Fire access issues force canopy demolition

By Loui Springer Staff Reporter

The covered walkway in front of Building 17 was demolished last Friday morning to allow access to Building 15. This part of the campus had to be removed by the Fire Department to gain access to the building, which houses the Intercultural Center. Demolishing the walkway, Fig. 1, took a few years.

The project was initiated by the Intercultural Center in cooperation with the campus police. The walkway was constructed in 1984 for students from the Philippines. The marriage didn’t work. She said the husband was abusive, and she felt she had no choice but to leave.

Eleven years later, she and her family were arrested in the King County Courthouse.

At a small, white T-shirt worn by the woman, a city hall official for the Intercultural Center, said the T-shirt was part of a consciousness-raising event on campus Thursday, Oct. 14, as part of the Clothesline Project.

The other two parts of this event are a presentation, "Controlling Love: How To Recognize A Controlling Partner," by Officer Campbell and the Domestic Violence Educational Outreach Unit.

This event is being held as a part of the Clothesline Project, which was initiated by the Intercultural Center.

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Senator candidates make few promises

By Brian Leesha Staff Reporter

Promises were made when Senator Government candidates were elected on campus last Tuesday.

The meeting in Building 9 drew little notice from students, and no one made a Senator Government official who was successfully re-elected.

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Instructors cracking down on absentees

By Tyler Barton
Staff Reporter

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Students vie for evening and international senator slots

**VOTERS GUIDE**

**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 "relatable 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.

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 [she] lack is gain form this position. It is a higher level of cultural awareness."

Allan was also a three-year basketball team member at Decatur, and the 1998 Martin Luther King Celebration Ora- tory Competition winner. "If all of the students would take on one cause, then we would all be more likely to achieve our wide range of goals," Allen said of how she would help Highline achieve more campus unity.

**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 security for Mr. Alpha Theta, and English Honor Soci- ety 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 ade- quaint lighting and security in the designated parking areas is a big issue facing evening students and would like a chance to try to change that.

Aaron Wilson  
Major: Business Administration  
GPA: 2.95

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 in deficit."

If elected, Wilson said he is excited about helping the student re- lease their issues to the student government and the administra- tion.

Robbie Hilton  
Major: Drama  
GPA: 3.0

Robbie Hilton strongly be- lieves 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 o- fice at Stadium 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 involve- ment."

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 lan/nump computer 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 un- healthy environment.

Currently, there are a few places around campus inside of which smoking is pro- hibited. These lines are the result of a decision made last spring by the Council of Coun- cil, consisting of College Presi- dent Ed Command, and last year's Student Government 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 express the idea of smoking restrictions, as well as the pros and cons of student enforcement versus security en- forcement.

"One idea that will be looked at is [on-campus]," said student senator Kyle Manschot. "These built-in would be placed around campus and smoking would only be designated inside them."

These ideas were implement- ed at Edmonds Community College this past summer. According to an Associated Student Body at Edmonds debated for a year and

"How do smokers respect me?"

--Shawn McKeel

half how to appease both the smoking and non-smoking stu- dents. 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 benches and arbors. Each shelter can easily fit at least 10 people. According to an Edmonds official, these are working out very well and stu-
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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 no smoking signs being no smoking signs.

Some enforcement by security should be a solution. Security should patrol zones that are marked no smoking.

Lines on campus are a joke. There aren’t any consequences or penalties for breaking the rules. What is going to stop evil smokers from standing in the designated area and violating the no smoking sign in a designated area, instead of a spark of 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 the evening or international student program.

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

Students 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.

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More meat, less cheese.

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By Kitty Richmire
Special to the Thunderword

The last few commentaries have talked about Student Government. I want to welcome you now. 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 Parlow. Renee also needs to 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 forums, 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 Olyamia Dabakim, who will be on campus on Oct. 22 at 11:45 a.m.

Voice of the students

I created a 4th dimension.

I took some necessities mixed it with water, then I burned it at 900° F, then added some chemicals and hyper-fluorinated it all.

I played with chemicals.

COOL!!

I should continue.

Student government continues its important work

Guest commentary

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Wrestling

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"The Rock is my hero," said Puente.

Puente is obsessed with the Bonzai Fist. He describes him as fierce and threatening upon the raising of his eyebrows.

Puente and Kato are just a couple of the wrestlers that sit up in Building 8 on Tuesdays chatting about last night's happenings on Monday Night Raw.

Jamie Verderico is not so crazy about the WWF. He says he is either 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 lost popular. The wrestlers aren't the only men on campus that are obsessed with the WWF. So are some basketball players.

Returning basketball player Ton 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 kindergartners 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 addicting 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 newspaper title someday soon.

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- Letters should be no more than 500 words.
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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, prior to actually seeing the film no less.

The satirical drama about two Angels who fall from Heaven to Earth, has received healthy buzz from critics, and has fared well with test audiences — but has unjustly garnered ill judgement from Catholic groups who believe the movie should be abstained.

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 was a more recent example, which many a creed actually believes the case to be. "Scriptural" cried the Catholic Church, and before an angel could flap its wings, the film was out of theaters.

The Catholic Church seems to have a vendetta with scenes 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.

Tinseltown has always taken liberty with the truth anyway. When the truth is simply a lie, however, who's to question that liberty?
104.9 Funky Monkey giving listeners all music, all the time

By Paul Reid
Staff Reporter

The Funky Monkey at 104.9 KKBX (soon to be KQNK) 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 can be quite refreshing. It's new, and it's different; we like it.

"We have no plans to use 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 operations manager and only employee, Jake Kaplan.

Kaplan, formally employed by KUBE, explained that two important bands, Kid Rock and Linkin Park, had a profound influence in the creation of this station.

"The new hatred is the slogan used to describe them. Along with this new creation, the Funky Monkey is implementing a web page into its 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 everyday. 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 compete.

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 1-5 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 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 Shawn Abraham
Staff Reporter

Laughter ensued as comedian Floyd Phillips headlined Highline's Comedy Cafe last Friday night. The lower level of Building 9 was transformed into an inexpensive, alcohol-free comedy club.

As the show began, Phillips stepped onstage and let a few less-than-mediorce 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 sleepwalking button-down shirt, and a belt around his head. He immediately removed the microphone, rested his elbow on the stand, and let loose with the seemingly ad-libbed Highline-opening:

"Hi!" 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 evening 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 drugs.

"Drunk crowds laugh at everything, they're easy," --Floyd Phillips

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 questionable tastefulness material as well. Making several cracks at the handicap-capped; "If ever wanted to kill somebody, I could train a retarded MF'er."

Not to mention the racial remarks scattered throughout the act, with jokes 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.

"I hate working with small crowds," says Phillips. "They tend to analyze the jokes more. Drunk crowds laugh at everything, they're okay in comparison." At $2 a ticket for a night filled with laughter, it worked.

Tales of the Apocalypse

The Thunderword is seeking submissions from the campus community for a millennium-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 Vano
Staff Reporter

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

Unlike everybody else, the
class 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,
performed 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 in-
volved on campus, and to bring
the members and students closer
together.

"We just wanted the mem-
bers 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 206-687-
3720 ext. 3988.

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

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

"Place Settings"

ACROSS
1 Swedish rock group
2 Rams
3 Nicholes II, for one
4 London water chooser
5 Court show
6 Sancom capital
7 Cooking benchmark
10 Tono
12 Atkas
21 Bundles
22 Iceberg
23 Dog's name
24 Horn
25 Barney File for one
29 Rational
30 A kind of pigeon
33 Runs at slow speed
34 Backbone
36 VCR button
37 Special some
39 Sunset from
43 Italian auto
45 Social climber
46 War enders
47 "The X files" 1994 movie
48 Chicago to Miami dr.
49 Signs
50 Prow driver?
51 Valley
52 Cross and collar lead in
53 First course
55 Circus performer
57 Actress Dewberry
59 Abba members
66 Baseball dimensions
67 Ladybug
68 Setting item
69 Ultimate word
70 Lower in esteem
71 JFK outings
72 Military place setting
73 Prime doner
75 Deenah
76 Scarlet's home
77 Place setting words
78 with mirror
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82 One of the Pogues
83 Half of Polynesian island
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"It's good for students...to see
another side of their teacher."

---Allen Braden

has decided to share her love of
writing by selecting a senior pro-
gram, and also a good portion of
an essay she's written.

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more than just an occupation for
her. She also has a book coming
out in the spring titled, The Car
Sequencing Times, which she's
looking forward to.

She's new to the community
college arena. Formerly a pro-
fessor 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 incredi-
ably motivated," she said.

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

Allen Braden, writing in-
structor has participated in the
Faculty Speaks for several years
and is looking forward to anoth-
er successful year.

Braden will mostly perform
poetry and maybe some prose.

Braden finds this as a excel-
ent experience to share his
work. He believes the event is a
wonderful venue for reading
 aloud, as opposed to other plac-
es he's spoken at in the past.

Faculty Speaks shows a dif-
ferent side of instructors.

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

"It is also rewarding for read-
ers to share their work," said
Braden.
**Sports**

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

By Jamie Kink
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 Pennovent.

"It was a game of momentum. We took it to them and late in the second half they took it to us," said Pennovent. "It was never safe." Midfielder Fonz Bellard put in two "go-ahead" goals, said Pennovent. Forward Dejan Janicic 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 Spera.

"Pierce is a very good defensive team," said Pennovent. The T-Birds came into the Pierce game after three tough matches, one against Chief, and two against Tacoma.

"It was an ugly game. We did not play well coming off three emotional games," said Pennovent. "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 Pennovent.

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 Pennovent. 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 Pennovent.

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

"We will see where everything falls," said Pennovent. "It's still early." The Thunderbirds faced Grays Harbor on Wednesday, Oct. 13, but the score was not available as of press time.

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

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**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, a Highline freshman baseball, working hard on her own and paying for school at the same time, said Rathke. "The bills really add up."

Working at Bagel a Hardware 50 hours a week at a medium pay just keeps her at $40 a week to be able to take classes going to Highline. When her parents moved to Alaska in the summer, it was 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 fisheries and ecosystems.

Rathke graduated from Highline High School in 1999 and has an impressive academic with the school's honors and honors students.

She made first team all league and second the league's Most Valuable Player in 1999. Overall, however, the Pirates weren't a talented team and there was no one to push Rathke to the next level. The Pirates ended the season with a losing record.

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

The desire drove Rathke to try out for the Thunderbirds. She finished second in the WACCC in the 100/200 race.

"She said she is putting herself into the 100/200. If I can put a track on that level," said Rathke. "I'm really happy that I'm doing well in that level. The level of competition at Highline is definitely different for Rathke."

"The fact that I'm 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, 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 that 20 women who are trying out, Rathke is not counting on anything. Not even making the cut is making her give up.

"I definitely won't regret training. After all, there is always next year," she said.

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**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's Athletic Director John Dunn. The money raised will be fed straight into the Friends of Athletics budget, and will be spent toward alleviating the 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. Each team is reminded 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.
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 one goal, scoring in the first half.

The Southwestern Oregon Lakers are now 2-2-0 in league play, scoring only five goals and ending with a score of 1-0.

The Lady TBirds 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 defenders Angie Upham, 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 dominated 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 Upham. "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.

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Photos by Heidi Larson

They’re out there somewhere

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

By Heidi Larson
Staff Reporter

Squid season is fast approaching, and the sport of catching squid is available in Des Moines. They pulse 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 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 to get fish 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 attracted 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 Marine has a permit that is open 24 hours a day.

To fish legally, a shellfish/squid season license is required for those 15 years of age and older.

Prices are $7 for a resident and $20 for a nonresident. Season licenses 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 toxins 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.

Squid pro quo: Tomatoes, garlic and rice

Here’s a recipe for squid that serves four.

Ingredients:

- 2 large tomatoes, peeled, seeded and diced
- 1/2 lbs. cleaned squid
- 15 garlic cloves
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground pepper

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

Stir in the remaining ingredients and cook for about two minutes longer. Serve the squid hot over rice.

Squid season, which generally runs from mid-October to January, is a good winter activity. The ladies feel they are coming together but do not yet have the chemistry that a complete team needs.

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Voice of the students

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Runners in rough against big schools

By Rob Stafford
Staff Reporter

Highline's cross country team was in the running 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.

The course was a hilly race, the most difficult course of the season, according to reporters.
Out of 223 runners in the men's race, Highline finishers included: Vincent Peterson, 90th; Fred Teleanoff, 118th; Shawn Backman, 208th; Chris Peterson, 210th; and Justin West, 233rd.

Running unattached were Pat Boyd, 60th; Chris Bendickson, 70th; and Ben Reed, 86th. Sablan Mohamed didn't run.

The three teams that ran the men's race were Vanguard University, Seattle University, and Pacific University.

At the community college level, Coach Brigham rates his team at about 20 out of 30 teams.

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 Jeanne Trevisio, 143rd; Lois Petersen, 171st; Karla Booth, 202nd; Jessica Cook, 206th; and Sara West, 211th.

Coach Brigham took notice of West's performance.

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 be prepared for the next couple weeks," Brigham said.

Although there were improvements in time for both men and women, they were not quite as drastic as in past.

Brigham also wants to focus on the intensity of the race.

The next meet is this Friday at Lower Columbia.

Legends of the fall

Autumn hiking offers a break from school, stress

By Mike Fauroe

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

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Over the years we've scouted and scouted the rock cliffs, giving them a rugged look. In the northwest distance, Mt. Anderson and Chimney Peak can be seen. If you look to the southwest, you can see Mt. Steil and White Mountains.

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

The Enchanted Valley provides some of the most beautiful and scenic 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 decide to hike The Enchanted Valley trail, you must make sure you bring some essentials such as rain gear, extra food and extra clothes.

Start by having a good tent and 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. Steil is No. 167.

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

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 insulating ability when it is saturated with water. The best choices are polyester materials like synthetic fleece or 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 downflow of water filters is that they are expensive, 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 hang-ups end up not being worth the weight, even if they get needed.

Try to keep pack weights between 20-40 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.
Volllevball 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 7:10, 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!

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."

What must be as equally frustrating as the losses, is the Thunderbirds will try to spread their wings when they take on Lower Columbia, on Friday Oct. 15.

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Running Start
Forum explores pros and cons of school program
By Heather Baker
Staff Reporter
TUWKILA - Running start students said they are doing fine in the college setting, but high schools and community colleges need to get their act together, 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 grows to 425.
To be enrolled in the program they must score higher than 40 on writing and 40 on reading on the Asst 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 1.3 percent are disabled.
Running Start students also graduate with a GPA 3.42 and higher.
The keynote speaker was Mike Pearson, director of second- ary education for the Federal Way 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 prepare students in education for junior and senior years is through Running Start. College (High School) Campuses, articulation agreements and Tech Prep, said Pearson.
Pearson introduced a panel of current and former Running Start students. The panel consisted of Tisha Maruri, from the University of Washington; James Evans, from UW; Lorraine Bullock, from Pierce College; Zenos Schmickrich 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," was dissatisfied with high school," said Maruri.
Evans reason for joining was so he could raise the maturity level and speed the pace of the program.
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.
For one 'runner,' school brings new challenges
By Lou Edwards
Staff Reporter
Federal Running Start student Melissa Sayre likes college a lot better than high school.
She attended one class a day at Federal Way High School and three classes at Highline. Two of her Highline classes are "boring," 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 said.
She wanted every class to be 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 "boring" 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 Campus 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.
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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 your spirit 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 come 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. 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 Yoshkada, Russia, says her primary source of information is TV and she thinks that the information presented in the news 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 Zogancov make Yeltsin look bad," Malakhova said.

"I will never see anyone make anything to do with professors going to work 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 committee 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 have 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 Pavlo.

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.
Fresh face from France teaching at Highline

By David Freyadive
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 French Exchange 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 was always interested in teaching English but his family had no idea where he would end up.

I have enjoyed the great welcomes 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 learn English his second language.

He studied English for 10 years, then continued his studies 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 300 students and professors.

However, in Sussex University, the average class size is about 15 to 25 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 Taliitha Yanzo
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The Highline bookstore has been breaking new ground with the on-line bookstore and making it in the dogfight with the Beanie Baby sales and the omens of the quarter sales.

The main money maker in the store is obviously the 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 with the Beanie Babies, but some 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 Schleiger is a student who knows this song and dance well.

"I was fobbed and upset that they were allotting the students who en- tered the bookstore. Once you got in, you had to wait in line again," said Schleiger.

Fisher said that this is the worst quarter that he and other bookstore students 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 slow- ness 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 stores that have been shipping out 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 re- solved come winter quarter.

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

As far as there will be a delay winter quarter, there is still hope in the air.

"Fall Quarter ordering -- orders placed for Winter Quarter -- has its own set of special problems. The weather during December can be chaotically bad, making transportation difficult. Add in this the holiday season and this year's special complica- tion, Y2K. The Y2K bug should leave us pretty un- touched as the majority of our texts should be in the store by this 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 their site at www.highline.hskr.com to check for books, to find what books have been ordered for a class, or to actually place their orders," said Fisher.

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