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Fire access issues force canopy demolition



Photo by Heather Baker

What was once a walkway outside Building 17 shielding students from rain is reduced to a pile of rubble.

By Leon Springer
Staff Reporter

The covered walkways in front of Building 17 were demolished last Friday morning to create better fire access to Building 30.

Three of the canopies had to be removed for the Fire Department to gain access to the building, which houses the Instructional Computing Center, which will be expanded in the next few years.

Assistant Facility Director Shirley Betts said the Des Moines Fire Department recently informed the college that

the canopies would have come down.

Fire officials were concerned that parts of the campus couldn't be reached in case of emergency.

Each building has to have a minimum 20-foot-wide access path, so that fire trucks or other emergency equipment can reach them within 150 feet.

The demolition wasn't related to structural problems with the canopies, which was the common assumption as students watched the demolition and its

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Senator candidates make few promises

By Brian Loska
Staff Reporter

Few promises were made when Student Government candidates gathered at a forum here Tuesday.

The meeting in Building 8 drew little interest from students, and at one point a Student Government official tried unsuccessfully to get a nearby loud group to quiet down.



The forum featured more candidates than voters.

Those running for evening representative were Aaron Wilson, Robby Hilton, and Janice Valdez.

Sara Fitzgerald, Sandra Allen, Rachelle Parslow, and Skyland Contreras were all running for international student representative.

Kitty Richmire, student club diplomat/treasurer, Kyle Maschhoff, student senator, and John Fox, vice president of legislation, asked them questions.

Candidates were asked what they want to accomplish, what events would they like see occur if elected, what they thought was expected of them, and what kind of experience would help them in their duties.

First to field the questions were the evening student senate candidates, followed by the international student candidates.

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Project raises violence awareness

By Lou Edwards
Staff Reporter

Susana Remerata Blackwell was a mail order bride from the Philippines. The marriage didn't work. She said her husband was abusive; he felt that she had misled him.

When she tried to get a restraining order against her husband, he stopped her with absolute finality: he murdered her in the King County Courthouse.

A small, white T-shirt decorated with her wedding photo, a tiny baby shoe for the unborn child who died with Susana, a white net wedding veil, a newspaper obituary and snippets of her short life bears mute testimony to a brutal ending. This shirt is from the nationwide Clothesline Project, a visual display of individuals' lives touched or taken by violence.

Each shirt is decorated to portray a woman's experience. White signifies death by violence, yellow is for battery or assault, red is for rape, blue is

for child molestation and purple is for attack due to sexual orientation.

"In the Clothesline Project people can share their experience, which is a therapeutic thing...there can be community grieving," said Dawn Merydith, Women's Center events coordinator.

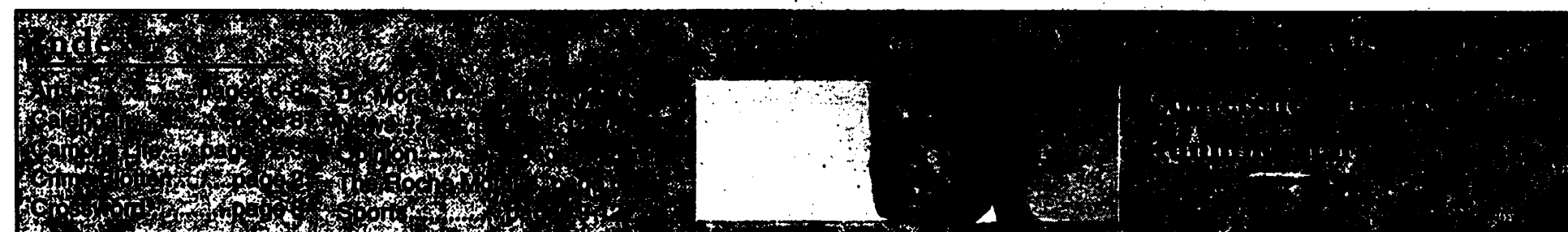
The Clothesline is part of a consciousness-raising event on campus Thursday, Oct. 14, to commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The other two parts to this event are a presentation, Controlling Love: How To Recognize A Controlling Partner and Officer Campbell with the Domestic Violence Educational Outreach Bus.

Team Highline is collaborating with the Women's Center to sponsor this program from noon to 4 p.m. in Buildings 7 and 8.

"This event is being held to bring domestic violence education out in the open," said

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Instructors cracking down on absentees

By Tyler Barton
Staff Reporter

Many professors at Highline are tying grades to attendance. Students who were surveyed say they do not like it.

"Our test scores should speak for our knowledge," said Ben Ekland, Highline student.

"Attendance should be up to the student," said student, Christian Comstock, whose sentiment was echoed by some students.

"Attendance policies are usually not that bad," said Jason Downs. "Teachers usually do not stick to them."

These policies teach students about the workplace, said Lonny Kaneko, the Arts and Humanities division chairman.

On average these policies seem to be effective, faculty say. "Last quarter one half of the students missed one day or



Bruce Roberts

less," said Bruce Roberts, 115 Social Sciences division chairman.

Roberts and Kaneko have similar attendance policies in that they take attendance intermittently.

"Instead of punishing students with lack of participation points, I give extra points to

those that are there when I take roll," said Roberts.

This type of policy seems to go over well with students like Comstock, who said he would enjoy the free points for coming.

By showing up to class students get more than if they just studied the books at home. Very few chronic non-attendees earn a grade above a 2.0, according to Roberts.

In Physical Education courses, attendance is a mandatory requirement for a passing grade.

Keith Paton is the department coordinator for P.E. "Students are allowed two absences without affecting their grade," said Paton.

He also said that if students miss some classes, they have the option of making only one day up on their own time, and doctors' notes will allow students to



Keith Paton

make more up.

Students still aren't convinced. "Since we are adults and paying good money for school, attendance should be up to the students," said Ekland.



Crime Blotter for week of Oct. 7-14

Students find lost items appealing

Students have reclaimed lost items from Campus Security that apparently weren't theirs, security officials say. As a result, the Security Office will no longer allow you to retrieve items without precise descriptions of the item.

Car stolen from lot

A student reported to Highline Security that his Honda was missing from the North Parking Lot. The matter is being investigated.

Hubcaps stolen

A student reported to Highline Security that his hubcaps were stolen from his car while parked in the East Parking Lot. The culprit has yet to be found.

Lights put for car

A student reported that his hood ornament and fog lights were stolen off of his car sometime between 10 a.m. and noon on Oct. 8. The theft is being investigated.

Lock taped over

An unknown person put tape over the lock in Building 19 so it wouldn't lock. Security removed the tape and they are investigating the matter.

Lost & Found

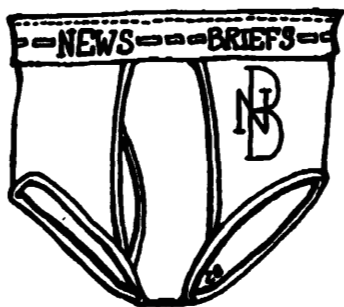
Anyone who has found the following items please return them to the Security Office in Building 6:

Math 107 text book
Fiction writing book
A key on a blue key ring
Check book with license and misc. credit cards inside
Black day planner

A black wallet lost in Building 25 next to the pay phone.

Students who lost the following items can reclaim them at the Security Office in Building 6:

A pair of reading glasses
An umbrella
Two black pens
A black wallet with papers



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.

•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.

Wanted: scholarships

A scholarship workshop will be held on Oct. 20 from 2-4 p.m. "Scholarships Aren't Only for 'Straight A' Students" is sponsored by Highline Library, Multicultural Services and Women's Programs.

The workshop is to help students research for scholarships. The fee for the workshop is \$10. To register contact Women's Program in Building 6 or call 206-878-3710 ext. 3340.

Social honors members

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.

First A.S.H.C.C. meeting

The Associated Students of Highline Community College is having their first meeting on Oct. 20.

It will be held in the library's fifth floor boardroom at 2 p.m.

Students and club members are encouraged to attend and learn about student government.

Hey, club leaders!

Each club should send at least one officer to attend a leadership workshop. It will be on Oct. 22 in Building 4 in room 104.

For more information call Kitty Richmire, ASHCC club diplomat at 206-878-3710, ext. 3315.

Evening student ice cream social

Student Government is planning an evening student ice cream social for Oct. 14. The social will start at 5 p.m. and run till 8 p.m. For more information call 206-878-3710, ext. 3315 or 3215.

Athletes asking for walk-a-thon pledges

Student athletes are asking students and faculty for financial support for this year's Athletics Walk-a-thon. This event is to help raise funds for the athletic program. The walk-a-thon will be held Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information contact Leanna Albrecht at 206-878-3710, ext. 3255.

Scholarships available

Deadline for Academic Achievement Scholarships is Oct. 15.

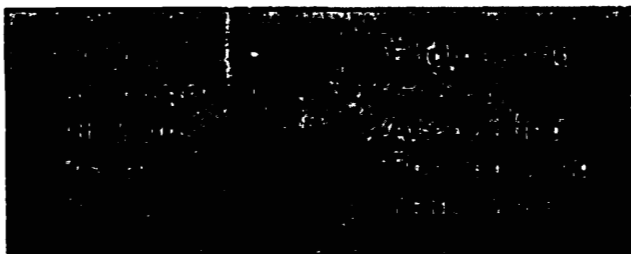
Fifteen scholarships are available for every quarter.

Students must have a college GPA of 3.5, completed 12 college credits, be a Washington state resident, and continue as a full-time student.

Information is posted in front of the financial aid office. Application packets are in the Financial Aid office. For more information, call Rus Higley at 206-878-3710, ext. 3135.

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Students vie for evening and international senator slots

Editor's note: Seven candidates are running for two seats. The following is a brief thumbnail of each candidate.

International Senator



Sara Fitzgerald
Major: Marine
Biology
GPA: 3.8

Sara Fitzgerald is a new student at Highline this year who plans to focus on making sure everyone feels welcome here, regardless of race. Fitzgerald feels that she would be an asset to student government because she is "reliable and extremely friendly." At Decatur High School, Fitzgerald was involved in National Honor Society and Key Club.

"I know how to interact appropriately and take the right measures for a situation," Fitzgerald said.



Rachelle Parslow
Major: Criminal
Justice
GPA: 4.0

This former ASHCC president said she wants to "help international students become

known on campus." Parslow believes she has a plethora of experience that will assist her if elected. Parslow is currently on the committee to find a new college president. She was also the president of her high school National Honor Society, and the vice president of the Key Club.

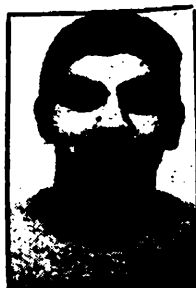
Parslow said she would like to work on improving "communication and involvement between students, student government and the overall campus community."



Sandra M. Allen
Major: Business
Administration
GPA: 4.0

The Youth Pastor at Federal Way Christian Center, and founder of Decatur High School's gospel choir, Sandra Allen has a background filled with varied experiences. Allen believes she is the best candidate for International student senator because "the only thing [I] seek to gain from this position is a higher level of cultural awareness."

Allen was also a three-year legislative council member at Decatur, and the 1998 Martin Luther King Celebration Oratory Competition winner. "If all of the students would take on one common frame of mind we would all be more likely to achieve our wide range of goals," Allen said of how to help Highline achieve more campus unity.



Skyland Contreras
Major: Unknown
GPA: Unknown

Skyland Contreras said that the only experience he believes he needs is his sociable personality and the fact that he is always up to meeting new people. A member of a minority group himself, he said he can "relate with other subordinate groups and can see how they would want their voice opinionated." He also said that he "likes learning about other cultures in our society."

Contreras thinks the biggest issue concerning Highline students is "diversity and the lack of understanding of multiculturalism."

Evening Senator



Janice Valdez
Major: Pre-Med
GPA: 2.9

"My intention is not for popularity, but to build a better environment for both students and teachers," Janice Valdez said of why she would be the best Evening Student senator. As the secretary for Mu Alpha Theta, and English Honor Society in high school, Valdez believes that she has sufficient

background experience to take on this job.

As a former evening student, Valdez saw that the lack of adequate lighting and security in the designated parking areas is a big issue facing evening students and she would like a chance to try to change that.



Aaron Wilson
Major: Business
Administration
GPA: 2.95

Aaron Wilson, a former Highline employee, believes that his working experience at Highline gave him an advantage in providing a better understanding of how Highline is run. Wilson was the president of the Auburn Riverside High School Key Club and said he enjoys "meeting and working with new people."

There are two issues facing Highline students that Wilson feels need to be solved, getting more students involved, and the "full-time student population deficit." If elected, Wilson said he is excited about helping the students relate their issues to the student government and the administration.



Robbie Hilton
Major: Drama
GPA: 3.0

Robbie Hilton strongly believes that more Highline students need to get involved. Hilton said he has the "experience... to lead the evening students, and the will and desire to be there and do [the] job right." An Associated Student Body officer at Steilacoom High School, Hilton has had experience in leadership roles.

If elected Hilton said he would "help involve the student by providing activities for the students will boost involvement."

Story by Ericka Wood.

Places to vote on Campus

✓ Outside the student government office

✓ Through links on Highline and the Library homepage

✓ Computers on Wheels

✓ On a remote lap-top computers carried by student government officials

VOTE!

Lines are drawn between smokers and non-smokers

By Allison Pringle
Staff Reporter

The future of smoking at Highline will be discussed at the first Associated Students of Highline Community College meeting on Oct. 20.

Smoking has long been an issue at Highline, with some concern that the large smoking population is creating an unhealthy environment.

Currently, there are faded lines painted around campus, inside of which smoking is prohibited. These lines are the result of a decision made last spring by the Council of Councils, consisting of College President Ed Command, and last year's Student Government



Santana Villa

President Santana Villa, among others. However, the lines have not been enforced, and this year

there is a call for a new plan of action.

Student Government President Renee Jovet said that at the student government meeting they will explore the idea of smoking restrictions, as well as the pros and cons of student enforcement versus security enforcement.

"One idea that will be looked at is butt-huts," said student senator Kyle Maschhoff. "These butt-huts would be placed around campus and smoking would only be designated inside them."

These huts were implemented at Edmonds Community College this past summer. The Associated Student Body at Edmonds debated for a year and

"How do smokers respect me?"

--Shawn McKie

a half how to appease both the smoking and non-smoking students. A decision was made to make the campus non-smoking, except in designated areas. These areas are four covered shelters placed in each corner of the campus, accommodated with a bench and ashtrays. Each shelter can easily fit at least 10 people. According to an Edmonds official, these are working out very well and stu-

dents are responding positively.

However, some Highline students feel that smoking on campus is their right and they should not be forced into a designated area.

Student Brett Hackett said that "it shouldn't have to come down to restrictions. It should be about mutual respect between smokers and non-smokers."

"How do smokers respect me?" said student Shawn McKie. "I still get smoke in my face and I start to smell. I'm not against having huts on campus."

Learn more about the possible smoking policy at Highline at the A.S.H.C.C. meeting on Oct. 20 at 2 p.m. in the library's fifth floor conference room.

Editorials

Smoking policy needs some enforcement

Smoking is a problem on campus. Non-smokers shouldn't have to breathe a cloud of smoke before going to class. Without clear cut rules, smokers become somewhat illiterate when reading no smoking signs.

Student government will be addressing the smoking issue in their first committee meeting on Oct. 20, but leaving it up to students to enforce the consequences for smoking may result in nasty confrontations.

The college needs to come up with a policy that is harsh enough to make smokers think twice before lighting up.

Smoking is now a larger problem due to the running start students who legally are not of age to even buy a pack. Should under age students be able to smoke on campus?

Hopefully Student Government is aware that the no smoking lines on campus are a joke. There aren't any consequences or rules for standing inside the lines and smoking, so basically the lines are a waste of paint. What is the point of having no smoking lines if smokers stand inside of them smoking? If there are no penalties for breaking the rules, what is going to stop evil doers from doing evil?

Outlined no smoking areas across campus should be monitored by security. Security should patrol these zones to make sure that students are abiding by the rules. If students are caught violating the no smoking sign in a designated area, they should be ticketed. The fine should run around \$10. This may spark a light bulb in the brain of a smoker, instead of a spark of the lighter in the hand.

Weak consequences tend to create less respect for authority. If punishments are stiff, people tend to become more responsible for their actions.

Evening students need to be represented

Fall elections are under way for the positions of evening student senator and international student senator, and of the seven candidates, not one is actually in the evening or international student program.

That none of the candidates are evening students or international students is disappointing, since the students they are representing have needs that differ from regular daytime students.

The 2,000 evening students on campus already have the disadvantage of arriving at a school that has a closed cafeteria, an espresso bar that will close halfway through their class, and insufficient campus lighting for that walk back to their car. They don't need a representative that knows next to nothing about what an evening student needs.

Evening students also pay the same tuition as day students, but without nearly the same benefits.

Candidates for the evening student senator position should ideally be evening students, or at least have prior experience in taking evening classes in order to have a full grasp on what an evening student goes through at Highline.

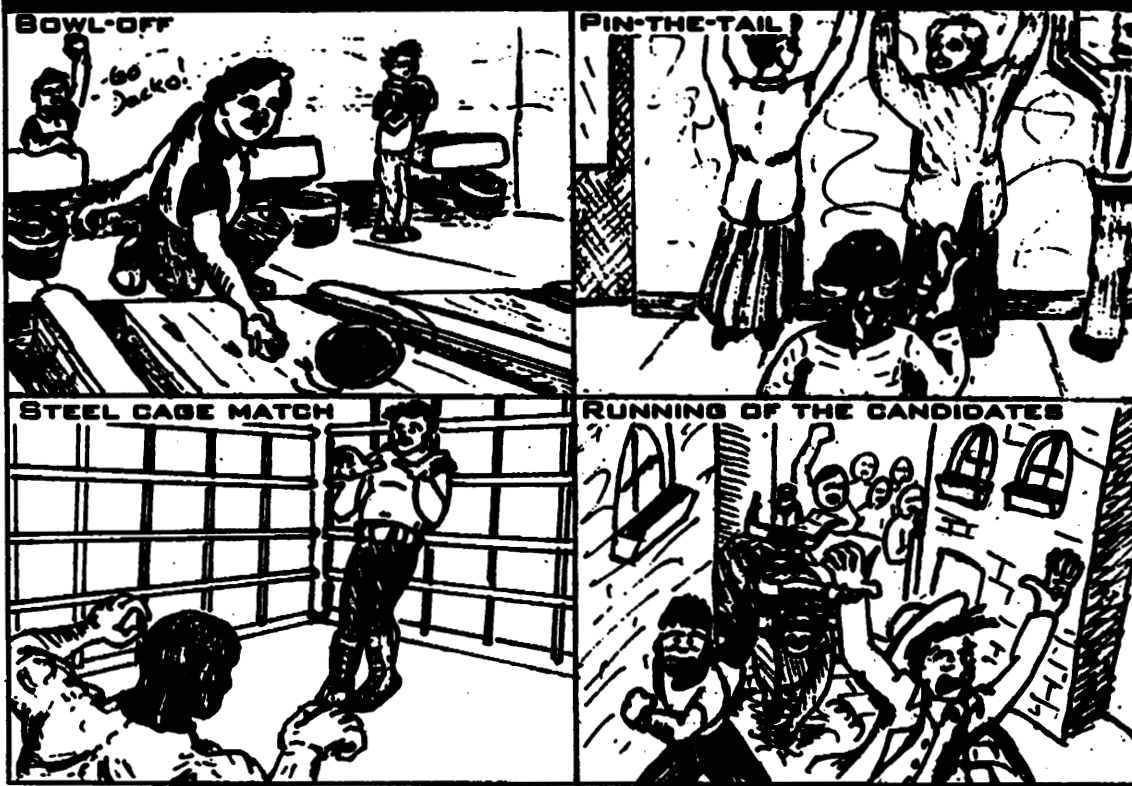
The senator's job requirements are specific: to hold weekly office hours, organize a quarterly project that benefits the students they represent, and attend Associated Council meetings.

The first project on the evening student senator's menu should be to increase campus lighting, something evening students complain about every year. The trek to the East lot has poor lighting, making the walk to the car somewhat dangerous.

Senators for the 1999-2000 school year should strive to make real change for the students they represent. Take the opportunity to make evening and international students feel more involved with Highline.

They need to make themselves known to their constituents so that they know they're serious about representing them. Otherwise, the role of student senator will become a powerless and uninspired one.

REJECTED METHODS FOR CHOOSING A NEW COLLEGE PRESIDENT:



I'm in a cage match with WWF

I am now obsessed with finding out why some students on campus are so obsessed with the World Wrestling Federation.

I just can't understand why bulging muscles, mean mugs, crap talking, and fake killer moves are so appealing.

In order to make sense of my confusion, I decided to watch Monday Night Raw.

Basically, for two hours I watched men and women talk a lot of crap to each other with small intervals of really tan women with Barbie doll features coming in to the ring and

The
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of Dr.
Moreau

By Teresa Moreau



strutting their stuff.

After watching this show I still couldn't fathom why a man or woman would be obsessed with something so unreal. So I decided to ask students on campus why they watch this show.

Highline wrestler Joe.

Kelson is a WWF junky who watches it religiously.

He feels that the WWF is good entertainment, because it is violent and is an alternative to the love shows such as "Dawson's Creek."

Kelson said the WWF is just like every other TV show, because we know it is fake.

"The Rock is my favorite wrestler because he talks the best trash," Kelson said.

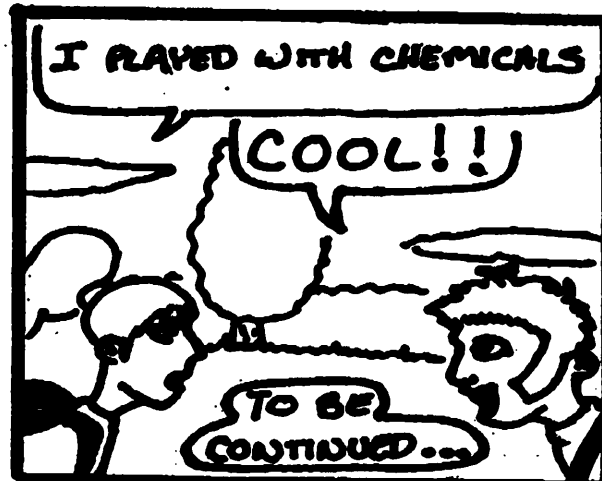
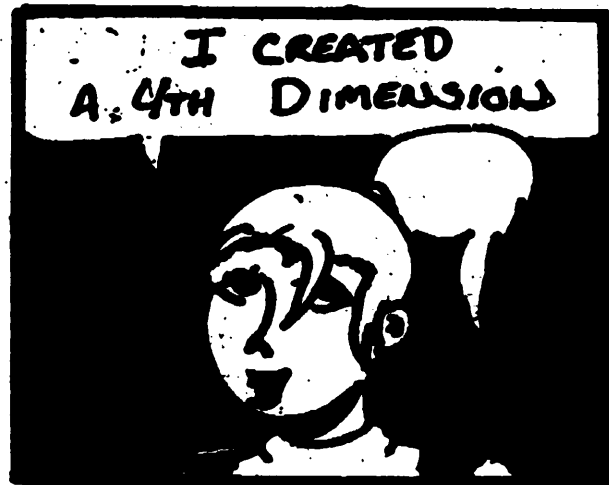
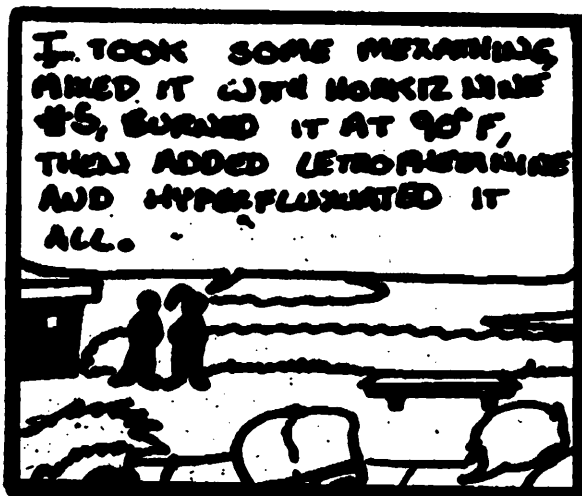
Wrestler Ryan Poerge is a Rock fanatic as well.

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Student government continues its important work

By Kitty Richmire
Special to the Thunderword

The last few commentaries have talked about Student Government. I want to welcome you in. The following is all of the events going on in the office, and exactly who is handling them so you can meet with them if you have any questions.

Renee Jovet, ASHCC President, has just finished the selection process for the two students who will sit on the new College President Selection Committee; Randall Neal and Rachelle Parslow. Renee also needs to

Guest commentary

select students for various committees around campus, so if you are interested, come see her.

John Fox, ASHCC Vice President of Legislation, was working on elections. John planned the forum, and when elections would be held. "Hey, there is still one day to vote so get involved and do it!" John is also helping Women's Programs by promoting upcoming speaker Olympia Dukakis, who will be on campus on Oct. 22 at 11:45 a.m.

Stewart Wainaina, Vice President of Administration, set up web elections with Robert Kurtz and fellow Student Government member Joe Nalley. Stewart is also going to be putting together a rededication to the Veteran's Fountain on Nov. 10. If you would like to know more about the rededication of the fountain, please stop in and see Stewart.

As ASHCC student club diplomat/treasurer, I have been putting together adviser and club leader training. Both training sessions are set up for Fred Capetany and myself to meet with clubs and advisers in order to

help remind them of what Student Programs has to offer. The training sessions are being held on different days. For advisers it will be on Oct. 15, at either 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. The clubs training will be on Oct. 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (lunch included).

Kyle Maschhof, ASHCC student senator, is working on an outreach program that he has titled the Millennium Project. This program will connect Highline to the other community colleges in the state, and help us find programs that appeal to students.

Joe Nalley, ASHCC Student

Senator, worked on web elections, and planned the Evening Student Ice Cream Social on Oct. 14. Joe is now working on updating the ASHCC Brochure that dates back to the '70s, it requires some new names and numbers, but most of all HCC information.

I thank you for coming into the office. We need student input to make things happen here on campus, so if it is just to say "Hi," or actually ask a question, please come in, you are always welcome!

Kitty Richmire is ASHCC club diplomat/treasurer.

Letters

Financial aid isn't coming through

Dear editor:

I am a concerned student here at Highline. Actually this is my second year. I have not received any awards for this school year, and would like to know if there is something wrong with the system here at Highline. Since I can remember back when I started here at Highline, I have had to go to the Financial Aid office and the sad part about it is you very rarely get a straight answer. For the summer quarter I did not get my money until August, the last week of school. I was donating plasma just to cover my transport cost. I found work-study and because of paper work did not get paid for two months.

Now it is Sept. 24, 1999 and I have not got awarded yet. When I turned in my student aid report in March 1998 I did an estimate as I was told to do by

the financial aid. To find out on Sept. 13, 1999 that I was up for income verification. There is something wrong because I was in that Financial Aid office every other day during the month of June and July and was never mention "hey, by the way we need this form from you for next year." Isn't that what your computer is for so that when people come in they can be informed as well as updated? And because of this waiting I am now back where I started from again. I will lose my work-study at Washington State because I cannot even get award letter or some type of extension out of you. Faced again with transport cost and the cost to get material I need for classes.

So, can someone say why I have this problem? Will other students go through the same thing? Why do we (the students) have to keep paying the price for something lacking?

Juan M. Long,
Highline student

Wrestling

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"The Rock is my hero," said Poerge.

Poerge is obsessed with the crap The Rock talks. He describes him as fierce and threatening upon the raising of his eyebrows.

Poerge and Kelso are just a couple of the wrestlers that sit up in Building 8 on Tuesdays shooting the fluff about last night's happenings on Monday Night Raw.

Jamie Verderico is not so crazy about the WWF. He says he is a busy man and would rather study than watch the WWF.

"I get annoyed with all of the crap talking; they should just wrestle," said Verderico.

He feels that the WWF gives a false perception of wrestling.

Verderico's opposing view seems to be less popular. The wrestlers aren't the only men

on campus that are obsessed with the WWF. So are some basketball players.

Returning basketball player Tom Hubbard is stuck on the WWF too.

"I love the WWF because it is violent, but not too violent for television," said Hubbard.

He feels that the WWF does not cause children to be violent. Hubbard has been watching the WWF ever since kindergarten and became a fan after Hulk Hogan.

Hubbard refers to the WWF as a man's soap opera.

After all of my research I

came to the conclusion that men are obsessed with the WWF, because they like violence and a soap opera life.

The WWF has been the No. 1 rated show on cable for three years.

World Wrestling Federation is like a bad drug to your brain. It is addictive and full of drama. You can't get any garbage man to take out this kind of white trash.

Teresa will be facing off against News Editor Heather "the Hammer" Baker for the women's middleweight newsroom title someday soon.

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A divine
interference

Respecting one's religions or set of beliefs is crucial in preserving the democracy which Americans so cherish. That's why it riles me to no end to witness the Catholic Church shamelessly branding Kevin Smith's *Dogma* blasphemous, prior to actually seeing the film no less.

The satirical drama about two Angels who fall from Heaven over a bet, has received healthy buzz from critics, and has fared well with test audiences — but has unjustly gar-

The
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by Derek Roche

nered ill judgement from Catholic groups who believe the movie to be abhorrent.

The film reunites Ben Affleck and Matt Damon as the two heavenly outcasts, and in an offbeat bit of casting, Alanis Morissette as the Divine Creator himself, or herself, sorry. The early word has the film actually supporting Catholicism in varied aspects. Yet the debate continues.

Perhaps the film is an abomination of all things holy. I, however, unlike the Catholic Church, feel obligated to actually see the film, before forming a credible opinion on its content.

Outcry similar to the kind demonstrated here is nothing new. Martin Scorsese's *The Last Temptation of Christ* paints Jesus in a more mortal context, which many a creed actually believes the case to be. "Sacrilegious" cried the Catholic Church, and before an angel could flap its wings, the film was out of theaters.

The Catholic Church seems not a bit incensed when Jesus is uniformly portrayed with white skin, and blue eyes, as we know the case not to be.

Maybe the Almighty is a man, and for Catholic God's sake, assume Jesus was the son of the omnipotent being. Nevertheless, filmmakers aren't distorting history, when they suggest otherwise. No one owns the rights to religious faith. There's no copyrighted novel which movie studios are beholden to follow verbatim.

Tinsletown has always taken liberty with the truth anyway. When the truth is simply a belief, however, who's to question that liberty?

Overlong 'Hearts' can't find a pulse

By Marta D. Pelayo
Staff Reporter

Random Hearts is one of those movies that promise passion and excitement. And while it fulfills the former, it seriously disappoints on the latter.

Directed by Sydney Pollack, *Random Hearts* stars Harrison Ford and Kristin Scott Thomas as widows who find out their respective spouses were having an affair. Ford plays Dutch, a police detective, and Thomas plays Kay, a member of Congress.

The movie certainly gets off to a good start.

When a plane headed for Miami crashes, both Dutch and Kay react calmly, not realizing that their mates are on that plane. Dutch isn't aware that his wife was traveling, while Kay thought that her husband had business in New York. They soon realize that they were going off for a romantic getaway.

While the two are trying to piece together the details of the affair, the predictable romance occurs. What's not predictable, however, is how the two come together. Instead of the usual



Photo courtesy of Columbia Pictures

Harrison Ford and Kristin Scott Thomas in the disappointing *Random Hearts*.

get-stuck-in-an-elevator or have-to-share-a-hotel-room scene, Dutch and Kay come together in scenes filled with grief as well as desire.

In supporting roles are Michael S. Dutton (*A Time To Kill*) as Dutch's partner and Bonnie Hunt (*Jerry Maguire*) as

Kay's campaign fund raiser.

The movie goes wrong in its attempt to present Dutch and Kay as both a grieving couple and a romantic couple.

It's one thing to have them feel a sexual attraction to one another, but how can they possibly be serious about each other

when their spouses just died?

The other problem with the film is its length. At just over two hours, it's about 30 minutes too long for a romantic drama.

It's just too simple a film to warrant that length.

Random Hearts is in theaters now.

Haunted House offering thrills and chills

By Heidi Larsson
Staff Reporter

The Des Moines Haunted House opened with a scream on Oct. 13, and is filled with new hair-raising and eye-popping thrills. It's a popular event evidenced by the long lines from years past.

The Haunted House has been in Des Moines for 12 years, and attendance is expected to exceed 30,000 during its run.

The paths twist and turn inside the pitch-black house. At every corner a frightening scene presents itself.

There is no escaping the ghouls, goblins and vampires as they insist on interacting with their audience.

One of the new attractions is a room covered floor to ceiling with leaves. Upon first entering the room it seems empty. Then suddenly the walls become alive as leaf-covered actors emerge out of nowhere, blocking the exits. Eventually you escape.

The Haunted House is a three-way collaborative effort between the Des Moines Rotary, Scare Productions and the City of Des Moines. Proceeds are split among these three organizations.

Joe Dusenbury, a member of



Photo by Tannya Carter

Hell's Kitchen at the Des Moines Haunted House.

the Rotary Club, is one of the chairmen for the Haunted House. He has been involved with this event for several years.

"The Rotary distributes all its proceeds locally," said Dusenbury. "One of our biggest projects is scholarships at Highline."

Scare Productions is a non-profit organization that handles the decoration, show production, make-up and actors. They train their own people in all aspects needed in putting together this show.

Rhonda Carter is actively involved in the organization and has been for many years. Her pride for the production company is quite obvious by her enthusiastic demeanor.

The crew is dedicated and clearly proud of the show they provide.

"We see ourselves as theatre and performance art, not just a group putting on a Haunted House for a couple weeks," said Carter.

In a single night 125 volunteers are used, 45 of whom are

actors. During weekends those numbers double. Volunteers come from all over including drama students from Mt. Rainier High School.

"This truly is a labor of love for a lot of people," Carter said. "It's like a family reunion, only our families scream."

Scare Productions gets to use the building year-round. Starting in February, two-thirds of the props are replaced to add a new dimension.

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104.9 Funky Monkey giving listeners all music, all the time

By Paul Reid
Staff Reporter

The Funky Monkey at 104.9 KKBV (soon to be KPNK) has exploded onto the dial in the Great Northwest.

This Tacoma-based radio station has finally brought a unique concept to radio -- no DJs.

Most radio stations seem to overuse their disc jockeys; and worse, failing to comment on anything useful for the radio listener. Boredom sets in, and we all usually turn the dial.

The Monkey is different because they continually play music that is very rarely interrupted with commercials or annoying DJs.

While turning the dial in the morning one may come across 104.9 and be shocked.

The discovery that there is actually music playing in the morning sparks this shock. It's new, and it's different; we like it.

"We have no plans to use



Rock/rapper Kid Rock is a favorite on the brand new 104.9 Funky Monkey

DJs, but we do plan on having more diverse mixed shows. So, eventually we may use them, but they will just introduce the songs. That's what is going to make us unique," said operation manager and only employee, Jake Kaplan.

Kaplan, formally employed

by KUBE, explained that two important bands, Kid Rock and Limp Bizkit, had a profound influence in the creation of this station.

"The new heavies" is the slogan used to describe them.

Along with this new creation, the Funky Monkey is imple-

menting a web page into their focus.

This idea came from co-owner Bob Case.

Even though they're only 3 months old, the station hopes to be known as the first half-radio and half-Internet station.

The plan for the web page is to update it. "All day and every day. Right now requests for songs can be made here, MP3's can be downloaded, and there will be a lot more coming," Kaplan said.

Another issue the guys at the Monkey are proud of, involves The End. When it comes to alternative music, many people turn to The End.

This sparks constant competition with and will probably a solid factor in keeping the station alive.

Their obvious objective is to always play new music before any other radio station.

In fact, they played Creed's new song "Higher" and 311's new song "Come Original" before The End did. This seemed

to excite Kaplan a great deal -- evidence that they are definitely interested in how they compare.

Unfortunately the Monkey seems to have too much repetition in their shows.

For right now this may work, but in the future there will be more listeners and thus, more critics.

Their weak transmitter is located in Eatonville and only allows listeners from as far north as Seattle and as far south as Olympia.

Some cities east and west of I-5 can listen in as well, but there may be interference.

They will, however, be increasing their transmitter power at the first of the year.

This will definitely excite more listeners. Right now the Monkey is relatively unknown, but things should change.

To learn more about the Funky Monkey log-on to their new but unfinished web site at www.funkymonkey1049.fm. Once finished this site will be well-worth the time to visit.

Comedy Cafe a more than modest success for Team Highline

By Sam Abraham
Staff Reporter

Laughs ensued as comedian Floyd Phillips headlined Highline's Comedy Café last Friday night. The lower level of Building 8 was transformed into an inexpensive, alcohol-free comedy club.

As the show began, Phillips stepped onstage and let a few less-than-mediocre jokes fly. But, as the crowd soon found out, he was more than likely using his weakest material to fill time until opener, LA-based Mark Unger, arrived.

Fashionably late, Unger took the stage wearing a sloppy looking button-down shirt, and a beret atop his head. He immediately removed the microphone, rested his elbow on the stand, and let loose with the seemingly ad-libbed Highline-bashing.

"Highline," Unger remarked sarcastically, "Isn't this considered the Harvard of the Pacific



Northwest?"

Unger's approach of familiarizing with the audience by using things they can relate to for material is a popular, as well as hilarious comedic styling. Audience participation soon became a large part of Unger's act as he singled out people in the crowd.

While the event was set to be "good, clean, family fun," it had its fair share of obscene moments.

Unger's funniest moments, in fact, arrived when he started doing his pieces on sex and

**"Drunk crowds
laugh at
everything,
they're easy."**

--Floyd Phillips

drugs.

Unger's set ended and it was time for headlining comedian, Floyd Phillips to take the spotlight.

Born in Chicago, presently based in Portland, Phillips has made various television appearances on A&E, BET, and Comedy View.

Last year Phillips had been set to headline Comedy Café but he ended up at Shoreline instead.

"I asked my agent 'is it Shoreline? Is it Shoreline?'" says Phillips. "Yes, she told me,

I didn't even know there was a Highline."

He seemed to start his act weaker than Unger, and made valiant attempt in trying to recover by saying, "these are the jokes people," numerous times. But in time he picked up and ended up giving a better all around performance than Unger.

Phillips used the same tactic of involving the audience, using a 12-year-old boy that Unger had labeled "Buster" for material a couple times. He really worked with the crowd, laughing along with his jokes and making witty remarks when the audience wouldn't laugh.

Phillips had a number of jokes with questionably distasteful material as well. Making several cracks at the handi-

capped; "If ever wanted to kill somebody, I could train a retarded kid to kill."

Not to mention the racial remarks scattered throughout the act, with jabs thrown at just about every ethnic group.

As a venue, the cafe itself was disappointing. A sign made of construction paper taped behind the comedians fell repeatedly.

All in all, the comedians were excellent, especially for working with such a small, sober crowd.

"It's nice working with small crowds," says Phillips. "They tend to analyze the jokes more. Drunk crowds laugh at everything, they're easy in comparison." At \$5 a ticket for a night filled with laughter, it worked.

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Tales of the Apocalypse

The Thunderword is seeking submissions from the campus community for a millenium-ending Inside Scoop. Art, photos, writing of all kinds is invited. No, you're not going to get paid, but imagine the excitement! Deadline is Nov. 15; see us in 10-106 or call 206-878-3710, ext. 3317 for details.

Squashing Y2K bug with dancing shoes

By Talitha Vanzo
Staff Reporter

Many people are fearing the upcoming devastation that may be brought on by the infamous Y2K bug.

Not the VSA (Vietnamese Student Association).

Unlike everybody else, the club is celebrating Y2K with a blow out dance that is to be held tomorrow in the upper level of Building 8 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Entertainment for the night will be the X-Boyfriends Band, performing on stage throughout.

The VSA is also planning to have door prizes throughout the evening, and will hold several contests.

The expected turnout may exceed that of last year, which was approximately 250 people.

The turn out last year was unexpected. They ran out of chairs but are preparing for the same problem this year.

This is all part of the plan that VSA has been promoting in attempts to get more people involved on campus, and to bring the members and students closer together.

"We just wanted the members to get to know each other," said Nga Pham, secretary of the VSA.

This is the only dance that they have planned so far, but there will be other activities throughout the year.

Ticket prices for the event are as follows: in advance \$8 single, \$12 double; at the door \$10 single, \$15 double.

Tickets are available in the Student Programs office or you can contact Pham at 206-878-3720 ext. 3988.

All proceeds will go to the VSA and will be used for further events.

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There are 20 to 50 volunteers actively working throughout the year.

"Each year we try to grow into a bigger and better show," Carter said.

Scare Productions uses its share of the profits to improve their production. The new props added each year are chosen carefully because of their expense.

KBSG radio is the media sponsor.

"As an oldies station, they fit our family image. We're really happy to have them," Carter added.

The City of Des Moines' proceeds are deposited into a special account within the Municipal Capital Improvement Fund.

According to Peggy Watson, budget accountant for the city, these funds are designated solely for repairs and future improvements on the building used for the Haunted House. Currently there is \$147,931 in the account.

The Kiwanis have a food booth and a photo booth, sponsored by the Sea-Tac Rotary. They will offer the opportunity to have a picture taken with a monster.

Outside entertainment will be offered while waiting in line.

On Oct. 16, the Pacific Northwest Giant Pumpkin growers will have the last weigh-off of the season. The record is 947 lbs. This year the target is 1,000 lbs.

The Haunted House is located at the Des Moines Beach Park, which is north of the Des Moines Marina.

It will be open Tuesdays through Sundays from Oct. 13-31. The hours Sunday to Thursday are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Friday and Saturday hours are from 7 p.m. to midnight.

The Haunted House is located at 22030 Cliff Drive in downtown Des Moines.

Faculty ready to speak their minds

By April Pennix-Garvin
Staff Reporter

Teachers share a more poetic side in the upcoming Faculty Speak Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. in Building 7.

The annual event, which originated ten years ago, is the brainchild of Team Highline (formerly called the Events Board).

It began as a series of lectures that included various writings from specific faculty members.

Over the years the lecture series has evolved into a more personal forum, allowing the faculty the opportunity to share their respective works in front of an audience.

Faculty scheduled to read their work on Tuesday are Allen Braden, Susan Rich, Patrick Pines, and Susan Landgraf.

Susan Rich, a new teacher here at Highline has been here

"It's good for students...to see another side of their teacher."

--Allen Braden

has decided to share her love of writing by reciting a series of poems, and also a good portion of an essay she's written.

Writing, as Rich explains, is more than just an occupation for her. She also has a book coming out in the spring titled, *The Cartographer's Tongue*, which she's looking forward to.

She's new to the community college arena. Formerly a professor at a college in Cape Town, South Africa, and at the University of Oregon, Rich is impressed with both the faculty and student body here at Highline.

"The staff here is very friend-

ly, and the students are incredibly motivated," she said.

"I'm not nervous, [about reading her work at Faculty Speaks] I'm looking forward to it," she said.

Allen Braden, writing instructor has participated in the Faculty Speak for several years and is looking forward to another successful year.

Braden will mostly perform poetry and maybe some prose.

Braden finds this as an excellent experience to share his work. He believes the event is a wonderful venue for reading aloud, as opposed to other places he's spoken at in the past.

Faculty Speaks shows a different side of instructors.

"It's good for students and faculty to see another side of their teacher or their colleagues," said Braden.

"It is also awarding for readers to share their work," said Braden.

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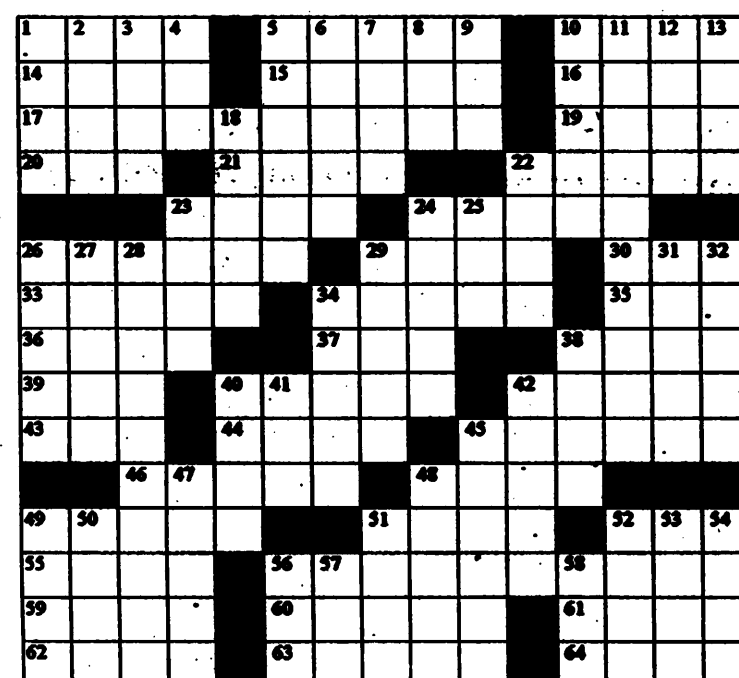
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By Ed Canty

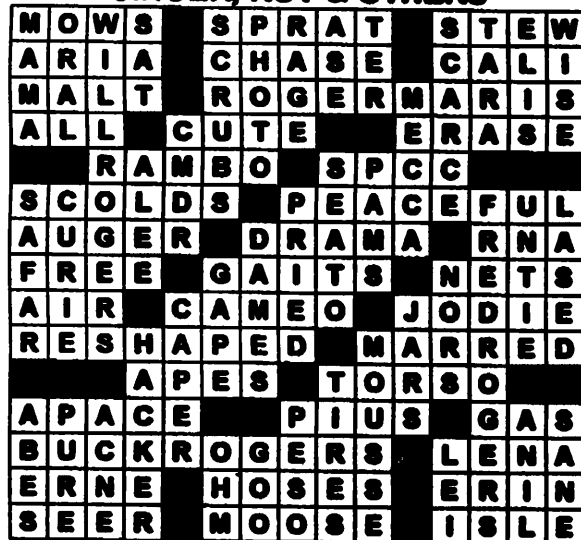
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T-Bird men get back-to-back shutout wins

By Jamie Kirk
Staff Reporter

The T-Bird men stayed in good position winning two important games against Tacoma and Pierce last week.

Highline took on the Titans from Tacoma on Wednesday, Oct. 6, beating them 5-0 on their home field.

"It was a really good game," said Head Coach Jason Prenovost.

"It was a game of momentum. We took it to them and late

in the second half they took it to us," said Prenovost. "It was never safe."

Midfielder Foozi Bellal put in two "gut-check" goals, said Prenovost.

Forward Dejan Jankovic also put in a pair and Brooks Bonner had one.

The T-Birds faced Pierce on Saturday, Oct. 9, and won by a score of 2-0. Both goals were scored by Jason Soper.

"Pierce is a very good defensive team," said Prenovost.

The T-Birds came into the

Pierce game after three tough matches; one against Clark, and two against Tacoma.

"It was an ugly game. We did not play well coming off three emotional games," said Prenovost. "Pierce just kept getting stronger."

The T-Birds pulled through, though, because they had a good work rate and wanted the win.

At about the half way point in the season, the T-Birds are looking for a place in the playoffs.

"We are still the underdog

team, but we have put ourselves in a very good position," said Prenovost.

Highline still has not seen the undefeated Gators of Green River and must face Clark again.

"We know that we can play with Clark," said Prenovost.

Highline has been improving with every game, but the team needs to keep improving if they want to go all the way.

"We still have to work really hard. We can not take anything for granted," said Prenovost.

It is still early in the season, with nine games left to play, but the T-Birds will have to step it up. Mistakes could be costly, especially those coming in late November.

"We will see where everything falls," said Prenovost. "It's still early."

The Thunderbirds faced Grays Harbor on Wednesday, Oct. 13, but the score was not available at press time.

They will have their first look at Green River on Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Zenith park.

Freshman pushes school, hoops to the next level

Chandra Rathke fights for spot on women's basketball team

By Pete Wilson
Staff Reporter

Life is throwing a full-court press at Chandra Rathke.

The Highline freshman is a full-time student, full-time worker, trying out for the women's basketball team, and paying her own way.

"It's really hard living on your own and paying for school at the same time," said Rathke. "The bills really add up."

Working at Eagle Hardware 30 hours a week at medium pay just keeps her afloat to allow her to be able to take con-

time going to Highline.

When her parents moved to Alaska in the summer, it was

"The fact that I am now competing for the same position as four or five other girls makes me nervous."

--Chandra Rathke

difficult for Chandra to decide whether or not to go with them. She decided to stay.

Rathke felt that staying here would give her the sense of freedom every young person desires. With that freedom, of course, comes a lot of responsibility.

She has decided to major in fitness and nutrition.

Rathke graduated from Highline High School in 1999, and had an impressive season with the school's women's basketball team.

She made first-team all-league and earned the league's Most Valuable Player award.

Overall, however, the Pirates weren't a talented team,



Photos by Tannya Carter

Chandra Rathke desires to enhance her basketball skills as a Lady Thunderbird.

and there was no one to push Rathke to the next level. The Pirates ended the season with a losing record.

"When you play with people that are at the same skill level and under than you, there is not much room for improvement. You tend to sink to their level and it is difficult to enhance your own skills," said Rathke.

That desire drove Rathke to try out for the Thunderbirds, who finished second in the NWAAC last year.

She said she is putting herself in the best to see if in fact she is ready to excel to that next level. The level of competition at Highline is definitely

ly different for Rathke.

"The fact that I am now competing for the same position as four or five other girls really makes me nervous," she said.

Rathke is a hard worker at practice. She puts her solid, 5-9 frame to work, and isn't afraid to take a charge or scrap for a rebound.

Although teammates say she will make the team out of the more than 20 women who are trying out, Rathke is not counting on anything. Nor will missing the cut make her give up.

"I definitely won't quit training; after all, there is always next year," she said.

Athletes to walk the walk

By Pete Wilson
Staff Reporter

Highline's Athletic Department is putting on yet another fund-raiser. The second annual Walk-a-thon will be held this Sunday, Oct. 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Highline's track.

The fund-raiser was organized by Highline Athletic Director John Dunn. The money raised will be fed straight into the Friends of Athletics budget, and will be spent toward all the extra things the budget could not cover.

"This is the second year doing the walk-a-thon. Last year the outcome was pretty successful and this year we are expected to triple last year's total," Dunn said.

Every athlete receives a pledge for each lap they walk around the track. Each athlete is expected to bring in a minimum \$30.

There is no specific amount required to be raised per team but an overall goal will be set for the whole athletic department. No team is required to bring in more money than another. For instance, the women's cross-country team is not expected to fulfill a quota as large as the women's soccer team.

All the teams are looked at as a group and the event will be conducted as a school function rather than a specific sport function.

"This (the Walk-a-thon) was to promote school unity, physical fitness, and, at the same time, raise some well-needed money," said Dunn.

The department is also preparing to do a Christmas Tree sale later this year.



Chandra Rathke

Thunderbird women deliver another shutout

By Evan Keck
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's soccer team beat Southwest Oregon 1-0 on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Coos Bay.

Forward Jamie Kirk led the way with the one goal, scoring in the first half.

The Southwestern Oregon Lakers are now 2-2-0 in league play, scoring only five goals and allowing two.

Their games have all been low scoring, with their two losses ending with a score of 1-0.

The Lady T-Birds played reasonably well compared to the

season so far. They have a record of 4-0-2.

Highline has thus far survived slightly better than mediocre play and remained undefeated. With the lack of competition in their new division, the women have not been pushed very hard.

The Thunderbird defense has been the only real consistent area so far. Led by keeper Liz Over and defender Angie Upchurch, the Highline defense has been formidable, allowing only three goals all season.

With the exception of a few players, the offense has missed opportunities and has not domi-

nated their opponents.

With all the talent the team has, the women are steadily improving.

The ladies feel they are coming together but do not yet have the chemistry that a complete team needs.

The T-Birds have had a few distractions this season including some inner turmoil between players and coaches. One player reportedly walked off in the middle of a game, only to come back later in the week.

Team members, however, say they've put most of it behind them.

"Everything has pretty much

been taken care of," said Upchurch. "It really isn't a big deal."

The win over Southwest Oregon was important coming into this week's matches against Bellevue and South Seattle.

Bellevue will be key to the rest of the season because they are currently in second place behind Tacoma. Highline remains in third behind both. Both Bellevue and Highline are 4-0-2 this season.

The Helmsmen have the No. 2 spot because they have allowed only one goal to Highline's three.

The T-Birds cannot afford to

lose at this point in the season if they want to remain in the top three and hence in the playoffs. A loss could put them out of contention.

South Seattle is in last place with a record of 0-4-0. They have not scored a goal yet this season.

The women played at Bellevue on Wednesday, but due to lateness of the game, highlights will be printed in next week's issue.

Highline next faces South Seattle in back-to-back games on Saturday, Oct. 16, at Zenith Park and Wednesday, Oct. 20, at South Seattle.

THEY'RE OUT THERE SOMEWHERE

Deadly squid are invading our waters. Here's how to kill, cook and eat them

By Heidi Larsson
Staff Reporter

Squid season is fast approaching, and the sport of catching squid is available in Des Moines. They pulsate through these waters from mid-October through January.

Gary Favro, a local elementary teacher and avid fisherman, has been fishing for squid off the dock in Des Moines for many years.

"Fifteen years ago it was a sight unreal. The waters were black from schools of squid," he said.

The abundance has dropped some, but not enough to dampen the enthusiasm for the sport.

A big part of Favro's yearly anticipation for fishing is his love of cooking and consuming them. "They are delicious



Photos by Heidi Larsson

Squid season, which generally runs from mid-October to January, is a good winter activity.

cooked many different ways," he said.

The best time to fish, according to Favro, is just before high tide at twilight, but any time of day is all right.

The squid move in large masses and can change location

quickly. The excitement begins when one person on the dock locates them. Everyone runs to the same spot to throw their lines in the water.

"The dock becomes alive," said Favro. "It becomes a frenzy as you battle for position."

You don't need a lot of special equipment to get started. A basic fishing pole will suffice. Squid jigs can be purchased or homemade. The animal is at-

tracted to white objects and things that glow in the dark. A simple way of making a jig is to twist together stainless steel wire onto a squid hook. White beads and a lead weight coated with glow-in-the-dark paint are added.

A bucket is also necessary to carry the harvest, of course.

Squid can be described as dynamic, sensitive, and intelligent. They're among the most

highly developed creatures in the ocean.

They have a great sense of touch, making it possible for them to handle fragile objects. Their vision is exceptional allowing them to see things well in light or dark water.

One of their most remarkable characteristics is an ability to change the color of their skin cells almost instantaneously in response to their surroundings.

They are also very delicious. The Des Moines Marina has a pier that is open 24 hours a day. To fish legally, a shellfish/seaweed license is required for those 15 years of age and older.

Prices are \$7 for a resident and \$20 for a nonresident. Seniors can purchase theirs for \$5. The license must be displayed on the outside of clothing.

Fishing for squid is legal year-round and there isn't a minimum size requirement.

The daily limit is five quarts or 10 pounds.

It's always a good idea to check for marine toxin levels by calling the Biotoxin Hotline at 1-800-562-5632. Eating squid with high concentrations of biotoxins may cause illness or death. If proper caution is taken, squid fishing can be an entertaining hobby that yields a delicious feast.



A lonely fisher hopes to hook something off the Des Moines pier last week.

Squid pro quo: Tomatoes, garlic and rice

Here's a recipe for squid that serves four.

Ingredients:

Squid with Tomatoes and Garlic

1 1/2 lbs. cleaned squid,
15 garlic cloves
1/4 cup olive oil
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground pepper

2 large tomatoes, peeled, seeded and diced
1 bunch cilantro

Cut the squid into 1/4 inch rings. Wash, dry and place the rings in a mixing bowl. Puree the garlic with 1/8 cup olive oil in a blender until smooth. Pour the puree over the squid.

Add the salt and pepper, and toss to combine.

Heat a dry skillet over medium heat, then add the remaining olive oil. Pour in the marinated squid and saute for 30 seconds.

Stir in the remaining ingredients and cook for about two minutes longer.

Serve the squid hot over rice.

Runners in rough against big schools

By Rob Stafford
Staff Reporter

Highline's cross country team was in over its head at the PLU Invitational on Saturday.

The men placed 16th of 19 schools. Only one other two-year school competed, North Idaho College. The women placed 19th of 19 teams, competing against the same schools as the men.

Teams came from Oregon, Alaska, Idaho, British Columbia, and Washington.

This course was a hilly race, the most difficult course of the season, T-Bird runners said.

Out of 223 runners in the men's race, Highline finishers included Verne Patterson, 90th; Fred Lekanoff, 118th; Shawn Thayer, 130th; Peter Rutter, 152nd; Jeff Parker, 158th; Tim Richart, 183rd; Manzell Blakeley, 192nd; Ben McNelly, 208th; Chris Peterson, 210th; Jacob Mertens, 218th; and Justin West, 223rd.

Running unattached were Pat Boyd, 60th; Chris Bendickson, 70th; and Brian Reed, 86th. Salaben Muhamed didn't run.

The three teams that the men beat were Vanguard University, Seattle University, and Pacific University.

At the community college level, Coach Brigham rates her team at about sixth right now, out of about 30 schools.

Spokane and Clackamas are at the top. Clark is near the top of the pack too.

Out of 216 runners in the women's race, Highline finishers included Jenny Trujillo, 143rd; Lou Edwards, 178th; Karla Booth, 202nd; Jessica Cook, 206th; and Sara West, 211th.

Coach Brigham took notice of West's performance. Brigham "was real happy and excited about [her running]."

Booth and Cook both have suffered unusual neck injuries. Although Booth is a black belt, she was injured while participating in martial arts. Cook was injured in a car accident.

"The key right now is to keep healthy and to improve for the next couple weeks," Brigham said.

Although there were improvements in times for both men and women, they were not quite as drastic as in past weeks. Brigham also wants to focus in on the intensity of workouts.

The next meet is this Friday at Lower Columbia.

Legends of the fall

Fall Autumn hiking offers a break from school, stress

all backpacking in the Olympics can be just the thing for a great weekend get away for a stressed student.

Fall can be a challenging time for an amateur backpacker because of colder weather and fewer people traveling the trails.

In fall the weather changes; you get the first dustings of snow and along with the snow comes the pre-winter air. Fall is one of the best seasons for a weekend adventure. Most people this time of year hang up their packs and wait until next summer. With so few people wandering the trails, one can partake in the ultimate wilderness experience.

One of my favorite hikes in the Olympics is the Enchanted Valley, which is a beautiful hike

Story and photos
by
Mike Fusaro



The trail through Enchanted Valley is long but offers beauty in all seasons.

though a sub-alpine forest consisting of towering alder and maple trees. The fall leaves yellow on the maples and blanket the trail with a soft glow that can only be seen during autumn.

Although the trail gains only 1,300 feet over 13 miles, it has its share of ups and downs due to long rolling hills. The trail travels through a glacial-cut river valley, fed predominately from the glacier melt of Mt. Anderson.

The last few miles are surrounded by 3,000-foot cliffs. These cliffs are littered with massive rushing waterfalls that

over the years have scored and scarred the rock cliffs, giving them a rugged look.

In the northwest distance, snow covered Mt. Anderson and Chimney Peak can be seen. If you look to southeast, you can see Mt. Steal and White Mountain.

At the climax of the trail there is a chalet that is surrounded by lush meadows. Last year around this time, I saw 13 different black bears hanging out in the meadows eating mountain blue berries and preparing for winter.

If you still have the energy at this point you can travel an extra two miles to see the largest living Western Hemlock in the world, that measures 8 feet, 8 inches in diameter.

The Enchanted Valley provides some of the most beautiful and virgin country on the Olympic Peninsula, so it is very important, says Park Ranger Brian Bell, to "use good, leave-no-trace camping practices."

If you do decide to hike The Enchanted Valley trail, make sure you bring some essentials such as rain gear, extra food and extra clothes.

Make sure you have a good tent and at least a 30-degree sleeping bag. You should also have a sturdy pair of waterproof hiking boots and some warm socks.

If you're interested in hiking The Enchanted Valley Trail you can go to a local wilderness store like REI to get Green Trail maps. Mt. Christie is No. 166 and Mt. Steal is No. 167.

You will also need to get a back country permit from the Graves Creek Ranger Station. The permit costs just a few dollars and the ranger station is on the way to the trail head.

Good luck and have fun.

Hiking smarter is hiking safer

Hiking can be one of the most fulfilling things to do with your time. To ensure a fun and memorable hiking experience, it is very important that you know the essentials.

The three most important things to remember are food, water, and shelter.

Your choice of clothing is very important because some fabrics do not insulate when they get wet. Cotton, for example, loses its loft and insulating ability when it is saturated with water.

The best choices are polyester materials like synthetic fleeces and polypropylene long underwear. Make sure you bring a good warm hat since you can lose as much as 30 percent of your body heat from your head.

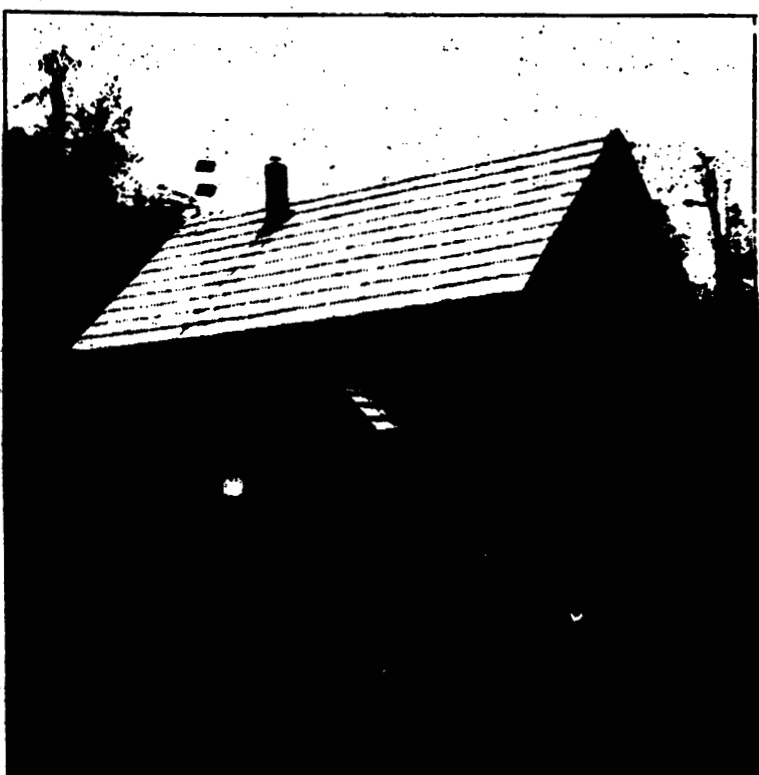
The most convenient way to get water is by using a water filter. The downfall of water filters is that they are spendy, so a cheaper alternative is to use iodine tablets or to boil your water.

Selecting the right food can definitely be a challenge. You should choose food that is non-perishable, easy to prepare and light (preferably not canned goods).

Pack weight can play a big role on your level of enjoyment. You should always bring the essentials but too many luxuries end up not being worth their weight, even if they're gold.

Try to keep pack weights between 30-40 pounds. If your pack is heavier, try to reevaluate your gear.

Finally, know your limits, get the weather report, and tell someone where you are going.



The chalet at the end of the Enchanted Valley trail is a welcome sight at the end of the 13-mile trek. But its use is restricted to rangers. But plenty of campsites are nearby, as well as views of the mountain walls and the river.

Volleyball team struggles

By Jahmal Corner
Staff Reporter

For the women affiliated with volleyball, Wednesday's game against Pierce College had a familiar ring - it was a loss.

The home game started at 7 that evening, but the Thunderbirds didn't show until about 7:40, approximately the time game 3 started.

In game one the only thing home fans had to cheer about were a few side outs, because the T-Birds never scored. Fifteen minutes from the start, the game concluded 0-15.

Generally when a team is dominated to such a degree, you can expect a wake up call. Generally. Mid-way through game two a previously silent crowd erupted. Not because of a rally, or some spectacular play, but because Highline finally scored!

The point made the score 1-8 in Pierce College's favor. Highline eventually lost the game 2-15.

Game three added some excitement to a thoroughly lopsided match. Aided by Highline men's soccer players, the lady T-Birds rode the revived crowd to make it a game.

After every point or side out

earned by the Thunderbirds, the crowd was brilliantly conducted by the soccer team. The crowd was cheering every play as if witnessing a title game.

Highline inched it's way to a three point deficit at 5-8. They got no closer. Pierce resumed form and exited the court with a 15-6 game three win.

Highline had little to smile about following the match, dropping their third in a row, lowering their record to 1-4.

Teammates had a common diagnosis for the teams disappointing effort. "Every game we start out really slow and laid back until the second or third game," said second year player Jenoa Potter. "Once we do get going, we're already playing catch up."

Rachel Schwartz also noticed the problem. "Pierce is number 1 in the league so we knew it would be a tough match, but we just came out too slow."

What must be as equally agonizing as the losses, is the margin of victory in which they've been defeated. The last few games Highline has lost without even winning one game.

The results from Highline's road meeting with Grays Harbor Wednesday, Oct. 13, were un-

Scoreboard

Men's Soccer

Standings

Northeast

Spokane	8-0-2
C. Basin	7-0-1
Bellevue	5-2-3
Edmonds	6-3-0
Shoreline	5-5-2
Skagit Valley	5-3-1
W. Valley	3-6-1
Walla Wall	2-9-1
Everett	1-8-1
South Seattle	0-6-4
Southwest	
Green River	7-0-0
Clark	6-1-0
Highline	6-1-0
Tacoma	6-3-0
SW Oregon	3-5-1
Umpqua	2-6-0
Pierce	1-4-2
Grays Harbor	1-6-2
S. Puget Sound	1-7-1

Women's Soccer

Standings

Northeast

Columbia Basin	5-0-1
Wenatchee Valley	4-0-1
Spokane	3-1-1
Skagit Valley	3-2-0
North Idaho	2-1-1
Walla Walla	1-4-1
Everett	1-6-0
Edmonds	0-5-1
Southwest	
Tacoma	4-0-2
Bellevue	4-0-1
Highline	4-0-1
Green River	2-2-1
SW Oregon	2-2-0
Shoreline	1-4-1
Lower Columbia	1-6-0
South Seattle	0-4-0

Volleyball

Standings

Northern

Edmonds	5-0
Bellevue	5-1
Skagit Valley	4-1
Everett	2-3

Whatcom

Shoreline	1-4
Olympic	0-5
Eastern	
Columbia Basin	5-0
Big Bend	4-1
Spokane	3-2
Walla Walla	2-3
Yakima Valley	1-4
Blue Mountain	0-5
Western	
Pierce	6-0
Green River	5-1
Lower Columbia	4-1
Clark	3-3
Centralia	2-4
Highline	1-4
Grays Harbor	1-5
Tacoma	1-5
Southern	
Chemekata	6-0
Mt. Hood	4-1
SW Oregon	4-2
Clackamas	3-3
Linn-Benton	1-3
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Running Start

Forum explores
pros and cons of
school program

By Heather Baker
Staff Reporter

TUKWILA - Running start students said that they are doing fine in the college setting, but high schools and community colleges need to get their act together if they wish them to succeed, at a conference on Oct. 12.

High school counselors and community college counselors met at the Embassy Suites to discuss how they can better help the Running Start student.

Last year, 380 Running Start students attended Highline. Since then the number has grown to 425.

To be admitted in the program they must score higher than 40 on writing and 45 on reading on the Asset test.

According to a survey done by the state Board of Community and Technical colleges, of the students involved in Running Start, 59 percent are female, 17 percent are non-white, and 1.8 percent are disabled. Running Start students also graduate with a GPA 3.42 and higher.

The keynote speaker was Mike Pearson, director of secondary education for the Central Valley School District. He stressed that schools need to look at education through students' eyes.

"Make learning practical for students," said Pearson.

The way high schools and community colleges can partner in education for juniors and seniors is through Running Start, College on (High School) Campus, articulation agreements and Tech Prep, said Pearson.

Pearson introduced a panel of current and former Running Start students. The panel consisted of Tisha Marosi, from the University of Washington; James Evans, from UW; Lorraine Bullock, from Pierce College; Zenos Schmickrth from Renton Technical College; and Brandon Fox, from Bates Technical College.

Pearson asked the panel why they have participated in the Running Start program.

"I wanted to get a head start on things. I was dissatisfied with high school," said Marosi.

Evans' reason for joining was so he could raise the maturity level around him.

The panel agreed that the best benefit of the Running Start program was that they did not have to pay for college except for incidental fees such as books and parking.



Photo by Heather Baker

Mike Pearson speaks at Tuesday's Running Start forum.

"Through Running Start I can go to college and get out of college sooner," said Schmickrth.

"Work with you counselors," was Marosi's advice to future Running Start students.

The panel acknowledged that some Running Start students can be obnoxious and immature, but said the majority of Running Start students are ready for college.

Some Running Start students go to college to get an early start on post-secondary education, but the panel conceded that some people go for an easy way to finish their high school diploma.

Evans used the analogy of a stadium to illustrate his point.

"Running Start is for the running blocks, not for people arriving to the stadium late."

Several colleges said that it was difficult to build a bridge with high schools because high schools wanted to keep teacher changes at a minimum.

Colleges also addressed the issue to get students more involved in campus activities. Eastern Washington University said that it has a Running Start club where students get together to do activities and they also publish a newsletter.

Pierce College and the University of Washington each conducted a survey on Running Start students and their feelings on the program.

The surveys found that most students were satisfied with the program, but it lacked support from high schools. On the other hand, they found community college more accommodating. Most students said that they were comfortable on college campuses, but wrote that they would never tell anyone that they were a Running Start student, feeling that would stigmatize them.

A breakout session titled "Maturity IS an Issue" put together a Running Start student, high school counselor, Running Start adviser at a community college, and a faculty member. They classified maturity to two different categories, academic and social. For a student to be academically mature they must possess the following qualities: a love of learning, a solid background and competence in basic skills, discipline, and study skills. To be socially mature one must possess a sense of confidence, security and community.

Linda Ware, Running Start Program Manager at Bellevue Community College, said, "Maturity is readiness to assume responsibility."

By Lou Edwards
Staff Reporter

Freshman Running Start student Melissa Sayre likes college a lot better than high school.

She attends one class a day at Federal Way High School and three classes each day at Highline. Two of her Highline classes are "bogus," she says, because she'll receive college credit for them, but they won't apply to high school.

"My plan was to get all high school graduation requirements over with, and all first year classes for Highline this year." She wanted every class to do double duty as high school and college credit.

As it is, only one Highline class will apply toward high school graduation, but she's enjoying them all, and the "bogus" classes are in her major.

Sayre recommends Running Start for advanced students.

"It's a good program. I'm learning more in a day than I would in a week in high school. It's a great experience. I'm lucky to be here."

To get the classes that will serve them best, Sayre would advise other high school students not to follow her example for college admission.

"High school students need to know that they must register early; very early to get a shot at class choices," said Sayre.

She registered around Aug. 20, then went through Compass testing. Then she had to wait a few weeks and attend an orientation Sept. 18, before picking classes.

At that point, classes which would have provided credit at both schools were full. Buying

books at the last minute was stressful and proved a long wait in bookstore lines. She said she would never want to go through that experience again, but the solution is simple. "Students should register at the end of the school year and participate in orientation in June," advised Sayre.

At Federal Way High School, Sayre's peers think Running Start is "cool," but also have the notion that she is missing out on "senior year stuff." She doesn't feel deprived though. "I can participate in sports, go to dances. All I miss is assemblies."

The change in atmosphere from high school to college surprised Sayre. "It's so laid-back, easier to learn," she said. "People are here 'cause they want to be, not because they have to be. They're motivated to do well."

Critics claim that Running Start students are not ready for college. "Some students aren't ready for college, they [the critics] are right. Some are. Most people don't know I am a Running Start student. The more mature students should be in it to challenge themselves. But the students in it just to get out of high school — they really need to think things over," said Sayre.

Despite some struggles, it's been well worth it, she says.

"High school ... well, public school has been boring," Sayre said. "I jump ahead so far; don't need to study. Last year I got some not-so-good grades because I was so bored. Running Start is interesting and challenges me. I think it'll help me out in the long run."

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Russian students unhappy with media coverage

By Sergey Kopasov
Staff Reporter

Alya Medvedeva still speaks with a heavy Russian accent, but her meaning is clear. She doesn't like the way U.S. media covers her homeland.

"They hardly ever have anything positive in the news," said the part-time computer science major. "It is always something about bombing, a war in Chechnya, some political screw-up but never anything about theatres, art, sports, peacekeepers going to Chechnya, or anything else that lifts your spirits despite the fact that we have a lot of things there that are beautiful and well-developed."

She's not alone. Eastern European students at Highline have mixed emotions about U.S. media coverage of their homelands.

Highline has about 100 students from Russia and the Ukraine, with about 2 percent of the 8,300 students coming from Eastern Europe.

They all came from different cities, backgrounds, families, at different times and are all of different age groups. Their opinions of the U.S. media's perspective on the former Soviet Union also are varied.

Some people think there are still reflections of the Cold War.



Photo by Sergey Kopasov

Student Anna Malakhova wishes the U.S. media would cover positive news in Russia.

Some don't. Some think the media is biased. Others say it covers mainly those aspects most people care about and has no biases. Yet others think that reporters are fair and open-minded, while others think that they deliberately make fun of Russia to make it look bad.

Medvedeva, who came to the U.S. two and a half years ago from Yoshkar-ola, Russia, says her primary source of information is TV and she thinks that

the information presented in the news is quite accurate and unbiased. She thinks, however, that the coverage is not as complete as it should be and sheds only negative light on the majority of events going on in Russia.

Anya Malakhova, an international business major at Highline, has lived in the states for five years and has been attending Highline for a year. She also gets most of her news from TV. Her opinion is that the cov-

erage is too broad and doesn't show the important details about Russia.

"You never see anything about the peacekeepers going to Yugoslavia or how communists like Zuzanov make Yeltsin look bad," Malakhova said.

Svetlana Valieva, also a business major at Highline, agrees with Malakhova.

"American reporters don't understand Russian lifestyle. They make bold assumptions

without researching anything or looking into the true nature of things. They should do more thorough research before saying or writing something," Valieva said.

Her opinion is that for the most part, the coverage provided is inaccurate and partial.

Yet another student from Ukraine, who didn't want his name revealed, said that the coverage is complete and fair enough.

"They provide all the information that people care about. People are not interested in anything that is not affecting them in a negative way. The only thing they are going to watch or read is what could somehow affect them," he said.

Alexi Biryukov, another computer science major at Highline, also said that the coverage is complete.

"If you are interested in cultural and other news, there are certain TV channels that cover that. Economic depression is the hottest topic right now, so they try to provide all the information they can about it," Biryukov said.

But he said he recognizes that media are in business.

"Mass media is aimed at the masses," he said. "All the masses care about is the hot news. So, they show and write about that."

Search for new college president continues

By Teresa Moreau
Staff Reporter

The committees charged with helping to find a replacement for College President Ed Command have begun their work.

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 request for proposal committee will review the proposals sent to them by consultants. Advertising for the consultant position has run in the Seattle Times. They met for the first time on Oct. 7.

When the committee receives responses from consultants the group will score them and then their job is over. According to college Trustee and committee member Mike Emerson, they are likely to receive around four proposals at the most.

"People think the board is going to leave the decision to a consultant and we are not," Emerson said.

Command will look over all

proposals before handing them to this committee.

The Job Description committee met for the first time Oct. 8. They are in charge of drafting a job description for the board to review. The college and the board are trying to make this an inclusive process. The committee is allowing extra time for collecting data so they can bring it back to their groups.

"I will go to Student Government with the draft," said student representative Rachelle Parslow.

The job description committee has a lot of work ahead of them. Their plan is to formulate a draft, get the draft out and get input, formulate a new draft based on feedback, write a second draft, and then make their final recommendation to the board. The committee hopes to make their recommendation to the board by the Nov. 4 board meeting.

"Hopefully our colleagues have enough faith in us to make the final decisions and understand that we are running against a timeline," committee member and math professor Ed Morris said.

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Fresh face from France teaching at Highline

By David Froyalde
Staff Reporter

Besides making his debut at Highline, Stephane Feltrino is also making his first appearance in the country.

Feltrino left France to become a French teacher at Highline as part of a foreign exchange program.

When Feltrino submitted his application to become a teacher for the International Institute of Education, or the IIE, he had no idea where he would end up.

Although Feltrino ended up at Highline, he could have easily ended up in another state. Feltrino said he really had no preference as to where he went, but is glad to be here.

"I have enjoyed the great

welcome I received at Highline," says Feltrino.

Feltrino appears as a quiet, soft spoken man with a lot of knowledge. Feltrino was born in Cannes, France, and grew up around that area.

About 15 years ago, Feltrino decided to make English his second language.

He studied English for 10 years, then continued his study of the language throughout college.

Prior to his arrival at Highline, Feltrino had a total of four hours of teaching experience. He taught kids how to



speak English in a secondary school in France.

In 1998, Feltrino received his French Licence, which is an equivalent to a Bachelor's degree, for completing three years of college.

Feltrino studied his first two years at the University of Montpellier in France and his final year at Sussex University in Britain as an exchange student.

"It was very different," said Feltrino, comparing the two universities.

In the University of Montpellier, the class sizes vary but sometimes go up to as high as 100 students per class.

However in Sussex University, the average class size is about 10 to 12 students per

class.

Feltrino acts as Ellen Hoffman's teaching assistant in the morning French 101 classes by helping students in groups as well as individually.

"Stephane is a useful addition to the classroom. He is well educated and relates well to students," says Hoffman.

However during the night French 101 class that meets Mondays and Wednesdays, Hoffman teaches the class Monday and Feltrino teaches the class on Wednesday.

Feltrino says he picks up a lot being around Hoffman.

"I really appreciate the help of Mrs. Hoffman," he says.

Feltrino is also the teacher for the conversational French class.

Feltrino will stay at Highline until the end of Spring Quarter of 2000. After that, Feltrino plans to return to France, where he hopes to one day become an English teacher.

Feltrino has two main goals he would like to accomplish during his stay at Highline.

"I would like to improve my English skills and build teaching experience," he says.

Feltrino says he enjoys playing sports and has started playing volleyball in Washington. He also likes running when he has time.

"Stephane provides a fresh face and a new view of southern France because he is from the French Riviera, home of the famous International Film Festival," says Hoffman.

Bookstore battles through lines, storms

By Talitha Vanzo
Staff Reporter

The Highline bookstore has been breaking new ground with the on-line bookstore and raking in the dough with the usual beginning of the quarter sales.

The main money maker in the store is obviously text books, but the infamous Beanie Babies are coming in second place giving the books a good run for their money.

"The Beanie Baby sales are still hot. We market them to students, staff, faculty and the community at large. I know that Beanie Baby sales are supposed to be slowing down, but that isn't evident here, especially when we get a new shipment," says Randy Fisher, bookstore manager.

There have only been a few problems this quarter, as there are every quarter, with book delays and long lines.

At times students have been known to wait in line outside of the bookstore for 45 minutes to get in. Once they finally get in, they find out that the bookstore is out of the book that they needed for a class that starts in 30 minutes.

Mary Schlesinger is a student who knows this song and dance well.

"I was flabbergasted and appalled that they were allotting the amount of students who entered into the bookstore. Once you got in, you had to wait in line again," said Schlesinger.

Fisher said that this is the worst quarter that he and other bookstores nationwide have had when it comes to dealing with the larger publishing companies.

"I have received numerous e-mail notes from other college bookstores regarding the slowness of processing and shipping this year. . . . I have been in the bookstore business for nearly 25 years and have never seen such a poor publisher response," said Fisher.

The delay is due to the storms that have been tearing up and down the eastern seaboard.

"Most of the large publishing companies are located on the East Coast.

It is hoped that all of these problems that the bookstore has had to face this fall will be resolved come winter quarter.

The bookstore has been trying to resolve the shortage of books by obtaining them from local sources and smaller publishers.

As for if there will be a delay winter quarter, that is still up in the air.

"Fall Quarter ordering - orders placed for Winter Quarter - has its own set of special problems. The weather during December can be chancy at best, making transportation difficult. Add to this the holiday season and this year's special complication, Y2K. The Y2K bug should leave us pretty untouched as the majority of our texts should be in the store by that time," said Fisher.

If you want to avoid going to the bookstore at all it is highly recommended that you use the on-line bookstore instead.

"Students can use our site at www.highline.bkstr.com to check for books, to find what books have been ordered for any class, or to actually place their orders," said Fisher.

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Merydith. "Traditionally it is not talked about and people feel that it is none of their business."

Speakers for the presentation include "Mercedes" from DAWN (Domestic Violence Abuse Women's Network), where usage of only first names protects anonymity; and Jennifer Fink, Des Moines Community Court Advocate.

"It's a basic introduction to the dynamics of domestic violence," Merydith explains. "This is especially good for young people who haven't had the relationships and life experiences to tell them when things go wrong."

Early education, it is hoped, may keep them from accepting violence and a lifetime of repeating the habit. The presentation runs from noon to 1:30 p.m., Building 7.

To participate in The Clothesline Project, go to Building 8, upstairs, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. You do not need to bring your own shirt.

Throughout the event, the Outreach Bus will be located at the northwest corner of Building 8, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

"RSVP, ext. 3592, if you'd like child care, so everyone can participate," said Merydith. "Domestic Violence is a community problem...an event for women and men today," she continued.

"The more we all know, the better for all of us," Merydith said. "People may think they don't want to go because they haven't been abused, but it's really a time for everyone to come together and say we don't want domestic violence in our community."

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aftermath.

Demolition took place sometime before 8 a.m. Friday. Math instructor Helen Burn managed to get the process halted temporarily so that her 9 a.m. Math 111 class could take a test.

Disa Sachs, a barista at Tazza's sidewalk cart next to Building 6, was scared of the other possible reason for the teardown of the walkway coverings.

Sachs said she is "grateful that they are there, but scared at the same time. I have my jump and roll down."

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Aaron Wilson, a candidate for evening student representative, says this is his first chance for student involvement.

His main concern is the health standards in the cafeteria. Wilson's past experiences include helping with an ad campaign for running start, speech presentation with DECA, and being a former key club president.

Robby Hilton would like to change methods for advertising activities with a section in the Thunderword for evening students. He would let students know his office hours so students would be able to contact him. His high school activities include ASB and participating in swing dancing.

Janice Valdez would like to organize a program to walk students to their cars so they can focus on their studies and not the chance of a violent encounter. She said she would encourage letters to let her know what's up on campus.

Valdez was a member of honor society and was vice president of several clubs in high school.

The first candidate for international student senator to speak, Sara Fitzgerald, said she is a "very social" person, involved in honor society, Key Club, and helping youth pastors. She said she is not afraid to listen or give a helping hand.

As far as planning goes, she said she would like meetings to occur with everyone present who is involved, so any questions can be answered and prevent miscommunication.

Fitzgerald said that if she does not know the answer, she would do her best to find someone who does know.

Sandra Allan said she wants students to appreciate education and involvement in diversity awareness. Culture shock is a main concern with Allan. She said students need to be involved in the tutoring center, and being tutored by people of the same background to bridge the communication gap.

She has been involved in legislative council for 3 years in high school and was a founder of a multicultural festival.

Rachelle Parslow said she is concerned with lack of interaction with international students.

She feels she can relate to their ideas in a positive way, creating a good environment.

Parslow said she would like to see creative international activities made available.

Parslow sees more options for international students as her goal. She was Highline's student body president for the '94-'95 school year.

Skyland Contreras was the final candidate for the international student representative at the forum. He said he would like the school to be made more aware of the cultural diversity present at Highline.

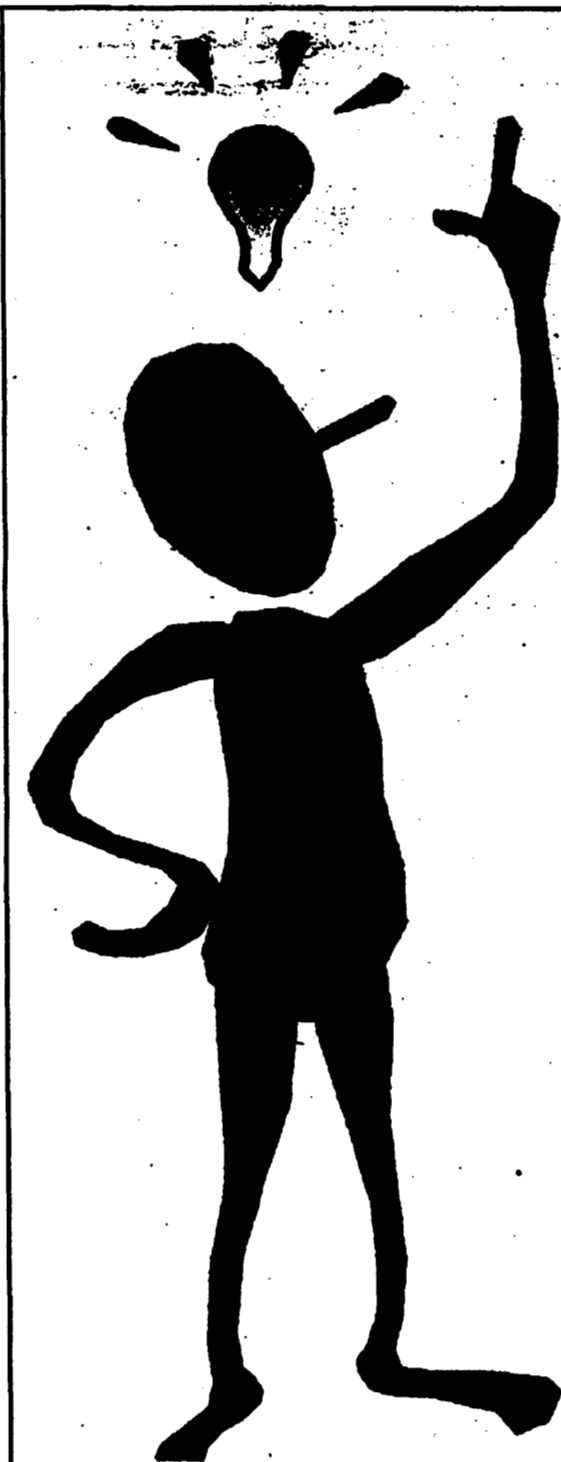
To show the diversity, Contreras said he feels art could represent different cultural backgrounds. His past school activity experiences include high school wrestling and travel.

Richmire thought the forum went well, as did Maschoff, despite a noisy crowd.

"The noise has always been a problem in Building 8, but it is the best way to reach a larger crowd," Richmire said.

Maschoff added that all the candidates were very well prepared.

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