Staff union to negotiate three-year deal

By Christi Croft
Staff Reporter

The Washington Public Employees Association (WPEA) and Highline are involved in contract negotiations to improve the working conditions and benefits for Highline employees. "We want to make the contract more of a formal agreement," said WPEA President Brenda Mason. The two sides will very likely focus on the issues of pay raises, working conditions, and benefits. The negotiations could last until February 1998, when the old contract expires.

Lazy people are always looking for something to do.
-Luc de Clapiel

Smoke Out

Students say smoking is bad, but do it anyway

By Glenda Clappin Staff Reporter

"It's a cold, rainy day. The kind where you can't feel your own, and your fingers are about too much in the wind. You want to light up a cigarette to get in one last smoke before class. This scenario is repeated day after day at Highline, but with so much publicity about health concerns, why do people continue to smoke?"

One student, Angi Stinesilver, 19, has been smoking for over one year. "I think it's a social thing. I never smoked until I came here [Highline], but all the people I know smoke." Smoking was a way to meet people. She could ask someone for a cigarette and maybe make a new friend smoking. Yet, after one year, he said he wanted to quit. He said he has cut back to one cigarette a day.

New paragraph to aid disabled

By Menna Ives Staff Reporter

A new paragraph will grace all Highline administrators, faculty, and staff. In this manner, the Washington Tribal Task Force and other disabled students and staff were unable to get services as they need. "We want students to know that services are available here if they need them," said Dean of Students Bill Hughes. Access Services set a mandate to all Highline administrators, faculty, and staff. In this manner, the Washington Tribal Task Force and other disabled students and staff were unable to get services as they need. "We want students to know that services are available here if they need them," said Dean of Students Bill Hughes.
Editorial

Turkey time is here, time for thankful cheer

Thanksgiving is here, and there are plenty of things to be thankful for this year. Students should be thankful for going to school here at Highline and getting a valuable education. Highline is large, friendly, and diverse student body allows the opportunity to make many new friends. And we all know a good friend is something to be very thankful for.

We can all look forward to masses of poultry products, cranberry goo, mashed potato goodness and other assorted Thanksgiving fare.

Students can be thankful that this long and tedious fall quarter is nearly at an end, and that our lengthy winter break is just around the corner.

We can give a hearty thanks to El Nino, for delaying our usual icy cold November weather, to a later date, still yet to be determined.

We can be thankful that the holiday season is upon us and allows us to spend quality time with family and friends.

And at the same time be thankful that the relatives coming to visit for the festivities will not be staying all year long.

We should all be thankful that we live in the grand country known as the U.S., instead of some poor nation that is burdened with famine and civil war.

And most importantly, students should be very thankful that they have such a wonderful school newspaper that delivers hard up-to-date news that tells it exactly how it is.

And it's also useful as packaging material.

Letters to the Editor

Hendrix family represented badly

Dear Editor:

I would ask that you review your student's articles before you publish inaccuracies. I was appalled at the quality of writing displayed in the article of October 16th. I attended the Hendrix lecture in Stephanie High's History of Rock and Roll class and saw a family who is trying to make the best of a lost loved one. Please give the Hendrix family the respect that is due to them.

Jim Hendrix is a local legend and his father Al and Janie (note the spelling of the name) were kind enough to give us their time. We took into consideration that Al's an aging man and Janie's disappointment on facts, such as where the first guitar was purchased, was clearly due to age. I saw a man, father, still mourning the loss of his son and sister with a much clearer memory. Al Hendrix has lived and mourned in the view of the public eye. He has had his family involved by many publications, including top national magazines. The Thunderbird needs more experience before taking on Al Hendrix.

Next time I read an article in the Thunderbird I will be very cautious knowing that the facts may not be accurate. I hope that the Hendrix family does not see the article published about them. They deserve respect from us, as they expressed their appreciation for our college.

Sincerely,

*Sheree Stew*  
Highline student

People should ease off Running Starters

Dear Editor:

But thought you would like to know, Running Start students do not have priority registration anymore. Also you forgot to mention how easy it is to become "bad" Running Starters. Did you actually talk to any Running Start students?

My teachers haven't complained. Especially when you met 30 year old students make complete asses of themselves.

We, in Running Start get so much crap from administration and other students, but our G.P.A average is higher, and let's face it, most Running Start students are the cream of the high school crop.

Maybe the voice of the students should be the voice of all the students, not just the ones old enough to vote and smoke. At least Running Starters.

E.C. Schnackenberg  
Highline student

Letters to the Editor

Running Start kids deserve respect

Dear Editor:

As Director of Educational Planning, who includes the Running Start program, I feel I must reply to your editorial of November 20, regarding screening of Running Start students. This fall we have over 300 Running Start students. For the most part they are committed, dedicated, serious students. A few of them, unfortunately, are not. But that is so about all students at Highline.

You suggest in your editorial that we need to do "further testing...to see if student are ready to handle the responsibility and work load of college education..." Highline, like all other community colleges, is an open door institution, and the only admission requirement that we impose on you is that you have an ability to benefit from being there. You, and other "regular" students, need merely to show that you are working above basic education level. Running Start students are held to a much higher standard—they must test at college level. We do not impose on any student that they demonstrate a maturity level that makes them acceptable to us. And how would we do that? Is then a maturity test? Would you want to take it? Would you pass?

Your editorial states that Running Start students get priority registration over all other students. That is not true. Running Start students get registration appointments based on the number of Highline credits they have, just as you do. Further, you suggest that some of them are disruptive in class. True, a few of them are. So are some "regular" students. I propose that you and other students might, when your own learning is interrupted, take the initiative to say to any student in your class, "Excuse me, I'm trying to hear this. Would you please stop talking?" If disruptive behavior continues, talk to your instructor. The college has procedures for dealing with such issues.

A college education is a precious thing. You know that or you would not be here. Students who enroll in Running Start know that too. The vast majority are here to learn, not to play. One of our Running Start students last year earned a full scholarship to F.S.U. purely based on her work here at Highline. A few years ago, a Running Start student from Highline was the dean's award recipient in computer science at the UW. He achieved the highest G.P.A. of all computer science majors graduating that year. A former Running Start student is now an active member of the Senate committee here at Highline. They were all ready and able to be college students. I am proud of these students, and of all of our Running Start students who work hard to be successful, just as I am proud of all students who take charge of their learning and make it through. I would hate to see any of them excluded because they didn't pass a maturity test. After all, many students, maybe even you, come here to "grow up."

That's what we're here for.

Kay Balston  
Director, Faculty Advising and Educational Planning

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Corrections

Running Start students do not get priority registration at Highline College.

Katrien Weyseberg's name was misspelled in last week's Thunderbird.
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Arts

Turkey time: Oh, boy is it relative

Turkey day is upon us. It is time to give thanks for things like personal hygiene products and canned peaches. It also happens to be the time that we begin secretly cursing the arrival of our slightly abnormal family members for the holiday festivities.

Lisa's World

By Lisa Curdy

Thinking about this special season of familial togetherness, I was reminded of my own spastic relatives. Each one is a caring and wonderful person. But by God, they're classic cases of Three-Mile Island babies. First, you have Uncle Ted. Now, the guy is local. He's lived in Washington his entire life. But somehow he ended up with this southern drawl. He's a cowboyish go-go boots and a big 01' hat. He sports his extra frisky, he's stupid things, like eat dog bitches. And I think Uncle Ted got alien abduction, because he's missing a few teeth, too. And think Uncle Ted got Attention Deficit Disorder. Read on.

The Highline Choir and Jazz Ensemble will give you something to sing about during their winter concert on Dec. 4. "The Holiday Choral Concert," will start at 7:30 p.m. in Building 8, and are free of charge. The Concert Choir will be performing a collection of songs called the "Ceremony of Carols" written by Benjamin Britten. While being accompanied by a guest harpist, the Jazz Ensemble will be performing medieval carols sung in old English style. Three featured student vocalists, Kim Seung, Sharon Rivera, and Kim Yoo-Seung, will perform a vocal recital on Dec. 5. All three will be doing duets, trios, opera sounds and solos during the evening. Featured songs include "Un Bel Di" from "Madam Butterfly" and "Summertime," by Gershwin.

The Arcturus (Literary Magazine) submission deadline will be Dec. 5. Send submissions to Sharon Hashimoto, Building 5, room 212 or call ext. 3158.

By Carrie Sukert

Get out of the house

The Highline Choir and Jazz Ensemble presents "Voices of Christmas," Nov. 26-Dec. 27. Come celebrate vocal gospel at its finest. Performance schedule varies, and some performances are sold out. For ticket prices and more information, call The Group Theater Box Office at 206-441-1299.

The Wing Luke Asian Museum presents the ikebana and chado display, through Jan. 11. The exhibit will run through Jan. 11. For ticket prices and information call 206-623-5125.

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College weighs designated smoking areas

By Michael Stampalia
Staff Reporter

The push for smoking areas has reached Highline's campus. Twenty-six percent of Highline's students smoke, according to a recent survey. This is 5 percent greater than the national average.

Smoking is not allowed in any of the buildings, according to state regulations. And signs are posted in front of some doors on campus asking students not to smoke there.

"It [smoking] bothers whiny non-smokers, that's why I do it," said an 18-year-old student. But if student-at-large Yemenis De Las Alas has her way, designated smoking areas may be on campus as soon as next year.

"This is a complex issue, because we are dealing with smok- ing rights. But we also have to protect the rights of the people who are effected by secondhand smoke," De Las Alas said. Last year, Highline's Board of Trustees gave the issue to student government to study.

A survey of students last year found division on whether the campus should have designated smoking areas. Those in favor of such areas suggested that ashtrays be moved away from doorways.

Nicotine is addictive, dangerous, deadly, experts say

By Ami Westberg
Staff Reporter

Smoking-related diseases claim more than 400,000 American lives each year, according to the American Cancer Society. This includes approximately 3,000 people who die from lung cancer due to exposure to secondhand smoke. That is more lives claimed than from alcohol, crack, heroin, murders, suicide, and car-related deaths.

Cigarettes cause at least 43 distinct cancer-causing chemicals, reports the American Lung Association. Smoking is directly responsible for 87 percent of lung cancer cases.

Smoking causes most cases of emphysema and chronic bronchitis, and it is also a major factor in coronary heart disease and stroke.

Other diseases that have been linked to smoking include bladder cancer, breast cancer, and color cancer, said Bob Hirnle, a respiratory care instructor at HCC.

"You'd have to be blind...to miss the link between cigarettes and cancer."

Bob Hirnle, respiratory care instructor

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It reduces excess risk of death due to coronary heart disease by about 50 percent after only one year of not smoking. After 10 years of not smoking, the risk of getting cancer decreases 30 to 50 percent compared to those who continue to smoke.

Ten to 15 years after quitting, the death rate for former smokers is about the same as for those who have never smoked.
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Focus

Stop smoking now, you might just live

By Shannon Stroud
Staff Reporter

Smokers claim that quitting smoking is the hardest thing they have ever had to do.

"If you want to stop smoking, stop right now, because the longer you wait, the harder it is," said one male student.

It is already known what smoking does to your health, but how can those who are caught in its dangerous trap get out?

Bobbie Bonner of respiratory care found that people stop smoking most easily by quitting cold turkey.

A woman claimed she had tried using Nicorette gum for years with little success.

"Every time I smell cigarette smoke, I get that feeling back," she said.

This sounds like a great plan, but who actually has the will to do it?

In order to stop, there has to be a high level of commitment and motivation.

Without this, Bonner has seen many people start up again after quitting.

"The best way to stop smoking is to never start," Bonner said.

A document from the Lung Information and Service Center gave several tips to stop smoking:

- Tell everyone you are going to do it.
- Exercise.
- Get rid of anything cigarette-related.

Poster artist doesn't like smoke

By Nathan Golden
Staff Reporter

When it comes to art, Clare Hebert is smoked.

But not in real life. Hebert's entry in the student government-sponsored Smoking Awareness poster contest won first place last week.

Student government members Yerema De Las Alas, who organized the contest, wanted the posters to be creative and convey a message about the effects of smoking.

When Hebert saw the fliers posted around campus for the contest, she wanted to enter and grab her audience's attention through her drawing.

She whipped out the poster in about 10 minutes, the night before the contest.

"It's nothing special, just a simple line drawing," Hebert said.

Her poster, which shows an attractive woman smoking, garnishing a deceptively mirror image, was one of eight entered in the contest.

Student government members judged the contest.

"The image depicts the long term effects of smoking," De Las Alas said. "Hebert is a very talented artist."

Hebert received a $25 check for her efforts. It was the first time the third-year Highline stu-
Crisanto injures knee

By Brian Scalabrine
Staff Reporter

The Highline T-Bird wrestling team was routed 40-3 against junior college powerhouse Northern Idaho College last Friday night.

The team also lost its best wrestler when Nelson Crisanto went down with a major knee injury.

Northern Idaho came out with a vengeance, winning nine of 10 individual matches.

"This was a great wake up call for our team. We are not as good as shape as we would like to be," Crisanto said.

Crisanto damaged his knee during a 9-5 loss at 126 pounds. It will be evaluated by doctors this week and Crisanto will likely miss next week’s match.

This was Highline’s first Region 18 competition of the season. "It showed on Friday that we need better preparation both physically and mentally," said heavyweight Mark Kosler.

Jason Olson, at 275 pounds, came through with the only win for Highline before dropping to Sacramento State College Sunday afternoon in the fifth place game.

"We lost because they were a vastly superior team that practices every night," player/coach Gilbert Rosencrans said. "We’re a club team that practices twice a week for an hour."

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Rosencrans took over the duties of coach from Sam Shabb, who was unable to attend the tournament Sunday morning brought the Highlanders a victory completely shutting out heavy weight Mark Kissler.

"We didn’t look great, we just didn’t get the job done," said Assistant Coach John Clemens.

Aaron Hall at 118 pounds, and Tim Passion at 150, both won decision matches. "We looked bad we were not coached as well as Northern Idaho," Hall said.

"The match should have been a lot closer because we have good potential and great talent," Kosler said.

Next up for the T-Birds is tournament competition on Nov. 28-29, at Lausen College in Santa Clarita, Calif.

Highline hires new volleyball coach

By Michael Stampalina
Staff Reporter

Highline’s new volleyball coach, Shawna Gibson, said that she knows that she has her work cut out for her.

Highline Athletic Director Fred Harrison hired Gibson last week after she was recommended for an interview by Cara Hoyt, coach of the Thunderbird softball team.

Hoyts and Gibson play together on an adult softball team called the Seattle Express.

Gibson, who is a domestic transportation manager, graduated from Kentwood High School and attended Pacific Lutheran University where she played both volleyball and softball.

She became an assistant coach on the volleyball team at Kentwood in ‘92 and has coached volleyball in the United States Volleyball Association’s 16-and-under division the last three years.

“I’m hoping to get the girls together for an open gym, so that I can see where we’re at,” Gibson said. "Unfortunately I haven’t had a chance to contact any of the girls. After I see what I have, I’ll have a better idea of what I need to do.”

"I played aggressively and I expect my team to play the same way,” she said.

Gibson has plans to conduct local clinics and involve the players more in the community.

"I’m going to stress education and try put together some local clinics where the girls can get more involved. I think it’s important for them to get involved,” she said. "Of course, education will always come first.”

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Polo team finishes sixth

Team makes a big splash in first season

By W.B. Heming
Staff Reporter

The Highline water polo club paddled into sixth place at the Northwest Collegiate Water Polo Championships last weekend in Federal Way.

The tournament consisted of 12 teams from Washington, California, Oregon, British Columbia, and Utah.

Highline’s team, which has been together for only three months, was the only squad from a two-year institution to participate in the tournament.

The Highlanders, as the team calls itself, fell to Sacramento State College Sunday afternoon in the fifth place game.

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By T.M. Wyse
Staff Reporter

Full scrimmages have been full of ups and downs for Head Coach Joe Callero and his basketball team. "The team's had three scrimmages and have won all of them," Callero said. "We've been steadily improving each game." Callero said. "The freshmen have all improved tremendously, as have the sophomores."

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Highline to solve drainage problem

By Brandon Grooms

An ongoing drainage problem may soon come to an end due to recent government funding.

Highline has been plagued by a serious drainage problem in the ravine area of the Highline campus, but below the hillside is the most critical for many years.

The drainage system is designed to collect rainfall and runoff. But, due to a serious drainage problem in the ravine area, the system fails to do so, causing standing water and flash floods.

A project is being proposed to correct the problem for the last few years, said Associate Director of Facilities Shirley Bean. Recently, the state has given Highline the needed money to complete the project.

The project itself consists of a brand new drainage system by the summer of 1999. This money will go for services such as construction permits, as well as architectural drawings. The project itself contains a brand new drainage system including a retention basin (a holding pond), a biofiltration swale (a grassy ditch used in filtering out pollutants), and a retention pond (a large body of water).

The catch basin at the bottom of the ravine will also have check dams, which are small dams built across the bottom of streams or rivers to slow down the flow of water. Check dams will also help to keep pests from spreading throughout the area.

The containing pond will be completed in the summer of 1999, said Bean.

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"Through statements like this we are trying to get the word around to those who are still uncertain", said Assistant Services Jim Fields.

Highline has asked all faculty to include this paragraph by Winter Quarter.

Some faculty on campus have already included paragraphs such as this, but this is an ongoing project to make a booklet. These pamphlets will be distributed around campus between classes and dorms.

The pamphlets, which will be distributed by ADSSC Vice President of Legislation Paul Gerhardt, will give students access to the pamphlets. "This is a great idea," said math instructor Helen Hughes.

AIDS pamphlets to be given out

HIV/AIDS awareness pamphlets will be distributed around campus between classes on Monday, Dec. 1. The pamphlets, which will be distributed by ADSSC Vice President of Legislation Paul Gerhardt, will give students general information about the disease as well as testing information.

The pamphlets are being distributed in cooperation with the Phi Theta Kappa sponsored Giving Tree giving for children with AIDS.

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Highline has been granted money by the state to fix up its drainage system by the summer of 1999.