Students sing parking blues

By William Randell and Pete Clark
Staff Reporters

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Building 22 gets summer makeover

By David Blair
Staff Reporter

Building 22 is open and ready for use after a reconstruction renovation which took place earlier this summer. The estimated $1.2 million remodel is nearly completed, and test one part of an ongoing effort to update some of Highline’s oldest buildings, many of which are more than 50 years old.

Building 22’s remodel included the addition of new carpet, flooring, lighting, paint, and sound-proof windows. There was also a constant and efficient ventilation and heating system was put in at the beginning of the new school year.

“Thank you please people are going to like what we’ve done with the building. We did a lot of trial things with colors,” said Shelley Bean, assistant director of Facilities.

One of the construction team’s more important duties included the removal of all asbestos from the building. Since asbestos has been proven to cause cancer in an airborne situation, the crew had to completely saturate the material before its removal, so as to prevent its becoming airborne.

New students like Highline OK

By Jenna Burkard, Petr Borishkevich and Andy Johnson
Staff Reporters

Students new to Highline this fall like the campus, especially when they can find their classes. “Some of the classes were pretty easy to find,” said Joshua Taylor, a 16-year-old Running Start student. “But some classes I could not find, so I asked for help.”

A friend helped freshman Angela Dragger find classes.

The Kennedy High School graduate chose Highline at her mother’s suggestion. Taylor picked the school because “Highline is close to my home.”

“Classes are really easy to find, if you have a map in hand,” said another new student, Heather Purdy.

New students have complaints that existing students will be familiar with. Freshman Lisa Sonja said the roughly $500 quarterly tuition is ridiculous.

“The worst thing about Highline is that we don’t have pool tables like Green River,” added Jeremy Lynch.

Nonetheless, several new students said they picked Highline over Green River, but, like freshman Isaac Bird, wresting with getting enough sleep and trudging up the hill to class.

Lisa Cozart said she picked Highline over Green River because of the openness of the campus. Kate Wies said Green River has too many trees and not enough sun. But, like Cozart and several others, she lamented the lack of parking here.

“Parking is ridiculous,” Cozart said.

“Bigger a bitch and a half,” said Wiese.

Correction:

By Andy Johnson
Staff Reporter

Did you miss what that candidate for student government just said? Hit the rewind button! Elections for two student-at-large positions will be Oct. 8 and 9. On Oct. 6-9, next Monday through Thursday, videotapes of candidates for those positions will be shown continuously from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 6-8:45 p.m., in the student lounge, upstairs in Building 8. The video will be organized as a game show, displaying their talents and ideas for student government at Highline.

Seven candidates, Jenna Burkard, Jessica Barber, Jon Ragan, Santana Villa, Walter Green, Domenic Caralla and Michael Thompson, have already filled for the positions, which typically are left open to encourage new students to participate each fall.

Applications are due Oct. 2, but “if students really have their hearts set on running, the may be able to,” said Paul Gerhardt, ASHCC vice president of administration.

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Workers put the finishing touches on the Building 22 renovations.

“Those were some major renovations. We really gutted it. It’s as if it’s a totally new building,” Bean said.

Probable the most noticeable change in the building will be the absence of the old spiral staircase located in the center of the building, which was replaced by a newer and much safer multi-terraced staircase.

“The project went really smooth. We’re right on budget, and most likely will finish under budget,” Bean said.

Next on Highline’s list is the refurbishment of Building 30. The school’s first order of business is to begin advertising for an architect for the future remodeling. A small committee will meet soon to begin talks about the renovation.

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Stowe suffers stroke

Lorain Stowe of the Humanities Department apparently suffered stroke last Friday, Sept. 26.

Stowe is resting at home. Arts and Humanities Chairwoman Donna Wilson said it isn’t clear when Stowe will return.

She is the faculty advisor and coordinator for the department and was teaching Introduction to Philosophy and Western Humanities this quarter.

Stowe’s classes this term have been taken over by Liz Lyelle and Steve Woods.

Religion discussed

The Honors Colloquium Lecture Series will feature “Religion and the Family” Oct. 8 at noon in Building 7.

Blood drive Oct. 7

The Puget Sound Blood Center will be on campus Oct. 7 for a blood drive, 8-11 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Building 2.

It will be a drop-in basis, but try to eat something before you come. Juice and cookies will be available.

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New registrar fulfills life-long dream at Highline

By Scott C. Murray
Staff Reporter

Long time Highline budget analyst Scott Hardin has been named the college's new registrar.

The position was left vacant by the retirement of Lorene Miller.

After working six and a half years as a budget analyst, Hardin fulfilled his long-time dream of becoming registrar. "She's been really wonderful in fulfilling his long-time dream standard in the job."

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Staff Reporter

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Tax-free dollars available to full-time student veterans

Veterans can earn tax-free dollars while going to school full time.

A program has been instituted and funded with the authorization of the Department of Veterans Affairs that allows veterans to work up to 472 hours during a four-month school term. The veteran student may be employed by any state or federal agency or training institution, but is limited in working only with veterans programs.

The "veteran student" must be enrolled at least 150 days this summer and the cleaning up afterwards that takes up the most time.

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Roadwork causes first day melee

By T.M. Wyse
Staff reporter

Highline's already challenging parking situation got a even uglier last week.

During Highline's first week of school, the city of Des Moines was working on resurfacing S. 240th, the street which runs directly in front of the college.

The city of Des Moines, specifically the contractor for the construction company, was given a time frame of 60 days this summer to resurface 13 different streets.

"It's not the actual resurfacing that takes so long," construction worker Jim Setz said. "It's the preparation beforehand and the cleanup process continues.

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Low attendance hurts school spirit

Editorial

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Student participation at school activities drastically needs improvement. It’s clear that students aren’t getting involved in any extracurricular activities that the school is putting on. This could be the result of either not knowing about the event, or even more sadly, just not caring.

For instance a concert headlining The Quick Tips was held here in the upper floor of Building 8 last Friday. Price of admission was only $2 for Highline students, and yet no one showed up.

Also, numerous volleyball matches have been held here at the school, and fan participation has been nearly non-existent. Last May the Highline track team scored their first all comers track meet on the new track. Once again the only bodies there to witness the event were Highline faculty helping out with the meet, and the participants themselves. Bad weather could not be used for an excuse for not coming, due to a picture perfect day with temperatures reaching upwards of 90 degrees that day.

Another example of poor student participation would be the voter turnout for last spring’s student government elections. The final ballot count for the elections was a whopping 250 votes. Close to 9,000 students attend Highline, and yet only 250 students sound their way to the voting booths. And the worst part was that this was a record turnout for student government elections.

School activities are here for the sole purpose of student involvement. If people don’t show any interest in participating, then some day there might not be any events to go to.

It’s very important for students to start getting more involved in what events the school has to offer. School costs money; might as well make those dollars count.

Family roots brought to college

Congratulations to the Highline Library for extending its hours to better accommodate student needs.

The library has now opened its doors to students on Sunday evenings from 5:30 - 9:30. This change came about as a result of student requests and input. Surveys were distributed to students to find out what times would work out best for use on Sundays.

This additional day now leaves the library open seven days a week. Library hours are: 7 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. on Fridays, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturdays, and 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. on Sundays.

More facilities should follow in the libraries footsteps and extend their hours for students who don’t have access to them during normal hours.

The cafeteria for instance is open only till 1:30 p.m. There are many students who have classes at 1 p.m. and later. These students have to eat too. Yet the only food sources available are Tazza and vending machines scattered about the campus.

For instance, in more activities should be open for longer periods of time. The library has taken a smart step in accommodating the needs of the students. It seems only logical that other facilities would open their doors and continue to push the school towards a better future.

Opinion Policy

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

From the diary of Wanda Hickey, college freshman:

My first day of school at HCC was so much fun. My first class was filled with these strange Gap-girl chicks, straight from the store racks to Hightline. And if I’m not mistaken, they smell like fruit.

Lisa’s World

By Lisa Curdy

Must be tough, keeping up with the latest fashion trends. Those Gap-girl chicks have been saying they’re into the latest trends, but I’m not so sure. I can’t help but feel sorry for them. I mean, who wants to be exposed like that?

The most interesting feature of Professor Pig Man was his ability to reach the funny bone of the audience. He was so enthusiastic, maybe he should drop higher education for a career in infomercial sales.

The most nauseating feature of Professor Pig Man was his language. He made me feel like I was being attacked. As he walked the halls, his words echoed in my mind, making me feel as if I were being watched.

When I was in high school, I was always the one who was left behind. The Abercrombie boys waltzed in and out of the room. He seemed nice, but I knew better. His words were not what they seemed to be.

Lisa Curdy is Arts Editor; as a Staff Reporter, I cover all the latest news and updates in the world of art. Keep an eye out for my future pieces!

Or not.

Lisa Curdy is Arts Editor, as well as a full-time student and mother to her Barbie collection.

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A day in the life of a thespian

Fall Quarter drama auditions give would-be actors a chance to strut, shine

By Alyssa Pfau

The dark room sets the scene for a story about two old friends, hopeful actors and actresses. The director slowly makes his way to the center of the room where he takes the spotlight. The actors sit quietly, and a few others talk as if the audition is a reunion of old friends.

As the director walks into the room a hush grows over the audience, except for a few students who seem to be nervous. The director speaks to them in front of the mirror, asking them to talk to the other actors as if they were old friends.

The audition was held in Building 4. About 20 students turned out for the audition.

Christiana Taylor, the director of the drama department, is debating between two plays. "Under Milkwood," by Dylan Thomas, is her first choice.

This play has great language, almost poetic, said Taylor. The language makes the play a little more challenging than her second alternative, "The Grand Hotel."

This second play is based on a novel written by Vicki Baum. It is set in a Berlin hotel during the 1920's. Taylor describes this second play as a "top drawer soggy romance, not quite cynical, drama."

Taylor said her decision on what play to use will depend on how much talent she sees in the audition. She wants to challenge the students, but doesn’t want to give them something they can’t handle.

Taylor said she is looking for the actor or actress’s ability to express their dramatic imagination. Also, she said she expects more from the students than she has in the past, as she believes they can do more than what they’ve done so far.

"Virtually nothing can be observed from a cold reading, aside from the fact that the person can read," Taylor said.

Prepared monologues are preferred to a cold reading because it allows the director to observe face control and get a feel for the actor’s ability to become the character, to feel what their character is feeling and to see life as their character sees it. Many of the actors and actresses agree that it is in their best interest to prepare a monologue. This in itself, they said, will separate the leads from the smaller parts.

Call backs serve an entirely different purpose than auditions. Callbacks consist of reading lines from the actual play and interacting with other characters. The director gives participants two minutes to look over the script before they perform. Call back auditions attract new students as well as old.

Matthew Wilson, a student on campus, doesn’t plan on pursuing drama as a career; however, he simply can’t stay away from the theater. "There is something about theatrical work that intrigues me," Wilson said. Wilson said he grew up in the theater. "If they like you, they like you, and if they don’t, they don’t," Wilson said of the auditions.

He goes on to explain that the director is not only looking for talent but is also trying to fill a particular role.

"Ultimately the job of the director is to see past your exterior and into what lies inside your heart,” Wilson said.

He said that callbacks allow the director to see how two people work together. Call backs consist of reading lines from the actual play and interacting with other characters. The director gives participants two minutes to look over the script before they perform. Call back auditions attract new students as well as old.

Call backs will be held sometime within the next week. The cast list will be posted soon after.

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Concert series kicks off with a whimper

By Tanya Foster

The Mass Cool Concert Series kicked off the season with three bands who rocked the night for a crowd-free room in Hightline’s cafeteria Friday, Sept. 26.

The intended dates for upcoming concerts are Oct. 17, Jan. 9, Feb. 20 and March 6. Bands have not yet been determined.

Between the blaring music and the jumping around of Losing Hand, Mobius Strip and The Quick Tips, it seemed they didn’t even notice that only a handful of people lingered around the stage.

By the end of Losing Hand’s third song, players Kevin, Quinn, John Cowling, and Matt Lenard made me think my head had exploded. It was just too punk.

After that, Pat Cunningham Jr., Pat Cunningham Sr., and...
Men's soccer kicks way to fast start, looks for revenge at Green River

By Nathan Golden
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's soccer team defeated Bellevue Community College on Saturday, Sept. 26, by a score of 2-1. "We needed a game like that to get back on track," said assistant coach Keith Paton.

Bellevue had an early 1-0 lead in the first half of the game. Highline responded with a goal by forward Chris Russell that tied the match at 1-1. Russell, a late addition to the team, "played a good game," Paton said.

Gerry DiPietro boosted the second goal in for HCC. DiPietro and Randy Rokeliszcz, both freshmen, lead the team with 4 goals each.

"We played better then we have all season, but we still have some work to do," Paton said.

The HCC Thunderbirds, a.k.a. The Rippers, as the team prefers to be called, were defeated for the first time by Green River Community College last Wednesday, Sept. 24.

"We didn't come to play," freshman Darsity Richardson said. "Physically, we're at the level to beat anyone," but added, "mentally we weren't in the game."

GRCU took advantage of the lack of intensity displayed by the team and beat them 4-2. Highline plays GRCU again at 1:00 p.m. on Oct. 4, at Auburn Riverside High School.

"Going into the race," Paton said, "Frank Ceniceros takes second at Clackamas".

Highline's Ryan Hinkson works the ball between two Bellevue defenders.

By Westley Young
Staff Reporter

Highline sophomore Frank Ceniceros took first place Saturday at the Clackamas Community College Invitational cross country meet in Oregon.

Ceniceros led the field of 86 runners with a time of 26:51.1, Highline finished second overall, following up on a fourth-place finish Sept. 20 at The Big Cross in Pasco.

Ceniceros's victory was 40 seconds faster than his first race of the season, a 10th-place finish at The Big Cross with a time of 26:51.1 on the 8,000 meter course.

"In Ceniceros's two years at Highline, he has never run a poor race," said coach Frank Ahern.

"Frank Ceniceros continues to impress me with his competitiveness," said assistant coach Adam Leahy.

"Anyone of three runners could just as easily have won the race," Leahy said.

Ceniceros averaged 5:17 a mile over the course, including 5:03 on his first mile and 5:05 on his last.

"Going into the last mile, I was more scared than anything," Ceniceros said. "I had a whole lot of adrenaline in the last mile."

Ahern said the meet was important, giving Highline's young team a taste of the course where the conference championship will be held on Nov. 7.

Sophomore Brian Beeman crossed the line at 10th. "We're running awesome, but we're not satisfied," he said.

The Highline team placed first among the junior college teams and was second only to Ricks College, a four-year school which is ranked fifth in the nation. Other teams that competed were Clackamas, Clark, Chemeketa, Lower Columbia, Mount Hood, Skagit Valley, Portland University and Willamette University.

The Big Cross featured 17 teams. Spokane Community College finished first with 36 points and three of the top-10 overall finishers.

Highline was second among community colleges at the meet and fourth overall, trailing only Spokane, Pacific Lutheran and Linfield.

Highline's next meet will be the Highline Invitational at Evco High School in White Center on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 10 a.m.
Young Thunderbirds struggle to take off

Volleyball team battles injuries, opponents

By Jennifer Francis

The young lady Thunderbirds volleyball team has had somewhat of a rough start, partly due to injuries and lack of depth.

The T-Birds won one of three matches last week, slipping to 2-7, including 0-3 in league play.

Highline dropped matches to Pierce and Yakima on Sept. 20, losing 15-7, 12-15, 15-5, 15-4 to Pierce and 15-7, 15-13, 15-12 to Yakima.

“We played back-to-back games without any break in between,” head coach Tanya Burkett said.

In the last game against Yakima, the serve changed hands 48 times in a draining, 50-minute marathon.

Highline bounced back to beat Tacoma for the second time this year, winning 15-11, 15-7, 15-7 on Sept. 22.

The T-Birds then dropped their league opener to Edmonds, 15-10, 15-4, 15-5 on Sept. 24.

The T-Birds lost their next two league games to Shoreline and Everett, 13-15, 15-12, 15-5, 15-4 to Shoreline on Sept. 26, and 15-13, 16-17, 16-4, 15-13 to Everett on Sept. 29.

“It was a tough loss,” Burkett said. “We just need to believe we can win.”

Highline’s next match is Sept. 26.

The team, mostly freshmen, is very young, with only one returning sophomore, Michaela Eischen, who is this year’s captain.

“The team is looking at freshman Katie Reynolds for leadership this year,” Burkett said.

The lady Thunderbirds are hurting for players. They started the season with 11 players; by the next day, the team was down to nine.

Injuries have further stretched the team, taking out three more players. Burkett has picked up some new players off the basketball team, bringing the roster back up to strength.

“If you know how to play, don’t try to sell yourself to me, just put a uniform on,” Burkett jokingly said.

“Let’s get the season started!” the coach said. “Let’s get the team going!”

“When we play, we play like we mean it,” Burkett said.

“I think we can get the entire team here for practice. We just need a few more practices and we’ll do fine,” Burkett said.

Jennifer Francis

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