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Welfare reform squeezes students

By Kevin Wintersteen
and Sarah Spoor
Staff Reporters

Jeanne wants to get off welfare. She hopes the state of Washington gives her the chance.

Jeanne (not her real name) is working toward her two-year degree at Highline.

But under terms of the state's recently enacted welfare reform, it's getting harder and harder for students to stay in school long enough to earn degrees that might get them off public assistance for good.

Jeanne, a 44-year-old student with two minor children, has firsthand experience with the program.

Halfway through the requirements of the Associated in Applied Science degree in Interactive Media Production, she was

told that she had to take a week-long class on job hunting skills or be deemed "noncompliant."

She was scheduled to take this class in June, but it coincided with the first week of Summer Quarter at Highline.

"Missing a week of classes would have killed me academically," she said. "I feel that it would benefit all involved if I were allowed to continue full-speed-ahead with my classes here, shortening the time between now and the day I can get a well-paying job in my chosen field."

As it turns out, she has been able to reschedule the class during the last week of August, which will not interfere with her class work.

Welfare reform was signed into law on April 17, 1997. Cash welfare is now called Temporary Assistance for Needy

Families (TANF), or WorkFirst, replacing the old AFDC Program (Aid for Families with Dependent Children). The welfare-to-work provisions place a heavy emphasis on immediate employment. People applying for assistance have up to four weeks to find work.

This change, implemented January 1998, left potholes on the road to education for some students at Highline receiving public assistance.

The students say they want degrees that will make them enough money to



Photo by David Yamamoto

Mayone Feller's mother watches her son.

live and support their children.

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George Karl does Des Moines

George Karl, former head coach for the Sonics for as long as most of us can remember, made an appearance on Highline's campus Tuesday afternoon. Despite his recent loss of title, Karl was quite popular, Broadcast news droids came to shake him down, and students and children alike lined up for autographs.

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Photo By David Yamamoto

Computer lab fees get upgrade

By Becki Stinson
Staff Reporter

Quarterly computer lab fees are going up from \$24.50 to \$25.50 beginning this fall.

Students have no choice in which classes must pay a fee for lab use. They are determined by the courses you sign up for and those responsible for planning the curriculum.

Some of these classes include accounting, computer information and computer science classes, desktop publishing, interactive media, certain engineering courses, several writing classes, CAD/Delineations III for interior design, and most of the office occupations requirements.

Some students have been asking why a flat tech fee isn't charged to each student for computer lab use every quarter.

"The issue with tech fees is that they must be student-initiated," instructor Tim Wrye said. "The college cannot implement them without a student initiative and vote. Their use must be designated by a student panel, and the panel could change their mind at any time."

"Most schools where tech fees are implemented designate the funds for a specific project, such as an open lab in a student center," he said. This is the main reason a flat tech fee will never replace lab fees, because if the panel decided to pull that fund-

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I-200 aims at Affirmative Action

By Alyssa Pfau
Staff Reporter

Most Highline students, 71 percent, agree that Affirmative Action programs have increased opportunities for minorities and women, according to a recent survey.

But when asked if such programs are necessary today the support fades away.

Those were among the findings from a campuswide survey of 100 students. A survey which asked students to give their opinion on issues surrounding Affirmative Action and Initiative 200, a statewide ballot measure that would prohibit government and public institutions from discriminating based on

race, sex, or gender.

The survey revealed that the majority of Highline students, 41 percent, are not in favor of I-200. Yet, it also showed leeway toward one side or the other, with about 33 percent neither for nor against current Affirmative Action programs.

Reasons for not taking a position on the issue were due primarily to lack of knowledge. But some students said that they would rather see Affirmative Action reformed.

"The entire education and social system needs to be revamped so all folks, regardless of gender, race, or sex, are valued and encouraged to succeed and have dreams," said Lisa, a Highline student.

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Of those surveyed only 26 percent were for I-200, most of which had strong opinions.

"If everyone is equal there should be no need for affirmative action," said caucasian female student Tameka Marison.

"Affirmative Action is giving rights to minorities and taking them away from white people," said Caucasian male student

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Tazza will be open after finals week

Tazza will be open after finals through Aug. 27, from 8 a.m. - 12 noon Mon.-Thur. in the cafeteria only.

Sean will be there to serve staff, faculty, and any lingering students needing to fill their caffeine cravings. Only pop and coffee will be served, however.

Tazza will reopen again on Sept. 14 for half days until school starts.

Open house

The travel and transportation department is holding an open house Sept. 14 in Building 23 room 310.

The 30-year-old program is one of Highline's occupational programs which offers a two-year degree or a one-year certificate. The open house will allow students to get associated with people from the program and even meet the programs advisors.

Police blotter

A Metro bus driver confronted a man sleeping on his bus at 10:10 a.m. on Aug. 6. The man left the bus after the incident.

The bus driver then notified campus security who came and found the man sleeping on the grass. Security proceeded to escort the man off campus.

Correction

An article in the last issue entitled, "Cafeteria costs Highline money" misquoted the amount of money the private contractor Tazza pays the college. Every year, for the last seven years, Tazza has paid the college \$20,000.

CWU plans to return to Highline

By David Scott
Staff Reporter

Highline students will soon be more acquainted with Central Washington University (CWU) which is planning to relocate its SeaTac branch back to the Highline campus, around the year 2000.

The extension was originally located at Highline Community College two decades ago. It then moved to Normandy Park for eight years, South Seattle Community College for six years, and is currently located at the old Glacier High School in SeaTac.

More space to expand and the opportunity to serve more students is Central's incentive to move its off-campus branch to Highline.

"At our current location we need more space and they will not allow us to expand here. At Highline they are allowing us to build our own building that will become our permanent residence," said Jim Beaghan, marketing professor at CWU.

"It (the Highline location) will allow us to interact and better satisfy the needs of students going on to four-year universities," said Kathleen McDaniel Administrative Assistant at CWU.

The minimum requirements for acceptance at CWU's SeaTac extension are a transferable Associates Degree from a Washington State Community College or its equivalent, a minimum GPA, and prerequisites that differ for each major.

The CWU SeaTac branch population has grown from 500 to 600 students within the last two years. The school's populations consist mostly of full time workers, who already have families, and who are going back to finish their degrees.

"This branch provides a con-



Photo By Sharalee Pfau
CWU SeaTac student studies outside before here evening class.

venient location, smaller classrooms, and allows me to receive more one-on-one attention than I would get at a bigger university," student Angela Mulvihill said.

On the other hand, students say the extension has some shortcomings.

"There is no job placement center; a small library that doubles as a cafeteria; and the school does not offer a lot of morning classes," student Willie Jenkins said. He added that "the extended campus charges you the same rate as the main campus, with inferior resources."

Academically, however, the students appear to be satisfied.

"The instructors at Central Washington University have

both professional and academic backgrounds. Before being hired as professors most instructors obtained working experience in their field of expertise," said Dusty Brady, office manager of the college.

There are approximately fifty full and part-time instructors at the SeaTac branch, Brady said.

The SeaTac Center offers a variety of different programs including: Business Administration, Accounting, Law and Justice, Early Childhood Education (Psychology courses only), and Chemical Dependency.

If you would like to find out more information about the majors offered, you can reach program advisors at 206-439-3800.

Seniors go to College

By W. Howard West Jr.
Staff Reporter

At 96 years old, Faith Callahan is Highline's eldest student. Callahan, a Des Moines resident, has been attending Senior College since its beginning 15 years ago.

"A chance to share my marbles, and pick up some information is what I like best," said Callahan.

A grandmother seven times over, Callahan still finds a desire to enlarge her life by attending Senior College, a one-week program held every summer by the Continuing Education Department.

Local senior citizens come to Highline for the morning and afternoon sessions.

This year's curricula included morning sessions on Tai Chi and personal well being, to "Hands On Pottery" and "Bridging Cultures By Communication and Aircraft" in the afternoon.

Also included were keynote presentations such as "Russian Involvement in the Development of Alaska," and "Antarctica - Study of the Earth in a Multicultural Setting."

In the past, Senior College has brought in lecturers such as astronauts, famous journalists and ambassadors of foreign countries.

According to Scott Winslow, director of Continuing Education since 1991, "combining opportunities for recreation and learning, so that people remain active longer" is most important. "Not allowing seniors to feel left out on technology and preventing isolation," are the future of the program, Winslow said.

Senior College is not the only program at Highline College for senior citizens.

Classes are also held off campus at places like the Highline Senior Center, Wesley Homes, and North SeaTac Park Community Center, where more traditional classes such as language and history are offered. Fees for the many two-credit classes offered are usually around \$25.

Police reserves train on Highline grounds

By W. Howard West Jr.
Staff Reporter

Officers on reserve in the community may be in training but they save the community a large sum of money each year.

Of the 65 officers in Des Moines, 16 are reservists and although they only have a minimum of 20 volunteer hours per week to work, they collectively put in about 600 - 1000 hours per month.

This amounts to about a \$315,000 savings per year to the community and provides the officers with hands-on experience. This experience could be the deciding factor in obtaining full-time status for those officers pursuing a career in criminal justice.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for someone looking at law enforcement as a full-time career to try on the hat and see if it fits," Detective Marlene Goodman said.

Coordinated through Highline and taught by law enforcement professionals, the program includes required course content in accordance with the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, consisting of about 440 hours of class time. Recruit studies include criminal law and domestic violence as well as defense tactics and driving, to name a few.

The training is offered as part of the Continuing Education Department partnering with the Des Moines Police Department

to train police reserves for Des Moines and other communities.

The program cost is \$575 and is held every Spring and Fall Quarter. It operates as a regimented paramilitary unit with a chain of command and a strict dress code, which addresses hair cuts and mustaches down to the no-print black socks.

"It's the same material in half the time," said Luke Lucas, a Des Moines reservist of the past 18 years and recruiter for the program.

Though the reserves don't fill-in full-time spots, their role in the community is very important.

"They run the D.A.R.E. program, do stakeouts, Block Watch, and prisoner transport," said Lucas, as well as traffic pa-

trol and emergency response.

The responsibilities and risks are the same for reservists and full-timers alike, yet the reservist not only provides all the money for training, but, also provides for the cost of personal equipment.

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By Marla Leabo
Staff Reporter

MATH PHOBIA

When you mention the subject of math to most students, you can literally see the shivers run down their spines.

Math is the most common subject to hate. It seems to be a culturally unifying phenomenon.

"I'm glad to be done with it," smiled Augustine Nnamukah, a business law major.

"I did it all right away, just to get it over with," said Jenna Cody, a secondary education student.

"It's not a good subject for me," said Nobie Fuller, a marketing student.

Many students express the same sentiment, with various reasons behind the common dislike.

Some said they had bad math teachers in high school or college. Some said they were placed in the incorrect level of math. Some saw no useful purpose for learning the material in high school, so made no effort and quit taking math as soon as they could.

"Basic math in high school was the last I took. I had no aspirations to take any more, but I always liked it when I could figure it out," said Jim Duffy, a computer science student.

Duffy did not put off the math requirements he needed. He dove right in, but said he got tired of it because it took a lot of time and he wanted to devote more time to computer classes.

Students and teachers agree that math takes a lot of time. It is not a subject that can wait until the last minute, because many majors require several courses in math.

Rusty Reed, an anthropology student said, "I hope I don't have to take any for my major, because if there's a lot, I'm going to have to pick a different major! But if I need to take some, then I'll put it off until the last possible quarter."

When students do get around



STUDENTS SAY STUDYING NUMBERS ADDS UP TO HEADACHE + HEARTBURN

to taking math, where they start will depend on their Asset or Compass test scores.

Students question the validity of the tests, complaining that the tests are inaccurate and place them too low. Which means more math classes, money and time.

"I felt the Asset test didn't place me correctly. It didn't place me where I wanted to be," said Andy Carino, a sociology and psychology student.

Individual instructors can recommend a student move to a different level of math regardless of their test scores, if the instructor feels the student is qualified, said Dr. Ron Engstrom, a math instructor.

Several students complain

that they still had to suffer through boring math classes in order to get to the ones that counted toward their degrees.

One angry student took the Asset three times and placed the same each time.

Engstrom said the student needed to do the math.

"I would wonder about a student who took the Asset three times and still insisted that he or she was placed incorrectly. You can't please all the students. It's easy for students to be upset with a class they are not doing well in and they will take things out of context," he said.

Engstrom is very positive about the math department's instructors. "I feel our math department has a great, responsive

staff to students," he said.

Besides the instructors of the math classes, volunteers in the tutoring center deal with struggling math students on a regular basis. Complaints are leveled there as well.

"Highline has a wonderful tutoring center, but English-speaking tutors would be nice," said Angela Simons, a pre-med student.

"Steps have been taken to rectify the situation," said Barbara Hunter, a math instructor and advisory board member of the tutoring center, noting that good communication skills are a critical quality for tutors in addition to good math skills.

"Many students come in with severe cases of math anxiety

and if they get assigned a tutor with an accent, it really freaks them out," said Carolyn Brooks, co-coordinator of the tutoring center since 1982.

Both Brooks and Hunter agree that communication has been a problem in the past, however, they are trying to rectify the situation. "Prospective tutors must attend one quarter of tutor training.

They meet once a week and are trained through various methods," Brooks said.

"The training doesn't always ensure the tutee will connect with the tutor," Brooks said. "Students, tutees, may have to shop around, speak up, or communicate with the tutoring center staff if they're not comfortable saying something to the tutor directly. It's still the responsibility of the tutee to be sure they're understanding and getting the help they need," Hunter said.

Some students have severe math anxiety and suffer real stress at just the thought of taking math, Hunter said.

Highline has taken action to try to help these students. A math anxiety workshop has been held twice and a third is planned for Fall Quarter.

Dr. Gloria Rose Koepping and Hunter are the presenters. Koepping, a counselor, speaks to the nature of math anxiety, its roots, and Hunter offers ways to reduce it.

Other math students have found other ways to deal with their fears and struggles in math.

"I don't like math, but wait, let me change that. It's changed after the last quarter here. I'm more comfortable with it now," Andy Carino said.

He and a few other students started a study group. It helped him see the math from different perspectives and also forced him to teach his buddies on occasion, Carino said.

"If you can teach it, then you know it," Carino said.

Financial Aid office to send you less paperwork

By Hien Tran
Staff Reporter

Highline students will sign less paper to receive financial aid next year.

Beginning this Fall Quarter, students do not have to sign any financial aid award letter except for those who receive State Need Grants (SNG), in which case they will have to sign certification statements. They only need to sign these certification statements once a year.

Last year, students had to sign multiple copies of their

award letters and mail them in. They complained that the procedure was annoying, wasting time and money for stamps.

"They sent us our award letters whenever there is a change in our records (usually the amount of money they received). We have to sign those copies and mail them in," Thao Nguyen said.

Nguyen said she thinks the procedure cost both the school and the students. The school had to pay for printing multiple of copies and mailing them. The students had to spend time

and money responding to those copies and mailing them back.

Stacey A. Peterson, director of Financial Aid office, said this problem existed because of the confusing of the award letter.

"It's one of the big problems last year," she admitted.

Beginning this Fall Quarter, students will receive an award letter that will list every grant they are eligible, and they do not have to sign this letter.

For students who are eligible for State Need Grant program, they will receive a certification within two days after they re-

ceive the award letter. They will have to sign this letter if they want to receive the grant. Students only have to sign one copy a year.

"It's important for the students [who receive State Need Grant] to sign and return their State Need Grant certification statements," Peterson said.

Students still receive the award letters whenever there is a change in their records. Relax, no more signature to sign, no more time to spend. Award letters only inform students about their financial status.

The Financial Aid Office has a drop-in-mail box which is located at Building 6 entrance, near the Information Service desk. Students can drop their mail into this box instead of waiting in line in front of the office.

Steve Seeman, Financial Aid Associate Director, will be at the check disbursement location (Building 2) to help answer questions students may have regarding their checks. There are also forms for students who are disqualified for financial aid and want to fill out a petition.

Editorial

Cafeteria should not cost college money

The operation of the cafeteria here at Highline is a financial drain on the college. The college has not made a profit on it in the past 15 years and is actually losing money.

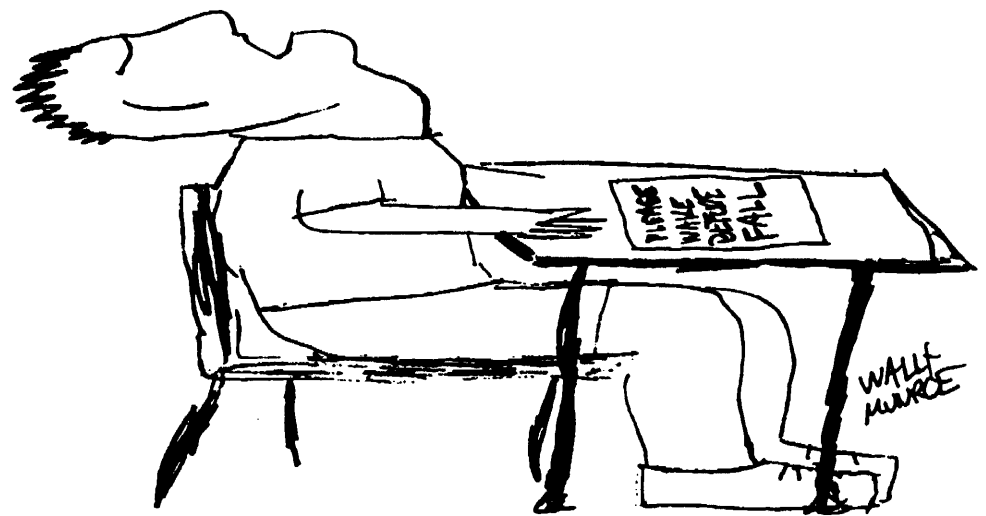
This is unacceptable. The college should make it a priority to at least break even if not make a profit, without compromising the quality or value of the service provided.

It would be unfortunate if the cafeteria were replaced by a Taco Bell, a McDonald's or another fast-food franchise because the food in the cafeteria is well liked and offered at a reasonable price.

Tazza, the espresso shop in Building 8 next to the cafeteria, should be held up as an example. It also offers excellent services at a reasonable price while providing the campus with additional benefits. For example, Tazza has paid the college \$20,000 annually for the last seven years. In addition they also employ Highline students.

It is this sort of operation that the college should try to provide in the cafeteria, one that continues to provide good service but that also benefits the campus beyond just providing food.

WALLY'S WORLD



SUMMER QUARTER DRIFTS TO ITS CONCLUSION

Letters to the Editor

Asian crisis is a real crisis

Dear Editor:

I would like to take a moment to respond to Terry Scott's July 31 letter to the editor that I believe paints an inaccurate portrait of the international student community at Highline. To begin with, Mr. Scott makes reference on a couple of occasions that international students believe that they can drive expensive cars and generally enjoy the luxuries of life in the United States without having to work.

The fact of the matter is that immigration regulations do not allow students to work off-campus except for a couple of very limited situations. One of these situations is the new "Special Economic Relief" program that was established on June 10 to help students from Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, South Korea, and Thailand - the countries that have been hit hardest by the economic crisis in Asia. International students can work on campus in non work-study related positions, and there are a handful that do.

Furthermore, the students that are not attending summer school to obtain their degree at a quicker rate in order to decrease the financial burdens to their families are returning home to work during their summer vacations. Many more international students would work if it were permissible to do so.

Another false assumption that emerges from the letter is the notion that since some international students drive nice cars and wear nice clothes, they must not know anything about sacrifice. Nothing could be farther from the truth. There is a tremendous amount of sacrifice that goes into the decision to come and study in the United

States while leaving behind the comfort and security offered by family and friends. The attempt to master an academic program while at the same time learning to eat new foods, speak a new language, build friendships, and adjust to a new culture with very different and often confusing values, is quite a daunting task. If this does not involve sacrifice, I certainly do not know what does.

Finally, I could share many stories about the financial struggles of international students. These range from my once questioning a student about losing weight only to find out he was skipping meals because his money was running out, to the student that was forced to live in his car temporarily because he couldn't afford his rent. These students do not need to be "forced to see what the less fortunate of their countries are faced with on a daily basis." The sorrow, shame, and overall despair that I have seen demonstrated in my office by students forced to return to their countries before they finish their education are more than any student once full of such high hopes and dreams should have to bear.

What these students really need are opportunities to help them continue their studies in the United States. The Special Economic Relief program does just that by removing some of the barriers that have prevented international students from working. Anything that will help us to keep our international students and the global perspectives that they bring to campus can only enhance the overall educational climate at Highline.

Jack Huls
Director of International
Student Programs at
Highline College

Debate misses the point of education

Dear Editor:

While I'm an iconoclast by nature, I'd like to this once adhere to the conventional wisdom of this age as well as the wisdom of ages belonging to those upon whose shoulders we have all stood in order to create what we call modern society and culture. But as I said, I'm an iconoclast and that's not going to happen.

On campus of late there has raged the argument over "hard" science versus "post modernism." It's true that both arguments have their pros and cons, and we could all go round endlessly on which is superior, or preferable, or accurate, or ... oh well, you get the picture.

I don't care to take sides with either issue. Why? Because my interest isn't in taking sides. As the mere, lowly student, and with all due respect, I would like to make a point (maybe several) I believe worthy of consideration by all parties, even those not directly involved with the dispute.

My point is simply a reminder that the goal of science and, likewise, education, be it literature, art, hard science, so-called soft science, or any other academic venture, is to transcend conventional boundaries, to reveal the universe in all its many facets and afford us a profound appreciation of the beauty of our home, and a powerful capacity to address the ills that still plague us.

While I'm proud to be a student at Highline (more has been done for me since I arrived here by a handful of people, than all the persons I previously encountered) this artificial reduction of the noble and honorable aspects of academia, this

trivial insistence on creating borders where none should exist, chagrins me. Again, with all due respect for those wiser than myself, the willful denial of the goal and nature of knowledge (to transcend what was understood before) apparent on campus merely to suit a handful of feuding individuals personal vanity is, to say the least, shameful. At worst, it's a mockery of the rich, complex, and often tragic historic struggle in which humans have striven toward comprehension.

Please accept from my humble perspective this small advice: If we are to advance, to grow, then we need to make every humanly possible effort to cooperate, to share knowledge and understanding, to debate in productive and meaningful ways. Not to draw borders and take up arms to patrol and defend those borders. That way lies ignorance and stagnation.

Perhaps I've only made myself a target of both camps involved, but with all good reason what I've written is nothing more than a plea for those whom I respect and admire to behave in a fashion consistent with what they have taught us is worth pursuing: truth and understanding. I was once told, long ago, that the only way humanity would know peace was through totalitarianism or annihilation. I disagree. There is a third way. Through an active understanding, appreciation of, and sharing of our differences and the many ways in which we, as individuals, perceive and know the universe.

Before I close, I would like to say I'm sorry to those I may have offended-I'm sorry I felt compelled to write this piece in the first place.

Mark J. Koontz
Highline Student

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Anything less is uncivilized

At the peak of concert season, I am once again reminded of the small sect of society that every so often ventures out of the holes they live in and graces the rest of the world with their ignorant existence.

It may seem silly, but at a concert that is general admis-

Liz's Lens



By Liz Doolittle

sion it is not appropriate to "hang" in the beer garden for the two opening bands, until Pearl Jam takes the stage at which time you take it upon yourself to push your way through 15,000 people shouting "Hey, I've got to get to the front my girlfriend's water just broke."

Speaking of girlfriends, if you are anyone's girlfriend and you at any time sit in your oh so stylish halter top on the shoulders of frat-boy Ken, don't be surprised if for one reason or another people aren't very nice to you.

For some reason, there is nothing more irritating than being kicked in the head by a pair of size-12, steel-toed Doc Martens. Crowd surfing is quite unnecessary unless you are starting to seize due to extreme heat and exhaustion and must get out. Even then, I'm sure someone has a towel you can bite on.

Mosh pit: a circular gathering of testosterone soaked males bashing into one another for the "fun of it." OK fine, I accept it and although I find it to be not unlike prehistoric men clubbing their food and drawing on the walls of caves, I have no problem with it. Until they venture outside the pit and I find myself drowning in a sea of Nirvana t-shirts, Old Spice and wallet chains.

Another slightly bothersome habit is the inclination of some to hum along in octaves unknown in nature to music with oddly enough, no words.

There are some concerts at which it is widely accepted to stand. For example when attending a Beastie Boys concert, one generally would stand, however while at a Barry Manilow concert it is general practice to sit throughout the show.

To most, these all seem blatantly obvious, however for those who just crept out of their respective holes, take note.

Liz Doolittle, Arts editor of the *Thunderword*, believes that Michael and LaToya Jackson are actually the same person.

Save some dough: Rent it

By Ryan Hinkson
Staff Reporter

Instead of sitting there channel suffering and waiting for something to come on, go rent a movie. To start out you need to get a membership where the selection is good and the fees are low, so here's a few to choose from: Blockbusters has a membership fee of \$5, and

\$3.79 for one day new release rentals. If you don't want to pay for a membership, Hollywood Video is free to sign up with one day new release rentals for \$3.29. For an even lower rental fee, Crazy Mike's offers new release rentals for \$2.99 and no membership fee. If you're low on cash and don't have enough to rent a movie, Movie's To Go is free to sign up and you pay the

\$3.29 for a one day rental when you return it. Movie's and More also has the same policy with a \$3.28 one day rental fee, but has a \$5.42 sign up cost.

If you are looking for the director's cut of a movie or you just can't find the one you're looking for, try Scarecrow Video in the university district at 5030 Roosevelt Way N.E. Seattle, or call 206-524-8554.

Don't walk out on engaging 'Strike'

By Alex P. Hennessy
Staff Reporter

Sex-crazed schoolgirls, vomiting drunk teenage boys, and exploding cans of contraceptive foam — how much more could you want?

Well, you could start by wanting some genuine laughs.

The new Miramax films release "Strike!" is the story of a group of friends who form a secret gossip society at a girls prep school. The girls' lives, which revolve around their lust for boys, are turned upside down when they stumble (literally) upon the school's plan to go co-ed.

The problem that the film has is coming up with real comedy. The storyline itself provides what would seem to be fertile ground for hilarity. However, in an effort to make the movie seem smarter than it really is, the obvious gags that potentially abound in this setting are skipped and replaced instead with lame irony and cute moments of clever dialogue. Poking fun at the pudgy bulemic girl and the rest of the girls' lust for boys lends itself to little more than a smirk, and never a laugh-out-loud moment.

The one thing that writer/director Sarah Kernochan (who also co-wrote "9 1/2 Weeks") does right is great characterization. The normal pitfalls of a movie of this type are avoided by including genuine dynamic characters who stand alone, instead of the regular static, boring cookie cutter characters that we're used to.

The young cast, led by Gabby Hoffman ("Sleepless in Seattle," "Uncle Buck") does an adequate job, but is overshadowed by the pearl of a performance given by Lynn Redgrave, as the school's headmistress, Miss McVane.

The filmmakers would have done better if they had decided exactly what they wanted. The movie loses its sense of identity when it sways between moments of unfunny sight gags and borderline clever dialogue humor.

Although "Strike!" probably isn't the type of coming-of-age comedy that becomes an instant classic, it is worth a second look, especially as the first directorial effort of Kernochan.

"Strike!" opens in theaters everywhere on Aug. 21.



Photo courtesy of Dimension Films

Josh Hartnett, and Michelle Williams (Dawson's Creek) display sheer terror in H2O.

H2O drowns

By Ben Olson
Staff Reporter

Halloween, a founding father of horror films and inspiration to aspiring low budget thrillers, has lent its name to another hyped up '90s flop. Aside from releasing a film with an October titled name in the midst of summer, the film was doomed when star Jamie Lee Curtis had her say count in the plot line.

In numerous interviews on such highly regarded wake-up, feel-good shows such as Good Morning America, Curtis explained that the plot redeems her character of the horrors she experienced as a teen some 20 years ago.

Hence the title: Halloween: H2O. Thinking back to all the great horror films of history, one cannot recall spectacular plot lines, interesting twists maybe, but none bogged down with information known to true horror buffs.

In trying to appeal to masses, Halloween: H2O has let

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down the horror film clique in search of a better showing at the box office. In doing so they made up for the lesser known teen actors with the casting of Joseph Gordon-Levitt (3rd rock from the Sun) and LL Cool J for small, relatively unimportant parts.

The movie went big-budget Hollywood, and low-budget on the gore. What the movie really lacks is the blood, the hunt, and the chase. Instead of death after death it is close call after close call, good for chills but no thrills. Sure, H2O will keep you on the edge of your seat for most of the movie, but be prepared for let-downs and doldrums.

Halloween: H2O will fade into the dark corners of mom and pop movie stores stuck between "Test Tube Babies from the Year 2000" and "Ernest goes to Jail".

Through it all, there are great performances from the teenage actors; Josh Hartnett, who plays Curtis' son and makes his film

debut, and Michelle Williams (Dawson's Creek) who does a great job as Hartnett's girlfriend and potential murder victim.

If you want to know how the movie ends, ask someone who has seen it or wait for the video. This movie is not worth \$7 to see or 82 minutes of your time. However, if you must see it, go to a matinee and don't be shy about asking for a refund.

"Halloween:H2O will fade into the dark corners of mom and pop movie stores stuck between 'Test tube babies from the year 2000' and Ernest goes to jail'."

Cool J caps hot show at Summer Jam '98

By Marta Pelayo
Staff Reporter

LL Cool J almost received the one-fingered salute from 22,000 tired and angry fans after he kept them waiting an hour in the stench-filled Gorge Amphitheater July 31.

But despite the reek of over-worked port-a-potties, Cool J warmed up the hot crowd with an excellent show.

LL Cool J was the final act in the KUBE 93.3 Summer Jam, a festival that features musical acts of the one-hit-wonder persuasion. This year, however, the line-up included more established acts, such as singers Jon B. and Brian McKnight, as well as rappers Ma\$e and Cool J.

The rest of the line-up included smaller acts like Sylk-E-Fine, who performed their only popular song, the sex-laden "Romeo and Juliet" twice, as well as R&B act Next, also famous for a raunchy tune, ("Too Close"), which they played twice. We'll miss them at next year's Summer Jam.

The rule of thumb is the later the artist performs, the better he/she is. While the early acts all relied on the audience being too busy singing along to notice how much they sucked on stage, others relied on that long-forgotten asset, stage presence.

Jon B. had it. One of the final acts of the night, he kept the audience on his feet throughout his soulful ballads.

The flirtatious Jon B. also made respectful tributes to slain rapper Tupac Shakur, his duet partner in his hit, "Are You Still Down?" Jon B. rejuvenated a wilting crowd.

Also impressive was Brian McKnight, another artist known for his slow tunes. With a full band, backup dancers, and special effects, McKnight poured romance into the air with hits like "Anytime" and "One Last Cry."

If Jon B. and Brian McKnight had presence, then LL Cool J owned the stage. The audience quickly forgave the rapper for the long wait once he exploded on stage with backup dancers and fireworks, grooving to the opening beats of his hit,

"Phenomenon." The hour-long performance included his old-school favorites ("I Need Love," "I'm Bad") as well as more recent releases ("Hey Lover," "Doin' It").

Cool J knows how to work the crowd, holding on to the stage grid so that he can hang down closer to the audience, and they followed his every move.

Women tossed bras and panties on stage. Men ogled the backup dancers. Cool J drove the once-romantic audience into a frenzy. When all was said and done, he had performed a dozen of his greatest hits and 22,000 weary fans ambled home, finally able to say that they saw a show worth seeing.

Festival returns with more

By Chris Russell
Staff Reporter

Get out your umbrellas and get ready to dance, eat and enjoy the atmosphere at the 28th Annual Bumbershoot returning to the Seattle Center, Sept. 4-7.

This year there are going to be more than 2,000 poets, painters, comedians, musicians, video artists, dancers, composers, writers, thespians and children's artists. There will be plenty of food for everyone.

Performing musicians at Bumbershoot are country singer Bonnie Raitt, British progressive rocker Jethro Tull, folk diva Joan Baez, reggae powerhouse Burning Spear and the alternative group Third Eye Blind to name a few.

The stages that are going to hold the musicians and the other performers are the Teatro Circo Stage, Budweiser Mainstage in the Bumbershoot Stadium, Rock Arena, the House of Blues Stage, Rhythm Equator, Sears Rhythm Stage, Northwest Court Stage, Bumbrella Stage, United Airlines Opera House and the Bagley Wright Theater. There will be something going on in all of these areas. Get a program to find out what to see and where everything is located.

Tickets for Bumbershoot are \$10 before Sept. 4 and \$14 during the festival at the gates. You can find your tickets at Rite Aid stores and Ticketmaster. Call 206-628-0888 for information.

Two-day passes are \$18 and four-day passes are just \$32. Kids 12 and under get in free as long as they are accompanied by an adult. Senior citizens 65 and older get in for \$1. Tickets are good for all activities on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Galleries and exhibits are open Aug. 31 - Thursday, Sept. 3 free of charge. The galleries will be located in the Northwest Court rooms. Some of the exhibits are Chicano Art, Alternative Portraits, Trees and Birds and Wild Salmon Run.

Things to take the kids to while at Bumbershoot: The Rite Aid Kids Stage at Poncho Theater will have entertaining programs including storytellers, music, puppetry, dance and kids plays. The Domino Innovation Station has different types of activity areas for the kids such as kite making, animal mask making, Jungle Gym, LEGO Construction Zone and other fun activities.

There will be a colorful line of official Bumbershoot clothes and souvenirs at any Red Balloon Bumbershoot Store.

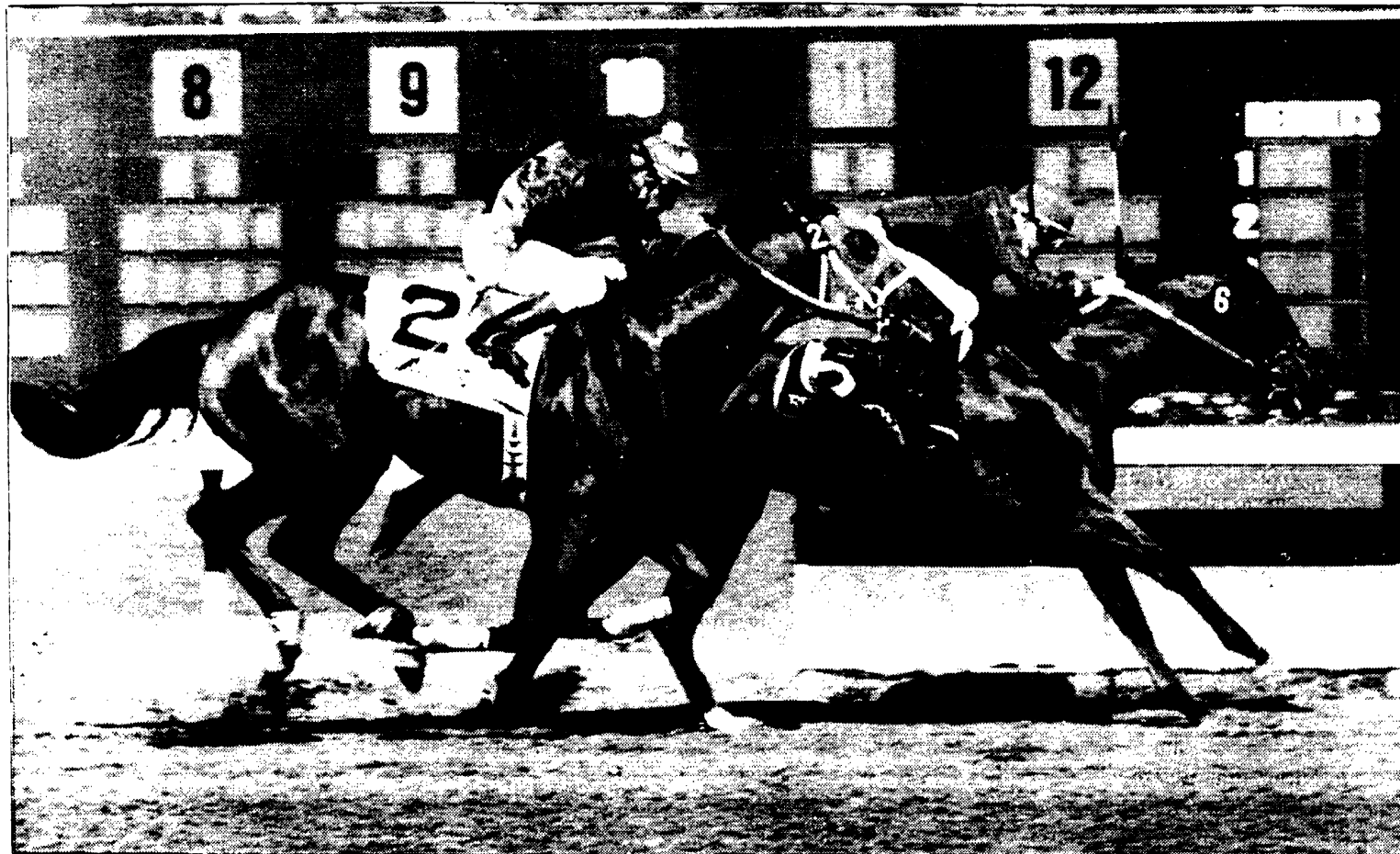


Photo courtesy of Emerald Downs

Kid Katabatic the 1997 horse of the meeting pulls ahead to win the \$75,000 Budweiser-Emerald Handicap on July 26, 1998.

Bet you'll have fun at E-Downs

By Cliff Elder
Staff Reporter

You can enjoy horse racing, picnicking, and good dining all at the same time at Emerald Downs.

Emerald Downs was built on June 20, 1996 to replace Longacres, the Thoroughbred track of Seattle. It is located north of Auburn just off of Highway 167. Its 167 acres of land hold a six-story grandstand, 11 barns, and a one-mile oval track.

This year live racing lasts from April 25 to Sept. 14, usually from Wednesday through Sunday. During the weekdays, racing starts at 6 p.m., and a new race begins about every half hour. During the weekends, racing starts at 1 p.m. with about 10 races throughout the day.

General admission costs \$3

for anyone over the age of 13 while children under 13 are admitted free. General admission allows you to enter almost any part of the grandstands.

The second floor or track level is the primary floor for general admission. Track level offers food, bars, racing information, customer service, ABCs of racing for newcomers, and free bench seating.

From the second floor, you can walk up within a few feet of the winners circle as well as the parade circle. On Sundays during the summer, Emerald Downs offers pony rides for children. An enclosed trampoline located at the north of the grandstands is also for the children to play.

A large grass area surrounding the trampoline is best suited for a family picnic. It gives

you a clear view of the track along with Mount Rainier over the horizon. Just a reminder: bottles, cans, and thermoses are not allowed in the premises of Emerald Downs.

The parade area is the best place to see the world's fastest horses.

For the people who wish to have their private seating, the third and fourth floors are available for a small fee. Although the seats are assigned on these floors, the restaurants are open for anyone to try, but as the floors increase, so does the price for the food.

If you would like to tour the stable area, you need to meet north of the grandstands at 10 a.m. or call and schedule an appointment for a Saturday tour.

General parking and the bus ride to Emerald Downs are free.

Preferred parking is \$3 and valet is \$5.

"The thing I love the most is to see the horse I have placed a bet on coming from the middle of the pack to take the lead at the very end," said Morice Wyatt, a veteran of the track. "It just makes me want to get up and cheer on my horse."

If you are interested in learning how to bet, you should visit "ABCs of racing for newcomers" located at the second floor. But you don't have to gamble.

"I always thought that horse racing was only for the gamblers," said Zach Batinic, a first timer. "I am not a gambler. I can't believe it would be so much fun to come and see the horse racing without losing my hard-earned money. I'm having a great time just watching horses."

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COLLEGE SURVIVAL GUIDE

Welcome to your nightmare: This ain't high school

By BEN OLSON
Staff Reporter

Walking into a college class for the first time can be intimidating. Torn away from the comforts and familiarities of high school, not knowing what to expect, will make anyone a bit nervous.

Many freshmen enter college thinking they know it all, or got it wired because they know somebody already here. It doesn't really matter though, because you will be on your own. And that's the key phrase. You are on your own.

Teachers calling home to say you were missing is a thing of the past. Progress reports, detention, and tip-toeing around sensitive issues may now be forgotten. When you walk into a college classroom you are there to learn and if you don't want to, no one is going to force you.

Of course, it's your money.

"High school was fun, and is important socially, but I don't feel I learned much," said Highline student Nancy Milsted. "I had to pay my way through college, so I became more responsible and valued my education more."

Many students coming to HCC might share Milsted's views. Without anyone to look out for you it becomes an issue of pride to see if you can get things done on your own. More importantly you will have to get things done on your own because no counselor, principal or other authority figure will be there to watch over you.

Your professors at college will treat you very differently then your teachers did in high school.

"You are respected more by your professors, instead of having your teachers being an authority figure," says David Best, who is attending summer classes at Highline.

College classes may take a little getting used to. But once you warm up to the waters, it can become rather comfortable. Classes last from 50 minutes to all day depending on when you take them. Seminars and telecourses are available, as well as opportunities to train for a great number of job fields.

One main difference in the college class is the syllabus. Most of your professors will hand you a page or two on your first day of class that outlines the rest of the quarter. It will contain test dates, due dates, and reading that will be required of you by a certain time.

While high school classes are broad and skim the surface of a subject, classes at Highline will be more informative and in depth, students say. Where you would take band or biology in high school, you now are signed up for classes with long names like Musical Cultures of World or Survey of Life Principles.

"The classes are less sugar-coated, and you learn more," says Best.

But you will have to work harder. "You will need to focus and study," said one professor. "No one slides by and gets a



Photo by David Yamamoto

Students say they have a lot to juggle while trying to get through college.

passing grade."

The differences between high school and college are drastic, but any good student can make the adjustment and let college work for them. There will be more homework, harder tests

and longer lectures but you are here because you want to be, not because you have to.

You most likely will be expected to juggle a job and a social life, not to mention some darn hard classes, but remem-

ber: These are supposed to be some of the happiest years of your life. Compared to high school, you're free.

"Having to pay made me more independent," says Milsted.

Student services await you all over campus

By MARTA PELAYO
Staff Reporter

So you're new to the school and don't know which way is up? Highline actually has a lot of places and people that can help.

•**Advising Office, Building 6:** This office develops the New Student Orientations that have

been dogging you all summer. Should you have missed these helpful seminars, you should head on down to the office and they will set you up with an academic advisor.

In addition, faculty advisers help guide you to your educational goals, whether they be transferring to a major university, or personal enrichment.

Faculty offices are buildings 5,9,11,15,18, 20.

•**Counseling Office:** Unlike high school, these counselors are not here to help plan your schedule. The Counseling Office deals with personal issues that may have become an obstacle to your education. Services from the center are free. Located in Building 6, upper level, ext. 3353.

•**Access Services for Disabled Students:** Unlike high school, where assistance is given to you automatically, here at Highline you have to request assistance and classroom accommodations. Building 6, upper level, ext. 3857.

•**Registration Office:** This is where you will add, change, and drop your classes.

Kay Balston, Director of Advising, recommends that students exercise the drop option if they are doing poorly or no longer attending a class.

Don't stall or hope that somebody notices your absence and withdraws you on your behalf. Nobody cares if you pass

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Highline College: The 1998-99 user's guide

College president is in Command

Command worked his way up the administrative ladder to president

By MARLA LEABO
Staff Reporter

Highline President Dr. Ed Command is enthusiastic about the college's future.

Command has been president since 1990 and he is unwilling to commit to how long he intends to be at the helm. He has many ideas and things he wants to accomplish before he steps down.

Command has deep roots here at Highline; his wife, Marge Command, has been a physical education instructor here for 35 years and he worked his way up the administrative ladder.

He has been at Highline since 1970 in a variety of different capacities: registrar and director of admissions, administrative assistant to the president, vice president, and finally, president.



Command

tion about the intricate workings of a community college system from every position I held," Command said.

Associates say Command is a very dedicated leader.

"He really knows the higher education system and he has the best interests of the students at heart. He loves to see them succeed," said Sandy Moser, the executive secretary to the president.

For 15 years, he has been working on improving the not-quite-positive image that two-year institutions have held.

Too many people think that if you went to a community college and transferred to a four-year university then there was

something inherently wrong with your education.

Command, as a graduate of Gray's Harbor Community College himself, feels very strongly about the valuable role community colleges play in higher education.

Command said he isn't solely responsible for all the improvements and upgrades at Highline under his leadership.

"I try to take credit for as little as possible; I try to get my ideas to come from someone else," Command said.

He works closely with the Board of Trustees in all decisions he makes. His contract was recently extended through June 20, 2000 at the July 9 Board of Trustees meeting.

"He is the best community college president in the state. He is a great public relations man," said Gerald Robinson, a long time board member.

Command describes his duties as president as, "a balance of both off-campus and on-campus demands so that both the public and the faculty get to see me."

One of the projects that Command speaks about enthusiastically is bringing Highline up to speed in this technology driven age.

"I want it to be clear that the technology improvements would be for information retrieval, applications, and communication—not games, which is a common misconception in the public," Command said.

Another project that Command has pushed hard to achieve was getting Central Washington University, where he received his master's degree, to permanently base its extended campus here at Highline.

Central is slated to open its doors here by the year 2000. Command thinks students will benefit tremendously from Central's presence here at Highline.

If you are interested in knowing more about the details of his strategic plans, check out the Highline home page and you'll find detailed lists and even Command's monthly schedule.

Study time

By YOUNG LEE
Staff Reporter

Successful students and instructors alike say good grades are a matter of hard work and having a plan.

"I am here to learn, not just to get some credits or a degree," said Cindy Steele, who graduated last June with a cumulative GPA of 3.99, the highest in her class.

"Students have to face challenges instead of running away from those," Steele said. "When I took a cell biology class at Highline which was the most difficult class for me, I did everything to understand the study materials."

For Steele, the number of hours she put into studying wasn't important. The key was to "study enough hours until I understood the materials," she said.

"Always prepare for a class you are taking. For instance, do your homework ahead of time before its due date. By doing this, you have enough time to make corrections on your homework if it's needed. Plus, you may eliminate of turning assignments late in case of your computer breaking down," Steele said.

"You've got to form a habit," said Bob Rigdon, a Highline instructor and learning disability specialist. He said he used to work many hours while he was in the college to support his family. "You can control your biological pattern by setting the habit. For example, if you set an alarm for 6 o'clock, it would be harder for you to get up several days, but after two weeks you don't even need the alarm to get up."

Whatever your habits, some sleep is essential, however. "I get enough sleep to release stresses," Steele said.

Rigdon also emphasizes the importance of attending a class.

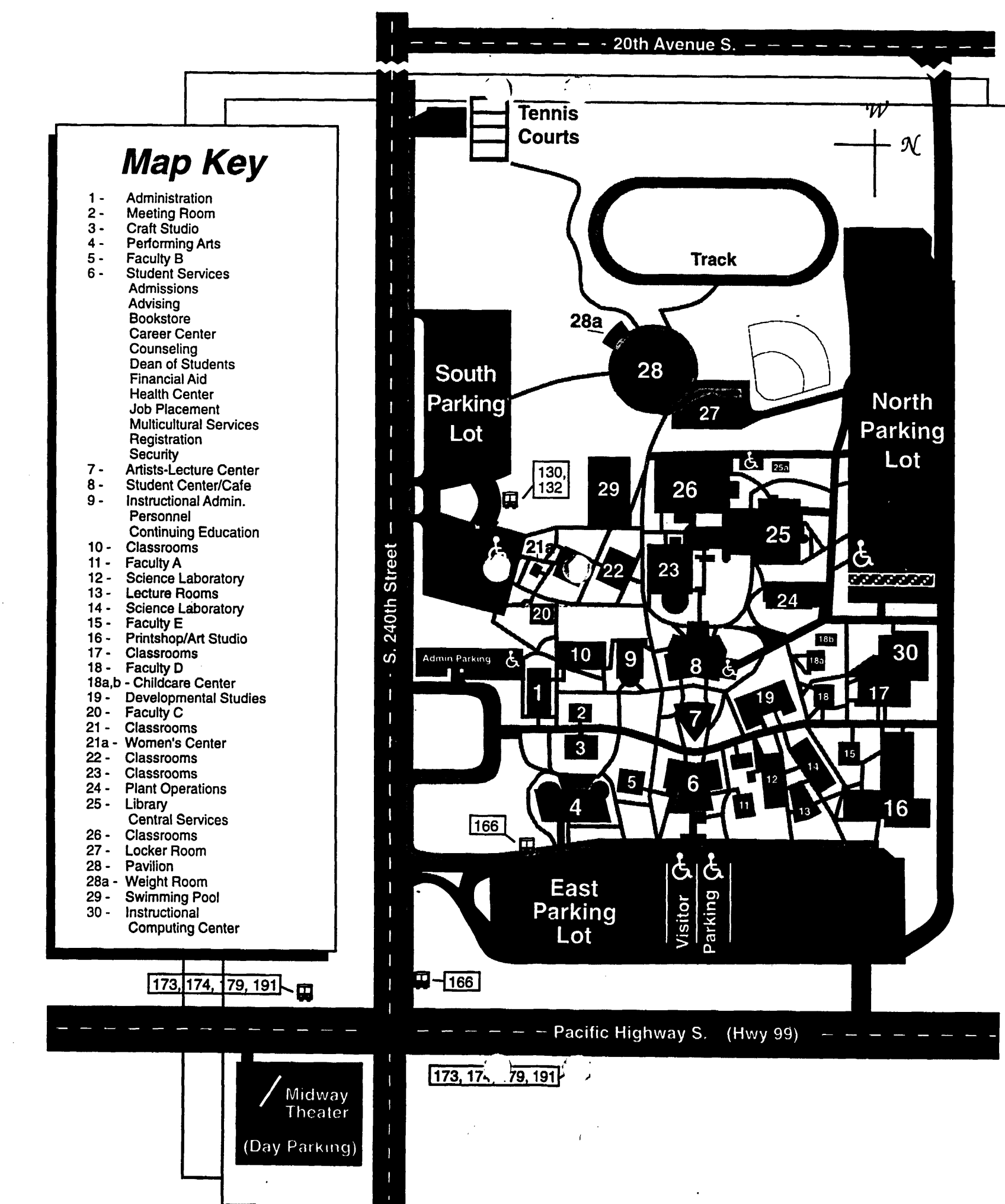
"Numerous researches show that there is more correlation between attendance and a good grade than number of studying hours and a good grade," Rigdon said.

Here are additional study tips from Rigdon and Steele.

Get syllabus from the instructor before the first day and study it. Next, go to the bookstore and check the readability

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- 1 - Administration
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- 4 - Performing Arts
- 5 - Faculty B
- 6 - Student Services
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- 32 - Childcare Center
- 33 - Developmental Studies
- 34 - Faculty C
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- 37 - Classrooms
- 38 - Classrooms
- 39 - Plant Operations
- 40 - Library
- 41 - Central Services
- 42 - Locker Room
- 43 - Pavilion
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- 46 - Instructional Computing Center



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or fail. Just drop the class or end up with a 0.0 on your transcript. You can do it by phone or in person. Building 6, lower level, ext. 3242.

*Career Services: This office has programs to help you make career decisions, find information about occupations, and teach job search techniques. There are also free handouts and

a resource library for you to do a job search on your own. Building 6, room 216, ext. 3350.

*Cooperative Education: Information on internship opportunities, very helpful for students who are undecided on their career goals. Some are paid, others are not. Building 19, room 107, ext. 3343.

*Student Employment Center: Information on work study jobs, off-campus jobs, and job listings. Building 6, upper level,

ext. 3217

*Workforce Training: A program to help dislocated and unemployed workers be retrained in new areas by enrollment in occupational programs. Building 19, room 107, ext. 3802.

Financial Aid Office: This one is very necessary if you are in need. Balston also recommends that students do NOT attempt to apply for financial aid alone because they WILL make mistakes! Building 6, upper

level, ext. 3358.

*Educational Planning: Siew Lilley from the center recommends that students take questions they have to the office drop-in, which is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

You can also make an appointment to see an adviser for more in-depth information. The best times to visit during the quarter are between the second and sixth week.

*Tutoring Center: The center has student tutors available to work with other students on a small groups basis. Building 19, room 206, ext. 3444.

*Reading and Writing Laboratories: Self-paced work to improve reading and writing skills. Building 19, Reading Lab, ext. 3943. Writing Lab, ext. 3308.

*Mathematics Laboratory: Pre-, beginning, and intermediate algebra as well as trigonometry are offered on a self-paced basis. Building 17, room 202.

*Women's Resource Center: A welcoming place for women making the transition back to school. They offer services such as academic advising, computer classes, job searches, and sexual harassment information. Building 6, lower level, ext. 3340.

*Child Care Center: An on-campus day care for student's children ages 18 months to 6 years old. Building 18A, ext. 3224.

*Parent's Place: Offers Workshops, lectures, support groups, community resources information and referrals, all to help families grow together in a nurturing and safe environment. Building 23, rm. 114, ext. 3030.

*Register for Student Services 100. This two-week, one-credit course teaches how to manage time, increase performance and study effectively.

Fall Quarter dates

Aug. 13- Tuition Due on or before this date
Sept. 21- First day of class

Sept. 23- Last day to add class w/o instructor's signature
Oct. 2- Last day to add a class w/ instructor's signature

Oct. 9- Last day to withdraw from classes without a "W" appearing on transcript

Oct. 9- Last day for change in line of decimal grade

Oct. 23- no classes

Oct. 9- Last day to

Nov. 11- veterans day
Nov. 25- Last day to officially withdraw

Nov. 26&27- Thanksgiving holiday
Dec. 8-11- Finals week (Check quarterly for class times)

Dec. 7-10- Bookstore textbook buyback 8 am to 7 pm (the table in front of bookstore)

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Parking tips for new students: Get here early, or walk

By BECKI STINSON
Staff Reporter

The hard part about Highline isn't class: It's parking.

Problem one begins when you start the process of getting a parking permit. You must fill out one of the forms on the counter outside of the Campus Security office in Building 6.

Next you wait in line to pay for the pass at the cashier's window, also located in Building 6. These lines are extremely long the first week of each quarter, especially Fall Quarter.

Of course you could get your pass before the first week of school and skip the long lines altogether.

Parking costs \$8 for six or more credits and \$5 for five credits and under per quarter. Cash, check, VISA, Discover, and Mastercard are accepted for payment.

After gaining your receipt, you must go back to the security office and stand in another long line. When it finally gets to be your turn, hand your completed form and receipt to the person behind the desk, who will issue you a pass.

Security gives students a first-week grace period before issuing tickets for no pass.

Veteran students suggest that, from your first quarter on, you would do well to purchase the next quarter's pass before the present quarter is over, thereby saving yourself the hassle of repeating the above procedure during that first busy week. You may also choose to purchase an annual pass for \$24.

Where does this pass authorize you to park?

There are three lots on campus: the east lot (the main en-

trance), the north lot (down by the Library), and the south lot (off of South 240th Street). You may park in any space NOT marked staff, reserved for car pool, visitor, or handicapped.

After 9 a.m. these lots fill up and you will probably need to park at the Midway Drive-In and cross the street to campus.

If you decide to park in any reserved space, Security will promptly ticket you. The fines have been \$5, but may increase to \$20 soon. If you park in a handicapped space after the fines increase, you will pay \$175 for your choice.

It could be to your advantage to participate in a car pool, which costs nothing for a pass and provides reserved parking at any time of the day. You must have at least one other person riding with you four days per week to qualify.

Unable to utilize a car pool because of your hectic schedule? Metro buses stop regularly in the south parking lot. A monthly bus pass costs from \$36 to \$63, depending on the time of day and the number of zones you travel through.

Parking problems at Highline are numerous so watch where you're goin' and be careful out there.

Welcome to the club: Highline has plenty

By HIEN TRAN
Staff Reporter

Want to get to know people who share interests like yours? Join a club.

Highline has more than 30 clubs operating during the regular school year. These clubs focus on a variety of subjects and different interests.

Kayleen Oka, assistant director of Multicultural Student Programs, said that she thinks clubs at Highline are in good shape.

"We have a strong student government and a strong leadership in Team Highline; both programs help clubs with advisory, scheduling events, training clubs' advisers and officers," said Oka, adding that she thinks clubs will be more active in the future with the help of the two groups.

The clubs cover a variety of topics. Some clubs help students with their majors, such as the National Student Nurses Association (NSNA), the Highline Artists Guild, Computer Club, and Interactive Multimedia Club. These clubs offer members help with skills, study tips, advice and even tutoring.

Some clubs focus on sports and activities like the Water Polo Club, Ping Pong Club, In-Liners Skating Club, and Outdoor Sporting Club.

Other clubs work to make the

campus and community a better place.

The H.E.A.R. (Helping hands, Educate, Advocate, Resource) club focuses on repairing the campus to make it more accessible and user friendly for disabled students.

The largest club on campus is the Phi Theta Kappa club, which has more than 250 members. Phi Theta Kappa recognizes and encourages outstanding two-year-college full-time students who have a 3.5 grade point average or better. Members of the club are eligible for a variety of two-year transfer and national scholarships.

The Vietnamese Student Association is the second largest club on campus with more than 80 members. "The club teaches members leadership skills, writing recommendation letters, and providing opportunities for members to improve their public speaking skills," said the club's former president, Han Dinh.

The AITP-Computer Club will "promote computer awareness on campus, obtain outside resources, network with others in the computer industries, promote camaraderie among students," said the club's adviser, Geoff Wennes.

These are just a few of the many active clubs on campus. Others include Asian Pacific Is-



File photo

Members of the Environmental Club sell plants to raise funds last spring.

landers, Astronomical Society, Black Student Union, International Club, Real Life, Japanese and American Friendship, and Veterans Club.

"Being part of a club, students can learn things that they can't learn from a classroom," Oka said. "These include leadership, communication, organization, being part of a group and making friends."

Students are welcome to come to the Club Fairs, which usually are held during the first two weeks of regular quarters (fall, winter, and spring) in Building 8. The next Club Fair

will be Sept. 24. Most campus clubs will have booths there to answer questions students may have.

Student government will create a Clubs' Corner at the cafeteria's room in Building 8 to help clubs exchange information with members. Clubs' Corner will have information for interested students.

If you cannot find a club that fits your interests, you can start your own. For the procedures and requirements, please contact the Student Programs office in Building 8.

"I'm enjoying the clubs; I

have lots of fun and the clubs help me improving my English," said Yumi Okuwaki who joined two clubs on campus.

Listen to Raul Sedano, former student government clubs liaison.

"Clubs are an excellent outlet for leadership and also for the development of skills necessary in the work-force. The involvement of students in clubs aids in the learning process as much as any curriculum. In my opinion, every student should be affiliated with at least one club for personal growth," Sedano wrote in a letter last year.

Here's some advice: Get yourself an adviser

By CLIFF ELDER
Staff Reporter

If you feel uncertain about your academic future, advisers at Highline can help direct you.

All full-time faculty members can also serve as advisers. College officials say new stu-

dents should first go through orientation in Building 6. During the orientation, you will get to identify an adviser in your field of interest.

Many students do not go through orientation and don't get the formal introduction to a faculty adviser, however.

Other potential sources of information including the Educational Planning Center in Building 6; school counselors, also in Building 6; the Women's Center, in Building 6; and the international students adviser upstairs in Building 8.

"First thing I recommend is to

talk to a faculty member in a specific field you are interested in," said business instructor J. Michael Cicero.

You should meet with your adviser every quarter to review your performance and course schedule.

Students mess up by follow-

ing a friend's advice or taking a class they think will transfer but doesn't. A faculty adviser can spot simple mistakes like these and correct them before they become big problems.

Cicero said that the most important thing is not to procrastinate in talking to your adviser.

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New coach optimistic despite changes

By Brian Lee
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's basketball team has a new head coach, former assistant Jeff Albrecht.

After back-to-back Northwest championships, you might think that Albrecht would feel pressure from the opening tip.

Ain't necessarily so. "There's no real pressure but I feel very anxious," he said.

Maybe because it's a brand new team with only four players returning from last year's championship team. The returning players include Gabe Ladd,

Shawn Madsen, Adam Enfield and Brian Guy. And those returning players will most likely be four out of the five starters for the duration of the season.

The rest of the roster will mostly include players recruited out of high school.

The already recruited players are Clayton Smith (Garfield), Tom Hubbard (Kentwood), Pat Elvidge (Bothell), and Brian Johnson (Mount Rainier). Johnson played at Lower Columbia last year, but is transferring closer to home.

The style of play won't change very much from

Callero's, Albrecht said. That means they will try to score efficiently on offense and stick to the pressure defense to try to create turnovers.

The major difference in the team is that Coach Albrecht won't have the leadership and skills of all-league players Quincy Wilder and Reggie Ball.

"We don't have Q (Quincy) and Reggie to bail us out, but we'll be very competitive," said Albrecht.

With the loss of those two players the Thunderbirds are going to have to find new ways to put points on the board.



Albrecht
create easier shots," said Albrecht.

For the team to three-peat as champions of the NWAACC is going to be a formidable and difficult task for the new coach, mainly because of the new cast.

Only four out of the nine teams in the division will make the playoffs and only two of those will make it into the final eight of the NWAACC.

That's not even considering their upcoming schedule, which includes the first three games at home and then a grueling nine straight games on the road.

Albrecht said he's keeping two spots open for walk-ons. If you think you have what it takes to make the basketball team open tryouts will be held during Albrecht's basketball P.E. class at 3:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday Fall Quarter.

Karl brings kids, fun to HCC

By Kevin Wintersteen
Staff Reporter

Basketball is going in the wrong direction, former Seattle Sonics head coach George Karl says, and he wants to do something about it.

Karl was at Highline Tuesday for his "Friends of Hoop" basketball camp.

Karl's former coach, ex-North Carolina Coach Dean Smith, "told me to give something back. I think the game has lost some of its soul," said Karl.

"Friends of Hoop" is a basketball camp started by Karl to use basketball as tool to instill positive life skills in kids.

"The whole thing is to give them an opportunity to succeed. Hopefully to give them a long life and a happy life," Karl said.

"You have players today not playing for the right reasons. Basketball gave me a commitment in school to work hard. Today you have high school players just using the game thinking they'll turn pro someday," he said.

Karl also spoke about his plans for the future.

"I'm going to try to be pa-



Photo by David Yamamoto

Former Sonic coach George Karl signs an autograph at the "Friends of Hoop" camp held Tuesday in the Pavilion.

tient. Financially I can wait; hopefully I can be patient emotionally," said Karl.

Karl appeared to be practicing that approach, as he made time to speak with everyone who came up to him.

Karl has worked together on a number of projects with Highline's assistant athletic director, John Dunn.

Karl said he didn't know whether Highline grad Quincy Wilder, two-time league

NWAACC Most Valuable Player, has a shot at the pros.

"I never got a chance to see him play in college, but he was a Division 1 player in high school," he said. Wilder will play at U.S.C. next year.

Hubbard brings height to HCC

By Beth A. Carroll
Staff Reporter

Tommy Hubbard is a versatile 6'6" post who will bring a boost of offense to the Highline men's basketball team.

"Hubbard will come in and give us some good minutes at the four or the five position," said first-year Head Coach Jeff Albrecht.

Hubbard was spotted by Albrecht after playing in the Highline summer league for high school teams. Hubbard signed a letter of intent to play for Highline halfway through his senior season at Kentwood High School.

"I was pretty much thinking two-year (college) all along, either that or Seattle Pacific University," said Hubbard.

Albrecht believes that Hubbard will make the transition to college well.

"Defensively Hubbard will have to guard the perimeter more than he did in high school against bigger and stronger guys, but offensively he has a nice inside and outside touch," the coach said.

After his two-year stay at Highline, Hubbard would like to transfer to a four-year school in Washington to further his education in the Sports Medicine field and to possibly play basketball.

"Right now my focus is on this year and to help the team in any way I can. I want Highline to continue to do what it has done the last two years," said Hubbard -- win the NWAACC championship.

Womens basketball gets makeover

By Brian Lee
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's basketball team has brought in a new face to co-coach alongside last year's assistant coach, Janelle Oakley.

Dennis Olson is the new co-coach, bringing with him experience as a coach, not to mention an attitude for winning.

Olson earned multiple championships at Auburn High School before coaching for Bothell High the past two years, taking the team to the state tournament both years.

"He was a legend and created a dynasty at Auburn," said Janelle Oakley.

Not only the coaching staff but also the team itself is going to have a new look with only six players returning from last year's team.

The returning players include Karen Nadeau, Kristi Duggan, Amie Johnson, Annette Goff, Amanda Echert, and Kelly O'Zey.

So far up to this point the new look of the team includes not having a six-footer to disturb the opposing offense and to grab boards, which only means

that the team is going to have to rely on another aspect of the game: quickness.

"Overall our game is going to depend a lot on quickness and speed. . . . One-hundred percent of the time it's going to be man-to-man defense," Oakley said.

Oakley and Olson have recruited five new players, with one spot still to fill.

With all the new players, the team could take some time finding the right chemistry, but Oakley says that isn't so.

"The girls are working hard and have been molding together as a team during the summer,"

she said.

Players and hopefuls started to get their feet wet this summer in open gym and most of the team has been involved in a summer league to be able to play better during the season.

Because of the significant changes in the team's lineup, there will also be noticeable changes in the team's playing style as compared to last year. The biggest changes will be defensive.

"Our defense is going to be more aggressive and we're going to look for fast breaks," said Dennis Olson.

High hopes for HCC wrestlers

By Beth A. Carroll
Staff Reporter

The Highline wrestling team has a strong possibility of representing the school at nationals once again.

Last season the team sent five wrestlers to the junior college nationals in Bismarck, N.D. Four of the five wrestlers who made it to Nationals will be returning: Adam Catterlin, Trevor Howard, Andy Clark and Jessie Barnett.

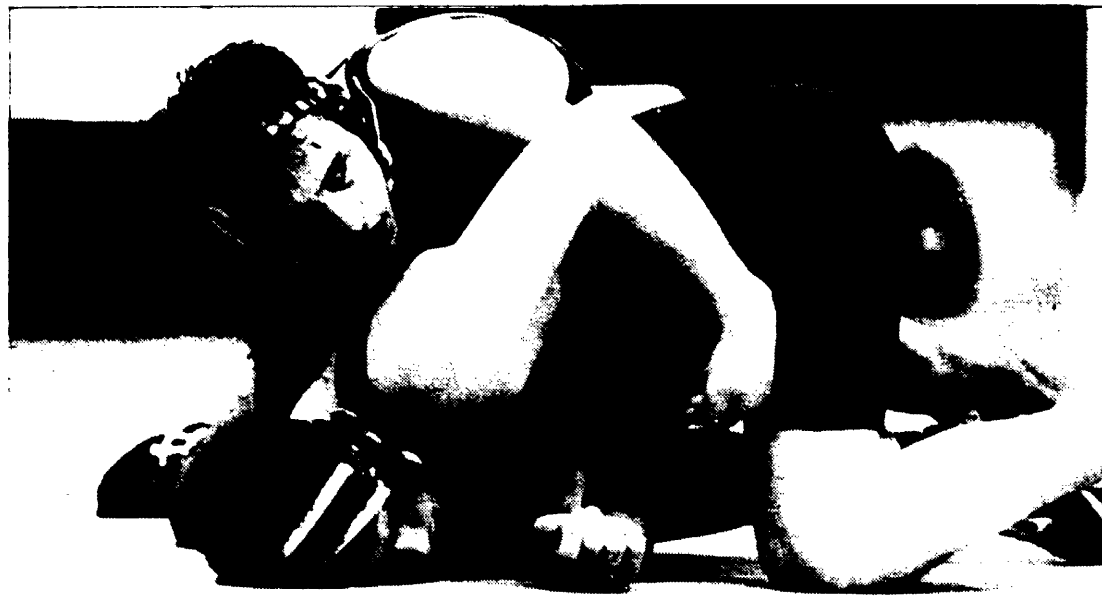
Nelson Crisanto is the only wrestler who qualified for Nationals who will not be back at Highline this season.

Both Howard and Catterlin are returning All Americans, regional champions and finished third and fourth respectively at nationals.

Howard was named outstanding wrestler of the region and Catterlin and Barnett both qualified for nationals.

Neither placed, but Assistant Coach John Clemens said "the experience they gained at nationals will help them tremendously."

The wrestling team certainly



File photo

Highline sent five wrestlers to nationals last year, and hopes to do as well this year.

racks up the miles during the season. They compete in the North West Region which includes, Idaho, Oregon, Colorado and Washington.

In order to qualify for nationals a wrestler must finish in the top three in his weight class at the North West Regional Tournament, which includes every team in the league.

The wrestling team consists of 10 weight groups ranging from 118 pounds to 275 pounds.

It is normal for the Highline wrestling team to start out with about 35 guys and end up with about 20.

"In recent years we've had pretty full teams, but we've had a harder time trying to fill the middle weights," said Clemens.

Wrestling begins the first day of school. It isn't the official starting date, but any wrestler interested in wrestling for Highline should plan on signing up for that class.

The Wrestling/PE 125 course, which meets Monday-Thursday 4:15-5:30 p.m., provides the opportunity for the wrestlers to get started on weight training, conditioning and starting out with basic moves. It also allows the coaches to see what they will have during the season.

This season there will be 12 returnees. "The practice room will be really competitive this year," Clemens said.

'Rippers' aim for breakthrough season

By Ryan Hinkson
Staff Reporter

The men's soccer team, A.K.A. "The Rippers," are back in full swing for this upcoming season.

Open tryouts start on Aug. 21 and last a week.

"I'm optimistic on the approaching 1998 season," said Head Coach Jason Prenovost.

The team has six returning starters: Jerry DiPietro, Mike Desimone, Dusty Richardson, Steve Mullinax, Koichiro Kikuchi, and Jeff Chamberlain to take the field this summer in hopes of improving on the rough ending to the 1997 season.

Last year the team started the season with an impressive 8-1-0 record, but fell short of playoffs finishing out with an 11-7-1

record.

Some new prospects to have an impact on the team include Michael Koo, mid-fielder; Jason Soyer, forward, who was one of the all-time goal scorers at Mount Rainier High School; Paul Lower; and Adrian Galaviz.

"These players are familiar with each other and should fit in well," Prenovost said.

"The main focus on the season is to make playoffs," said Assistant Coach Keith Paton.

Highline's men soccer team has not been in playoffs since 1988.

Highline kicks off the soccer season with a preseason game against Clark College Sept. 4. For more information call Jason Prenovost at 206-878-3710, ext. 3188, or Keith Paton at ext. 3473.



File photo

Soccer coach Jason Prenovost advises a couple of Rippers last season.

Volleyball welcomes fresh faces

By Beth A. Carroll
Staff Reporter

There aren't too many familiar faces on the Highline women's volleyball team.

However first-year head coach Shauna Sheppard plans on changing that, and quickly too. It is a violation of NWAACC rules for any official practices to begin before Aug. 21, but that doesn't include open gym.

"Myself and assistant coach Barb Borgen have opened up the gym twice a week for the girls to have the opportunity to get to know each other, on and off the court," said Sheppard. This year's team consists of one sophomore returnee and a lot of freshmen.

Nashonne Watkins is the only returnee, so far, from last year's team. A few of the freshman who are joining the team are Amy Streib from Kent-Meridian High School, Mariah Goodchild from Sumner, Michelle Bonoan from Evergreen, Annie Heintz from White River, and April Helmes from Foster.

The volleyball team has been completely rejuvenated this year, with a new coaching staff, new players, new equipment and uniforms and a new beginning.

"I am very focused on this year, but I am looking forward to building a good program for the years to come," said Sheppard.

Sheppard applied for the job the year before and was told by the Highline fastpitch coach that they were looking for someone again.

Sheppard played both volleyball and softball at Pacific Lutheran University. She was the sophomore head coach at Kentwood High School one year after her own graduation and has been the Kent Junior Olympic coach since.

"This year I expect 110 percent from the girls and for them to play with respect for the game and each other, if we do that things should fall in place and we will definitely be on track to making it back to the top," said Sheppard.

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Tukwila: small town feel, big metropolis fun

By Kevin Wintersteen
Staff Reporter

Out of money but not out of time? How about a weekend in Tukwila?

Don't discount "The land where the Hazelnuts grow." It has many things the usual tourist destinations would never dream of having. Think about it, there is Southcenter Mall, the rendering plant, the sewage treatment plant, and the Deja Vu, just to name a few tourist sights.

And Tukwila Mayor Wally Rants wants you to come visit his "small town."

"Tukwila is a small town with a very large industrial core," said Rants.

Most of Tukwila used to be wetlands until around 1940 when it was rezoned and the clearing of land began. Back then most of the valley was filled with vegetation and wildlife; now it's just filled with concrete and strip malls.

Mayor Rants is trying to make up for some of the city's past misdeeds. Most people at first glance miss Tukwila Pond. It's the seemingly untouched lake hidden behind the Target store on Strander Boulevard.

"I put together a public-private partnership. The city bought the land and the business's built the park," said Rants. It's actually a very nice park if you manage to find it sandwiched between the strip malls.

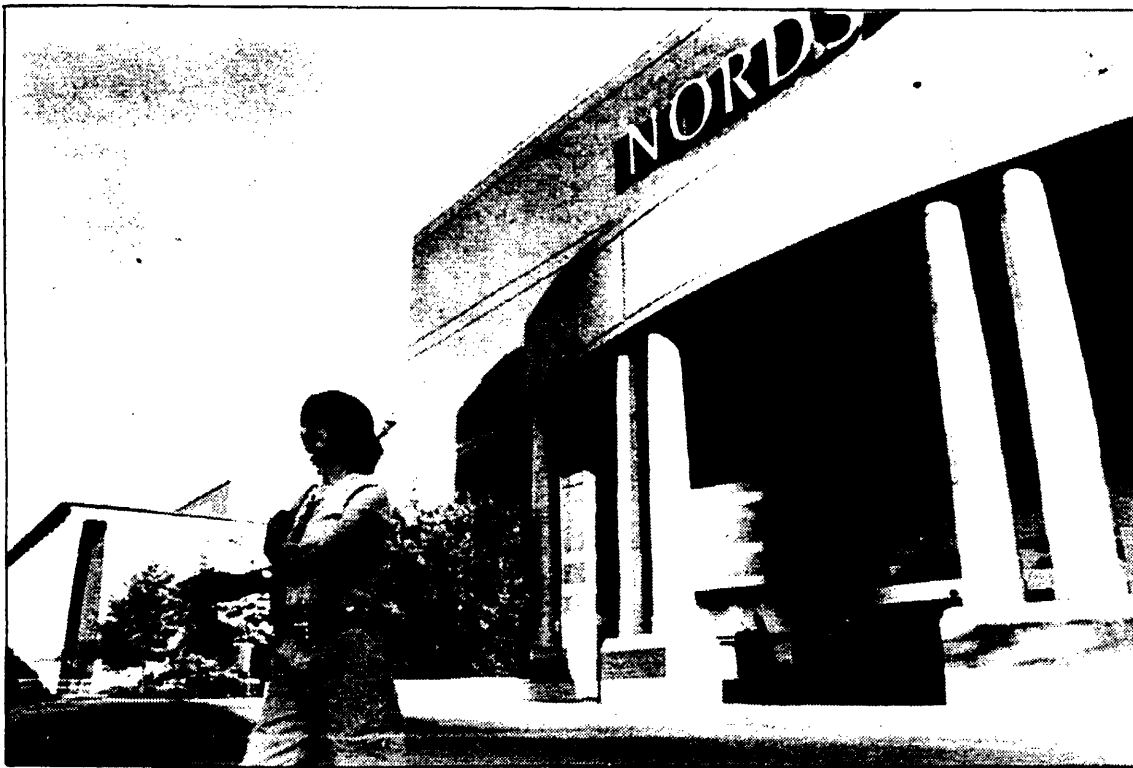


Photo by David Yamamoto

Another satisfied shopper prepares to leave Tukwila.

On the other side of the street is the famous Southcenter Mall. The mall always offers a festive atmosphere, with many fine shops to browse through from Nordstrom for the Normandy Park resident to Hot Topic for the people with piercings you can't see. The mall has something for just about everyone. And if you're still young enough, you can hang outside the mall smoking cigarettes without looking like a complete schmuck.

Farther down Strander, be-

fore you cross the bridge, the riverside park offers a beautiful greenbelt through the business district. If you bring a rod and reel one of the many hobos who fish along the river banks is sure to tell you the best spots to hook a three-eyed trout.

But fish aren't what makes this giant of a metropolis run.

"I'd like to maintain the city's economic viability, family wage jobs, and enhance ethnic diversity," Rants said.

The mayor is also trying to improve the low income hous-

ing throughout the city. "We have far too many calls to the police from multifamily housing," said Rants.

To combat this drain on services the city has begun to train apartment managers on how to screen applicants more thoroughly.

All this from a mayor who is dramatically underpaid, and knows it.

"The job pays \$30,000 a year and I work around 60 hours a week."

The mayor has asked the

City Council for a raise, but "they told me, 'Wally, you already know more than the rest of us, we don't want to pay you more, too,'" said Rants. It does make you wonder about a town that pays its mayor less than most managers at McDonald's.

There is also that pernicious problem with the highways dissecting the city. Berlin only had one concrete line dividing the town, Tukwila has two.

After all these exciting sights you'll probably be famished, but where to go? Well, the obvious choices are here: McDonald's, Burger King, and Taco Time, but they tend to be fairly expensive.

The best deal for the frugal traveler would be Dumpster diving at Red Robin. But in a pinch Taco Bell will do. Besides making the Third World's staple diet en vogue, most Bells are open all night, too. Just in case you get a taco craving at 3 in the morning, there's no need for your wallet; the loose change in your pocket could feed you for a week.

Now that you've seen what there is to see, and filled your belly, there'll be one last thing you'll be looking for: a road out of town. The good news it only takes 10 minutes in any direction and you'll be seeing Tukwila in your rear view mirror. Unfortunately, it also means you'll likely be staring at one of the lovely 'burgs of Renton, Kent or SeaTac straight in the face. Happy traveling.

Des Moines Food bank aids families in crisis

By Beeki Stinson
Staff Reporter

The holiday season really is like Christmas at the food bank; concerned people remember it and bring contributions.

But the need for donations goes on throughout the year, Des Moines Food Bank officials say.

"Students, as well as classified staff unions, did a holiday food drive that gathered a tremendous amount of food last year," Highline Public Relations Director Virgil Staiger said.

But the food bank faces a big drop in donations after the holidays are over.

"Phenomenal," Des Moines Food Bank Director Marilyn Orris said. "We have the greatest need during the summer months while school is out. The kids no longer receive free lunches every day."

The Des Moines Food Bank has occupied the lower level of the United Methodist Church on the corner of South 223rd and 9th since 1969.

Orris has been co-director

since 1983. In 1995, Susan Scarvie stepped in to help as co-director and the two have been working together ever since.

The need for help is great. The food bank serves 600-700 families once per month with enough groceries for seven days. If a family is in crisis and needs additional help, they will give another three days worth of supplies.

Orris said they used to mostly serve the unemployed and those on welfare, but "now we're seeing the working poor."

The food bank asks for a minimum of information from recipients. They need verification of the number of family members (Social Security cards for each one), and the current address (a current utility bill and envelope with address visible on it).

They keep no written records other than the dates you come in for service. After getting your "pass" you receive bags of food previously sorted and packaged for 1-3 members or 4-7 members. If there are more than seven in a family, they give one ad-

"You always come away from this type of experience with a lot more than you give."

--a food bank volunteer

ditional bag of food. They also give referrals to other agencies when the need arises, such as the Salvation Army for help with electric bills.

The food bank has approximately 200 volunteers: some drive to pick up donations at local grocery stores, some greet clients and check them in, and some sort and package the food for pickup.

They handle an enormous amount of food. They have purchased five refrigerators and four freezers, all of them commercial size and quality.

They are currently scouting the area for a new, larger location.

The arrangement has been convenient for a long time, but the food bank has outgrown the

facilities. When they find a new place they will have to begin paying rent as well as all the utilities, which they now share with the church.

The food bank also is seeking volunteer drivers.

"We need more drivers to relieve burnout the current drivers are experiencing," Orris said. "The majority of our drivers are retired, with some of them 80 years old. They are physically exhausted when they leave here after four hours."

Some local high school students fulfill their community service requirements at the food bank, but officials have stopped allowing court-ordered community service people to work it off there.

Orris said that too many of

them don't fulfill the service hours they are sentenced to do. They become verbally abusive when the director refuses to sign their court papers. Welfare recipients volunteering their time may be able to get credit towards Work First requirements while attending school full-time.

Charlie Bengelut, a church member for 36 years, is referred to as their "official harasser." In reality, he helps repair the fence where cars back into it trying to leave the parking lot.

"Without Charlie, and people like him, we'd go insane around here," Orris said.

Students at Highline that live in Des Moines, SeaTac, and Tukwila may use the food bank as needed, or any students can volunteer to help out when you can.

"You always come away from this type of experience with a lot more than you give," an unidentified volunteer stated.

The food bank can be reached at 206-878-2600 and is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. until noon.

McCune and Schal-Berke race heats up

By Sarah Spoor
Staff Reporter

State Rep. Jim McCune and Shay Schual-Berke don't disagree on much, at least on the surface.

The one-term Republican incumbent and his Democrat challenger will face each other for the right to represent the 33rd District Position 1 in the State Legislature this fall.

The two candidates appear to agree on a lot, although probably neither would admit it.

Both say they're for education. Both oppose the proposed third runway at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

McCune runs a small fishing business.

"Owning a successful small business for over 30 years has taught me the advantages of

hard work and the importance of responsibility, and accountability," McCune said.

"Also, being a member of the majority party in the State House can make it possible for me to get the support needed to pass bills and get hearings on issues."

"I believe education should be a top priority," he said. "We need to find adequate funding for two-year colleges now through the future to meet the demands of upcoming student enrollment."

The proposed third runway is



McCune

an issue concerns each candidate.

McCune lives under the proposed third runway and is concerned about increased air pollution and the contamination of the aquifer. "I will reintroduce legislation to make the Port accountable and help solve these problems."

Physician Shay Schual-Berke is a member of the board of Highline School District.

She said that her experience on the school board has shown her that Olympia is where more opportunities exist for her to make decisions benefiting her district.

Education and health-care are the two areas that most concern Schual-Berke.

Acknowledging that the Democrats may not retake the majority in the State House,

Schual-Berke noted that on any single issue she could find herself aligned with either side.

"There are appropriate roles for members of both the majority and minority parties," said Schual-Berke.

Schual-Berke noted that the third runway is an issue she has a lot of experience with, being on the ACC (Airport Communities Coalition) executive board and being the Highline School Board's representative on airport affairs.

"This is not just a NIMBY (not in my backyard) issue," said Schual-Berke. "The Port of Seattle has underestimated mitigation costs."

"We have to question any large government agency with that much power," she said. "Look at the Federal government's history with Hanford."

Patterson faces kingly challenge

By Ben Olson
Staff Reporter

State Sen. Julia Patterson, D-33rd district, faces a challenge from a political unknown in this fall's election.

Wayne Erickson, 46, perhaps best known as a walking landmark on the streets of Des Moines, has filed as a Republican. But Erickson also says he is the messiah, in the midst of fulfilling Roman Catholic prophecy despite opposition from communists.

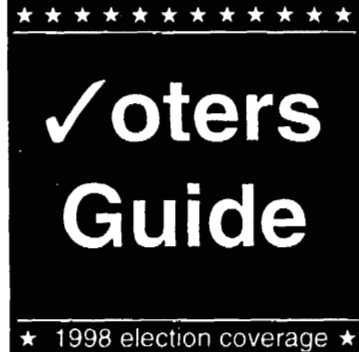
Erickson is frequently seen walking around his neighborhood in Des Moines, where he volunteers at St. Philomena Catholic Church.

Erickson has the foundations of a GOP candidate: very religious, anti-abortion, supportive of less government.

In 1973, Erickson graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in business administration. A short two years later is when he says he stood on the steps of St. Phil's in Des Moines with Jesus and dictated a letter to the priest with Jesus, thus fulfilling Roman Catholic prophecy.

His opponent, incumbent Julia Patterson, has been serving the public since becoming an original city of SeaTac council member. While in Olympia as a senator, she says she has been a voice for public education, growth management, and child care assistance.

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Editors note: Washington state's primary elections will be held on Sept. 15 and will include races for U.S. House and Senate, State Legislature, State Supreme Court, and other judicial offices.

There are no statewide measures included in the primary elections. Statewide measures and initiatives will be voted on in the General Election on Nov. 3.

Election campaign in full swing



Photo By David Yamamoto

Signs for candidates in the 33rd district are starting to stack up along First Ave.

Smith defends seat in Congress against three Republicans

By Bill West
Staff Reporter

This fall four candidates are running for the Ninth District representative to the U.S. Congress. Incumbent Democrat Adam Smith from Kent, Republican Ron Taber from Olympia, Republican Keith Peterson from Sumner and Republican Randy Bell of Summit.

The Ninth District consists of parts of King, Pierce, and Thurston counties.

Adam Smith, a one time prosecuting attorney for the city of Seattle, has a balanced budget and fiscal responsibility as his number one cause.

"We need to stick to the track," said Smith concerning the five year budget plan which he endorsed. Recently Smith signed onto a bill for campaign finance reform.

Protecting Social Security is also high on the congressman's

list. He points to a cessation of borrowing from the program as well as re-vamping it for better returns as the keys to lock down its preservation.

Smith says he's concerned with the people in the district and describes himself as having an "instinctive interest" in politics and as a lifelong King county resident.

Being a minority in congress is not a problem for Smith.

"I've gone out of my way to show that I'm not just a partisan hack," said the representative.

Raised on a cattle ranch in Eastern Washington, Ron Taber sees expansion inland as the solution to many of the Ninth District's problem issues from the



Smith

proposed third runway at SeaTac airport to the overcrowding of the I-5 corridor.

"We don't want to create another Southern California in the Puget Sound Area," Taber said, adding that he plans to make this an issue in the next election.

Taber, who has a BA in History and a Ph.D. in American Studies states that an ultimate achievement would be to improve the educational system. "Our whole future is dependent on how we educate our children," Taber said.

Top of the charts for Taber is the saving of Social Security benefits.

For Republican Keith Peterson

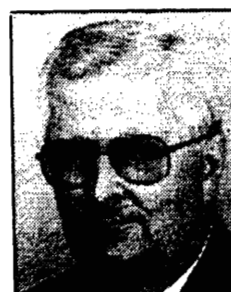


Taber

his agenda. Peterson is committed to push for a national sales tax with no tax on food to accommodate for the poor, in place of federal income tax.

Having a University of Washington economics degree, 25 years experience as a business owner, and several years experience in local politics, Peterson says he'd like to "change the way we're doing business back in Washington."

Peterson hopes to change the way business is done concerning the subsidization of agricultural industries like tobacco, peanuts, and wheat. Peterson supports the sale of products at their true cost, and allowing the



Peterson

markets to adjust themselves.

Randy Bell says he's impressed with the way the economy has been booming since the Republicans took control of the Congressional majority in 1994 and is looking forward to making contributions that further their efforts.

The 30-year Puyallup resident says that not changing but adding to the Republican agenda is what our economy needs to continue recovery.

"I have a social need to help people," said Bell after a 20-year involvement in politics. Therefore, running a close second to the economy is the reinforcement of the family. "Family togetherness," said Bell, "makes this country great." Endorsing after-school programs and financial incentives for companies with in-house day care, the candidate, would ultimately see the deficit erased for the future of the children.

Incumbents get competition in the 30th district

By Becki Stinson
Staff Reporter

Six people have filed in the election race for the 30th Legislative District.

Two are opposing each other for State Senate, three are vying to fill retiring Rep. Tim Hickel's seat, and one is running unopposed.

State Sen. Ray Schow, a Republican, is a resident of Federal Way. He is married and has seven children. He owns and operates an all-night printery.

Schow belongs to numerous organizations, including Auburn/Federal Way Chamber of Commerce and the King County Council's Citizens Advisory Council.

He was first elected to the Senate in 1993 and is currently assigned to the Ways and Means Committee, Human Services and Correction, and he chairs the Committee on Commerce and Labor.



Schow

Schow is being opposed by Tracey J. Eide, a Democrat born and raised in south King County. She is married to her high school sweetheart and they have two children. Her family has resided in Federal Way for the past 16 years.

Eide is a field representative for U.S. Congressman Adam Smith. She served the 30th District as a State Representative from 1993-95. She was instrumental in obtaining funding for Highline's on-site daycare center and the new library at GRCC.

Eide has been a PTA leader and a "dedicated school volunteer for more than a decade." She has received two Golden Acorn Awards and a Service Award for her volunteer work in education.

Running for state representative, Position One is Skip Priest, former mayor of Federal Way and a Republican. He served on the Federal Way City



Eide

Council and finished up his term as mayor in January.

"I'd like to go to work to see what I can do to remove some of the burdens state government regulations and our tax laws inflict on the small business owner," Priest said. "The B&O Tax in particular, must be re-examined. It makes absolutely no sense that business owners should be paying taxes to the state while at the same time borrowing from their savings or retirement to make payroll."

Priest plans to work toward stronger schools, less taxes, safer streets, and healthy businesses.

Ann Murphy, Republican, is also running for Position One. She is married with two children. "As the family goes, so goes the nation," she said.

Murphy is president of the Federal Way School Board and is therefore the only candidate with the advantage of understanding educational issues



Priest

from an active local perspective. She has served on the board for the past five years.

She is a CPA with a BA in Business Finance and a BS in Accounting. She is a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

Murphy received the Woman of Distinction Award from the Soroptimist International of Federal Way in '96 and was a Federal Way News All Star Citizen in '95.

She is a board member and Vice-Chair of the Federal Way Noon Kiwanis Club. She serves as Youth Services Chair.

Mark Miloscia is running as a Democrat for position one wants to ensure that "we have good schools, safe neighborhoods, and a responsible solution to our transportation crisis. Most importantly, I believe that we need to reduce government's size and make it more accountable to the people that it serves."

He served as a pilot in the Air Force and is currently the Com-



Murphy

mercial Services Director for Goodwill, is Commissioner of the Lakehaven Utility District, is Director of the Federal Way Community Caregiving Network, and belongs to numerous other organizations.

Miloscia graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy with a BS in engineering in 1980. He graduated from the University of North Dakota with an MBA and from Chapman University in '90 with an MA in Clinical Psychology.

Running unopposed for State Representative, Position Two, is Maryann Mitchell.

As a Republican incumbent her focus is on "state dollars for school construction."

She is Vice-Chairwoman of the Legislative Transportation Policy and Budget Committee, is acting Chairwoman of the Republican Caucus until November, and she serves on the Criminal Justice and Corrections and the Capital Budget Committees.



Miloscia

Patterson

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Sen. Patterson believes that Washington's public schools are experiencing a "brain-drain" due to the fact that we are not competitive enough in the way we pay our teachers or part-time faculty.

Patterson has been an advocate to do away with our system of levying the school districts every two years, in favor of setting up an investment plan in

which the profits and interest would go to our schools.

Erickson also believes in supporting our teachers, along with Native Americans and farmers. Then again he also believes that he has been poisoned, "guled," and shot by a "laser sniper rifle," all thanks to the communists.

Erickson has been out of work for nearly a decade, mainly due to his mental breakdown and he now lives off social security. If you're wondering if you are electing another career poli-

tician by voting for Wayne, don't worry.

"I see myself as the next King of the United States, but by then the United States won't exist, so I'll be president from the Mississippi over (to the Pacific)," said Erickson.

Sen. Patterson, however, believes our political system is fine without a king, and adds "Our system of government is great, but it will only work if everyone participates and goes out to vote. We all have a responsibility to vote."

Keiser, Ross to face off

By Ben Olson
Staff Reporter

Karen Keiser is up for reelection in the 33rd District State House Position 2, but Bob Ross is out to challenge.

Ross, a Republican who resides in Des Moines, is a husband, a father, and unlike most legislators in Olympia has sent his kids to public schools.

Keiser is one of very few

Democrats to have legislation pass. "It is highly unlikely that we (Democrats) will be in the minority again by November," Keiser said.

Ross, who works as a commission salesman, focuses on the central theme of family and young people. "Many of the things I have been blessed with; a home, vacations, good job, may not be available to our kids and that concerns me," Ross said.

Keiser focuses, along with education, on her role on the Financial Institution Committee where she works to regulate businesses such as insurance companies and banks. She has been supported by the AFL-CIO, a prominent labor union.

"We have to improve our education (system) to improve our future," said Keiser who is a Board of Trustees member at HCC and works on the education committee in the State House.



Ross



Keiser

I-200

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Nick Steer.

"We need to at the very least, overhaul affirmative action, at the very most abolish it," student Sean Judy said.

Those who are against I-200 say that our state has not yet outgrown the need for Affirmative Action programs.

"There are still people being discriminated against and they need their rights protected," said one anonymous student.

Despite the majority's opposition to I-200, almost half of the students surveyed said that Affirmative Action programs result in less opportunities for some people. Only 21 percent were undecided.

"In some situations it seems employers are more concerned with filling their race quotas rather than finding good em-

ployers," said an anonymous student.

Some students went on to say that this in turn reduces the quality of the work force.

In addition 46 percent of those surveyed disagreed with the statement "Past discrimination in our country needs to be made up for by giving preference to blacks and other minorities in hiring, promoting and admission to college." Only 38 percent agreed with the statement and 16 were undecided.

I-200 will be voted on in the General Election on Nov. 3. Other statewide initiatives and measures include:

♦ Initiative 688: This measure would increase the minimum wage for workers over 18 years from \$4.90 to \$5.70 and would go into effect Jan. 1, 1999. It would increase the following year to \$6.50 and would be annually adjusted according to statewide inflation.

♦ Initiative 692: This measure would permit the use of marijuana for certain terminal and debilitating conditions, however non-medical use of the drug would still be prohibited.

♦ Initiative 694: This measure prohibits the death of a fetus during birth except when the mother's life is at risk.

♦ Referendum Bill 49: An act that would reallocate motor vehicle excise tax and general fund resources for the purpose of providing transportation funding, local criminal justice funding, and tax reduction.

♦ Public Advisory regarding the Tacoma Narrows bridge project to build a parallel bridge to the existing bridge. The project would be paid for primarily by a toll fee on bridge traffic. However state funding is being requested to reroute traffic during construction.

Staff Reporter Hien Tran contributed to the story.

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Initiative-200 ballot title:

Shall the government be prohibited from discriminating or granting preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin in public employment, education, and contracting?

Fees

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ing and direct it elsewhere, the lab would be left hanging.

He also said that Initiative 601 has limited the ability of schools to levy new fees, so if existing fees are discontinued, they cannot just be reimplemented.

Wrye said that he feels the present system of students paying relative to their use of the computer lab seems unfair.

Some students pay three or four computer lab fees per quarter, depending on the number of classes they register for that make use of the lab.

"Student fees are set by the president's staff on the recommendation of the Instruction Cabinet and Student Services Cabinet, not by my office," Wrye said.

Students say the current system of displaying individual computer lab passes is not preventing students who don't pay the fee from using the ICC. But there is no plan to incorporate a new method at this point.

"I realize the current system isn't perfect," Wrye said, "but it is a vast improvement over what we had before, which was basically no enforcement at all. No matter what you do, people will try to cheat the system."

Some students have complained that, even when their class has paid for lab use, the teacher isn't utilizing it. In these cases, you can submit your complaint, in writing, to the department head, who in turn will submit it to Tim Wrye for a refund.

If your classes do make use of the lab, the fee may in fact be fair. That \$25.50 is covered in using the lab a mere two times.

The estimated student fee income is \$115,000, while the permanent budget allotted by the college is \$99,000 annually. There is still a \$51,000 deficit between lab expenses and lab income, so these lab fees are vital to continuing to run the ICC, Wrye said.

Highline already has an appropriation from the state Legislature to build an addition to Building 30. This addition should open in either Fall 2000 or Winter 2001.

Highline continues to upgrade computer system

By Hien Tran
Staff Reporter

Highline's computer system is fairly up-to-date, according to Tim Wrye, Computer Center director.

"At least in Building 30, we are not far behind in [computer] technology," he said.

Highline is installing 80 new computers campus wide for faculty and staff, evenly distributed. All of these computers will be Pentium II 233 Mhz computers from Hewlett Packard. These new machines will be ready by Fall Quarter.

Half of these computers will go to faculty and instruction staff. The other half will split between students services and administration staff in Building 1 and Building 6.

Highline also installed 28 new

Macintosh computers in the Macintosh Lab in Building 30. These machines are G3 250 Mhz, which is Apple's new line of personal computers.

According to Wrye, Highline will upgrade its server room and install new network switches which will increase the network bandwidth for faster and therefore better networking. The college will also upgrade its network wires in the third floor for better management, more reliable and easier maintenance.

Highline will cascade old computers to other uses within the college as long as they are still usable. After that they will be sent to state surplus.

Although Windows 98 is hot, Highline is not ready for it yet.

"We are evaluating the software but don't have any plan to move to it," Wrye said adding that Highline will wait until

signed to help poor students.

By law, if you're working 20 hours a week in paid employment, child care is paid for. But work-study, by law, can only be 19.5 hours a week.

"When Gov. Locke implemented this it was supposed to be flexible," said Rhodes.

The mother of Washington state's welfare reform, State Rep. Suzette Cooke of Kent, says the program wasn't meant to punish recipients, including students.

Cooke is the author of the new law and says that WorkFirst was developed with flexibility in mind. The state administers the program through six governmental regions throughout the state. Each region has the authority to develop its own system, based on the region's unique needs.

Cooke acknowledges that the program needs "fine-tuning," notably in the field of education.

"Let's make the welfare experience parallel the real-world," Cooke said, adding that other people have to work and figure out child-care dilemmas, and don't always get to complete degree programs as quickly as they'd like to.

"This mitigates 'transition shock,' which has been one factor in the recidivism of the welfare recipient," Cooke

all of the compatibility problems and bugs in the software are fixed.

Highline's network security is also considered safe from computer crimes. There is no serious threat or concern about Highline network security system, Wrye said. "I think our network is pretty safe," he said.

In only one incident in the past year has someone tried, unsuccessfully, to shut down the entire network.

Highline does not directly benefit from the lower prices on computer products, Wrye said. The reason is that Highline only upgrades its computers when there is a need to do so. Highline constantly bargains for prices with RDI, the vendor that has the statewide contract to buy new computers for community colleges, to get the lowest prices possible, Wrye said.

said.

Last week Gov. Locke announced \$37.4 million of new aid would be allotted to help welfare recipients who need child care.

The DSHS "Survey of existing clients report" found that only 5 percent of welfare recipients were provided financial aid from their employers for child care.

The students press ahead. Mayone Feller, mother of an infant boy, is going to school full-time working toward her AAS in Paralegal studies.

"They've told me if I don't go back to work by the time my son turns a year old they will cut my grant money. It doesn't make sense, those of us willing to go to school to improve ourselves are being told to go back to work," she said.

"I couldn't handle a job, child, and full load here at the same time. And because I'm not working they don't pay for child care, so that comes out of my grant money, too," she said.

Most welfare recipients at Highline will tell you that they're trying to get their degree and get off public assistance as soon as they can.

"I'm just trying to get a good job and off of welfare as fast as possible," said Feller.


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