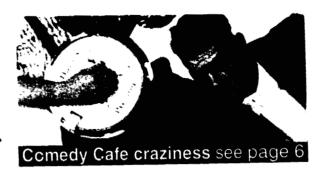


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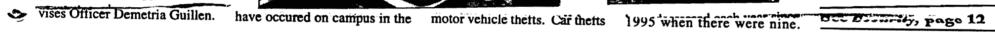
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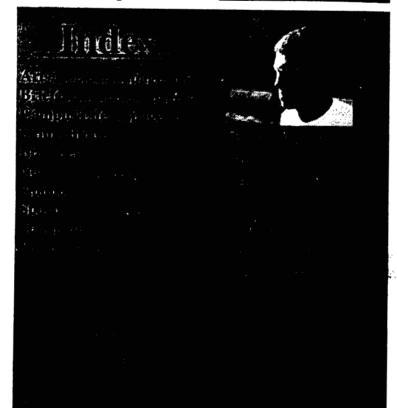


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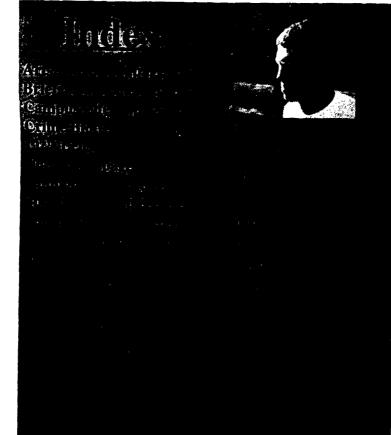
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Des Moines / Highline Security Crime Blotter:

The crime wave was mostly a drip at Highline this last week

Des Moines: Sept. 30:

The Des Moines Police Department started the week off with a two vehicle non-injury accident on Kent-Des Moines Rd.

A hit and run non-injury accident happened on Marine View Drive S. No suspects were available.

Around 9 p.m. a man was spotted walking around with only a towel wrapped around his waist and carrying a bag of groceries.

Lastly a small white bunny walking with a hop and long ears decided to play frogger in the middle of the street.

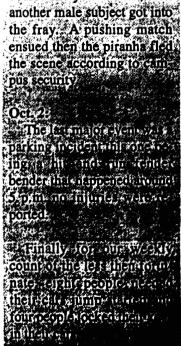
Oct. 1:

Things started to heat up at Pacific Middle School when an unknown student started a trash can fire.

Then the significance of that event was quickly quenched when a three car accident with a Fire Chief car on Kent Des Moines Drive S. Some minor injuries were in the accident.

Highline Campus Oct. 1:

For Highline things got really vocal when a parking piranha thought a lady took his parking spot. Then he proceeded to block her car and yell obscenities at her and of course she yelled back, then another male subject got into the fray. A pushing match ensued then the piranha fled the scene according to can-



AAs to look a bit different

By Aaron Johnsen Staff Reporter

Degree requirement changes are being made this year. The Faculty Senate will review and decide on proposals to change the Associate of Arts degree.

Major issues they will be looking at are the Coordinated Studies and diversity courses. Last year it was decided that diversity courses would be a mandatory requirement for graduation.

The chairman of the Faculty Senate this year is Dr. Phil Sell.

"There is still some work that needs to be done," Sell said

All though the diversity courses were approved, the Faculty Senate still needs to decided what courses meet diversity requirements. A committee will be created by the Senate to make these decisions. What



other schools are doing and what Highline has to offer will help the Faculty Senate reach a conclusion.

In order for classes to qualify as diverse 50 percent of their curriculum must deal with Globalism issues. "I think the things we are working on are important. They will affect students for years to come."

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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 is 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 to 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 is 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

By Morgan Fernandez Staff Reporter

Big and small things are in the air, namely bras, to support National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The goal is to collect enough bras to be strung up from shore to shore across Lake Washington.

The Highline bookstore is in conjunction with radio station KPLZ to collect as many bras as possible. Katrina Sandeen, in charge of software for the bookstore, said she has known

women with breast cancer, and thought it would be a fun way to take part in Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Students and faculty have been dropping off their donated bras in the bin outside the bookstore window.

"My stepmom had breast cancer twice," said Chrissy Moore, "and I think it is important that people are aware of how common it is, and how to detect it".

"If I wore bras I'd donate one," said male student Ryan

Heath.

Monday Sept. 28th was the last day to donate, for a 15% discount in the bookstore.

"I have big boobs so I figured my bras would stretch a long way, and I wouldn't have to donate too many to get a discount," said an anonymous student.

The bookstore kept a running tally as to which buildings on campus were bringing in more bras. Building 6 brought a whopping 132 and 11 had 102 at last count.

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.



See if you are depressed

Today is National Depression Screening Day. The Counseling Center will be screening people for depression from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. on the sixth floor of library (Building 25). This event is free and open to students, staff, faculty, and the public.

Big Halloween fun

The Friends of the Valley View Library are sponsoring the annual Used Book Sale and Trick-or-Treat Saturday, Oct. 31 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Valley View Library is located at 17850 Military Road South.

Abortion Forum to be held at SCCC

The political organization "Radical Women" is co-sponsoring "Stop the Ban on Abortion — A Speak Out Against Inititive 694." 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 Brodway. Everyone is welcome.

Paint t-shirts for a cause

The National Clothesline Project is coming to Highline Thursday, Oct.15, upstairs in Building 8. 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 shirts will be supplied) in support of the effort. The Tshirts 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 8). For more information, contact Women's Programs at ext. 3340.

National Guard is in the house

The Washington National Guard will be on campus Tuesday, Oct. 27 and Tuesday, Nov. 24 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 appoinment is needed just stop by the table 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. 16 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 dicount. Tickets are only \$5 and are good to use at various Cineplex Odeon 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

Trying to save yourself from that extra block of walking might cost you a hefty fine.

For the time being, managers at Skippers, Antique Junktion and Midway Transmission say they do not mind if Highline students park in their parking lots. The only condition is that customers have enough parking and that entrances and exits are not blocked.

> If these problems start to occur than the companies will start to tow cars. If your car is towed, you will pay a \$150-\$200 fine to get it back.

> As recently as 1997, Highline students' cars have been towed from businesses' lots along Pacific Highway South. The college does not condone parking in this area and officials hope that students will save themselves the hassle and park on campus.

> "My first class is at nine o'clock and that is a really hard

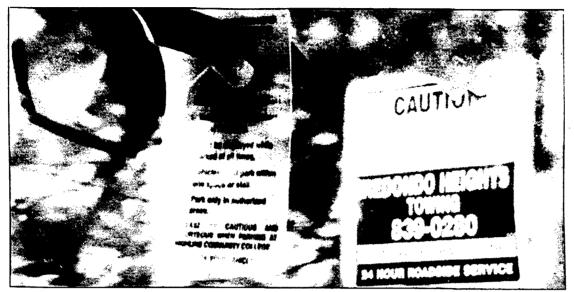


Photo By Kirk Elliott

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

time to find parking. There's parking signs over there, but none over here," said one anonymous student.

Security Chief Richard Fisher says "no more (tickets) than usual," have been written thus far, but students should be aware that the parking policy has changed for this year.

It used to be common knowledge that for the first two weeks of school no tickets would be written up even if you did not have a parking pass in your car. However, for this year, there will be no grace period before officers begin writing tickets. A

regular parking pass allows students to park anywhere on campus, excluding disabled parking spots, carpool and administration slots.

Fisher's advice to students is to purchase a parking pass and park in designated areas or start using public transportation.

Aid available for those who qualify

By Bekah Johnston Staff Reporter

About 2,000 students at Highline are receiving financial aid. Officials say that will go up to about 2,500 for the Winter Quarter.

There are many types of financial aid available, such as grants, tuition waivers, loans and student employment. The most popular is the loan, with an average of \$200 being given

"I can see how any extra money can help when you're

working full time and have a full load of classes," said student Michelle Monirzad.

Both the federal government and the State of Washington contribute to the financial aid program, with Uncle Sam giving about \$1.2 million and the state around \$1.5 million.

The office has gained staff members and is running smoother than last year. Stacey Peterson, Director of the Financial Aid office, said they were able to have a part of the day

just for drop ins.

bent over backwards to help me," said student Rodger Learn. Something new to Financial

Aid but not to Highline is the Book Loan program. The Book Loan is for students that have missed the financial aid deadline or were able to pay for their classes but not their books. The system works by allowing students to pay the first ten percent for books and paying the rest through a payment plan by the end of the quarter.

"They were very nice, and the Winter Quarter. You can get

an application outside the office which is upstairs in Building 6. You can also apply over the computer at www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/express.html.

address, social security number, previous education, work status, family status and reason for attending Highline.

What you need is your name,

"The hardest part is getting it in your head the date it's due in," said Learn.

The deadline for winter quar-The Financial Aid office is ter is Oct. 14. For those lookstill accepting applications for ing ahead, Spring Quarter's due date is Feb. 3.

Job Club helps to find the perfect career

By Jember Woldeab Staff Reporter

The Highline Job Club provides an opportunity for students and community members to meet and interact with area employers through workshops. "It is a program where you learn about resume preparation, interview techniques, and job searching from employers," said **Employment Coordinator Ivory** Ellison.

Free, informal and no application involved, the club meets every Thursday, noon-1:30 p.m. The weekly workshops feature different topics from "Job Search via the Internet" to "Mock Interviews" to "Meet the Employers."

Nordstrom, Boeing Employment Credit Union, Key Bank, Swedish Hospital Center and Eddie-Bauer were guests of the Highline Job Club in the past. Employers let students know the classes and skills needed for the different positions available within the companies.

Headed by Ellison, graduate of Highline, the Job Club closely works with the Women's Program, Career Center, and Employment Center/Worker Retraining. Ellison's motto is "it is never too early to start on your job search." She thinks that students can take classes now to prepare them for the îmmediate future.

For the 1998-1999 school year, multimedia employers are the target of the Job Club to bring to the Highline campus. They hope to talk with interested students or students majoring in the field of multimedia for an internship or job shadowing opportunity.

Evening students want more of campus open

By Jae-Sang Kim Staff Reporter

Long work days and almost as long nights at school are a way of life for many of Highline's evening students. Because they pay the same tuition as day students, many of those here in the evening are upset that most of Highline's facilities are not open when they

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"Because the cafeteria was closed, I had to worry about food in the evening," said Ji-Jung, a student with a full-time job during the day.

There are also fewer instructors in the evening than during the day. Many are part-time instructors, making it tough for students to get a hold of them since they are on campus less. Most professor's office hours are also during the day.

New Comfort Inn of Federal Way hiring all positions apply in person at The Best Western Federal Way Call (253) 941-6000 for info.



Highline also has a smaller choice of classes available during the evening, and many overlap, making it hard to take more than one or two classes.

These problems came out in a survey by Denny Steussy. Educational Planner at Highline. The survey was conducted during the 1998 winter quarter. During that quarter, more than 3,500 students took evening classes and that number has increased.

On Monday, Nov. 9, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., there will be a College Fair on the second floor of the Student Center. This event will explain the services available to the evening class stu-



Photo By Kirk Elliott

Mairead Iverson studies during a break in her night class. Evening students complain that the library is not open late on Fridays, the only day without classes.

dents.

"This will provide a lot of useful information not only to

evening class students but also to every student in Highline," said Steussy.



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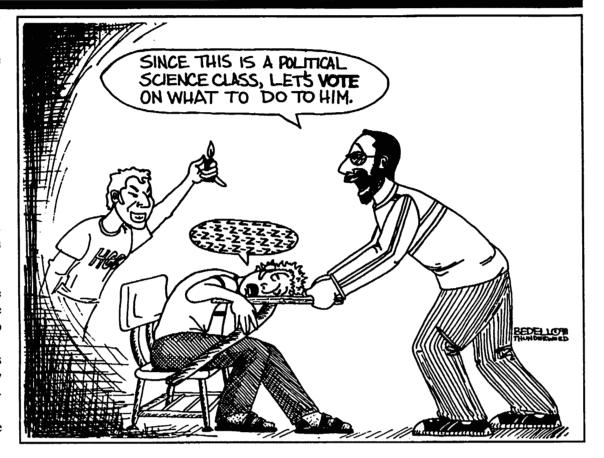
Cafeteria should explore options

The cafeteria has raised prices this quarter. Juice will cost you an extra 20 cents, pudding 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 the only reason the cafeteria was failing to make a profit.

Competition may be a factor. While the majority of the student population is willing to pay a little more for convenience, there are undoubtedly a few students who would rather hike to the bookstore to save 51 cents on a bottle of juice, or to a vending machine to keep an extra 20 cents in their pocket when they need a soda hit.

Yet another reason may be the limited hours. Evening 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.



Election time: drugs, discrimination, and the local messiah

It's time to play everyone's least favorite game: PICK THE CANDIDATE YOU HATE THE LEAST!

It's time to think about voting again and I've found three reasons why everyone should vote this November.

No. 1: I-692 Medical Mariuana.

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. I'll bet he would like 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: I-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.

I-200 is similar to the initia-

tive that was passed in California in '96, 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.

Talk to us

Send your letters, comments, questions, rants and raves to:

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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 Executive Director Highline Foundation

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On the low road to a higher calling.

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Clinton scandal more politics than ethics

By Davidson Dodd Special to the Thunderword

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 response.

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

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 by the House, and a two thirds vote to convict in the Senate.

I join with those who con-



"Bill (Clinton) made his own bed...and he deserves to sleep in it."Political Scientist Davidson Dodd said.

struct that to mean an abuse of presidential power, not bad judgment on personal relation-

Yes, I hear you say perjury is a crime, but is it a "High crime?" My answer is no, not in

I know all this stuff is tawdry and bawdy full of titillating, lewd, salacious, lascivious sto-

And for those who want him to resign on moral grounds due to his inability to set a moral standard for the country, I say that is a legitimate position. For me it is more interesting to speculate on the political motivations behind all of this.

It may not rise to the level of Hamlet, Macbeth or Greek tragedies, 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 jury leaks 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 challengers) 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 answer whether they think 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

JOSH MANDERVILL

Sometimes college is really just too difficult

TIDEE' BOWL

I just have to lay it on the high school! 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.

First of all, there's too much reading. I have seen classes here where professors assign two or three books on the same

Guest Commentary

By Stuart Dent

subject! What's with that?

We should be able to get this stuff off the Internet, thus saving us time and money.

Nobody can keep up with all the reading that gets piled on in a typical class. Students can't possibly be expected to keep up with such a heavy reading load while working and having something of a life.

Professors also too often expect you to be in class. If you pay for the class you should have the opportunity to decide when you will attend. This isn't

Meanwhile the Asset or Compass or whatever is keeping me out of classes I need to graduate. That's really helping me a

There's also just too much work -- midterms, finals, papers, group projects, for all these classes.

Don't these professors realize that we have other things in life besides college?

All this work is just not fair to the many students who aren't any good at taking tests and

And there's the AA requirements. I haven't chosen a major yet, but I don't understand how all this math, writing and speech we are required to take relates to what I choose to do for a living.

Speaking of AA, why is there no alcohol on campus? A nice tall cool one would go down fine after a long day at school.

The lack of alcohol will only serve to drive students to harder

The thing of it is, by requiring all this work and study, grades will surely suffer. My

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grades, as well as those of many other deserving students.

And these grades -- grades we don't deserve -- will affect not only what kinds of schools we are able to transfer to but

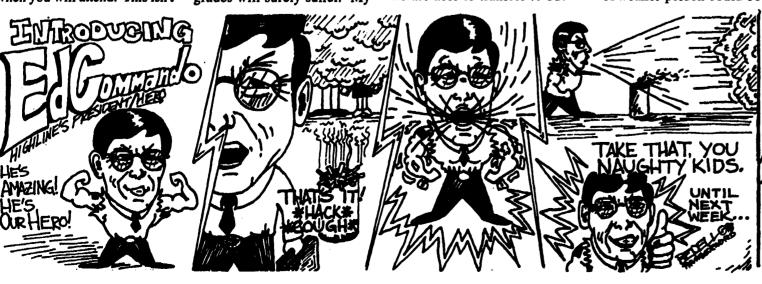
also what directions our careers take.

I need a decent GPA to transfer, and this is not helping me get one.

A weaker person could be

forced to a life of crime by this failure -- Highline's failure to make college a more positive experience for everyone.

Stuart Dent is a student at Highline Community College.



PECIAL PREVIEW: ED COMMANDO TAKES ON ZING OUR

'Clay Pigeons' takes quirky flight

Clay Pigeons is a hilarious, yet mildly disturbing film that superbly contrasts a medley of characters.

The movie begins with a powerful scene in which Clay Bidwell (Joaquin Pheonix) is target shooting with his best friend Earl. Earl accuses Clay

Liz's Lens



By Liz Doolittle

of sleeping with his wife Amanda (Georgina Cates). He then commits suicide with Clay's gun, obstensibly to frame Clay for his death.

Things progressively get worse as the easygoing Clay, who wouldn't harm a fly, has associated himself unknowingly with people who would.

Clay then finds himself the prime suspect in a slew of serial killings. In come the local police, as well as the FBI. Enter Agent Shanes (Janeane Garrofalo), playing a predictably sarcastic FBI agent.

Perhaps one of the most entertaining elements of the movie, was the interaction between the podunk local police and the FBI.

The local police are totally out of their element, doing insane things such as calling the fire chief to help out with a murder investigation, and after the discovery of a body, the FBI having to tell deputy Barney not to "poke the body with a stick."

In the midst of all of these shenanegans, Clay is befriended by Lester Long (Vince Vaughn) who teeter-totters between charming ladies man and insane madman.

I'm not quite sure what the point of this movie was. It was entertaining and I really loved the interaction between the different characters. This coupled with the twisting and turning of the plot and the portrayal of small town life, made for a good ol' night of fun loving movie-going.

Clay Pigeons is a movie worth seeing specifically for those who like something a little different than the norm.

I was expecially impressed with Vince Vaughn and am very excited for his starring role in the upcoming re-make of *Psycho*.

Liz will be starring in this summer's Planet of the Clams.

Gaing for the juggular
Haines & Preston
balance humos
and hijinks

By Derek Roche Staff Reporter

It is said that laughter is food for the soul. If that is in any way accurate then the Comedy Cafe, a laugh-fest, organized by Team Highline is a rather appropriate title.

On Friday Oct. 16, from 8-10 p.m. the school's cafeteria will act as host to Highline's scheduled comedic production from Haines & Preston, a high-energy comic twosome whose various talents range from routine standup and political humor, to music, juggling, slapstick, and more.

The duo, who have been performing together for three years, tour the U.S. year round, averaging about 5,000 miles a month, said Haines.

"Our act is kind of bizarre," said Haines. As a result they play a variety of venues. "Most venues are corporate gigs; we also do colleges, casinos (etc.) It's a blistering display of a raw waste of talent," said Haines.

Tickets, going for \$5 in advance (\$7 at the door) are cur-

rently on sale at the Student Programs office.

Arts

Members of our own Team Highline believe the Comedy Cafe is an effective way for students, to relax, repose, and enjoy first-rate entertainment—a needed pause from the laboriously exhausting study sessions all students must uniformly brave

"I think it's a great opportunity to relieve stress because we're laughing, it's for fun," Team Highline member Rachel Thorne said.

The performance will take place on a 12-foot x 16-foot raised stage. Haines & Preston regularly involve the spectators in their antics so the audience should prepare to, at some point,

participate in the ninety minute show

Eric Haines and Morgan Preston, who are most popular in the Western U.S., tour for two weeks of every month and have even opened for the king of musical parodies himself, Weird Al Yankovic, who calls the duo "the bomb." Even the most jaded critics, are never short on praise when referring to the duo's wild brand of humor.

Jim Coates, editor, for the Montana Free Press says, "To describe (Haines & Preston) as a rollicking, frolicking, high-stepping, toe tapping, you won't believe your eyes and ears good time show, would leave a lot out."

This will be one of three Comedy Cafe presentations Team Highline is organizing for the school year — a scheduled show once every quarter.

Some got game, some don't

One of last summer's few surprises - other than President Clinton's penchant for cigars - was the surprise cameo of Brett Favre in the smash movie There's Something About Mary. Not that he's the first athlete to try acting, but he is one of the few to have a successful go at it. Where did Favre develop such screen presence, such charm, that je nai se quo? What if there



is an untapped well of talent among sports elite?

Imagine the cinematic possibilities. A-Rod, making his dramatic debut as a baseball prodigy reconciling his inner demons in Good Alex Rodriguez. Mark McGwire, saving the world from impending doom in Goin' Deep Impact. Oscar de la Hoya as the romantic lead, setting hearts aflutter in . . . well, he does that regardless.

The Good:

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Appearing in Airplane! Abdul-Jabbar sets the standard as the most original and innovative athlete-actor in the bunch. As co-pilot Roger Murdoch in Airplane!, Abdul-Jabbar plays it low-key until a young cockpit visitor verbalizes what the audience has been thinking all along: "Aren't you Kareem Abdul Jabbar?" Add to his Laker shorts being revealed under his co-pilot uniform, plus his appearance in the Bruce Lee film Game of Death, and you've got a winning performer.

Ray Allen. The Milwaukee Bucks star could've turned in a



Photo courtesy of Buena VistaPictures Ray Allen shows he got game as an actor as well as an athlete.

half-assed performance in the Spike Lee Joint He Got Game, but thankfully put in an honest effort as aspiring NBA star Jesus Shuttleworth. Allen put in a heartfelt performance, portraying a multi-dimensional man, rather than the neat sound-bite packages we usually see in athlete profiles.

Ken Griffey Jr. Junior had

a small role in Little Big League.

Playing himself, Junior had a cute and humorous part as he talks trash to the opposing team, then gets picked off.

Alex Karras. As Mongo in Blazing Saddles, the former NFL player gets "Best" honors

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Gallery unites local artists

By Talitha Vanzo Staff Reporter

The outstanding watercolor exhibit that is displayed on the fourth floor of the Highline library, was done by a local group of artists who call themselves "Artist United" and are based out of Burien.

The artists include Betty Olson Vacca, Al Matsumoto, Anna Belle Vaivadas, Jo Jacobsen and Linda Fornas Ladzick.

Ladzick, a graduate of Oregon State University, was enthusiastic about the artworks which are mostly watercolors and oils. Most of the artists "have been drawing for over 25 years, whereas" she has been at it for only four years after she picked up a pencil and found out that she could draw.

Graduating from OSU with a English major had no cause in her being able to draw. Neither did her studies here, which later got her hired with Alaska Airlines where she took an early leave two years ago, freeing up time to draw and paint.

Ladzick, a breast cancer survivor, had hoped that the whole exhibit would be done by breast cancer survivors since October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This idea didn't come together, though we might look for one in the near future because she thinks that "something like this is effective in an academic setting."

Flowers are Ladzick's main theme in her work because of her love for gardening and the outdoors, which is the main influence in her work.

"It is very therapeutic to paint and draw something that I love after my struggle with



Photo by Brian D. Smith One of the many works of art on display in the Library gallery. cancer," she said.

She also likes to paint and. draw because she likes to play with shapes and colors, saying it makes her happy.

Because of Ladzick's trials in life she has picked up a unique talent that shows up in her art. This talent is seen in the swirls of color and hues that define each flower, leaf and background.

When you look at the are displayed here along with Ladzick's, you will notice that

each has taken time and patience to make this their best work and at the same time express themselves in their achievement.

This goes out to all you Van Goghs' and Da Vincis' out there that would like to join Artist United; they meet the first Tuesday of every month at noon in the Burien Library. They start out the meetings with old and new work of the other artists that business and then there is a presenter that comes in to talk to them.

Where it's at

•Needed, production staff, actors and actresses for an upcoming film project entitled A couple's story. No audition or experience is necessary. If interested contact Robert D. Riley at 253-946-5281 or email at BoyRacer8 @ hotmail.com or sign up in the studio located on the sixth floor of the library at 10 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday Oct. 14.

•Team Highline presents fall quarter's Comedy Cafe, featuring the dynamic duo Haines & Preston. The show is Friday Oct. 16, tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Doors open at 7 p.m. the show is from 8 to 10p.m.

•KUBE 93 FM presents their annual haunted house. The haunted house runs from Oct. 16 throught Halloween night. Hours are as follows: 7 p.m.to midnight on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays with admission being \$5, and 7 p.m. to midnight on Fridays and Saturdays with admission being \$7. The haunted house is located at 815 Eastlake Ave East.

•Team Highline presents the Faces of Highline contest. The contest takes place on Oct. 21 from noon to 2 p.m. in building 8. Entry forms can be picked upstairs in building 8.

•For your enjoyment, Team Highline will be hosting a '70's and beyond dance party on Oct. 22 from 8 p.m. to midnight. There will be a best dressed contest, and the winners of the Faces Of Highline will be announced.

•Faculty Speaks on Oct. 29. Come to building 7 between noon and 1 p.m. and listen to members of Highline's faculty recite their own poems, short stories etc.

•Submissions are currently being accepted for Highline's annual literary magazine Arcturus. Submissions are due by Dec. 31. For more information call Rachel Thorne at 206-878-3710 ext. 3903, or Sharon Hashimoto at ext. 3158.

•The Northwest Asian American Theater presents Flipzoids, a northwest premier production that looks through the eyes of three generations of Filipinos in the mystical, magical melting pot that is America. The show runs from Oct. 1 through Nov. 1. For more information call 206- 340-1445.

•Come check out great artwork done by students, staff and alumni in the Really Big Art Show on Nov. 17 and 18 in building 8. The show will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on both days.

•ACT presents Violet opening on Oct. 22 and running through Nov. 15. Violet is the winner of the New York Drama critics Circle Award for Best Musical of 1997. For ticket information call 206-292-7676.

•The Seattle Children's Theater presents Cyrano beginning Friday Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. Cyrano, the re-imagining of Edmond Rostand's classic Cyrano de Bergerac is a tragi-comedy re-developed for a young audience. For ticket information call 206-441-3322.

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 Studely.

Studely 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 '70s and Beyond Party on Oct. 22.

Do you need your space?

Well, we sure have some!

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\$5 an inch

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, Simpson 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.

Dennis Rodman. Double Team. Although I won't actually admit to having seen this buddy-cop movie, I think it's safe to say that the Worm needs to learn that bad dye jobs does not equate to entertainment. Just ask Madonna.

The Ugly:

Two words that make Shaq-Zilla the worst athlete-as-actor ever: Kazaam and Steel.

Marta is a baller.

Thunderbirds fit to be tied, but still unbeaten

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 Soper saved the

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

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

Highline tied Columbia Basin 1-1 on Oct. 2. Paul Lower scored the T-birds' only goal.

The 'Birds thumped Walla Walla on Oct. 3, 6-0. Goals were provided by Steve Mullinax, Rajdev Bal, Mike DeSimone, 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 We stomped them.

--Steve Mullinax speaking about Highline's 6-0 win over Walla Walla.

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 look-

ing 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 Prenevost.

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 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 Divisi 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



Photo by Kirk Elliott

The Lady T-birds warm up in practice after a hard weekend on the road.

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 with the division leaders. to rest and prepare to a very import 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," Andresen said of the rematch

The game with Columbia Basin starts a week in which Highline plays four games in seven days. With illness and injuries plaguing the team, the healthy players are really going to have to step up and make the

Hopefully we can start out the game with more intensity and run with them better.

--Highline Coach Shari Andresen, on Friday's rematch with Columbia Basin.

"Hopefully we can work out any differences and just go out there and have fun," Andresen

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

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

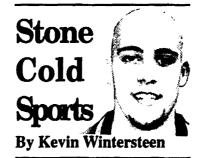
Early last week Highline got lucky.

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 wanted 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 is committed to the future of the school and the athletic program. "Because we are the model program I felt responsible to at least feel comfortable that when Fred (Harrison) leaves the tradition and ideals would stay the same,"

"I just wanted to make sure the direction we were going would stay the same," said

Dunn wasn't the only person who wanted him to stay at Highline. Many members of the PE department were in support of keeping Dunn at Highline and at least one petition was cir-



John Dunn

culated 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 it's promises.

Kevin is waiting to settle the score with that imposter Steve Austin. You can teach him a new move at ext. 3318.

T-bird volleyball struggles through losing streak

By Jewanna 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 Olympic Community College, where they fought hard but lost in five games (4-15, 12-15, 15-7, 15-2, 13-15).

The ladies battled against the tough Olympic team, suprising everyone by coming back from two losses, and evening out the score with two wins.

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 defeats have given the Tbirds 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," Sheppared commented.

Although Sheppard believes the girls "show 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 Tourney.

They will then host Skagit Valley in the Pavilion Oct. 14, and travel to play Edmonds again on Oct. 16.

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.

Coming off a redshirt last year due to a knee injury, Bendixen is not used to long-distance running.

"I've got to get back in gear because I lost a little bit 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



Photo by Kirk Elliott

Dagen Bendixen trains in practice this week. Highline's top runner is recovering from a knee injury, but still figures to be one of the front-runners in the NWAAC this year.

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 We have hard workers on the team and it will pay off at the end.

-- Dagen Bendixen

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 Summer. 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.

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 develope 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 Albrecht at ext. 3268.

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Scoreboard

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS Northern Division

Northern Division	W-L
Skagit Valley	3-0
Shoreline	3-1
Edmonds	2-2
Highline	1-2
Everett	1-2
Olympic	1-2
Bellevue	1-3
Eastern Division	W-L
Spokane	4-0
Big Bend	3-1
Columbia Basin	3-1
Yakima Valley	1-3
Blue Mountain	1-3
Walla Walla	0-4
Western Division	W-L
Grays Harbor	5-0
Pierce	4-0
Clark	3-2
Green River	2-2
L. Columbia	1-3
Centralia	0-4
Tacoma	0-4
Southern Division	W-L
Clackamas	5-0
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Highline at Green River, 3 p.m. Oct. 17 Shoreline at Highline, Pea Patch, 4 p.m., Oct. 21

# He's Dr. Shot

#### Hoops 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

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 1,000 shots a day when I was younger," he said.

Hopla came by Highline to



Photo by Kevin Whatley

Dave Hopla sinks another one last week at the Pavilion.

visit Assistant Athletic Director John Dunn, and to pass on a little advice to hoopsters in the

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

"This all really happened by accident. I was playing in Europe and my old 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, Stephon Marbury, Keith Van Horn, Kendall Gill, Chris Mills, Nate McMillan and Howard Eisley have all used Hopla's services.

"Once September comes I usually 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.

### **Sports Briefs**

#### Athletes run to raise funds

Athletes from a variety of Highline teams will take the track on Sunday, Oct. 11 to raise funds for the Athletic Department.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. they will join the first Athletic Department Jog-a-thon. Athletes from all sports have been collecting pledges for the number of laps they put in.

#### **Athletic Department begins** monthly trivia contest

The Athletic Department, in their spare time, has launched the Athletic Trivia Contest.

"If you like to stimulate your intellect, surf the athletic web site, and win big-time athletic wear, then this is the game for you," says Assistant Athletic Director John Dunn.

To enter, surf the 'Net to the Athletic Deparment web site, www.highline.ctc.edu/athletics/ athhome.html, find the Trivia icon, and follow the directions.

Alternatively, go to the Highline home page, click on All About Highline, and click on Athletic Deparment.

"Everybody is a winner just by trying," says Dunn. "There are such things as moral victories when you bring up the athletic web site."

As an added bonus, for all the news that's not fit to print go to: www.highline.ctc.edu/athletics/athhome.htm

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# 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 is in 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.

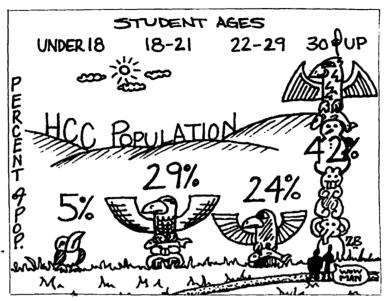
Curtis interrupted her first college education to get married and raise a family. She started college soon after high school and was working on a major in marine biology when she left. Lee Tull is a Highline student in his mid-30s. He works at the

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

Julie Swanson is a 43-yearold Highline student retraining in office occupations. "I've heard from younger students that, because I'm older, I'll



have a better chance of getting a job faster," 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

Quentin Smith is 38 and takes computer classes at Highline for career retraining. He's been out of college for 15 years and had 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

## 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 twenty-eight 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.

rea, 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 Iliakis, 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 Kawashima 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 established.

It is a reasonable price compared to other ESL classes in Washington according to its of-



Photo By Brian D. Smith

Student, Hoi Ming Chan, studies his english in an LCP class.

But because of the economy, the tuition is almost twice as much in other currencies.

For example, 25 Thai baht (currency in Thailand), which used to be equal to one US dollar went down by 38 percent.

"My tuition used be about 24,900 baht for one session, but now it is 39,800 baht and it's a lot of money," said Worada Namsopist, an LCP student from Thailand.

She said she is not worried about her parents calling her back but, she knows people who have part-time jobs to prevent

"But it's very hard for international students to get a job," she said.

Some can now legally look

It is called economic hard-

ship, the system to legalize international students to have part-time jobs.

Only students from Thailand, Malaysia, South Korea and Indonesia can apply for this economic hardship but, with a \$70 application fee, it usually takes two to three months to be ap-

The fee is going up to \$100 by October 13, 1998.

Too bad for LCP students, but it only applies for academic students.

"I wish that getting education is less expensive for us," said Worada and her sister Fiatt Namsopist.

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## 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 appearances. He has been featured in stories on CNN Headline News, National Public Radio's "All Things Considered," and was a regular commentator on nationally syndicated News Talk Television from 1995 to



the antiapartheid movement, while he was a student at Tulane Wise Univer-

forts in

sity in 1990, won him the personal thanks of Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa, according to a press release.

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## Candidates to face off in student forum

By Stacy Nelson Staff Reporter

Ten students will step up to the plate upstairs in Building 8 on Oct. 14, for a Candidate Forum. From 11 a.m. to noon they will be answering questions, and trying to prove they are worthy of the two vacant Student Government positions.

One position is the Evening Student Senator, who will coordinate projects for evening students and support them. The candidates for this position are: Michelle Ann Bonoan, Adam Catterlin, Morgan Casey, Liberte Patrick, Liah Walker, and Charteau Williams.

The other vacant position is the International Student Senator. This person will coordinate projects for International students and support them. The candidates for this position are:

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Campaigning is now in full swing, as it began Oct. 2, so expect to see and hear about these candidates. You can also find information about the candidates on a website which is in the process of being built.

Voting will be on Oct. 19 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Ballots will be cast exclusively over the Inter-

Full pre-election coverage in next week's Thunderword. Along with the usual assortment of sports, arts, fun, ads and mind-altering information.

Be there.

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--a Highline student this would be appropriate if racism no longer existed but it

"Who is proud of America's

A young lady sprung to the stage as if finally being granted a once in a lifetime chance. ". . . . I am Native American . . .

women were never paid the at the meeting. same wage as men . . . even today the wage is 75 cents to a dollar," she raged with passion. other issue, it will demonstrate

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued an order that required federal contractors to undertake Affirmative Action to increase the number of minorities that they employ. During the Presidency of Gerald R. Ford, Affirmative Action was extended to people with disabilities and Vietnam veterans.

Affirmative Action was es- appears on the statewide ballot tablished in an attempt to ad- on Nov. 3.

#### **Security** There is still a tre-

mendous racism.

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has been, perceives where it is

and directs where it is going,"

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cise their right by voting for or

against Initiative 200, which

After granting everyone the

Affirmative Action?

Ross said.

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buildings at the begining and ending of each day, and also the

minorities. Now the question is, has America transcended from the past and caused no need for "There is still a tremendous The seracism," said a Highline student

curity de-"Affirmative Action is important because, more than any

cle assistence such as car jumps

and unlocking of people's cars when they leave their keys inside their car.

Even though they don't carry guns, the Safety and Security stage, Ross urged everyone to department can still deal with serious crimes such as assaults and car thefts and by calling the Des Moines Police department and assisting them with investigation of the crimes.

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