Uniforms to be worn at Highline

By Ms. Chanel

Highline College will adopt a mandatory uniform policy for all students as early as Fall Quarter 1999, college officials say.

Students have long had complaints about unruly student behavior in classes. A number of professors have said that students are rude, disrespectful and even threatening.

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The decision came after a series of closed-door meetings between the Faculty Senate, Administrative Cabinet, and Instructional Cabinet.

"We need to get this under control," said one administrator. "Uniforms have been used in a lot of schools to impose some kind of discipline." It is not sure that poor classroom discipline, or the distinction of ineffective study habits, is directly related to lack of coordinated studies, they say.

"Only study after study supports this phenomenon," said another administrator.

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The Highline bookstore will no longer be selling textbooks, effective when the current supply runs out. They instead will be focusing on Beanie Babies, candy, inspirational book-marks and scented candles.

The bookstore management made this decision after recent book thefts and decreasing demand. They say that the Book-bag burglar is taking money from the students, and in turn the college can't afford to order so many new books.

"This is a change that I think would benefit the whole college," said bookstore manager Tom Fell. "Many students have complained about their books being stolen, and we don't want to sell an item that is so readily stolen. We're here for the students.

Overall book sales have been dropping for years, and candy sales keep going up every month, according to bookstore reports. Beanie Babies have also broken sales records in the past week alone. Books, which sell slowly, take up space for hot selling items.

"We lose money every day," said Fell.

Books will be available on amazon.com, or through commercial bookstores.

"It's cool," said Jill Stamps, a Highline student. "Now I have an excuse when my teachers want me to read. I can just say amazon.com hasn't delivered it yet."

Many students echo Stamps' thinking, as they just don't have the desire to read the books anymore.

"Teachers should just put all the text on the Internet," said one student. "That way we can access it from home. I mean, if I am hungover, I might as well sit home and read than fall asleep in class.

Highline officials agree with this decision, and can't wait to buy up all the new Beanie Babies.

"I want to buy more candy and toys for my young children," said Highline President Edward Lead. "This way I will be able to do my Easter shopping right here at Highline."

Book-bag Burglar evades security again

By Wally Monroe

Staff Reporter

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Meeting to be held to improve meetings

By Dick Downer
Staff Reporter

Student Government will conduct a meeting next week, members announced this week. “These meetings are really important,” said Vice President for Meetings Mandy Mirth. “It’s important that people meet each other.”

Student Government has been meeting throughout the school year.

The Committee on Meetings also may be meeting, and the Committee of the Whole has a pre-meeting planning meeting before each meeting so as to expedite the process.

Next week’s meeting will include a report on last week’s meeting; a workshop on “Effective Meetings” led by a group of faculty; a report on the “Meeting 2000” task force; an open planning session for the following week’s meeting; and new business. A post-meeting analysis by the executive committee will follow.

Mirth said she soon will be forming a committee to accept nominations for Student Government’s coveted “Meeting Master” award, which is given to the student who best facilitates the conduct of meetings on campus.

Lauryn Hill coming to Highline Friday

By Tiger Rodriguez
Staff Reporter

Five-time Grammy winner Lauryn Hill will be performing on campus tomorrow, Team Highline announced today.

Team Highline, which organizes events for Highline, is especially proud to host what will surely be Highline’s most popular event.

Team Highline member Alex Harris feels that the concert should greatly improve Team Highline’s reputation, particularly after recent events received little attention from students.

“We feel this should erase all memory of the ‘pool party’ debacle,” Harris said, referring to the poorly attended fall event. Hill wasn’t the first major recording artist Team Highline attempted to book, Harris said. “We tried to get Tupac Shakur, but his agent never returned our calls.”

Attempts to book a popular opening act also failed, so the Team Highline Choir will open the event, scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, April 2.

In a telephone interview, Hill’s publicist, George “Goldie” Jones, said, “Ms. Hill agreed to do the show before her album was released. Had she known that she would win all those Grammys, she would never have committed to perform at a community college, especially not one underneath an airport.”

The concert will be held in the lower level of Building 8, and will be free to all Highline students, faculty, and staff. Team Highline does request that students keep a vow of secrecy in order to keep outsiders from crashing the show. “We don’t want a stampede. The stage needs to be kept intact for next week’s Zookeepers’ concert,” Harris said.

Mysterious death shocks students

By Chanandler Bong
Staff Reporter

A squirrel was found dead yesterday morning after a fall from a nearby tree.

No suspects have yet been identified, but officials are positive that foul play was involved. He died of blunt trauma to the head, said Medical Examiner Kara Bull. “He had to have been murdered,” said Highline student Todd Hummard. “Squirrels just don’t fall from trees.”

Highline security office had little to say about the incident, but also agreed that they suspect there was an intent to kill.

“This is a tragedy,” said Officer Smiley. “This case is our No. 1 priority.”

The squirrel, affectionately known as Sammy by students, faculty and staff, spent most of his time jumping around branches, but most remember him as the squirrel that stares.

“Everywhere I went, I saw him,” said student Phil Spears. “I even fed him some days.”

Others commented on his run through the cafeteria with the Cheesy Poof and Sammy’s courage around humans.

“He was the kind of squirrel that would make you wonder what he was thinking,” said another student. “I wish I could know who snuffed him.”

Officials have released the time of death, which is thought to be around 2:15 a.m. Because of the few people on campus at that time, no witnesses have stepped forward. Night Security Officer Lesia found Sammy around 2:20 a.m., but it was too late.

Services will be held today at 1:30 p.m. Mourners should meet by the woods between the tennis courts and the south lot.

Beansies hold more than joy inside, say cops

By Ruff Wrider
Staff Reporter

Illegal narcotics, including black tar heroin and cocaine, have been found in Beansie Babies sold by Highline’s bookstore.

The drugs were discovered after an anonymous student accidently punctured their gi-

raffe, contained drugs. Special-

ly trained police dogs were

brought on campus to identify the narcotics.

New shipments of Beansie Babies are delivered to Highline’s bookstore every week, said bookstore manager Tom Fell. Due to the regularity of shipments it may be hard to track where the drugs originated, he said.

“We have never seen drugs smuggled in this way, unfortunately it may be a new trend,” said Des Moines Police Officer Dean Ropper.

All 118 Beansie Babies stored in Highline’s bookstore had to be dismantled and checked for illegal substances. 28 of the Babies, mostly gi-
Highline baseball sets the pace

By Zwei Elf

Highline finished No. 1 in the Baker Blitz, spring break tournament. "We knew this was the banner year," said Staff Reporter.

The Thunderbirds came out swinging against Napa Valley, hitting 196, T-Birds lead off with a triple and lead-off hitter Dusty Duncan "rocked the town square after the tournament. The people in the town are really happy with the way that she is driving," said Anderson.

"We have really come together as a team, we can keep golfing this well," said Potter.

"I am happy with the way I have been putting lately, I am still working on my short game," said Anderson.

Weiss is forced to eat in the cafeteria once sometimes when the Thunderbirds are forced to take the long trek from Midway to his only golfing hole of the day, his classroom.

Pottier, like all the other students, needs your help, with as little as $12 cents a day you can bring joy and happiness back to Denise's other students.

The Thunderbirds' Andy "Zwei" Weiss, the only boy in need of your help. Pottier's ad

HCC golf up to par

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The Thunderbirds finally found a groove in the series by drawing even by five, with two doubles by Bruce and Lawrence, an extra by Rodriguez and a Foster home run put the T-Birds up by two.

"It was the lowest ERA of the season," said Anderson. "We are comparing him to the Thunderbirds' Andy Weiss, the only boy in need of your help. Pottier's ad"

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The player who showed highest potential against Chas Pluck was Mohammed "Blocker" Tabor who bowled a 236 and a 230 in the fourth and fifth innings. "I believe he will get it if we practice our shots off we make it in the nationals," said coach on hand.

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