Finding the gift of life

Highline professor Eena Hibbs shares survivor's tale

BY SAMANTHA VAIL
Staff Reporter

Just a few minutes with associate professor Eena Hibbs and you can see she is very much alive. At 63 she is healthy, alert and persistent. Her stylish glasses match her friendly attitude.

Hibbs left the position of assistant director of pre-college advising and academic support programs two years ago to assist in a 16-month interview with a specific purpose in mind.

"I enjoy working with the students," she said.

It could be her smile that made it difficult to give Hibbs the change and not for her blemish.

Doctors diagnosed her with Liposarcoma cancer, a rare form of cancer with a less than 50 percent chance of survival.

Liposarcoma is a cancer of the fat tissue. Each year there are about 4,500 new cases in the United States. In 1996 Hibbs was diagnosed with the illness.

"I have lived to see 15 years," she said.

Hibbs is a very athletic woman, so when she first experienced some swelling and pain in her leg she assumed it was from too much running and weightlifting.

"I finally got a bit larger than my other leg and I went to the doctor," she said.

Hibbs was diagnosed in July of 1996.

"I was scared. Very scared. I didn't want to go anywhere. I stayed at my house for three weeks," said Hibbs.

Allowing Hibbs' sense of security, she had to undergo intensive therapy, eight weeks of radiation and chemotherapy.

"Hibbs lost her hair, eyesight, eyelashes, breasts, and fingers during treatment," said Vail.

"Every day I would check the mirror. It was倍数 short length at the time. So I pulled the sweater over my head and the huge head of hair came on. I felt like that for a day and then I went and got my head cut off," said Hibbs.

Hibbs is happy to be alive. She has been able to continue her teaching career.

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Governor Locke comes to Highline to honor scholars

By JAMES LOCKE

The uncertain economy means that colleges may have to tighten their belts. Governor Gary Locke said here Wednesday.

Locke was here to recognize more than 150 recipients of the Washington Promise Scholarships for students. Locke said that while some cuts may come, he vowed to prevent higher education in general.

"I am determined to prevent financial aid programs and scholarships for students," Locke said.

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Crime Blotter for Oct. 4

Car damage
A student found her car damaged after returning from class.

The 1995 Acura Legend was stolen from the Midway Drive-in lot and a 1999 Honda Civic from the North Lot.

Juvenile booked after accident
A 16-year-old juvenile with a history of car theft was booked after an accident at Highline.

Vehicle #1 hit a car heading west on 240th outside of the East lot. The driver of Vehicle #1 was a youth of 16 years with no history of car theft.

The juvenile was transported to Highline Hospital after striking a pedestrian.

Lost and found
A student had a textbook stolen from her bookbag as she was busy in the Bookstore.

There has been no leads or witnesses.

Found...A purple notebook, one black makeup bag, one silver bracelet all received from Building 30.

Lost...A black dictionary/calculator has been reported missing from Building 16 near the Print Shop.

Compiled by Josh Davis

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Birds, pine flock together

By Robin Collins

Highline biology professor Eric Stavney kicked off the fall Science Seminar on Sept. 28, discussing Clark's nuthacker and the whitebark pine.

These two local species have evolved together to the point that they can no longer survive without each other. This is called a symbiotic relationship, or mutualism. The pine trees rely on the birds to spread their seeds, and the birds use these seeds exclusively as their food source.

Both species may be in danger due to a disease that affects the pines. Stavney projects that the trees could die out altogether within the next 50 years if it cannot be controlled.

This popular lecture series gives the science faculty an opportunity to speak on their favorite subjects as well as to interact with one another. This can be beneficial for students as well, giving them an opportunity to sample the different science faculty and topics that Highline has to offer, according to Stavney.

"I want you to see that scientists are human, and that you can be one too," he said.

Science seminar will meet on Fridays throughout the quarter at 2:10 p.m. in Building 2-102. Next week's lecture will feature Bruce Richardson as he answers such baffling questions as "Can you cool a room by opening the refrigerator door?"

Professor Stavney will also be at Dr. Science's 3-D House this week.

Blood hungry

A blood drive that allows students, staff, and faculty to participate will take place in Building 2 today.

Heat is on

Heat was restored to Buildings 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10 on Oct. 1.

Student Govt looks for student senators for 2001-2002

By Richard Mullen

Deadline to file for three student senator positions is Oct. 24. The 2001-2002 fall elections will be Oct. 31 through Nov. 1.

"This opportunity equales money, respect and skills that will help you accomplish many goals and aspirations throughout life," said D.J. Taylor, Student Government vice president of legislation.

There is a time and place for everyone. You will be required to put in at least five hours a week devoted to student government. These hours will be compatible with your school schedule whatever that may be.

Your time is valued; you will be paid $6.75 per hour.

To be eligible to run, students must be enrolled for at least eight credits and have at least a 2.5 grade point average.

Every candidate must go to the Student Government offices on the top floor of Building 8, and get an elections information packet.

The packets must be returned, along with 50 signatures of Highline students, by Oct. 24. A candidates forum will be held Oct. 29 in Building 7 from noon to 1 p.m. Vice President Taylor encouraged students to file for office.

"This experience will enhance your respect for politics," said Taylor.

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The Thunderword
October 4, 2001

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Get the best help available with a variety of subjects, including:
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Fall 2001 hours:
Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m.-noon
More faces, more frustrations

Highline suffers from high enrollment for Fall quarter

BY CLINT MARAGGIN Staff Reporter

Long lines, classes filled to capacity, duels for limited parking spaces - these are obstacles that people at Highline face everyday. And all of these obstacles can be directly linked to one thing: more students.

Enrollment is up noticeably from this point last year. Some 9,902 students are currently enrolled at Highline, according to the preliminary report. But that number is still inconclusive, because more students were expected to have registered before Friday's deadline. This is a more than 600-student enrollment increase compared to last fall's total of 8,300.

"Long lines will eventually lead to higher enrollment, as many people begin to pursue higher education," said Scott Harlin, registrar. "The number of students should increase in the future, due to recent economic downfall and uncertainty of what is to come."

The impact of more students can be felt across campus. Most notably in Building 6, where long lines have become a familiar and unwelcome sight.

"These lines are crucial. I always pay my tuition a little late, and I don't ever remember it taking this long," a frustrated student said. "The lines don't really bother me. I've transferred to Highline from a school in Houston. Lines are just a part of the tuition.

Students wait in a long line at the cashier to pay for tuition and other fees.

Foundation runs out of emergency funds

Students left without help for tuition and fees

BY JEFFREY G. PARKER Staff Reporter

The Highline Emergency Assistance Fund needs money.

The fund, which helps students in need, used up its Fall Quarter budget in the first week of school.

Mark McKay, director of the Highline College Foundation, which administers the fund, said higher enrollment and higher costs for tuition and books helped the fund burn through $3,000 in the first week of the quarter with 12 students using the money. McKay said the fund is running dry because of a lack of donations.

Last year the Foundation received a $10,000 donation from a former college employee. "We received $12,000 for last year, with 122 students using the money," McKay said.

Any student can qualify for help by the Foundation. The funds are used for transportation problems, and other emergency problems such as not having the money to pay tuition.

The Foundation is a private, non-profit organization that raises money for the college. Last year it raised more than $250,000 for college programs. Much of the money raised goes to specific programs, such as scholarships.

The Emergency Fund was founded in 1993 in honor of Phil Swanson, a Vice President of Student Services who retired at Highline. Individuals of the community and the Rotary Club of Des Moines created the fund in 1993.

They were able to raise $12,000 for the fund, and an anonymous donor gave $15,000. Both funds were used to endowments, which are invested in the stock market with the earnings contributing to the estimated $12,000 the fund disburses each year.

If you would like to make a donation to the Emergency Assistance Fund, you can go to the Foundation office in Building 9 and write out a check to the Highline Community College Foundation, or call the office and give them your credit card number.

The Foundation is solely reliant on individual donations, and it helps your fellow students get through school while meeting the basic essentials that lots of us take for granted, McKay said.

If you would like to know more about this, or would like to make a donation, contact Mark McKay at 206-776-3774, ext. 3466 or e-mail mckay@hcc.cte.edu.

Capestany to lead Student Programs

BY BRYAN SHARICK Staff Reporter

Student Programs is going through changes once again with Fred Capestany being named as the new interim director.

"We chose Fred because he's here, the most experienced professional that we have on campus, education, and his background," said Vice President of Students Ivan Gorne.

Capestany, who has been here at Highline since May 1999, said that he did not apply for the associate dean of students position, so there will be a new person in charge.

Capestany said that Student Programs should have an associate dean hired by the end of October, but he's prepared to do the job for however long it takes.

"I'm optimistic that the position will be filled as soon as possible, but I'm prepared that these kind of searches take a while. It could be anywhere from six to eight weeks," said Capestany.

Student Programs is also looking for another person to fill a part-time position. They are now down two people since Erin Blakeney's last day was on Sept. 28.

Blakeney, who was the first interim director, replaced Diane Anderson, who left Highline a year ago.

"We're still looking for a part-time person to help at this time in Student Programs. I have some people in mind, but I can't disclose any names at this time," said Capestany.

Capestany will also be working with Gorne to fill this part-time position.

Some of Capestany's new responsibilities include supervising the staff and representing Student Programs on committees and at meetings.

"We have a strong office and will continue that. We feel good with the staff and students that we'll be able to keep it going," said Capestany.

"I'd consider it a success if I helped Student Programs to gather at this point," said Capestany.

Campus life

Voice of students

October 4, 2001
We need education to combat ignorance

Right now America is riding a tidal wave of tolerance and acceptance. We've seen images of Jews, Muslims, Christians and members from other religions all praying together. All were united in their mourning for this country's great loss.

But lurking in the wake of that wave is the shark of ignorance. In recent events we have seen ourselves sporadically across the country. There have been several accounts in the Seattle area alone of people of Middle Eastern appearance facing grossly undue harassment. What if there are more attacks? Will more people slip into that mindset of fear and hopelessness and in doing so pick up the ignorant ways of some of our fellow Americans and begin to harass those other cultures and ways of life. If Americans seek to educate themselves in other cultures that would be cherished.

Grief and truly forgive, thus moving on as a better, stronger nation.

For Americans over the last couple of weeks.

Many Australians have wanted to offer help by donating money and by providing support for Americans in Australia at the time. However, on occasion this desire to do what one can for the Americans' cause has tragically manifested itself in the form of attacks on members of the Australian Muslim community and on Australians of Middle Eastern descent.

Incidents include the setting of a Lebanese church on fire in Sydney, the arson of a school bus of Muslim children in Brisbane, and abusive calls and attacks directed at mosques and Arab businesses.

As far as the actual response to the attacks from the U.S., although the Australian government has announced its readiness to supply troops to assist the Americans, not all Australians support military retaliation on Afghanistan, especially before the U.S. can be unwaveringly certain of who, exactly, is behind the attacks.

This has not always happened. For example, Clinton ordered for missiles to hit targets in Sudan and Afghanistan following the bombing of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998.

Many members of the international community contended that the U.S. uncovered insufficient concrete evidence to prove who was actually responsible for the attacks, and, thus, this stands as an example of a "knee-jerk" reaction or quick-fix remedy that temporarily alleviated fears but ultimately achieved little in the long run and failed to address the root motive behind the bombings.

Haim Ramon, a lecturer in Islamic studies, provided a different Australian angle.

"Recent events in the U.S. have been framed as an attack on freedom or on democracy, but I don't see it that way," said Ramon. He maintains that this particular "framing" has been employed to cultivate support for the U.S., while avoiding the issue of how the attack was, at least in part, a result of 'weak' US foreign policy choices over past decades.

Of course, it would be difficult for anyone to argue that what happened on Sept. 11 could be at all justified, precisely because of the great loss in human lives and the impact this has had all over the world, including in Australia. Still, it is worth noting the extent of global outrage shown for a loss of American lives compared to that shown for the loss, for example, of Iraqi civilian lives as a result of U.S. bombings in Iraq.

Angela Yeh is a former reporter for the Thunderword. She is currently attending Bond University in Australia, majoring in journalism and international relations.
Mori gives straight talk on symphony

By CJ Gambrel
Staff Reporter

Music instructor Dr. Paul Mori will be honored with the opportunity to give the pre-concert lecture for the Seattle Symphony.

The opportunity is rare, since there are only about a dozen or so of the lectures a year, and is by invitation only.

This is not the first time Dr. Mori was asked to give the lecture. His lectures are such a hit that the symphony has repeatedly asked him to return.

"I've been doing these lectures for the Seattle Symphony for six years," said Dr. Mori.

"It's nice to be known as the key lecturer for the Seattle Symphony."

The lecture takes place one hour before show time. It is intended to inform the audience about the music being played, whether it be a historical or biographical background, or just tips on how to listen to the music.

"It's both entertaining and informative," said Dr. Mori.

Dr. Mori will be speaking about a piece never before heard by a Seattle audience. Dr. Samuel Jones, who wrote the song, will be a guest speaker in the lecture.

"It's a very special piece with a new piece. I like something brand new that hasn't been presented before."

The piece is titled "Rhen to the Earth, Suite No. 1 from Roundup!"

Dr. Mori explains that the title is inappropriate in light of recent events.

"It is a piece that is American, it's more than that, it's about our relationship to the ground and the earth. It's a very reflective piece."

Dr. Mori's love for music is evident in his attitude towards the lecture.

"It's fun. It's a real thrill. It's nice to be able to help other people enjoy the experience of music." Dr. Mori will be speaking at Benaroya Hall on Tuesday at 7 p.m., Friday at noon, Saturday at 7 p.m., and Sunday at 1 p.m.

Actors roll into fall roles

By CJ. Floyd
Staff Reporter

Jessica Slagle carries a dramatic air. That's good. She wants to be an actress.

"It's amazing," Slagle, lead of many plays at Tyee High School, said of working on stage. "It's like being on air."

Slagle was one of a fistful of students who tried out last week for roles in the Drama Department's fall production, Blue Collar Blues. Dr. Christiana Taylor, drama professor, screened for six men and six women to fit the characters in the play.

Each person auditioning was to either bring a monologue that they prepared, or to be ready to read one that would be provided. Phong Tran played the husband from Killers, John Olve.

Slagle played a piece from the recent play she was in at Tyee, Once Upon a Mattress, a take-off on The Princess and the Pea.

Blues, a play written by Denise Kay Dillard, is set in a small town in Arkansas and concerns the outsourcing of the only big employer in town, a sewing machine manufacturing plant. The play won the prestigious American College Theater Festival competition in Washington, D.C.

"At each audition I took the stage to show their best qualities, they introduced themselves, told to ignore the fact that they were being evaluated, and showed their acting ability."

Slagle believes there are a few important things about acting. These are to be prepared, not to worry too much and just to have fun.

"In one of my high school plays, my best friend was my enemy," she said. "But it didn't really matter, because we understood it was just the play."

Unlike Slagle, there were many people who had never even taken the stage before. As they waited for their turn they sat in the three cushioned rows of the audience and watched others try to prove their skills.

"It's both entertaining and informative," said Dr. Mori.

"When you're up there, you're kind of on your own. It's a pressure situation, but it's also fun."

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Science faculty plays doctor

By Chris Nuez
Staff Reporter

A trio of Highline's science faculty come together tonight to showcase a more fun side of science. Dr. Science's 3-D House of Mystery will include experiments and presentations by Eric Stavney, Eric Baer, and Bruce Richardson.

The event follows a reception in the fourth floor library gallery where campus artists will be featured. Dr. Science's 3-D House of Mystery will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Building 2. Tickets are by donation at the door and all proceeds will benefit Highline's science programs.

Stavney plans on focusing on the history of microbiology and the Theory of Spontaneous Generation. He wants to shed some light on the famous debate beginning in the 1600s that tiny living things didn't appear magically but came from other living microbes.

Eric Baer will possibly focus on his favorite aspect of geology by performing experiments involving catastrophes of some sort.

Bruce Richardson is focusing on chemistry and will do some color changes.

This is Stavney's first time to dramatize science outside class. "This is a neat venue he came up with. I hope it goes well, and am thankful for being asked," said Stavney. Tonight is the first of a series of arts nights to be held on the first Thursday of every month.

Stavney hopes to engage people in biology by humanizing it. "Science is fun," said Stavney. "Even scientists are interested in the arts."

Solution to last week's puzzle

DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGE

Across
1. Bike holder
2. Pine
3. Computer user's headache
4. Vietnamese New Year
5. Kefishes
6. Oddballs
7. Hand tools
8. Cre-Al
9. Foney
10. Dress
11. Money
12. Singer Murray
13. Clarinet need
14. Stairs
15. Dampens
16. DNA's cousin
17. Al & Tipper
18. Good or evil warning
19. Hairdos
20. Order
21. Commuter's bead
22. Nurse, e.g.
23. Spotty
24. Socks
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29. Nurse, e.g.
30. Consumer's headache
31. Spooky
32. Lance
33. Dr. Starr
34. Friends
35. Mail
36. Mastro
37. Place
38. Oyster
39. Eggs
40. Stage whisper
41. California's Woods
42. Rubs out
43. Jargonomic
44. Report
45. Slightly
46. Sarch
47. Merganer
48. Land of Israel: Var.
49. Navy
50. New York University
51. Grading objects
52. H. S. test
53. Pine haired
54. Rodeo's answer
55. Doctor's group

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43. Jargonomic
44. Report
45. Slightly
46. Sarch
47. Merganer
48. Land of Israel: Var.
49. Navy
50. New York University
51. Grading objects
52. H. S. test
53. Pine haired
54. Rodeo's answer
55. Doctor's group
Volleyball has potential to do well

ThunderBirds still have high hopes for season despite two tough losses to Green River and Clark last week

BY MICAH THORSTON
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's volleyball lost two league games last week.

First, the team lost at home to last season's league champs, Green River, 20-30, 18-30, 28-30. On Friday, Highline traveled to Clark College and lost in straight sets, 30-18, 30-15, 30-25.

The women did well at the beginning of all three games and matched Green River point for point. Right about the halfway mark is where the team started to struggle.

"We need to learn to finish games. We start games well, but we just don't finish them," said middle blocker Mary Buchanan.

Head Coach Andrea Tinney's thoughts were along the same line.

"We had too many mental mistakes," said Tinney. "We have to cover our bights."

Lexi Early, freshman setter, said, "We didn't play to our potential." There was a positive outlook after the game, however, despite the loss.

"We played a good team. They were No. 1 in league last year," said Tinney.

As for the team's play, Tinney saw a lot of improvement.

"We have been serving really tough," said Tinney.

Highline traveled to Vancouver Friday, Sept. 28 to play Clark College.

"We've had better games for sure," said Early.

Even with the quick loss outside the gym, Staci Ellis came away with eight kills.

The outlook on the season is very positive.

According to Coach Tinney, the league is very competitive. The team still expects to place high in league as well as at the NWACCC Tournament.

"Give us a few more weeks, we'll be raw," said Early.

Results from Wednesday's game against Tacoma were unavailable at press time. The Thunderbirds next play Grays Harbor in the Pavilion at 7 p.m. on Oct. 5. Then the T-Birds travel to PaySlip to play Pierce at 7 p.m.

Men's soccer picks up two wins and a tie last week

BY JASON WALKER
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's soccer team took their unbested record into Tacoma last Wednesday and drew 1-1 in a battle of two undefeated teams.

After two road wins in Oregon over previously unbeaten Southwest Oregon, 2-0, and Umpqua, 5-1, the men prepared for what would be their biggest test on the season so far.

On a wet afternoon, both teams came out very strong. Despite the very damp field conditions both teams created numerous goal-scoring opportunities.

After weathering the initial push by Tacoma, Highline's stingy defense was finally scored on. A well-struck shot from a Tacoma attacker skipped across the wet grass from 25 yards out and found the lower corner of the net at the far post.

"Nine times out of 10 our keeper makes that save," said Highline coach Jason Prenovost referring to the effect that the wet grass played in the ball's hydroplaning into the back of the net.

Highline refused to give Tacoma any breathing room. With five minutes of the goal they drew even.

A corner kick taken by Ryan Haney found the foot of Gabe Andrews, who put the ball into the net. You can also give credit to Nathan Louvier, who made a strong challenge on the keeper, allowing the ball to make it all the way through the box to Andrews.

The goal scoring would not have stopped there if it were not for the great play of both defenses.

"Both teams had opportunities to win," said Prenovost.

Tacoma had what seemed to be a sure goal heading across the line, but out of nowhere Jesse Fingeon came flying across the field to clear the ball of the line.

Tacoma played some good defense of their own too. Highline forward Jake Dietmeier was pleased with his team's play as they seemed to be the better-conditioned side.

Prenovost described the game as a very hard fought, cleanly played game even though there was a total of 10 yellow cards handed out between the two teams.

Last Saturday, the men traveled to Grays Harbor and came away with the victory by a score of 3-1. Thunderbird goal scorers included Nathan Louvier, Kelly Laprowse, and Jake Dietmeier.

The results of the game from yesterday against South Puget Sound were unavailable at press time.

The next upcoming for the T-Birds are on Oct. 5 at Clack at 4 p.m., Oct. 6 at home against Pierce at 1 p.m., and Oct. 10 at Shoreline at 4 p.m.
Jensen leads fastpitch team

BY MATT MILLER
Staff Reporter

This season there will be a new fastpitch coach for the T-Birds. Her name is Kirsten Jensen and she is not stranger to success on the diamond.

In 1992, Jensen was a catcher on the Pacific Lutheran University fastpitch team that won the NAIA National Championship. In two years as an assistant coach at Enumclaw High School, Jensen led her team to the district playoffs twice. Prior to coaching at Enumclaw, Jensen coached at Bellevarne Prep in Tacoma for two years. At Bellevarne Prep she had the task of teaching fastpitch to a team of young women who had only played slowpitch softball at the high school level. Even then her teams had respectable records.

Jensen will be replacing Cara Hoyt. Last year, Hoyt led the T-Birds to second place in the Northeast Division of the NWAACC with a regular season record of 31-8. After seven years at the helm of the fastpitch team Hoyt took on the head coaching position at Division III California State Hayward. Hoyt's overall record at Highline was 155 wins and only 78 losses, including the postseason.

"There is a lot of pressure to keep a successful program going," Jensen said. "However, I am not reinventing the wheel. We have good leadership and a lot of talented players. We should be very successful."

Only 10 years out of college, Jensen brings a sense of youthfulness to the team. Jensen says that she tries not to yell to motivate her players. Motivation comes from her knowledge of the game and the team's successful history.

Jensen feels that the team is very well balanced. They have good hitters and a good, quick defense. As of now the teams greatest need is pitching. Due to a season ending injury to pitcher Becca Merry, sophomore Terra Edgecomb is the lone pitcher on the team.

"Lack of pitching is the biggest concern right now. We are in the process of trying to get some pitchers on the team," said Jensen.

Assistant Coach Mark Hall returns for his third season with the team. Hall and Jensen have been friends for a number of years and Jensen feels that they share a similar philosophy when it comes to how the game should be played. Hall was the one who first approached Jensen about the coaching position.

Viruses threaten computers

BY JOHNNY PAX
Staff Reporter

Computer users beware. Be on the lookout for the Vote virus and the SirCam virus. They can infect the next e-mail you receive and they can have damaging effects to your computer.

The Vote virus was discovered last week and it spreads by e-mailing itself to all recipients in your address book. Then, "it infects all of your html files. Upon receipt it deletes your operating system," said Gary McCune, computer support technician.

The e-mail is titled "Fwd: Peace BeTweeN AmeriCa and I/Sm and with an attachment called "WTC.EXE."

The Vote virus has been spreading quickly and fortunately Highline has not been affected.

"We haven't gotten it yet. We're lucky," he said.

There are about 1,000 computers on campus. McCune is responsible for the faculty computers while the Instructional Computer Center is responsible for the rest.

While the Vote virus was recently discovered, the SirCam virus has been around since last spring, but it is still affecting people today.

McCune says that nearly five Highline employees are still receiving this e-mail every week. However there is no specific target like the Vote virus on what it affects in your computer. Instead, "it does random things to different computers," he said.

The e-mail has constantly changing subject lines and attachments but it contains the message, "Hi! How are you? I send you this file in order to have your advice. See you later. Thanks." He also noted that there are always two attachments.

Since he SirCam virus has been around for months, it has become rather prevalent on campus because it is easy to detect.

"The software we have usually catches that," McCune said.

While viruses can spread themselves quickly, McCune says there are precautions that can be taken to decrease the chances of being infected.

He says one of the reasons why people get infected so easily is because they are not paying attention. Often times, people can be sending an infected e-mail to friends and family without even knowing it.

"You can always e-mail the person that sent you the e-mail and ask if they meant to send the e-mail to you," McCune said. "Also do not open any suspicious e-mail attachments. Another characteristic to look out for is executable files because they are much more likely to be a virus. Text files are definitely more likely," he said.

Even though executable files are more likely, it does not mean that it will be a virus every time.

"Generally speaking, it's not that every time you see an .exe file, it's going to be a virus," McCune said.

He also recommended that if you are not sure of any e-mail attachments, you can send them to Administrative Technology to get them checked out.

If you receive an e-mail back with the subject "EMAIL SCAN: VIRUS ALERT IN ATTACHMENT," the file contains a virus and should be deleted immediately.

So keep your eyes open for the Vote virus, SirCam virus and any suspicious e-mails.

"Even if you have anti-virus software, it's good to be aware," McCune said.

Intramurals offer free fun

BY JACOB MARK
Staff Reporter

Highline's intramurals this fall will include flag football, volleyball, and 3-on-3 basketball.

Intramurals will be held in the Pavilion as well as the soccer field.

It costs $5 per participant. There will be a final barbecue for participants, and everyone will receive a t-shirt.

Intramurals is open to everyone: staff, students, and anyone else in the Highline community," said coordinator Kirsten Jensen.

"The more people we have sign up, the more teams we have, which means the more fun we have," says Jensen.

Intramurals will be from 12:15-115 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For more information contact Jensen at 206-878-3716 ext. 3459, or see her in Building 20, room 214.

Deadline nears for Winter Quarter scholarships

BY JEFFREY G. PARKER
Staff Reporter

Fifteen applicants for the Academic Achievement Scholarship will receive a full tuition waiver for one quarter. The deadline is Monday, Oct. 22 at 5 p.m. in the Student Development Center in Building 6.

Students who will be attending full-time at Highline in Winter Quarter and have a high school or college GPA of 3.5 or greater will be eligible to apply.

This scholarship is for students who show excellence in their academic studies. On average 60 students apply, but a lot more who are eligible don't know about it, said Shannon Proctor speech instructor who is coordinating the scholarship program.

Three different judges will score the applications and 15 students who score the highest will be rewarded the scholarships. Greater consideration will be given to those who have not won the scholarship before.

To apply you must complete the application form, and submit on separate pages a description about your educational goals, honors and scholarships, and describe a significant experience you had in school that transformed the way you think about learning.

You also need a copy of your transcript and two letters of recommendation or evaluation forms.

Applications must be complete and all turned in at the same time. All incomplete applications will be thrown in the recycle bin if you don't turn in everything together.
New child care center begins first step

BY BRYAN SHARICK
Staff Reporter

Highline’s campus will be getting even more of a face-lift in fall of 2002 when the construction of the new child care center should start. The location of the new center will be at the southeastern area of campus by the main entrance.

The whole process started last Friday when four different architectural groups came to campus to give hour-long presentations on why they should design Highline’s child care center.

The panel that listened to these presentations consisted of Jeanette Imaniski, an outside architect who was asked to sit on the panel; Joyce Riley, the director of the child care center; Pete Babington, the facilities director; Laura Saunders, the vice president of administration; and Joe Sullivan from Engineering and Architectural services.

The first group presented consisted of three firms together to bid the job, including Murphy Verry, ROFDW, and Susan Black.

“They have a passion for including green design, using day lighting, and are sensitive to clients needs,” said Pete Babington.

The goals of Environmental Works are to be environmentally responsible, have the center be energy efficient, have good indoor air quality, and fit the building to the site.

The next group that presented was Waldron Akira. The goals of this company were to maintain trees, have direct access to the outside, and be a buffer from people and traffic.

“We want the new child care center to be ‘kid friendly.’ We are also concerned with the energy efficiency and air quality of the building,” said Hanson.

NAC and Opis win the bid to design new student center

BY STEVEN PENNEY
Staff Reporter

Northwest Architecture Company and Opis have won the contract to design Highline’s new student center.

The college plans on having a new student center some time in 2003.

The firm was paid for by the $25 collected from each student at the beginning of each quarter.

The new center will be built where the current one stands, but it will be 40,000 square feet, more than twice the size of the 17,000 square foot building, extending further north to about halfway behind Building 19.

“This is going to be much more than a standard campus building. It will be something special,” said Pete Babington, Highline’s director of facilities.

The Northwest/Opis teams were chosen from four architectural firms who made presentations last Friday. The finalists came from 13 initial bidders.

The four gave 45-minute presentations to convince the college that their firm was the right one for the job.

The decision was made by a panel of college officials, including Babington, Vice President for Administration Laura Saunders, Director of Child Care Joyce Riley, Joe Sullivan from the state Department of General Administration, Engineering and Architectural Services, and Vice President for Students Ivan Gorne.

Northwest Architecture Company and Opis gave a somewhat rushed presentation on their considerable experience in designing buildings on higher education campuses. They boasted 30 years of experience and a large staff prepared to start on the project right away.

They envisioned the student center as a very open building with a fireplace.

Dale Brook, principal architect, said “simplification is key” in making space that is usable for a wide range of activity.

Northwest Architecture Company is a local firm and Opis comes out of Portland.

Opis will be doing the designing while NAC will produce the drawings and manages the project.

The panel was impressed by a video of a previous NAC project, the University of Idaho Student Union Center.

“They have a chemistry and creative energy that is ideal for addressing the concerns in a student union building,” said Babington.
Brothers talk of understanding

BY SAMANTHA VAIL
Staff Reporter

Afghan-American students at Highline say Americans should befriend innocent Afghanistan citizens and militate against the terrorists.

Three students from Afghanistan talked about their political beliefs to Jan Glennon's political science class last Friday.

Two of the speakers are brothers: Ehsan and Farid Karzai from Kabul, Afghanistan and Abdul Rahman from Kabul, Afghanistan. Rahman has lived in the United States for eight years. He attended Highline High School and has a degree in Computer Information Systems. All three students have taken several quarters of political science at Highline and are in their mid-to-early 20s. Ehsan Karzai has completed his associate of arts and is currently taking a few classes and plans on transferring to the University of Washington.

It took a great deal of courage for the men to come up in front of a room of 40 strangers to discuss their personal beliefs on the Sept. 11 tragedy and their fears for the future.

"I feel sorry for what happened," said Ehsan Karzai. "It shows a bad face to Islam." Rahman said with tears in his eyes when discussing the judgment of his people. "Afghanistan is highly based on cultural values just like the United States is based on laws. They (terrorists) are motivated by religion, but their religion doesn't teach this. Islam is a religion of peace," said Farid Karzai.

"No human being would be for such an act. Neither are Muslims," said Karzai.

Afghan-Americans Farid and Ehsan Karzai expressed their views in a political science class here last week.

Abdul Rahman said the United States government should not use military action to fight Afghanistan but political power to help rebuild the country. He also said that Americans should become more educated in foreign policy.

"The country (Afghanistan) is pretty much destroyed. After the Russians left, we really really needed help. When we bombed Japan we then built them back up - we (US) should have done the same thing with Afghanistan," said Rahman.

The students said they believe that individual organizations in Afghanistan turned against the United States because of a lack of aid and assistance after the war with Russia.

"I strongly believe that what we see (the terrorists' acts) are because of a weak foreign policy towards Arab nations," said Ehsan Karzai.

The students said they have experienced less discrimination on the streets but more so from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"They are sure the FBI has tapped their e-mail and phones. They are asking them for credit information to track their funds," said Glennon.

The students said that Highline is a comfortable place to be because there is so much diversity but they have noticed some change in attitude from some students.

"I was working out and this guy was telling me that 'if you guys are in our country you should talk in our language,'" said Eanone.

"A lot of people have been supportive. They try to somehow make me feel good," said Rahman.

"My hope is that the war won't happen," said Karzai.

Forum allows students the chance to talk

BY SAMANTHA VAIL
Staff Reporter

Students were asked to pair up in groups of five and asked to answer the following questions:

1. How did the world trade center crisis effect them directly?
2. What should the government do? How can students make a difference?
3. Are we all directly affected?
4. Are students making a difference?
5. What are some sort of fear now?
6. How can summer volunteer for pleasure to foreign countries.
7. How can students voice concern and make donations through the Combined Fund Drive.
8. Students have to come to the forum for extra credit in their classes.

Students voice concern and fear about the events of Sept. 11 at yesterday's forum at Highline. Students were allowed to come to the forum for extra credit in their classes.

"I don't think this is just the Taliban. This is more than one agency," said Eanone.

Students not only expressed their fears for Americans but for middle eastern residents.

"I can't imagine how that must feel, especially since America is such a powerful country. That must be so scary," said a student.

"One thing I really hope for is that the airline industry will become more secure. Even school. Think about it. Just anyone can walk in." said Karzai.

"Afghanistan are freedom lovers," said Karzai.

"My hope is that the U.S. officials will listen to independent Afghanistan. I hope that we understand that the acts committed were not pro Islam," he said.

Donate money for victims of Sept. 11

BY KENT NUTH
Staff Reporter

Highline staff and students have started to contribute to aid the Red Cross and other organizations raising money for the relief efforts following the Sept. 11 terrorist tragedies.

College employees also can make donations through the Washington State Employees Combined Fund Drive. The annual event starts Oct. 10.

Faculty and staff can make contributions before that by writing checks to the Red Cross relief fund or Salvation Army and sending them to the Highline Foundation office, Building 9, or through the Combined Fund Drives payroll deduction program.
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"I wore a wig for most of the time. I went to work that way so most people didn't know I had it," said Hibbs.

"It's just so unfair to see kids in their 20s not make it and here I am in my 40s and pull through," said Hibbs.

Hibbs was not the only person who had to face the cancer. She is married and has three children.

"My husband was very strong. My youngest was very scared. She always wanted to stay home, she didn't want to go to school. My middle child was angry at me for being sick. She didn't know how to deal with it. I think my children are now scared for themselves because I had cancer," said Hibbs.

Hibbs said a lot of good has come out of her situation. She said she is very thankful that her relationships with other people have changed.

"I have more compassion for other people," said Hibbs.

Along with children, marriage and fighting cancer, Hibbs has succeeded in many areas. She graduated with a bachelor of arts in English Education and her master of arts in reading specialist from Central Washington University. For 14 years Hibbs taught as a reading instructor at Highline and then moved into the tutoring center for seven years and is now changing back to her instructing position again.

Hibbs said her courses are designed to help students brush up on their reading skills. "Having strong reading skills is very important for students. One of the ways I think I could be helpful would be to help faculty teach students reading skills that will help them be successful in other classes. It's very rewarding to see students improve," said Hibbs. She teaches one section of Reading 91 and two sections of Reading 60.

There is currently no one to fill Hibbs' former position at the Tutoring Center.

Although a tragedy nearly took her life, Hibbs has beaten the odds and is continuing her aspirations.

"If someone had told me this was going to happen to me I would have said I wouldn't have had the strength to do it," Hibbs said. "But when you're faced with it you do it. You just have to do it and you do somehow."