Trustees begin search for new president

By E.M. Peterson and Teresa C. Price
Staff Reporters

Faculty and students should be involved in choosing a new president for Highline, administrators said at the Board of Trustees last week. But it will be decided more likely as a committee of the Board of Trustees than by an outside consultant.

At the first meeting of the new president search committee, 15 people — 8 from the college, 3 from the greater community and 4 from the Search Committee — were invited to participate in the search process. The committee will meet 3 or 4 times over the next few months. It will be responsible for interviewing candidates, deciding on the short list, and recommending to the Board of Trustees, which will make the final appointment.

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College enrollment drops slightly for fall

By Nichole M. Petzold
Staff Reporter

Highline College's enrollment dropped slightly for fall, but college officials believe there are still ways to improve it. The college's fall enrollment is down about 4,000 students compared to last year's enrollment of 13,700 students. The college is currently at 9,700 students, which is about 20% below the goal of 13,700 set by the college's Board of Trustees.

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Student government has head start on fall

By Heather Baker
Staff Reporter

The student government is off and running this fall, with many projects planned and underway.

Elected last spring, the student government trained during the summer. One can see that from the training they have become a close knit group.

The student government is currently focused on organizing the elections for international student senator and evening student senator. John Fox, Legislative vice president and Kyle Maschhoff, student senator will be organizing the election.

Applications can be picked up at the student government office on the upper half of Building 8 and are due Oct. 1. An officer found a Visa card and it was later returned to its owner.

Fox and Maschhoff are planning to hold a forum similar to the one held in spring for the candidates.

Besides coordinating the election, Fox said, "I would like to raise voter turnout." In the past years voter turnout to elections has been low ranging from one percent to three and half percent of the student body. The student body usually consists of 8,000 students.

Last year only 160 students out of 8,585 students voted in the fall election.

It is not only Highline that has a low voter turnout, but other community colleges in Washington as well. North Seattle Community College reported to have around 300 students vote in the spring elections.

Fox and the student government's goal for the spring election is a 10 percent increase.

Another agenda for Fox and Renee Jovet, student body president is to try to change when international and evening student senators are elected.

They want to change it from fall to spring so they (senators) are able to train with the rest of the student government during the summer.

Kitty Richmire, club diplomat/treasurer is currently working on plans that she developed during her spring campaign. She is organizing the club fair, that will be held September 23 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. "My main goal is for people to fill out forms for clubs and to connect people to clubs," said Richmire.

Jovet's main focus for the year is "more campus involvement."

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Building 9-114
Summer is gone, but the memories will last

By Marta D. Pelayo
Staff Reporter

The dog days of summer weren’t as quiet as one would expect. Many events happened that will significantly affect Highline students. Here’s a rundown of what went down.

The summer got off to a jumpstart when Highline President Ed Command announced his retirement, effective in July 2000. “It is a good time for a new leader,” said Command, who has been president since 1990. The search for a replacement was launched this month, after the Board of Trustees spent the summer researching successful hiring processes. Command hopes his replacement will be in place by May 2000.

Seafirst, which operates the on-campus ATM machine, will be charging $1.50 per transaction for all non-Seafirst/Bank of America users. The college is currently trying to get other banks to put ATMs on campus that will not charge user fees.

Parking rates have increased to $16 for main campus parking and $8 for Midway-only parking. Fines for parking violations also rose from $5 to $20, with illegally parking in a handicapped spot increasing from $25 to $175.

The computer lab received a sad surprise when 11 memory storage chips were stolen from sometime between the end of Spring Quarter and beginning of Summer Quarter. The chips, worth $65 each, were discovered missing during a routine computer check. The thefts have resulted in increased security in the computer lab.

Lee Hall, maintenance mechanic at Highline, made strides in his recovery from third degree burns he received last May. Hall spent six weeks at Harborview Medical Center before being treated for the burns that covered 30 percent of his body. Hall returned home in late June, and is making strong progress in his recovery.

Nine Highline professors spent a month in South Africa and Namibia to study the changed government in order to incorporate newly acquired knowledge into their courses. Vice President of Academic Affairs Jack Birmingham was director of the trip. Birmingham was joined by faculty members Davidson Dodd, Phil Droko, Susan Landgraf, Kathy Dunn, Jennifer Jones, Bob Mapleson, and Bruce Roberts.

Tazza, Highline’s popular espresso bar, is now under new ownership. Founders Pam and Jim Scott sold the business to family friend and former employee Randy Neumann.

Highline also became involved in a community initiative called Vision 2000, which hopes to bring together the six Highline area cities (Des Moines, Burien, Federal Way, SeaTac, Normandy Park, and Tukwila) for a dialogue on community issues. The group hopes to improve the community in education, housing, transportation, environment, and economic development. Representatives from Highline, county government, and the six target cities met on June 17 at a symposium.

Reporters Elaine Murphy, Teresa C. Moore, Matthew Ulmer, Jenny Burton, and Jennifer Pierce-Maylor contributed to this story.

Randy Neumann gives new meaning to the phrase, "service with a smile."
Editorials

College will be what you make of it

Every year a new wave of students arrives at Highline. Because the first day of school can be intimidating, here are a few tips that might ease your transition into college life.

This is not high school and it never will be. You and you alone are responsible for what you do and do not learn. This freedom is one of the greatest benefits of college. Don't hang yourself with the freedom you have by letting your performance slide.

Show up for class! It is much easier to learn a subject from your instructor than by reading the textbook on your own. It is your instructor's job to teach you. Likewise, read the textbook. Text material will come both from lectures and the book. Many times it will come from only one of the two so pay attention in class and to your books.

Meet with your instructors after class. This might be intimidating at first, but instructors are eager to help students outside of class. If you meet with your instructors, not only will you learn more, but you will also do better in class.

Meeting with instructors shows them that you are serious about the class and want to learn. Knowing that you want to learn makes instructors want to help.

Concentrate on learning instead of grades. Trying to just pass may get you a degree, but won't give you the knowledge and understanding that you need in life.

If you learn the subject matter, good grades will follow. Most of all - stick with it. College is not easy.

If you need help with your studies, go to the Counseling Center in Building 19. The Tutoring Center is free to current Highline students and covers a variety of topics.

If you just need to talk to someone, you might want to use the Counseling Center. The Counseling Center has many counselors who can assist with career and personal issues.

College is what you make of it - make it a strong foundation for your life.

Board must take care in replacing Ed

With the recent announcement of Highline President Ed Command's retirement, the Board of Trustees has begun the lengthy search for a new president.

Command has stated that the presidential selection process is the most important task the board is in charge of.

Unfortunately, however, none of the current members served on the board during the last search for a president.

While none of the board members were there, many staff and faculty members who took part in the process still work at the college, or are easily accessible in the surrounding community.

The board should seek out the opinion of those with experience in this field, and, in turn, the staff, faculty, and students should make themselves available for this process.

During the selection process, the criteria for choosing the new president should be openly debated.

In the end, it will not be necessary for the new president to come in and unleash a series of reforms, because Command has served the college very well during his tenure - as evidenced by the extended standing ovation he received at a recent faculty meeting.

Instead, the board should hire somebody with vision, who will continue the successes of Command's tenure, while also being able to work with the board in charge of.

The next president should be someone who understands the importance of the community college system's role, and makes sure that the opportunities it presents continue to grow.

With the current trend of veteran instructors retiring and giving way to new instructors, the hiring is even more important that it would otherwise be. That being said, the new faculty and new president must lead Highline into the new millennium.

New College Buddies!

I started college without direction. I did not have an advisor, nor did I know what a blue sheet was. The consequence of my ignorance landed me an extra year at Highline. But through my own damfounding experience, I taught myself the discipline I needed to become a good student. I want to share with you my strategy.

Tip No. 1: Manage your time wisely. Your best bet is to use a calendar. When you get class syllabi, write down all the dates for projects, tests, midterms and finals. Next write down any of your commitments: sports, work, family, or spending time with friends. Doing this will enable you to see exactly how much spare time you have.

Tip No. 2: If you don't get here before 9 a.m. park at Midway. It isn't worth the hassle of finding a space. People waste tons of time sitting at the ends of the parking lot desperately awaiting a spot.

Tip No. 3: Find an advisor. If you don't have one, my suggestion is to pick a teacher that you like and ask them to be your advisor. If you have not filled out a blue sheet, do it. It is important to have an idea of what classes you need to take.

Tip No. 4: Now that you're in college it is important to get your money's worth. It costs students $30 to $70 an hour to sit in class. This figure includes salary you could be earning if you weren't in school and all of the various expenses you pay to be in school. So each day of class that you miss is money that you are wasting.

Teresa's tips for surviving school

The Island of Dr. Moreau

By Teresa Moreau

Moreau is a student at Highline.

The Thunderword

It wouldn't do any good to throw the mouse through the screen, but I really, really want to.
President's welcome '99: School's in!

By Dr. Edward M. Command
Special to the Thunderword

For professional educators there is no more exciting time than the opening of a new school year, whether it is meeting first graders or welcoming new and returning college students. This is an especially exciting year for me because this begins my 20th and last year here at Highline. My service to the college has been very rewarding, because my parents believed and repeatedly emphasized that success in life requires a college education. I was the first in my family to go to college. I went from Grays Harbor to Western Washington University for a BA, to Central Washington University for a master's and the University of Washington for a doctorate. Continuing my education was a wise investment for me, both in financial terms and in quality of life.

A lot has changed since I made the decision to attend college. In the mid-50s, it was possible for a high school graduate to get a good paying job with excellent benefits and security for a working lifetime. Today that is unlikely and too morrow it will be impossible. The future will require higher and higher levels of education to be successful in the workplace and in life. Success will require a commitment to continuous learning.

The old phrase "Life Long Learning" takes on a more important meaning in today's world. To remain competitive and sustain a chosen lifestyle, it is imperative for one to continuously assess one's current knowledge and skills and compare them to those that will be needed for future success. What are you doing today to be prepared for tomorrow?

Education is the key to earning a living and the secret to learning how to live. Good luck and may the best of your opportunities here at Highline and in your future educational endeavors be with you.

Edward M. Command is president of Highline.

Government aims to help all students

By Renee C. Joyet
Special to the Thunderword

Hello, and welcome to Highline. I'm Renee C. Joyet, this year's ASHCC (Associated Students of Highline Communi-
ty College) president and this is my second year here at Highline as a full-time student. I am currently pursuing a transfer degree and I hope to major in communications at any out-of-state university that can provide me with, at least a reasonable amount of consistent financial assistance.

Over the next couple of weeks you will probably have many questions. Unfortunately, no matter how hard I try, I can not begin to answer all the questions that will arise over the next quarter let alone the whole year. However, that is why I have five competent individuals to help me meet your needs over this next school year.

In order of position, Stewart Wainaina, Vice President of Ad-
ministration, is an international student from Kenya. Stewart has a great sense of humor and a wonderful smile. He's guaran-
teed to make you laugh.

John Fox, Vice President of Legislation, is a great guy who knows how to balance school and fun. John is also a member of our student track team. John's goal this year is to see an in-
crease in voter turnout. This year's Student Club Diplomat/Treasurer is Kitty Richmond. Kitty, the creative genius of the bunch, is a second year Running Start student who also partici-
pates in Student Leadership on her high school campus. One of her student senators are Joeolley and Kyle Beaschoff. Like Kitty, Joe was a Running Start student last year, but is returning as an official Decatur graduate this quarter. Joe is a D. A., so if you have some musical needs he's the man to call on. Last, but definitely not least, is Kyle. If you're having a bad day Kyle will bring a smile to your face. Kyle is convinced his job description includes giving hugs and reading stories, which he does with andy. Kyle has al-
ready completed his first project this year which was to replace the old jukebox located in Building 8.

With current full-time enrollment at 7,600, I cannot possibly hope to meet everyone here on campus but I hope that many of you will take the time to come and introduce yourself to me and my fellow student officers. Our office is located on the upper floor of the Student Center, Building 8, which is strategically located in the heart of cam-
pus. We would love to answer your questions, whether it be as simple as where are the nearest restrooms or more complicated issues such as how do I commu-
nicate with staff or faculty on campus.

Student Government is currently accepting applications for two open positions, internation-
al student senator and evening student senator. Both positions require a year-long commitment from the student, a 2.5 G.P.A., attendance of eight credit hours on Highline's campus, and regular office hours (which are de-
pendant on the position). There is a direct correlation between student involvement in their edu-
cation and the student's overall enjoyment of their education, so we encourage anyone and every-
one interested to stop in and pick up and election packet. We are also looking for students who may not have the ability to participate in student govern-
ment but would like to get in-volved with different commit-
tees on campus.

I know I speak for all of Stu-
dent Government when I say we look forward to working with you and for you over the next year. Please stop in, introduce yourself, get to know us and let us get to know you.

Renee Joyet is president of the Associated Students of Highline Community College.

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'New Kids' cloned

By Derek Rocha
Staff Reporter

Hollywood's unofficial hot, by all means, merited theme of this past summer was unpredictability. No one shot of nostalgia could have foreseen a spy-aky little student film, carved from a diminutive 40,000 dollar budget that taking Tinseltown and audiences alike by storm.

The Blair Witch Project, effectively utilized satiric reviews and an ingenious marketing strategy via the Internet, coupled with tantalizing theatrical teasers to, well...create hype. Whether or not one views the film as an overrated, hack job, home video in which the acting and shoddy, headache inducing camera work were the only things remotely frightening, or as a thriller of Hitchcockian proportions, its astonishing 120 million dollar gross, nonetheless, has made it the most profitable film of all time.

"It promised the audience that they would see something that they had never seen before. It began with sold out limited small venue runs which totaled up to $63,812 per screen. Then it opened wide and raked in $29 million that weekend," said Har- ry Knowles, of Ain t it cool.com.

Although few summer films completely soak at the box office, not all dog-dazzle bananas created vases. Case in point; The Iron Giant, probably the best reviewed and best received film of the season, wound up with a measly twenty million dollar domestic gross. A major step backwards for Warner Bros., a studio already hassled with financial turmoil.

So Inspector Gadget made money. Disney found its box office muscle. The Haunting scared up some easy cash (despite not being scary) No surpr- ises there. The unanticipated, however, came in the form of a twelve year-old socce- star who just happens to see dead people.

The Sixth Sense, brain child and sophistication of writer/director M. Night Shyamalan, was (in the mind of several ma-

The New Kids are back. 1 Once, before reaching age of reason, attended a New Kids on The Block concert. Chart topping singles such as the im-

Right Stuff, 'New Kids' Tinsletown blindsided by Summer box-office

Haley Joel Osment in M. Night Shyamalan's Sixth Sense

And who would have guessed that Big Witty (Will Smith) Wildcard, also known as some as the Fourth of July, would, in the form of the criti-

cally loathed Wild Wild West, see it's exploitive power climax at the level of a safe and same speaker?

"The film had some inter-

eating qualities going for it," said Knowles. "But in the end people wanted more that spe-

cial effects and one liners."

Among the events...
A standard 'Beauty' an American masterpiece

By Marta D. Palayno
Staff Reporter

American Beauty stars Kevin Spacey and Annette Bening as Lester and Carolyn Burnham, two suburbanites who have lost their passions to the rut of life. Moviegoers may not feel bad for suburbanites but the lack of joy in their lives make them sympathetic characters.

The ad campaign for American Beauty focuses on Lester's attraction to his daughter Jane's (Thora Birch) friend Angela, played by Mena Suvari. This is a misleading marketing, because American Beauty isn't some perverted look at a sexual deviant.

As Lester goes from an Office Space-like zombie to a laid-back lothario, Spacey creates a likable loser you can't help but appreciate.

While the movie may not appeal to the masses, it deserves to be praised for a brilliant story. American Beauty is that good. It's incredibly entertaining, with subtle comedy throughout. It's an intelligent story told beautifully. Critics will have trouble pigeonholing it into a category.

"Is it a drama? Is it a comedy?" The answer is all of the above.

It takes a humorous look at the serious problems a family has. It also takes a dramatic tone when the funny moments of life occur.

The movie features the directorial debut of Sam Mendes, who previously directed theater plays such as The Blue Room. It also includes the first produced screenplay by TV writer Alan Ball.

American Beauty opens nationally on October 1.
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with Woman's Programs, are also planning some activities concerning Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which October officially recognizes.

Among the other events scheduled for October include: Diversity Dance Troupe on Thursday, October 7, the always enjoyable Comedy Café that Friday, Movie Night on the fourteenth, Professional Faculty Day on October 22, and Family Fest on Saturday, October 23.

On tap for November: Los de Rio on November 2, a Native American performance on Tuesday the ninth, a Fashion Show on November 12, and the Really Big Art Show on November 22 and 23.

Team Highline's Fall calendar concludes with the annual Tackle Tuna Typhoon, an always lively family oriented performance on Friday, December 10.

Nichols says she's optimistic regarding the busy school year and hopes to include everyone in the action.

"I would like to get families and kids more involved on campus, work with Woman's Programs and things like that. We're hoping for a very good year" Nichols says.

"We really hope to put on and accomplish events that everyone here at Highline will enjoy."

--Kim Nichols

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twenty story tower. Upon reaching the top, the participants return to the ground at a rate of 1G.

Other rides, which range from one to five tickets, include the Antique Merry Go Round, Dual Loop, El Nino, Enterprise, The Monster and, of course, nearly every child's favorite, The Haunted House. A sheet of twenty tickets (coupons) which goes surprisingly fast costs thirteen dollars and individual coupons are priced at eighty cents each.

The Pu-dlup Fair also means music -- rather large scale concerts, with moderately big name headliners. As with any fair venue, attracting A-list entertainers is not particularly easy. Tickets for the concerts range from around $23 to $35 dollars. Acts scheduled to perform include Barry Manilow (I'm there), Third Eye Blind, Donna Summer, Kenny G, and grunge rock survivor Collective Soul.

The food and beverage stands are predictably expensive and consist of your standard carnival dietary products; cotton candy, raspberry lemonade, five dollar hamburgers, etc.

Many, however, have their lost trust in the sanitary handling of foods at the Puyallup Fair after last year's E. Coli outbreak as a result of improperly prepared edibles.

So when's the best time to attend? Any logical person would suggest early, on a weekday preferably, or a Sunday evening. I attended last Saturday, and it was a good deal overcrowded, but not uncomfortably, or even unreasonably.

Crossword puzzle answers to appear in the next issue of the Thunderword.

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Women's soccer heads into new season

By Brian Koek
Staff Reporter

The Lady T-Birds kicked off their season with a bang in a 3-0 shutout against Shoreline on Wednesday, Sept. 15. With a balanced attack led by Vicki Upchurch with a goal in the fifth minute of the game, the women eased their way to victory.

Upchurch scored with a feed from fellow midfielder Jessica Andrews to set the pace of the game.

The T-Birds scored two more times. Latin Ficioni added in the 23rd minute with an assist by Rachel Moyer. Forward Heidi Schab in the 85th minute.

"We have good solid players," said Coach Shad Andrews. "The team is real balanced."

With eight returning players and plenty of new talent, the team has a lot of depth they can turn to in the game.

The Shoreline Dolphins have a new coach, Movsholi Sugihi, and are still adjusting to a new system. Finishing last year's season 2-12-2 the Dolphins are just hoping to improve their record. Though Shoreline predominated and drew the Lady T-Birds, they did give the team a chance to get real playing experience with each other.

This early in the season Coach Andrews expects a few mistakes but is confident this year will go well.

With some missed opportunities, and we didn't finish a lot of our shots," she said. "Not only other real excitement come when defender Trena Gibson was given a yellow card penalty for rough play. The ladies had a 1-1-2 record last year and finished fifth in the West Division.

Andrews, the longest-tim

Highline players share a laugh at practices after demolishing the Shoreline Dolphins 3-0. Their next game is against Lower Columbia on Wednesday, September 22 at 4 p.m.

league's coaches named the Ti-

tam as the team to beat overall. 

Green River, just 5-3-3 last 
year, has seven players back for first-year Coach Justin Pomer.

"We have a good mix of re-
turners and freshmen as we look to be competitive this season," Posaga said. "Last year, we were plagued with injuries."

The Thunderbirds are still learning and is already prepa-
ring for their next game against Lower Columbia on Wed-
nesday, Sept. 22. The ladies will take the field on their home turf at Zoo Park at 4 p.m.

"We are looking forward for opportunities to put the ball in the back of the net," said Andrews.

With new coach Budd Gil-
bert and three returning players, the Red Devils are concentrat-
ing on filling gaps in the field.

"We had a late start on re-
cruiting and virtually a new team, but our attitude and hun-
gry is great," Gilbert said. "We will be as competitive as we possibly can every minute of the game."

The team had a record of 5-
17-1 last year and finished fourth in the West Division.

Possible game time threats by the Red Devils could come from their forwards Chassey Bohac or Melissa Clark. Their goalkeeper Leslie Thelen may play strong and help keep their team close.

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Cross country running again

By E.M. Pefersen
Staff Reporter

The men's cross country team is heavy in numbers this year, while the women are again suffering from a lack of participants.

Cross country appears to be maintaining its previous form, despite heavy losses on the men's side and the continued building process for the women.

Graduated sophomores Dagen Bendixen and Andy Gist, who both placed in the top 10 at the NWAACC championships, paced last season's men's team.

Coach Tracy Brigham believes this year's team is just as strong as last year's, despite the heavy losses.

"I think our men are going to be strong," she said.

Brigham is particularly excited by the progress of freshman Phil Cavalli from Spanaway Lake. "I think he'll be as good as Degen," she said.

With 15 runners, including the return of top-20 NWAACC finisher Andrew Russell and a strong freshman class, depth is a team strength for the men this year. "Our top five might actually be as strong (as last year)," Brigham said.

The women's side is not quite as fortunate. "I could still use some more numbers," Brigham said of the squad, whose roster size has increased to five with two new additions.

Despite the roster shortages, she believes the team will be competitive. The team's high-light might be incoming freshman Jennifer Trujillo from Kcas-Marstid School. Trujillo has the ability to do well in the NWAACC, Brigham said.

Karla Booth is the only returning from last year's squad, which placed eighth in the NWAACC. Booth finished 52nd at the championships, but was slowed by illness.

Track team veteran Rachel Schwartz may also join the squad to provide a needed boost.

Brigham said the women's team is still interested in adding more runners. Women interested in joining the team should contact her.

This year marks a return to cross country receiving S&A funding.

The Thunderbirds lost several key players to graduation last year, including the league's Most Valuable Player Gerry DiPetronio.

Highline does have some strong new talent in the 13 newcomers to this year's team.

Fouzi Bellif from Mt. Rainier High School, Brooks Bonner from Highline High School and Brian Bilings from Auburn River- side are among the rookies.

"Fouzi is very strong skilled. He will help in the midfield and up front," said Assistant Coach Keith Penon.

"Brian Bilings is a really strong forward. There should be some good scoring with him and Jason Soper up front, they compliment each other well," said Penon.

The Thunderbirds have been plagued with injuries throughout the season, but has allowed the coaches to fully evaluate their team.

"We are pretty banged up. We have not had a chance to see how good we can be," said Penon.

Highline has also changed di-vision. The soccer team, which used to be in the Northeastern division, is now in the Southwestern division.

Although they're leaving behind many tough opponents in the past, this year's team will have competition in the Southwest, too.

"Green River, Tacomns and Clark are going to be tough. There is always the unexpected team," said Penon.

"We must improve every week if we want to put ourselves in a position to give a run at the championship," said Penon.

"If we can make the play-offs we will be in a great posi-tion." Penon said his squad is stepping up into leadership roles.

Peter (Wilson) is showing a lot of leadership and maturity on his own," said Penon. "We need a lot of people to step up." The team also has a unique side. There are players on the team from Cameroon, Korea, Somalia, Japan, United Arab Emirates, Yugoslavia, Colombia, and Algeria.

The team is a good example of diversity as Highline, said Penon.

The Highline High School soccer team is playing well, according to coach Jason Renovost.

"I think our men are going to be strong," he said.

Highline men's soccer team is off to a good start in league play, with a 7-1 victory last Tuesday over Grays Harbor. The game started off on the wrong foot with an early goal by the Chokers.

The Thunderbirds have an answer, quickly responding with four goals.

Brian Bilings had the first goal with an assist by Jason Soper. Then Ruben Seoanes put in the second of an assist from Dejan Jakovic, who also had the third goal, followed by one from Soper.

It was good that the team responded to being scored on early, said Head Coach Jason Penon.

The team made strides. We really started to play well together, said Bilings.

"We played good for our first game, but we need to do better. There are a lot better teams out there," said Brett Cardinal.

"I was impressed with everyone's play, the bench did really well," said Penon. "I have high expectations of the team." Highline faced South Puget Sound Saturday, Sept. 18 with the score unavailable at press time.

The men's team was given a second by the coaches.

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T-Birds bounce back in volleyball

By Matthew Unsery
Staff Reporter

Hightline's volleyball team is optimistic despite changing coaches to start the season.

That led to a shortage of players and a forfeit in Friday's game against Lower Columbia.

But the team has a coach now, plus a fluid of new players and a positive outlook for Wednesday's match at Tacoma.

It was a rocky start for the T-Birds, however. Shanna Steppard, who coached for only one year, resigned less than a week before the start of the season, reportedly for personal reasons.

With Steppard's heavy departure, there wasn't much time to find a replacement. Andrea Lancaster, at that time an assistant coach, slid right into the job.

"We hired her as an assistant this summer so we knew we wanted her in our program," said Athletic Director John Dunn. "She's very good, we're very lucky to have her."

Lancaster has a solid background in volleyball.

After playing volleyball for two years at Green River Community College, Lancaster transferred to Central Washington University and earned a community college degree. Although she has coached various high school and community college teams, this is her first college coaching position.

In addition to coaching difficulties, the volleyball team had recruiting problems.

April Helm (middle blocker) and Jesse Potter (right side hitter) are the only players returning from last season.

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Conference calls for student leadership

By Heather Baker
Staff Reporter

Student leaders from across the state gathered at Highline for the annual Leadership Conference.

Out of the 30 community/technical colleges available in the state, 23 schools attended the conference. Bringing the attendance level from the predicted 150 to 250 people.

The Leadership conference is sponsored by Highline and Green River Community College (GRCC).

In the past years GRCC has always taken the initiative to plan and host the event, said Diane Anderson, associate dean of student programs. Anderson who has worked at GRCC for several years heard of staff changes going on and offered that Highline will help sponsor and plan for the event.

Keynote speaker for the event was Derek Greenfield, sociology instructor at Highline. Besides being an instructor, Greenfield has founded his own company called VOICES (Visions for Organizations and Individuals to Create Effective Solutions) four years ago. As part of VOICES Greenfield has traveled across the country giving speeches to schools and companies. Anderson felt that this and other activities Greenfield has been involved in on campus made him a great candidate to give the keynote speech and as well as facilitate many workshops.

Besides having fun games to play students took home a re-owned spirit of what they were doing was important. Greenfield drilled phrases such as "When you get involved you understand," and "We learn by doing," into students. Greenfield used sign language to help students remember. "Tell me, I forget. Show me, I remember. Let me, I understand."

Later in the day it was time for students to unwind from the workshops and socialize with other students from different schools. For entertainment students got up on stage and performed their favorite songs. After lunch it was workshop time. The workshops were divided into these different categories: student government, student activity and student organizations. Anderson said they were divided that way so students can focus on the activity they are involved in.

The second day of the conference focused on specialty workshops such as "Creating a web page," and "Diversity's role in student leadership."

Campus receives major reconstruction

By Matthew Usmry
Staff Reporter

Several areas of Highline's campus were renovated during the summer to improve the campus atmosphere.

The biggest project started during the summer was the pond-park on the southwest corner of the campus behind the tennis courts. It is primarily being built to satisfy City of Des Moines drainage requirements.

In addition, it will provide a peaceful environment for students, faculty, and the community at large. The park will be available for use by early November.

Another summer project was the renovation of Building 3. The building was slightly enlarged and its floor plan reconfigured for a more efficient use of the space.

Building 3 was also sound-proofed to reduce the distraction of over-flying aircraft.

The building should be ready to use before Winter Quarter.

Building 3, which was formerly used for the jewelry program, will be used for computerized testing and coordinated studies.

The Pavilion also received visible improvements. Along with repainting the ceiling, a new lighting system and two new scoreboard were installed.

The bleachers will also be replaced, but at the end of Winter Quarter. By waiting until after summer to install the bleachers, Highline will save money. Bleachers are cheaper.
Books available through program

A book loan program is available for students needing help purchasing required textbooks. It is a one-time opportunity and students must show a source of funding for repayment. All repayments are due Oct. 15.

Joint effort kicks off awareness month

Women's Programs and Team Highline in hosting events on Oct. 14 for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. There will be various presentations and projects held throughout the day. For more information contact Dawn Merydith at 206-878-3710 ext. 3340.

Free parking offered through raffle

The Women's Program is raffling off tickets for a reserved parking spot next to Ed Command, college president's spot. Raffle tickets cost $1 a piece or $5 for 5 and will be sold till Sept. 24. There will be four winners, one for each quiz. For more information contact Rebecca Rhodes at 206-878-3710 ext. 3004.

Tennis court path closed this quarter

Students planning to use the school's tennis courts this fall will need to take a different path to get there. The usual path, from the Pavilion past the running track, will be closed due to the Ravine project. Students will need to walk down the south parking lot and the sidewalk along SE 360 to get to the courts.

Living life on a board and a dream

By Teresa C. Moreano
Staff Reporter

Former Highline student Steve Whisman dreamed about owning his own board shop. After taking various business classes at Highline, he decided to make his dream become reality.

Now he is the owner of Subvert, a board-sport shop in downtown Des Moines. In order to start his business, Whisman cashed in the stocks that he was saving and borrowed money from his dad.

"I was scared at first to put my savings on the line, but I figured that I only live once," said Whisman.

Whisman's father, Lloyd, sticks close by his son's side. He works at Subvert every day. "It is a lot of fun working with all of the young people," Lloyd Whisman said in his West Virginia accent.

Subvert is a skateboarding, snowboarding, wakeboarding, and gear retail store. The shop carries more than 50 different labels. "Subvert is off the hook," said Nick Pelt, a shop-sponsored snowboarder.

Plans for construction went underway Feb. 1. At first, the store was empty. Whisman sat for hours envisioning how he wanted the store to look. During the early stages of construction a band practiced in Whisman's office. They served as inspiration for the shop's atmosphere.

Subvert board shop opened for business on May 23. Just inside the shop, to the right sits a huge white fatty couch, which is inside of a rolled seating area. In the seating room a television set and VCR are available for customers to watch board-sport videos for as long as they wish.

The walls of the store consist of various murals, some hand painted and others airbrushed by local artists.

"Subvert has a positive atmosphere. It gives the local youth an opportunity to learn more about board sports," said Nicki Board, a former Mt. Rainier soccer player.

Whisman feels that Marine View Drive in Des Moines is an excellent location. "Des Moines is a nice town and the store is very close to Highline Community College and Mt. Rainier High School," said Whisman.

Whisman is no stranger to either locations. He has lived in the Burien-Manhattan area his entire life. Whisman graduated from Mt. Rainier High School in '97. He was senior class vice president and he played soccer and football as well. After high school Whisman attended Highline.

"I learned the basic foundations for business from my classes at Highline," said Whisman.

Whisman plans to expand Subvert both locally and globally. He plans to push the store back for another 600 square feet. He is also in the process of constructing an Internet web site.

Whisman feels that the board industry has an abundance of money making opportunities if he can utilize the Internet efficiently. He hopes to become a global boardshop leader.

Whisman's other goals are to make people happy and give back to the community. He also plans to open another store and introduce board sports to more children. Whisman also wants to sponsor camps, competitions, and movie premieres.

"My main goal is to stay on the cutting edge of the board industry," said Whisman.

Whisman's advice to other students wanting to open their own business is to make a plan, figure out where the money will come from, and go for it. Whisman said, "I am thankful to all of my friends, because the store is a collaboration of their ideas. Most of all I thank my father. Without him the store wouldn't have come together so well."
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Orientation gives new students head start

By Heather Baker
Staff Reporter

Chilly air and dark looming clouds did not dampen the spirits of new students gathered for orientation on Sept. 15. Students shuffled between tables in the crowded-packed Library Plaza, to find which group they belong to. Each group consisted of one faculty member, one staff member and one returning student.

The facilitators are a new addition to orientation. They are part of the new student mentor program coordinated by Erin Burley of Student Programs. Mentors are there to help students feel welcome and comfortable on campus.

Shannon Proctor, speech instructor, said that the goal for mentoring is to make students feel, "...community college is not the second choice, but that it is the first choice." "These years are pivotal...it is important to get those students as quick as possible," said Proctor.

Derek Greenfield, sociology instructor said, "A successful mentor needs to understand students' needs, strengths and goals."

An advantage that some people see in the program is that it will help the retention rate for the school. "You need to feel connected to the school you are going to," said Dawn Merydith of the Women's Program, who also is a mentor.

After welcoming speeches by Highline President Ed Command and Student Government President Renee Jovit, groups participated in ice breakers.

Later students went to different classrooms to meet with faculty and ask questions about possible majors.

During lunch students enjoyed campus tours and the Latin jazz sound of the Matics. While the band played, students socialized and relaxed. Students who did not dance perused clubs and activities that are available on campus.

Even with the bad weather and sound technical difficulties it did not spoil the day. "It was fun. I'm meeting new faces," said Candis Grant, Running Start student.

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more than 50 people, 17 of them on the board.
A number of those surveyed comment on the importance of the board's role in the recognition of students.

Several students, who have been

volunteer at the organization.

Ken Hildreth, who has been a volunteer for the past five years and serves as the board's secretary, said that the board's recognition of students is important because it helps students feel recognized for their hard work.

"It's important to recognize students, " said Hildreth. "They put in a lot of time and effort to achieve their goals. It's nice to see their hard work acknowledged."