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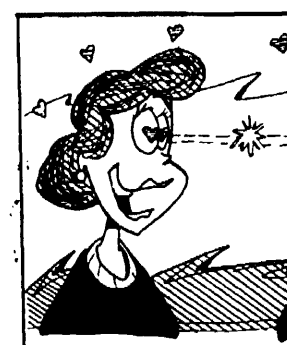
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It is worthwhile for anyone to have behind him a few generations of honest, hard-working ancestry.
John Phillips Marquand

Rugan, Sedano win

308 students set all-time high turn-out for elections

By Candice Fenison
Staff Reporter

Jon Rugan and Raul Sedano won the Associated Students of Highline Community College (ASHCC) Student-at-Large elections held last Wednesday and Thursday.

A mere 308 of 9,000 Highline students got to the voting polls this quarter. "I was quite surprised that even though it was a record turnout, it was still very low," said Paul Gerhardt Jr., ASHCC vice president of administration and election coordinator.

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-Paul Gerhardt Jr.
Election Coordinator



Jon Rugan



Raul Sedano

hard Jr., ASHCC vice president of administration and election coordinator.

With 139 votes, nearly 25 percent of the total votes, Rugan led the pack.

Sedano followed closely with 109 votes, finishing 35 votes ahead of third place Nahonne Watkins.

"I'm ashamed of the apathetic attitude of the student body toward student government affairs," Gerhardt said.

A student-at-large is an advo-

cate of the interests of students at Highline, according to the ASHCC constitution.

A student-at-large must also gather ideas and suggestions from the student body and make weekly reports to the Associated Council.

Rugan and Sedano will also sit in on committees that ASHCC President Nelson Crisanto appoints them to.

Recently, each student-at-

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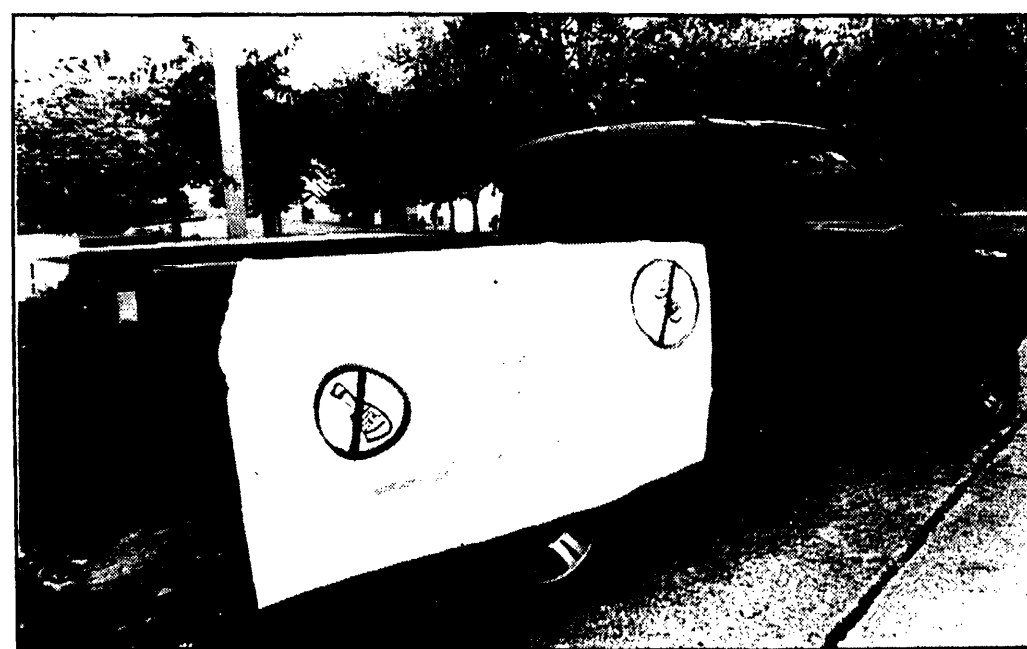


Photo by Bruce Jarrell

A mangled truck was dragged onto campus Monday to show students the effects of drunk driving.

Alcohol week goes unnoticed

By Christi Croft
Staff Reporter

National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness week is going largely unnoticed at Highline.

Oct. 20-27 is a nationally recognized time for alcohol awareness, but students here say they know little about it.

"I didn't even know it was Alcohol Awareness week this week," said one Highline student, Steve Phinney.

Yenerma De Las Alas, student-at-large, has been devel-

oping Highline's version.

"I wanted to organize Alcohol Awareness Week to get the message out, but also because I have a passion for this subject," said De Las Alas.

Simultaneously organizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month took a lot of time out of De Las Alas's schedule, she said, so Alcohol Awareness Week came up a little short handed.

"Being a student at Highline, and organizing both of these nationally recognized

events is a lot of hard work," she said. She said she didn't get help from other student government members, and welcomes more assistance from students in general in the future.

De Las Alas wanted to distribute alcohol awareness brochures this week, but as of Wednesday, the brochures had not arrived. De Las Alas said she hopes to distribute them today and Monday.

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Adviser OKs campaign violations

By W.B. Heming
Staff Reporter

Almost all of the candidates in this fall's student-at-large elections broke campaign rules with the permission of the director of student programs.

According to the current Associated Students of Highline Community College (ASHCC) campaign rules candidates are limited to 30 pieces of written material. Most of these candidates tacked and taped more than 30 pieces in Building 8 alone.

Violators, according to the rules, could run the risk of forfeiting the election.

"I put out a couple hundred fliers all over campus," said Jon Rugan, newly elected student-at-large.

"I'm glad that elections are over," he said, "because people will do anything to get where they want to be."

Candidates were given the rules, said Paul Gerhardt Jr., ASHCC vice president of administration, and given instructions to see Diane Anderson, director of student programs, or Denny Steussy, coordinator of student programs, if they had any problems.

"[They] should be commended, not disciplined," Gerhardt said. "These were students who wanted to get elected and they had the right go-getter attitude."

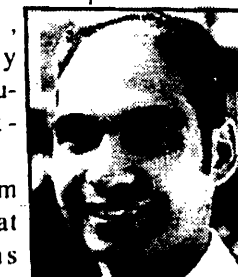
The campaign rules, as well as the posting and publicity policy, are undergoing rewrites.

One area which will be addressed, Gerhardt said, is the stand-off zone. Absent any rules, this year candidates campaigned right up to the voting tables.

"There will be [rules] by the time the quarter is out," Gerhardt said.

As long as the signs didn't cover existing signs, destroy public property and were cleaned up within 24 hours of the election, another stipulation of the campaign rules, Anderson said the extra signs were OK.

"The rules were there to protect our campus, but the people who are ultimately in charge, the advisers, approved it [the extra signs]," Gerhardt said.



Gerhardt

Former gang counselor joins Highline Election

By Shannon K. Stroud
Staff Reporter

Derek Greenfield, a new sociology instructor at Highline, will do almost anything to get his students involved in school.

On the first day of his Criminology class at Highline, he and another instructor acted out a fearful scenario where the other instructor verbally threatened Greenfield. It left students wondering if the skit was real. The man left and Greenfield gave the students one minute to give a detailed description of the man. The class also discussed if the event actually fit the description of a crime or not.

Greenfield staged the scene to prove that when reconstructing a crime, people have to work with biases, perceptions and memories, which can fail.

"I always do something on the first day to make them (students) challenge their perceptions and expectations," Greenfield said.

Born in Rochester, N.Y., Greenfield earned a bachelor's and master's degree in sociology from Northwestern and is planning to work on his doctorate degree in education, possibly in Idaho during the summers.



Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Greenfield takes a time-out to take a call in his office.

Prior to Highline, he worked in Chicago in youth programs that focused on tutoring students and helping them with college preparation and the attitudes and skills they need for success. He also worked part-time at community colleges and universities teaching sociology. Greenfield came to Seattle to teach full-time and gain a new experience.

One of the most intriguing things students find with Greenfield is that he worked with some gang members in his programs in Chicago. He helped

them to figure out their direction in life.

"They just want to know you care," Greenfield said.

A misconception Greenfield found in Chicago was that people often times believe that gang members are malicious kids. In reality they are "kids with big hearts who just need opportunities," he said.

He found himself building friendships with his students, and developed a father-son relationship with one young man, who was killed.

"It was like losing a son and no parent should have to bury a child," Greenfield said.

In his work with teenagers, Greenfield thought of himself as wanting to be the friend, detective, sociologist, and parent who could guide them down the right road. If the kids took a wrong turn, it was a humbling experience for Greenfield, and he realized there was more work to do.

"Doing too much takes away all their power," Greenfield said.

He sees similar student issues at Highline that he saw in his past schools, however, the violence and pressure to sell drugs was more severe in Chicago.

"Not many people experience some of the things that I saw," he said.

He is very impressed with Highline, as he sees a dedicated group of educators. He feels Highline is "by far the most welcoming place to be" of all the other schools he has been.

Greenfield is excited to develop relationships with Highline students and give them confidence to empower themselves.

"There is just a special moment when the light bulb goes on in a student," he said.

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nize a major project per quarter.

The new candidates, both members of Highline's wrestling team, are settling into the office in Building 8 even though their desks are not expected to arrive until some time today.

"I'm getting orientated with student government," Rugan said. Rugan's plans for the upcoming year include trying to get more lights for night students.

Rugan is also looking at setting up open-mike poetry reading nights.

Sedano would like to see messages flashing across an electronic reader board in Building 8 before the year is out.

"There is [electronic reader board] one upstairs in Building 8, but it's in a spot where no one notices it," Sedano said.

The outdated music in the jukebox is also on Sedano's to-do list. He plans on distributing a survey to find out what students would like to hear in the future.

Gerhardt is talking about having a scantron election next quarter that includes passing out scantrons in classrooms and fliers to represent everybody's platforms to increase the number of voters.

He also suggested a campaigning time of one month instead of three weeks.

Security on Campus

Theft in the library,
Security guard qualifications
Student safety concerns:

All in the next issue of
The Thunderword

'Really big art show' accepting contributions

By Shannon Stroud
Staff Reporter

Young artists will get a chance to show their stuff in "The Really Big Art Show," sponsored by Team Highline, on Nov. 19 in Building 8 from 10

a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

Winners for each of the four categories, drawing/painting, photography, pottery/sculpture, and jewelry, will be put on display in the Student Center, Building 8.

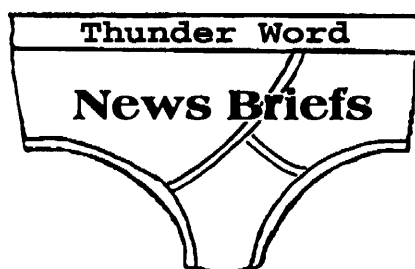
Judged by Highline students,

this exhibition will give out a lot of prizes. First place winners will receive a \$40 prize, second place will get \$20, and third place, \$10.

If students have something that does not fall under these categories, they are still strong-

ly encouraged to turn it in. Open to any Highline student, entry forms are available in Building 8 in the Team Highline office. Entries are due Nov. 14 by 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Rachel Thorne at (206) 878-3710, ext. 3537.



No school tomorrow

No classes will be held Friday, Oct. 24 because of Staff and Faculty Professional Day. The Library will also be closed.

Transfer fair upstairs in Building 8 today

More than 20 representatives from Washington four-year colleges and universities will be present to answer transfer questions today from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Building 8.

Club officers training session offered tomorrow

All club officers and representatives are invited for free pizza from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the student lounge on Friday, Oct. 24. Although there are no classes, a training workshop is being offered to train club officers about planning events,

policies and fundraising. For more information, contact Moira Windon at ext. 3215.

Candy contest starts next week in Building 8

Win \$20 by guessing how many pieces of candy are in the jar in Building 8. The contest will run during the week of Oct. 27-31.


The winner will be announced at noon at the hypnotist show in Building 7 on Oct. 31 and need not be present to win. Guesses may be made from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8-11 a.m. on Friday in Building 8.

Representatives to visit campus next week

Representatives from the University of Washington will be in Building 6 near the bookstore Oct. 28 and 29 to answer transfer questions.

On Oct. 28, a representative from the UW Military Science will be available to talk about ROTC and scholarships from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Also on Oct. 28, a representative from the UW evening degree program will be present from 4-6 p.m.



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HCC courts CWU branch campus

By Brandon Grooms
Staff Reporter

Highline President Edward M. Command thinks Central Washington University would be better off relocating to Federal Way.

If Central chooses to work with Highline, two options may become readily available to them, one of which includes the expansion of Highline's Federal Way campus.

The other option is to combine their funds with Highline's to build an 80,000 square foot



Command

facility, shared by Highline and Central, in an attempt to meld two- and four-year college courses here on Highline's campus. Building would take place around the year 2001.

Command feels this could be a great opportunity to help students in their transition from two-year to four-year colleges, and better prepare them for the demand and curriculum of a four-year university.

Highline would be more than willing, and would prefer to accommodate Central and their needs. "We are committed to working with Central Washington University," Command said.

For nearly the past 20 years, Central Washington University has been spread out into three branches (apart from its main campus in Ellensburg), including the Lynnwood, Puyallup, and SeaTac areas.

The Highline School District closed Glacier High School in the early 1980s because of noise from nearby Sea-Tac International Airport, but later leased part of the facility to Central.

Central now faces the possibility of not getting its lease renewed due to the complications of air-traffic noise. That is coupled with the SeaTac branch's need to expand.

Central, as a result, is looking for a new location to expand its satellite schools, said Robert B. Edington, administrator of Central Washington University Puget Sound Campuses.

Central has hired a Tseng Corporation consultant to help choose from the 12 sites they are looking at. "The consultant has a Dec. 15 deadline," Edington said.

Central's board of directors will make their decision by the first of next year, Edington said.

Other sites include Green River Community College and two properties currently held by the Weyhauser corporation.

Health center open to community

By Ira Cornell
Staff Reporter

The Highline Medical Group College Health Center is open to assist the students, staff, and members of the community.

The center is located next to the security office in Building 6, and was closed for nine months between 1995 and 1996.

In 1996, the college began leasing the space to the Highline Medical Group since the college no longer wished to operate the center.

The center is run by three employees. Polly Halpern is the nurse practitioner, Dr. Kulendu G. Vasavda is the medical director, and Pam Hill is the medical assistant.

The center offers a comprehensive array of health care services. Immunizations, health screenings, sports physicals, free pregnancy tests, and annual exams, such as pap smears, are available.

Treatment for colds, fevers and muscle strains are also available.

If you have an after-hours medical concern, call 878-3710 ext. 3258, and a message will prompt you to further help.

The clinic works on a walk-



Student Joy McCormack flinches while receiving a flu shot from Lesley Dasher at the health clinic in Building 6.

in basis only and the center averages 25 visits a week.

Fees vary, and those without insurance will be billed monthly.

Assistance with health insurance enrollment through Washington Basic Health is also provided.

This is a private, need-based program for basic health care.

"The best time to come is early in the morning when we open because it is slow and we are not busy," Halpern said.

For evening students attending the college, Halpern suggests trying to go in the morning, or on Mondays when the center is open later.

The Highline health clinic is open Monday from 9 a.m.- 5

p.m. and Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The center also offers free condoms, Halpern said, to those who ask for them.

"Don't be shy," she said.

A three months supply of birth control pills will be given to women who get a pap smear. After that, a prescription may be provided.

Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Occupational programs work for students

By Lindsay Morishima
Staff Reporter

Highline's occupational education programs have a bright future ahead of them. At any given time, 25 to 30 percent of students at Highline are enrolled in its occupational education programs.

"Highline provides the highest quality of education for job training and occupational programs that exists anywhere," said Robert Eley, dean of occupational programs.

Not only does Highline boast some of the best programs in the region but possibly in the country. Part of the reason is the

strong relationship between the local business community and Highline.

Businesses let Highline know what they need out of graduates and help by donating money, equipment, and finding good instructors.

"One of our goals is to continue serving the needs of business people in the area as well as students," Eley said.

After finishing a two-year program, 85 percent of the graduates have jobs within a year,



Eley

and 8 percent go on to other schools. Average salaries are also very competitive.

"Some of our graduates are making more money with their two-year degrees than people who have similar four-year degrees," said Eley.

Currently, the occupational education department is working to renovate curriculum to keep programs as up-to-date as possible and to phase out the less popular programs.

Highline has added some new programs, including interactive media, freight forwarding and a hotel and tourism program.

Many programs have intern-

ships so students can get a feel for the chosen career. Twenty advisory programs are also available to keep students focused.

"What I strive for is to have the best programs possible," Eley said.

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Editorial

Parking woes eased by Metro GoPass

Parking problems at Highline could get better with the addition of the Metro GoPass.

Metro is in the works of making Highline a hub for its buses, and would in turn offer Highline students the choice of purchasing a \$10 pass which would give them three months of unrestricted travel on all Metro routes.

The Metro GoPass would give students an efficient and very economical way of traveling to and from school. Metro is also planning on expanding its service throughout South King County and including more direct routes to Highline College.

But simply offering the GoPass to students isn't enough incentive for them to take advantage of it. Certain changes should be made by the school to further encourage use of the GoPass.

For starters, the school should raise the amount of money charged for parking violations. Right now, the fine given for parking tickets is \$5. This has proven to be a weak parking violation deterrent. Parking fines need to be expensive enough so students will obey and follow all parking regulations.

It would not be unreasonable to consider new parking fines of \$25. Fees of this caliber would greatly reduce the amount of students purposely parking in restricted spots in hopes of dodging a pocket-change fine. In fact, parking fines upwards of \$50 are not unspeakable.

The school should also consider raising the prices of parking passes. Increasing the prices of parking passes would, incidentally, lower the demand for these passes. That would cause more students to find an alternative way to school.

In addition to the raised parking pass price, a special Midway parking pass should be administered at a discounted rate. This would encourage students to purchase the cheaper Midway pass, instead of the more expensive main lot pass.

With these new changes in parking prices and tickets, students will be more inclined to debate which method of travel would better suit them, as well as force students to park in the designated spots only, or take the bus.

Team Highline is poised for success

It's halfway through the quarter and Team Highline is off and running with winning activities such as Comedy Cafe and Men of Highline.

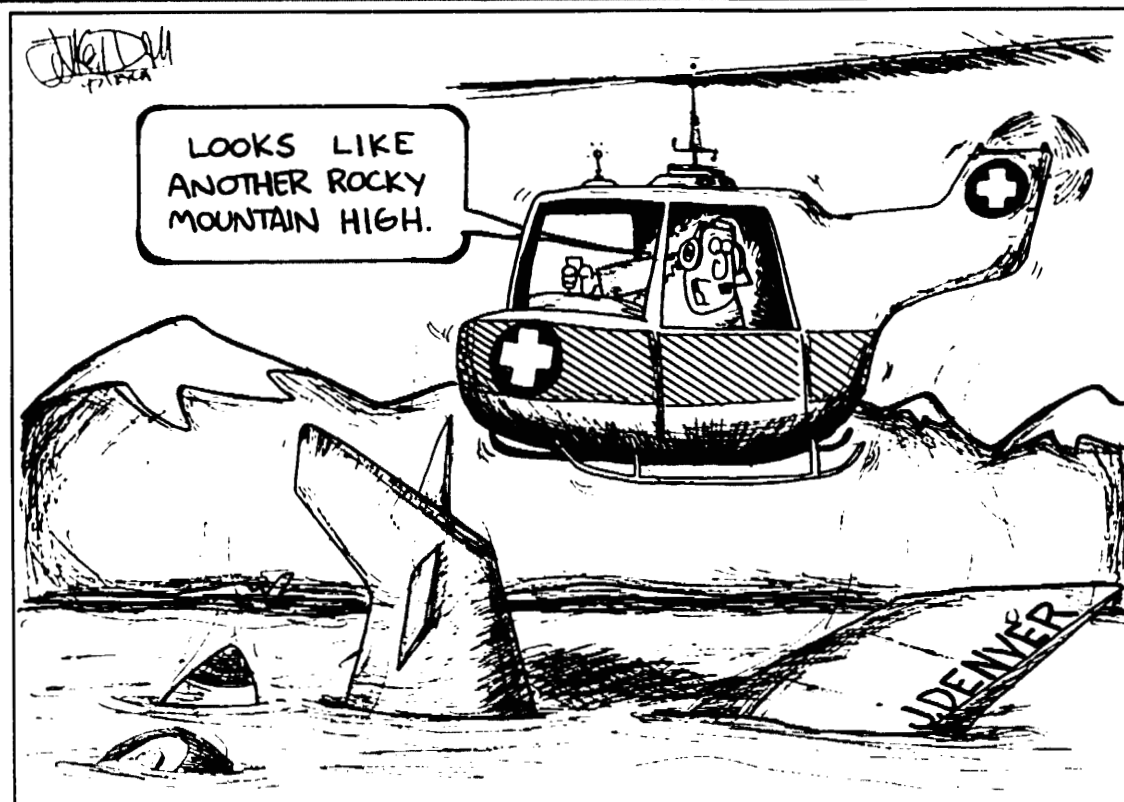
Team Highline, which has taken over the role of the Events Board this year, has already set the pace for the year with Hotdogs of Highline. The event was a chance for students to meet student government officers and chat about what they would like to see done this year.

The team has also resurrected Comedy Cafe, one of the most successful events at the college. The cafe is one of the few chances that people of all ages can go and see a comic without having to go to a bar or pay an arm and a leg.

Though the Mass Cool Concert Series fizzled out, it could easily take-off. One quick way to do this would be to put up a flyer asking students what bands or type of music they would like to see at Highline.

The upcoming Men of Highline and Club Highline dance seem to be sure things. Men of Highline, a fashion/beauty pageant open to all men on campus, has already attracted more than 40 entrants.

Team Highline has brought some good events to the college. Let's hope they keep it up over the rest of the year.



Three basic rules to success

As vice president of administration, I have many responsibilities. I am the appointed chairman of the Associated Council meetings, which comprises all the student leaders of clubs and organizations on campus.

My goal for these meetings is to promote better campus communication and get students connected with other people with the same interests.

Soap Box

Communication is the foundation to success in any organization.

I am responsible for coordinating all student elections. I am of the philosophy that student government is here so that students have a voice on campus. I am particularly trying to establish a formal committee to



Paul L. Gerhardt Jr.

form a channel for night students to address their needs through. I have taken this on because I have been a full-time night student for the last two years.

One of my other duties is to organize the graduation awards ceremony. As an honor student, my grades are very important to me and my goal is to continue on to The Evergreen State College after Highline.

I really want to be a major part of "making a difference"

here on campus and wish to help others do the same. If I could share any words of wisdom with fellow students I would tell them the following: Treat all people with the same kind of respect that you would want to be treated with, always give your 100 percent at everything you do, and never place judgment on anybody else.

I believe that if everybody follows these three basic rules, they will find success, affluence and happiness.

On a closing note, I am proud and count it a sincere honor to serve Highline students as vice president of administration. My door is always open to any students who have questions, need direction or have a problem related to Highline. Come and see me in Building 8. Let's all make a difference!

Letters to the Editor

Men of Highline, not just a pretty face

Dear Editor:

I am writing to clarify your Oct. 16 report about Team Highline's Men of Highline Pageant and Calendar. First of all I object to the title "Beefcake Buffet," because the program is not focused on "beefcake" looks or men "strutting their stuff."

The purpose of the program is for male students at Highline to participate in an event that will give them an opportunity to display their presentational skills, public speaking and to articulate their understanding of important social issues. Of course the event will be fun and entertaining, but judging the brawn of students is not its purpose. Participants will be asked questions about their future goals, values, thoughts on family and relationships, as well as

knowledge of current events.

The calendar will feature the winners, but also include international holidays, celebrations, quotes and sayings that reflect our diversity on campus. I encourage all male students and

staff to participate in this event. Let's create some new definitions of what the "Men of Highline" are really all about.

Sincerely

Kayleen U. Oka

Co-Adviser of Team Highline

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Midterms muck up Wandaland

From the diary of Wanda Hickey, Highline freshman:

Week four: Highline is the place for me. I love everything about it, from the carcinogenic clouds of cigarette smoke to the homicidal drivers of those yel-

Lisa's World



By Lisa Curdy

low modified-golf-cart Cushmans.

And now, I'm really feeling the love.

It's midterm time.

In class lately, Professor Pig Man has been waking me from my daily nap. It's been getting a little annoying, so I decided to listen.

Dearest Diary, let me tell you. The more I listened, the more wide-eyed I became.

Wise Professor Pig Man managed to strike fear in the heart of me, the stone-faced Wandanator.

He said the entire midterm, all 245 questions, all 50 percent of our grade, was going to be based solely on the book.

No, no, not the Good Book, though sometimes I think about that one to be more useful than any other when I take quizzes.

The nutty book Professor Schwinchund was referring to was our textbook.

It was off to the bookstore for me to buy the required book. I guess this time they really meant "required."

Damn.

On the way, I decided that a discount should be given to the miserable whelps who buy the book late. They could call it the "You're Royally Screwed" pity discount.

As bookstore lady rang my book up, she shot me a look like I was a neurotic, blithering idiot who hadn't a flaming chance in holy hell of passing the midterm.

Funny, the lady must've moonlighted at Psychic Friends U.S.A. on the weekends.

Weeping quietly to myself, I trucked to the library to begin the ordeal.

I felt like the poor girl in "The Exorcist," because suddenly I was floundering between levels of Elizabeth Kubler-Ross's five stages of acceptance.

Denial: "I'm not going to read that book. The book won't do anything for me. I'll be fine."

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Love on campus: scary possibility

Students say looks still attract

By Alyssa Pfau
Staff Reporter

As he glanced at her and smiled with those ice blue eyes and jet-black hair, she could feel her heart skip a beat.

He had a smile, a sort of boyish grin, that melted a girl's heart.

She, on the other hand, had a long lean body with curves in all the right places. Golden curls set off her doll-like face.

Her silhouette was enough to stop an entire football team dead in its tracks.

The pair formed an immediate mutual attraction to one another.

And that's the way it works. A recent survey of 100 Highline students found looks to be the most important factor in romantic attraction.

Two out of every three males surveyed said that looks are what initially attracts them to the opposite sex, while that was only true for 54 percent of women.

Some important physical features both listed were: a nice body, beautiful smile, sexy eyes and nice hair.

Only 14 percent of the guys surveyed said a personality plus looks attracted them to the opposite sex, but a whopping 33 percent of women felt the same way.

"I like a guy who is light-hearted and can make me

laugh," said one student.

Nine percent of the guys said fashion know-how is a must.

"You can tell a lot about a person by her style of dress," student Collin Erickson said.

So maybe you wear cords and sweaters, but you like someone with multiple piercings. Is it true that opposites attract?

"People who share similar beliefs, interests, values and attitudes are more compatible than those who don't share these similarities...contrary to what Paula Abdul said, opposites don't attract," said Psychology and Human Sexuality Professor, Bob Baugher said.

An overwhelming 98 percent of students surveyed agreed

with this theory.

He adds that having similar values is very important in making a relationship work.

If a couple has too many conflicting values there will be a lot of tension in the relationship.

An overwhelming 85 percent of the males surveyed said that they had to be physically attracted to a person in order to build an intimate relationship, while only 70 percent of the females said this was true.

While physical attraction is one thing, initiating those first few words is another.

Most guys, 62 percent in fact, prefer that the girl do the initiating, and 65 percent of the women surveyed were willing to do that initiating.

Fourteen percent of men said that they would initiate the relationship if they had to, but would prefer to have it the other way around.

And girls like a challenge!

Seventy percent of the females surveyed said that they needed some sort of a challenge to get something started with a guy.

"I don't like easy prey," said one female student.

Another female student said that she always seems to fall for the guys who have girlfriends

because they are untouchable to a point, but they are also within reach.

"I like that kind of challenge," she said.

Only 38 percent of the menfolk said that they needed some sort of a challenge to start a relationship.

Now you know the numbers, but how do you let someone know you're interested? Survey respondents have some ideas.

If you're on the shy side, try talking to the friend of the person you're interested in.

Another tactic is just the simple smile.

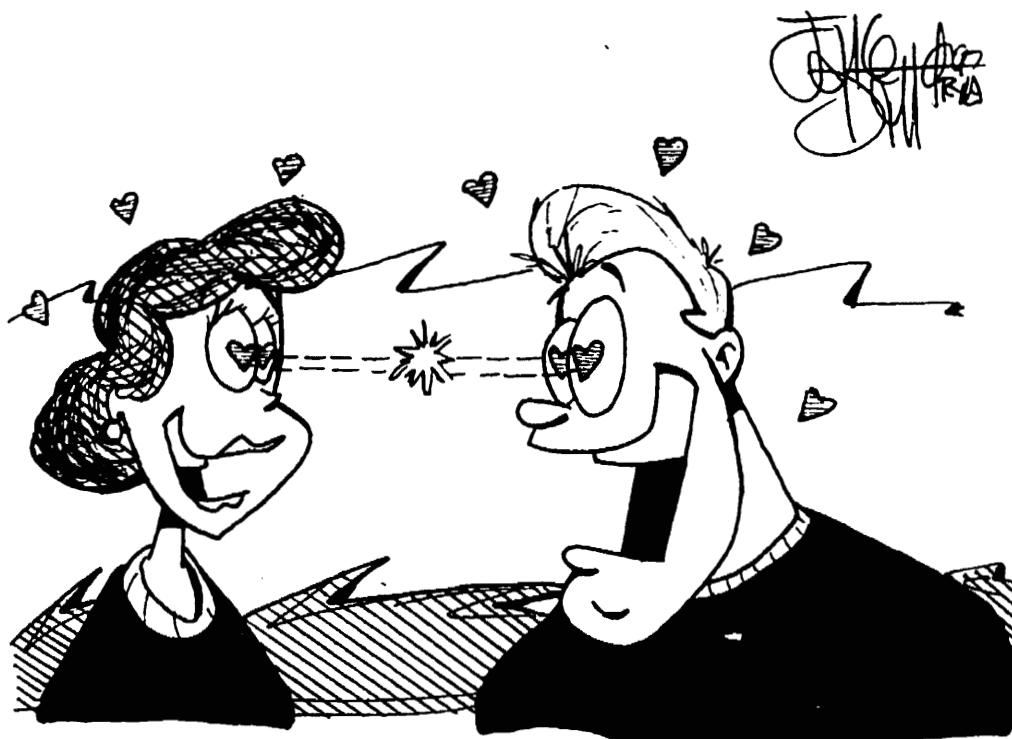
"I find that a smile usually gets a guy's attention," said Kari, a student at Highline.

According to one student, flirting is the best way to get to know someone you're interested in.

Along these same lines, many of the guys said that the best way to get to know a girl is to make her laugh.

Through exposure and experimenting, you're inevitably going to meet someone you're interested in.

"If you are interested in someone, pursue them; you can't wait around for the other person to read your mind," student Heidi Hudlow said.



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Soccer team looks toward post season



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Head Coach Jason Prenevost implants the game plan into his players' heads.

Lapses leave 'Rippers' short against Tacoma CC

By Nathan Golden
Staff Reporter

A discouraging 3-1 loss against Tacoma leaves the Highline men's soccer team with an 8-3-0 record with three weeks to go in the regular season.

Freshman Jason Berg, off an assist from defender Dusty Richardson, scored the only goal last Saturday at Tacoma.

Berg trapped the ball off his chest, then volleyed it in from 20 yards out.

"It was a awesome goal. A true definition of a Ripper," said Assistant Coach Keith Paton.

Unfortunately, the goal came near the end of the game for Highline, and they weren't able to improve their score.

The first goal against Highline was an "own goal."

This occurred when six or seven players were by the goal, and one of the Highline team players knocked the ball in while defending the goal.

The Rippers went into halftime down 1-0, not panicked about the score, or their ability to score goals.

"Normally we don't have a problem scoring," Paton said.

Within the first few minutes of the second half, Tacoma took a strong 3-0 lead.

"We didn't mark up properly," Coach Paton said.

Jason Berg's goal, although impressive, was not enough.

Defender Dusty Richardson said the Rippers weren't intense enough against Tacoma.

"The game made me think of how we have to change things," Richardson said.

He said they need to stay fo-

cused mentally on each game, giving it all they have when it's time to play.

"We need to put 100 percent in, right now we are at about 75 percent," Richardson said.

Even though they lost, Coach Paton said the Rippers played great as a team.

"It was obvious we were the better team. We just had a few defensive lapses," Paton said.

Highline stayed in control of the game, and dominated possession of the ball.

Richardson agreed the Rippers did control the game, but he was disappointed with the loss.

The soccer team has a busy week ahead of them. They face Wenatchee on Friday, Oct. 24, in Wenatchee; and Skagit Valley on Oct. 26, and Bellevue, Wednesday, Oct. 29, both at the Pea Patch in Kent at 3 p.m.

By Nathan Golden
Staff Reporter

The playoffs are definitely a reachable goal for the Highline men's soccer team this year.

It is simply up to the "Rippers" to play a full 90 minutes every game.

"We are solid all the way around. I expect to be in the playoffs," said Head Coach Jason Prenevost.

The players, along with the coaching staff, are very confident in the team's ability to move on to post-season play, and feel they deserve a shot at the championship.

"Lack of confidence is not a problem with this team," Assistant Coach Keith Paton said with a chuckle.

Prenovost said this year's team has more talent than last year's, and has more committed players who are willing to take on leadership roles.

Co-captains Tony Rolewicz and Ryan Hinkson have been strong leaders this year, the coaches said.

"The captains have done a great job," Paton said.

Paton sees Rolewicz and Hinkson as players who let their level of skill and leadership be displayed on the field.

Both captains are considered role models and have contributed valuable experience to the team.

"I look up to Tony," freshman Gerry DiPietro said.

DiPietro described Hinkson as a "take-charge leader in games and in practice."

Gerry DiPietro, along with his 14-year teammate, Mike DeSimone, are new to HCC this year. The freshmen have been valuable assets to the Rippers and feel confident as part of the team.

DiPietro and DesSimone are coming off a soccer state championship at Kennedy High School, and expect to win another championship.

Highline is considered a

marked team, making each game more of a test because other teams are stepping up their level of play.

"Teams are coming out to play us," Prenovost said.

Being a marked team has pushed the Rippers both physically and emotionally, but they have proved that they can play at a very competitive level. Highline is 8-3 so far this year, good for second place in the East Division of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges.

Prenovost is stressing discipline, improvement, and bringing energy and focus into each game. He also added the importance of having fun during the continuation of the season.

In the past, injuries have been a major factor that has kept Highline out of the playoffs.

Aside from the usual soreness and bruises, the team has been relatively healthy so far this year.

"We have been really lucky," Paton said.

Ideally the Rippers would like to finish first in their division. This would earn them a good berth going into the single-elimination playoffs.

The NWAACC is made up of three divisions, North, South, and East. Highline's East Division is "the toughest league by far," Paton said.

The top two teams in each of the three leagues will advance to the quarter-final playoffs in Bothel on Nov. 20.

Should Highline make the playoffs, it would be their first appearance in 10 years.

Bellevue, Tacoma, Skagit Valley, Green River, and Spokane, last year's champs, pose possible threats to Highline, should the T-Birds reach the playoffs.

Both Prenovost and Paton feel that Green River is the team to watch out for.

Highline is 1-1 against the Gators for the season.

"We're ready to take on any challenge," DiPietro said.

Cross country team second again

By Westley Young
Staff Reporter

Highline scored 52 points to take second place at the 24th annual Western Washington Cross Country Invitational in Bellingham last Saturday.

In a field of 117 runners, sophomore Brian Smith lead Highline, placing fourth with a time of 26:30, on the 8000 meter course.

"I ran my best race of the season," Smith said.

Frankie Cenicerros placed seventh, with a time of 27:07.

Cross-Country coach Adam Leahy, who ran unattached at this meet, finished second with an outstanding time of 25:45.

Freshman Todd Lopata fin-

ished 27th, with a time of 27:26 and two seconds behind were Andy Gist and Rob Sundine tying with a time of 27:28.

John Friedman finished 77th, with a time of 29:31.

Others placing were Chris Zimmer and Andy Zacharczyk with times of 30:03 and 32:02 respectively.

Highline finished above Central Washington, who finished with 56 points and Simon Fraser, who scored 71 points.

They also finished ahead of Seattle Pacific, Northwest College, Seattle University, and Saint Martin's, all of which are all four-year schools.

Western Washington University was the only team that could escape the Highline cross

country team.

Highline will not have another meet until NWAACC Championships in Oregon City on Nov. 8.

"We have our eyes on the NWAACC title. Spokane might doubt us, but no team will get an easy win over us," Smith said.

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NWAACC

SCOREBOARD

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

as of Oct. 19

	W-L
Skagit Valley	7-0
Shoreline	5-2
Everett	4-2
Edmonds	4-3
Bellevue	2-5
Olympic	2-5
Highline	0-7

MEN'S SOCCER

as of Oct. 19

Eastern Division

	W-L-T	Pts.	GF	GA	SO
Gr. River	9-1-2	29	37	14	5
Highline	8-3-0	24	38	14	4
Spokane	8-4-0	24	34	18	5
W. Valley	5-6-1	16	25	27	1
Bellevue	4-8-0	12	31	28	1
S. Valley	8-3-1	25	33	11	6
Edmonds	7-2-2	23	35	15	3
Shoreline	6-3-2	20	32	15	3
Everett	2-9-1	7	24	30	2
G. Harbor	0-10-0	0	3	100	0

WOMEN'S SOCCER

as of Oct. 19

Northeastern Division

	W-L-T	Pts.	GF	GA	SO
Spokane	7-1-3	24	38	9	5
C. Basin	6-3-0	18	17	14	2
W. Walla	5-0-2	17	20	6	3
Highline	4-3-4	16	21	15	3
Grn River	3-6-1	10	17	24	2
W. Valley	1-8-0	3	6	48	0

Southwest Division

L. Clmbia	7-1-1	22	39	12	4
Tacoma	6-1-2	20	42	8	3
S Valley	3-3-2	11	22	23	1

T-Birds look to bounce back

By Michael Stampalia
Staff Reporter

A bruised and battered Lady Thunderbirds soccer team suffered their third loss of the season on Sunday at Walla Walla 2-1.

"We had our opportunity, but we gave up a penalty kick," Coach Shari Andresen said.

Last Wednesday the Thunderbirds led Skagit Valley before giving up their first penalty kick of the season in an eventual 1-1 tie.

We lost that win on a penalty kick," Andresen said.

On Saturday the team lost a tough game to Columbia Basin by a score of 2-1.

The team has been carried all year by an extremely stingy defense. Led by sweeper Jean Wilcoxon, defender Kim Armstrong and keeper Eryn Redmon the defense has allowed more than two goals only once all year and that was to Lower Columbia.

Highline has also recorded four shutouts.

Although they have outscored their opponents this season by a combined total of 21-14, 12 of those goals came in a three-game stretch against Shoreline, Wenatchee, and Green River.



Photo By Bruce Jarrell

Goalie Eryn Redmon enjoys a game of indoor crab soccer with the team during a light moment in practice this week.

In all of the other games combined they have been outscored 12-9. They have struggled since losing midfielder-forward Tracy Wilcoxon to a knee injury and forward Chrissy Keeley in the sixth game, tallying only one goal in each of their last five games.

"We're still struggling with injuries," Coach Shari Andresen said. "It has hurt the offense. You have people moving around, it takes away from the flow and that hurts the attack."

The lady Thunderbirds have been hurt by injuries all year.

They started the season with both Keeley and midfielder-forward Jaime Johanson on the injured reserve.

Because of this they have lost three of their last six games.

Their record now stands at 4-3-4, dropping them from first to fourth place.

Coach Andresen planned to keep practices light this week and possibly have her team work out in the pool to help heal injuries.

The 'Birds face a two must-win games to have a shot at the playoffs.

Saturday, they visit last-place Wenatchee before heading farther east to take on first-place Spokane on Sunday, Oct. 26.

After that they have two challenging home games against Walla Walla and Columbia Basin.

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Acceptance: "I can nail this midterm. Sure, I won't be sleeping the next three nights, but it's my fault for playing the role of 'coma girl' in my classes."

Ordeal

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Anger: "How in the heck could I be such a freaking loser?"

Bargaining: "Please oh please, things like this won't happen ever again if I could just pass this midterm, so for the sake of all mankind, please let

Volleyball team still struggling

By Jennifer Francis
Staff Reporter

Despite the efforts and hopes of the head coach of the women's volleyball team, Tanya Burkett, the team dropped three more games.

The lady Thunderbirds lost to Green River Community College, 8-15, 3-15, 12-15, Tuesday, Oct. 14.

The team dropped one to Skagit Valley Community College, 4-15, 1-15, 13-15 on Oct. 15.

The third game was a little more interesting on Wednesday, after Burkett threatened the team with a forfeit. She told the team if Skagit pulled ahead of them by five or more points she would forfeit the game.

The Thunderbirds went up against Edmonds Community College last Friday.

"We played a really strong game," Burkett said. But, the lady Thunderbirds still lost, 7-15, 3-15, 15-12, 9-15.

"We are almost full strength, by Wednesday night, Oct. 22, we should have everyone at full strength and ready to play

hard," Burkett said. Results from Wednesday's game against Shoreline Community College were unavailable at press time.

Friday, Oct. 24 and Saturday, Oct. 25, the team is participating in a tournament hosted by Mount Hood.

Highline will be playing Clark, Clackamas, and Columbia.

Clark and Columbia Basin already beat Highline in the Everett tournament on Oct. 10 and 11.

Clackamas won the Northwest community college championship last season.

The women's volleyball team has an uphill battle ahead of it.

"I picked up one more player, which gives me 10," Burkett said.

"Thinking realistically, I am hoping to go through the consolation bracket and pick up a couple of wins this weekend," she said.

"We may have the worst record in Highline's history for volleyball, but it hasn't been the worst time, we have improved and learned a lot," Burkett said. "This definitely has been a learning experience."

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De Las Alas and fellow Student-at-Large Raul Sedano said they will make information signs this week to post around campus. De Las Alas also arranged to get a dented black truck — damaged in a drinking and driving accident — displayed on campus west of Building 8.

De Las Alas said she was slightly disappointed that the truck wasn't as totaled as she thought it would be. She expected it to be more damaged to create a larger effect on students who see it.

Nonetheless, the truck may have its intended affect. "I didn't notice the truck at first, but after seeing it, it made me think for a minute or two," said Phinney.

The truck will be behind Building 8 until Monday, Oct. 27.

Other area community colleges seem to be doing more in recognition of Alcohol Awareness Week.

Bellevue Community College's Student Union has arranged for a badly damaged vehicle on campus.

At Bellevue, a State Patrol Officer will demonstrate how a

breathalyzer test works, using mouthwash as the alcohol substance for the students.

Alcoholics Anonymous members also will speak about their personal experiences with alcohol and how it has affected their lives.

"There will also be plenty of informational videos being shown throughout the week,"

said Willa Mathison, medical assistant in student health at Bellevue.

Julie French, health services coordinator at Green River, said her campus will have numerous displays and brochures on alcohol-related problems.

Green River will also have had a wrecked car towed onto their campus to be displayed throughout

the week.

"This issue has been common among all college campuses," said De Las Alas. "We are always looking for new ideas from students to promote awareness."

"I think they should do a reenactment on campus of an accident involving drinking and driving," said Highline student

John Grans.

"I would want people who had personal experience with alcohol to come to Highline and speak," said student Paul McDaniel.

De Las Alas said students, who are interested in organizing awareness functions in the future should contact her at ext. 3315.

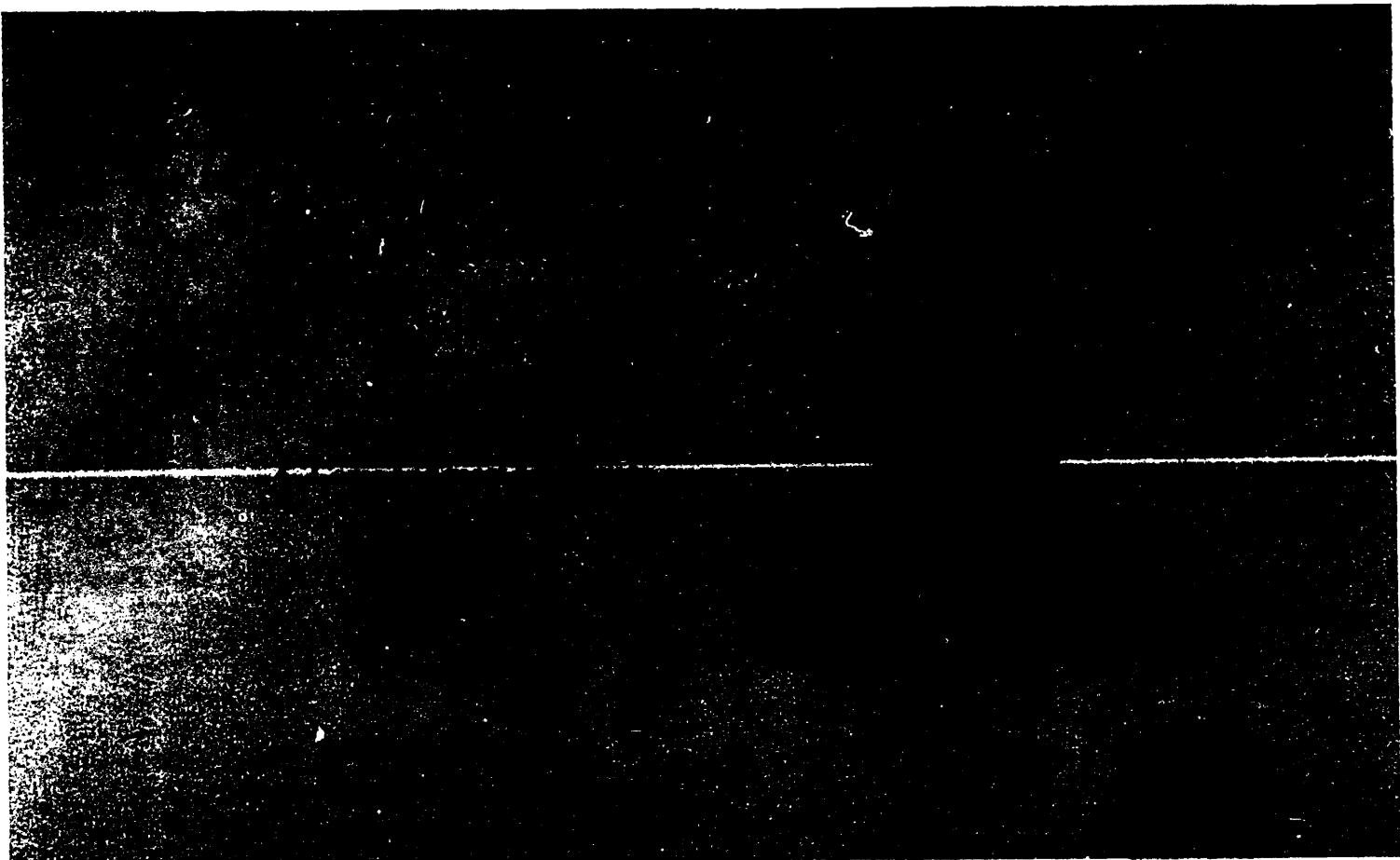


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