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College melts down jewelry program



Photo By Bruce Jarrell

Current jewelry students have one year to finish the program.

By Ami Westberg
Staff Reporter

After 12 years of existence, Highline's jewelry program is finished.

The college will not be enrolling new students for the 1998-1999 academic school year. College President Ed Command has decided that the program will close after next year.

The program will continue through next year in order to allow currently en-

rolled students to finish, according to John Machlan, chairman pro-tem of the jewelry program.

"The real trick is that we have one year to get everyone through the whole program," Machlan said.

The program had 56 students last year.

Command made the decision to close the program after a great deal of consideration.

The program was reviewed to determine if it

was following the college's goals for occupational programs. The review committee looked at students' job placement after graduation, students' salaries, and the demand for Highline jewelry graduates by employers.

After looking at all of the information, the review committee came up with three options for the jewelry program: maintain the program as it is, revise the current curriculum to include jewelry certification, or

eliminate the program altogether.

The review committee sent out surveys as part of their study to 380 jewelry firms in the state of Washington in March 1998, which resulted in 58 replies. Employer's responses varied, but 70 percent of those who answered said there was a need for a jewelry training program.

An advising team was set
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Parkonomics: College tries to curb demand

By Becki Stinson
Staff Reporter

Increased parking fees and tickets could hit Highline students starting Fall Quarter in an attempt to encourage alternatives to single occupancy vehicles. The extra money may also help solve Highline's parking woes for good, officials said.

The administration is proposing a price hike from \$8 to \$20 for a full-time-student quarterly parking pass. However, no decisions are final until the administration and the Washington Public Employees Association reach a consensus.

"The state provides no funding for college or university parking," said Laura Sanders, vice president of administration. "The increased rates will be set aside to pay for a permanent parking structure."

"There is only room for another 100 spaces without building on or paving more of the grounds," Saunders said.

Saunders is not in favor of altering the campus by creating more parking lots, but sees a multilevel structure on one of the existing lots as a possible long-term answer.

Despite the proposed in-



Photo By David Yamamoto

If the administration parking proposal is approved, parking fines will go up from \$5 to \$20.

crease, students will not be insured a parking place in one of the three campus lots. First come, first serve will continue to apply.

"I don't mind paying \$20 if I am guaranteed a parking space here on campus," student Karen Copenhaver said.

A reservation in overflow at the Midway Drive-In will cost

\$8, with the intention of encouraging more cars to begin their search there.

Parking fees aren't the only proposed increase. The base parking fine will go from \$5 to \$20 per offense and the cost of handicapped parking violations will match those of the city of Des Moines: \$175.

Saunders hopes that the pro-

posed changes, if approved, will encourage students and staff to look for alternatives to single occupancy vehicles, such as carpooling and Metro.

Plans are in the works to increase the 40 allotted carpool spots to about 100, with most of them added to the east lot. A

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Kaneko to take arts job

By Kevin Wintersteen
Staff Reporter

Writing instructor Lonny Kaneko has been named interim chairman of the Arts and Humanities Division.

Kaneko replaces Donna Wilson, who is leaving to take an administrative position at a college in Massachusetts.

Kaneko has been at Highline since 1966. He previously served as division chairman from 1970-1971, 1975-1978, 1987-1994.

"The division chair job presents opportunities to make the college work better," said Kaneko. "The division chair is the person who represents the faculty, and also serves as a mediation when there are student complaints."

The chairman is responsible for day to day function of the division, he said.

Kaneko will serve until a formal election can be held in spring 1999.

"I'll see how the interim goes before I make a decision on running in the spring," he said.

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Moore pleads guilty in Genzale case

By Liz Doolittle
Staff Reporter

Frederick Moore, 16, one of the two youths charged in the Feb. 11 shooting death of Highline student Anthony Genzale, has pleaded guilty to charges of second degree murder and first degree robbery.

It has been alleged by Snohomish County prosecutors that on February 11, after committing a car jacking, Moore and Genzale were joined by John Lathon, 17, and another young

man.

It is alleged that they drove the stolen vehicle to two separate locations in King County where Genzale committed armed robberies.

They then drove to Everett, whereupon, Lathon, Moore and Genzale exited the vehicle at which time Lathon ordered Genzale to give him his wallet.

According to court documents, Lathon then shot Genzale twice killing him. They then left the scene of the crime.

Moore was arrested the fol-

lowing day while driving the stolen vehicle. While incarcerated, in the King County Jail, Moore was visited by his mother at which time he confided in her that he had been present when Lathon had shot Genzale.

Moore admits to having been present at the time of the shooting, in a written statement, but maintains he knew nothing of Lathon's plans to kill Genzale.

Moore faces a 144 to 244 month incarceration on the

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Anthony Genzale

A parking garage might be the only way

Parking is the eternal problem here at Highline. There simply aren't enough spaces on campus for all the people who want to park here. The result is that a large number of students are forced to park at Midway.

This almost seems a satisfactory solution except that Midway is not going to be there forever. When Midway is gone, not only won't we have enough spaces on campus, we won't have enough spaces anywhere. Students will be forced to find alternate methods of getting to school.

The college must develop a long-term plan to avert this crisis. Really the only viable solution is a parking garage. A parking garage would likely be built in the north lot. The garage would be built with multiple levels so as to provide many additional spaces.

The bad news about a parking garage is that before such a structure could be built sufficient funds must be found. The funding for a garage could be found in parking permit fees. And that would mean a big increase in those fees.

This would not be so bad except that current Highline students would never benefit from the garage yet would still be required to shoulder some of the burden.

Even more unfortunate is the virtual necessity of building such a garage and having it partly funded by students who will not use it.

The college is currently considering a parking reform to build just such a garage which will be funded by a \$12 increase in the quarterly parking permit fees and increases in the cost of parking tickets.

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Hoping this counts toward work release.

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Safety program comes to town

Safety Town, an annual safety program for children, is coming to Highline.

The two week program, now in its sixth year, teaches kids ages 5 and 6 about safety. Safety issues that will be covered include everything from bus and car safety to, things that could be poisonous.

The program begins July 6 and runs afternoons through July 16 and costs \$40 per child. The program will take place in

Building 23, room 115.

For more information, call the Parent Education Department at (206) 870-3789.

Des Moines Food Bank needs drivers

The Des Moines Food Bank is in great need of volunteer drivers.

To qualify volunteers must have a valid drivers license and be available during weekdays. For more info. call Marilyn Oris at (206) 878-2660 or Lou Crandall at (206) 878-3710 ext. 3363.

Cutting cross country was a mistake

It has been a rewarding experience to have been head track and cross country coach at Highline these past two years.

I don't believe there is a school level that can have a

Commentary By Frank Ahern

greater impact on the lives of young people than a community college. Individuals may enroll for a variety of reasons but keeping them interested in school is the big challenge.

The holding power of athletics has long been documented. In high schools where dropout rates among different ethnic groups reach as high as 60 percent; less than two percent of those actively involved in athletics drop out.

This past year of 40 possible track prospects at Highline, only one was academically ineligible. Qualifying the maximum 25 athletes for the NWAACC Championships, was probably our greatest achievement.

No individual contributed more to the success of our team than Adam Leahy, Highline's distance coach. After missing second place in the NWAACC by the narrowest of margins in cross country, his runners were instrumental in Highline's best showing in track in the past decade. In addition to 100 percent retention and eligibility rates, their numbers increased from two to 15 during his tenure.

Dropping cross country, the most cost efficient of all our interschool sports was the result of false information more than anything else. Currently it is the most popular carry over activity that we have as is evidenced by the interest in road racing. The latest statistics show that cross country/track rates second as a



File Photo
Frank Ahern, Highline's track and cross country coach

high school participation sport for girls and third for boys making it an untapped reservoir for attracting students to a college.

Highline has the ideal ingredients for a successful track/cross country program. A wide area from which to draw, an academic advisor second to none in Margo Buchan, and an athletic director Fred Harrison who gives his coaches plenty of room to grow.

There were a number of people who helped us reach our goals. Jim Yates, financial aid; Joanne Jordan, student data; Louis D'Andrea, recruiting;

Lois Ericksson, travel; and secretaries Nancy Kirshner and Connie Johnson. In fact, I can't remember approaching a single teacher who wasn't anxious to help a struggling student. I particularly would like to cite Derek Greenfield and Ruth Windhover for their efforts. I would be remiss in not mentioning the coverage given us by the Thunderword, no medium kept the interest level of track/cross country higher during the school year.

Frank Ahern was Highline's track and cross country coach for the past two years.

Make an All Star out of your little athlete

Looking for something to get the kids out of the house this summer? The All Star All Sports Camp at Highline is just the thing to do it.

The day camps will be offered July 6-17 and July 13-17 Monday-Friday, and will feature a variety of sports which include: swimming, baseball, basketball, soccer, golf, softball, volleyball, track and tennis as well as workshops on stretching, conditioning and diet.

The fee includes a camp t-shirt, however children will have to bring their own lunch.

Times: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Cost: \$100 per week
Location: HCC
Ages: fourth- sixth graders
For more info. contact Rod Sweeney at (253) 941-2722.

Enrollment up from last year

By Hien Tran
Staff Reporter

Highline is more popular than ever as it reports a 7 percent increase in the summer enrollment over last year.

The college has 4,130 students registered as of June 25 compared to 3,877 last summer, according to registration.

Despite the increasing number of students registering this summer, the students' average credit load is the same as last year, 7 credits per student.

"The students' average credit load has not changed, but our headcount has increased thus an increase in full-time equivalent students, FTES," said Robert Kurtz, Highline's new director of Student Services and Information Systems.

General education classes are showing higher enrollment, Kurtz said.

"Students want to get ahead or catch up and summer provides that opportunity," Kurtz said, students seem to agree.

"I want to get out of school as soon as possible," student Claura Nnamukah said.

Cheryl Guzman thinks summer school is no fun but says she will survive. "As long as you know what your priorities are, you will be OK," she said.

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'Out of Sight' survives Clooney

"Out of Sight" provided a pleasant surprise for a true skeptic.

"Out of Sight" is another offering from Elmore Leonard, who wrote the novel "Get Shorty." The production also features screenwriter Scott

Liz's Lens

By Liz Doolittle

Frank, who did the screen version of "Get Shorty," and Danny DeVito as producer.

It's perhaps director Steven Soderbergh's best film since "sex, lies and videotape."

The movie stars George Clooney, the man who manages to play the same character no matter what movie he's in.

Nonetheless, Clooney works in this role: Jack Foley, charismatic bank robber.

Through a variety of circumstances, he ends up in a sort of romantic cat-and-mouse dance with Karen Sisco, a U.S. marshal played by Jennifer Lopez.

Perhaps the most crucial scene of the movie comes when Clooney and Lopez end up locked in a car trunk together. This could have easily fallen victim to the usual Hollywood cliché, a rapid and unrealistic development of their relationship. But Soderbergh and Leonard don't give into the temptation, and at that point I was hooked.

The film also boasts great performances by Steve Zahn, Dennis Farina, Don Cheadle and Michael Keaton.

Liz Doolittle is arts editor of the *Thunderbolt*. She's hoping to star as "Salad Woman" in *Batman Four*.

Big Bang Theory: Size counts

By Kevin Wintersteen
Staff Reporter

On the Fourth of July, what better way could there be to show your patriotism than with high explosives?

What other holiday has no gift buying, and no Hallmark cards? This is why the Fourth of July is easily the best holiday around.

In this state we are legally able to buy "safe and sane" fireworks only. But how safe and sane are items that burn like hell when you light them? I guess they just do less damage than the fun stuff.

These pyrotechnics generally have lots of sparkle, but very little explosive potential. They are legal in most of the state, with a few key exceptions.

The other variety of fireworks aren't nearly as easy to obtain. Usually sold on Indian reservations, these include firecrackers, rockets, and projectiles with enough black powder to excavate a basement.

The prime spot for acquiring fireworks worth noticing is the Muckleshoot Reservation south of Auburn.

"The only thing we have that



Photo by Sharalee Pfau

A Muckleshoot vendor hawks a 1,600-firecracker wheel of fun earlier this week.

the safe-and-sane stands sell are Whistling Petes and sparklers," said Fast Eddie at the Thunderking stand. Of course, if you give a Whistling Pete a good pinch with pliers, it will blow up too. And those genteel sparklers have been known to explode when bound together with enough duct tape.

If you plan on purchasing fireworks this year remember one thing: Never pay the asking price. Besides paying too much,

it inflates the prices which ruins it for the rest of us who like to save our money. The dealers, on the reservation and off, have more product than they could sell in a month, let alone a week.

For example, I took a trip out to Auburn to visit the Muckleshoot reservation this week. After finding a parking spot away from the kids throwing m-80s at each other, I walked over to Crazy George's stand.

Ignoring the smell of black

powder in the air and his imposing girth, I began my spiel. I told him I was looking to spend around \$50 and that I had purchased from him before. Not exactly the truth, but neither is him telling me he has the "cheapest stand in town."

For \$50 I got an artillery shell, a brick of firecrackers and an m-2000. If I had bought these all separately the total would have been well over \$80.

This assumes you live in a town where igniting fireworks is legal. Seattle and Federal Way after banning all joy within city limits have banned all fireworks as well. Des Moines, Burien and SeaTac allow the discharge of safe and sane fireworks but only on the Fourth of July, the idea being our country deserves only one day of recognition, period.

Finally, there isn't a firework out there that doesn't say on the label, "Light fuse and get away." Remember a trip to the hospital can really ruin a good weekend. And unless you fancy a limb that is dishwasher safe it's good idea to get yourself and the missing appendage to the ER within one hour if you have any desire of using it again.

Warped tour kicks off summer concert season

By Chris Russell
Staff Reporter

Mosh, skank and crowd surf your way into summer at the Vans Warped Tour '98, 1 p.m. July 7 in the South Parking Lot of the Kingdome.

Artists appearing include NOFX, Rancid, Bad Religion, Save Ferris, Cherry poppin' Daddies, The Specials, Deftones, The Pietasters, Less Than Jake, The Reverend Hor-

ton Heat, MXPX and more.

It looks like a busy concert season this summer.

•Performing at The Fenix, July 11, is the alternative band Noise Therapy. Tickets are \$8. Also at The Fenix, Sonia Dada plays July 14. Tickets for this alternative show are \$12.50.

Frank Black of the Pixies plays The Fenix July 17. Tickets are \$12.

Ol' Dirty Bastard of Wu-Tang Clan will appear July 23.

Tickets are \$24.50.

You must be 21 and have a valid ID to go to The Fenix. All tickets are sold in advance through Ticketmaster at 206-628-0888, for more details call the Fenix at 206-467-1111.

•If you prefer rap, get your tickets now for the Smokin' Grooves Tour 1998, at the Key Arena. Performers are Public Enemy, Cypress Hill, Busta Rhymes, Wyclef Jean and the Refugee All-Stars with Canibus,

Gang Starr and introducing Black Eye Peas. The show is Aug. 18. For tickets call Ticketmaster.

•The Beastie Boys are in town July 31 at the Key Arena. Tickets go on sale July 3, for \$25.

•If the above doesn't get your goat then try the world beat of Deep Forest July 26 at the Chateau St. Michelle Winery in Woodinville. For more information call 425-488-3300.

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Summer Quarter scheduling: based on budget and need

By Sarah Spoor
Staff Reporter

Summertime, and the parking is easy. Ferhan Cook-Letic of Highline Campus Security has issued more than 1,420 parking permits so far this summer.

"For Winter Quarter 1998 we issued 3,769 permits," she said.

Parking isn't the only thing that is different at Highline in Summer Quarter. Hours for administrative, instructional, and support offices have been amended since June 22, the start of Summer Quarter, and these changes will remain in effect until Sept. 4.

There are no classes on Fridays, and many offices are closed that day as well. These include the Library, Tutoring Center, Instructional Computing Center, and print shop. Many general administrative offices are closed Fridays as well.

"The Library hours during summer are based on classes. We look at the cat-

alogue, and base our hours on that. It's a budget decision," said Lynne King, Highline Library technician.

"We try to accommodate students by having Sunday evening hours, so they can get prepared for the week ahead," King said.

Donna McLean is the secretary lead of the pre-college tutoring program.

"It's business as usual," McLean said. "Students are still served according to their needs."

Not as many student-tutors are available in the summer, but not as many students are requesting tutoring.

"It balances out," McLean said. The warmer weather of summer affects other aspects of campus life. Sean Judy works at the Tazza Espresso Stand outside Building 6.

"Business is down by 1/3 to 1/2 in the summer," Judy said. "There is less demand for coffee drinks. People want their water."

Summer Hours

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Mon.-Thur. 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sun. 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Book Store
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Tutoring Center
Mon. - Thur. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Computer Lab
Mon. - Thur. 6:45 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Open gym time: an option upon request

By Brian Lee
Staff Reporter

Open activity in the gym during Summer Quarter is not available unless requested.

John Dunn, the assistant athletic director, is considering having an open gym from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. every Wednesday if enough interest is expressed.

Open gym activities would include cardio, weight training and basketball.

The college isn't offering many recreational activity beyond regular physical education classes, most of which are full, Dunn said. Open gym hours are being worked around these classes.

If you are interested in open activity in the gym, contact John Dunn at 206-878-3710 ext. 3455.

Jewelry

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up to help Command make the final choice.

His conclusion was to terminate the program.

"We didn't take the decision lightly," he said.

Command said that the basis for his decision came from the fact that maintaining the current program costs too much, and changing the program was a high risk with low probability of success.

He also said that the State Jewelry Association didn't step in and say something.

"If they had, I probably would have looked at it differently," he said.

Students enrolled in the program expressed disappointment at the news.

One jewelry program student said that it ruined her graduation.

"I was surprised," said student Don Peltier, who started the program last fall.

"We have to respect Dr. Command's decision, it was a hard one. He will not



Command

know whether or not he made the right or wrong decision for two more years when the program is running full-force at another school."

Although Highline has closed the door on the jewelry program, John Machlan hopes to find it a home at another college.

"I am actively looking for a new place for the program," he said.

Trial

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charge of second degree murder with a 60 month deadly weapon enhancement. On the charge of robbery, an additional 46 to 61 months will be added.

The prosecution recommends Moore be sentenced to 204 months on the first charge and 60 on the second.

Within the plea agreement, Moore was ordered to pay \$500 as a victim's fund compensation, court costs; including costs of appointed counsel, and funeral costs. In addition he was ordered to testify in all related cases. With these terms met, the prosecution agreed not to file any additional charges.

Moore's sentencing will take place Aug. 13.

Both Moore and Lathon will be tried as adults.

Lathon, who allegedly fired the shots that killed Genzale, has a trial slated for July 10. He has pleaded innocent to the charges of first degree murder and first degree robbery.

Parking

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carpool pass is free with eligibility hinging on two or more riders sharing a car.

Some students say a single occupancy vehicle is their only choice.

"Basically I'm fitting my schooling in with errands, work, and my children. With the schedule I'm keeping, I have no choice," student Anita Colver said.

Metro is another option Administration is trying to make more appealing.

"We are working on getting student bus passes subsidized by \$5 a month, applicable to both Metro and Pierce County passes," Saunders said.

Metro currently charges anywhere from \$36 to \$63 per month for a bus pass, and student bus passes are only offered to those age 18 or younger, said Rhonda Robinson of Metro Customer Service.

The rate hikes are "unfortunate, but the other issue is that it's a restricted commodity," instructor John Frederickson said. "Instructors have to pay to park, too. They just take it out of your check."


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