Welfare reform squeezes students

By Kevin Wintersteen and Becky Stinson

Staff Reporters

George Karl does Des Moines

George Karl, former head coach for the Sonics as well as one of晋山的看护 pneumonia in the Associated in Applied Science degree for the college in the field of Interactive Media Production, she was called Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or WorkFirst, replacing the old AFDC Program (Aid for Families with Dependent Children). This welfare-to-work program places a heavy emphasis on immediacy to find work, work, work. People applying for assistance have up to four weeks to find work. This change, in turn, has caused students to seek off public assistance for some students at Highline receiving live and support their children. The study says they want degrees that will make them enough money to

I-200 aims at Affirmative Action

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Police reserves train on Highline grounds

By W. Howard West Jr.
Staff Reporter

"It's a wonderful opportunity for some to learn 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 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 $755 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-pint 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 patrol 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 Lebo
Staff Reporter

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 Nsamukaka, a business law major.

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

"It's not a good subject for me," said Noble 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 did 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.

"If I don't have to take any for my major, because if there's a list, 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," one student said.

When students get around 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 degree.

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 nicer," 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 tutor will connect with the student," Brooks said.

"Students, tutors, 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 tutor 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 letter 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 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 confining 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 receive 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. Retain, no more than one copy in your wallet.

There are also forms for students who are disqualified for financial aid and want to fill out a petition.
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 portrayal 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 those 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 educational burden on 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 further 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 by 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.

Mark J. Konots
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Debate misses the point of education

Dear Editor:

While I'm an iconoclast by nature, I'd like to take this opportunity to address 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...uh, 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, 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 indispensable 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) appears on campus merely to suit a handful of feeding 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 avoid ignorance and stagnation, 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, and 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 apologize to those I may have offended -I'm sorry I felt compelled to write this piece in the first place.

Mark J. Konots
Highline Student

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.

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**Save some dough: Rent it**

By Ryan Hinkson  
Staff Reporter

Instead of sitting there channel surfing and waiting for something to come on, go rent a movie. To start you 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 rental. 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 Rosseau West N.E. Seattle, or call 206-524-8554.

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**H20 drowns**

By Ben Olsen  
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 30 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 logged down with information known to true horror buffs.

In trying to appeal to masses, Halloween: H2O has let down the horror film cliche 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 Josh Hartnett, Michelle Williams (Dawson's Creek) display sheer terror in their character. Hartnett, who plays Curtis' son and makes his film debut, and Michelle Williams (Dawson's Creek) who does a great job as Hartnett 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 2/3 minutes of your time. However, if you must see it, go to a matinee and don't be shy about asking for a refund.

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**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 obnoxious 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 pushy, homocentric damsel girl and the rest of the girl's "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 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.
Cool J caps hot show at Summer Jam '98

By Marta Pelayo

The rest of the line-up included smaller acts like Syk-E-Fine, who performed their only popular song, the sex-laden "Romero 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 dune partner in his hit, "Are You Still Down?" Jon B. rejuvenated a wailing 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 his hit, "Anytime" and "One Last Cry.

If Jon B. and Brian McKnight had presence, then LL Cool J owned the stage. The audience quickly forgot 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 Lov-ice", "Do It.")

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

Women tossed brass and pasties 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.

Bet you'll have fun at E-Downs

By Cliff Elder

You can enjoy horse racing, picnicking, and good dining all 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 the tracks begins every half hour. During the weekends, racing starts at 1 p.m. with about 8 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, ABC's 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 trampline located at the north of the grandstands is also for the children to play.

A large grass area surrounding the trampline is best suitable 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 is free.

Festival returns with more

By Chris Russell

Set out your umbrellas and get ready to dance, enjoy the atmosphere of 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, Bumbershoot 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-served 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, Alternatives, Fortissere, 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, magicians, puppetry, dance and kids plays. The Dog and 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.
Welcome to your nightmare: This ain't high school

By BEN OLSCN
Staff Reporter

Walking into a college class for the first time can be intimidating. Turn 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 get it wired because they know somebody already there. 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 because no counselor, principal or other authority figure will be there to watch over you.

Your professors at college will treat you very differently than 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.

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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 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 advisors 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. 3357.*

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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College president is in Command

Command worked his way up the administrative ladder to president

Study time

By YOUNG LEE Staff Reporter

Successful students and instructors alike say good guides are a matter of hard work and having a plan. But he loves to commit to how long he in-...
Welcome to the club: Highline has plenty

By HIEU 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 advising, 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.

Other 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, Resources) 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.

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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, Dan Chinh.

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

Here are some advice: Let yourself an adviser.

"If you feel uncertain about identifying an adviser, get the formal introduction to a club's corner at the cafeteria's room in Building 6; 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.

"I think the 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.
Womens basketball gets makeover

By Brian Lee

Editor

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.

“His 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 Nizan, Kristi Duggan, Amie Johnson, Annette Goff, Amanda Echart, and Kelly O’Day.

So far up to this point the new look of the team includes not having a six-footer to disrupt 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’s not a.

“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.

Former Sonic coach George Karl signs an autograph at the “Friends of Hoop” camp held Tuesday in the Pavillion.

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.
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 Cisanti 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 consists of 10 weight groups ranging from 118 pounds to 275 pounds.

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

It is normal for the Highline wrestling team to start out with about 35 wrestlers 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.

Soccer coach Jason Prenovost advises a couple of Rippers last 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 Mullins, Keichiro 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 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.

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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 practice 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.

Nashome Watkins is the onlyreturnee, so far, from last year's team. A few of the freshman who are joining the team are Amy Sreeh from Kent-Meridian High School, Mariah Goodchild from Sumner, Michelle Bonson from Everett, Annie Heints 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, 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 reasoned 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 unlocated lake hidden behind the Target store on Strander Boulevard.

"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.

The holiday season really is like Christmas at 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, beyond the United Methodist Church on the other side of the street is the famous Southcenter Mall. There always seems to be a live music or corporate event going on. 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.

Another satisfied shopper prepares to leave Tukwila.

Des Moines Food bank aids families in crisis

By Becki Stitzson

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 drive that gathered a tremendous amount of food last year," Highline Public Relations Director Dave Bailey 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 232nd and 98th since 1969. Orris has been co-director since 1983. In 1995, Susan Scarve 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 by 1 to 3 volunteers from 1-3 members. If there are more than seven in a family, they give one additional 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 pick up donations at local grocery stores, some greet cars as they enter, 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 actually stocking the area with 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 come up with a new idea that allows 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 Bengston, a church member for 36 years, is referred to as "the official harasser." In reality, he helps repair the fence where cars back into it if 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 SeaTac, Tukwila, and Des Moines will 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."

--a food bank volunteer
McCune and Schal-Berke race heats up

By Sarah Spoon Staff Reporter

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

The one-term Republican incumbent and his Democratic 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 not to 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 being a minority in Congress," he said.

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Electoral campaign in full swing

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

By Ben Olson Staff Reporter

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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.

Schock is being opposed by Tracey J. Elie, 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.

Elie is a field representative for U.S. Congressman Adam Smith. She served the 30th District as a State Representative for five years. She is married to her high school sweetheart and they have two children. Her family has resided in Federal Way since 1993-95. She was instrumental in obtaining funding for Highline Community College and the new library at GRCC.

Schock is married and has seven children. He owns and operates an all-night printery.

Patterson

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Sen. Patterson believes that Washington's public school system is 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 for raising the stress of the levy system every two years, in favor of setting up an investment plan in which the profits and interest would go to our schools.

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Keiser

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Karen Keiser is up for re-election 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 someone who is concerned about our state's economy.

Keiser is one of very few Democrats to have legislation pass. "It is highly unlikely that we, as Democrats, will win 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 in the Financial Institution Committee when she works to regulate banking, credit unions, and the credit union system.

Keiser was supported by the AFL-CIO, a prominent labor union.
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Highline continues to upgrade computer system

By Brian Tran

Staff Reporter

Highline's computer system is fairly old, according to Tim Wrye, computer center director.

"In order to upgrade our computers, we need to invest in computer technology," he said.

Highline is considering sending its new computers with 32-bit processor, staff and students for better performance, more reliable and easier maintenance.

Highline will convert old computers to be used in the college to see if they are still usable. After the test, it will be decided if the current system is worth the price.

In order to upgrade its computer system, Highline has someone tried, unsuccessfully, to get low fees through the ICC. But there is no way to incorporate a new method at this point.

"We don't have the system in place yet," Wrye said. "But it is a must improvement over what we had before, which was basically no enforcement at all. The purpose of what we do is to try to cheat the system."

Some students have complained that, even when their classes have paid for lab use, the teachers are not utilizing it. In these cases, students are currently unemployed. However, the 3 percent of currently unemployed people have a two-year degree. Only 1 percent of people with a B.A. degree high school graduates who are currently unemployed. Compared to the 3 percent of currently unemployed people who have a two-year degree. Only 1 percent of people with a B.A. degree high school graduates who are currently unemployed. Compared to the 3 percent of currently unemployed people who have a two-year degree. Only 1 percent of people with a B.A. degree high school graduates who are currently unemployed.

"It is not a serious problem," Wrye said. "We have a two-year degree high school graduates who are currently unemployed. Compared to the 3 percent of currently unemployed people who have a two-year degree. Only 1 percent of people with a B.A. degree high school graduates who are currently unemployed. Compared to the 3 percent of currently unemployed people who have a two-year degree. Only 1 percent of people with a B.A. degree high school graduates who are currently unemployed. Compared to the 3 percent of currently unemployed people who have a two-year degree. Only 1 percent of people with a B.A. degree high school graduates who are currently unemployed.

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