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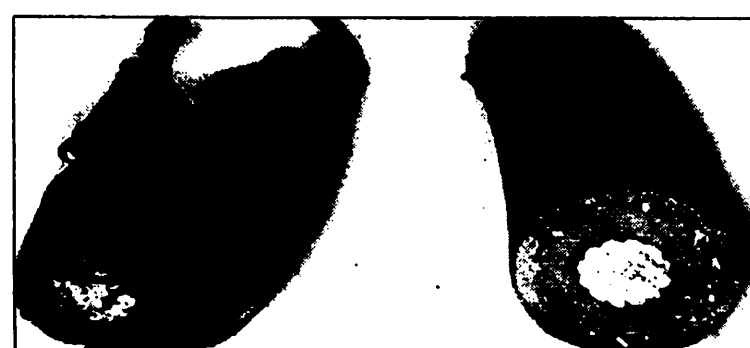
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Power struggle: Failing cables cause college problems



The cable at left is one of Highline's failed power cables the section at right is new cable.

By Ken Thomas
Staff Reporter

Highline continues to face shutdowns of its electrical system because of aging underground powerlines, college officials say.

The 26-year-old cables are failing, forcing the college to shut down power to parts of campus whenever possible, and scrambling to find ways to fix

the system.

Lack of funding and attention mean the cables haven't been properly maintained, college officials say.

"It's basically past its useful life," Vice President of Administration Dr. Laura Saunders said of the power system. "The biggest obstacle facing Facilities is the lack of money and time."

Greater demands on college

facilities mean that demand for electricity now lasts all day, Saunders said. The computer center, for example, needs power 24 hours a day.

The plan is to replace the worn out underground cables, which Saunders said should have been replaced 10-15 years ago. Some of the cable is in the

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Pacific Highway to get facelift

But businesses are unhappy at giving land to Des Moines

By Rachelle Flynn
Staff Reporter

Planned renovations on Pacific Highway are leaving business owners unhappy.

The project by the City of Des Moines is taking away seven feet of parking space from business owners for sidewalk and lighting improvements.

City officials say the improvements will make the area a better place to walk and shop. Business owners aren't so sure.

Starting on South 216th Street and ending at Kent-Des Moines Road, the finished project will add two carpool lanes, sidewalks and a landscaped median between lanes.

"They told me 12 feet," said one business owner of how much space he will lose to the renovation.

"I'm not happy about it," said the business owner, who asked not to be identified. "They are taking up all the space up to the window. And putting in a bus terminal. We are not looking forward to those ugly, nasty trees they put by the SeaTac Airport."

Tim Heydon, public works director for the city of Des Moines, hopes the renovation will not only beautify the environment but also decrease crime and encourage commerce.

"The long term effects are positive for businesses," said Heydon. "It looks nice and feels

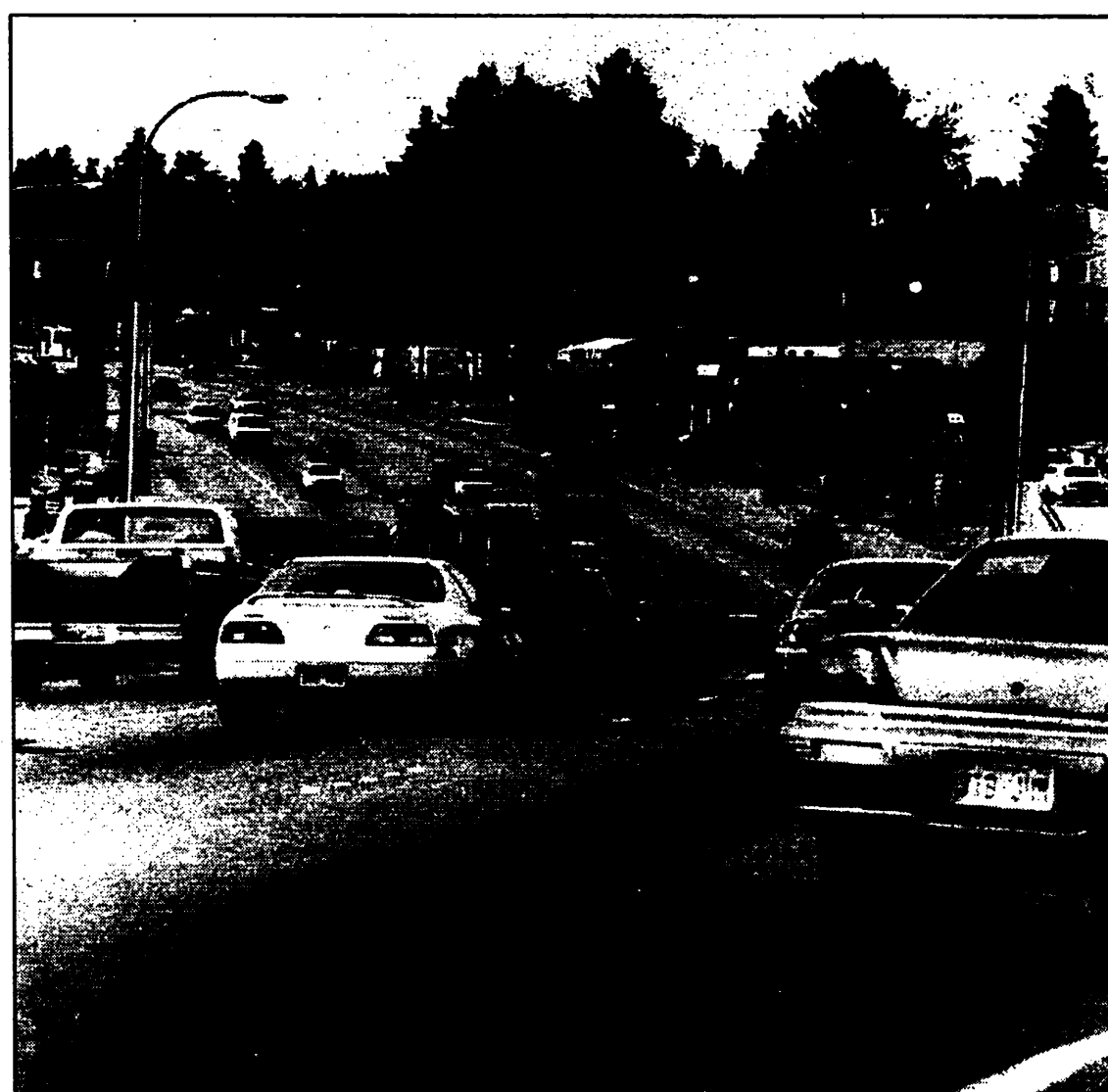


Photo by Connie Harshman

A stretch of Pacific Highway in Des Moines will undergo renovations in the fall.

safe with good lighting."

With lighting, sidewalks and planters, Heydon hopes people will be able to walk up and down the highway safely. If they feel safe, he said, it will encourage business.

Heydon said the project would encourage redevelopment of businesses. He hopes to keep current businesses while

also attracting new businesses to the area.

The \$14.8 million project, which will start in the fall, is being funded by federal and local sources. King County Metro has also contributed to the project. Not only will HOV lanes be added for the buses and carpools but bus pull-outs and transit shelters will also be

added.

Heydon said the project will result in some traffic disruptions along that stretch of Pacific Highway South.

Local business owners remain unconvinced, however.

"I've been here for 10 years," said one business owner. "I built this building. I built this parking lot. It's BS."

Command gets ready to roll on down road

By Rachele Corella
Staff Reporter

When Ed Command's boat sets sail for the San Juan Islands, he'll be leaving a legacy behind.

Command will be leaving Highline on July 31, more than a full year after his June 1999 announcement of retirement.

"I don't know when it's going to sink in," said Command, who has worked at Highline for 30 years and served as president for 10.

Though Command's life will change after he retires, he knows that he will be the same person after leaving.

"I receive a lot of attention because I am the president; for some people in the past this has been a difficult transition," Command said. "It's hard to separate friendships built on you as a person rather than your position."

Command says that he has

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Crime blotter for June 10-27

Fire false alarm

A fire alarm was pulled in Building 26 on June 21. A student who did not speak very good English was contacted and questioned. The student stated that she might have pulled the fire alarm accidentally.

Watch your step

A student was walking on the main pathway on the south side of Building 26 on June 20, when she tripped over a hump in the asphalt causing a minor abrasion to her right knee. No treatment was needed.

Dent and run

An unknown person put a dent in the front passenger door of a Geo. The incident had occurred on June 15 at 9 a.m.

No skating allowed

A group of kids were playing roller hockey on the tennis courts on June 21. Security had informed them that roller blading was not allowed in this area.

The day the music died

A Kenwood in-dash cassette stereo system was stolen from a student's vehicle on June 7 between 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The wrong way to earn a 4.0

An Asian male student threatened a faculty member and a student in Building 29 on June 7. He was contacted by security.

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Hardin named temporary dean

By Rachele Corella
Staff Reporter

Until a new vice president is hired, Associate Dean of Enrollment Services Scott Hardin will be filling the holes in Student Services.

Hardin, who has been named executive dean for students and will be in charge of Student Services, is happy to assume these new responsibilities.

"It's exciting for me to be given this opportunity," he said. "I'm excited to be working with other managers in Student Services to move ahead on some projects."

These projects will consist of, primarily, work in the areas of financial aid and outreach, which Hardin says are "very critical areas for students."

"We want to continue to build relationships with the area high schools and the community at large," he said.

Hardin is expected to hold this temporary position for about six months, and a new vice president is expected to start working in January 2001.

College administrators have tentatively outlined the timeline that will be followed in search-



Scott Hardin

ing for a new interim vice president to replace Jim Sorensen, who retired in April.

The position will be advertised by Sept. 1, a screening committee will come together by Sept. 22, and application and search materials will be available on Oct. 1.

The search will close on Nov. 1. On-campus interviews will take place around Nov. 27, and the new vice president should be on the job by Jan. 7, 2001.

including the arts, business, computer technology, and nursing.

Representatives from Student Affairs at UW Tacoma will also be present.

New students introduced to Highline

New Student Registration Workshops will be held on July 12 at 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 4 p.m. Each will last for about an hour and include information on registration, campus resources, and academic planning.

Interested students should call (206) 878-3710 ext. 3297 ahead of time and leave a message including the day and time they will be attending and their names and phone numbers.

Fall scholarship winners announced

Fifteen students will be receiving Academic Achievement Scholarships for Fall 2000. This award includes an approximately \$550 tuition waiver. The winners are: Michael Beauchamp, Leslie Chacko, Bhavna Chaudhri, Nerelys M. Cordero, Jeremy Edwards, Mohamed Esmail, Tiffany Eck, Lou Ann Edwards, Andy Fitzgerald, Chris Forward, Sharon, Hultman, Melody Moore, Jeane Noh, Sarah Sneed, and Peter Wilson.

Record enrollment for summer

By Quentin Smith
Staff Reporter

If you're looking around campus and notice more people, you're right because this summer quarter has the highest enrollment ever, according to Scott Hardin, dean of Student Services. The total is 3,401, up 223 from last year.

"Possible reasons for the increase are a better mix of programs and courses, increasing area of population, and Highline's improving visibility and reputation," Hardin said.

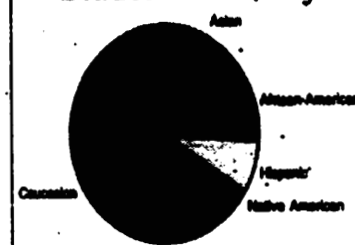
Some other statistics are 61 percent female and 39 percent male, which is a typical distribution. The average age is 26, which also is same as in the past.

"Another reason for the increase could be a more responsive mix of available courses that students are taking advantage of," Hardin said.

Also unchanged is students' ambivalence about being in school during summer.

"I'd rather be on the beach in

Student Ethnicity



California, or driving across the Golden Gate Bridge," said Natasha Baryl, a sophomore majoring in engineering. Meanwhile she's taking all the math courses Highline is offering so she can transfer to Cal Tech next year.

Many students this summer are attending to get enough credits to transfer to four-year schools in the fall.

"I'm taking Business 135 in hopes of transferring to Seattle University in the future," nursing student Huda Noori said.

The student population continues to be fairly diverse with 15% Asian, 11% African American, 8% Hispanic, 1% Native American and Caucasian making up the rest of the populace.

Summer programs target money, parents

By Marty Varela
Staff Reporter

The Women's Program is offering three distinctively different programs this summer for campus and community members.

Though the staff is slightly thinned by summer vacations and recent departures, the program is still providing resources to the campus and community, program officials say. Please contact the program for registration information.

The Brown Bag Lunch Series will be hosting a representative from Salomon Smith Barney, an international finance and investment firm, who will speak in a session called "Making the Most of Your Money." These free sessions will occur from noon to 1 p.m. on July 12, 19, and 26.

Women's Program also is hosting the support group Caring for Aging Parents. There will be four sessions for a total cost of \$20. They will happen on Aug. 2, 9, 16 and 23 from noon to 1 p.m.

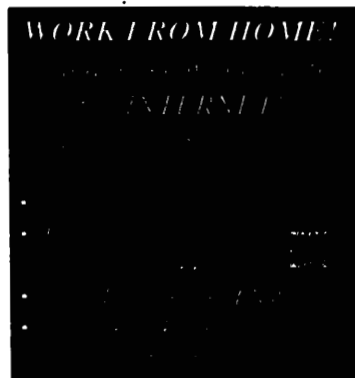
And for the kiddies, just in case you thought they were be-

ing left out, there will be two Arts and Crafts Corners this summer. On July 18 and Aug. 15, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., supplies will be provided for children of all ages to create unique masterpieces. The cost is \$5 per child. Flat rates are available for families.

Program officials say the name "Women's Program" isn't meant to exclude anybody. The program's goal is to help a wide variety of people on campus.

Program Office Manager Liz Cantrell pointed out that though the program's name seems to eliminate the participation of men, its services are offered to men, women, and families alike.

"The Women's Program helps you define and achieve your goals," said Cantrell.



Campus enjoys Juneteenth fest

Celebration commemorates end of slavery

By **Rachelle Flynn**
Staff Reporter

Juneteenth is to African-Americans what the Fourth of July is to every American — a celebration of freedom.

"It's when Abe Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation," said student Charlotte Jacobs.

On June 22, students and faculty gathered in front of the library in celebration of Juneteenth.

The event featured food, dancing and speakers.

William Lowe facilitated the event.

"I'm just a public speaker. I'm here to make sure the Juneteenth celebration is just that, a celebration."

Lowe went on to make sure the gathering of 30 or 40 people were all acquainted with one another.

"Do you know the person sitting next to you?" he asked the audience. "I want everybody to

know each other."

Dance group Bailadores De Bronce mesmerized the audience with Latin tap dancing.

"It's just a part of our culture," said member Christina Samorano.

The celebration wasn't just for African-Americans but for anybody else who has felt freedom in their life, said speaker Mary Bogan.

"I think all of you should think about when you had a Juneteenth," said Bogan. "When did you set yourself free?"

Juneteenth is a legal holiday in Texas and Oklahoma. Two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed, slaves in Texas found out that they were free.

Speaker Pat Wright, who grew up in Texas, said the day is still celebrated. She said that people in Texas would gather on the farm and talk about Juneteenth and what it meant to them.



"We consumed two main foods: barbecued goat and red soda water," Wright said. "We ate goat because it is a tough animal, sure footed and nothing will stop him. The red soda water was for the blood we have shed."



A father looks on with his son (below) at Highline's Juneteenth celebration as Bailadores De Bronce dancer Christina Samorano (left) performs. Above: Samorano with fellow dancer Lauren Robles

Photos by **Connie Harshman**.



New ATM means no surcharges

By **P.A. Mauldin**
Staff Reporter

The cash machine in Building 6 has been replaced and now it's \$1.50 cheaper to get money while on campus.

Unless you were a Seafirst bank customer, (now called Bank of America), the old cash machine charged a fee to withdraw money. This fee was in addition to any fee your bank charged. For some that meant they were required to pay an additional \$4.50 or 45 percent just to get \$10.

The new machine allows you to withdraw a minimum of \$10, which is the smallest bill supplied in the machine. The maximum allowed is restricted only by the agreement you have with your bank and the amount of cash available in the ATM at the time you request your withdrawal.

The old cash machine was removed from its spot in the corner of the first floor in Building 6 on June 12 and replaced on June 15 by a new one, owned by Washington School Employees Credit Union, (WSECU). This new one charges no fees and was provided due to an agreement signed between them and Ron Perez, Highline direc-

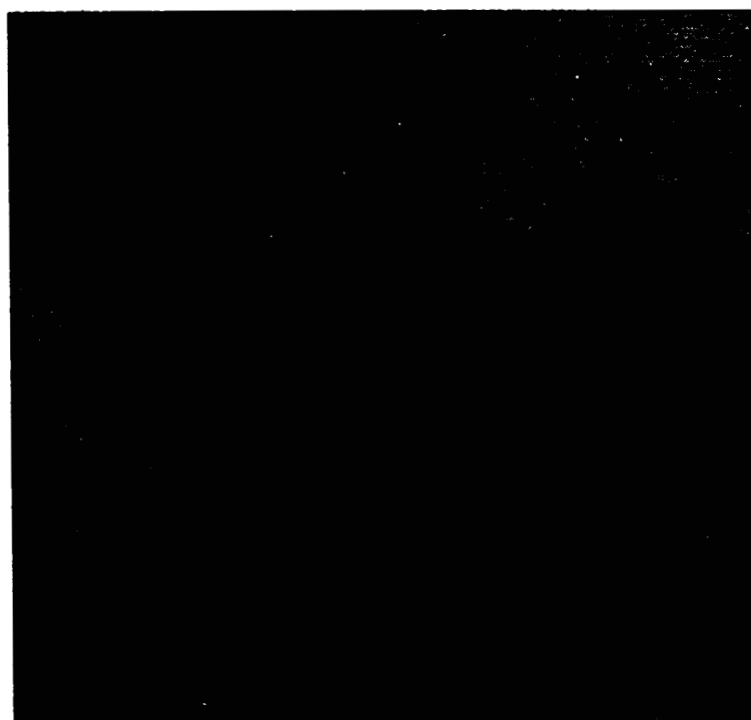


Photo by **Adriana Erikson**

A Highline student uses the new Washington State Employees Credit Union ATM in Building 6

tor of Financial Services. But remember, if you belong to a commercial bank, your bank might still charge you a fee.

Most commercial banks, in business to make a profit, charge their customers a fee for using cash machines. Washington Mutual and US Bank charge \$1.50. Wells Fargo charges \$2. With some types of accounts, Key Bank can charge as much

as \$3. They attempt to recover the costs associated with maintaining those machines from the consumer.

Credit unions, created to provide a service to the people, company or organization they represent, are not for profit cooperatives. They return all profits over and above operational costs to their members. To recover some of those costs

they charge a portion of them to the non-members bank, usually around 60 cents.

Bruce Engebretsen, Financial Support Manager at WSECU, said that they are, "fundamentally opposed to charging ATM fees to their members." WSECU maintains a website, WWW.WSECU.ORG. The site contains a list of cash machines that don't charge access fees.

"The list of no surcharge ATM's is growing and we (credit unions) are going to see to that," Engebretsen said. "It's important that members feel free to have access to their money no matter where they are at the time."

Because WSECU provides no-surcharge cash machines, Engebretsen has noticed an increase in requests for them in the last few years.

"We would love to provide all Highline students the opportunity to join our credit union, but Federal regulations dictate who is eligible," Engebretsen said.

For now only those who are employed by a company or group represented by WSECU may join. If you have a family member who is a Highline employee you too may be eligible to become a member.

Facility hours change for summer

Summer not only brings sunshine and sunburns, it also brings different hours to Highline.

Although most campus offices are open, many are open for reduced hours, beginning with the Monday-through-Thursday class schedule.

Admissions: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Bookstore: Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Career Center: Monday and Tuesday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Wednesday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Cashiers: Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Child Care Center: Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Educational Planning and Advising: Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Financial Aid: Monday and Tuesday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

International Student Services: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Instructional Computing Center: Monday - Thursday 8:45 a.m. - 10:15 p.m., Friday 7:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. and Sunday 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Security/parking: Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Testing Center: Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. - noon.

Tutoring Center: Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Women's Programs: Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

A fond farewell to Dr. Command

Ed Command has been a strong leader and a positive influence on Highline during his 10-year stint as president.

Command has shown a genuine interest in students and fostered a positive relationship between faculty and administration. He has demonstrated authority and an ability to get things done while simultaneously maintaining an approachable and friendly demeanor.

In some instances, administrators can seem to be like politicians, camouflaging a hidden agenda behind an impersonal smile. This was not the case with Command. He cared about Highline and he let that show in the things that he was willing to do for the college. This endeared him as president and, consequently, endeared Highline as a whole, to students, faculty, and community members alike.

Command's unique style of leadership incorporated his own ideas about Highline as well as the ideas of the people around him. He was able to listen to and actually care about what students thought about the college. He treated people with kindness and fairness, and showed courtesy to those around him without a hint of bureaucratic insincerity.

Command's drive for excellence, interest in the college, and friendly manner proved him to be a wonderful president and a truly great leader.

Power problems plague Highline

The 26-year-old power lines on campus are worn out and in desperate need of repair.

This should not come as a surprise, as some of the power lines on campus surpassed their recommended lifetime 10 to 15 years ago. This is a danger to students, staff and faculty. The damaged lines are leaking power, and several do not even meet state guidelines, and they are lying in dirt instead of the conduits that are now required.

The project is going to cost about \$150,000 to fix, funding that the state hasn't come up with yet.

The currently booming economy makes tax cuts look like a positive thing to politicians and taxpayers, but there are many things that need to be paid for which the state is currently neglecting. Highline's power problem is just one of them.

The problem with the power lines would have been easy to fix, however, another problem arose when this one came up. The access tunnels to reach some of the power lines can't be entered because of another hazardous condition. The underground tunnels which are to have no more than three feet of dirt or concrete above them are covered with close to 15 feet of dirt and concrete.

This is a problem that needs to be addressed before repairing can be fully addressed.

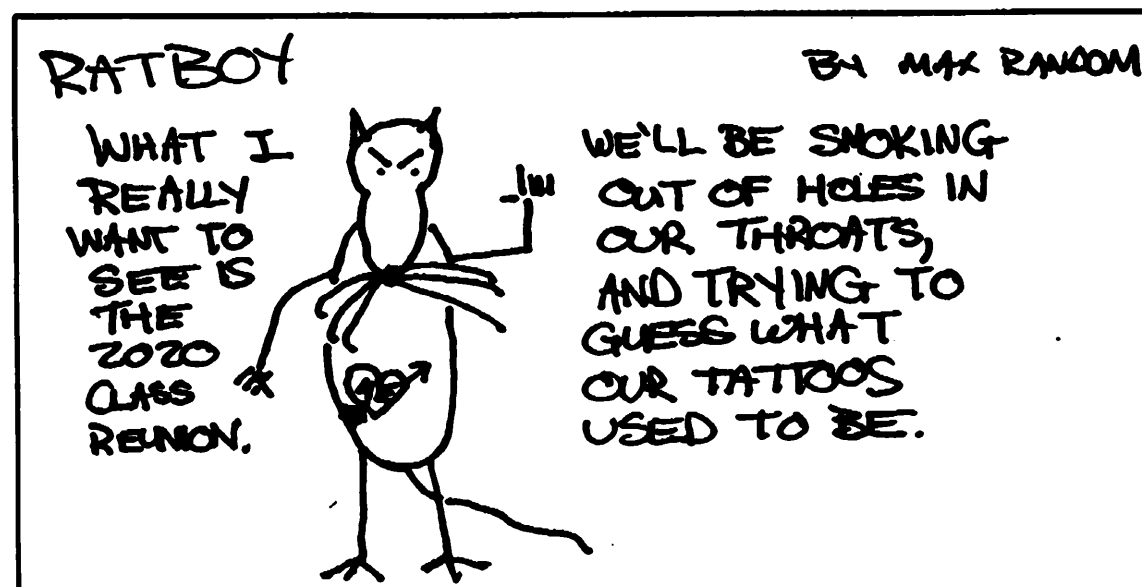
The solution is simple, the state needs to step up with funding increases which actually correlate to the growing costs of running the college.

The problem with the power lines is just one example of costs that have grown tremendously throughout the past few years. Twenty-six years ago the power supply needed by the college was nowhere near what it is today.

If the state wants to boast that our campus is at the cutting edge in technology, they need to give us adequate resources to run the technological facilities here on campus, which includes, first and foremost upgrading our power lines.

The power problem is currently being worked on when it is possible for facilities to shut down the power in a section of the campus and quickly try to make the repairs. With the college full for most of the summer, this is a rather difficult task. The next power shut-down is scheduled for August when school is not in session, however this will still hinder faculty and staff while they try to prepare for fall quarter.

Highline, like the other community colleges in Washington state, relies heavily upon state funding, and they aren't getting enough. With the passing of budget initiatives which cut taxes because of known surpluses, institutions such as Highline only seem to fall one more step back in finding and receiving the funding they need to continue to prosper, and grow while continuing to provide the best education possible to all of their students.



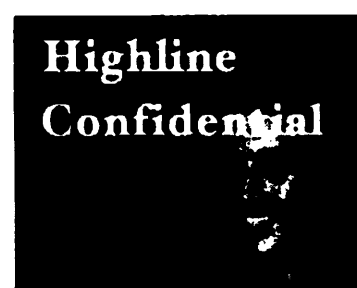
Fake'n'bake is not the way to tan

Some people spend their summer vacation traveling, some relaxing, some play sports, but for some people, there is nothing more important about summer than achieving the perfect tan.

Sure, over the past decade or so medical professionals have linked tanning to certain medical problems, namely, skin cancer. This fact, however, doesn't seem to deter many people from basking in the glow of the sunshine we get for a couple of weeks every summer.

What makes having a tan so appealing? When you get down to the literal definition of it, a tan is really your flesh darkening because it is burning. Burning flesh is actually kind of gross. But we like it, in fact the tanning industry in the Seattle area seems to be booming, with several tanning parlors in every town.

It's true though, most people



look better with a tan, and it's difficult to explain why. It's just a standard of society, kind of like being in shape, it's just more attractive.

There are people who would tend to disagree with the theory that tanning makes people more attractive, they mostly bring up arguments that focus on the long-term damage your skin will face, saying that by the time all of these bronze beauties hit 40, they will have leathery skin and more wrinkles than a Shar Pei.

This is where tanning in moderation comes into effect.

Tanning isn't as bad for your skin as burning, so work up to the perfect tan. Sunscreen is your friend!

There is another thing, if you are going for an attractive-looking tan, it's never going to come out of a bottle, no matter how much you pay for it, or how good the girl on the outside looks. Unless tanner makes you orange. The difference is obvious. Even if no one tells you, they realize that your tan is fake and they will make fun of you when you are not around.

A nice tan can be a great thing, if you are willing to deal with the consequences. Always remember the most important thing about achieving the believable tan, you live in Washington. If you are tan after September, no one will believe that it is natural.

Ericka was Miss Tan Trailer Park for South Auburn in 1998, but lost in a tan-off.

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LOUD ART

Highline Library displays
diverse student collages

By **Connie Harshman**
Staff Reporter

The Library has an emotionally charged art exhibit this summer.

Students from Geology

100, Philosophy 100 and Speech 100 have created photomontages from the Global Perspective Project.

Shannon Proctor, Highline speech instructor, set up the exhibit. She coordinated a



Photos by Adriana Erikson

Two of the collages that are being displayed in the Library's art gallery.

group project involving the communicative, geographical and philosophical perspective of a current world issue.

The images in the six photomontages have vivid imagery on each world issue pasted together to give the viewer a sense of how overwhelming and important that issue is.

The three most emotionally powerful photomontages are the ones involving great tragedies and triumphs of human history.

The piece *In Search of Vision* fires a barrage of imagery from 20th century Nazi Germany and civil rights movements with the words "March of Unity" pasted on the board.

One picture shows an elderly man standing on the side

of the street with blood running down his shirt. Powerful images of the Berlin Wall coming down in 1990 share space with shelters for the homeless.

Another montage is about government policies on reproduction: The photos contrast scenes of pregnant couples and healthy and starving children of the world.

The images are glued close together with the words Birth Control, Adoption and Human Rights above them.

Another montage addresses genocide in Cambodia. Images of injured Cambodians and pits filled with human bodies vie with pictures of concentration camps.

The other three pieces ask

Who is the Typical American?

One offers a collage of 20th century pop culture imagery — Coca-Cola ads, advertisements for products and fashion photography.

Hi, honey we're home? *Postmodern Polygamy*, features family photos from Utah.

A sports montage called *Race and Gender in American Sports* has Heather Locklear and Michael Jordan's heads on bodies of pictures of women and men sports stars. The sports ranged from women's boxing, track, skateboarding to basketball.

The student photomontages will only be up a few more weeks in the library on the fourth floor, then an exhibit by Betty E. Darby goes up in July.

Fabulous fireworks promise a festive Fourth of July

By **Marta Drobyn**
Staff Reporter

South King County residents can finally skip out on the Fourth of July traffic leading to the Seattle fireworks displays.

With big firework displays in both Kent and Federal Way, many local residents can even get great views from their rooftops.

Kent's Fourth of July Splash promises to be the biggest and the best ever.

This year everyone can enjoy a festival that is right in their back yard. Presented by the City of Kent Parks Department and the Kent Arts Commission, this second annual festival will feature fireworks, the Seattle Symphony and a headline performance at Lake Meridian Park, which is located at 14800

S.E. 272nd Street, Kent.

The event will be packed with activities including an early start with a walk through Soos Creek Trail starting at 8 a.m. For the rest of the day visitors will be entertained by clowns, a pie eating contest, the Bubbleman and more. There will be an array of talent displayed by participants of all ages during the Community Showcase.

In addition, everyone is invited to bring their own canoe, kayak, surfboard or creative vessel to compete in the non-motorized boat races and be part of the annual boat parade.

The biggest event of the day features a performance by an internationally acclaimed recording artist, Tom Landa & The Paperboys. This is scheduled to take place at 7:30 p.m.

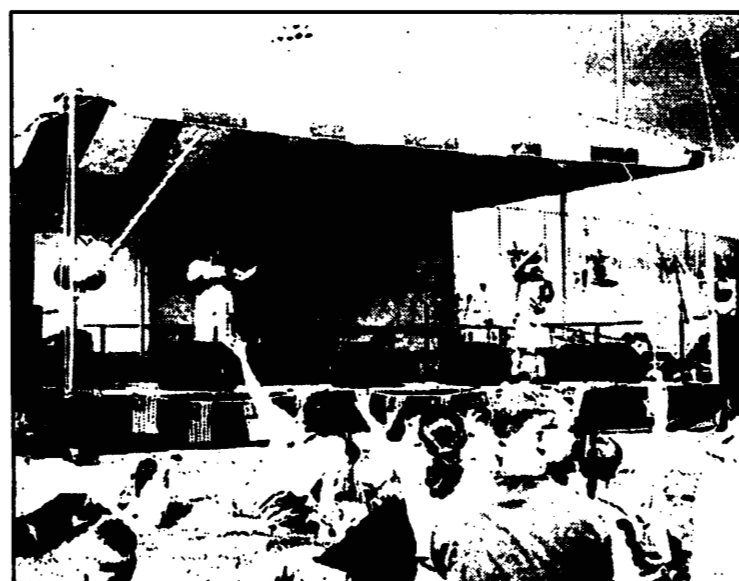


Photo by John Gamache

1999's Red, White & Blues attendees get entertained.

Make sure you bring your dancing shoes, but leave your wallets at home because all activities are free.

The biggest and brightest event of the night is a spectacular fireworks display of 2000. Professionally produced, this is

the biggest fireworks display in the South King County. To extend the Independence Day celebration, on July 8 Seattle Symphony will perform a free concert for the public.

For more information on the Fourth of July Splash, call 253-856-5050.

Federal Way's Celebration Park will play host for the second straight year to the city's annual Red, White & Blues Festival.

Everything from an interactive dance stage to flag football games will be free to all who participate.

The festival begins at 4 p.m. with the firework display starting at 10:15.

Celebration Park is located at 1095 S. 324th St.

For more information call 253-661-4050.

Claymation masters' skills translate well to the big screen

By Marta Drobyn
Staff Reporter

Be prepared to give up poultry forever, because *Chicken Run* will appeal to your emotions through clever characterization and a unique perspective on human (chicken) behavior.

The chickens live on Tweedy's Farm, which is grimly revealed through shadows of fences, barbed wire and wooden chicken huts. The setting is nothing short of a World War II Nazi death camp. Subjected to hard labor of laying eggs and morning head-counts, the chickens are constantly de-humanized by Mrs. Tweedy (voice by Miranda Richardson), the devious chicken farmer.

This is not typical animation and the decapitation of Edwena, a barren chicken, makes that tragically clear from the very beginning.

Numerous attempts are made by the chickens to escape the prison farm and make it to the other side of the hill. Their attempts are led by the heroine of the movie, Ginger (voice by Julia Sawalha).



The chickens had a great time on the set of *Chicken Run*.

Every time they attempt to dig under the fence, sliver through a tunnel or get away in a disguise, their attempts are interrupted by Mr. Tweedy (voice by Tony Haygarth) and his chicken hungry Doberman Pinschers. As consequence, audience-favorite Ginger is sen-

tenced to solitary confinement in a coal bin.

The movie is a nerve-wracking roller coaster of ups and downs, as the courageous birds constantly devise ways to flee the chicken farm and never fail to fail. With each escape one cannot help but remain hopeful

and find himself cheering with renewed faith.

When all else seems to fail, a hero flies into the farm with a grand crash landing. He is an American rooster who is on the run from the circus where he is well known as Rocky the Flying Rooster (Mel Gibson).

He arrives just in the nick of time when Mrs. Tweedy decides to turn the egg farm into a pie factory. The chickens have less to fear when they find out that Rocky will teach them how to fly.

Before the audience can discover a chicken's secret to flying they are taken along for many adventures, one of them being inside the pie-making machine. When a loose mine train rolled after Ginger and Rocky I felt the kind of suspense I did when watching *Indiana Jones in the Temple of Doom*.

The action of the Claymation was surprisingly enjoyable because of its lack of distractions. It was made possible by a contemporary approach where the models were built on articulated skeletons and clothed afterward

which made movements flawless. Trust me, there are no fingerprints on the characters to incriminate the producers of any bad work.

Chicken Run is the first feature-length movie by Peter Lord and Nick Park. Not surprisingly they've won three Oscars and two Oscar nominations for their work in Claymation, a stop-action technique. This technique accounts for the illusion of 3-D movement as Plasticine is changed slightly from one shot to the other.

This movie is not only visually clever but also extremely hope provoking, emotionally appealing and funny. You will be, however, laughing considerably less than the rest of the audience if you go out for a chicken sandwich, or even a chicken pot pie before the show.

Never the less, this movie is conclusively pleasant through its well developed characters, intelligent plot and successful action technique; it will probably move you and definitely leave you pondering on what came first, the chicken or the egg?

'Boys and Girls,' men and women, stay away from this movie

By Derek Roche
Staff Reporter

There was a brief moment in the romantic comedy *Boys and Girls* that unveiled a glimmer of promise — a shining ray of satirical ingenuity creeping through a dense forest of clichés and prosaic romantic fluff. I think even the filmmakers were as surprised and confused as I was. So much, it seems, that they denied the scene adequate payoff and the film chugged on as it had prior — with the efficacy of a train wreck.

The scene has a love-torn Jill (Claire Forlani) standing alone in a crowded restaurant pronouncing her qualms regarding the notion of romanticism and passion — in essence, chastising the ideas and myths materialized through literature and films. The irony, and proficiency of the scene, of course, lies in



Forlani and Prinze Jr. sharing a moment in *Boys and Girls*.

the fact that she speaks of the very same rigid formula her and the rest of the cast are unmercifully trapped inside.

Boys and Girls has been advertised as a younger *When Harry Met Sally*, which by the way, was not a very good film in its own right, but at least, with-

in its scope, contained truths and ideas about relationships. And yes, like this film, a memorable restaurant scene.

Freddie Prinze Jr. and Forlani slip into Tom Hanks' and Meg Ryan's roles, with puppy love and dorm room one-night stands taking the place of mid-life mar-

riage and divorce.

The two would-be lovers experience a meet-cute on a jetliner when they're both not much older than 10. There's an odd chemistry shared and they go about their separate ways. They later, in an awkward scene at a high school football game, run into each other, and yet again at college registration at Berkeley. If at this point you cannot foresee, with the deftness of Nostradamus, where this film's going, then I forbid you not only from reading further, but also from ever watching movies again.

They, of course, become good friends, date other people, talk about their dates, realize they should be dating each other, and eventually do. The film doesn't possess one original bone in its body, and director Robert Iscove stages scenes as if it were a sitcom, only with no

little situation and misfired attempts at comedy.

Jason Biggs, endearing in *American Pie*, is completely wasted in a supporting role here. His portrayal is utterly one-dimensional and, remaining true to sitcom formula, is condemned to milking a lifeless, unfunny running gag in which his character struggles with a constant dishonesty problem when facing the opposite sex. Ho, ho. Hunter, incidentally, is not his real name. Ho, ho.

All this is recycled mind you, and the characters are constructed as if plopped directly from central casting. Prinze, Jr. and Forlani have little to offer except their perfect hair, and the trite dialogue is simply mushy Hallmark sentiments passing for sincerity. "I want to do my laundry with you," one character declares, as it happens, with all the bravado of Al Gore.

Here's what's happening

June 29- Highline faculty member Susan Rich reads from her first book *The Cartographer's Tongue / Poems of the World*, at Elliot Bay Book Company in Seattle, at First Avenue South and South Main Street.

July 4- Auburn's Fourth of July Festival- Admission is free and there will be arts

and crafts, entertainment, food and games at Les Gove Park. For more information call 253-931-3043.

July 4- Kent's Fourth of July Splash- Entertainment, fireworks, food and games. Free. For more information call 253-856-5050.

July 4- Red, White and Blues Festival- Celebration

Park in Federal Way. Lots of games, fireworks, dancing, food and fun. Festival starts at 4 p.m. fireworks begin at 10:15. For more info call 253-661-4050.

July 4- Burien Independence Day Parade- Floats, marching bands, antique cars and fire engines, Burien dignitaries and a pig in costume will all be parading the streets of the city startin at 3:30 p.m. at the fire station

on 8th Ave.

July 11- Word Wranglers Writing Group- Got a poem, short story or novel started? Bring them to the group for thoughtful feedback and encouragement. 7 p.m. at Valley View Library. Call 206-242-4335 for more information.

•Kent Wednesday Concert Series, noon-1 p.m., Mill Creek Canyon Earthworks Park, 742 E. Ti-

tus St., Kent. Free.

July 12- Tickle Tune Typhoon, family entertainment.

July 19- Bochinche, Caribbean and South American music.

July 26- The Gentleman Jugglers, hijinks and sharp objects.

Aug. 2- Jim Gamble Puppets.

Aug. 9- Lora & Sukuta Marimba and Dance Ensemble, Zimbabwe Shona.

Parking tickets don't take a vacation for summer

By Chris Cruz
Staff Reporter

Even though it's Summer Quarter, all parking rules and regulations are being enforced, Campus Security Chief Richard Fisher said.

Students must park only in their designated areas, Fisher said. Just because you were issued a carpool-parking permit, you better have your partner with you in the car when you pull into your parking space because you never know when one of the security employees may be standing there watching you.

"People should be aware that they are going to get tickets," Fisher said.

He said he does not want to hear any excuses or anyone trying to talk their way out of a ticket. With his 25 years of experience with the Washington State Patrol, he has heard them all. There will also be no grace periods, Fisher said.

If you don't have a parking permit already, getting one is very easy. All you have to do is pay the cashier in Building 6, then take your receipt to the security office and fill out the parking permit form. It's that simple.

Another issue of concern is



Photo by Wally Monroe

Highline Security Chief Richard Fisher writes a ticket for a student's car parked in the staff lot on Wednesday.

vehicle security. Summer is now here and the sun's hot rays are shining down on us. As soon as you open your car door, this hot gush of air rushes out at

you.

There is not much shade in the parking lots, so people tend to leave their windows rolled down in order to cool down the

interior of their vehicle.

Be cautious that your vehicle's contents can be easily stolen. Do not leave valuables in sight. Too many people leave

their 200 disc holder laying on the front passenger seat, Fisher said. The less temptation there is, the less likely someone will break into your vehicle.

Tutoring Center returns to help summer scholars

By Marta Drobny
Staff Reporter

The Tutoring Center is back for Summer Quarter.

Tutoring is provided by certified tutors Monday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Building 19, room 206.

The center's main purpose is to help students, center staff members say.

"It is here to provide academic help and support to the students for subjects offered on campus," Lead Office Assistant Tenaya Wright said. These subjects include mathematics, foreign languages, sciences, writing, and more.

Many students have already taken advantage of this free service and are pleased with the results.

"It clarifies a lot of ideas that teachers don't have the time for in class, and it keeps us on the right track," a current tutee, Naureen Banani, said.

To make an appointment all you have to do is call the center at 206-878-3710, ext. 3444, or just walk in. Because the appointments with tutors are somewhat limited in time, students are advised not to come in

on the day their homework is actually due, or an hour before they must hand in their essay to a professor.

This quarter there are only 30 to 35 tutors available for assistance, nearly half of any other quarter at Highline. The Tutoring Center knows that in order to provide the best service for the students tutors need to be circulated and at the same time need not be overloaded, Wright said.

The Tutoring Center gets help from the Tutoring Club and from Eena Hibbs, assistant director of Pre-College Studies and Academic Support Program.

The Tutoring Club is a group of tutors who help raise money for the center and its expenses, such as the tutors' pay. One of their fund-raisers for Summer Quarter will include a barbecue a couple of weeks before finals, where guests can donate money for a plate of food.

The Tutoring Club is also active in the community and this summer will be volunteering time to help younger students prepare for a new year of college. For more information, contact Tenaya Wright at the Tutoring Center.

Teen college offers introduction to college for ages 12-15

By Phyllis Jones
Staff Reporter

Summer can be educational as well as fun. This summer Highline will open its doors to junior and senior high school students, to give them a first-hand taste of college life.

"The goal behind this is to give students the skills to learn and opportunity to have fun at the same time," said Alana Morrison.

Morrison, Coordinator for the Center for Extended Learning is offering a two-week enrichment program introducing students to the college campus, and to serve as an Outreach. Classes consists of 14 different subjects, ranging from American Sign Language, tennis, reading/study skills, modeling, cheerleading, sports conditioning and several others.

Morrison said the program is not new to Highline. "The Center for Extended Learning offered a similar program in 1989, yet after a lack of getting the word out, enrollment dropped and the program later cancelled," she said.

Morrison hopes that by getting the word out through brochures, word of mouth by both students and faculty, the program will be a success. "Faculty members are taking interest and requesting information for their children," Morrison said.

Classes will serve over a two-week period, starting Monday, Aug. 14 through Thursday, Aug. 24. Students will have the opportunity to attend mornings from 10 a.m. to noon or from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. with the privilege of taking more than one subject.

There are no prerequisites or testing prior to entrance. However, students must be between the ages of 12 and 15 and have parental consent. There is a registration fee and the cost of each class is \$75, these are non-credit classes, taught by Highline faculty. Students will receive a certificate of participation with sat-

isfactory completion of the class.

Orientation for the enrichment program will be held Monday, Aug. 4 at 10 a.m. and at 1 p.m. Students will meet instructor, receive information about class location, college facilities and other resources to assist them while on campus.

For anyone who's ever wondered about college life, this may be your only chance. If interested or questions, call the Center for Extended Learning at 206-878-3710, ext. 3785 or stop by Building 9, room 213. Deadline is Monday, Aug. 7.

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For information, contact T.M. Sell at 206-878-3710, ext. 3292.

Command

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tried to keep his personality separate from his job, but this isn't easy to do.

"In our society, we measure people by their job," Command said. "Your job is important but it's not your life."

His own job has taught him a lot, and not everything was as he initially expected. Because he worked closely with Dr. Shirley Gordon, Command's predecessor, before her retirement, he thought that he wouldn't have much to learn about being president.

"I thought I understood the presidency," Command said.

This did not turn out to be true for Command, he did have some surprises when he took office.

Most of the surprises that came with being president have been positive, however.

"I was pleasantly surprised at what great cooperation and respect I've received from the faculty," said Command, who credits this good relationship to leadership within the faculty.

"It's been a 10 year honey-

moon in that respect," he said.

The most rewarding moments of Command's job have come through watching student success, during events such as graduation and the annual Academic All-American ceremony.

Command was also pleased with the outcome of some difficult decisions that he had to make.

"(When done well), those are the kinds of things that the president does that no one sees," he said.

Other challenges have appeared to Command over his term as well. "The biggest challenge facing the college is finding, attracting, and hiring the best faculty possible," he said, adding that Highline has done a great job of this so far. "It's hard work, and the salaries are pathetic. (Teachers here) are not only knowledgeable in their field but must recognize that money is overrated."

As for the students at Highline, Command's advice is to keep putting in the effort. "I urge them to continue striving to be the best they can be," he said. He also hopes that students will continue to make "contributions that will make the college proud of them."

Student Government voters choose McNelley as presidentBy Ericka Wood
Staff Reporter

Ben McNelley

Ben McNelley has been elected Student Government president for the 2000-01 school year.

The rest of the officers are Byron Gaylord, Jr., vice president of administration; Dustin Lee West, vice president of legislation; Jovanna Harrietha and Bryan Sharick, student senators; Laura Soracco, international student senator; Gurbinder Kaur, evening student senator.

Though the new officers will not be on campus during summer, they have met and started to brainstorm ideas for next year.

They will be meeting again in August for leadership training.

Their first goal is to start a web site for students to buy and sell books, this would be a separate entity from the bookstore's online book-buying site. This

the page up and running.

"We will focus on goals that we can attain and accomplish," said McNelley. He continued to say that they plan to stay away from the smoking, and parking issues, where they don't believe they can really get anywhere in their one year term.

They walked away from their first meeting with a positive attitude, and lots of things to look forward to for fall quarter.

"Everyone had a lot of goals, now we just need to narrow them down," said McNelley.

One idea that McNelley identified as being important to all of the council members was beginning to lobby the state legislature for tax-free textbooks. This is something which will be an initial priority on their fall quarter agenda.

Anyone who wants to contact the new student government can do so starting August 31, or by e-mailing McNelley at benmarine@yahoo.com.

Power

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dirt instead of in a conduit as now required.

Saunders said this project will cost approximately \$150,000 and should be completed before Fall Quarter. A contractor has been hired and the high voltage aspects of the problem are being handled by Puget Sound Energy.

The worn-out wires have caused five weekend shutdowns of power on campus this year, most recently on the weekend of June 16. Director of Facilities Pete Babington said that further shutdowns will wait until classes are over in August.

One had been scheduled for June 30.

Replacing the cables that aren't in conduit is more difficult, Babington said, resulting in more digging and searching to find where the lines run.

By Lin Zhu
Staff Reporter

Library hours for this summer have been changed. The library will be open from Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Highline Library provides a multitude of services, including:

Reference/Information Commons: On the main floor next to

the computers, assistance is provided by the reference librarians.

Periodicals: Magazines and newspapers are located west of the main entrance.

Government Documents: Paper and CD-ROM government documents are located on the east end of the fourth floor.

Media Services: Videotapes, audio tapes, records, CD-ROM, software and other formats, are located on the sixth floor.

Inter-library loans: Students, faculty and staff may request inter-library loans for college-related activities. Forms are available at the plaza circulation desk.

Another special service the Library provides are Library Workshops. Library Workshops help people learn more about the Library with reference to subjects such as English and library technician programs. They are offered at the beginning of

every quarter free of charge.

The workshop includes a lecture and library tour provided by a reference librarian. This workshop isn't for college credit, but many instructors do give students extra credit for attending.

Library technician Darlene Ragnitsch urges students to attend. "A library workshop is very helpful, because it helps students understand more about the Highline library. It is not a waste of time," she said.

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