Kids sprinting toward Highline

By Samantha Stephens

Junior high students will now
be attending Highline under a
new program called Sprinting Start,
which was approved last week by the
Washington State Legislature.
Sprint Start is a new program that
high school juniors and seniors in
smaller schools may attend.
Legislators felt junior high
students with exceptional talents
should be allowed to attend high school
class early in order to graduate
sooner.

"We believe that the sprinters
will have a better chance of
being successful in college," said
Steve Combs, R-ING.

Sprinters will take pre-algebra
when they are ready for business
calculus, said State Senator
Dick Keating.

Sprinters will not be able to
earn college credits.

"It looks fun," said one 13-year-old
who has not yet attended
Highline.

Junior high students will now
have their own recess, which will
be added to their class schedule.

"Jessica has beta the
answer," said a student.

"It is insulting for their exceed-
Abnormal squirrels on campus

Several students have been bitten by squirrels around campus. The squirrels have reportedly become larger than usual because of recent genetic experiments done by the Biology Department on the animals. If you see a squirrel it is recommended you just walk away slowly from the animal without making eye contact.

Oscar found

An Academy Award was found by a student in a trash bin located near Building 8. The Oscar was given to director Steven Soderbergh for his film Traffic, at last year’s Academy Awards.

Soderbergh gave it to a Highline student who eventually turned the award over to the police, only realizing that the Oscar was not made of chocolate.

Soderbergh reportedly was upset by the incident and did not comment.

Stolen Editor

In the early hours of the morning on March 30, Spring Edition-in-Chief Bryan Sharrick was stolen from the Thunderword newsroom in Building 10, room 106.

There have been no leads as of yet and a $5 reward has been offered.

Compiled by John Punshat
New student gets Highline n’ sync

By EVLYN CROWE
Staff Reporter

Chris Kirkpatrick, a member of the famous boy band N'Sync, comes to Highline this spring.

Kirkpatrick, after a recent visit to Highline on March 1, has decided to attend as a full-time student beginning Spring Quarter.

Kirkpatrick decided to leave N'Sync to pursue an education in world geography and found Highline’s campus to be the perfect place to get an Associate of Arts degree.

Kirkpatrick has already received an Associate’s degree from Valencia College in Daytona, Florida. However, the credits are not correct for a world geography major.

"I found out that Canada is actually a different country," he said. "And Mexico too. I'm guessing there may be more.

"I like traveling around the world, but I just want to spend time studying and learning more about the world at large," Kirkpatrick said.

The decision to leave the band came shortly after Kirkpatrick read a recent review from MTV news about the Portland concert which is part of N'Sync's PopOdyssey tour.

The review stated that the concert was just a Justin Timberlake and J.C. Chasez promotion and that the other band members were supporting players.

Kirkpatrick took the review to heart and decided that he was tired of the band and not being taken seriously.

"None of my songs that were written for our new album, Celebrity, made the final cut (for the album) and I was hurt by that," he said. "I just think it is time for me to leave the band and pursue other interests."

"I have heard a rumor through the other band members that the band will soon be called Justin and Friends," said a close friend of Kirkpatrick’s. "This made Chris really angry and dissatisfied with the band."

"We will miss him and wish him the best of luck," an N'Sync spokeswoman said on Sunday.

Kirkpatrick has left the tour and did not appear at the Minneapolis concert last night to begin classes on time, and will not appear for the rest of the tour.

To celebrate Kirkpatrick coming, he will be in Building 8 at noon to sign pictures and compact discs free of charge.

"I hope Highline welcomes me with open arms," he said. "I can't wait to start school."

MTV to cast at Highline

By CHAD CONNELLY
Staff Reporter

Highline students who spend their Tuesday nights in front of the TV eagerly anticipating the antics of the seven hormonally charged members of The Real World Chicago will be pleased to learn that a casting call for the show’s 12th season, will take place in Des Moines.

MTV casting agents and show producers will be in Building 8 at noon tomorrow, April 2. They’re looking for just the right people to provide another interesting and spirited-filled season.

"We’re looking for a diverse group of students who have unique characteristics that will come across as exciting and multi-dimensional," said Michelle McGovern, an executive producer at MTV.

In the past, there has been a lot of friction between cast members. For example, Funk, perhaps the most notorious Real World member ever, clashed with every single housemate he had until they finally kicked him out.

Ever since, there has been a tremendous amount of art inarguing, abounding, kicking and punching among the groups of all the locations the show has placed itself. It’s almost as if casting directors deliberately look for people who will not be compatible.

"We don’t try to find people who will clash, but I won’t say that we don’t want people who might clash," McGovern said.

Casting will also be held at the University of Washington on April 5, and Seattle University on April 7.

April Fool’s Day doesn’t get respect it deserves

By KEVIN WALKER
Staff Reporter

Drama chosen

By KIMI DOYLE CAMPUS
Staff Reporter

A guest director will lead an interactive play about infinity, fantasy, and fixation at Highline this spring.

The Spring Quarter drama production will be a stage adaptation of Stanley Kubrick’s Eyes Wide Shut. Paul Conner, graduate of Boston Performing Arts College and a die-hard Kubrick fan, will direct the show.

To keep the play as true to Kubrick’s drama as possible, Conner said, “very little will be cut or different from the film version.”

Despite concerns about the nudity and sexual content Conner seems unfazed by concerns of other staff and faculty.

“There is some nudity and sexual content, but we’re all adults here,” Conner said.

The play will be performed in three acts. During act two the audience is encouraged to join in the party scene. Masks are handed out before the play begins for the audience to wear.

“The interaction between the actors and audience during the climax should be interesting to watch,” Conner said.

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April Fool’s Day is an laughing matter.

Each year I become saddened around this time as I look around and see everyone treating this holiday like it’s some kind of joke.

No one takes this holiday seriously anymore: April Fool’s Day just comes and goes. No one thinks of those leave souls who fought for our right to celebrate this holiday. They fought for our right to pray on the innocent. To target the gullible. To stalk the unsuspecting like I stalk my ex-girlfriend. Oops, did I just write that?

Those soldiers of the FFF (Freedom From Pranks Foundation) sailed to America shortly after the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock. They lived in harmony for only a short while until the FFF’s pranks began to wear the Pilgrims thin.

At first the pranks were innocent like, “Hey Mr. Thomas, your hat’s unbuckled!” and the poor fool would check his hat only to quickly realize it had been buckled all along.

Another popular prank was
Sports

Football begins spring training

By Shawn Carter

Staff reporter

Highline's football team is coming young players that are ready for the season's group of returning veterans.

T-Bird Head Coach Tony Robbins has a reputation for developing his team's potential. He has set the pace and expectations.

Davis is confident that the returning veterans will have the talent to make up for the losses. The team has set a goal to be called, "The Thunderbirds are back."

Robbins has a punishing running style in which defenders have to stop themselves. The games will be played to win, and the team plans to make things happen with their speed and size. The T-Birds are the west's top team and they are ready to play.

The team's potential is in the air, and the T-Birds will be the ones to lead the way. The team is confident in itself, and they plan to make the most of the opportunity.

Pool turned into skateboarding park for Highline team

By Ace Boudreaux

Staff reporter

Highline will expand its athletic program this Spring Quarter with a new skateboard ramp.

"Nobody knows the best thing that we can do for ourselves," said Robbins. "We will be the ones to lead the way.

Students encouraged to give of themselves

By Linda Cragin

Thunderbird Staff Reporter

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