Command announces retirement

Long-time Highline President Edward Command plans to retire in July 2000.

By Elaine Murphy
Staff Reporter

Highline President Edward Command says he plans to retire in July 2000. "I'll be 62 when I retire. After 30 years at Highline, it's time," said Command, who has been president since 1990.

"Highline is on an even keel. There is stability in the institution, and we have no major problems. It is a good time for a new leader," said Command. He expects that the school community will "rally around" a new president who will provide "another burst of change and energy" for a new era of Highline excellence.

Command hopes that the new president can be in place by May 2000, so that the two leaders can work together for at least a month to effect a seamless transition. "The new president will need time to understand the environment and to build on our strengths," he said.

The search for Command's replacement is expected to take several months. "I hope," said Command, "that the board will get many segments of our population (including faculty, staff, and students) involved in the process." He said that people need to feel they have a "vested interest and faith" in defining and carrying out that process.

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Campus expresses surprise

By Thunderword Staff

Students and faculty expressed some surprise and disappointment at the news that Ed Command will retire from the college presidency next year.

Command said Monday that he will retire a year from now. A Board of Trustees member said they will soon begin work on defining a process to choose Command's replacement.

Most students and faculty contacted this week agreed that Command won't be easy to replace. They saluted his leadership skills and the tone he set for the college. "I am very saddened by it. It completely takes me by surprise. I am shocked," said veteran art instructor Jim Gardiner.

Command started working at Highline in 1970 as a registrar. In 1972 he met then-Controller Rich Rutkowski, who is now president of Green River Community College. "I think he has been, in my perspective, a highly respectable and valuable colleague," said Rutkowski. He commended Command for his interest in doing his best for Highline students.

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Highline's heroic Hall on the road to recovery

By Teresa C. Moreau
Staff Reporter

Lee Hall likes to help people. He's not used to being helped.

But the Highline maintenance mechanic is getting a lot of help these days, nearly two months after a broken pipe left him with third-degree burns over more than 30 percent of his body.

Hall returned home on June 21 after six weeks at Harborview Medical Center. "It's wonderful to be home," he said.

Hall is a modest man. "I pretty much stay in the trenches," he said. "I try to be a good employee."

Upon reaching the stairwell door he decided to investigate. Hall turned the doorknob and instantly three and a half feet of scorching 220 rushed toward him. Microseconds later Hall became submerged in it up to his knees. "Get out as quickly as possible," Hall said to himself. He moved backward and fell down. His subconscious told him that he must protect his head and torso from becoming submerged into the water, or he would die.

Hall mashed back so that he would land in a crab position. Although visibility was limited due to the steam, he grabbed an object and then managed to pull himself to his feet.

Hall was in shock and flesh burns%

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Crime Blotter for June

Love letters found

Vandals left their mark on the windows of Building 21 on June 20. Letters were written on the north side windows in soap and have since been washed off.

Let me stand next to your fire...

An explosive device was planted in the port-a-potty on a Redondo pier on June 25. The honey bucket was set on fire. No injuries were reported.

Student loses bullet

A custodian picked up a .38 caliber bullet from the east parking lot on campus on Saturday, June 19 since she states it was planted in an envelope that was lost on campus June 22.

Plantation "Understanding Earth..."

A gray fox was seen on campus June 21. A custodian picked up a wallet with legal papers inside on June 16. Also lost with this was a blue fuzzy backpack.

Plenty in Lost & Found

A bank check card was found and turned into the campus security office on June 23.

A student reported a set of pictures in an envelope that were lost on campus June 23.

A red umbrella was turned in on June 23.

Two student text books titled "Understanding Earth" and a Biology text were found June 22.

A girl's silver bracelet was turned in on June 21.

A person reported a lost wallet with legal papers inside on June 16. Also lost with this was a blue fuzzy backpack.

The security office has a maroon address book and a scientific calculator that were found on June 18.

A pager was found along with a gold ring on June 17.

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By Michelle Kolkowsky
Staff Reporter

The hours of some of the student services and programs at Highline are changing for the Summer Quarter. Highline President Ed Com- mand said they permit staff to design their own 40-hour schedule during Summer Quarter. He said this was to help "moral" and to accommodate other activities employees may be involved in.

As a result, the Administration building, where Dr. Com- mand's office is located, is closed on Fridays.

Personnel also follows the schedule of the President's office.

Individuals usually work four days for 10 hours each day. They also have the option of working out a different schedule with their supervisor.

The Library also adjusts its schedule during the summer months due to low enrollment. Currently, 9,000 students are enrolled in the college but that drops to about 3,000 in June. "The primary reason is the budget," said library staff member Bob Hornman. Summer staffing is significantly smaller so staff can be adequately pro- vided for during the other three quarters.

The Library will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays, and closed on Fridays and Saturdays. The Union Cafe and Tazza also are affected by low enrollment during Summer Quarter. Tazza now is closed from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. weekdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays, and 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays. The Union Cafe and Tazza also are affected by low enrollment during Summer Quarter.

What's open and when

Highline's new hours for summer

Weekdays
- Library: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Bookstore: 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Financial Aid: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Registration Office: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Conference Services: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Planning Center: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Outreach Services: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Student Center: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Administration: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Weekends
- Library: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Bookstore: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Financial Aid: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Registration Office: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Conference Services: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Planning Center: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Outreach Services: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Student Center: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

By Elaine Murphy
and Angie Upchurch
Staff Reporters

Ron Perez is much more than a number cruncher. As new controller of Highline, Perez oversees a budget of over $21 million for this branch of the Federal Way extension, and the Senior Center.

Perez took over his duties, which include administration of the departments of payroll, travel, accounts payable, and receivable, and gathering, in December 1998. Perez also supervises all of the departmental budgets of the college.

Most recently the accounting manager for the San Diego Community College District, Perez finds his new position at Highline both challenging and rewarding.

"My job is to make sure that the college does not overspend, and that requires constant mon- itoring," he said.

Only one-fourth of the Highline budget is generated through tuition revenue. The state of Washington allocates $16 million annually, and $855,000 is drawn from a vari- ty of federal and state grants. Grants are subject to change and require regular supervision.

"We need to make sure that we are meeting all of the specific guidelines dictated by each grant," said Perez.

Within the next several months Perez's office will ap- prove the purchase of over 200 new computers for the campus. "Some of our present computers are not Y2K compliant, and some are simply substandard for the needs of the present techno- logical age," he said. "We also need to continue updating in or- der to offer classes in new for- mats, including teleconferencing and classes on the Web."

The college will also be up- dating its interregistration sys- tem, which will offer students a more streamlined way to make credit-card tuition payments by phone. "The new system will greatly relieve the work load of the cashier," Perez said.

Perez brings to his new po- sition 10 years of financial management experience in the Air Force as well as his two years with the San Diego com- munity college system.

He holds a degree from Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, Texas, and is cur- rently working on an MBA through the extension program of Chapman University. He is also preparing to take certification examinations in management accounting and financial accounting.

When he is not at his books, Perez enjoys spending time with his wife and two sons, ages 7 and 8. He enjoys watching his sons' sporting events and has served as an as- sistant coach in T-ball. "We enjoy hiking and fishing and have enjoyed that part of our move to Washington."

While his move offers the advantages of professional growth and proximity to the children's grandparents in Ab- erdeen, Perez does have one complaint, "I just didn't ex- pect the traffic to be so bad."
Construction under way

By Matthew Usery
Staff Reporter

Construction of Highline’s long-awaited pond park has begun. Starting last Wednesday, construction workers began clearing all plant life behind the tennis courts on the western portion of the campus.

After surveyors had flagged off the area to be cleared, Hopper Logging removed more than five acres of trees. The loggers cut down most of the trees and then brought bulldozers to remove the stumps.

A backhoe ripped out the rest of the trees by the roots. Once the trees were cleared, the general contractor, Ohno Construction, used bulldozers to scrape the remaining vegetation.

To dispose of the debris, the flow was mulched with a drum chopper and hauled off site. All together, the clearing of the park took less than a week.

The clearance of this acreage is only one of the first steps in the construction of the Surface Water Retention Project.

Starting today, the topsoil was removed and stockpiled for use later in the project. This will allow the grading work that will improve the campus drainage to be done.

The project’s primary purpose is to improve drainage requirements.

The city of Des Moines has prohibited further HCC expansion because runoff water from the campus has been causing environmental damage. According to Facilities Director Pete Bahning, “The City of Des Moines will not allow us to build any more buildings until this project is done.”

The Surface Water Retention Project will create a series of ponds to control runoff water. This will prevent further environmental damage. Certain plants will also clean the water of sedimentation. Once the project is completed, Des Moines will allow Highline to expand as needed.

In addition to meeting city of Des Moines regulations, the wetlands project will create an attractive park that will be useful to the college both for learning and recreation. The park will be split into six divisions resembling different regions of the Pacific Northwest. This will provide good “field experience” for biology students.

The park is scheduled for completion and community use in December.

Women’s Program offers aid

By Jennifer Pierce-Malave
Staff Reporter

Female students who are displaced homemakers or single parents may be eligible for extra financial assistance.

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The scholarship, which have been funded from community resources and Highline donations, were created in order to help certain women continue their education.

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Rhodes believes multiple areas of assistance helps her clients with furthering their education. “Even if the Emergency Scholarship Fund has been depleted, the Women’s Program will help women connect with other resources,” Rhodes said.

Continuing Ed gets new heads

By Tammy Mensing-Shaw
Staff Reporter

Longtime Director of Continuing Education Scott Winslow has resigned to take a similar position at Clover Park Technical College.

Sue Williamson, Director of Human Resources, is filling in until a further job description is released.

Winslow has worked for Highline since August 1989. He will be dean of Continuing Education at Clover Park, south of Tacoma.

The Continuing Education program at Highline offers classes to the community without requiring formal enrollment. Attendees can enroll for classes ranging from yoga lessons to phlebotomy.

These classes are not credited classes and price varies depending on the class taken.

Financial aid is not accepted.

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Command dedicates his life to the education system

Ed Command’s announcement that he will retire after spring of 2000 surprised many. He has been Highline’s president since 1990, after serving in a variety of positions since 1970. Command’s wife, Marge, is a physical education instructor at Highline. Collectively, they have given 66 years to Highline.

From Command’s early days as an instructor at Chinook Junior High School to his nine-year tenure as Highline’s president, Command has spent his life serving education.

His contributions to the college have focused on students, instructors and learning, earning him the admiration of the school.

What president would allow the student newspaper to run a cartoon series of him as an action hero? Better yet, what school would even want to see their president duke it out with aliens and Steve Garber in the name of saving their school? Command even autographed Ed Commando t-shirts to contribute to the Women’s Program silent auction.

That students were comfortable in making him a cartoon superhero was a testament to his accessibility and connection to the school.

Command’s background as a community college graduate gave him a special perspective on what Highline could offer. His own educational success is an example to students of what humble beginnings could achieve.

Although the less informed still look down their noses at community colleges and the students they produce, the Command era has produced a certain pride in Highline’s graduates and what they have to offer.

Command was singularly aware of the college’s need to evolve, to change, and provide more educational opportunities to all kinds of students. He also knew enough not to make so many changes that the college lost its bearings.

Command is one of a kind and we were lucky to have him. Thanks, Ed.

Board of Trustees begins search for a new president

The Board of Trustees should treat lightly when choosing a new president.

Within a year, the board will be making the final decision on who will replace Ed Command, Highline’s current president. Command recently announced he will end his 30-year career at Highline in the year 2000.

With much thanks to Command, Highline is today a school with few problems. Command has managed to implement and maintain a harmonious relationship between faculty and administration. He has tirelessly devoted himself in promoting the college. He has created a superior learning environment where students can excel. The college boasts one of the highest acceptance counts in King County.

Now a decision weighs heavily on the board. Will they choose a person to continue with Command’s vision? Or will they see this as a time when the college is immune? In a moment of power the board will have the opportunity to decide the future of the college, faculty and students.

Is a bold change really necessary here at Highline? A general feeling among Highline’s population is that prosperity is at an all-time high. What direction will the board choose to point the college in? The answer is far from clear; we won’t know until May of 2000.

In December the board will likely have refined their search and interview process. This will be the first in a series of decisions that will determine who will take Command’s position as president.

In making their decision the board must think in terms of an entire college population; they must have the strength and foresight to choose in our best interest. Radical change in the wake of a transition may not be in the best interest of our institution.

When choosing a new president for Highline, let the board use caution as their guide.
films sizzle

Summer films sizzle screens

It's summertime once again which means it's time for good summer movies.

Every year the studios release summer blockbusters for the world to see. Does anybody remember that little rock that came hurdling towards earth last summer? Or what about those little green men that hounded the Men in Black two summers ago? Which ever summer movie sticks out in your mind, there are always little gems that make you come back for more.

This summer is no exception. Expected to open is the long awaited Eyes Wide Shut directed by the late Stanley Kubrick. Eyes stars Nicole Kidman and Tom Cruise as a married couple who want to explore their sexuality. Dick, starring Michelle Williams, Ray Reynolds and Kirsten Dunst, is expected out sometime in August. This movie is about two girls who work at the White House during the Richard Nixon era. Dunst is also starring in the movie Mrs. Tingle, along side Denise Richards, Michelle's Summer on the Green, and the new movie Pretty Woman starring Samuel L. Jackson and the new movie Drop Dead Gorgeous starring Nicole Kidman and Kirsten Dunst.

Other movies to look for include: The Runaway Bride, which brings Pretty Woman costars Julia Roberts and Richard Gere back together; Teaching Mrs. Tingle, written by Dawson's Creek and Screenwriter Kevin Williamson and starring Kate Holmes; The Wood starring Omar Epps and Taye Diggs; Inspector Gadget, starring Rupert Everett as Dr. Claw and Matthew Broderick as the title character; Deep Blue Sea, starring Samuel L. Jackson and L.L. Cool J; and The Blair Witch Project opening July 16.

Yesterday marked the opening of Will Smith's Wild Wild West and the new South Park movie. South Park: Bigger, Longer and Uncut. Opening tomorrow is Summer of Sam, starring Adrian Brody, Mira Sorvino, and John Leguizamo.

Look for American Pie, starring Thomas Ian Nicholas and Natasha Lyonne to open July 9.

Ideal Husband full of chuckles

By Paris Hansen Staff Reporter

Set in the late 1890s, An Ideal Husband is a romantic comedy full of stars and scandals that leads to hilarious antics and heartbreaks. Sir Robert Chiltern (Jeremy Northam) has everything: a beautiful wife (Cate Blanchett), the perfect career as a policeman, and the adoration of all of London. Until one day, when a scheming woman (Mrs. Chevelle (Julianne Moore)) comes to town threatening to reveal a deep dark secret of his past. The secret could bring his career and marriage to an immediate halt.

In desperate need of help, Sir Robert calls upon his lifelong friend Lord Arthur Goring (Rupert Everett). Arthur jumps at the chance to help Sir Robert. The laughs begin when the truth is exposed. Arthur has in some instance been involved with Lady Chiltern and is now trying to keep the fact that Sir Robert's younger sister Mabel (Minnie Driver) is interested in Arthur and causing him grief.

To top it all off Arthur's father, Lord Caversham, is pestering him to drop his infamous bachelor ways and take a wife. An Ideal Husband is a screen adaptation of the play by Oscar Wilde. The performances in Ideal were superb. Everett was by far the star of the show, cracking jokes and being down-right enjoyable. Northam, Blanchett, and Moore could have benefited by better writing. Their characters seemed bland and not worthy of Arthur's humor.

As always, Driver was great as the popular girl in town who does not want to waste herself on a boring husband. An Ideal Husband is a good date movie, but could wait until video to be seen.

Summer Concert series a good bet

By Jill Ann Denham Staff Reporter

The summer concert season is here and two of the best options for entertainment give you not only an earful of your favorite artists, but a unique outdoor experience as well. Two established summer concert series, AT&T's Summer Nights at the Pier and Chateau Ste. Michelle's Summer on the Green, are already underway and tickets are going fast for the remaining concerts.

If your taste leans toward a young, hip sound head, for the waterfront and Pier 62 and 63 (on Alaskan Way just north of the Aquarium). This outdoor venue, which holds up to 4,000 people, boasts excellent acoustics and sight lines. Here one may enjoy wonderful music while breathing the fresh salt air and gazing upon a spectacular view of the Olympic Mountains.

This years concert lineup includes: The Robert Cray Band, Keb' Mo', Ben Harper, The GO-GO'S and Berlin. Natalie Cole, Peter, Paul, & Mary, and Bruce Hornsby.

The Chateau Ste. Michelle Summer Nights on the Pier presents club-goers with a wide range of meals and non-alcoholic beverages. The Chateau Ste. Michelle Wine Shop is open during all events through Ticketmaster at 206-628-0888, or for the budget conscious, avoid service charges by going directly to the Summer Nights box office next to the piers. All shows begin at 7 p.m. except for the July 4 concert. Tickets are available for both venues through Ticketmaster at 206-628-0888, or for the budget conscious, avoid service charges by going directly to the Summer Nights box office next to the piers. All shows begin at 7 p.m. except for the July 4 concert. At the Bellevue Philharmonic Orchestra's performance children 12 and under are free with a ticked adult.

For more information on shows call the Chateau at 425-488-3300 and the Pier at 206-684-4075.

Contact us at both stages go on rain or shine so it is advisable to check the weather forecast before leaving home, dress appropriately, and bring an umbrella.
Disney fans may go ape over Tarzan

By Rafeedah Muhammad
Staff Reporter

Lions, tigers and bears, oh my! Sorry, no Dorothy here. And no, this isn't Kansas. It's the jungle, baby! Fierce, intense, raw, and utterly romantic.

 Walt Disney Pictures' latest animated adventure Tarzan is an exciting depiction of the immortal classic tale by Edward R. Burroughs. Disney's Tarzan is the story of a human baby orphaned and raised by a python and adopted by Kala (Glenn Close) and a loving family of apes. In this soon-to-be-Disney classic, Tarzan makes friends both human and otherwise while facing the usual assortment of Disneyfied challenges.

Terkzoe (Rosie O'Donnell) is a high spirited, brash, female ape with sights set on always running the show. She loves herself to fill the position of Tarzan's keeper and shows him the ropes. Tantor (Wayne Knight) is Tarzan's nervous pachyderm pal, who lives his life in constant fear of venturing into uncharted waters. As a result, they ramshackle the jungle in the name of youthful delight.

Tarzan's powerful and sheltered world is overturned by the arrival of a human expedition. While investigating the strange species, he notices several similarities between himself and the visitors. This revelation marks the beginning of Tarzan's journey of self-discovery.

As usual, Tarzan meets Jane. Tarzan introduces her to all the great wonders in the jungle, and she learns to love the environment and him. The feeling, once again, is mutual. Oddly enough, you can feel the electricity as their hands meet, despite the fact that they are animated characters.

The electricity is due in part to the dynamic vocal stylings of singer/songwriter Phil Collins. The excitement of the film is further ignited by his ability to soar through each song just as Tarzan soars through the trees. The featured songs are ripe with intense emotions that carry the story from beginning to end in a fanciful and imaginative manner.

Tarzan has a nemesis, the fierce jungle guide Clayton. Clayton (Brian Blessed) is not a traditional villain. He is a seasoned adventurer whose thirst for the hunt is fueled by a desire for wealth and fame and a bistant disregard for animals.

Tarzan combines humor, action, and sensual music with the excitement, imagination, and fantasy of a literary favorite. Swing into the theaters and catch this film. But watch out. It's a jungle out there.

Flynn's new thriller keeps readers hooked

By Heather Baker
Staff Reporter

Vince Flynn's new novel Transfer of Power is a fast-paced political thriller that keeps readers hooked to the very end. Herbert and Hamas terrorist groups have taken over the White House; the president is safe in his bunker, for now. The Hezbollah and Hamas are looking to reignite their Jihad (holy war) by killing the president and with funding by Saddam Hussein, it seems it might just happen. It is up to Mitch Rapp, CIA operative, to infiltrate the White House and bring down the terrorists single-handedly before they reach the president. Rapp faces many obstacles such as the vice president and his chief of staff's not-so-honorable behind-the-scenes wheeling and dealing.

The Gilbert & Sullivan Society presents The Grand Duke, a musical romantic comedy. It opens at the Spoleto Wright Theatre at the Seattle Center on Friday, July 9. Additional performances are July 15-17 and 22-24. For tickets, call the society at 206-341-9612 or Ticketmaster at 206-224-ARTS.

Where it's at...

The REI stores in Redmond and Seattle will offer weekly clinics on hiking, canoing, and camping throughout the summer. Call the Redmond store at 425-882-1158 or the Seattle store at 206-223-1944 for more information.

A video presentation entitled "Assault on Mt. Rainier" will be shown at the Burien Public Library on July 19 at 7 p.m. The video includes interviews with popular mountaineers and footage of the first winter climb.

Spokane Visitor

Baskets unite art, nature

By Shyala Rankin
Staff Reporter

In today's hustle and bustle, most people neglect to notice the little lovely details that Mother Nature throws our way on a daily basis. Sharle Osborne isn't one of them. Even though she's a busy school teacher and mother, the Sequim resident notices the unusual beauty that every new day holds.

Her work is currently on display at the Highline Library fourth floor gallery from now until July 15, and she says that through her exhibit, she wants to expose people to the awareness that "there is this craft that is flourishing, and that there are plenty of opportunities for pursuing it."

On any given day, you can spot her among the bulrushes, willows, and wild cherry trees, looking for the latest material to add to her newest masterpiece. Like a psychic, she can gaze into the old wrinkled skin of a newly fallen cedar tree and envision what is to come, a beautiful basket.

For every, day holds a chance for material-gathering and the chance to begin another basket, another creation of her imagination.

For almost three years, Osborne has been involved in the ever-evolving art of basketry. She finds a thrill in everything from gathering local indigenous materials, preparing and cleaning the materials, to the actual hands-on weaving, a process that can take from half an hour to eight hours of work.

She became interested in the art through a friend who asked her to attend a local class on the subject. Before they went to the class, Osborne wanted first-hand knowledge on the craft. After foraging her library's shelves for any current books, she sat down with her friend to create her first basket.

"That first experience taught me that it's OK to follow a certain mold as far as basket-making," she says. "You might start out with an idea of making one thing and end up with something totally different."

A gifted craft maker, experienced in knitting, crocheting, and making jewelry, Osborne says, "Basketmaking is the best match I have ever found. I know that I will never stop making baskets."

So if you want to see Mother Nature and Sharle Osborne at their best, drop by the library for a look. The bulrushes and yellow cedar are waiting.
By Todd Loiselle
Staff Reporter

Everybody needs a hobby. Hobbies keep the mind occupied during times of stress and help ease tension that might have previously consumed you in a cloud of drudgery. A hobby can also turn into a life-long passion. And a passion can consume every thought, fill your every void, and make you happy to be alive. For many people, fly-fishing is that passion.

Brought to a new audience in the movie, A River Runs Through It, fly-fishing is an age-old method of fishing that countless numbers of people swear by. Men and women alike do it for reasons varying from bringing home their next meal to getting away from the daily grind.

Alone on a lake or river, the tall trees rising around you reaching up to the deep blue sky can be a spiritually cleansing experience. Add to that the rush of adrenaline you get when you catch nothing but weeds and your body will quake with the feeling.

Never fly-fished before? Perfect. There is no better time than the present to learn. With fly-fishing being so popular, there are plenty of places near you offering classes on the sport. And it's easy to learn. "We try to get rid of the mystique that fly-fishing is difficult because it's really not!" says Adam Crane of Kaufman's Streamborn, Inc. of Seattle. They offer evening lessons on Thursday, the class then gets taken to Green Lake to practice their casting. In a matter of hours, the student is fly-fishing. The class, appropriately called "Intro to Fly-fishing," teaches the basics on rods, reels, line, and tying knots. So for $40 a session, you'll most likely spend less than $100 on lessons because it is easy to pick up.

For you south-enders, The Morning Hatch Fly Shoppe in Tacoma offers lessons on the basics also. They offer classes on certain Saturdays, depending on how many people sign up. And for $45 a person, it too is an inexpensive way to learn a great sport in a short time. Most practice comes from just trying.

"Once you have an outfit (rod and reel) and a few flies in your pocket, you can just go out and do it," says Gary Urban of Morning Hatch. The consensus states clearly that learning to fly-fish is relatively simple. If you know someone who already has picked up the sport, you can get lessons for free!

Need equipment? Again, because of the sport's popularity, there are plenty of ways to get good equipment at a low cost. G.I. Joe's in Federal Way has fly rods ranging from $20 to $550, according to employee Joel Pyke. The best deal however, is probably a starters pack from Cortland. For just $39, the beginner can get a rod, reel, line and instructional videotapes. Not too shabby.

And there are plenty of places to practice your casting. Blessed with many nearby lakes and rivers, Western Washington offers numerous places to get out there and fish. Green Lake, Lake Washington, and Lake Sammamish are very accessible and are open for fishing all year round. Just be sure to purchase a fishing license which you can get at sporting good stores throughout the area.

With summer here, and the weather (hopefully) warming up, it is a great time to learn to fly-fish. Doing so could give you a hobby, sport, stress-reliever, or passion for the rest of your life. Something that you can pass on to your children doesn't necessarily have to be expensive or old. It can be a hobby which has no more value than bringing tears of joy to your eyes after a great day on the water.

By Brian Johnson
Staff Reporter

To many athletes, coaches, and P.E. students, John Dunn's face is a familiar one. Nine years a basketball coach at Highline, Dunn has worked at jobs ranging from head basketball coach to assistant athletic director.

This year, Dunn is feeling like a new man. He recently got married and also received an new job as athletic director here at Highline. He replaced Fred Harrison, who called it quits after eight years as head of Highline's sports programs.

In some ways Dunn is the opposite of his mentor. At least on the surface, Harrison appears to be serious at all times, while Dunn is an outgoing, friendly guy, who is always willing to crack a joke at someone else's expense.

"It's a Dunn deal: new director takes his place

John Dunn
Already Dunn can tell there's a major difference from last year's job of assistant A.D. "There's a lot more responsibility. I used to hand things to Fred, but now all the work goes through me."

Although the work load is great, Dunn is very excited about his new job.

"It's a great opportunity. I'm going to dive right into it," said Dunn of his new position.

Dunn is also excited because all of Highline's sports are on the way up, with many sports teams making it to the NWAC in the last few years.

"It's just a matter of keeping the quality staff we have now," he said.

The only drawback (and almost every job has one) is that it might take away time from being an assistant basketball coach for the men's team, as he was last year.

The reason that's a drawback is because it allows Dunn to get to know the team better, along with the fact he loves the game.

Now that Dunn is the athletic director no major changes are anticipated. He would like to continue the tradition of excellence of Highline athletics, while keeping an eye on the academic side of the student-athlete.

Dunn also puts a major emphasis on providing the opportunity for both students and staff to grow.

"The last thing I want to do is come in and make drastic changes," he said. "I think you need to be on the job for a while before you consider doing that. Right now the foundation is very solid, and I would just like to build on that. Fred set the table for me to have an easy job."
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was. All of them should feel that it is exciting to get a new leader," Command said.

By December, the board hopes to have defined the search process and to have articulated the qualities they are looking for. The position will then be advertised in The Chronicle of Higher Education, when Command calls "hunting season" (January to May).

Command has filled a number of jobs here. Prior to his appointment as president, Command served first as registrar and director of admissions, later as administrative assistant to the president, and then as vice president. He began his career in education as a junior high and high school teacher in the Highline School District.

He talks at using the word "visionary" to describe his style of leadership, saying he prefers to get his finger on the pulse of the community. "If the president's vision is not shared by the faculty and staff, it's an hallucination," he said.

He prefers, he said, to find creative people and support and encourage them. When he assumed the presidency, he met with small groups of faculty to define the strengths and challenges that would you change and not change in the next five years?" he asked.

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When the dosage was decreased his pain became intense, but he remained in high spirits. "I kept a positive attitude, because I have a lot to be thankful for," said Hall.

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Hall communicated through the water-jammed doorway with Gunderson to find a way out.

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