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College may have to reboot computer center project

By Rachelle Flynn
Staff Reporter

The expansion of the Instructional Computer Center has crashed.

The project won't get rebooted until the city of Des Moines pulls a stop-work order issued on Aug. 22 over safety concerns at the site.

The pause in construction is costing Highline money, said Vice President Laura Saunders.

The Instructional Computing Center will get a whole new

makeover once construction resumes. The project in its final completion will double in size from 21,284 square feet to 42,316 square feet. The final cost will be about \$5.5 million. The expansion will add a remodeled lobby, more offices and classrooms.

But all that is at least a year away. Right now, in order to get to Building 30, you have to go around the north side of Building 17.

"We are doing emergency work," said Saunders, "to make

sure people can get into Building 30."

The construction delay is more complicated. A permit to shore the area is needed from the City of Des Moines. Shoring holds dirt and water back from excavations. It also protects workers from being hurt while they are down in the holes.

"We make sure the proper steps are being taken," said Larry Pickard, building official for the City of Des Moines, "to

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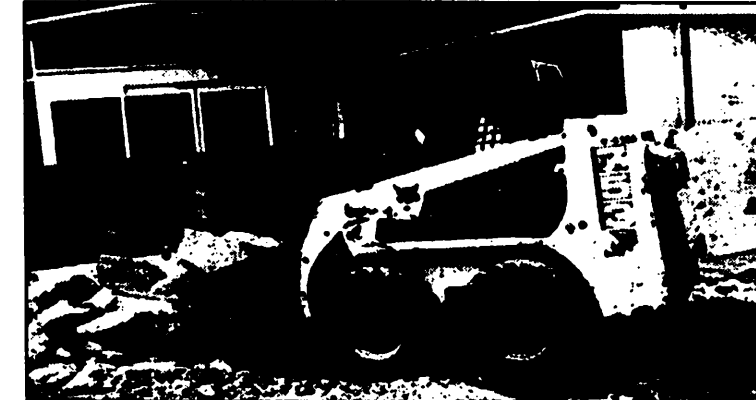


Photo by Connie Harshman
A Bobcat scoops up concrete chunks outside of Building 30 last week.

Silver medal, golden memories

Highline's Jim Gardiner rowed to Olympic glory in 1956

By Patrick Allcorn
Staff Reporter

The Olympics are back in Australia but for Highline's Jim Gardiner it's been there, done that, won the medal.

Gardiner, art professor and 35-year veteran of Highline's faculty, won a silver medal in the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, Australia.

When Gardiner was in his early 20s, working as a life-guard in Canada, he was approached by a pair of young men who said they might be able to get him into the Olympics.

They went on further to explain that they were part of a rowing team with a very good coach and that Gardiner seemed fit enough to make it.

Eight months later he was in the Olympic trials for the 1952 summer games.

His team took third place in the trials, failing to earn the trip to Helsinki, Finland and the games. Gardiner didn't take the loss well.

"I quit for about a year. But if something's important enough to you, you go back and make it work," Gardiner said.

He went back and in the 1955 Pan-Am games, he and his partner, Pat Costello, wore their bodies out to win a gold medal, defeating the reigning Olympic champions, Argentina.

"There was a tree about 20

strokes away from the finish line and we decided to go all out when we got to that tree," Gardiner said.

Gardiner pushed himself so hard that he had to be dragged out of the boat after working himself into a state of oxygen deprivation.

"It's when you think you're doing your best, that you have to dig down for more," Gardiner said.

The next year Gardiner and Costello won the trials and traveled to Melbourne to compete



Photo courtesy of Jim Gardiner
Jim Gardiner, right, and partner Pat Costello rowed for the United States in the Olympics in Melbourne, Australia, in 1956.

Blood drive needs you

By Rachelle Flynn
Staff Reporter

The Puget Sound Blood Center requires approximately 700 donors every weekday to meet patients needs for blood. The campus community will have a chance to help out when a blood drive comes to Building 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 28.

The blood goes to people who need it - trauma victims, cancer patients, sufferers of heart and blood vessel diseases, and people undergoing surgery. The blood center delivers blood to more than 70 hospitals in Washington State.

The blood center would like to see a better turnout for year's blood drive. Last year's blood drive at Highline only attracted 25-30 volunteers.

"We have gotten a lot of positive feedback from people after they donate blood," said Mellaine Shade, donor resource representative for South King County. "They just feel good because they know they have done something good."

To donate blood you have to be 16 years old with a parent's permission or over 18. A brief medical history form will be

for sports' most coveted prize, Olympic gold.

Being before the era of monstrous commercial jetliners, the team was flown on a three-stop, 36-hour flight in a propeller-powered plane.

The first stop was Los Angeles, where Gardiner experienced a night in the life of a Hollywood star.

He and his team spent the night, accompanied by bomb-

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Thefts and prowls continue

By **Rachelle Flynn**
Staff Reporter

Student President Ben McNelley had his car stolen on Sept. 12. It was returned to him after the police found it on Sept. 19.

McNelley locked his 1982 Toyota Tercel when he arrived at school. He returned after presidential training four hours later to find it missing.

"Don't think just because your car is a piece of junk it won't get stolen," he said.

The person who stole his car took a Toyota Tercel key, filed it down and managed to use it to take McNelley's vehicle.

Police officers found the car after the culprits parked in a no parking zone outside a pawnshop.

The police officers were going to ticket the driver for the parking offense but he or she never came out of the pawnshop. They then found out the car was stolen and returned it McNelley.

When Ben got his car back he was surprised to find a large amount of heroin in it.

"We returned it to the police though," he said.

Car thefts are not unknown at Highline. Three cars were stolen last spring.

But car thefts aren't the big

problem in Highline's parking lot, says Richard Fisher, chief of security.

"I'm not concerned about cars being stolen," said Fisher. "I'm concerned about them being tampered with."

Fisher advises students to lock their cars and make sure valuables aren't in sight.

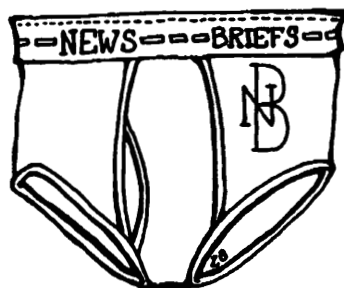
"Make sure valuables are removed from your car," said Fisher. "This includes detachable face plates, compact discs, money and any other items of value."

He says because of the large parking lot and compact spaces Highline is susceptible to car prowls.



Photo by Connie Harshman

Student President Ben McNelley recently experienced firsthand what it is like to have your car stolen.



Info night targets Evening Students

Highline's Evening Student Information Night will be on Wednesday, Oct. 4 or Thursday, Oct. 5 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Building 8.

This night allows evening students to learn about campus resources such as the Tutoring Center, the Career Center, the Educational Planning Center, the computer labs, evening childcare, and other services available.

Free barbecue and drawings will be available. For information, call 206-878-3710 ext. 3536.

New hours for fall

Fall Quarter brings new hours for many services on campus:

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.

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

Child Care Center: Monday - Thursday 7:50 a.m. - 10 p.m. Friday 7:50 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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

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

Heavenly Cappuccino: Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Instructional Computing

Center: Monday - Thursday 6:45 a.m. - 10:15 p.m. Friday 6:45 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Saturday 7:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. Sunday 4:45 p.m. - 10:15 p.m.

Library: Monday - Thursday 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. Friday 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday 2 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Security/Parking: Monday - Thursday 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Testing Center: Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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

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

DSHS rep to be on campus weekly

DSHS (Department of Social and Health Services) will have a social worker on Highline's campus every Tuesday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. starting Sept. 26.

They will be located in the Women's Center on the first floor of Building 6. The social worker will answer student questions about Workfirst, fam-

ily benefits, food stamps, childcare funding, grant payments, refugee assistance, and other areas covered by DSHS.

Conversation Pals conduct meeting

The International Conversation Pal Program will be accepting applications from students, faculty, staff and community members until Oct. 6.

An introduction party/orientation meeting will be 3 - 4 p.m. on Oct. 12 in the Union Bay Room.

The program comprises groups of two to three people who meet for at least one hour per week.

For more information, contact Mariko Fujiwara in International Student Programs at 206-878-3710, ext. 3844.

Highline's history displayed in show

The "Visual History of Highline Community College" is on display in the Library Gallery on the fourth floor through Oct. 7.

It chronicles Highline's birth in 1961 up to the present day. The display is filled with images from activities that have come and gone in Highline history.

An entire wall is dedicated to teachers from the past and teachers who have remained here throughout the years, with pictures from the '70s and beyond.

There is even a classic photo of a young and aspiring journalist, later to become Thunderword adviser Dr. T.M. Sell.

There are two walls full of old newspaper articles about faculty and past alumni who have gone on to become success stories, such as popular true-crime author and Highline alumnus Ann Rule.

Newsletter planned for faculty, staff

A monthly newsletter will be published for Highline faculty and staff starting in the first week of October.

The newsletter will be published by the Office of Resource Development and hopes to help communications and connections among employees, Highline Foundation Executive Director Mark McKay said in an e-mail.

Faculty and staff who have ideas for articles or points of interest that they wish to share can send them to the Resource Development Office in Building 9 via e-mail or campus mail.

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Summer brings tragedy, change

By Thunderword Staff

Stevens Pass crash claims Highline student

Mya Thompson, Highline student and bookstore employee, was one of four killed in a head-on collision on Stevens Pass on July 23.

Thompson's vehicle crossed the centerline, hitting the van of Tomeo and Namiko Mukai.

Namiko Mukai, Thompson, Leslie Verang, and Meredith Diegel were killed in the crash.

"She was always very nice and caring to everybody," said fellow bookstore employee Marc Peterson.

Scholarships honor Command

Two one-time scholarships in honor of Dr. Edward M. Command's years of service are going to be awarded in May 2001.

Command has been at Highline for 30 years, serving 10 of those as president.

One of the scholarships, in the amount of \$500, has been established by the Highline College Education Association. It is being funded by the teachers' union.

The other scholarship, worth \$600, was started and funded by the Board of Trustees. Funds came out of their personal donations.

Command will select the criteria for recipients and the Highline College Foundation will select who the scholarships go to.

Tazza espresso stand sold

Highline's Tazza espresso stand, formerly owned by Randy Newmann, has been sold to Bothell-based company Heavenly Cappuccino.

Newmann was not available for comment, but Heavenly Cappuccino employees are excited to be at Highline.

"We've been blown away at how nice everyone is," said Brett Willard, company president. "We're looking forward to meeting everyone."

Heavenly Cappuccino has espresso stands at several nearby colleges, including Edmonds Community College, Everett Community College, Lake Washington Technical College, Pierce College, and Bellevue Community College.

Colnes hired in Public Information

Judith Colnes has been hired as Highline's new director of Public Information and Publications.

Colnes, who has worked as a singer, dancer, actress, teacher, and public information director, is excited about promoting Highline.

"I would like to see the entire campus community more aware of what we can do for them and the services we can provide," Colnes said.

She said that she had heard "awfully good word of mouth praise from students and faculty at South Seattle" in regards to Highline.

Colnes has been impressed by Highline so far, and her goal is to "streamline and upgrade and make better use of the resources we already have."

ATM replaced by credit union

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

Non-Seafirst bank customers (now called Bank of America) were charged a \$1.50 fee to withdraw money in addition to any fee charged by the customer's home bank. This cash machine, owned by Washington School Employees Credit Union (WSECU), charges no surcharges.

The credit union is "fundamentally opposed to charging ATM fees to their members," according to Bruce Engebretsen, Financial Support Manager at WSECU.

Coach hired for women's soccer

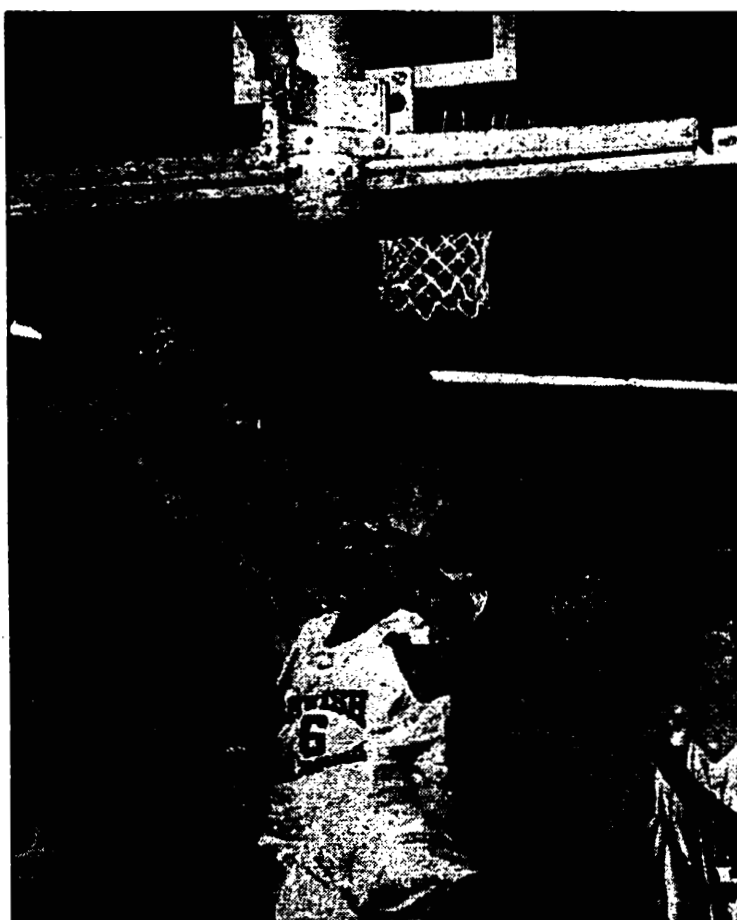
The Highline women's soccer team found a new head coach.

Ben Calvin, former assistant coach at Mt. Rainier High School has taken over the position vacated by Sherry Andreson. Calvin will not be part of Highline's full-time faculty and will keep his electrical technician day job.

Calvin will be juggling a full-time job and a family life (he's married with a three-year-old daughter, Zoie.)

Though his plate is definitely full, Calvin knows he will have enough energy to be a competent coach.

"It'll be easy because it's fun for me. Soccer's my hobby. It's



File photos

Clockwise, from left: High school basketball players battle for the ball in the Thunderdome; an employee works at the newly purchased Heavenly Cappuccino; a student uses new Washington State Employees Credit Union ATM.

my only hobby. It's all I do besides work," Calvin said.

High school stars hoop it up

Part of the college basketball world was focused on the hardwood of Highline's Thunderdome July 11-12. Many of the best high school basketball players in the state, ranging from the class of 2001-03, had their first opportunity of the year to dazzle university coaches from all over the country.

The event was organized by the Friends of Hoop Foundation and was sanctioned by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Recruits add up to a tall team

Highline's women's basketball team has a new class of recruits.

The six new players picked up by Head Coach Dennis Olson will add much needed height to the already strong Lady T-bird squad.

After losing their only six-footer, Eriq Johnson, to graduation Highline went out and got Taylor Hansen and Cathy Tommany, 6'4" and 6'2" respectively, to strengthen the post.

Brianna Duerr, Nikki White,

Kristen Boyd, and Lauryn Jones rounded out this year's Highline recruits.

New faculty hired for fall

Highline has hired a total of 22 new faculty members for Fall Quarter. New hires include:

Accounting: Dan King and Geoff Turck, previously at Highline on a temporary contract.

American History: Timothy McMannon.

Computer Information Systems & Computer Science: D'Arta Skinner and Tina Ostrander is teaching on a one-year contract.

Engineering: Heidi Lyman is teaching on a one-year contract.

General Business: Ann

Paulson.

Math: Eric Scott and Olga Shatunova, teaching on a one-year contract.

Math Intern: Crystal Hanscom and Rob Grube are teaching on one-year contracts.

Medical Assistant: Barbara Cerna, previously at Highline on a temporary contract, and Mandie Wilson.

Nursing Intern: Maria Carpenter and Lorna Schletzbaum are teaching on one-year contracts.

Office Occupation: Jessica Gilmore.

Psychology: Ruth Frickle and Susanna Perry, teaching on a one-year contract.

Speech: Rolita Ezeonu is teaching on a one-year contract.

Writing: Deborah Bacharac, Lisa Bernhagen, Bryan Stumpf.

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Highline qualifies as a 'real college'

Community college, to many, is high school without lockers. Most students arrive for their courses and escape without any concern of the on-campus happenings. It's the 13th grade. No dorms, no frats, and little or no school spirit. However stylish, a Highline t-shirt, will never likely be the garb of choice on the weekends. Bumper stickers boasting "Go Thunderbirds," will not be seen on the highway with the regularity of "Top Dawgs," and fathers won't likely brag to their colleagues about how proud they are that their son will one day be a Highline alum. If you season your mumble with a sprinkle of tactfulness, "college" may very well be all people hear when you describe what you do. Be that as it may, Highline, last time we checked, is still college. You are earning college credits. The courses you are enrolled in are indeed college level. Respect the institution.

New freshmen and Running Start students, keep in mind, for your own well being, that you have now entered the dog-eat-dog world of collegiate academia. As tempted as you may be, no Pokemon card trading in the student center, no drawing pictures during class of your teacher wearing a t-shirts that says "I smell," and if at all possible, keep every opinion you have on politics, world affairs, and the Backstreet Boys to yourself. Respect the ears of smarter students. Respect the institution.

Show up to class. The professors here, for the most part, are more than qualified and see it as disrespect when you come to class only when Egg McMuffins at McDonalds are two for 99 cents on Wednesdays. Your absence will be reflected in the grade you receive. A 1.0 on your transcript does not mean your No. 1 in the professor's eyes, and however witty, your scholastic shortcomings will not be sugarcoated by a "pleasure to have in class" remark on your report card. Respect the professor. Respect the institution.

Voting is your duty

They makes catchy sound bites and if nothing else, act as a decent reminder that marking your ballots in the upcoming local, state, and Presidential elections is not only a constitutional right but a privilege of Democracy.

"Rock the Vote," "Choose or Lose," "Decision 2000," are but a few advertisements that loudly splash across the television screen coated in a vibrant red, white and blue patriotic gloss.

The deadline to become a registered voter is Oct. 7 so wasting time bashing George W. Bush for his inexperience in public office, or Al Gore for his imperturbable, stoic demeanor is, well, just that... a waste of time. Register.

The 2000 Presidential race could very well be the closest since Nixon and Kennedy. Polls, including the New York Times fluctuate from week to week. The GOP Convention had Bush build a small lead, only to see it fade once Gore announced Joseph Lieberman as his running mate. The Democratic Convention also, reinforced Gore's flair for politics. Voting is crucial in deciding which direction our country may go. It could spell the difference in more accountability in schools and perhaps an overturn of Roe vs. Wade, a Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. Electing our public officials is the bedrock principle in which our nation was founded. To have your voice fall on deaf ears by not voting is a travesty.

The frequently stated qualms on the importance of registering and thereafter voting, dawdle in the individualistic attitude of so many, especially young, Americans.

"One vote doesn't make a difference," Sure, but the millions of U.S. citizens who share that inexcusable sentiment of indifference make it overwhelmingly confounding.

"I don't know enough about the candidates." Pish posh. If you are indeed a registered voter, a packet is sent via mail listing all the nominees, their political party's association, and a statement from the candidate.

Instead of spending a few moments looking through the Victoria's Secret catalogue/junkmail, do a bit of homework. Granted, Slade Gorton is probably no supermodel in lingerie, but hey, life is but a series of sacrifices.

Voter registration forms can be found in the Student Government office on the top floor of building 6.

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Running Start is misunderstood

Contrary to what appears to be popular belief, Running Start students aren't all bad.

I know what you're thinking. And to answer your questions, yes, I am a Running Start student and yes, I am particularly biased when it comes to this specific issue.

However, it seems that the overwhelming percentage of Highline's students view us, the Running Start cretins, as obnoxious high school dorks who long to bring college classes down to a 17-year-old's level and still enjoy playing with Barbies.

Which may be true, for some of us who shall remain nameless. But what many have not taken into consideration is that there are quite a few Running Start students, myself included, who left high school to get away from that type of riffraff.

These students, though seemingly few and far between, bear the unfair brunt of Running Start student abuse. Caught between halfhearted loyalty to their fellow Running Start students and overwhelming disdain for them, they fight a nearly-impossible battle.

This inner struggle could be completely eliminated by the simple introduction of stricter standards for inclusion in the Running Start program.

Fellow Running Start students, please listen before gasping in dismay and immediately exiling me from the exclusive Running Start Secret Society.

If Running Start students are truly operating at a college level, they should not fear stricter standards. At this time, Running Start students need only pass the COMPASS test in order to be admitted into the program, just as all other Highline students must pass this test to go to Highline.

The difference is that all other Highline students (or the parents of all other Highline students) are faced with the burden



Rachele Corella

of tuition. Running Start students, on the other hand, have their tuition paid for by the state through their school district.

This seems to closely resemble something commonly called a scholarship. A scholarship, however, requires far more work than simply passing a test. To be awarded a scholarship, one must generally write an essay and put together a couple of teacher recommendations.

Come on, Running Start buddies, surely there exists at least one high school teacher willing to say that you will thrive in a college environment.

It seems a small price to pay for a ticket out of the wonderful world of high school and into the one of free tuition and fees.

So I propose that Running Start students are made to prove themselves deserving recipients of a free college education, by doing what is generally necessary to earn a free college education.

This shouldn't worry anyone, least of all the "good" Running Start students, because the people who are actually at a college level will still be in college. They will also have the increased credibility that comes of having shown that they deserve to attend college early.

Those not ready for college will later be grateful that they did not waste their time, the other students' time, and the professors' time.

Not to mention the taxpayers' money.

So until then, I will still be pretending not to be a Running Start student.

Maybe this year, someone will actually believe my "I'm 19 and I graduated in 1999" story.

If you're nice to her, Rachele will share the Secret Society handshake and Pokemon strategy.

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The presidents greet the campus for fall

Highline has a diversity,
a lot to offer, Bell says

By Dr. Priscilla J. Bell
Special to the Thunderword

It is a great pleasure for me to welcome everyone to Highline Community College this fall. As Highline's new president, I feel very fortunate to be a part of our dynamic college community. Ours is a college that is helping to create a better future for the residents of southwest King County.

I have been at Highline for two months, and during this short time I have met a lot of people and have begun to become familiar with who we are. I would like to share some of what I have learned about our stu-

dent community:

- With a week to go before the start of classes, 8,200 students were enrolled in 1,240 different courses.
- Almost a third of our students are like me — new to Highline.
- About two-thirds are full-time, and two-thirds are female.
- Three out of eight of our students are students of color, and they bring a wealth of experiences and viewpoints which will enrich the entire campus.
- 595 students are in the Running Start program earning college credit and their high school diploma at the same time.
- 264 are international students from around the globe, and an additional 1,200 students are immigrants or refugees who are making our area their permanent home.

• The median age of our students is 26.

• About a quarter of our students are parents.

• More than half are working while going to school.

• Nearly half of our students are preparing to transfer to a four-year university to earn their bachelor's degrees.

• About one-quarter of our students are in professional or

technical programs that will lead them directly into the workplace.

Another 15 percent are here for pre-college studies, and 16 percent are here for a variety of other reasons.

These student body characteristics dramatically demonstrate that Highline is truly many things to many people. Highline is a college that

serves both a diverse population of students and diverse community interests, and our continuing challenge as administrators and faculty is to

provide services and instruction that lead to learning for all students.

To meet that challenge, Highline has made significant progress in several areas, including hiring more faculty and staff of color, introducing a new degree this fall (the Associate of Science), and opening a new Transfer Center in Building 6. I encourage all students to take full advantage of the tremendous knowledge and support that our Highline Community College faculty and staff offer. Please let us know how we are doing and how we can do better.

I am indeed privileged to be a part of Highline's future, and I look forward to sharing an exciting year with you.

Priscilla Bell is president of Highline College.

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Student government is
here for students,
McNelley says

By Ben McNelley
Special to the Thunderword

On behalf of the ASHCC (Associated Students of Highline Community College) I would like to welcome all new and returning students to Highline.

As your elected officials we are excited to be planning activities and programs that will enhance your experience here at Highline. We are also very interested in listening to what you want to tell us. Student government is here for you the student and we strive to represent you the best we can so please let us know what you want!

Also if you have a grievance or a complaint about campus issues or if you just have a question we are here to help.

Every student is welcome and encour-

aged to stop by our office to share his or her ideas or just to say hi.

I encourage all students to take full advantage of the programs at Highline. We have many great activities planned for this fall quarter and I hope you can attend some of them. I hope you all have a great and educational year.

Your 2000-2001 ASHCC officers are



Ben McNelley

Benjamin McNelley, president;
Bryan Sharick, vice president of administration;
Dustin West, vice president of legislation;
Sylvie Jovet, treasurer & club diplomat;

Laura Soracco, international student senator; Jovanna Harrietha, student senator; Gurbrinder Kaur, evening student senator. We are located on the top floor of Building 8 - stop by and say hi any time.

Ben McNelley is president of the Associated Students of Highline Community College.

Write to us!

The Thunderword gladly accepts letters and guest commentaries from the campus community. Letters should not be longer than 300 words. Send them to thunderword@hotmail.com, or bring them 10-106, or mail them to Thunderword, MS 10-3, Highline College, PO Box 98000, Des Moines WA 98198

Paltrow never misses a beat in 'Duets'

By Sam Abraham
Staff Reporter

Duets hits all the right notes as Bruce Paltrow directs his daughter, Academy Award winner Gwyneth Paltrow in this new comedic drama from Hollywood Pictures. It's jam-packed with amazing acting, great writing, and many well-thought out plot lines.

The movie revolves around the lives of six individuals who abandon their own self-made problematic existence to pursue their personal dreams, which in this case involves the thrill and rush of singing karaoke.

In case you've been living in a cave for the past 20 years, karaoke is an act in which one stands in front of a crowd and sings words to a song of their choice as they appear on a monitor before them. This often results in either a placated ego, or ultimate humiliation in front of your peers.

The lives of the six people cross as they meet each other to pursue their dreams in pairs, hence the name of the movie. Perhaps the most entertaining of the pairs is the ex-con Reggie, played by Andre Braugher (*Homicide*) and Todd Woods, played by the always loveable Paul Giamatti (Howard Stern's *Private Parts*).

Woods is a down-on-his-luck salesman who has spent the

span of his life in pursuit of the American dream. One day he just takes to the road telling his wife he's going out for a pack of cigarettes, thus beginning his long journey where he meets the new love of his life, karaoke. It U-turns his life as he starts to down uppers like candy, and even pierces his ear, now sporting a ridiculous earring bearing a cross.

His counterpart Reggie leads a different kind of life as an ex-convict hitchhiker who robs truckers as a way of life. As he

tells one of his victims, stealing and singing are the only skills he knows. Woods picks Reggie up as he is hitching mid-desert. They create some great comedic moments, making an incredible on-screen duo.

The next pair of lost souls include a has-been singer turned karaoke hustler, Ricky Dean, who is played poorly by Huey Lewis (known best for his hit '80s band Huey Lewis & The News) and the long lost daughter of Ricky, the childlike, sheltered Vegas girl, Liv, portrayed

by Gwyneth Paltrow.

The two meet up when Dean attends the funeral of Liv's mother, who he'd used up and left long before. Liv wants to travel with her long-lost father across the country, but he is reluctant to let her go as it may interfere with his conniving, promiscuous, and downright scandalous lifestyle.

As expected, Paltrow blows you away with an amazing, believable performance, giving her character a sort of vulnerable and sheltered in a wild

world feel. Dean is a well-written character, but Huey Lewis' lack of acting experience makes him look like he's just trying too hard.

The least exciting of the duos are the down-on-his-luck taxi driver, Billy Hannon (Scott Speedman from *Felicity*) and the wandering, promiscuous waitress in search of a recording contract, Suzi Loomis (Maria Bello, who recently appeared in the Bruckheimer classic, *Coyote Ugly*).

Hannon proceeds to a local bar after discovering that his girlfriend is cheating on him with one of his best friends. Here, he meets Loomis, who asks the inebriated cabbie for a ride to California, and he agrees.

The duo seems too forced, even cliché, in that one is a goodie-two-shoes who had a dream of being a priest, while the other is a bad girl, offering felatio in return for numerous favors.

Duets has a few shortcomings, but they don't take away from the quality of the writing and acting that make this a truly good movie. Huey Lewis came through on the vocals for all the entertaining karaoke scenes, but came up short with a poor performance as far as acting is concerned. Take my advice: go see this one, but take your bathroom break during Lewis' scenes.



Gwyneth Paltrow and Huey Lewis strike up a tune in *Duets*.

All are welcome at fall drama auditions

By Connie Harshman
Staff Reporter

Auditions for the Drama Department's fall production will be Oct. 2-4, at 2:30 p.m. in Building 4, room 123.

Dr. Christiana Taylor, Drama Department head, is in the final stage of choosing a play to direct for Fall Quarter, but actors will be needed whatever the choice.

"Everyone is welcome," said Taylor.

"It is a great way to build to confidence," Taylor said of acting.

Memorize a small piece of a play to perform or one will be provided, Taylor said. Rehearsals will be on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 2:30-5:30 p.m., with several weekend commitments.

All students who make the cast list are required to meet all scheduled rehearsals, Taylor said. The opening date of the play will be Nov. 16.

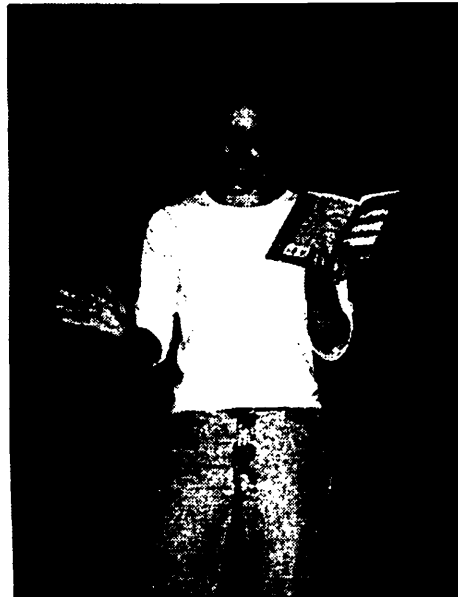
Taylor and Rick Lorig,

drama instructor, will be hiring guest artists to participate in the show in design or other production areas. Students interested in stagecraft or design or stage management may contact Lorig at 206-878-3710, ext. 3279.

It will be a busy quarter for drama students. Actors from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival sometime this quarter, Taylor added. They will be performing and conducting a workshop for students.

"The acting workshop will be open to theater students and any one else who contacts me in time to get a seat once we have firm dates from Ashland," Taylor said. Team Highline and the Drama Department are sponsoring the workshop.

For additional questions about acting workshops, contact Taylor in Building 5.



Jeannene Peden at Drama auditions Spring Quarter

A "drama tea/happy hour" will take place on Oct. 11 at 1:30 p.m. in Building 4, Taylor said. All art, music and drama students and faculty will be there.

"Any interested students should come," Taylor said. "People will be able to ask questions about drama productions, music events and art."

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Not a good Summer for Hollywood

Maestro Mori to lead choir

By Sam Abraham
Staff Reporter

The relaxing dog days of summer are anything but in Hollywood. Short of an industry strike, little will impede headway in the entertainment world's unspoken covenant to corrupt impressionable young minds, to make more Rob



Schneider movies, and to blow up things real good. Here's a summer recap:

What Lies Beneath: A film about a cheating husband who is haunted by the ghost of his former mistress. After seeing the film, Kenneth Starr, on the grounds that Harrison Ford once played a president, tried to impeach him.

Christina Aguilera: Some in the Spanish community are upset that the American through-and-through pop singer is releasing an all-Spanish CD. An incensed Aguilera responded by saying "lo havo, no comentario."

Almost Famous: Cameron Crowe's latest film is getting rave reviews. Coincidentally, it was also the proposed title for the Marisa Tomei story.

The Actor's Guild strike: The big news coming from Hollywood is that the strike may result in a complete industry shutdown. The Tinseltown picket has now secured support from such A-list actors as Scott Baio and Wilfred Brimley.

Eminem: Rap artist a.k.a. "slim shady," under fire for his deplorable rhymes that allude to spousal murder, drug abuse, and gay bashing, is being sued by his mother for "defamation of character." She knew something was wrong when little 2-year-old Eminem asked why Mary just didn't bust a cap in that scandalous lamb.

Meg Ryan: The married actress is having an "open affair" with *Gladiator* star Russell Crowe. Open affair? Is that the same as cheating in front of your back?

The Cell: Jennifer Lopez enters the mind of a deranged schizophrenic serial killer who gruesomely tortures and kills young helpless women. The feel-good-movie of the summer.

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All musicians and musicians to be, Dr. Paul Mori wants to hear you sing. This Fall Quarter, music prevails, as Mori leads a record-breaking number of choir members. Even with 15 choir members, the now full-time music professor is looking for as many new voices as he can get.

"This year we're trying to take the Music Department in a new direction," said Mori. He will be working this year with Sandra Glover, an accomplished professional singer and teacher at the University of Puget Sound, who will be teaching Class Voice in Fall Quarter.

The choir will be largely comprised of students, but faculty will also be involved. Mori said you don't even have to know a lot about singing to join, as it is more about learning.

It's a class that allows good singers to polish their skills, and beginners to get a handle on things, said Mori. This change in the choir program isn't only a change for the choir members, but for Mori as well.

In the past, Mori has led choirs, but his background includes more symphonic choirs, which have performed such well-known symphony classics as Beethoven's *Ninth*.

"It's so exciting," said Mori, "just getting a group of people together and making music."

The changes in the choir are



Dr. Paul Mori Conducts the Rainier Symphony

just the beginning, Mori said. In the future, there are plans to put computers in the piano lab to make a sort of technological music station where students and faculty can come create.

Making many changes for the better in the Music Department at Highline isn't all Dr. Mori is about. Since 1996, he has been music director for the Rainier Symphony, which is sponsored by The City of Tukwila Arts Commission and The City of Kent Arts Commission.

Before taking charge of the

Rainier Symphony, Dr. Mori resided in Baltimore, Maryland, working at the Peabody Conservatory of Music. In '96 he was offered a job at the Rainier Symphony as music director, and he just couldn't refuse.

The symphony consists of 75 members from the South King County community. They plan to perform five special programs and a presentation of the children's classic, *Peter and the Wolf*.

Even with his hands full with the symphony, Dr. Mori still finds time to teach a full load of

classes at Highline, teaching five music classes Fall Quarter. Mori would even like to get some ensembles started here at Highline. "I'd love to start a brass ensemble," he said.

Dr. Mori asks that students who are interested look at the spectrum of music classes at Highline to find which ones capture their interest. Any questions, comments, or ideas may be directed to Mori at 206-878-3710, ext. 6075, or by e-mail at pmori@hcc.ctc.edu. For information on the Rainier Symphony call 206-781-5618.

Team Highline looking for a few good models

By Sam Abraham
Staff Reporter

You're a model, if you know what I mean, and you do your little turn on the catwalk. If you're too sexy for your shirt, so sexy it hurts even, then you just might have what it takes to make the cut for Highline's annual Fall Fashion show Nov. 3 in the upper section of Building 8.

Fashions ranging from evening wear to sports wear, all the way down to ethnic/cultural wear will be on display.

Local stores such as Subvert Board Shop will be donating their best designs for the event.

The show will run from 11 a.m. until noon with an intermission during which a special performance is planned.

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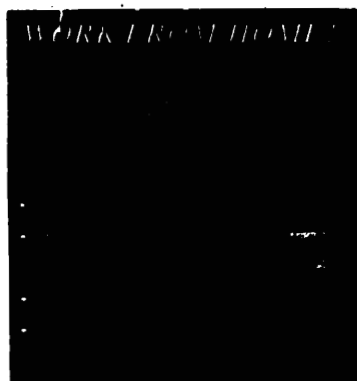
The event has proven to be popular in the past, as more than

200 people were in attendance last year.

Not only are students are invited to attend the show but they are also encouraged to model or help out in the event.

The deadline for models is Oct. 13 and orientation for will be on Oct. 19.

Anyone who would like to volunteer as a model or just as a helper of sorts, can do so by contacting Team Highline in their office (located in the upper level of Building 8) or by calling 206-878-3710, ext. 3537.



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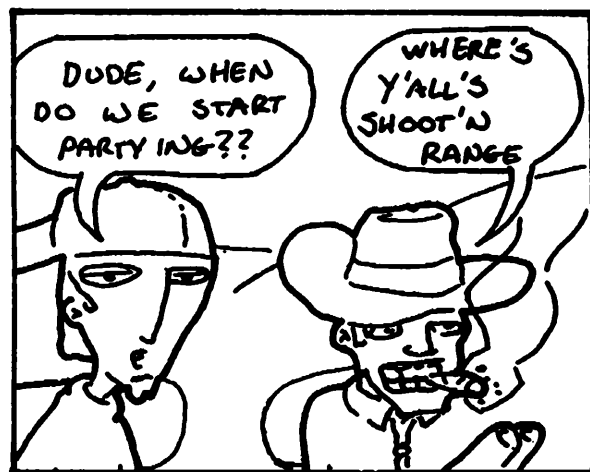
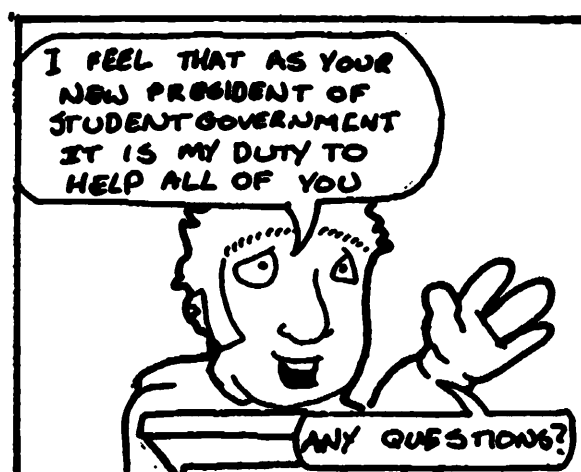
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The Elian Gonzalez soap opera. All I have to say is that if Bush is elected president, I'm moving to Cuba.

Dirty Dancing 2: Ricky Martin and Britney Spears are reportedly in talks to star in the sequel. Bruce Willis signed to do it first, showed up on the set, and said, "oh damn, I'm firing my agent, this isn't a Die Hard movie."

Gone in Sixty Seconds: It took me just that long before I got up and walked out of the theater.

Derek will be appearing as Antonia Banderas in the stage revival of *The 13th Editor*.

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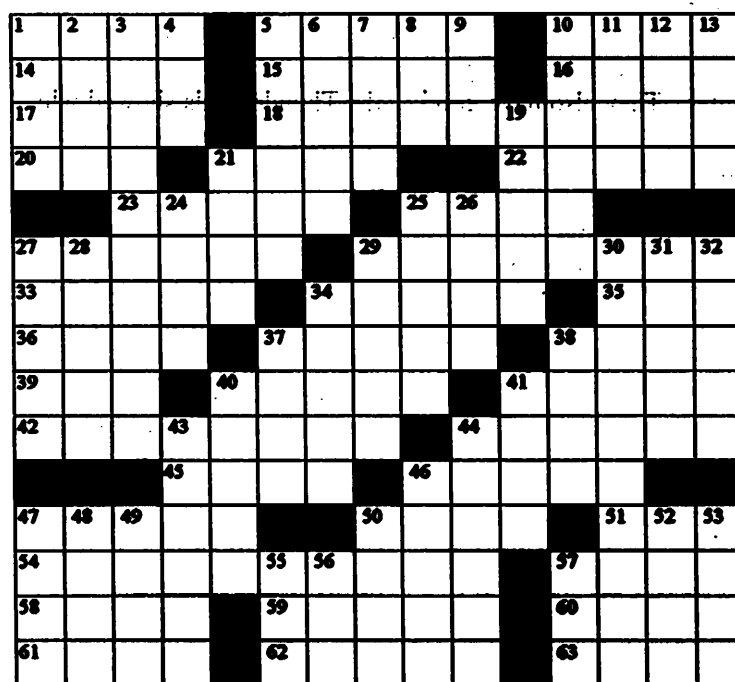
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By Ed Canty

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Thunderbirds impressive in early matches

By Patrick Allcorn
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's soccer team has kicked off the 2000 season in grand fashion.

The Thunderbirds lost their season opener on Sept. 13, at Shoreline Community College in a hotly contested game against the first place Dolphins.

Shoreline scored the eventual winning goal on a penalty kick that was at first blocked by Highline goal keeper Matt McCann but bounced back to the shooter who put the rebound into the back of the net giving Shoreline their 2-1 victory.

The Thunderbirds got their lone goal from sophomore sensation Fawzi Bellal, who, despite offers to attend four-year universities, has returned to Highline and is this year's team captain.

Bellal is one of six returning players from last season's 12-4 team, which finished third in its division.

"All six have seen the league before and are capable of good minutes. They also have good leadership skills which is a big positive," Head Coach Jason Prenovost said.

Experience and leadership showed in Highline's home opener against Green River and



Photo by Connie Harshman

Highline's Fawzi Bellal dances around defenders in the Thunderbirds' opening day victory over rival Green River.

the Thunderbirds showed why the soccer coaches of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges picked them as one of the teams to beat.

Bellal scored two more goals and fellow sophomore DeJan

Jankovich put the ball into the goal three times for a hat trick.

Keelan Harvey also scored three goals and Craig Johnson added one as Highline sent the Gators home with an embarrassing 9-0 defeat.

McCann looked lonely as the T-bird defenders allowed just three Green River shots giving him an easy shutout.

The Thunderbirds took their 1-1-0 record north Sept. 20 to do battle with the Seattle Commu-

nity College Storm.

Highline jumped out to an early 3-0 lead with goals by Jankovich and Bellal (2).

Bellal help added to his bid for NWAACC player of the year, scoring his fourth and fifth goals in just three games.

The seemingly dormant Storm woke up in the second half but their two goals weren't enough to match Highline who held on for a 3-2 victory.

"We played with intensity. It was our best soccer to date," Prenovost said.

Prenovost got a very nice effort from sophomore midfielder Brandon Johnson.

"He played one of the better games I've ever seen him play. I think that we're improving individually as well as a team," he said.

Team Highline and the Athletics Department will be sponsoring a barbecue with free food, music, and games before the soccer match Sept. 27. Everyone is welcome to come by the Pavilion at 11 a.m. and are encouraged to stay for the 2 p.m. soccer game at Zenith Park.

Results from the Sept. 22 game against Umpqua and the Sept. 23 game against Southwest Oregon were not available at press time.

The Lady T-birds have kicked their way into first

By Patrick Allcorn
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's soccer team has started the season by building on the success of last year's team, which won the divisional championship.

Though only three players have returned from last season, and Head Coach Shari Andresen has been replaced by Ben Calvin, the Lady T-birds are off to an impressive 2-0-0 start.

This year's team captains are the three returners, Jo Plenkovich, Theresa Gibson, and Lerin Farrison.

Highline opened the season in grand style by shutting out Green River 3-0 at home.

Farrison, Karen Olson, and Eva Dizon each scored a goal and goalkeeper Nicki Loomis denied every Gator shot to earn the shutout.

The new coaching combination of Calvin and assistant coach and former Highline player Teresa Aloe, had their team well prepared.

"We've been trying to get them to stay positive and stay

together as a team. Saying things like 'when we make the playoffs,' instead of 'if we make the playoffs,'" Aloe said.

Highline played its second game of the year, and first on the road, against Seattle Community College Sept. 20.

The game was the season opener for the Storm, who proved to be no match against a very tough Highline team.

Highline shellacked Seattle 10-0 for their second straight shutout win.

"We were lucky, it gave us time to practice for our big game Saturday," Aloe said.

On Saturday Sept. 23 Highline attempted to break their first place tie with Southwest Oregon. Results were not available at press time.

Kim Oberbellig scored three goals against the Storm for her first hat trick of the year.

Nicki Loomis posted her second shutout of the year in easy fashion. Seattle had just two shots on goal and Loomis didn't have to touch the ball to save either of them.

Highline's squad of only 11,



Photo by Connie Harshman

The Highline women's soccer team celebrating after a goal by Eva Dizon (3).

barely enough to field a team, is a tight-knit crew who decided on the first day of practice that they are family and will treat other that way, Aloe said.

Highline will be taking on ri-

val Tacoma Community College Wednesday at Zenith Park at 4 p.m.

As of Sept. 22 both teams have 2-0-0 records. Though it'll be just the fourth game of the

season, it's a big one.

"Tacoma's never a very strong team but they always seem to step up against us. It's almost like a high school rivalry," Aloe said.

Volleyball team improving fast

By Patrick Allcorn
Staff Reporter

Highline's volleyball team is already halfway to matching last season's win total.

The '99 team, under first year Head Coach Andrea Lancaster, struggled to a meager 2-12 record.

Lancaster is back and with just one returner from last year's team, Nellie Peterson, the Thunderbirds have a whole new look.

Highline hosted a six-team preseason tournament Sept. 12-13 inviting Edmonds, Pierce, Chemeketa, Whatcom, and Tacoma.

The Lady T-birds lost their first game to Whatcom but were able to bounce back the same day to beat Tacoma 15-9, 10-15, and 15-7.

On the second day of the tournament Highline edged Pierce in an elimination game 6-15, 15-13, 15-7, and 15-11.

The team was later knocked out by eventual champion Chemeketa.

After closing out the pre-season with a very respectable 4-4 mark, the Lady T-birds opened the regular season on Sept. 15 against division rival Lower Columbia.

Highline lost the first set 2-15 and were unable to bounce back, losing the next two 11-15 and 6-15.

"We were short players and we weren't playing as a team," Lancaster said. "It'll be a whole lot different when we see them next time."

Only seven Thunderbirds made the trip to Longview, Wash., which made rotating players in and out of the game

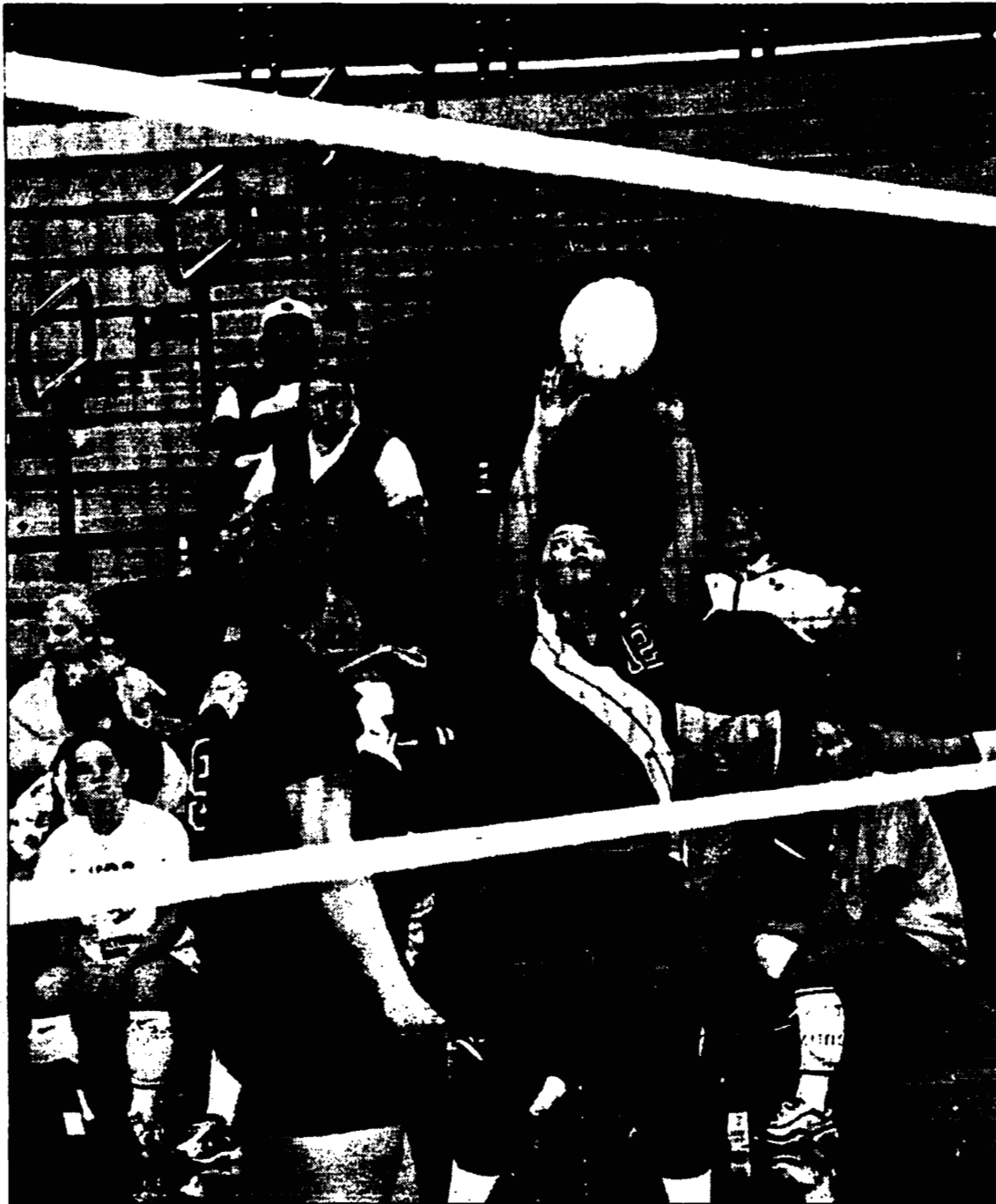


Photo by Connie Harshman

Melinda Kuolt setting a teammate in Highline's preseason victory over Pierce. The Lady T-birds have opened regular season play with a 1-1 record. Last year's team won just two games all season.

very difficult.

Peterson led Highline in

scoring with three kills and two service aces.

Despite losing a dominant inside player in Petra Sokolova,

who quit the team for personal reasons, things went a little better for the team Sept. 20 when Tacoma Community College visited the Thunderdome.

The Lady T-birds were out to prove themselves and they did that in the very first set, winning 15-3.

Highline never let Tacoma in the match, winning the next two sets 15-8 and 15-9 to complete the straight set victory.

"We pulled together as a team and everything just clicked," Lancaster said.

It helped a lot that Donnie Hayes, Shelley Markham, and Lisa Crater, all three of which missed the first match, were back to give Highline some much needed depth.

Markham led the way for the Lady T-birds, posting 11 kills and the team's only service ace. Her former Auburn Riverside High School teammate Kayla Drewry led the team in assists with 17.

Lancaster was satisfied with her team's improvements since preseason and is optimistic for the outcome of the season.

"We're getting better each day. I definitely see us going to the (Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges) tournament," she said.

Highline traveled to Centralia Friday night for a match against the 0-2 Trailblazers. Results were not available at press time.

The Lady T-birds will play host to Clark at 7 p.m. Sept. 27 in the Thunderdome.

After the Clark game, Highline will hit the road to face off with a pair of currently undefeated teams: Green River on Sept. 29 and Pierce on Oct. 4.

Cross country team long on speed, short on bodies

By Patrick Allcorn
Staff Reporter

Another season of cross-country running has gotten under way, but for the Highline women, competition may not be possible.

In order to score points at a meet a team must have at least five runners. As of now, only three Highline women are on the team.

If you are a woman and you enjoy running and competition contact Athletic Director John Dun at 206-878-3710, ext. 3455 and a spot may be available to you.

As of now the women's team consists of Jessica Cook and Jenny Trujillo, who have both returned from last year's team, and Andrea Ring, a promising runner in her first season out of Curtis High School.

The men's team has eight runners, Jeff Parker is the only returner, and Head Coach Charlie Smith is delighted with the way this young group is progressing.

"I'm very impressed with their work ethic and the way they compete," Smith said.

"They're doing good for a young team and are looking good for both the conference meet and next season."

Smith believes that some of the teams' best performances will come from newcomers Dale Summers, Kevin Anderson, Richard Calix and Jason Redd.

Results from Saturday's Sundogger Invite at Lincoln Park were not available at press time.

Next week, Highline's trail runners will travel across the pass to Pasco for the Big Cross Invite.

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Back to school

Highline warms up for fall
with a busy Orientation Week

Story and photos
By Connie Harshman
Staff Reporter

Free food, good music, and a lot of new people. Highline awoke from its summer slumber with its annual Orientation Week.

The activities started on Tuesday, Sept. 19 with a faculty gathering in the Pavilion. Apples were handed out to new teachers and door prizes were given to the winning tickets.

Wednesday morning kicked off with a dedication ceremony to Highline's former President Ed Command. Due to his service to Highline, the water retention pond was dedicated to him.

Highline faculty and staff had their own little parties every morning in different locations around campus. The objective was to bring people to places on campus where they would not normally go, said Joan Graham, education professor and a member of the morning social committee that organized the faculty socials.

About 300 new students toured the campus and attended workshops on career choices on

Wednesday. The mass of new students ranged from high school juniors in the Running Start program to older students returning to continue their education.

The goal of this was for the students to mingle with their peers and meet the student government members and faculty.

They were treated to free lunches and listened to the soulful music of steel drum band Bakra Bata.

"It's absolutely terrific. It's giving people who are new the chance to get to know everyone. It's incentive and creative," said Highline President Dr. Bell of the event.

Some Running Start students involved said they were excited about coming to Highline.

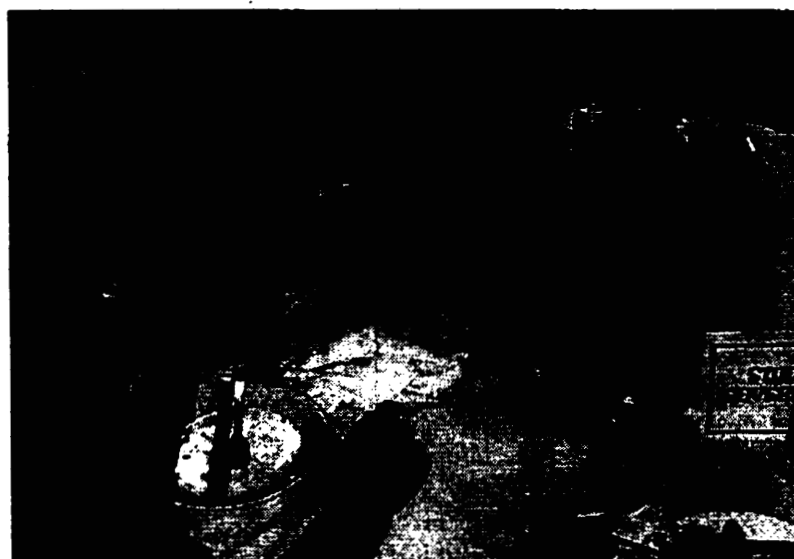
"Yeah. I'm excited to get out of high school and being around mature people," Marita Cabunoc said.

Along with excitement comes intimidation from coming to a big school.

"I'm very excited, but it is kind of scary," said Mario Rodriguez, high school student and pre-med major.



Members of Bakra Bata, above and below, entertained the lunch-time crowd on Wednesday.



Student Government President Ben McNelley makes a new friend at Friday's luncheon. Below, Trustees Chairman Arun Jhaveri and Vice President Laura Saunders unveil a plaque dedicating the drainage pond to former President Ed Command, left.



Dean Michael Allen gives President Priscilla Bell the traditional apple for new faculty and staff on Tuesday.

Gardiner

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shell actresses and mingling with Hollywood legends including Jack Benny and Jerry Lewis.

"Benny was a really personable laid-back guy. Lewis was a nervous wreck puffing away on his cigarette," Gardiner said.

Upon finally arriving in Melbourne after an unplanned stop in Fiji due to a propeller failing, the treatment wasn't as grand. "Now they have hotels and caterers. We were put in little Quonset huts," he said.

One of Gardiner's fondest memories of the '56 games was one of those moments when political agendas were completely absent, and athletes were united by their excellence in sport.

"The Russian team invited us onto their boat and we traded shirts with them. It's funny, the only color photo I have of myself from then is in a Russian shirt with the hammer and sickle," he said.

When first on the water, Gardiner and Costello had no idea what to expect from the other competitors.

"Now teams go overseas all the time to compete. We had no idea what anybody else was doing. As soon as the starting gun went off we just took off," Gardiner said.

Weather conditions were not ideal either. During some races winds got as high as 30 miles per hour.

"You need strategy to deal with the winds. Rough days literally tore my hands apart. I used to cut off calluses with razor blades and sandpaper," Gardiner said.

In the final race, the Americans got off to an early lead but were unable to clearly see the Russian team four lanes over. The Russians took the lead and



Photo by Connie Harshman

Gardiner works in the photo lab on campus.

the gold medal.

Nevertheless, Gardiner and Costello won a silver medal and were part of the most successful U.S. rowing team in Olympic history. The squad earned a total of seven medals (three gold, two silver and two bronze), but just being there meant the world to Gardiner.

"There's nothing like making the team. Even the push to get there is special. Most people aren't willing to make that," he

Gardiner in his Olympic warmups.

said.

Gardiner made the Olympic team again in 1960 as an alternate, and was a manager in the '68 games when America's dominance of the sport, along with Gardiner's Olympic career, was put to an end.

Gardiner still gets that special feeling every four years when the games come around.

"I love watching the Olympics. There's just something about that essence of competition. Because it's every four years you just need to be the best at that time. It really tests the human spirit," he said.

If today's technology was present in 1956, Gardiner doesn't think he'd have made the team.

"Now they do these ergometer tests. They are designed to see how hard you can pull over a period of time. I can't get up for stuff like that. They don't mean much because there's no way they can test the human spirit," he said.

If you happen to be in his company don't be surprised if he fails to mention that he has been in the Olympics.

"It's something I'm very proud of and I don't need to tell anybody about it. Until recently my medals were in a shoebox in a drawer in my attic. I

had to look for them," Gardiner said.

Though only a month away from his 70th birthday, Gardiner hasn't lost a bit of that competitive drive that made him one of the world's best scullers.

"When I'm out rowing on the lake I still try to get some water between me and some of the young guys out there. I get pretty pissed when they turn down a different canal," Gardiner said.

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ensure the safety of the students and workers is met."

The project, on the south and west sides of Building 30, looks like a ghost town with red "danger" tape wrapped around it. Holes 15-20 feet deep have been dug for the foundation to be poured into, but the tractors have stopped moving. If the contractor meets requirements,

Blood

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provided to fill out. The blood center will also take your blood pressure and temperature.

There's no risk involved when giving blood, as all needles are sanitary, Shade said.

The blood center has a hard

said Pickard, then they could continue construction.

An official for Quinn Construction, the company in charge of the project, said the company's role in the project may change, hinting that Quinn may be reconsidering its position.

"Shoring has to be approved by the city," said Ron Vadnais, site superintendent for Quinn. "We are not going to mess around and wait for that."

Highline still has a contract

time getting young volunteers because their afraid of the pain involved, says Shade.

"I tell them to pinch the inside of their arm with two fingers," said Shade "that's how bad it hurts."

To participate contact Student Government Senator Jovanna Harrietha at 206-878-3710, ext. 3315 to schedule an appointment.

with the company, however, college officials say.

"Quinn Construction has not pulled out of the deal," said Pete Babington, director of facilities at Highline.

"Construction has stopped because the City of Des Moines has ordered that Quinn discontinue construction until they have an acceptable shoring plan for the project. We continue to have a contract with Quinn to build an addition to Building 30."

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