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Puffed up over smoking issue

Students agree:
Campus shouldn't
be smoke free

By Kim Hipol
Staff Reporter

Highline students disagree when it comes to smoking on campus.

Out of 100 students surveyed, 53 percent of students here smoke or smoke moderately, while the other 47 percent are ex-smokers or never have.

In 1996 and 1997, Thunderword surveys have found that 43 and 27 percent of students said they smoked, respectively.

The surveys are non-scientific and the actual number of smokers on campus is not known. However one has only to walk around campus to recognize that a lot of people here do smoke.

Of the 53 percent who inhale, 42 percent said that they would not attend here if the campus were to go non-smoking completely, but would consider staying if there were designated areas for smoking.

Students who smoke say they would be upset with restrictions on smoking, that they would feel just like they were in high school again.

"I would question the ethics of the school," one student said.

Some smokers feel that smoking is their right and that quarantining them is a direct violation of their freedom.

"I could always go to Green River," said one student.

The non-smoking students seem to feel differently about the issue.

There have been complaints about smokers using the campus as an ashtray. Along the pathways across campus, prodigious amounts of butts can be spotted.

Of the 47 percent non-smoking students, 62 percent are ecstatic about the idea of a non-smoking campus, while



Photo by Kirk Elliott

Highline student Lisa Lamkin enjoys a cigarette while studying.

others agree with the smoking population in that it is violation of their constitutional rights.

"It would infringe upon everyone's rights to smoke if he or she wants to.

Plus where would it stop ban congregation at school?" said one non-smoking student.

Reporter Dalon Howard also contributed to this story.

Walker, Tran win election

By Stacy Nelson
Staff Reporter

Liah Walker and Miyoung Tran won this week's Student Government elections.

Walker is the new Evening Student Senator with 53.8 percent of the votes. Trailing her were Charteau Williams with 33.6 percent, and Casey Morgan with 17.6.

Tran won the election for International Student Senator, earning 38.5 percent of the votes. She narrowly edged out Britt Peacock with 30.1 percent, April Pennix-Garvin with 27.4 percent and Zakiya Shan with 9 percent.

This is the first year that a student senator will be exclusively representing evening and international students.

Walker campaigned on safety and on adding services for evening students.

Tran said she wanted to help students get involved in extracurricular activities. She stressed her experience in student government in high school.

Several candidates dropped out of the race along the way, including one who was removed from the ballot because his

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Walker



Tran

Campus hosts food drive

By Nate Patterson
and Sandra Kruike
Staff Reporters

Team Highline and the Washington Public Employees Association are co-sponsoring a campus food drive. Everyone on campus is asked to donate non-perishable items.

All of the donations will go to the Des Moines Food Bank and benefits thousands of people in the SeaTac, Des Moines, and Federal Way areas.

Any food in cans, boxes, non-breakable bottles, or even dried foods like pastas and Top Ramen are needed.

Blue and Yellow donation bins are located around campus in buildings 6 and 8, upper and lower levels; in Building 30, the computer instruction center; and the Library on the ground level.

Team Highline is inviting students and staff to start various incentive programs to encourage students to participate in the canned food drive. Tonight's '70s and Beyond Dance Party is giving a

\$2 discount to students who bring two cans of food to the Student Programs Office or to the door at the party.

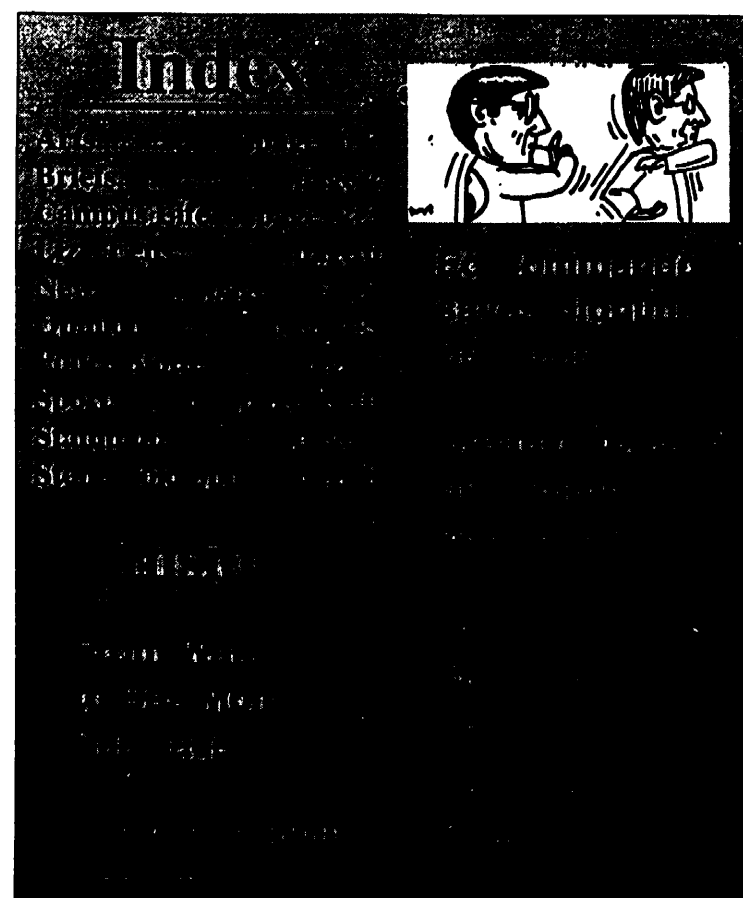
Other ideas that have been suggested are to give bonus points to students in class, start a contest between two or more classes, or beg and plead on your knees.

"It is a great idea for it promotes the canned food drive," said Kayleen Oka, Multicultural Student Program coordinator. Oka will be in charge of making sure the canned food gets picked up from the donation bins and any classrooms or faculty buildings. Anyone in need of a pick-up should contact Christine Stevenson at ext. 3537.

The drive started on Oct. 19. The last day for donations is Dec. 4.

Rachel Thorne, a member of Team Highline, encourages everybody who can to donate. "It really goes for a good cause," Thorne said.

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Police Blotter:

A Metro bus driver took some strange turns after some passengers decided to close some windows on a cold morning last week.

The incident was sparked when some of the passengers, on a bus going to Seattle from Highline, closed the windows that were open in the back of the bus.

"It's my right as a bus driver to have the back windows open," the driver informed the passengers, according to a witness. An argument ensued, and the driver called SeaTac Police.

Police officers arrived and escorted two riders off the bus, before it resumed its trip north, 25 minutes late.

The driver subsequently stopped the bus again and told the remaining passengers that they could not discuss the incident or she would call the police again and have them removed.

Many passengers called Metro later in the morning to complain about the driver's behavior.

The route got a new driver the next day, a passenger said.

This was the first time in 14 years that I have ever had a problem on the bus," said an anonymous bus passenger.

Metro officials said the case is under investigation and declined further comment.

Des Moines Police:

No major incidents reported other than traffic tickets.

Highline Campus:

We have a record of a car jump and on-street foul language in key area.

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Instructor comes all the way from Wales to teach at Highline

By Bekah Johnston
Staff Reporter

The first thing you notice when he speaks is his strong British accent.

"He just talks different," said Highline student Romeo Rodriguez.

Bernie Hayward is from Barry College, Wales, in the United Kingdom. He is a new instructor at Highline this year as a faculty exchange in the engineering department.

Hayward found his way from the U.K. to Washington through a life long friendship with Bob Maplestone, Chairman of Pure and Applied Science. Maplestone and Hayward have known each other for over 32 years.

The first time they met was when they were in track and field back in Cardiff, Wales. They also went to the University of Wales together in the '70s. By being in the same sports club and going to the same University they became "pretty good friends," said Maplestone.

In 1974 Hayward joined Barry College, while at the same time Maplestone joined Highline.

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--Bernie Hayward

I'd visit with him," said Maplestone.

A year ago Highline decided to increase global awareness in the college. Jack Bermingham, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, asked for a faculty exchange member from another country.

"Who do we have connections with to start this?" asked Maplestone.

Hayward was the head of engineering at Barry College, so he was the ideal candidate.

"I've come over here to learn as much as I can about the college system," Hayward said, "to bring it back to the U.K."

Things he wants to learn about are Highline's culture diversity, associations with other



industrial experience. In Wales he was the head of engineering and taught all the same subjects as he is here. He has been teaching for 24 years, this January.

"Every student underestimates their full potential," Hayward said. "I try to get them close to their full potential."

Hayward tells his students that there are four "F's" to reach their full potential; "be friendly, be fair, be firm and be focused."

After his 12 months are over, Hayward plans on returning to Wales with his family, who came over with him. He has four children, three daughters and one son.

His children have exams back in the U.K. and his son may play professional soccer, or as the British say, football. Hayward's daughter, Frances, is attending Highline through the Running Start program.

Since being in the States, Hayward and his family have been able to see Mount Rainier, and they plan on seeing Seattle.

"I want my children to experience living in another country," Hayward said.

Hayward wants to be remembered as, "a normal person who did his very best for the students."

College is no longer mailing grades

By Janelle Marsh
Staff Reporter

Highline students no longer get their grades by mail.

Beginning Summer Quarter, Highline stopped sending out grades. To get your grades now, you can call the school touch tone, use the computer kiosk in Building 8, or get it over the

Internet via the Highline homepage.

"A majority of the 32 community and technical colleges in Washington state have stopped mailing grades," said Robert Kurtz, director of Student Services and Information Systems. "Highline is just now coming online."

The new system will be sav-

ing the college \$3,000 a quarter in postage costs.

"You can get them (grades) at your own convenience now," Kurtz said.

For Fall Quarter, faculty have until noon on Dec. 14 to submit course grades to registration. By 8 a.m. on Dec. 15, grades will be available.

The hours of operation to re-

ceive grades are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Students say they like the new system.

"I think it is a good idea because everyone is going paperless these days," said Douglas Wood. "It seems that Highline is taking steps to adapt to the 21st century."



Lecture to be held

There will be a Community Conversation with Richard L. McCormick, president of the University of Washington on Tuesday Oct. 27, from 7-8:30 p.m.

The lecture will be at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma. For more information call (206) 543-2580.

Affirmative Action debate at HCC

A debate will be held Wednesday, Oct. 28 about affirmative action. It will be held in Toad Hall (AKA Building 7) at 2 p.m. In favor of affirmative action is Terry Ross squaring off against Steve O'Donnell. This event is free.

Breakfast Forum

Highline's Federal Way campus is holding a Women's Breakfast Forum on Thursday, Nov. 12. The subject will be, "What if the Hokey Pokey is What It's All About: Goal Setting in the Year 2000." The fea-

tured speaker is Patt Schwab. For info call 206-870-3757.

Cheap Flicks!

The Student Programs office is selling movie tickets at a discount. 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.

Save in the TUB

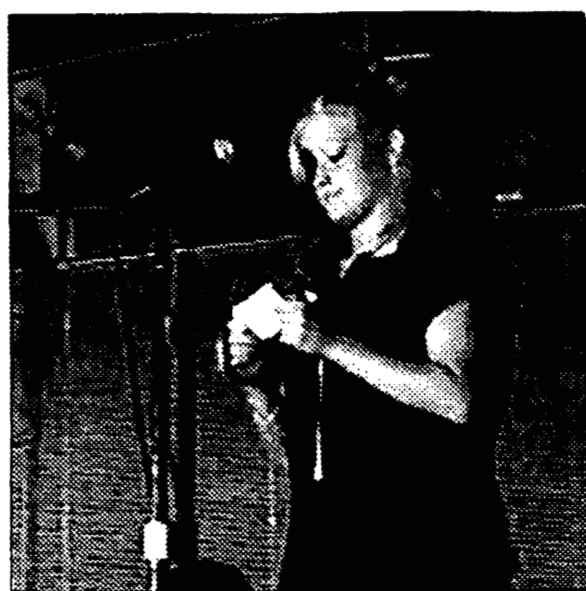
Entertainment coupon books will be sold upstairs in the TUB (Thunderbird Union Building) AKA Building 8. The price is \$40 for Ultimate books; \$35 for the South Puget Sound edition.

The National Guard is in the house

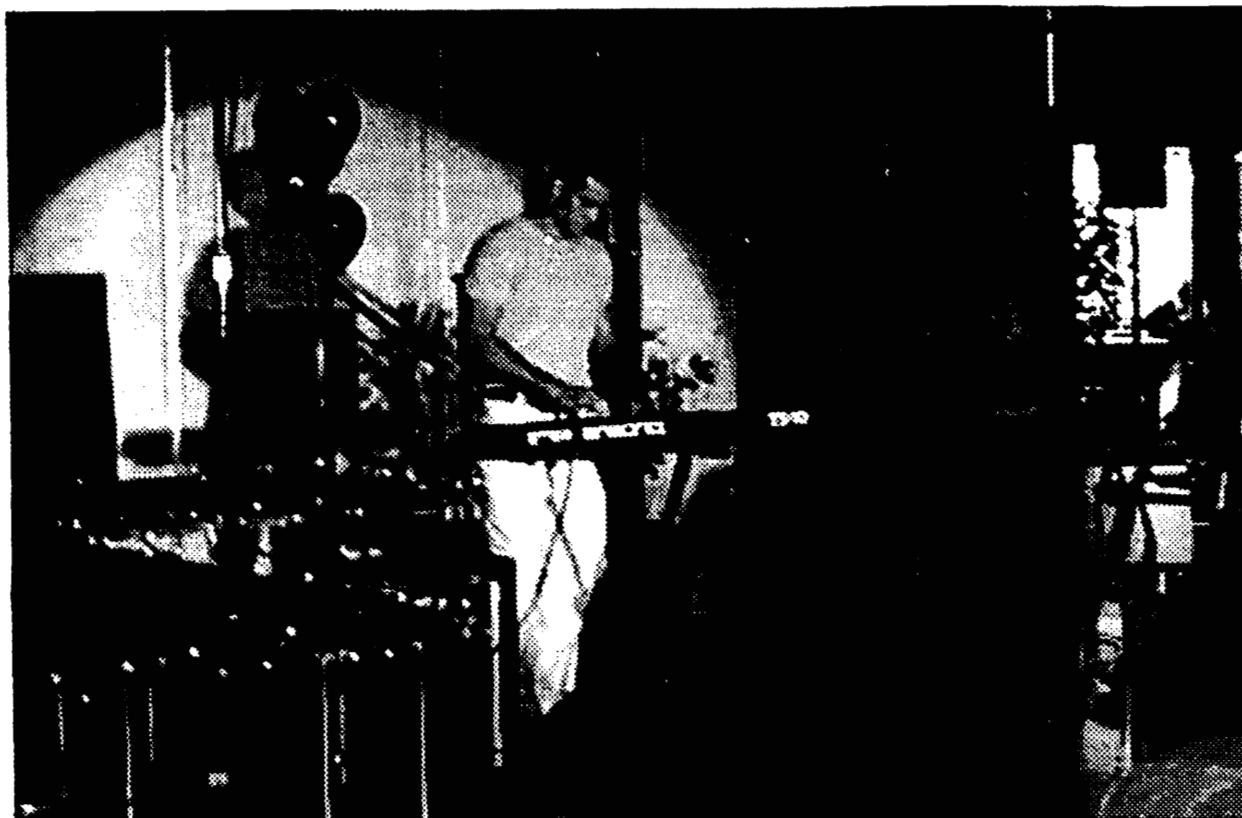
The Washington National Guard will be on campus Tuesday, Oct. 27 and Tuesday, Nov. 24 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. to speak to students about their program. They will be in the lower level of Building 6 by the bookstore on either of these days.

Used book sale

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.



Theresa Moreau (above) reads from her poem at the Faces of Highline pageant. Trevor Howard (right) plays his song "The Way Things Were" on the keyboard.



Saving Face

Students vie in Faces of Highline pageant

Story by Morgan Fernandez
Photos by Paris Hansen
Staff Reporters

They came to sing, to juggle and to die in the Student Lounge yesterday.

Team Highline hosted the second annual Faces of Highline Pageant yesterday at noon in Building 8. The pageant brought out a lot of faces, with many amazing and shocking talents.

The contest to determine the 12 new faces for the 1999 Faces of Highline Calendar.

There was a panel of six judges, comprised of students and faculty. Winners will be announced tonight at the '70s and Beyond Dance Party.

Each contestant came on stage to a catchy tune. When the music stopped, contestants gave a brief history as to what they're about, where they intend to go in life, and something unique about themselves.

Then came the pressure: Judges interrogated the contestants on matters of life and love. Each contestant then finished with a show of talent.

Students' answers varied from goals of being the first female president to hav-

ing a Captain Crunch tattoo on one's rear end.

Hobbies were varied also; many contestants enjoy playing sports; softball, tennis, running, and outdoor events. There were also those students who enjoy indoor activities, writing, computers, poetry, and cooking.

Here are a few examples of the question and answer segment:

What is equality to you?

"Equality is a trait that someone possesses—it's a good thing," said contestant Theresa Moreau.

How do you feel about interracial relationships?

"They're fine!" said a smiling Trevor Howard. "You like someone for who they are, not for the color of their skin."

What would the perfect evening with your girlfriend consist of?

"She would show up," said Raul Sedano.

The talent contest proved to be the most entertaining aspect of the show. April Pennix-Garvin sang a Gospel song, beautifully a capella. David Tobar did a flashy salsa dance, and Santana Villa did a backflip. Other talents included juggling shoes, hanging a spoon from one's

nose, break-dancing, and a card trick.

The talent portion brought out the wild side of Kirk Elliott, who did three impressions of death. He acted out a person walking down the street, getting shot with an arrow in the esophagus, and a person getting shot in the chest with a sawed off shot gun. Upon flying backwards and hitting the ground, Elliot asked for his final death from the audience. He recieved, getting hit by a car, he added, while jogging.

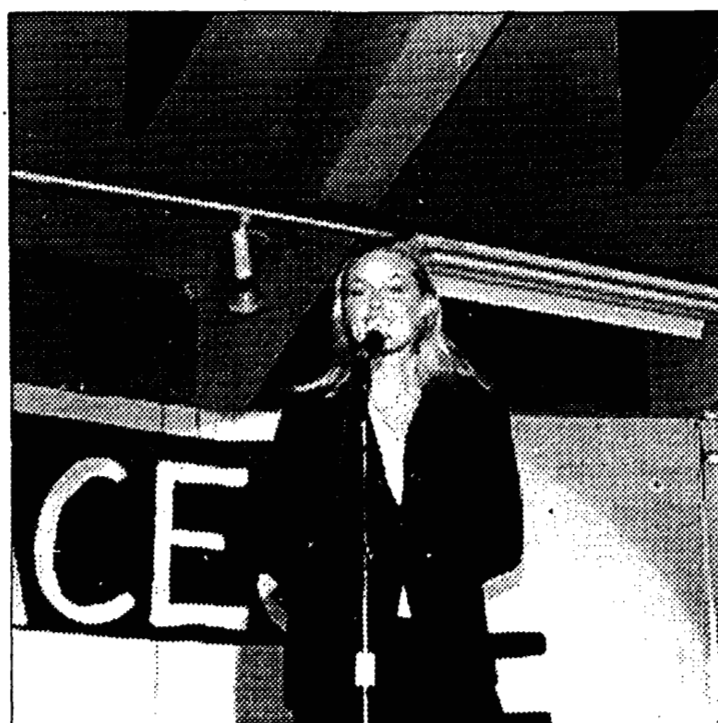
The event was more or less a success. More than 12 students showed up, 15 to be exact.

"A lot of people didn't show up," said Amy Studley of Team Highline.

Shooting for the calendar will begin next week and it will officially be available Nov. 30 through Student Services. Profits from the calendar will go to Multicultural Services.



April Pennix-Garvin wowed the audience with her voice.



Tai Mansigh (above) tells the audience how unique she really is. Kirk Elliott (left) does his impression of a man hit by an arrow.

Editorials

Changes in student government may need refinement

One of the goals of student government should always be trying to find better ways to represent the students. The new Evening and International student senator positions that were elected for the first time this week are a step in the right direction.

They are not, however, the ideal. Ideally, the candidates would have to be part of the groups they were chosen to represent. In this last election only one of the candidates for each position was actually a member of the group they were trying to represent. It is hard enough for an elected official to represent the wants and needs of an entire group; imagine how hard it will be for someone who isn't even a member of that group.

The other issue with the new positions is how deserved they are. There are plenty of evening students to justify an evening senator, but perhaps, with only 370 enrollees, there are more deserving groups than international students. There are much larger groups on campus that are equally lacking in representation.

The most recent numbers show that 42 percent of Highline students are over the age of 30. Shouldn't there be someone to look out for the special needs of older students?

The drafters of the new student government by-laws claim that the specialized senator positions were designed to merely give newly elected students a direction. One might reason that the people these candidates are chosen to represent are hoping for a little more.

If there is going to be specialized representation in student government, it should be fair and genuinely representative of the groups they are representing.

Election turnout disappointing, but not surprising

Once again, the turnout for ASHCC elections were pathetic. There are 7,000 students on campus, all of whom are eligible to vote. However, only 160 took the time.

The winning candidate for International Student Senator received 38.5 percent of the votes -- a whopping 62 votes.

Turnout has never been great at Highline elections, but this was horrible. In the last election nearly twice as many students cast ballots.

Student government has made attempts to increase turnout. This election was hosted online. Having the election online made it more accessible to students, especially evening and Running Start students who don't spend as much time on campus. Students checked boxes on a web page devoted to the election. There was even a computer set up in the cafeteria specifically for voting.

It is difficult to say why students didn't vote. There wasn't a lot of publicity for the election, so it is reasonable to say that maybe the student body didn't know about the election.

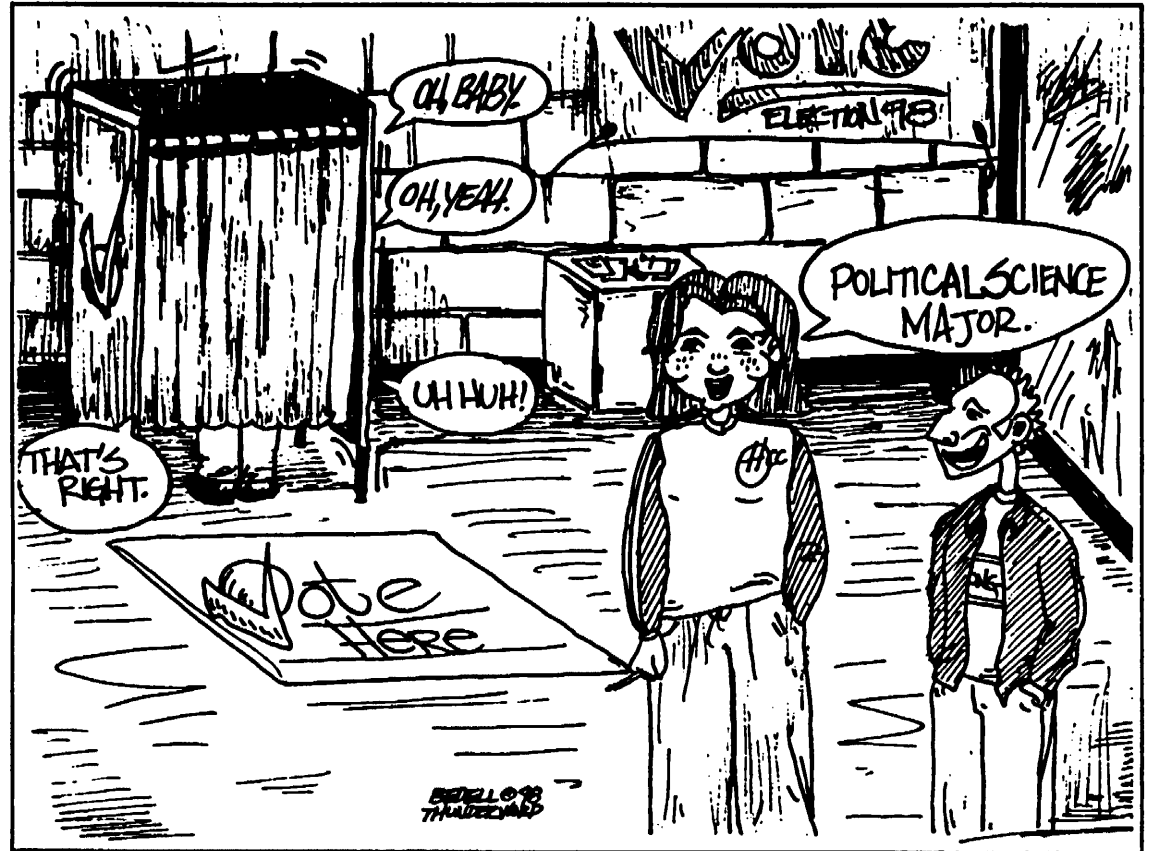
However, with the amount of campaigning the winning students did, the logical reason for poor turnout is general apathy.

It is time the student body at Highline took a stake in how things are run. That includes, and should start with voting.

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Judgment day reveals a few things

The Faces of Highline pageant was a rousing success. Mostly because I was a judge of the contestants. The show wasn't bad either.

I try to grace the student body with my presence whenever possible.

As one of six judges, I was charged with grading contestants in four categories: presentation, speaking ability, answers and talent.

The toughest category to judge was presentation. I'm not the best dressed guy in the world myself -- I've often been told that homeless people have better taste in clothing than me -- and it made me slightly uncomfortable to rate someone on their appearance.

If someone looked like they had dressed up for the event and their clothes matched, then I gave them a good grade.

I was faced with an unusual dilemma. Two of my staff members from the Thunder-

It's supposed to be funny



By Mike Stampalia

word were contestants Kirk Elliott, photo editor, and Alex P. Hennesy, opinion editor. Fortunately neither screwed up too badly. I just don't want to hear any whining if one of those guys doesn't make it in. I believe Kirk already has decided which month he would like to be.

Contestants got up and said their name, age, number of years at Highline, major, interests/hobbies, extra-curricular activities, and one unique fact.

Fortunately for the student body of Highline, I was a judge and not a contestant. With only 15 people competing for 12 spots even I would have stood a

chance.

I can't even imagine how badly that might affect calendar sales, as I am not the most studly guy on campus. Those rumors about how women on campus can't resist me are unfortunately false.

At the pageant I was most impressed by several of the talents presented by contestants. Elliott's death impressions were pretty funny, but I couldn't help but think that the Thunderword was about to lose its photo editor to a broken arm.

I had to ask every other contestant a question. My favorite response was Raul Sedano's.

Describe a perfect evening with your girlfriend.

"She would show up," said Sedano.

The calendar should be great, if only because of my mad judging skills.

Mike will be appearing as Miss November in the Journalists of Highline calendar.

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Walking to the Heartland for a good cause

By Sarah Song
Staff Reporter

Like Dude the Dud thinks, many of us don't really want to call and send \$5 for kids with AIDS. Probably because we're so smart that we know the phone number could be a scam. The only way we know that

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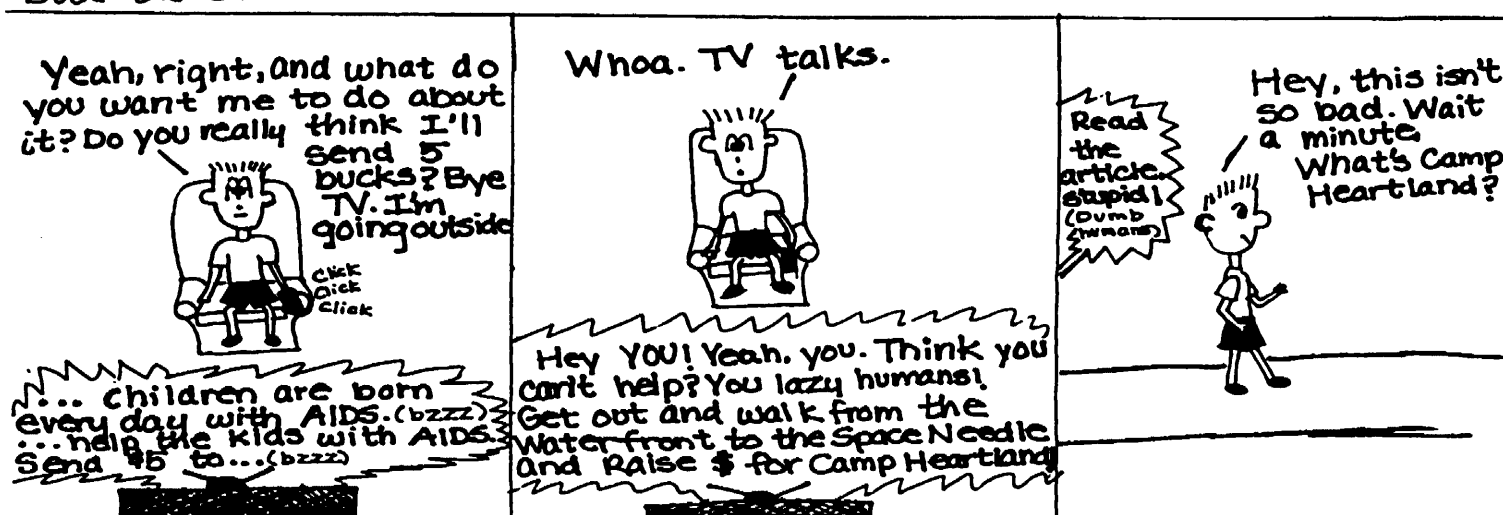
it isn't a scam is if we are there. So, be there!

Raise money for the children who have AIDS. Not by sending money, but by getting off that couch and walking.

Yes, walking. On Oct. 24, walk from the Waterfront Park in downtown Seattle to the Space Needle with Louie Rochon who is finishing his Walk Across America, a walk he started to raise public awareness for children who have AIDS.

He began his walk in Florida. Destination: Seattle via San Diego.

Dude the Dud



Walk with him on his last two miles of his two-year, 5,200 mile journey to raise money for the children to go to Camp Heartland.

Camp Heartland is the largest HIV camp and careplace, free for children ages 7-15 impacted by HIV/AIDS.

It used to operate in five different locations every summer, but in 1997, the camp purchased

a year-around campground in Willow River, Minnesota.

"This fall we just had a fall reunion and about 400 people showed up," said Neil Williamson, president of Camp Heartland.

The camp funds everything from food to transportation, even for children who don't live near Camp Heartland.

"The camp funds about

\$1,250 for a child for one week, so the walk will help," said Williamson. "The ones who help the most are mostly college and high school students."

You heard the man! Walk and raise money for the children.

If not for the children, do it for your conscience.

The walkers must meet at Waterfront Park between Pier

57 and Pier 59 at 10 a.m. on Saturday Oct. 24. The walk will begin at 10:30 a.m. sharp, so don't be late. There will not be any transportation back, so arrange your own ride if you don't feel like walking back to the pier.

If you still don't feel like walking and you would like to send money instead, call 1-800-724-4673 and pledge.

Smokers sick and tired, still enjoy smoking

I'm really tired of hearing about the evils of smoking. Bottom line: I have a right to smoke.

Smoking is fun. It's cool. It's satisfying. If you don't like it, you don't have to smoke. Nobody's making you.

But if you do smoke — and I do — it's your right to do so. This is America, isn't it? The land of the free?

If it stains my teeth — hey, they're my teeth. If I drop an ash and it burns a hole in my clothes — they're my clothes.

Somebody told me it made me smell bad. What about people with body odor, or bad breath? Are we going to outlaw them too?

They say that kissing a smoker is like licking an ashtray.

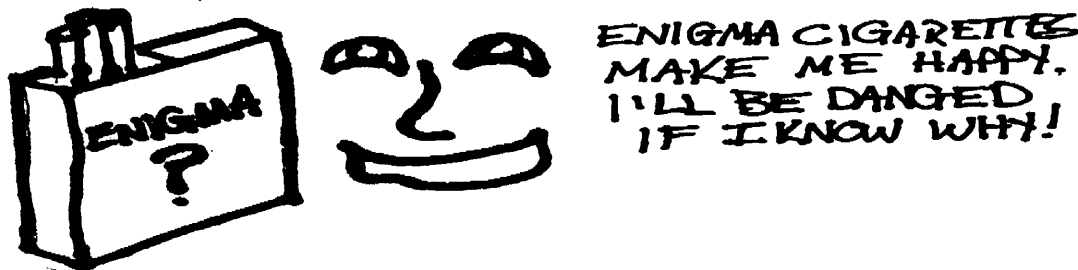
What's Stewing

By Stuart Dent

How would anybody know this? Has anybody tried it? Frankly, if I had a girlfriend, she'd tell you differently.

As for second-hand smoke — wear a freakin' mask if it bothers you. I'm probably saving you money on smokes by sharing mine for free. You should be paying me for second-hand smoke.

Oh, sure, you're going to say that lung cancer was virtually unheard of before people started smoking heavily early in the 20th century. But those are just statistics. I want proof!



It's bad enough that we can't smoke in class. Wouldn't a cigarette really help somebody relax before or during a big exam, or to stay focused during one of those pointless lectures?

In group exercises, smoking could be something that binds the group together, allowing them to form more cohesive teams, enhancing learning in the process.

The other day I read something down in the locker room that Northwest Athletic Associ-

ation of Community Colleges — the league that Highline belongs to — says any athlete or coach who's caught smoking can be suspended! What's that about?

The NWAACC is N-wacky, if you ask me. Why shouldn't a guy be allowed to take a smoke to steady his nerves before a big game? Or a big race? It should be up to the individual.

I think my smoking does more good than bad. For example, I pay a lot of taxes to smoke

— isn't that enough? I help the economy by keeping farmers in the south from growing more dangerous herbs.

Of course, it's all these taxes that have made cigarettes more expensive. It's discrimination against smokers. What did we ever do to you?

So if I want to smoke, I should be able to do so — wherever and whenever. After all, it's my lung.

Stuart Dent is a student at Highline



Creative force on campus 'Eyes of a Friend' comes to Higline

Gary Nelson's varied pursuits keep him busy

By Marta Pelayo
Staff Reporter

When looking for creative inspiration, students need look no further than Gary Nelson.

"I just can't imagine being anything else other than being a 'creative,'" said Nelson, Coordinator for the Production Illustrator Program.

A professional ski instructor, fly fisherman, hiker, graphics illustrator, and wooden boat builder, Nelson has spent his life being a "creative."

Nelson first developed his love for painting after receiving words of encouragement from his kindergarten teacher when he painted a purple turkey.

Nelson feels that his watercolor paintings have helped him in life. A painter in the "English" style, which uses water to make colors lighter instead of white paint, Nelson feels that, "It forces me to 'see' things rather than just 'look' at things."

Nelson's works of art are usually environmental, from landscapes, seascapes, and NW locals, but his sketchbooks are filled with anything from a table top complete with your requisite condiments or a mountain view from a campsite.

Wanting to integrate his artistic talents with his career choice, Nelson trained to become a graphics designer. He only got into teaching when he began guest lecturing at a private school.

While Nelson now has 18 years of teaching experience behind him, he continues to take freelance design jobs and com-



Photo by Sarah Amberg
Gary Nelson works on a piece with his work displayed in the background.

missioned painting jobs on the side.

Beyond providing artistic expression, Nelson feels that creativity is one resource the nation has left untapped. It has been Nelson's experience that learning how to think in a creative way develops a higher order of thinkin., "Creatives try to bring out how to think in a creative way," Nelson said, "All we've got is creative thinking."

Creative thinking has provided success for several graduates, a major reward for Nelson and the modest program. The program is "not very big, but very

successful," he said.

Graduates have found employment in varied venues such as the set of *Star Trek: The Next Generation* and art director of Home Depot.

Nelson has a rewarding home life as well. Married to an art director and designer, his wife is also a ceramist. Having creative things in common reinforces the practice of "seeing" rather than "looking."

Noting how his three year old granddaughter recently completed her first work of art, Nelson put it all into perspective: "I've got a good life," he said.

By Martin Smith
Staff Reporter

A one-woman play exploring the life of Anne Frank will come to Higline for two performances next month.

"In the Eyes of a Friend" will be performed 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 5 in the Lecture Hall, Building 7. Admission is free.

Ann Frank was a Jewish German-Dutch girl who lived in a attic for two years with seven others in an unsuccessful attempt to escape the persecution of the Jews by the Nazis during W.W.II. Although she and the others where caught and she was sent to the extermination camp at Bergen-Belsen, her journal was left behind for all of

us to read.

"It's an interesting topic that you just don't hear about anymore," said Team Highline member Christine Stevenson, who organized the appearance.

The play consists of only one actress and an interactive video. The show "has very good reactions all across the country, in Canada, and in England," says Denise Bleha, who performs in the play.

"This is a different take on the story," Blaha said. "It puts you in the situation, and you experience what was going on in the world in the eyes of a friend during the Holocaust."

A discussion about discrimination in today's society will follow each performance.

Students, faculty to get their say

By Talitha Vanzo
Staff Reporter

Students and faculty will be speaking out in the next couple of weeks.

First comes Faculty Speaks, noon to 1 p.m. Oct. 29 in Building 7.

Next comes Outspoken Words, noon to 1 p.m., Nov. 2 in Building 8.

At both events, Highline's budding and burgeoning writers will share their work, out loud and for free.

To participate, sign up at the Team Highline office upstairs in Building 8.

This is the second year that Team Highline has put on these poetry readings and they are hoping for an outcome at least as good as last year.

Rachel Thorne and D.J.

Howard are in charge of the collaboration of poetry and short stories that make up these two programs.

Highline has a number of writers on the faculty. "It is a place where faculty have the ability to present their poems, short stories, and other works," Howard said of Faculty Speaks.

Most of the people who frequent this event are creative writing professors, although students are welcome to come and listen and/or to present their own work.

Outspoken Words is where students and some faculty have the chance to present to anyone and everyone their short stories and poems.

The microphone will be open at Outspoken Words but you will have to sign up. Both events are free.

'Captain Orgazmo' deserves serious demotion

Trey Parker, co-creator of the smash hit *South Park*, misses mark with his latest endeavor, *Orgazmo*.

The film stars Parker as wholesome young Mormon Joe Young, who has gone to Hollywood in search of converts. Amidst his door-to-door mission work, Joe comes across the set of a porno movie.

As the guards are throwing him off the set, Joe impresses the director with his smooth methods of self defense.

Joe is then commissioned to play Captain Orgazmo, a crime fighter, who with his side kick Choda-boy (Dian Bachar) sets out to rid the world of evil sex offenders.

I am at a loss as to how this ever seemed a good idea for a full length feature film.

Pornos are funny in and of themselves. People either watch them for the obvious reason, or they watch them because they are ridiculously

Liz's
Lens

By Liz Doolittle



funny.

As my good friend Stuart Dent pointed out "Making a satire of a porno, is like making a satire of *The Naked Gun*." This, mainly is why *Orgazmo* was not a good movie.

The script is weighted with generically crude humor, and didn't have the plot to sustain its meager 95 minutes.

The movie did, however have a few legitimately funny scenes.

Had the movie only been, say half an hour long it could very well have been much more entertaining.

My first sign, besides the fact that they were giving away free tickets on the radio, is the fact that it is rated NC-17.

I have yet to see a movie with this rating that was worthy of my time.

In fact, the last movie I saw with an NC-17 rating was *Showgirls*.

When it comes right down to it, the only reason people ever really ever go to see NC-17 movies is because they are NC-17.

They may have a curiosity about the unknown, or simply wish to give Elizabeth Berkely one last chance to redeem herself.

What it comes down to is this: to try to make a porno funny, makes a movie less funny than if it were actually a porno. Therefore it really is a lost cause.

Liz hopes to some day grow up and be a famous go-cart driver, and be a founder of the first NASCAR.



Photo courtesy of October Films
Michael Dean Jacobs and Trey Parker in *Orgazmo*

'Beloved', a film not to miss

Where it's at

By Marta Pelayo
Staff Reporter

The most disappointing factor about the Fall release of *Beloved* is that most people will not watch it. They'll plan on going, talk about the atrocities of slavery, and even make plans with a friend to see it opening week.

But they won't go.

They won't go because they're more interested in seeing Chucky get it on with his new bride or because they'd rather see Sandra Bullock wiggle and jiggle around with Nicole Kidman.

And that's truly a shame, because *Beloved* is a story every person should know.

Set in rural Ohio in 1873, the film flashes back to Sethe's life as a slave in 1855, just before she runs away from her tortuous master. Starring Danny Glover as Paul D. and Thandie Newton as the title character, *Beloved* illustrates what happens when you ignore your past.

Basically, it comes back to haunt you.

For Sethe, her past comes back in the form of *Beloved*, a mystical stranger looking to make Sethe's family her own.

Both Sethe and her daughter Denver take *Beloved* in, only Glover's Paul D. looks on with skepticism at the wanderer with the croaking voice and awkward gait.

Unaware of Sethe's horrible secret, Paul D. has no idea what



Photo courtesy of Buena Vista

Oprah Winfrey, Thandie Newton and Kimberly Elise in *Beloved*.

kind of hold *Beloved* has on Sethe and Denver.

Sensing his growing cynicisms and fearing his power over the family, *Beloved* runs Paul D. from Sethe by magically encouraging him to sleep with her.

Denver, having heard the tryst, begins her first doubts towards *Beloved* and her intentions.

Do not be mislead by the title because this is no chick flick.

Pulling no punches, if you cry at this movie it will be due to shock at the harrowing violent scenes depicting hangings, rape,

beatings, and murder.

Acknowledging that slavery existed is far more easier than watching it play out. Detailed scenes depicting a slave Sethe being whipped by her slaveowner is difficult to watch.

Although Winfrey turns in a strikingly internal performance, the real heroine of the film is Kimberly Elise.

Playing Sethe's youngest daughter Denver, Elise has a timid view of the outside world and tortured life living in Sethe's haunted house. Her need for affection from her mother is a complete flip when

compared to her unforgiving coldness towards Paul D. Denver learns to find her inner strength to save her fallen family.

Among the growth achieved in the story is Sethe's own acceptance of her past. Having minimized past events, Sethe finally comes to grips with the guilt she has harbored most of her life.

When Sethe relays her feeling to Paul D. that *Beloved* is her, "best thing" Paul D. delivers the true message. "You you're best thing."

The best thing indeed.

•**Team Highline presents** the '70's and beyond party. Come and shake your groove thang tonight from 8 p.m. to midnight downstairs in building 8. The price of admission is \$5 or \$3 if you bring two food units.

•**Faculty Speaks** on Oct. 29 from noon to 1 p.m. in building 7. Various members of Highline's staff will be reciting their own poems, short stories etc.

•**Outspoken words**, a prose reading at which students recite poetry, spoken words and short stories. This will be held Nov. 2, from noon to 1 p.m. in Tazza located in the TUB (thunderbird union building).

•**Team Highline brings you** the Ann Frank Performance. The performance will be held in building 7 on Nov. 5, from 11 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The performance is free.

•**Come check out the Really Big Art Show.** The art show is an excellent way to check out the work of highline's talented students, staff and alumni. The show will be in the Union Bay Room located downstairs in Bldg 8 Nov. 17 & 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

•**The drama department** presents their fall production *The King Stag*. The play runs from Nov. 12-14 and 19-21 at 8 p.m. in the little theater.

Haines & Preston virtual crowd pleasers

By Derek Roche
Staff Reporter

Penn and Teller they're not, and thank God for that. This past Friday night, the comedic act of Haines and Preston entertained a rather diminutive but enthusiastic audience in Highline's cafeteria.

The cafeteria was perhaps an unwisely chosen locale for the given production — the small floor-level stage left little maneuvering room for the duo's frolic. Nevertheless, Haines and Preston delivered the goods.

With an overwhelmingly diverse performance, ranging from varied stand-up and political humor to juggling and a near dozen or so musical numbers, Haines and Preston successfully kept the audience's undivided attention at a constant.

The pair is indubitably talented: Eric Haines with his mighty and refined singing adeptness and Morgan Preston radiating a fairly facetious, yet undoubtedly charming personality. To-

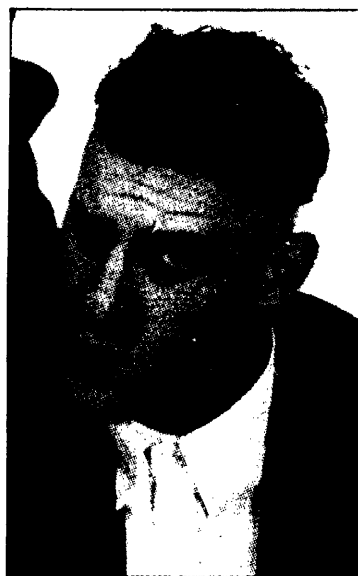


Eric Haines

gether they are a pure, unadulterated comedic farce.

"Chelsea Clinton isn't at college for an education . . . she's there recruiting White House interns," Preston joked, followed by laughter insinuating a "low blow" sentiment.

For the most part, the political humor remained objective, maintaining neither a "Pro Clinton" or an "Impeach the Philanderer" type temperament." Ei-



Morgan Preston

ther way the politically incorrect cracks were immensely witty and entertaining.

The dynamic duo are remarkably gifted jugglers, instituting the act with plastic pins, evolving into machetes and finally employing torches. A surprisingly cooperative audience member, willing to be placed in the line of fire, stood with bated breath as pins whizzed by him — the folly of an H & P's jug-

gling duet.

Audience involvement was key in keeping the two-hour show grossly entertaining and steadily spry — perhaps an attempt to keep the more elderly turnout lively.

The comics are ingenious in not asking for volunteers, but rather selecting onlookers who would rather observe than participate, yet when placed in the spotlight seem to shine — displaying a genuine charisma. This was evident in a dance number, where a seemingly shy young lady ultimately became the act's highlight, demonstrating some highly impressive dance steps.

Their impressions of Marvin the Martian, Donald Duck and Barney were dead-on, and though some ethnic humor was incorporated within the show, nothing was remotely offensive.

Possibly the most noteworthy factors in the show's success, was the way H & P ad-libbed much of their material. Improvisation is greatly important in a performance such as

this, where the audience is continually made part of the event.

Although an act assuredly rehearsed, it was quite obvious when the pair begin to move beyond their prepared antics.

If there was a flaw in the production, it was within the songs. A lightning fast delivery from Haines, coupled with the bass level on the microphone drowning out the needed highs and lows, resulted in lyrics which were arduous, often impossible to make out.

Despite the audio imperfections, the show was a lofty success. The slapstick was precise, the dance numbers were exquisitely choreographed and the chemistry beautifully polished. They share a symmetry that works to a dazzling perfection and their comic timing is impeccable.

This is the first of three Comedy Cafe productions organized by Team Highline. Other acts, are unscheduled, but if they're in any way as rollicking as Haines and Preston, count me in.

Talk of Yankee greatness just that

From 3,000 miles away I can already hear the idiocy. In every borough in New York City and many other cities in between, you will here the refrain: "The Yankees are the greatest team ever!" Sure, the Yankees look ready to sweep the Padres 4-0 in the World Series, but anointing greatness on them would be like

Stone Cold Sports



calling Jim Carrey a great actor, it just isn't so. This tripe is the best propaganda ploy since Mayor Rudy Giuliani's spiel on how safe New York now is. It just isn't so, folks. (No truth to the rumor "Hey, it's safer than Beirut!" was his second choice as a slogan.)

The Yankees have produced an amazing season, 114 wins, the most dominant performance the AL has seen in 50 years. They deserve their due respect, but bestowing greatest on them does a disservice to all the truly great teams of the past.

Just look at the stats from the series. Ricky Ledee, Jose Posada, Shane Spencer and Scott Brosius are all playing key roles in the Yanks success. That's right, two journeymen, two minor leaguers and an AARP member are about to win the World Series. If the Babe wasn't morbidly obese when he died he'd be turning over in his grave right now.

Another point which can't be underestimated are the effects of expansion. Baseball has now added four teams in the last six years. International players or not, there just isn't that much talent out there to fill those roster spots and not have the overall talent level significantly diluted.

No better example of this is the breaking of Roger Maris's homerun record. Maris set the record in 1961, an expansion year. And it was broken this year by two players in an expansion year. Baseball's talent is watered down, that fact is indisputable. The Yankees are a very good team, and that is all.

So with this knowledge feel confident to fend off any attack from some fan of those damn Yankees.

Steen owned land in New York and Hell. After visiting New York he sold his land and moved to Hell.

Lady luck not with Lady T-birds

Key injury derails chance at victory versus Skagit Valley

By Jewanna Carver
Staff Reporter

Times are tough for the Thunderbird volleyball team.

The ladies were defeated by the No. 1 ranked, 21-0 Skagit Valley in the Pavilion on Oct. 14.

Although the ladies fought valiantly against the notoriously tough team, they were unable to carry it on to a full five game match. They lost in four, 5-15, 15-6, 7-15, 10-15.

That game helped decide the T-Birds' rank in the league. It tied them for the fourth place spot along with Edmonds and

"They weren't mentally there."

--Head Coach
Shauna Sheppard

Bellevue.

Two days after the tough defeat, the ladies got a rematch against Edmonds, a team they easily defeated at the beginning of the season. But misfortune halted the team from obtaining what should have been an easy three-game victory.

Outside hitter Nashonne Watkins dislocated her shoulder at the start of the match, prohibiting her from continuing the game.

This is the second time Wat-



Photo by Brian D. Smith

Mariha Goodchild makes volleyball look easy.

kins has dislocated her shoulder this season. Apparently the injury dates back to her high school days, when it originally occurred, but never fully healed. Luckily, the shoulder is expected to heal within a week or so and Watkins will be good as new. Returning player Angie Burgess was substituted in to

finish the match for her injured teammate.

But after the accident the ladies lost their focus.

They were leading Edmonds 11-2 in the first game, but somehow they let the other team creep up on them.

"We started going up and down," middle hitter April

Helms said, "we were being non-communicative." The T-Birds found themselves fighting to win the first match. They finally squeaked by with an 18-16 victory.

The next game went a little smoother, with the T-Birds dominating and winning 15-5. Then they started to slip again. Somehow Edmonds was able to edge them out by two points, forcing the ladies to play another game.

This time the 'Birds were defeated by a substantial margin, 15-9.

"They weren't mentally there," Coach Shauna Sheppard said. "They didn't come prepared to play, and they were unable to close the games."

Although the Thunderbirds triumphed at last, turning the score around to be 15-9 in their favor, to end the five game match they realized that it never should have went that far.

The ladies are ready to shake that game off, and challenge Everett, a team they lost to earlier this season, on their own turf.

The Everett rematch is at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23 in the Pavilion.

The ladies will then have a week to recuperate, before facing Olympic in the Pavilion, 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2.

At 3-4, Highline is in third place, tied with Olympic. A strong finish could land the T-Birds a playoff spot only a year after the team finished last in its division. Two years ago, Highline won the division going away.

Results from Wednesday's Shoreline game were unavailable at press time.

Men's cross country sets the pace

By Diana Ruggiero
Staff Reporter

The Thunderbird men's cross country swept the top three places in Lower Columbia coming home with a first place trophy. Four of the eight men runners and one of the three women runners placed in the top 10 and received ribbons.

Dagen Bendixen, Andrew Russell, Andy Gist, Chris Bendicksen and Becca McKenzie received ribbons.

"It was a good feeling coming in first out of the top 10," Bendixen said.

Head Coach Tracy Brigham is proud of the team's improvement.

"Each meet that we run in, Russell seems to step up his time and get closer and closer to

the top," Brigham said.

Individually they placed as follows: Bendixen took first; Russell finished second; Gist placed third; Bendicksen came in seventh; Rutter placed 11th; Lekanoff placed 15th; Reed placed 20th; and McNelley placed 24th.

"It felt good to come in second," Russell said. "The team is looking a lot better and we are improving greatly."

Two unattached students also ran well in the meet. Frankie Cenicerros had a sideache and didn't run to his full potential but still pulled off fourth place, and Rob Sundine placed sixth.

"For an unsponsored team we are doing pretty good," Rutter said.

The women's cross country contingent also did very well.

"It felt good to come in second. The team is looking a lot better we are improving greatly."

--Dagen
Bendixen

McKenzie placed eighth, Karla Booth placed 30th, and Erin Stevens placed 31st.

"It would be nice if we can

have a full team to compete. That way it gives us something to run for," Booth said.

Even though they did not place as a team, the next meet will be much different. Brigham picked up two more women runners.

"Now that we will have five runners we can place as a team and find where we rank," Brigham said.

The Thunderbirds' next challenge will be the Western Washington University Invite in Bellingham.

This will be a much tougher test than Lower Columbia was.

"This next meet will be competitive," Rutter said.

"We have already reached the peak of our training, but if we keep at it we will be ready for this weekend."



Photo by Raul Sedano

Jessie Barnett, top, dominates Eric Worden during a recent practice. Both are in their second year on the team, with Barnett last year participating in the NJCAA national tournament.

T-Bird wrestling squad sets sights on national tournament

By Tyler Hurst
Staff Reporter

Highline's wrestling team will field its best year of returning sophomores this season, led by All-Americans Adam Catterlin and Trevor Howard.

Howard is known as the "cat" by his teammates, presumably for his ability to always land on top during a match, said Head Coach Todd Owens.

Howard placed third last year in the nationals, losing to the eventual NJCAA champion

from Colby, Kansas. Had he been on the other side of the bracket, he would have been a finalist, said Owens.

Other returners with national experience are Jesse Barnett and Andy Clark. Both earned a berth in the nationals by placing in the Region 18 Wrestling Conference. Both have improved, and look to place at nationals this year.

Eric Worden and Aaron Hall are also back. Hall placed third at the 1997 Lassen Open, while Worden is regarded by Owens as the most versatile wrestler on

the team. Academic All-American Mark Kissler is back as last season's starting heavyweight. Jason Olson has returned from his redshirt season and should give Kissler some competition at heavyweight.

New team members include AAA state champions Ben Barkley at 149 pounds and Brian Whielle at 158 pounds.

"This is our best team on paper," said Owens. "Barring injuries and wrestlers sitting out their redshirt year, this should prove to be our best shot at the national tournament."

Women's soccer begins playoff run

By Michael Stampalia
Staff Reporter

The women's soccer team had its playoff hopes dimmed last week by losses to Skagit Valley, 2-1, and Green River, 3-1.

The Lady T-Birds are now tied for second place in the Eastern Division, with their record standing at 7-5-1 with three games left to play. In order to make the playoffs the Lady T-Birds must finish in the top three in their division.

Before the Lady T-Birds had a bad week, they were sitting alone in second place in their division after tying Columbia Basin on Oct. 10 and defeating Everett on Oct. 12. This was a major blow to the Thunderbirds after they fought hard to gain sole possession of second-place last week.

"We just need to win the rest of our games and not worry about what everyone else is doing," Head Coach Shari Andresen said.

Against Skagit Valley last Wednesday, Oct. 14, the Lady T-Birds went on the road thinking they were playing at Skagit Valley, but instead ended up playing at an alternate field.

"It was way out in the boonies or somethin'. It smelled like a port-a-pottie," said Jaime Kirk, Highline defender.

Highline managed to outshoot Skagit Valley 16-8 but still lost by a score of 2-1. They

didn't have their best game against a team they should have beaten, a team that won once coming into the match-up.

"We were just really flat. We did not play well, we just couldn't put the ball in the net," Andresen said. Andresen said that her team made a lot of defensive mistakes and she attributed them to miscommunication.

This loss hurt the T-Birds the most in the standings where Skagit Valley only trails them by two points in the race for the third and final playoff spot.

The game against Green River was another chapter in a fierce rivalry between two schools who have always played very physical against each other. Green River scored early in the first half to take a 1-0 lead. From that point on Green River was able to stop Highline on offense, allowing the T-birds to score only once on their way to losing 3-1.

The women now head into the last three games of the regular season only two points ahead of fourth place Skagit Valley. They play Southwest Oregon Community College on the road Saturday before facing the Northern Division's top two teams. They will need to have their best games against northern leader Tacoma at home on Wednesday, Oct. 28, before taking on Edmonds a week later on Nov. 4 for the regular season finale.

Basketball team looking for a few good women

By Martin Smith
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's basketball team is looking for a few good players. They have already started practice and the first game is going to be at the end of November.

But there is a problem. The team is short on players. As of today they are at least two or three players short.

"We need some people with height who want to hustle," said co-captain Krist Duggan.

The team is short because Dennis Olsen was informed of his head coaching position late and therefore was not able to keep up on high school basketball players. By the time he was informed of his coaching position, most high school players had already chosen their colleges. The late start on recruiting, paired with a couple of players leaving the team in recent months, led to the shortage.

Dennis Olsen and Janelle Oakley became co-head coaches this year with Oakley assisting last year. Olsen has

been coaching basketball for 25 years, with 18 years at Auburn High School. While at Auburn, he led them to nine state tournaments, including two state championships.

With this experience behind him, Olsen looks for the team to play well this year and is encouraging anyone who knows the game to come try out.

"If you have played and have heart and strength, give it a shot, we need you," said co-captain Karen Nadeau.

"This is a great opportunity for those who have had dreams or thoughts in the back of their head to play college ball," Olsen said.

Although they lack numbers, the club is not without talent.

"They are working really hard and have very good attitudes," Olsen said of the nine women who currently are on the team.

Any interested athletes can contact Olsen at 206-878-3710, ext. 3268, for he has scholarships to offer. The team practices Monday through Friday, 4:15-6:15 p.m. in the Pavilion.

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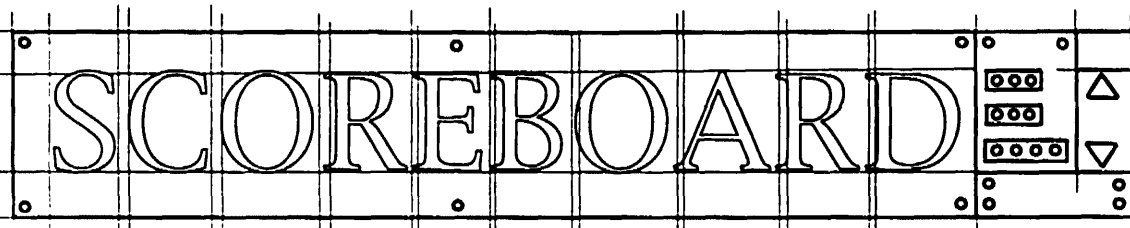
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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

Northern Division	W-L
Skagit Valley	7-0
Shoreline	6-1
Olympic	3-4
Highline	3-4
Edmonds	2-5
Bellevue	2-5
Everett	1-5

Eastern Division	W-L
Spokane	6-0
Columbia Basin	5-1
Big Bend	4-2
Blue Mountain	2-4
Yakima Valley	1-5
Walla Walla	0-6

Western Division	W-L
Pierce	7-0
Grays Harbor	5-2
Clark	5-2
Green River	4-3
Lower Columbia	2-4



Centralia	1-6
Tacoma	0-7

Southern Division	W-L
Chemeketa	7-0
Clackamas	7-1
Mt Hood	5-3
SW Oregon	4-4
Umpqua	2-6
Lane	1-6
Linn-Benton	0-6

Scores
Highline d. Edmonds, 19-17, 15-5, 13-15, 9-15, 15-10.

MEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS

Northern Division	W-L-T Pts GF GSO
Skagit Valley	9-2-2 29 35 15 6
Edmonds	9-3-0 27 40 14 3
Green River	8-3-2 26 31 16 3
Highline	7-1-5 26 44 12 5
Shoreline	5-7-2 17 27 26 1
Everett	1-11-1 4 14 56 0

Eastern Division	W-L-T Pts GF GSO
Spokane	11-1-1 34 66 13 5
Bellevue	9-4-1 28 40 28 3

Col. Basin	8-3-3 27 37 16 5
W. Valley	6-6-0 18 34 32 2
Walla Walla	2-12-0 6 15 48 1

Southern Division	W-L-T Pts GF GSO
Clark	9-2-3 30 36 8 10
Tacoma	8-4-3 27 27 14 6
SW Oregon	5-9-1 16 19 46 2
S. P. Sound	4-9-1 13 17 28 2
Pierce	0-11-2 2 14 56 0
Grays Harbor	0-13-1 1 6 74 0

Scores
Green River d. Highline, 2-1

WOMEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS

Western Division	W-L-T Pts GF GSO
Tacoma	7-1-0 21 37 8 5
Edmonds	5-3-1 16 25 19 2
Everett	3-9-0 9 15 51 1
Skagit Valley	2-6-0 6 4 17 1
Shoreline	1-6-2 5 9 30 2
L. Columbia	1-9-1 4 11 43 2

Eastern Division	W-L-T Pts GF GSO
C. Basin	10-0-1 31 48 10 2
W. Valley	7-3-1 22 27 14 4
Highline	7-5-1 22 31 19 3
Walla Walla	6-5-0 18 30 26 1
Green River	4-5-1 13 20 21 1
Spokane	4-5-0 12 18 16 2

Scores
Green River d. Highline, 3-1
Men's Cross Country took first among NWAACC entries in the Lower Columbia Invitational

Men's soccer suffers first loss

Green River edges out HCC 2-1

By Jamie Kirk
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's soccer team experienced its first loss of the season last Saturday, Oct. 17 to Green River, 2-1.

"It was a tough loss," said Head Coach Jason Prenovost.

Prenovost said the guys played well, but lost entirely due to mental mistakes.

"We were trying to force shots instead of looking for the open pass," said forward Mike DeSimone.

Lack of execution on the defensive end led to both of Green River's goals.

"The game was sloppy. We needed to pick up our marks," said midfielder Steven Mullinax.

Highline's only goal was scored off a header by Koichiro Kikuchi off a cross by Gerry DiPietro.

The team tensed up late as defeat loomed nearer.

"Toward the end of the game we were pressing and not playing smart," Prenovost said.

The next day at practice, the team changed the direction of play and started working at getting shots into the net.

The team is upbeat about its games against Shoreline and Pierce this week, because both teams are second to last in their divisions.

"We should win both games this week," said midfielder Steve Mullinax.

The men played Shoreline on Wednesday, Oct. 21 with the

A set-and-spike afternoon



Photo by Hilaria Sedano

Highline students play volleyball in a game last week in the Pavilion. Fall Intramurals are in full swing, with 60 people participating. Games are at 1 p.m., with flag football playing Monday and Wednesday, and volleyball on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

score not available at press time.

On Saturday, Oct. 24, the T-Birds play Pierce in Tacoma at 1 p.m. and visit Skagit Valley on Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 4 p.m.

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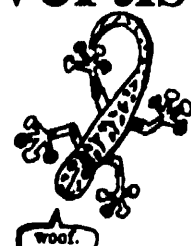
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Clothesline Project paints picture of hope

By Tami Stuart
Staff Reporter

Students, faculty and staff decorated t-shirts last Thursday as a way to show their opposition to domestic violence.

Team Highline and The Women's Center cosponsored The Clothesline Project at Highline. It started in Massachusetts and gradually became nationwide.

Decorating a t-shirt is a way for people to speak out against domestic violence. Some shirts are decorated in memory of women who have lost their lives to domestic violence and others are simply decorated with people's thoughts about it. This



Photo by Kevin Whitley

Student Amy Studley decorates a t-shirt as part of the Clothesline Project last week.

will be Highline's fourth year promoting domestic violence awareness.

In March 1998, according to the U.S. Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, approximately 5,000 women are affected by domestic violence every day in the United States. Every 15 seconds a woman is beaten by her husband or boyfriend. October has been appointed Domestic Violence Awareness month nationwide in hopes to make everyone aware of just how common it is.

"I just wanted everyone to be aware that domestic violence is still happening, and it's happening among college students too," says Amy Studley of Team

Highline.

Faculty and staff donated t-shirts and Team Highline provided the painting materials. The t-shirts are carried over from year to year and are designed only by people from Highline. This year 20 more shirts were painted to add to the collection. The t-shirts will be hung up around in Buildings 8, 6, and possibly the Library until the end of the month.

"I was really impressed by student participation. Team Highline did an excellent job. They set things up and made it inviting for everyone, and they participated in it themselves," said Rebecca Rhodes, assistant director of the Women's Center.

Students booking study time at Tutoring Center

By Morgan Fernandez
Staff Reporter

The Tutoring Center is already going strong this fall, but it has room for more students.

Only four weeks into the quarter, 300 students are signed up. Last fall 500 students were assisted.

"I don't think awareness is what it should be," said Eena Hibbs, assistant director of Pre-College Studies and Academic Support Programs.

"I don't even know where it is," said student Dan Norton.

Even though the center is off to a good start, they still want more students, which means more tutors.

"We rely heavily on faculty and staff to recommend tutors," said Hibbs.

You can be a tutor by talking with your professors or just going into the tutoring center and applying.

"I just walked by and noticed



Photo by Raul Sedano

Students work together at Highline's tutoring center last week.

the tutoring center sign," said Bob Baldwin, tutor for math and physics.

There is a high demand for more math and writing tutors. "Two to three writing tutors an hour just isn't enough," said

Hibbs.

"Sometimes there aren't enough tutors -- depends on the hour," said an anonymous student.

Students who have used the tutoring center say they have

found it to be very helpful.

"I probably wouldn't have passed math last summer without it," said Michelle Barth.

"They helped me with writing," said Michael Griguletskiy. "I am getting the help I need.

I think it's a great source," said an anonymous student.

Help at the Tutoring Center is free. Most tutors are unpaid volunteers. Those students who decide to volunteer must realize they have to enroll in a one credit class, which is held every Friday for one hour.

The center has 6,000 work study hours this quarter and not enough work study students. If you want to help out and be a tutor, talk to professors or someone at the front desk of the Tutoring Center. Students who need to be tutored are always welcome.

Hours for writing tutors are 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Thursdays and 8 a.m. - noon on Fridays. Math tutors are available 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to noon on Fridays. For other classes sign up in the center for group sessions.

The Tutoring Center is located in Building 19, room 206.

Prepare yourself and your car for winter

By Matt King
Staff Reporter

Although winter is two months away, it is never too late to prepare yourself for the harsh weather that lies ahead.

Scientists are predicting a hard winter in the Northwest this year. If they are right most of us have some preparing to do.

One key to surviving the winter and staying in a good mood is having a worry-free vehicle. For the majority of us who drive to school every day, our vehicles become a major part of our lives. Your vehicle should be your best friend not your worst enemy!

People don't realize how much their lives are influenced by their vehicles. When your vehicle isn't running properly it can lead to nervousness, frustra-



tion, or even road rage.

Here are some tips and ideas to take into consideration before heading out on the road this winter.

"Brakes have to be checked" said Shaun Satterfield, Manager of Midway Midas. "If brakes are worn down they may not perform as well as

they should in cold, wet or panic situations."

Mike Donahue, owner of a B.P. in Federal Way says the most important element in preparing vehicles for winter is adding anti-freeze into the radiator so the mixture is close to 50/50.

"The biggest problem people have with their vehicles in the winter is blown freeze plugs and blown water pumps," Donahue explained. "This happens when the owner of the vehicle does not add anti-freeze to the radiator, causing the water inside the engine to freeze and expand. This forces the water pump to break

off of the side of the engine."

Depending on how far or where you drive the manager of Schuck's Auto Supply in Tacoma, Scott Nelson, recommends carrying a box of emergency supplies in your vehicle. It should include: foamy tire (which fixes flat tires), extra anti-freeze, a flash light, tire chains, and any other items that will make you feel more secure while driving.

These are a few simple solutions that could potentially save you a lot of problems. Of course there are many other services that your vehicle may re-

quire and for that you should consult a dealer or a recommended specialist.

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Retraining program rescues students, director

By Sandra Kruize
Staff Reporter

Being unemployed is a reality of life, regardless of what field you are in.

Jeff Snyder knows that. He is the advising manager for Highline's Worker Retraining Program and he has been unemployed twice.

"For some, it can be devastating," Snyder said.

Snyder has his unemployment experience in common with students in the program. The first criteria all prospective students have to meet is to be currently receiving unemployment benefits or to have received them within the last two years.

Something else worker retraining students have in common is, that they all have had a substantial investment in the work force.

John Daly is a 29-year-old student in Computer Information Systems. He was a crab fisherman off Alaska for eight years after graduating from high school.

Out to sea, on the boat, he used to dream of returning to school. It didn't

strike him as a real possibility since he had a son to support.

"I'm proud of the work I did," Daly said. When

Japan's economy slumped, they stopped buying crab and prices dropped and Daly decided to change careers.

"I checked out other places," Daly said, "I even looked into technical school; it was very expensive. I looked at Highline's catalogue, and, during the summer, I just walked in and found Jeff."

"Jeff was the first guy to explain what college was like," Daly said. "When I



Snyder

got in a math class that was too high for me, he gave me a lot of moral support."

This is Daly's first quarter. It is a dream come true for him. "I was just thinking it, and now I'm doing it," Daly said.

The "moral support" Daly spoke of is part of the ongoing help students get with informal advising, resume development and other occupation-related skills. They also get suggestions on how to approach prospective employers.

"We talk about how the world has changed," Snyder said. "You don't work for one company all your life, you develop a set of skills that you can take with you to several companies."

Barbara Shell, another program student, is almost ready to graduate. She has already learned most of the skills she needs to work in production illustration.

She describes her former employment experience as negative. When she was laid off, she went to California to visit a friend and learned of a program there, similar to Highline's. It had fewer "hoops," Shell said.

She was motivated to search for some-

thing like it when she returned to Washington, and, at the employment security office, she saw a small notice about Highline's program.

Shell didn't meet state criteria for funding. "I was discouraged," she said. "Jeff [Snyder] gave me a pep talk and helped me work through the federal funding criteria," which worked out for her.

Shell specializes in graphic design and belongs to the Computer Club. She describes her experience with Worker Retraining as "wonderful."

Snyder can relate to the opening up of new possibilities. His former field of employment was public recreation.

In 1994, Highline and other colleges started Worker Retraining in response to a large number of layoffs from big corporations and the subsequent need to help people find new careers.

Snyder himself was looking for a new job.

"The public recreation work I had done was heavily sports oriented," Snyder said. "To me recreation means 're-creating,' and the recreation that happens here is much more powerful."

Evening students have concerns

By Jaesang Kim
Staff Reporter

Highline has made some improvements for evening students, but some say inconveniences remain.

The hours of the Tutoring Center and Computer Lab have been extended.

The Computer Lab is now open on Sundays to help out those who are not able to use it on weekdays. The Tutoring Center is now open later on the weekdays for evening students.

"We are willing to hire more tutors if we feel that the demands of the students increase," said Eena Hibbs, Assistant Director of Tutoring Center.

The security staff of Highline has also been expanded.

Now there are six full time and six part time security staff to watch out for troubles. They are on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

"We escorted about 20 students or so to their parked cars and we want the students to realize that we are here to help those who are concerned about the safety," said Dick Major, campus security officer.

However, problems remain, such as too few parking lot lights and outside buildings.

"I think there should be more lighting in the parking lot and outside buildings because a lot my friends are afraid of the dark," said female student Sooyeon Shim.

Many of the female students pointed out that even though there is a full time security staff, they are afraid to walk out in the parking lot because it is simply too dark.

The hours of the library and cafeteria are unchanged. Evening students expressed that they have nowhere to go to study or grab a quick snack since they close too early.

Jeff Chang, who is enrolled in an evening class, said, "I am really glad to use the Computer Center at weekends, but still the Library and Cafeteria never open at that time."

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.

"There will be a representative from every department to inform and answer questions from evening students," said Denny Steussy, Educational Planner.

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grade point average didn't meet the minimum requirement of 2.5.

After two weeks of campaigning, a wave of relief and disappointment washed over the candidates faces as the results were revealed Wednesday morning.

"I'm very excited about my position here with Associated Students of

Highline Community College. It means a lot to have the opportunity to fight for the needs and rights of all students," said a smiling Liah Walker.

The new senators attended their first ASHCC meeting Wednesday afternoon.

The winning candidates said that they worked hard to earn their victories. Walker said she passed out 200 flyers.

Despite those efforts, voter turnout was low, with only 160 students casting ballots. Highline's enrollment is around 7,000. By comparison, more than 300 students voted in elections last spring.

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The Des Moines Food Bank was founded in 1969. It is located at 22225 9th Ave. S.

Last year, the Des Moines Food Bank received a total of 26,913 canned, non-

perishable food donations. As of the end of September the running count is 16,381. The months of November and December usually produce the most donations, food bank officials say.

A little over 200 people are currently volunteering at the food bank. To be a volunteer for the Des Moines Food Bank, contact Marilyn Orris at 206-878-2660 between 9 a.m. and noon.



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