cure will be Oct. 12 at Husky Stadium at the University of Washington. It supports the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

New veterans must fill out forms

It's a new year for 76 military veterans who will be new students on campus.

All new veterans are asked to please register with the Veterans Affairs Office in Building 6, at the registration counter on the first floor. See Kim Tofstad or any veterans representative for information.

The data gives the Washington State Veterans Organization an overview of how veterans use their benefits. This can be helpful in getting changes or additions to veterans programs.

Such information was an important first step in asking for reinstatement of financial waivers at Highline for Vietnam- and Gulf War-era veterans. The savings can be substantial, ranging from \$8.40 to \$48.60 per credit depending on when you served.

For veterans who are attending under the Chapter 31 Rehabilitation program, remember that your Form 1905 must be completed and in the registration office by the start of the quarter. Once it is received, then authorization can be given for payment of books, tuition fees and school supplies.

Remember also that the VA will only pay for those classes necessary to complete your program, nothing more. If you or the school have not received

In the second week of October, De Las Alas will also have a display showcase in Building 8 upstairs by the pay phones. It will display letters from breast cancer survivors.

An inspirational social is planned for Oct. 14 to close out the month. It will be in Building 7 from 12:30-2 p.m. Cancer survivors will speak on their struggles and triumphs over their illness. Food and beverages will also be provided.

Monday, Oct. 20 begins the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. A smashed-up car will be on loan from a local insurance company to show what can happen to a car when it is affected by drunk driving. The car will be located on the lower side of the student lounge. De Las Alas hopes this will make students aware of what can happen as a result of driving drunk.

De Las Alas said that she has chosen to raise awareness of issues that are often overlooked, yet important.

"If people become educated about an issue, they can overcome the obstacles with hands-on help," she said.

De Las Alas can be reached in the Team Highline office in Building 8, ext. 3315.

Veterans Corner William Strasbaugh

form 1905 by the start of Fall Quarter, take a trip to the VA vocational training office in the Henry M. Jackson Federal Building, 915 Second Ave., Seattle.



Photo by Bruce Jarrell

The Islanders provided the tunes for Wednesday's student orientation in the Pavilion.

Clubs to strut stuff on Oct. 1

By Bill Heming
Staff Reporter

Fall Quarter Club Fair is coming up on Oct. 1.

On Sept. 17, all incoming freshmen were given the opportunity to meet with clubs and programs and find out about what Highline has to offer them.

"It was more of a programs fair," said Moira Windon, Associated Students of Highline Community College (ASHCC) clubs and programs liaison, because few clubs were able to attend the event.

"A lot of students got a lot of information on programs versus clubs," Windon said.

The Islanders, a steel drum reggae band, provided an upbeat tone for the whole event.

After the success of the new

student orientation club fair, Windon is confident that the general campus fair will be a success.

The club fair will take place in the Student Lounge of Building 8 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Windon is still unsure about what clubs will have a booth at the fair because many clubs shut down over the summer and will not pick up operations until the first day of school.

The band Afro Blue will be providing the entertainment at the fair. They play African Blues which is "blues with talking drums," Windon said.

Besides music, a raffle winner will be announced every half-hour. Prizes include cups, mugs, T-shirts and day planners.

"It's generally a good time for people to learn about clubs

and for clubs to recruit more members," Windon said.

After the club fair, on Oct. 24, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., there will be an officer training course offered for club officers and representatives. The course is being sponsored by ASHCC.

Officers that attend the training session will obtain a clubs handbook that explains "how to form, run and maintain a club," Windon said.

Attendees will also learn about things such as college policies, club recognition procedures and purchasing procedures.

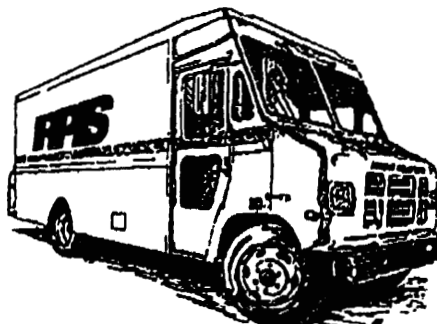
"I stress the financial part of it because clubs always do fundraisers," Windon said.

Windon is also compiling a '97-'98 club handbook to be distributed to all campus clubs.

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Registrar Lorene Miller to retire

Helped start information kiosks, easier registration

By Candice Fenison
Staff Reporter

Lorene Miller, registrar at Highline for the last three and a half years, will retire on Oct. 1.

"I am at a time in my life where I would like to sit back and smell the roses. I will spend leisure time with my granddaughter, travel, ski, and golf. So many things to do and not enough time to do them," Miller said.

Miller worked 27 years at Tacoma Community College before Michael Grubiak, dean of student services, hired her as an interim for the registrar position. After six months she was offered the position and accepted.

"The last three and a half years at Highline have been the most rewarding working experience in my 35 years of employment," Miller said.

Grubiak has been Miller's mentor and worked with her on

many projects, including touch-tone registration.

"She streamlined services, making registration a lot easier for students and staff," Grubiak said. "She's the best registrar for any community college in the entire country and we're just going to miss her terribly."

Grubiak has been an outstanding supervisor, Miller said.

"I feel fortunate to have been able to participate in the implementation of the automated registration system. Students can now use their touch-tone telephone to register for classes. Students are no longer required to stand in long lines in order to register or make schedule changes," Miller said.

Students can now access their quarterly grades by telephone. They can also go to either one of the Kiosks located in Building 6 to obtain a free copy of an unofficial transcript which includes the current quarter grades. In the past, students had to wait five days before receiving their quarterly grade mailings.

The Kiosks and Web site also provide students with registration appointments, Financial Aid information, current class



Lorene Miller

schedules, and unofficial transcripts.

"She's brought a lot of improvements to registration that have made my job a lot better," said Credentials Evaluator Joanne Jordan. "She's been an excellent boss and she's become a really good friend."

The Veterans Office was relocated to the Registration and Records front counter last year, giving veterans easy access to veteran information.

"She made things easier for staff and students," said Veterans Coordinator Kim Tofstad. "She's real hands on."

"She's one of those quiet nat-

"She's one of those quiet natural leaders that everyone loves."

Michael Grubiak

ural leaders that everyone loves," Grubiak said.

"As you can see, this has been an exciting three years for me and the Registration and Records staff have cooperatively and supportively made this all happen. I am truly proud to have worked at Highline Community College and have been a part of all of the positive changes that have occurred for students," Miller said.

Scott Hardin has been appointed registrar at Highline upon Miller's retirement.

"Scott comes well prepared to assume the role from Lorene Miller," Jim Sorensen, Vice President for Students, said.

Hardin began his career at Highline in March 1990 as a Budget Analyst and moved to Instruction where he became the Director of Instructional Budgeting and Special Projects.

Run for cancer cure in October

Be a part of the cure for breast cancer. A one-mile co-ed noncompetitive run/walk and a women's 5K run/walk will be held on Sunday, Oct. 12 to support The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure.

Events begin at 7 a.m. on the track at Husky Stadium, University of Washington. Registration packets are available at Pier 1 Imports in Federal Way or Fast Lady Sports.

Registration fees are \$16 for adults, \$10 for children under 13. Fees are \$20 and \$15, respectively, the day of the race. Registration includes a T-shirt.

Booths will be set up at the race for samples, goody bags and enter-to-win contests. Some free food and beverages will be available.

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"It's estimated that soon, one out of five jobs will depend on trade," Command said.

"With this in mind, and with Highline's campus strategically placed where it is, it makes sense that we start thinking in terms of trade economy now, so we're better prepared for the line of jobs that will be available in our area."

Currently three main institutions have expressed interest in Highline's hotel/tourism and freight forwarding programs. They are Bilston Community College, located in Wolverhampton, England; the College Consortium in South Africa; and the Polytechnic in Namibia.

Highline is paying special attention to building a strong relationship with all three of these colleges, college officials said.

Kristin Baldwin, who spent her time visiting contacts in Belgium and the Netherlands, grew up in the city of Brussels. She was picked to go on the trip in part due to her experience with the associated areas.

"The trip went very well. It was important for us to find out if our students could easily survive in their different cultural settings. We made sure that their schools had similar pro-



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vice president

grams as us," Baldwin said.

Highline is also joining an organization that fosters building international partnerships. Community Colleges for International Development has been in operation for 20 years and comprises 26 members and 65 affiliate members. Highline is hoping that this move will help it catch up to other community colleges that already have long-standing relationships and exchange programs overseas.

The latest effort on Highline's agenda is to get two grant proposals in the works.

"Our first order of business is to get these grant proposals, so we can assemble and send a small group to South Africa or Namibia," Birmingham said.

The team will most likely be

made up of eight to 10 Highline faculty, and possibly two or three affiliates from within the general community. If the grants come through, the trip can be expected to take place sometime next summer.

"Our next task is to set up a proposal for a Department of Education Title VI grant, which will broadly internationalize our curriculum," Birmingham said.

The trip served as a great first step toward bridging the gap between our international neighbors, officials said.

"It's important that we prepare our students for the type of work they will inevitably be exposed to. This trip has helped build the basics for a good relationship between our countries," Birmingham said.

Highline home-based business symposium returns

By Lisa Curdy
Staff Reporter

Highline's third-annual Home-based Business Symposium will be at the Sea-Tac Marriott Hotel, Sunday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Any members of the community who are starting a home-based business or want fresh marketing strategies for their existing business are encouraged to join.

Three presenters are scheduled. Keynote speaker Gail Tyner will clue you in on the seven success secrets for a prosperous home-based business, and speakers John Cawsey and Richard Phelps will focus on the basic structure and results of your business.

The seminar has been planned to be a "quality-based event where people can learn a lot," said Highline Business Development Coordinator Betsy Fradd.

More than 200 people have turned out in the past, and this year is expected to be the same.

The fee is a mere \$19, or \$25 at the door.

You can register in a multitude of ways. By telephone, you can charge the fee to your Visa or Mastercard by calling (206) 870-3757. Otherwise, you can mail in the registration form which is found in the Continuing Education office, Building 9. If both of those don't suit your fancy, just call (206) 870-3757 and they'll mail one to you.

Vendors will also be present. Some vendors are representing resources for home businesses, and others are successful home businesses themselves, showcasing their work.

If you are interested in being a vendor, contact Darryl Corfman at (253) 839-7986.

Big name sponsors, such as Microsoft, Costco, and the Community News Group, covered much of the cost.

Planning has been ongoing since spring, and "we're a cut above what other companies or businesses are putting out there," Fradd said.

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