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Fisher has been the security chief for five years. His previous experience was 25 years with the Washington State Patrol, and four years as chief at the University of Southwestern at Aiken.

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They provide 24-hour patrol of the campus building and grounds by foot, bike, or car. They also direct traffic, investigate accidents, and assist students.

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The library continues to be a prime hunting ground for thieves. "People think it's a convenient environment," Fisher said. Students need to be aware of this and take precautions. Fisher also emphasizes the importance of staying aware of your surroundings.

The only major crimes that have occurred on campus in the past four years have all been minor valuables thefts. Car thefts have decreased each year since 1995 when there were none.

Last year Highline had four thefts, more than twice as many as the previous year. Fisher heads a department of six officers and has part-time officers. Each officer has a minimum of 240 hours of police training and all have attended the Des Moines Police Academy. They also have First Aid training.

"Fisher's been the security chief for a little over a year. He has previous experience as a police officer in California, working on campus and off. He's also worked in the police department.

"His security officers are charged with enforcing campus regulations, local, state, and federal laws. They provide security for the campus buildings and grounds for students, faculty, and visitors.

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Staff Reporters

The majority of students, staff, and faculty were in a full house on campus to listen to the discussion. The meeting was attended by a full house of 100 people.

Terry Ross, Highline's Associate Media Progarm Coordinator, led the discussion by interpreting where the words of Dr. Martin Luther King were spoken. "I was anxious to see what the audience would make of the words," King said. "But I was not surprised to see how it was received."

Ross then went on to explain the importance of affirmative action and how it impacts the fair system.

"The man was not causing any problems by exercising his freedom of speech by preaching," Fisher said. "But there's a difference between preaching for the Lord and preaching against the law.

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Interim Director

An itinerant preacher arrived last Friday in Highline to preach, but students found his messages to be less than savory. "Go into the world and preach the good news of all creation! Preach the way of the Lord!" Richard Fisher said last Friday. "I just passed 11 a.m. from the grassy area outside of building 1.

"This is the message of all creation as we follow scripture and go into the world and preach," he said.

Fisher is a middle-aged man originally from Minnesota. He has been preaching for three years. Gradually he made his way up to California where he conducted annual preaching for three years. Gradually he made his way up to Washington, where he landed at Highline. This past week, "What is whispered in the grass, preached from the flesh, passed on to the soul, was actually going to change a building, but I didn't want the rope cutting off," Fisher was very pleased.

Students became irked after shouting at Fisher to leave campus and go back to the inner city. One student went so far as to threaten Richard Fisher, the interim director of campus security, of reporting him for harassment. "This was not about me coming into a public place and trying to close the doors on the freedom of speech by preaching," Fisher said. "I didn't want to hear what he was saying, I just wanted to hear his message.

Fisher's message was about the need to have freedom of speech and the importance of hearing the message. "I will demonstrate to the people who seek to abolish Affirmative Action that it is not fair," Fisher said. "I will show them that it is not about the color of their skin, but about the content of their creed."
AAs to look a bit different

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-- Phil Sell

Classes will also encompass cultures both inside and outside America. After they decide on this matter they will then look at what courses to make Coordinated Studies. Another proposal the senate will look at as a new option for AA degree. An Associates of Science degree has been proposed. Applied Science courses would be more beneficial to those transferring, and going on to get a Bachelor of Science. Other states have AA and AS degrees offered in students and Washington is next. All these major issues are reviewed by the senate and then get passed up to the Board of Trustees. "All decisions of consequence needs the board's approval," Sell said. Sell feels that since the President has a strong influence with the board having him on the faculty senate in appropriate.

"I think the things we are working on are important. They will effect students for years to come, degree requirements do not change that often," Sell said.

Mad bras across the water

Terry Clark from the bookstore donated 15 bras. Clark donated "for the cause and for the competition," she said. Highline collected a total of 469 bras to donate.

The bras were tied to one another Oct. 4th, and suspended across Lake Washington where they will remain for the entire month (counting on as little rain as possible, of course!). At the end of the month, presumably, these bras will be taken down, cleaned, and those salvageable will be donated to local shelters.

Abortion Forum to be held at SCCC

The political organization "Radical Women" is co-sponsoring "Stop the Ban on Abortion -- A Speak Out Against Initiative 69a." It will be a public forum held Thursday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Student Activities Center of Seattle Central Community College at 1718 Broadway. Everyone is welcome.

Paint t-shirts for a cause

The National Clothesline Project is coming to Highline Thursday, Oct. 15, upstairs in Building B. Sponsored by Women's Programs and Team Highline, the project is to raise awareness of domestic violence. T-shirts will be painted to illustrate stories of domestic violence. Participants are encouraged to paint the shirts (paint and shits will be supplied) in support of the effort. The T-shirts will be displayed on campus throughout the month. The event is free and open to all. If you would like to donate a t-shirt bring it to the Student Programs Office in the upper level of the Thunderbird Union Building or TUB (Building B). For more information, contact Women's Programs at ext. 3340.

National Guard is in the house

The Washington National Guard will be on campus Thursday, Oct. 27 and Tuesday, Nov. 1 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. to speak to students about their program. They will be in the lower level of Building 6.

College recruiters are in the house

College representatives from the University of Washington Evening Degree Program will be on campus Wednesday, Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. No appointment is needed just stop by the able that will be located in the lower level of Building 6.

Air Force is in the house

The Air Force Recruiter will be on campus Friday, Oct. 21 and Friday, Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. They will also be set up in the lower level of Building 6.

Get movie tickets for really cheap

The Student Programs office is selling movie tickets at a discount. Tickets are only $5 and are good to use at various Cinépaxon theaters. To purchase tickets go to the Student Programs office in the upper level in Building 8.
Highline parking crunch spreads

By Paris Hansen
Staff Reporter

"Highline's parking woes have driven many students to park in any spot available, regardless of posted no parking signs.

Highline's evening students..."
Opinion

Oct. 8, 1998

Editorials

Cafeteria should explore options

The cafeteria has raised prices this quarter. Juice will cost you an extra 20 cents, piddling an extra dime. Why? The cafeteria has traditionally lost money. The price hikes are most likely an effort to make more money and help the cafeteria break even for once. Good bargains, however, may not have been this November.

Yet another reason may be the limited hours. Evenings students have been yearning for the cafeteria into the later hours of the day for some time now. By closing at just 1:30 p.m. the cafeteria is losing out on what could be a very lucrative portion of the day. Even a good deal of daytime students would appreciate a little extra time to grab a corn dog in the afternoon.

It’s time to think about voting again and I’ve found three reasons why everyone should vote this November. No. 1: 1-692 Medical Marihuana.

This initiative is designed to make ganja legal for both the terminally ill and chronic pain sufferers. If it passes these people will be able to grow marijuana plants in their gardens, drying their own leaves and rolling their own roaches.

The potential for abuse is obvious, but these people really need to get stoned.

If this initiative passes we will be that much closer to legalizing it for everyone. Judging by the large number of half-baked students I see on campus every day a lot of you should be voting for this.

Mike Stampalia
I saw a guy smoking a cigarette in a huge bong just the other day. He’d tell people to replace that with some bud.

Of course, most of the people who will care about this initiative will be too stoned to get off the couch and vote. The only thing on their mind will be how they are going to get rid of their munchies.

No. 2: L-200 Anti-Affirmative Action.

Judging by reaction at a recent open discussion held on campus (see front page) students and faculty, at least some of them, feel strongly about this issue. L-200 is similar to the initiative that was passed in California in ’86, which abolished Affirmative Action practices in state hiring and contracting and allowed state-funded colleges and universities to change their admissions policies.

A large number of people feel that Affirmative Action is reverse discrimination. Their argument is that employers should always hire the best available candidate and because of Affirmative Action they have to meet some sort of minority hiring quotas.

OK, I can see where they are coming from, but I’m white too and even though Affirmative Action doesn’t really help me personally, I don’t see it hurting my chances of getting a job. I believe that if you aren’t good enough to get the job regardless of your skin color, you have no right to complain.

One day the United States and hopefully the world will be color blind. That day has not yet come.

No. 3: Wayne’s World.
Wayne Erickson is running for State Senate in District 33 and is the only candidate for the State Legislature that I’m really excited about (Of course, I was once excited about Bill Clinton too).

Here’s why:

He thinks he’s Jesus Christ.
OK, so he’s been under psychiatric care for a significant amount of time, and he’s supposedly much better than when he started.

You have probably seen Erickson walking up and down Pacific Highway and around the Des Moines area. He’s the guy clutching his rosary beads and mumbling to himself.

He’s actually a nice guy; he came to our newsroom in Building 10 on Tuesday to have his picture taken, prompting every one of the Thunderword editors to have godly revelations and start spouting Bible verses.

I think it would be a lot of fun to see the other state legislators deal with him on a daily basis. Let’s face it: Would you rather elect a liar or a loony? The Legislature would be so much more interesting if Erickson were elected.

A word to the wise: If you don’t vote you have no right to complain about the results of the election.

Mike will not be appearing on the November ballot since he is the Stealth Candidate. Vote for him in invisible ink.

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Letter to the Editor

Thanks for accurate, sensitive coverage

Dear Editor:

I just wanted to take a moment to commend you on the articles you wrote for the October 1st issue of the Thunderword. Both the article on the Foundation and the one on the Primo parking spot were composed in a manner which presented the facts accurately and in a very readable style.

I appreciate your sensitivity to the issues and the humor you injected, especially on the parking spot article. Thank you for taking the time to interview me and for the quality of your work.

If I can be of assistance to you in the future, please do not hesitate to stop by the Foundation office.

Best of Luck,
Mark McKay
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Clinton scandal more politics than ethics

By Davidson Dodd
Special to the Thunderbird

One thing you haven't heard yet is someone defending Bill Clinton on moral grounds. Sorry, I can't do that either, although it would be a brave move assured of getting some responses.

No, I join the conventional wisdom that Bill made his own bed, and as the saying goes, he deserves to sleep in it. But, does that mean impeachment? I join the side that says no.

Guest Commentary

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I work too hard for their lives to be wrecked by the burdens of someone defending Bill Clinton on moral grounds. So though it would be a brave move, assured of getting re-elected, but it is full of lust, anger, and revenge.

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Is this personal with him? Is it pay back for Republicans who felt their presidents were unfairly treated? Or is it a manifestation of a larger political culture war that has been in our politics for awhile. I don't know, but it does add to the drama. Clinton and the Republican majority in Congress have been too close on a balanced budget, welfare reform, and free trade, to see it as a conventional political battle. So here we are. I know at this point you are usually told to vote, I concur, but I also recommend you ask of candidates for Congress (incumbent or challenger) to stand and deliver on how they would vote in their respective chambers given their diverse roles in this process.

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Sometimes college is really just too difficult

By Stuart Dent

I just have to lay it on the line. College is too hard. It's just not fair. Students work too hard for their lives to be wrecked by the burdens of unfeeling professors.

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The framers did not mean for ours to be a parliamentary system where the legislative branch could throw out the executive with a vote of no confidence. Our constitution requires a finding of "high crimes and misdemeanors" to impeach the House, and a two-thirds vote to convict the Senate.

I work too hard for their lives to be wrecked by the burdens of someone defending Bill Clinton on moral grounds. So though it would be a brave move, assured of getting re-elected, but it is full of lust, anger, and revenge.

When Andrew Johnson was impeached, missing conviction by one vote, it was a bruising battle between him and the Congress over Reconstruction. When Nixon and Reagan suffered the scrutiny of special prosecutors the issues were abuse of presidential power. But Kenneth Starr after four years of investigating Whitewater, etc., with a variety of grand juries attributed to him, has focused only the Lewinsky affair in terms of possible impeachable offenses.

Is this personal with him? Is it pay back for Republicans who felt their presidents were unfairly treated? Or is it a manifestation of a larger political culture war that has been in our politics for awhile. I don't know, but it does add to the drama. Clinton and the Republican majority in Congress have been too close on a balanced budget, welfare reform, and free trade, to see it as a conventional political battle. So here we are. I know at this point you are usually told to vote, I concur, but I also recommend you ask of candidates for Congress (incumbent or challenger) to stand and deliver on how they would vote in their respective chambers given their diverse roles in this process.

They will beg the question for lack of evidence, but with so much evidence now public, they can insist the president committed perjury, and whether they think that is an impeachable offense for which the president should be removed.

We haven't had that kind of straight political talk since the vote on whether to give President Bush authorization to pursue the Gulf War.

Davidson Dodd is a Full-Time Political Science Instructor at Highline.
Across the country, Favre has told his teammates and his coaches that he plans to retire when his contract expires at the end of the season, but those who know him well doubt he can stay away.

"He's too competitive to stay away," said Packers teammate and quarterback Brett Favre. "He's too driven to walk away."
United faces of Highline

By Stacy Nelson
Staff Reporter

The Faces of Highline Pageant will be held Oct. 21, from noon to 2 p.m., upstairs in Building 8.

Unlike last year's male-only pageant, it's open for any Highline student or faculty member to participate in. The only requirement is an application that can be picked up at the Team Highline office (upstairs in Building 8), and must be turned in by Oct. 12.

The event is sponsored by Team Highline and Multicultural Services. The pageant is free, and its purpose is to provide a "fun event" that will "create unity," said Team Highline member Amy Studebaker. Studebaker says contestants will be asked questions, get an opportunity to tell about themselves, and perhaps participate in a less-than-serious talent show.

The 12 lucky winners of the pageant will earn the right to have their pictures in the 1999 Faces of Highline Calendar. The profits made from the calendar are all going toward Multicultural Services.

The winners of the pageant will be announced at the '90s and Beyond Party on Oct. 22.

Athletes

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simply for being in what is arguably the best satiric comedy ever.

The Bad:

O.J. Simpson Naked Gun: As the wounded police officer accused of dealing heroin, Simp-son initially delivers some laughs as he survives a multitude of gun shots, head blows, and even a drowning, but disappears for the rest of the flick in this disappointing role.

Denise Richards: Double Team. Although I wasn't actually admit to having seen this bud-dy-cop movie, I think it's safe to say that the Worm needs to learn that had dye jobs does not equate to entertainment. Just ask Madonna.

The Ugly:

Two words that make Shaq-Zilla the worst athlete-as-actor ever: Excuzae and Steel. Marts is a balter.
Men lead their division in shutouts and goals scored

By Jamie Kirk
Staff Reporter

Undefeated and still going strong, the men's soccer team has played through injuries and illnesses this past week to remain second in the division. In three games over the last week, the Thunderbirds came away with a win and two ties. In a 1-1 tie against Green River, Sept. 30, a late goal by forward Jason Soaper saved the streak.

"We should have beat these guys," said midfielder Gerry DiPietro.

"We played hard and fought back," said Coach Jason Prenovost.

Highline tied Columbia Basin 1-1 on Oct. 2. Paul Lower scored the 'Birds' only goal.

The 'Birds thumped Walla Walla Oct. 3. 6-0. Goals were provided by Steve Mullinax, Rajdev Rat, Mike DelMolino, Rubin Seoanes and, two by DiPietro.

"We stomped them," Mullinax said about Walla Walla. The win keeps Highline in second place in the Western Division behind Edmonds.

"Once we learn how to finish the ball no one can stop us," said Mullinax of the past few games they have tied.

"We did what we were told to do and we hit more shots on goal," said defender Clement Chiabi.

The men have a lot of injuries that they are playing through. Defenders Dusty Richardson and Chiabi have both been playing with injuries this past week. They hope to get the injured players well for the upcoming games.

The Thunderbirds are looking for a playoff spot. Their division is extremely difficult.

"There are no breaks in this league," Prenovost said.

The men have faith in themselves and their team to pull through to the playoffs.

"We have a good chance," said Mullinax.

"Playoff teams will come right down to the last week," said Prenovost.

The men played Everett on Wednesday with scores not available at press time. They play at Green River on Saturday and Shoreline next Wednesday at the Pea Patch

Lady T-birds stagger home from tough road trip

Highline women look ahead to rematch with CB

By Ben Olson
Staff Reporter

The women soccer players of Highline have fallen to 6-3, but are still in control of their own destiny in the Eastern Division of the NWAACC.

The weekend leaves Highline in third place, trailing unbeaten Columbia Basin and second-place Wenatchee Valley. The top four teams in each division will make the ma playoffs.

Coach Shari Andresen says the Eastern Division is more competitive and on any given day any team could beat another from the division.

At Columbia Basin on Oct. 3, Highline played to a 2-1 deficit with 15 minutes left before losing 5-1.

The next day, a tired and weakened T-bird team beat an aggressive Walla Walla side 2-1 at Walla Walla to split the weekend series. Walla Walla, which needed a win to stay in playoff contention, came out firing but were held back thanks to Highline players stepping up. Melissa Sager, who is recovering from an ankle injury, played goalie when Highline's starting goalie was suspended with a red card from the Columbia Basin game.

The soccer team has a week to rest and prepare to a very important home game against Columbia Basin Friday at Zenith Park 1 p.m.

"Hopefully we can start out the game with more intensity and run with them better," Highline Coach Shari Andreensen said on Friday's rematch with Columbia Basin.

"Hopefully we can work out any differences and just go out there and have fun," Andreensen said.

"We're in a good position for the playoffs. I know we can play, we're pretty solid," she said.

Highline plays Columbia Basin 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 at Zenith Park in Des Moines.

The Thunderbirds visit Everett for a 4 p.m. game on Monday, Oct. 12, before traveling to Mount Vernon to face Skagit Valley 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14.

Highline gets lucky to keep one of its own

Early last week Highline got lucky.

Assistant Athletic Director John Dunn will be staying on.

Dunn was offered the athletic director's job at Bellevue Community College.

"The biggest thing came down to the people," said Dunn. "There's just a great group of people here.

"It went down to the last day and hour, I even postponed it another day," Dunn admitted.

Though Highline obviously didn't want to keep Dunn, it looks as if they would have had to try to lose him.

"I went to school here, I wanted to stay here," Dunn said. His contract is still yearly, but his title has changed, "I'm PE Instructor, director of Recreational and Intramural Activities, assistant athletic director, Athletic Commissioner, and on the Executive board of the NWAACC," he said.

Dunn was the only person who wanted to stay at Highline. Many members of the PE department were in support of keeping Dunn at Highline and at least one petition was circu-

ated among the faculty in support of keeping Dunn here.

In all fairness this was Dunn's decision more than anyone's. Highline didn't come close to matching Bellevue's offer. Dunn made a choice you don't often see made these days. He chose his friends over money, long-term success over a short term gain.

Now it is time to see if Highline will return the loyalty shown it and follow through with their promises.

Kevin is waiting to settle the score with that impostor Steve Austin. You can teach him a new move at est. 3118.
**Oct. 8, 1998**

**Sports**

**T-bird volleyball struggles through losing streak**

By Jewenna Carver  
Staff Reporter

The Thunderbird volleyball team suffered two disappointing losses last week. The first was on Wednesday, Sept. 30 against Everett Community College, on the road, where they lost in four games (15-11, 14-16, 0-15, 8-15). The T-birds lost again on Monday, Oct. 5 at home against Community College, where they fought hard. The game dragged on to its five-match limit, before the T-Birds were edged out by a mere two points. “Everyone was really tired,” Coach Shauna Sheppard said. “It’s hard to come back from two games down.” The defenses have given the T-birds a record of 2-3 for the season. Even though the last couple of games have been turbulent, the ladies are expected to improve as the season goes on. They finished last in their division last year after finishing first the year before. Sheppard has high hopes for future games, “they just need to get over the hump,” Sheppard said. Though, it’s not a lack of skill that causes the losses. “They have the desire, but the mental mistakes hurt them,” Sheppard commented. Although Sheppard believes the girls have a lot of stamina and effort on the court,” she admits that their youth makes them harder to push. “It’s a matter of maturity and experience,” she said.

It’s still early in the season, and there are a lot of games on the roster. The girls have a plenty of chances left to redeem themselves. Results from the Oct. 7 game against Bellevue were unavailable at press time. The Thunderbirds next showing is this weekend at the Big Bend, Oct. 8.

**Going the distance, going for speed**

**Bendixen makes comeback in style**

By Diana Ruggiero  
Staff Reporter

Freshman Dagen Bendixen is one of the best cross country runners in the NWAACC. He is currently the third-ranked runner among community colleges and is the leading runner on the Thunderbirds cross country team and is the third-ranked runner among community colleges and is the leading runner on the Thunderbirds cross country team. Coming off a redshirt last year due to a knee injury, Bendixen is noted to long-distance running. “I’ve got to get back in gear because I lost a lot of speed with my injury,” Bendixen said.

Bendixen was a top runner at Sumner High School, competing in cross country. He started running because it was something to do and he found he was good at it. “It feels great being a top runner,” Bendixen said. He has improved dramatically since high school. A big part of his improvement is receiving the right coaching from Tracy Brigham and Adam Leahy. "He’s the coaches’ dream athlete. He’s become one of the best runners in the NWAACC," Leahy said. "His success is due more to hard work than talent," Leahy said. "He works harder day to day than the other guys.”

“Without their help I would not be where I am now,” Bendixen said.

Bendixen’s training consists of running 60 miles a week, some interval work, and running six to eight miles on Tuesday and Thursday. He used to run on his own but because of his knee injury, Bendixen is forced to run only at practice. “Not many people I coach have to be told to cool it. He’s one that I do or he’ll over do it,” Leahy said.

Bendixen’s best time this year is 27:01 at the Big Cross meet running five miles. Bendixen feels the team and his time will get better. “We have hard workers on the team and it will pay off at the end,” Bendixen said. Bendixen plans to attend a four-year university after Highline. The University of Idaho and the University of Portland have already shown interest in his talent. But Bendixen would like to continue his running career at the University of Washington.

Besides running, working, and going to school, Bendixen volunteers at his Presbyterian church in Sumner. Bendixen helps out with the youth group and plays the guitar in the church band during services. “I thank God for all my talents,” Bendixen said.

The Thunderbirds’ next meet is this Saturday Oct. 10 at the PLU Invite in Tacoma.

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**Fall intramurals kick off this week**

**Diana Ruggiero  
Staff Reporter**

Fall Intramurals are on their way to start the new school year. Assistant Athletic Director John Dunn is in charge of organizing them for this year. This will be the third year of organized intramurals at Highline.

The first intramurals begin Monday, Oct. 12. Flag Football will be played on Monday and Wednesday, Volleyball and 3 on 3 Basketball will be played on Tuesday and Thursday. The events begin at 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Pavilion. The cost is $5 per person that includes a t-shirt for each player and a barbecue at the end of Intramurals. “You will get life long credit for your heart, body, and you might even get a date,” Dunn said.

Anyone interested in participating, meet new people and having fun can develop their own team or sign up individually and they will put you on a team.

The deadline to sign up for teams and turn in the money is Oct. 14. To sign up go to the Pavilion anytime or contact John Dunn at ext. 3455, Cara Hoyt at ext. 3459 or Jeff Althea at ext. 3268.

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**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**Athletes run to raise funds**

**He's Dr. Shot**

Heops expert visits Highline with advice by Kevin Wintersteen, Sports Editor

The doctor is in, the shot doctor that is. Dave Hopla, a.k.a. "Dr. Shot" was in the Pavilion last Friday honing his craft.

Hopla was in between stops at local high schools where he puts on shooting demonstrations.

"You don't see kids shooting anymore," says Hopla. Even NBA players don't practice enough, he says.

"Kids today play all the time but they don't practice. That's how you get better, not by playing but by practicing. I shot around 500 to 1000 shots a day when I was younger," he said.

Hopla came by Highline to visit Assistant Athletic Director John Dunn, and to pass on a little advice to hoopers in the Pavilion.

Hopla's basic advice: visualize the shot; make sure your shoulders are square to the basket; open up your stance a little bit; and put your hands and arms in the right place. It gets a little complicated after that, but it makes sense. Hopla's effortless rain of nothing-but-net jumpers proves his point.

Hopla is world renowned for his shooting ability, often going hundreds of shots without a miss.

"This all really happened by accident. I was playing in Europe and my high school coach in New Jersey asked me to speak to the kids," Hopla says.

After that he began coaching his own team. "My teams always shot the ball well, so that's when the requests really started coming in," he said.

Hopla doesn't just limit himself to amateurs, though, he's requested by many of the superstars in the NBA, also.

Kobe Bryant, Stephen Marbury, Keith Van Horn, Kendall Gill, Chris Mills, Nate McMillan and Howard Easley have all used Hopla's services.

"Once September comes I always start working the guys out," says Hopla. Though due to the NBA lockout this year he has spent more time than usual with the players.

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ASK ABOUT OUR TUESDAY SPECIALS
Older students find a home at HCC

By Sandra Kruize
Staff Reporter

When Zady Curtis, a Highline student, looks around at others in her classes, she sees that she might be the oldest one there, possibly older than her teachers. Curtis has twins her 50s, and one of 5 percent of all enrolled students between 50 and 59.

"Older students" are in the 30 and over age group. Statistical records, kept by Highline Admissions, show them to be 42 percent of the total Fall 1998 enrollment.

Curtis interrupted her first college education to get married and raise a family. She started college soon after high school and was working on a major in marine biology when she left. Lee Tull is a Highline student in his mid-30s. He works at the Highline Career Center assisting students with the Highline job networking system. He takes three classes. "Don't expect to be done until you pull the covers up at night," Tull said.

Standing in the Cashier line in Building 6, a little late for work, he appeared calm. "When you're older, it's a second chance, a must do. Expect to feel frustration at first, but it fades after a few weeks," Tull said.

Julie Swanson is a 43-year-old Highline student returning in office occupations. "I've heard from younger students that, because I'm older, I'll have a better chance of getting a job," she said.

Swanson recommends the College 101 orientation. "It helped me to know what was available, where things were and what my rights were," she said.

Quentin Smith is 38 and has taken computer classes at Highline for career training. "He's been out of college for 15 years and has a 10 year career as a driver for Metro before he was injured on the job.

He was used to managing his time around a work schedule; his main concern now is making time for homework. "When you're working, you do your work, and you're done," Smith said.

Curtis’ interests have changed. She takes both business and science classes at Highline and would like to start her own business.

Her comment on being an older student in daytime classes, "When everybody is younger, it makes you a little unsure but, staying focused makes you forget your uncertainty and do its best.”

Asian crisis squeezing students

By Mayuko Shibutani
Staff Reporter

The economic crisis in Asian countries has hit home at Highline. It is not only a story you see on evening news.

Language Center of the Pacific, an International Program at Highline, has twins its students from Asian countries such as Japan, Thailand, Korea, Vietnam, Indonesia and Taiwan. These countries have been struggling with collapsing currencies since the middle of 1995, when the US dollar started to rise against most of the world's currencies.

It seems to have an influence on each individual and his or her family.

A female student from Korea, one of the countries that hit hardest by the economic crisis, was forced back to her country recently because of the financial problems of her family.

However, according to Sophia Stilka, the activity coordinator of LCP; most of the students “haven’t gone back, they just haven’t come.”

In fact, the number of current LCP students has decreased by 43 percent compared to September 1997.

Even the students that are already here in the states get stressed out knowing that it can be expensive for their parents, especially at a time like this.

“I have gone up to the LCP office and asked to lower the tuition,” said Hideki Kawa- ma from Japan. “That is the only expense left that I could cut down.”

Tuition of LCP for one session (about one month) has been $995 since they were estab- lished. It is a reasonable price com- pared to other ESL classes in Washington according to its of-

Wise man comes to talk about race

By Sandra Kruize
Staff Reporter

Tim Wise, a political analyst, self-proclaimed “social justice activist,” and author of the book, “Little White Lies: The Truth About Affirmative Action and Reverse Discrimination,” will be speaking at Highline, on Tuesday Oct. 27 from 11 a.m. to noon in Building 7.

The event is sponsored by Highline Student Government and Team Highline.

Wise has written numerous articles on affirmative action and has made many media appear- erances. He has been fea- tured in stories on CNN Headline News, National Public Radi- o's "All Things Considered," and was a regular commentator on nationally syndicated News Talk Television from 1995 to 1996.

It is early ef- forts in the anti- apartheid mov- ement, while he was a student at Tulane University in 1990, won him the per- sonal thanks of Nelson Mande- la and Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa, according to a press release.

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