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Committees chosen for presidential search

By Teresa Moreau and Pete Wilson
Staff Reporters

A dozen people have been chosen to serve on two committees to help find a successor for Highline President Ed Command.

Highline's longtime president announced his retirement in June to give the college's Board of Trustees enough time to search for his replacement. Command will leave on July 31, 2000.

The board plans to hire a consultant to help with the search, and the first committee will help choose a consultant.

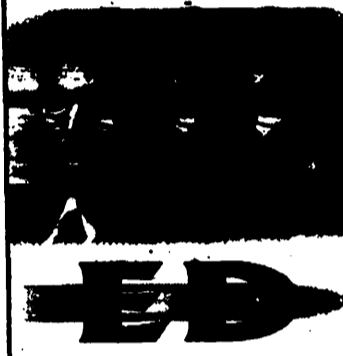
The second group, the Job Description Committee, is in charge of preparing an initial position description and announcement. It will also propose a screening process and committee structure, interviewing format, timelines, and other specifics.

The Request for Proposal Committee consists of Mike Emerson, a trustee; education professor Joan Graham; maintenance mechanic Lee Hall; Facilities Director Pete Babington; and Randell Neal, the appointed student representative.

The Job Description Committee includes Trustees Chairwoman Esther Patrick; math instructor Ed Morris; Ruth Windhover, a writing professor; Administrator of Public Relations Virg Staiger; former Student Government President Rachelle Parslow; Suzanne Boyer of Community Services; and Gerie Ventura from Media Services.

All the faculty members were elected by their peers.

Replacing



Graham, who teaches education, said she was surprised by her election to the proposal committee.

"I was shocked and caught off guard. I guess you can say," said Graham.

She feels that the assignment she has been chosen for is a serious obligation and is not going to take the task lightly.

Graham believes the proposal committee is the easiest part of the process.

"We only have to nominate people; we don't have to make a final decision," Graham said.

She has been meeting with other faculty to try to become aware of what will work for this school.

Neal was appointed by Student Government President Rense Jovet, because he expressed interest in issues on campus.

"Neal really wanted to be involved, not just hang out in the Student Government office," Jovet said.

Director of Facilities Pete Babington was appointed to his position as well.

He accepts the position as well.

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Seven file for elections

By Erika Wood
Staff Reporter

Seven people have filed for two positions in the upcoming fall Student Government elections.

The elections will fill the last two slots in the Associated Students of Highline Community College line up: evening student senator and international student senator.

Voting begins Oct. 13 and can be done outside the student government office, online at

Highline's home page, or on Computers on Wheels (COWS), located throughout the campus.

Student government officials say they are trying to increase voter turnout by 10 percent over the elections last spring, when 202 voters turned out.

Turnout has never been much more than 300 students.

"We're expediting a high voter turnout and we're doing every we can to increase it," said Stewart Wainaina, vice president of administration.

One new twist will be a re-

mote lap-top computer for voting, which student government members will take to their classes.

The original deadline for filing was Oct. 1, but due to a lack of applicants, the deadline for was extended to Wednesday, Oct. 6.

The students running for evening student senator are Aaron Wilson, Robbie Hilton, and Janice Valder.

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Student enrollment remains low

By Jenny Mitchell
Staff Reporter

Enrollment is still down. School officials won't be able to tell how many fewer students Highline has than last year until the end of the quarter.

The total head count of students enrolled as of Monday, Sept. 27, is 8,300 students and 5,600 full-time equivalent students.

College officials earlier esti-

mated enrollment around 9,500 total students and 4,820 full-time equivalent on the first day of school.

That's a decrease of about 1,000 part-time students and an increase of about 800 full-time students.

Green River has also had a decrease in enrollment this fall. They have 9,417 total students, whereas last year they had 9,623.

"There are more full-time

students this year, they're just taking less credits," said Robert Kurtz, director of Student Services Information Systems. The students who used to take 15 credits are now taking 12 credits.

David Bar, a student at Highline, says he went from taking 18 credits down to 15 credits because his classes are

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Crime Blotter for Sept. 27- Oct. 1

Camping outdoors

A female student called and said that every morning, around 8 a.m., she sees a white male, with a tent, camping out on the west side of the campus pool building. The man has yet to be found.

Accident leaves damage

A green Geo Metro was parked in a handicap parking spot on Tuesday, Sept. 28, when it was hit by an unknown vehicle. There was damage to the Geo Metro's driver's side door. The mystery vehicle driver has yet to be found.

Locker room crime

A student's book bag was stolen from the women's locker room in the Physical Education Building.

Lost items

Following is a list of items found in the Physical Education Building:

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New course may help cure math blues

By Lou Edwards Staff Reporter

You just bombed the Compass test and your SATs wouldn't get you into junior high. But you've got to get a math class over 100 to graduate, or practice saying "Anything to drink with that?"

Usually that means multiple quarters wading your way up from Math 81. Highline now has a potential answer.

Math 95, new next quarter, is a class designed to get students up to college-level math without quarter after quarter of remedial, non-credit classes.

The Compass test may be difficult for students, said Math Department Coordinator Helen Burn. They can't use a calculator and may not have had math in a while.

Many students test as low as 81, and the results can be con-

"There is... more problem solving and practical applications."

--Burn

fusing or misleading, causing students to be placed too low.

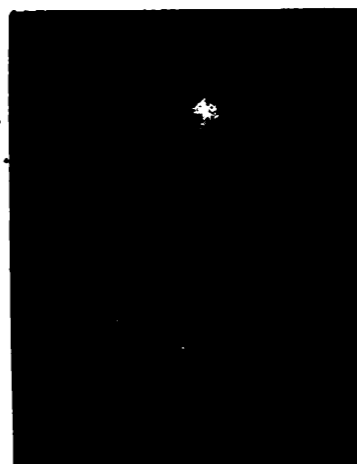
The new course aims to address that issue.

"Fundamentals of Intermediate Algebra was designed for a solid group of students: not math, science or business majors," said Burn.

Math 95 will be prerequisite for Math 107, 180, 210 and Philosophy 120.

Burn enthuses over the curriculum for this class.

"We designed a course that takes essential elements of 91 and 97 and presents material



Helen Burn

that may be more germane to student educational goals and even life," she said. "There is less emphasis on symbol manipulation and more emphasis on problem solving and practical applications of algebra."

This progressive class recognizes different learning styles with its diverse material and

teaching techniques: small groups, Internet, computers and lectures, Burn said.

Once a week the class will occupy the computer lab, where the class will use Excel to create graphs and look at growth patterns. Burn said one course objective is to be able to use basic Internet searches for numerical data and interpretation of that data, ranging from the distance between planets, to that between atoms. The class will utilize scientific notation for size, and watch a video called Powers of Ten, Burn said.

There will be a trial period of two winter and two spring classes, then a decision will be made on the fate of this new class, brainchild of a committee of Helen Burn, Ed Morris, Tim Morrison and Ron Engstrom. Burn will be teaching sections of the course Winter Quarter, as will Richard Plagge.

New math interns make Highline home

By David Froyalde Staff Reporter

Even though they just graduated from college, Erik Scott and Nirmala Savage are already back in school. Scott and Savage are Highline's two newest math interns. They received their master's degrees in math last summer from the University of Washington.

For the past four years, the administration at Highline has funded the internship program. A ideal candidate would be someone who clearly demonstrates interest in teaching at a community college but lacks teaching experience.

Savage saw this as an excellent opportunity to observe and learn the atmosphere of a community college.

Besides her two years of teaching at the University of Washington, Savage has taught one year at a high school in California.

Scott took this internship because he was interested in teaching mathematics to a lower group of students than in a university setting. Along with many other things, Scott would like students to understand that mathematics contains crucial ideas that have an impact on their lives.

"Math will make you do better with finances and make better decisions," says Scott.

They both teach two classes each on campus.

Besides teaching two classes of their own, Scott and Savage also get to observe a different math teacher each week throughout Fall Quarter. However, these interns will get the opportunity to teach three classes during winter and spring quarters.

Both Scott and Savage have nothing but good comments about

the faculty here at Highline.

"I look forward to working with them (the faculty) throughout the year," says Scott.

Savage enjoys seeing observing various teaching styles. She says she has been able to pick up a lot of "little things" along the way.

All four previous math interns prior to Scott and Savage have landed jobs following their year of internship. However, both Scott and Savage have expressed interest to be the first intern to return to Highline as a full-time faculty member.

Scott is also considering teaching in other states as well as other countries. He wants the experience of teaching to a variety of audiences. Besides this, he is considering joining the Peace Corps.

Savage would like to land a job in a community college somewhere here in the state.

"They have an extremely good chance in getting a full-time faculty position," says Helen Burn, Highline's math coordinator.



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Patricia Lynn Reilly, nationally known author is speaking at the breakfast.

To register call 206-870-3757.

Be aware of domestic violence in October

Women's Programs and Team Highline are 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.

Colleges on campus

Several colleges will be on campus in the month of October. All college tables will be located in the lower level of Building 6. Here is a list of colleges that will be visiting.

•University of Washington: Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

•City University: Oct. 12 from 1-3 p.m.

•UW evening degree program: Oct. 19 from 4-7 p.m.

•UW Psychology Department: Oct. 21 at 1 p.m. in Building 21 in room 202.

MOSAIC holds summit

The Multicultural Organization of Students Actively Involved in Change (MOSAIC) is holding a diversity summit on Saturday, Oct. 9. The summit will be held at the University of Washington and will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

One of the panels at the summit will examine how community college students can increase access to the UW.

For more information call Terry Ross at 206-878-3710 ext. 6101.

National author at breakfast on Oct. 14

A women's breakfast forum is being held for Oct. 14 from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Federal Way Campus. Students can participate, but they must pay a \$10 registration fee. The theme of the breakfast is "Embracing Our Wholeness & Wisdom as

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Registering to vote is as easy as 1,2,3

The general election is Nov. 3. The deadline to register to vote is just around the corner

By Missy Allen
Staff Reporter

The general elections are around the corner. If you are not registered to vote here is a guide to help you register.

Since Nov. 2 is election day, you must have completed a registration form through the mail 30 days before the election. If you haven't done so already, you're a little too late, since the deadline for mail registration was on Oct. 3.

But, you can still register in person. If you go to the Election Office downtown at 500 4th Ave., Room 553, Seattle, by Oct. 11, then you'll be able to vote in the next general election.

In order to register you must have three qualifications: you must be a citizen, 18 years of age by election day, and a resident of Washington state (which means you have to have lived here for at least one year).

If you want to register to vote for the next elections, you can pick up registration applications at most public schools, King County branch libraries, fire stations in the Puget Sound area, and King County offices. You can also request one on-line at any computer in the college that is internet accessible at <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/voting/regform.htm>.

On the application, you will be requested to turn over such information as your name, date of birth, where you live, and your phone number, among other questions.

There is a space to fill in your Social Security number, but according to the King County website, they do not use that information, so filling in your Social Security number is optional.

In addition to voting, a registered voter may have a couple more privileges than others, such as being able to sign a petition and run for elective offices.

For more information about registering to vote, call the King County Voter Registration Information at 206-296-8683.

Look for a special eight page general election insert in the Oct. 28 issue of the Thunderword.

Highline brings in new faculty

By Talitha Vanzo
Staff Reporter

Highline's faculty has grown as they welcome 15 full-time faculty and 34 part-time.

All of the positions have been filled, even though there are still a few instructors who moonlighting, meaning that they are teaching a full load and also a couple of extra classes on top of that.

The Arts and Humanities division received eight new faculty: JT Jackson, writing; Eric Kramer, speech communication; Haiguang Pan, Chinese; Shannon Proctor, speech communication; Susan Rich, writing; Mira Shimabukuro, writing/multicultural; Dave Weber, offset printing and Stephane Feltrino, French intern.

The Business Division has added Geoff Turck, accounting, Marcia Weit, office occupations and Carol Wood, Office Occupations.

Weit is no newcomer to the ways of Highline. She was the managing coordinator for the



Kaddee Lawrence

Call Center Training Program at the Federal Way campus for one and half years, and prior to that was working at Access Computer Systems, a medical software company, for seven years.

"I liked doing that but wanted to do something that meant more," said Weit.

She moved over to Highline after she heard that a position for an office occupations instructor had opened up. Now she is teaching key boarding, legal transcription, legal processing and telecommunications.

Michael Cassella-Blackburn,

American history and Emmanuel Chiabi, social science, both joined the Social Sciences Division.

The Health, P.E. and Education Division added to the roster John Dunn, Physical Education; Cara Hoyt, Physical Education/Intramurals; Jan Johnson, nursing; Barbara Smith, nursing and Roman Wright, American sign language.

Pure and Applied Sciences will have fun with the eight new instructors including Emanuela Baer, geology; Pamela Pape-Lindstrom, biology; Nirmala Savage, math intern; Erik Scott, math intern; Rebecca Sliger, engineering transfer; Chitra Solomonson, physics intern and Eric Stavney, microbiology.

Kaddee Lawrence is also a new instructor in the Pure and Applied Science Division. Lawrence has been teaching biology for seven years and for the last two has been teaching at Seattle Central Community College. You might think she has possessed a passion for biology since childhood, but in fact that



Shannon Proctor

is not the case.

She has only been into biology since graduate school which she entered with the intent of going into research.

"I found out that I was too social and didn't want to be stuck in a lab," said Lawrence.

Now that she is teaching biology she only has to be in the lab a couple times a week and doing something that she truly loves.

Race relations discussion opens doors

By Heather Baker
Staff Reporter

Race impacts our daily lives, even when it is not evident. It is a factor in what privileges certain people receive and the decisions they make, said the faculty panel at a discussion on Tuesday.

President Bill Clinton's initiative for One America along with the U.S. Department of Education have asked colleges across the country to have an honest, open discussion about race during the week of Oct. 4-8.

On Oct. 5 Multicultural services and Team Highline held a faculty panel discussion about race.

The discussion was titled, "Why Can't We Talk About Race?"

The moderator was Bob Hughes, dean of instruction. The faculty panel consisted of Jean Harris, anthropology; Allison Green, writing; Helen Burn, math and Davidson Dodd, political science.

The turtle building was packed to overflowing room only as students and faculty members eagerly listened to the discussion.

Hughes started the discussion by asking the panel if it is hard to talk about race. All members agreed that it is difficult, but a subject not to



Photo by James Turner

Panel talks about how to open the channels of dialogue so we can talk about race.

avoid.

"Race is a significant part of American history...you don't turn off history," said Dodd.

Harris added, "With a wave of a wand you just don't make things different from 100 years ago."

"Why don't we just talk about race?" asked Hughes. Green related her experience as a white, middle class person growing up.

"I grew up avoiding conflict. So there is a psychological element. Will I feel guilty? Who is benefiting from not talking about race? White people benefit," said Green.

Burn said that it is easier to talk about race issues with people of the same race.

She compared it as talking about women's issues with women. But Harris interjected, "White people don't talk about whiteness to other white people."

"Once demographics change...maybe our whiteness may become more obvious," said Burn.

Later in the discussion the panel briefly hit upon that the word "race" itself is not biologically meaningful. Burn said it was not valid because at the cellular level of a white and black person it is hard to distinguish the two.

"The word race is so loaded with garbage of stereotypes and misinformation," said Dodd.

"One way to get the trash out is to talk about it," said

Dodd.

Harris gave her various experiences on how race has impacted her life from poor textbooks to being unable to find a home in a nice neighborhood.

The solution to being able to talk about race is to have classes that are set up to discuss those issues, said the panel.

Starting this year, incoming freshmen are required to take a diversity/globalism requirement credit in order to graduate.

The discussion ended with questions from students. Questions ranged from a non-white U.S. president to the abolishment of affirmative action last year by Washington State voters.

Editorials

Subsidizing bus passes should be next step

Highline needs to get serious about parking management. Raising the cost of parking permits and fines was a good first step. Now the college needs to get on the bus.

Many colleges and employers subsidize bus passes for students. Highline has offered a \$5 subsidy. This is a joke.

Parking here is a horrific headache. A parking spot on campus is almost non-existent after 9 a.m.

Riding the bus is a good way for students to get around traffic congestion, cut down on pollution and avoid the endless hunt for parking spots, or the hike from Midway.

The average cost of a two-zone bus pass is between \$80 to \$100 a month. The average student driver probably spends less than \$40 a month on gas. Henceforth it is basically less expensive to drive to school.

At the U.W. students can buy a pass for \$31 a quarter and it shows up on their tuition statement.

It has also become a popular trend for colleges to offer a Metro Go-pass at a reduced price. North Seattle, Seattle Central, and South Seattle community colleges all chose to help students who choose to ride the bus.

So why isn't Highline doing something to entice students to ride the bus? Other colleges have subsidized passes for their students. Are Highline students exempt from special benefits?

Students who ride the bus should be rewarded for riding the bus. By riding the bus they are creating more parking spaces on campus and cutting down traffic congestion.

Students need to vote in next week's elections

Student empathy and lack of involvement in school activities is a problem on campus. Students need to get involved to create or prevent changes on campus.

Highline is a commuter college. Students come and go from classes, put in their two years, then leave.

Things happen in two years. School politics and how money is spent on campus never rests at Highline.

The way students can affect the campus is by voting in student government elections. Voter turnout in these elections has been low in the past. Not only Highline faces this problem, but other community colleges as well.

Last spring's student government elections only attracted 202 of the 8,000 students on campus. Some of the voters did not vote in all the races and issues that were on the ballot. The consequence was that students who were voted in may or may not represent the views of the entire student body.

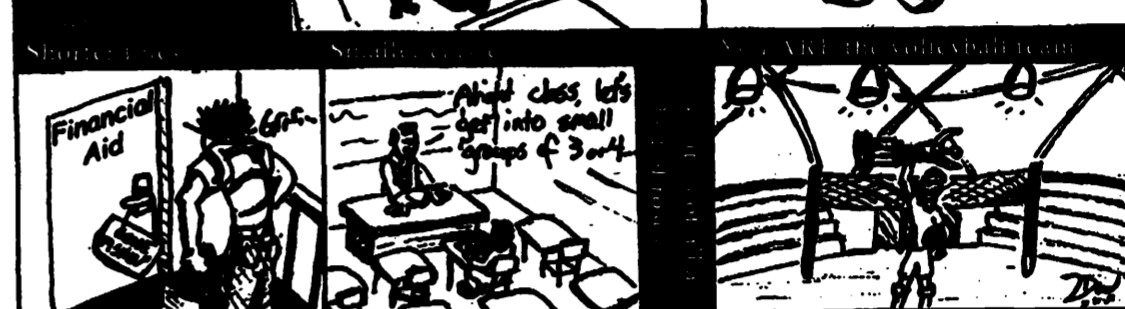
When paying for tuition and fees, new students may have wondered why they were paying more this quarter. On top of a state-mandated hike in tuition, in the elections last spring 104 students voted to impose a campus-wide student tax to pay for a new student center. Eighty students voted against the tax, so the decision was not made by an overwhelming majority.

Vote in the fall senatorial races, because they do something for the school, and they represent the students. Evening students may want to vote for a candidate who goes to school during evening hours or a student who goes to school during the day for the evening senator position.

Every vote counts.

Letters Policy

- The Thunderword gladly accepts letters and guest commentary from the campus community. Deadline is Monday.
- Letters should be no more than 300 words. They must include full names as well as signatures, addresses and telephone numbers for verification during daytime business hours. All letters are subject to editing for style and length.
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The Benefits of
Lower
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Government needs student help

By John Fox
Special to the Thunderword

Guest commentary

The fall elections are just around the corner and so far we have five candidates running. The original deadline for election packets was this past Friday, but in hope of getting a few more students to run, we the student government, decided to extend the due date until Wednesday, Oct. 6. So if you're interested, it is a paid position.

ASHCC President Rouse Jevet is still looking for students to head up some committees here on campus.

The presidential selection committee is one of the main committees that we are trying to find members for. As we all know the college president is retiring this year, and we have a chance to have some input into the whole selection process.

We are looking for two students that are going to be dedicated to finding out what kind of qualities the president of Highline should have. We would like two people that are going to be reliable, responsible, and able to attend all of the Board meetings.

Student Club Diplomat/Treasurer, Kitty Richman, is currently trying to get clubs organized and contact students that have expressed interest in becoming involved, in or starting a club. Student Senator Joe Nalley is putting the finishing touches on planning for the Ice Cream Social scheduled for next Thursday evening, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Joe is also working with Vice President for Administration,

Stewart Wainaina, on posting election data on the Internet. We are still waiting for all the prospective candidates to turn in their packets so that the necessary candidate bios can be done on time and put up on the election web page.

Senator Kyle Maachhoff and Vice President for Legislation, John Fox are planning the candidate forum scheduled for next Wednesday. John is also trying to get the word out to Highline students and other campuses that Olympia Dukakis is going to be speaking here at Highline on Oct. 22. She will be here as part of the Nordstrom Annual Salute to Diversity. Dukakis is a strong advocate for the equal rights for women.

John Fox is vice president of legislation for the Associated Students of Highline Community College.

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Teenybop sensibility takes America hostage

Teenagers live in a world all their own. A planet in which the minuscule of life's problems become vastly exaggerated and the utterly important concerns are little more than trivial annoyances that older people should busy themselves with. Fine, but should our culture pander to this unperturbed attitude?

The Roche Motel

by Derek Roche



Today's media, whether it's news, television or film, seem to act as a procurer of the youth oriented culture; converting teenage angst from adolescent affairs into trends of pop culture, or worse political leverage.

Bill Clinton, in his initial campaign for the presidency in 1992, appeared before a group of young teens on MTV responding to questions of such insignificance as whether he wears boxers or briefs.

Anyone who bothers the potential leader of our country with admissions of such irrelevance should stick to Teen Magazine, go to college, read Newsweek and then vote.

Really, how much can an 18-year-old know about politics anyway?

It used to be that the teenybopper sensibility was reserved strictly for the pages of Seventeen Magazine. It seems as though the "we're just as important, we're the future" attitude of today's boys and girls has been unreservedly justified and irresponsibly thrust into our mainstream media, masquerading as matters of high priority, when in fact they're minute in the grand scheme of things.

Hollywood is, perhaps, the most prominent and unsubtle culprit. The "dumbing down" of movies is easily attributed to the simple fact that nearly all studio films released are targeted towards the teenage demographic. This is more cause than effect however; teenagers simply buy more tickets.

The young adult years is, in fact, a segue into the two life certainties that: 1. You will dig yourself into debt, and 2. Someday you will die. So enjoy your youth while you still have dignity, and a heartbeat.

Not 'the way' to make comedy work

Unoriginal screenplay sinks insipid comedy

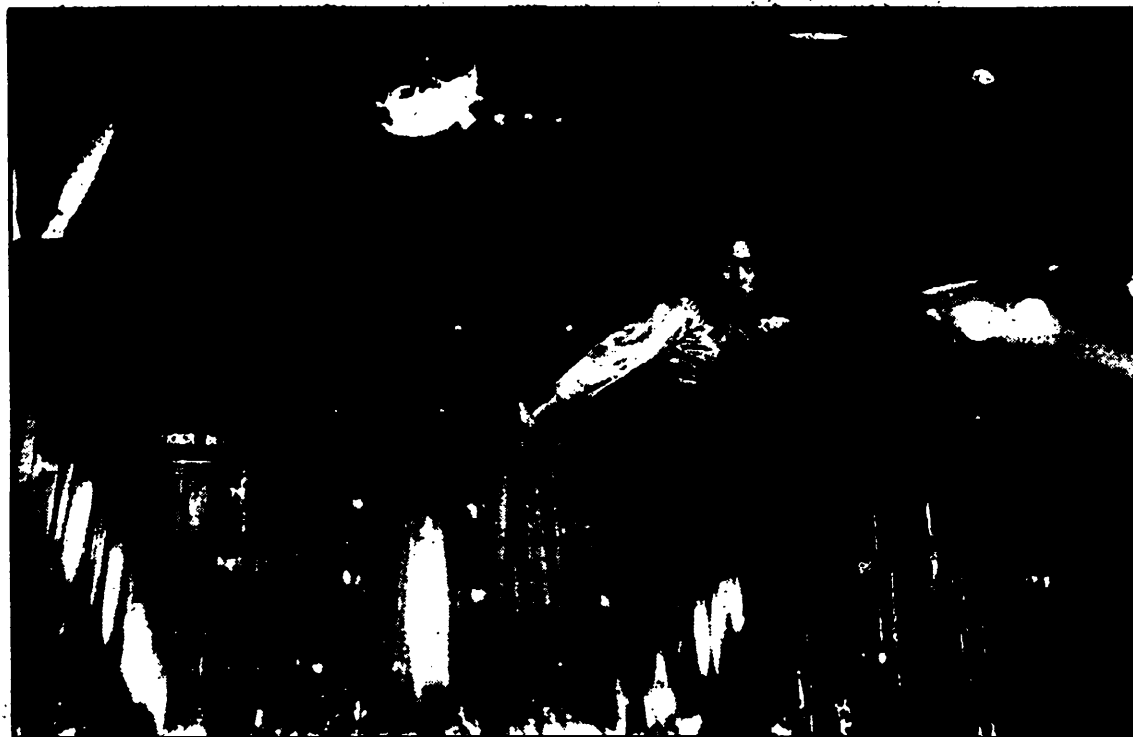
By Leon Springer
Staff Reporter

That's The Way I Like It is Glen Goei's (Director/Producer/Writer) semi-autobiographical account of his experience growing up in Singapore during the 1970s. It's an uninspired film, marred by the fact that it's difficult to understand the dialogue.

The classic story of East meets West, lacks originality as well as the ability to sustain chuckles after the first 30 minutes of running time.



The film's lead character Ah Hock (Adrian Pang) is a grocery store clerk and lives at home with his parents who prefer his younger brother. In reality, he doesn't have a girlfriend and hangs out with a Motley Crue inspired group of buddies who like to bowl and watch kung fu movies. But in his dream world, Hock gazes in the mirror and sees a guy who moves like



Courtesy of Miramax films

Adrian Pang in a scene from *That's the way I like it*.

Bruce Lee, and has a motorcycle with beautiful women riding on the back.

On one fateful night, the local cinema replaces its usual kung fu flick with a dance movie called *Forever Fever*. Hock scorns the very idea of disco, but tags along with his friends, and is shocked to dis-

cover how much *Forever Fever* speaks to him.

He takes dance lessons with his childhood friend Mei in hopes of winning a local dance contest. First prize is big cash, and easily more than enough to buy his dream bike.

Not all was flawed however, *That's The Way I Like It* had

moments of ingeniousness, but to few and far in between. With the films hard to understand dialogue and unoriginal story, you'll think of all the other movies in which this one borrows from. Films with the same premise and as completely predictable as *That's The Way I Like It*.

Seattle club hoppers bid farewell to RCKNDY

By Curtis Seals
Staff Reporter

Hello friends and media addicts, I'm Curtique and welcome to the low-down on Seattle's club scene.

For those who do not necessarily mind the trek from the hinterlands, downtown Seattle has everything to offer for those lookin' to get their groove on.

Pioneer Square is a veritable epicenter of urban excitement. Their joint cover rate is a terrific deal that allows you to club-hip at your leisure with a plethora of live and recorded entertainment.

Whether your preference is Reggae at the Bohemian Cafe, jazz at the New Orleans, or blues at Larry's Greenfront, Seattle is a hot spot for clubbing the night away.

High-energy dance at the J&M Cafe. And that's on Wednesdays, so you know weekends are off the hook.

Now up the block and around the corner in an unassuming facade behind a sports bar lurks the 700 Club.

DV8, an over18 club, is located near the space needle and offers bumping jams with a

The Club Scene

crowded dance floor to ensure body to body action.

With an intoxicating blend of slammin' DJs and live funk/hip-hop/jazz grooves, this is another place that rocks seven nights a week — a hot spot for laid back playas and honeys alike.

For those who love to really show out — for you passionate club-hoppers, then the Last Supper Club is definitely the place to get your groove on. Dress to impress is the capital rule here, as this place rocks with the fervor of Mt. St. Helens.

Friday's feature live percussionists jammin' along with the DJs. It is so happening.

The last rites are being held for all ages at the RCKNDY. It seems that the powers-that-be declare October to be the final month of business.

RCKNDY is Seattle's only remaining all-ages live music venue, after the closure of the Velvet Elvis in June.

After RCKNDY's final show, it will be torn down in favor of a

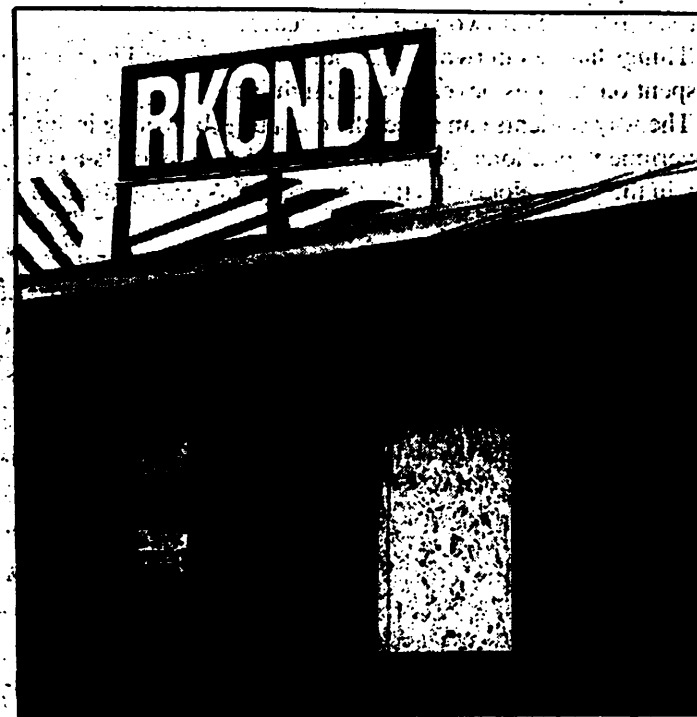


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The RCKNDY, which is to be torn down later on this year.

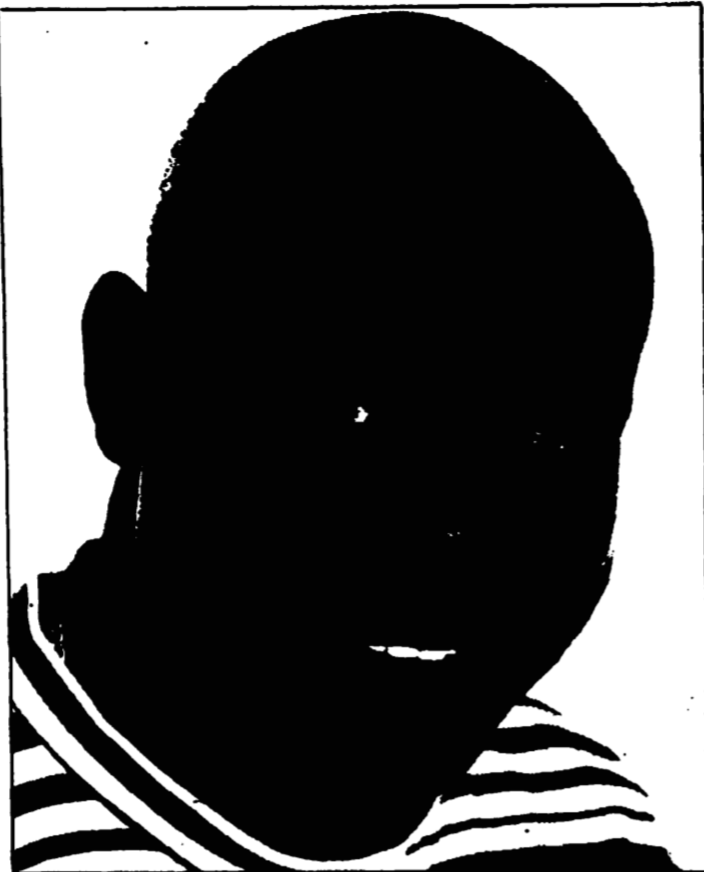
new hotel.

It's time to unite and support the RCKNDY in its final days.

L7, Seven Seconds, Sick of it All, and The Get Up Kids are a few of the bands lined up for RCKNDY's swan song.

RCKNDY's final show will feature Botch, The Blood Brothers, Harkonen, and Playing Enemy on Oct. 30 at 8 p.m.

Don't be left out. Get out of the house and into the clubs. So clubbers and clubettes, gather ye to the club of thine choice and surrender to the agony and ecstasy of da feet. This is Curtique saying, "Ciao!"



Floyd Phillips will be performing at Comedy Cafe

Comedy Cafe provides laugh riot

By Derek Roche and Tisha Donaldson
Staff Reporter

Comedy Cafe is making another valiant return to Highline, on Friday Oct 8 in Building 8 (Student Center).

Doors open at 7 p.m. but the show will not officially begin until 8 p.m. and is scheduled to conclude at approximately 10 p.m.

Team Highline, as years past, is promoting the event

The varied comic routine will feature two comedians Mark Unger and Floyd Phillips, will be combining their talents, and will hopefully will display their comic adeptness a packed house.

Josh Siebenaler of Team Highline will coordinate the event and believes its a terrific opportunity to create

family entertainment.

"I would describe it as a non-alcoholic under age comedy club, said Seibenaler.

Past events have included the comic duo of Haines and Preston, which was lively, high-spirited entertainment in the tradition of Vaudeville.

As Haines and Preston did a year ago, audience members will, more than likely, be made part of the show.

Co-performer Floyd Phillips was scheduled, as part of Comedy Cafe, to put on his show here at Highline in the Spring of 1997.

However, poor communication between the school and the Press agency, resulted in Floyd winding up at Shoreline Community College instead.

Comedy Cafe is a family

event. Foul language will occasionally slip out of the performers mouth, but providing good clean fun is the overall objective.

Tickets for the event are going for \$5 in advance, and can be purchased in the Student Programs office. Admission at the door will cost \$7 at the door, and beverages and snacks will be made available.

The booking of the comedians is fairly expensive says Seibenaler but Comedy West has been a fair in it's attempts to provide top-notch entertainment

Josh says past productions have run relatively smoothly, and hopes for another success this year.

"We pretty much have broken even just about every time," he said

BLT, with extra drama Troupe dancing in the noble name of diversity

By Melinda Charlene
Staff Reporter

Burien Little Theater (BLT) has compiled a list of four must see productions for their 1999-2000 season. Playing until Oct. 10 is Noel Coward's Hay Fever.

This English comedy focuses on a family of four whom each (without consulting the other family members) invites a guest to spend the weekend in their one available guest room. However, once the guests arrive the chaos begins.

BLT Vice President Henry Hart describes the dialogue as, "brilliant," and director Curt Hetherington noted that Fever is simply a, "light comedy in three acts."

Though these shows are done on a much smaller scale than Broadway, actors rehearse at least four times per week to perfect their performing skills.

The next event to grace BLT's stage is J.B. Priestley's mystery thriller An Inspector Calls. It is set to begin Nov. 5 and run until Nov. 28. Following this production in January is Gore Vidal's political production The Best Man. BLT will complete its season in March with the musical Little Mary Sunshine.

Showings are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets for general admission are \$10, students and seniors \$9. Season tickets and group rates can be purchased through Harriet Itner at 206-242-9364.

Reservations are recommended and can be arranged by calling the box office.

By Eric Conklin
Staff Reporter

The Diversity Dance Troupe will once again be visiting Highline.

This year's dance troupe, which consists of 12 dancers, are from, literally, all around the world, ranging from far off countries such as Nepal, Africa, Mexico, Canada, Trinidad, and many others from all around the Pacific North West.

The Diversity Dance Troupe

is not just a dance, it's more like a play, in which there's drama, dancing and music, which often in itself contributes to the story being played out by the dancers.

"Our goal is to integrate the energy and enthusiasm of youth with the dynamics of dance, music and drama," said Deborah Spangle-York, executive director of the Diversity Dance Troupe.

She also pointed out her concerns regarding educating people on unity and diversity in

hopes of bringing about social change, through these performances

This is the seventh year that the dance group in itself has performed.

Its dancers-usually range from the ages 18-24, with performances done mostly here in Washington and Oregon.

The dance troupe performed 183 times last year -- a workload for any performers. They spoke, on topics such as racism, drug and alcohol abuse, poverty

and hunger.

Last year's group dance troupe performed right here in Highline.

"Last year's dance went really well. It's almost like watching a play, they have music and they perform, you have to really watch them," said Esther Kihuga of Team Highline, which in sponsoring the free event.

The Diversity Dance Troupe will be performing today, Oct. 7 upstairs in Building 8, from 11 a.m.- noon.

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Tales of the Apocalypse

Inside Scoop, the Thunderword magazine, will bid a fond adieu to the 20th century with a special edition featuring musings on the millenium. SubmissionsStories, art, photographs are invited. Deadline Nov. 15

Where It's at

Skavoovie's unique sound not enough in the end

By Paul Reid
Staff Reporter

- Highline Fashion Show, including winter, summer, sport, and culture wear. Signup before Nov. 1, and for more information contact Team Highline at Ext. 3537 or 3903.
- Northwest Asian American Theater Presents "Rancho Grande" October 14th- Nov. 7.
- The Tacoma Sabercats Hockey Team opens their regular season at the Tacoma Dome Friday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. against rival Bakersfield.
- The Sonics will hold a free open practice at the Key Arena on Sunday, Oct. 10.
- Charlie Daniels Band Concert Oct. 27 at 7:30 PM at the Tacoma Dome. Tickets \$16.50
- Riverdance performs at the Paramount September 28 through October 10. Contact Ticketmaster for more information.
- Smash Mouth Opens for Lenny Kravitz Oct. 15 in the Key Arena at 7 p.m.
- The 11th annual Earshot Jazz Festival takes place in clubs and concert halls around the Seattle area. For more information, call 206-547-9787.
- Medina-Mercer Island Sausage Pull. This is a race, which celebrates the end of the season for the Sausal Rowers.

Skavoovie and the Epitones' new CD, entitled "The Growler", captures only a secluded crowd with their different style skankin' music.

This Boston centered band travels throughout the states in effort to promote their CD's. This past July the band toured in Seattle at the RKNKY.

The "Skank" is the style of dance used to groove to Ska. However, one may find difficulty in trying to skank while listening to Skavoovie.

This may be the unfortunate result of Ans Purias, the bands' head vocalist, attempting too hard to be Ska.

"The band members are not tight. Their loose style of play creates a disorderly sound," says professional musician Gabriel Roberts.

This statement fits the sound perfectly. While listening to the



Courtesy of RCA record.

Skavoovie and the Epitones latest CD cover.

CD, I found myself turning to the radio before the first song was complete.

Having to deal with 10 members in the band must be difficult, considering they don't

flow together well.

Everyone began to plug his or her ears when I played their CD. Not a good sign. They were simply annoying, and did not possess a distinct sound all their own.

"Skavoovie even sounded Mexican and they are definitely not looking for that sound. It is not that I don't recommend this band, they are just not my style," says Roberts.

Although the lyrics did not have much meaning, the band enjoys having fun with the with the music, often creating humor within their lyrics.

I did have a laugh once or twice while listening, but the humor alone was not enough to influence my enjoyment with the overall CD.

So, when one makes the trip to the music store for a Ska CD, pass by "The Growler" and pick up a more professional sounding band. Try to find one that is easy to listen and skank to.

'Kings' a tour de force

By Derek Roche
Staff Reporter

David O Russell's *Three Kings* is a brilliant mesh of dark comedy, exhilarating action, and witty political satire; a film so wonderfully realized from start to finish, it's a shame Warner Bros. studio has completely failed to provide an adequate marketing push.

Instead the insipid teasers paint the film as 'B' flick action fare, with two rappers (Ice Cube, Mark Wahlberg) and Dr. Ross himself, George Clooney, in the starring roles.

The Pyro technics and large scale action, however impressive, complement the flawlessly told story -- a refreshing change of pace from your run-of-the-mill action fare.

Easily the year's best film thus far.

Any muscle-powered craft (kayaks, rowboats, rowing shells, etc.) are allowed to enter the race. You can choose the six-mile course or the 14-mile course. There's a \$7 entry fee, which includes the all-you-can-eat sausage barbecue.

Paintings, pottery, prints, leather, toys, baskets, jewelry, candles, custom clothing, fabrics, gift foods, ornaments, and much more at the Northwest Artists' Holiday Show, held at the Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Church November 6 and 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

King County Library System Foundation to recognize those contributing to the promotions of the importance and value of Literacy.

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Crossword 101

"Ginger, Roy & Others"

By Ed Canty

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 - Outlook for a star
 - Actress Foster
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 - Yale grade
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 - On the safe side
 - NATO's cousin
 - Striver & Lee
 - Muslim calendar month
 - Pierre & Marie
 - Snooped
 - Children's TV star
 - Loosen the shoes
 - Emitted coherent radiation
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 - Ogle
 - Neilans' partners
 - Frivolous prank
 - Jois
 - Computer intruder
 - Hair additive
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Quotable Quote

"Everybody is ignorant, but only on different subjects."

... Will Rogers

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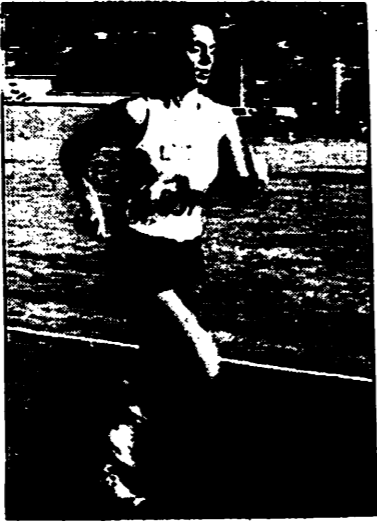
Thundering 'Birds take cross country meets

Skagit proves to be right course for teams

By Rob Stafford
Staff Reporter

Highline's women's cross country team (in its second year) got their first victory ever; and the men's team squeaked out a team victory last Friday at the Skagit Valley Invitational.

The women's 6-kilometer race results were Jennie Trujillo,



Jennie Trujillo

second; Lou Edwards, third; Karla Booth, sixth; Jessica Cook, eighth; and AnnLee Krause, 13th. Highline finished first with a margin of 11 points over second-place Skagit Valley; Trinity Western finished third; and Bellevue fourth.

The Lady T-Birds were lifted by three new runners: Lou Edwards, a returning student; AnnLee Krause, a Highline basketball player, who was recruited last Thursday; and Jessica Cook, running for the first time after being injured in a car accident in September.

"All three ran excellent races and we couldn't have done it without any of them," said Coach Brigham.

The men's 10 kilometer race results are Shawn Thayer, fifth; Verne Patterson, seventh; Saleban Mohamed, 10th; Fred LeKanoff (returning after a brief break), 12th; Peter Rutter, 15th; Jeff Parker, 16th; Manzell Blakeley, 21st; Tim Richart,



Photo by Tracy Brigham

Karla Booth, left, Lou Edwards, Jennie Trujillo, AnnLee Krause, and Jessica Cook celebrate Highline's first women's cross country meet victory last Saturday in Mount Vernon.

22nd; Jacob Mertens, 24th; and Sean Christopher, 25th.

Also, the men had two run unattached. Pat Boyd, who will hopefully be running in a Highline uniform by next week, placed fourth overall. Chris Bendicksen, a redshirt this year, placed third.

Highline placed first; Skagit Valley, second; Trinity Western,

third; and Bellevue, fourth. Highline edged Skagit Valley by a mere two points.

Highline will see these same schools at the Bellevue Invitational on Oct. 30.

This Saturday, Oct. 9, the T-Birds will compete in the Pacific Lutheran University Invitational in Tacoma.

"All in all, it was a fantastic

meet and I was proud of every person on the team. Each individual-without exception-ran their best race of the year so far-everyone improving over last week by exceptional margins. I am confident that we will keep improving and be quite competitive by NWAAC championship time," Coach Brigham said after the meets.

Women's soccer team increases intensity

By Evan Keck
Staff Reporter

Who is the No. 1 ranked women's soccer team in the division?

Not Tacoma, after Highline held them to 0-0 tie last Wednesday at Zenith Park.

Bellevue, the new first-ranked team is 3-0-1, and has not been scored on yet.

Highline also has a record of 3-0-1, with more goals scored than Bellevue but also more goals allowed.

After putting the stops on the three-time defending champion Titans, Highline came back to spank Green River, 4-3 on Saturday Oct. 2 in Auburn.

The Tacoma match was an aggressive and hard fought game. The Thunderbirds played well enough to control the possession of the ball throughout most of the game. They were not, however, able to score on the Titans' tough defense.

The Titans came out hard and were able to hold off the T-birds from scoring while Highline's mediocre play did not generate much pressure.

Highline had many missed opportunities in the first half alone. Defender Angie Upchurch had a free kick that missed just wide of the goal in

"I thought we dominated, we just couldn't finish."

--Angie Upchurch, T-Bird soccer player

the 35th minute of the game.

Outside midfielder Lerin Farrison had good backside runs all game long, but her teammates were often too slow to move the ball to take advantage.

Farrison had beaten her opponent consistently and had been able to take the ball deep into the Titans' defenses on her own. The problem was that she did not get enough backside support before getting tackled by the opposition.

"We did really well," said Farrison. "We were just unlucky."

Late in the half, Farrison did manage to break through Tacoma's defense and made a good cross to midfielder Rachel Moyer, but was unable to put it away before the Titans could recover.

In the second half of the

game the Lady T-birds tried to get the offense together.

Forward Jaimie Kirk sent a pass to fellow forward Joanna Plenkovich, who had a great shot on goal but missed just wide.

Midway through the second half, Moyer put a strong shot in the corner but Tacoma's keeper made a great play and deflected it over the goal. That was the closest the team came to scoring.

Highline had an impenetrable defense the first half and most of the second.

"I thought we dominated, we just couldn't finish," said defender Angie Upchurch.

Though at times the T-Birds showed brightness, superior ball skills and team play, the ladies were unable to put a point on the board.

On Saturday the T-Birds faced off against the Gators of Green River.

The game ended in favor of Highline with a score 4-3.

The Gators led off by scoring on a free kick from 35 yards out. It was the first goal allowed by the T-Birds all season.

Highline then came back when Vickie Upchurch scored just before the half ended.

Jessica Andresen scored the next two with assists from Vickie Upchurch and midfielder

Lindsay Jewett.

Green River rallied to bring the score to 3-2 with a blooper off goalkeeper Liz Over.

The Gators then racked their third goal of the game to tie it up while the T-Birds were ruming with one player down.

Forward Joanna Plenkovich had received her second yellow card for arguing with the referee and was ejected from the game.

She will be suspended for one game and will not play against Southwest Oregon on Saturday, Oct. 9.

The decisive goal came when Vickie Upchurch scored on a penalty kick after Farrison had been taken down in the box.

With the midpoint of the season rapidly approaching, the Lady T-Birds will have very little surprises left. The women are concentrating on bringing their game to a higher level.

"We have decided to start stepping it up in practice," said Moyer. "We have to start finishing our shots."

After Saturday's game in Oregon, the T-Birds next visit division-leading Bellevue for a 2 p.m. match.

The Helmsmen have scored seven times on their opponents. Bellevue has not let a team score on them yet so the T-Birds will have to make every shot count.

T-Bird men bounce back

By Jamie Kirk
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's soccer team bounced back after their first loss. After taking a 3-1 hit from Clark, Wednesday, Sept. 29, they beat Tacoma 2-1 last Saturday, Oct. 2.

"Clark was a major step up in talent," said Head Coach Jason Prenovost.

The Penguins were too much for Highline. Their win was due in large part to an impressive performance by the team co-captain, who accomplished a hat trick in the first 15 minutes of play.

This was all that Clark needed to knock off Highline.

"We were caught off guard, and did not play well," said Prenovost.

"Everything went wrong," said Peter Wilson, who had the only goal for the Thunderbirds.

After the demoralizing first half, Highline self destructed and played against themselves rather than focusing on their opponents.

Within a minute of the start of the second half, one of the Penguins was ejected after re-

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Professional exchange brings new ideas

By Sergey Kopasov
Staff Reporter

Siyanda Qumana is a long way from home. Qumana came to Highline from thousands of miles away to gain experience that will help him in establishing a small business in George, South Africa.

Qumana, who will be in the Seattle area until mid-October, said his Highline experience is proving helpful. He sees Highline and other community colleges as a very important transition period between high school and university. It also emphasizes the priority of education, unlike schools in South Africa.

George Stokes, the coordinator of the international program for Highline, is responsible for managing Qumana's professional development program.

"Siyanda's presence at Highline is under exchange agreement between HCC and the South Cape Business Center, South Africa," Stokes said.

Qumana thinks that community colleges are important and useful. "We don't have community colleges back home," he says. "You go from high school directly to university. You have to pass certain entrance examinations, but we don't have community colleges. Because there is no transition period between high school and university, a lot of students fail," Qumana said.

The main reason for Qumana's presence



Photo by Jamie Turner

Siyanda Qumana and George Stokes.

at Highline is the exchange of ideas, resources and skills. Qumana gathers all the information he can get about hotels and tourism, customer service, advertising, accounting and general business practices. He conducts interviews, professional meetings and also collects pamphlets, handouts and so forth.

"Highline helped me tremendously," Qumana says. "To me, the faculty is working

as a unit and is very helpful."

Faculty members and staff do spend a lot of time with Qumana, providing all the help they can.

He also noticed the diversity among students. "The student body is a lot more diverse than back home," Qumana said. In his opinion, the diverse student body is a positive factor for education.

He also says that retraining is developed well in Highline and there is a good relationship between the college and area businesses.

In the next two weeks, Qumana is going to be visiting Tacoma Community College, Pierce College and Clover Park Technical College. He is going to be leaving the U.S. on Oct. 16, but he will come back to Highline for his last week of staying here. He is a soccer player and wants to watch the Highline soccer team play some time before he leaves.

He is also planning on starting a student exchange program between Highline and George. Qumana estimates that the program will start some time next year, but this is not final yet.

For now, Qumana is gathering information and experience and is going to apply what he has learned at Highline in his country. He thinks that Highline has helped him enormously and is planning on continuing the business relationship.

Chinese professor discovering U.S. students' ways

By Matthew Ellis
Staff Reporter

Are you nervous about your first week at Highline? Well imagine how much your knees would knock if you were Haiguang Pan, a new Chinese professor whose first experience out of her country is teaching a class full of American students.

Yet even through her nervousness she still never fails to smile.

Pan was chosen as part of Highline's exchange program. This professor from Shanghai will teach here for one year. She is looking forward to it.

She said she was lucky to continue schooling because few in China are fortunate enough to move on past high school. Most women must become housewives and stay home.

Making the decision to come here was very difficult but it was taken because it is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Leaving her husband and daughter at home was a tough choice, but she is looking forward to their visits.

At Highline, Pan teaches Mandarin Chinese. At home she is an English teacher. The students also listen to her teach about China's culture and their writing system. She says the students are very bold in America, because unlike here, at home students must wait until the end of class to ask questions.

Chinese students cannot withdraw from their classes, so she was very surprised when she came to Highline. She said it puts more pressure on the teach-

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Technology campaign offers major opportunity for students

By Eric Conklin
Staff Reporter

Highline professor Terryl Ross is looking for a select few to tackle a project called Technology Literacy Campaign.

The project's main goal is to provide information on anything and everything in this rapidly changing world of information technology.

The best thing about this is that Ross needs students' help to provide this information to the city of Seattle. Students may also have the chance to present to the rest of the country.

The Technology Literacy Campaign is a program in which students have an opportunity to help bring awareness to those who are lacking the knowledge on the information superhighway.

Its goal is to bring this awareness to everyone, and for this to happen the help of five to ten students will be needed.

It's a chance to collect some professional working experience as well as being paid for it (\$1,000-\$2,000).

The students will be working in an internship developing mul-



Terryl Ross

timedia materials used in a presentation.

The presentation's first goal will be to reach those who are not currently aware of the information age.

From there it will address such topics as to what is the information age and why people should be concerned, what is the information superhighway and what are its parts.

It will also explain how the information age is likely to affect quality of life, and where people can go for more informa-

tion.

Next, an unspecified number of educational ambassadors will be trained on this information. Then they will go back to their communities and teach this information to their neighbors.

"I'm very excited. Our students will get an opportunity that's real profitable for them and helpful to the Seattle citizens," said Ross, who is Highline's program coordinator of Interactive Media and a member of Citizens Telecommunications Technology Advisory Board.

Ross also says he is very excited to be doing what interests him, and at the same time getting a chance to share this with the people of the Seattle area. "What Seattle is doing is very cutting edge, and this is also just one small piece of the big picture."

Ross is currently accepting applications for the campaign. He will be filling the positions in phases, so hiring should take several weeks.

For more information on the campaign and how to apply, contact Terryl Ross at 206-878-3710 ext. 6101.

Oscar winner coming to Highline

Academy Award winner Olympia Dukakis (*Steel Magnolias*) will be coming to Highline as part of Nordstrom's Annual Salute to Diversity.

She will be here on Friday, Oct. 22 in Building 7 from noon to 1 p.m. as part of Professional Development Day.

The theme of her speech will be "Overcoming Barriers: Success and Community Activism." Dukakis will be joined by Seattle's Total Experience Choir.

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Learning to talk American

By Laura Adele Soracco
Staff Reporter

The class has people of ages 20 to 60 and at least nine nationalities.

They start the day by reading out words like "fade," "jade," and "made." It's the American English Pronunciation Class, a place where many of the students have behind them one or two degrees.

Others want to improve their pronunciation.

And a common goal is to communicate easier and get a job according to their interests.

The project started six years ago, but it's been two years since speech pathologist Muriel McFeidh joined the effort.

She said that it's wonderful "how highline realizes the importance of the spoken language and devotes so many resources towards the students."

Learning how to spell right, and the correct placement of the stress or accent for good intonation are key factors to work in this class.

McFeidh says she tries to "give the students tools so that they don't need me later on to understand patterns of sounds in English."

Student Xuyen from Vietnam is motivated, saying, "I want to explain what I think to others and talk more to Americans."

A student from Japan said that "It's hard to communicate and make friends because I



Photo by Laura Adele Soracco

Students practice American English pronunciation.

can't speak English well." Students attending the class enjoy it so much that it is common for them to take it more than once.

One student, Olga from Ukraine, has been in the class two quarters. She also believes that practice at home is very important.

"I read stories to my kids every night that way I work on my English with them," she said.

McFeidh makes the class complete, having days where

students go to the lab working with tapes and also having Fridays as a conversation day where you can learn interesting facts from people of different cultures.

You also improve in communication skills.

This class has open enrollment all quarter and credits are variable depending on how many hours you want to attend. It runs at 8 a.m. until noon in Building 19, room 201.

International students make big plans for Fall Quarter

By Ryutaro Hiroshige
Staff Reporter

Some Highline Students have come a long way to get here. Highline has 254 foreign students enrolled with around 30 nationalities, including Germany, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Venezuela, Thailand, United Arab Emirates.

While international students have great hopes and anticipations, they also have dilemmas. Some of them won't be able to cope with their obstacles, such as homesickness, weather, food, and could become demoralized, many foreign students say. But they can get help on campus from the International Students Program.

"Half of them are outgoing and the other half of them are conservative. These are representative characteristics of international students. However, they will change to adopt American culture gradually," Michael J. Gruberg, assistant director of the International Students Program said.

Each student will adapt differently, but they will all have to be accustomed anyway.

"According to my experience of observing international students, successful students have balanced in their life. They don't only study, but they also spare their time to have social time," Gruberg said.

The International Students

Program also has planned several activities this year, such as the International Club and ESA (English Speaking Association). These programs aim to introduce international students to each other as well as to American students and to share their culture with one another. Through these activities, the International Students Program wants these students to learn how to interact with American students and also wants American students to open their eyes to foreign students. "American Students also have to be aware of international students," Gruberg said.

Students can meet each other at the International Lunch Table, Wednesdays from noon to 2 p.m. in the cafeteria, Building 8. "This is a time to eat, talk and share culture experiences among students, teachers and faculty members," Gruberg said.

The International Students Program will help students with things like registration, federal immigration, transfer information, and finding jobs.

"We want to help them to be self-sufficient. For example, in the case of filling out an application, we will help them, but we want them to try themselves. The program is about having more fun, such as joyfully participating in an activity where you can acquire social experiences," Gruberg said.

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ers to create a more unique teaching plan. Her teaching plan consists of teaching students the basic colloquial Chinese, but she tosses in important phrases to keep the students going. "I use useful expressions to help motivate the students," she said.

As her schooling progressed she was able to go to a foreign language school associated with Shanghai University.

One difference Pan noticed between America and China is its architectural differences.

"The campus is beautiful, I enjoy seeing all the different buildings," she said. In China the buildings are square and not as eccentric.

This is her first chance to experience other architecture because she has never left China before.

Actually, Pan was unaware of what a community college was before she came to Highline.

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In China, the closest thing to a community college is night school.

Pan notes that most students who go to night school in China are adults who have jobs and families.

Foundation honors "Circle" of friends

Highline's Foundation is hosting "Circle of Honor" a desert social honoring retiring Foundation members. Students

who have received awards through the Foundation will also get a chance to thank their benefactors. "Circle of Honor" will be on Thursday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. in Building 8. There will also be entertainment.

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part of his job and will take it seriously.

Babington will be serving on the committee in charge of picking a consultant.

"I want a consultant that is qualified and has past experience," said Babington.

He intends on giving his point of view on the physical aspects concerning the college. Babington says he hopes the

Board of Trustees hires a president who pays attention to the physical needs of the school and its facilities.

Lee Hall, who works in Babington's department, is serving on his second presidential process committee. Hall was on the committee that chose Command.



"I will do my best to try to give good recommendations," he said.

He is glad that he is part of the process and feels it isn't an easy task.

Hall says that there are a lot of issues to be dealt with, such as budgets, aging buildings, and finding a president who can deal with the issues on hand, while keeping a long range viewpoint.

Hall also feels that the individual who is chosen as the president should be capable of dealing with diversity.

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The international student senator candidates are Sarah Fitzgerald, Rachele Parslow, Sandra Allen and Skyland Contreras.

"There are only two positions, so that's a good number," said Wainaina.

None of the candidates for the positions are either international or evening students, however.

The campus has about 2,000 evening students.

The international student senator will represent the fewer than 300 international students on campus.

"They have a lot of special needs," said Student Senator Joe Nalley.

The evening students also have issues that need to be addressed, he said.

Students can meet the candidates at an open forum on Oct. 12 at noon in Building 8.

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getting harder and he wants to concentrate on a better G.P.A.

Karl Rex, another student at Highline, says he went from taking 15 credits down to taking five credits.

He thinks some of the reasons for the drop in enrolled students this year are the increase in tuition and the inadequate child care.

"Everybody is trying to get a job and more people are back into the workforce," said Kurtz.

Employment is up by 4.3 percent from 3.2 percent two years ago.

"Out of my friends that aren't attending Highline anymore, half graduated and the other half found jobs," student David Tober said.

Funds to be raised for Thunderbird mascot

By April Pennix-Garvin
Staff Reporter

Team Highline is raising money for a new mascot.

Highline hasn't had an official Thunderbird mascot since some unnamed coaches had hair. Last year the Service & Activity Budget Committee went so far as to cut funding for the cheerleading squad.

Team Highline, the student panel assigned with planning events and entertainment on campus, has other ideas. The group started raising money for the mascot starting at the Fall Carnival, and have planned other events in the future to help put money toward a mascot.

"I'm not sure about the design [of the mascot] yet, it might be the Thunderbird or the design of the wrestler on the weight room wall," says Richard Maclean of Team Highline, who's in charge of the design and costume of the character.

The color of the costume also has yet to be determined. "Officially the school colors are green and white, [that's still the color of athletic uniforms] but unofficially the colors are blue and white," said Kristen Baldwin of the Publications office.

The idea for a mascot is also being supported by Athletic Director John Dunn.

The S&A Budget Committee, which is made up of stu-

dents, faculty and staff, decides the funding for programs such as athletics, Team Highline and Student Government. Last year they axed the cheer squad in favor of more money for the cross country team.

"Both [a mascot and cheer squad] bring support to the game, but if I had to choose, I would choose the cheer squad," said former Highline basketball player Marcus Mosby.

"The cheer squad works in numbers in different routines to pump up the crowd. The mascot is trying to pump up the crowd all by himself."

The question of what exactly the thunderbird, (one of the possible designs) is, has

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