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Kids sprinting toward Highline

By SAMANTHA STEPHENS
Staff Reporter

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.

Sprinting Start is state funded and will admit students who are 12 years of age, have a junior high school grade point average of 3.5 or higher, pass the reading comprehension section of the COMPASS test, and maintain a 2.0 in college course work.

Legislators felt junior high students with exceptional grades should be rewarded for their excellence.

"These kids really have what it takes to be successful in college course work. It is insulting to many parents to force their children to take pre-algebra when they are ready for business calculus," said State Rep. Alexandra Combs, R-Vancouver.

Many parents agree that Sprinting Start is the answer for their kids. Sharon Keats will have her 12-year-old daughter registered for Fall Quarter at Highline next year.

"Jessica has been reading the newspaper since she was 4. She has always been smarter and more mature than the average child. She is going to Highline to study economics," said Keats. Junior high students were



Photo by Buggy Shutterman

Young plans to attend Highline in the fall.

happy to talk about their reasons for going to college.

"School is cool because I can get my mac on, you know?" said 13-year-old Dennis Rodsen of Jefferson Junior High.

"I like have really big goals and I heard that like they have a really good cheer squad," said 14-year-old Sissy Shannon of Highline Junior High School. The new dean of Underage

Students will be created to accommodate to the youngsters.

"We are planning to build a separate gymnasium for the children to spend their recess hour. These kids are very intelligent but we still must remember they are children," said the new dean.

The money for the new building will come from the S&A fund balance.

Nike shoes made by Child Care kids

Money will go toward the new Child Care Center

By PHIL KNIGHT
Staff Reporter

Highline officials have made the decision to have children at the Child Care Center work for their new building.

"After much thought and debate, the decision to have the children make Nike shoes to help fund the center seemed like the best idea," said Mary Jane Patent, a Highline spokesperson for the new center.

Officials said the decision will allow the children a part in building their new center.

"We hope that having the children be such a big part of funding the center will make them take better care and more responsibility with how they treat it," said Patent.

Officials made the decision last Thursday after looking over many different ways the center could be funded.

"Several options were brought up, and we had a hard time making a decision. With the recent economy and budget cuts, this was really the most plausible choice," said Patent.

"We decided on having the children make the Nike shoes partly because Nike brought such a great deal to the table, and partly because lots of kids at

the center wear Nikes," said Addy Dassler, a staff member at the Child Care Center.

Currently, there have been mixed reactions on the parents' part. Some feel this is a reputable idea, and others are somewhat upset with the decision.

"My kid can't even tie his own shoes, I don't know how they expect him to make shoes for other people," said Connie Versus, the parent of a 4-year-old at the center.

Other parents are happy about the decision, thinking that this could actually teach responsibility and independence in their children.

"I think it's a good idea. It's easy for our kids to feel like everything comes to them at no cost in our society today. This way the kids feel like they have really accomplished something and can see that you have to work hard if you really want something, like a new center," said Kathy Jean Baker, the parent of a 2-year-old who has been attending the center for one year now.

Most of the kids at the center are excited about the idea of helping to make Nike shoes.

"It looks fun. They already brought in all these cool looking machines and they said we get to play with them all day," said 5-year-old Johnny Johnson.

The Child Care Center is planning to start this project starting

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College adds midday recess for Spring Quarter

By WALLY MONROE
Staff Reporter

Recess will be returned to Highline beginning this quarter, college officials announced last week.

"With the students getting younger every quarter, it seemed right to give the stu-

dents a break in the middle of the day," said one administrator. "Faculty tell us that the average student gets pretty antsy around 11 a.m., so we figured recess would be one easy way to address that."

Under the new plan, students will be excused from class at 10:45 a.m., with the 11 a.m.

class beginning at 11:10 a.m.

"That will allow the students to put the balls away and clean up the play area before going to class," said the administrator.

With the later start, 11 a.m. classes now will run until noon, and noon classes now will start at 12:10 p.m. and run until 1:15 p.m.

Succeeding classes will be pushed back, so that 7 p.m. evening classes now will begin the following morning.

"They already do this in Kansas," one administrator said. "The results have been really great."

With recess in place, some parking spots in the west park-

ing lot will be removed to make room for four-square and dodge-ball areas, and Student Programs officials will be temporarily assigned as playground monitors while a search committee looks for qualified moni-

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You be the judge!

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This week's contest:
Find Barry's picture
in the paper!



Crime Blotter for March 14- April 1 Hey Kool-Aid!!!

Security reported that several people have been running naked around campus. Several very large men with red paint all over their bodies have been running around Highline. The men have reportedly been seen streaking by Building 8 as well as Building 1.

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 trashed the award after realizing that the Oscar was not made of chocolate.

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

Stolen Editor

In the early hours of the morning on March 30, Spring Editor-in-Chief Bryan Sharick 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 Funihat

Professor debunks UFO myth Shoes

By IGNAPX VEEBLEPORT
Staff Reporter

UFOs are not real, Highline Astrology Professor Nerm Zeeber said here in the most recent Science Seminar.

"I have consulted the stars, and there are no UFOs," Zeeber said.

Zeeber's presentation was interrupted what appeared to be numerous cell phone calls, during which Zeeber was reported to have said, "Not now, Andre, I've almost convinced them!"

Zeeber said reports of aliens are, in fact, not true, although he admitted Vice President Dick Cheney could be an alien.

"But of course there are no aliens," Zeeber said.

Zeeber's popular Astrology 101 class is designed to help students who can't take responsibility for their own lives.

"It's all in the stars," Zeeber said. "Once you learn to consult the charts, everything falls into place. It's all part of the plan of the cosmos."

Zeeber said that the recent sightings of unidentified flying objects most likely were Frisbees coated with aluminum foil, and the aliens reportedly descending from the discs were



Photo by Buggy Shutterman

Campus regular Duke Applegate said he doesn't believe in UFOs.

either mutant squirrels or optical delusions.

"Also the aliens don't want to collect and eat all of our eight-track tapes," Zeeber said. "Nor do they hope to make Christina Aguilera their queen

for the purpose of engineering a new species."

Next week's Science Seminar will feature Polysomnographer R.V. Winkle speaking on "Your Nightmares are Real."

New resource found on campus

Highline's Library is full of books, student Dudley Dulles discovered recently.

"I went into this building on accident, and I found all these books! There's so much information there. Who knew?" Dulles said.

The freshman, who has not declared a major, said he will definitely think about using the Library in the future.

"I mean, I really don't have time to read, but it's good to know that they're there," he said.

New coordinated studies offered

A new coordinated study class will be offered this spring combining philosophy and geography. The coordinated study entitled "Where am I and what the hell am I doing here?" is a combination of Philosophy 100 and Geography 101 and is offered daily at 9 a.m. in Building 6.

It's Wally's world

Noted pathetic hanger-on

Wally Monroe, a.k.a. Prof Daddy, has signed a three album deal with Motown records. Monroe is looking for a new challenge and is well-known around campus for his raps. Monroe is said to have been at Highline for 35 years, but no one really knows for sure.

"Here I come tall as towers. You can't defeat my super powers," Monroe said.

Student government update

Student Government will have a meeting on Thursday. Agenda for the meeting includes reviewing the minutes of the last meeting, planning the agenda for the next meeting, and discussing whether to hire a meeting facilitator to improve the group's meetings. The meeting will be preceded by a premeeting planning session, and followed by a post-meeting cool-down.

Officers Jewel Fitzgerald and Angela Jenkins also will lead a cheer.

Student Government is accepting nominations for its coveted Meeting Planner of the Year Award.

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Spring Quarter. The first two weeks will be devoted to training the children on how to work the machines, as well as deciding which child will work on what.

Nike has delegated two representatives from their corporate headquarters to work with the children in these beginning weeks.

During this time, the current faculty at the Child Care Center will also get coached on how to work as managers once the shoe making begins.

"I am excited that I will get to work in a managerial position. This is a great opportunity for these kids to get some early work experience and have something to put on their resumes later on," said Addy Dassler.

Currently, Highline officials are not sure when the project will be finished, or when they will have enough money to start the new center.

"Once this project takes off, I expect that we will have enough money for the new center in no time," said Patent.

Recess

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tors. "It takes a special skill to be a college recess monitor," said an administrator. "Let's face it, some of the kids are pretty big. They can play rough."

Minimum requirements include playground experience and a master's degree.

Recess will be conducted upstairs in Building 8 on rainy days, college officials say.

The Thunderword Check the date

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April 1, 2002

Drama chosen New student gets Highline n'sync

By KDUB WALRUS
Staff Reporter

A guest director will lead an interactive play about infidelity, 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.

By EYLUV CROWE
Staff Reporter

Chris Kirkpatrick, a member of the famous boy band N'Sync, is coming to Highline.

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 of Arts degree from Valencia College in Dayton, Ohio but 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 enjoy traveling around with the band, 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

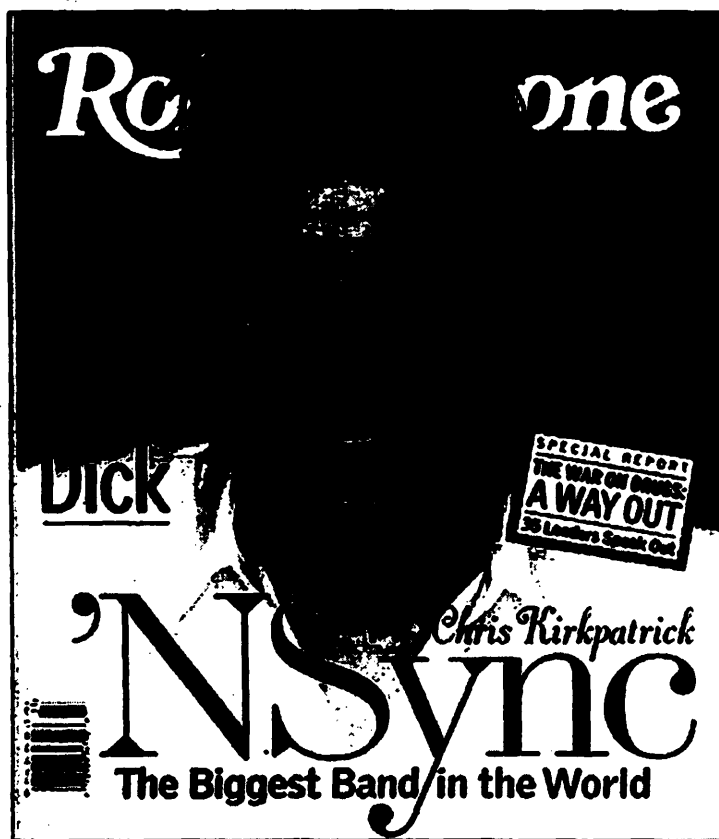


Photo by Mark Seliger

Kirkpatrick on a recent cover of Rolling Stone.

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 disgusted 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 CHAZ 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 strife-filled season.

"We're looking for a diverse group of students who have unique personalities that will come alive on TV," said David McMahon, a producer at MTV who will be here on Tuesday.

In the past, there has been a lot of friction between cast members. For example, Puck, 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



Photo by Buggy Shutterman

The house for 'Real World' is on the Des Moines waterfront.

tremendous amount of arguing, shouting, 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," McMahon 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

April Fool's Day is no laughing matter.

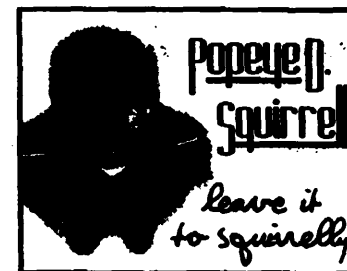
Each year I become saddened around this time as I look around and see everyone treating this holiday like it's some kind of joke.

No one takes this holiday seriously anymore. April Fool's Day just comes and goes. No one thinks of those brave souls who fought for our right to celebrate this holiday. They fought for our right to prey 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 F.F.F.F. (Freedom From Fools Federation) sailed to America shortly after the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock. They lived in harmony for only a short while until the F.F.F.F.'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



pointing to the sky and saying, "Hey look! A dead turkey! A famished pilgrim's anger would quickly turn to laughter once he realized someone from the F.F.F.F. was just having a little fun.

Then things turned ugly separating the two groups and led to the eventual extinction of the F.F.F.F.

Apparently one of the F.F.F.F. youth, Jigga Normous, had gone tee pee tipping with a group of his friends, thus offending the neighboring Indians that the pilgrims had worked so hard to make peace with.

Little was heard again about the F.F.F.F. after the first Thanksgiving dinner, however, some said the meat tasted a little "funny."

Football begins spring training

By SHAWN CARTER
Staff Reporter

Highline's football team is starting spring practice this week and expectations are high for this season's group of grid-iron warriors.

T-Bird Head Coach Tony Davis is confident that the team will live up to the high standards he has set for them as well as what the rest of the NWAACC expects from them.

"There is no question that we have the talent everybody else wants. It's just a matter of coming together and executing in the games. If we stay healthy I am sure we can do big things this fall," said Davis.

The T-Birds are led by freshman running back Casey Robbins from Tahoma High School in Maple Valley. In his senior season at Tahoma, Robbins rushed for over 1,000 yards and scored 10 touchdowns. The 5'10" 205-pound Robbins has a punishing running style in which defenders are often the hittee rather than the hitter.

"I like to make the big collisions," said Robbins. "When I know that the crowd can hear the pads smack and I am the one left standing that sends a message to not only that player, but

the whole opposing team."

The man handing the ball off to Robbins will be freshman Tristan Montgomery. Montgomery, who graduated from Kent-Meridian High School, is a tall 6'2" and can make things happen with his arms and feet. Montgomery is looking forward to playing for a winning program. In high school, Montgomery never played on a team that won more than two games in a season.

"I'm excited for this season. I wish we could start playing today. By the time September is here, teams should fear us because we will have had so much time to come together as a team," said Montgomery.

With an offensive line that averages 240 pounds, Highline should have a high powered offense that puts a lot of points on the board this season.

"I think we should be able to control the clock and basically do what we want on offense," said Davis. "With the type of size and talent this team has, only we can stop ourselves."

On the defensive side of the ball the T-Birds are not lacking strength. Working in the weight room all winter long some T-Birds look more like bodybuilders than football players.

"We call them the metal

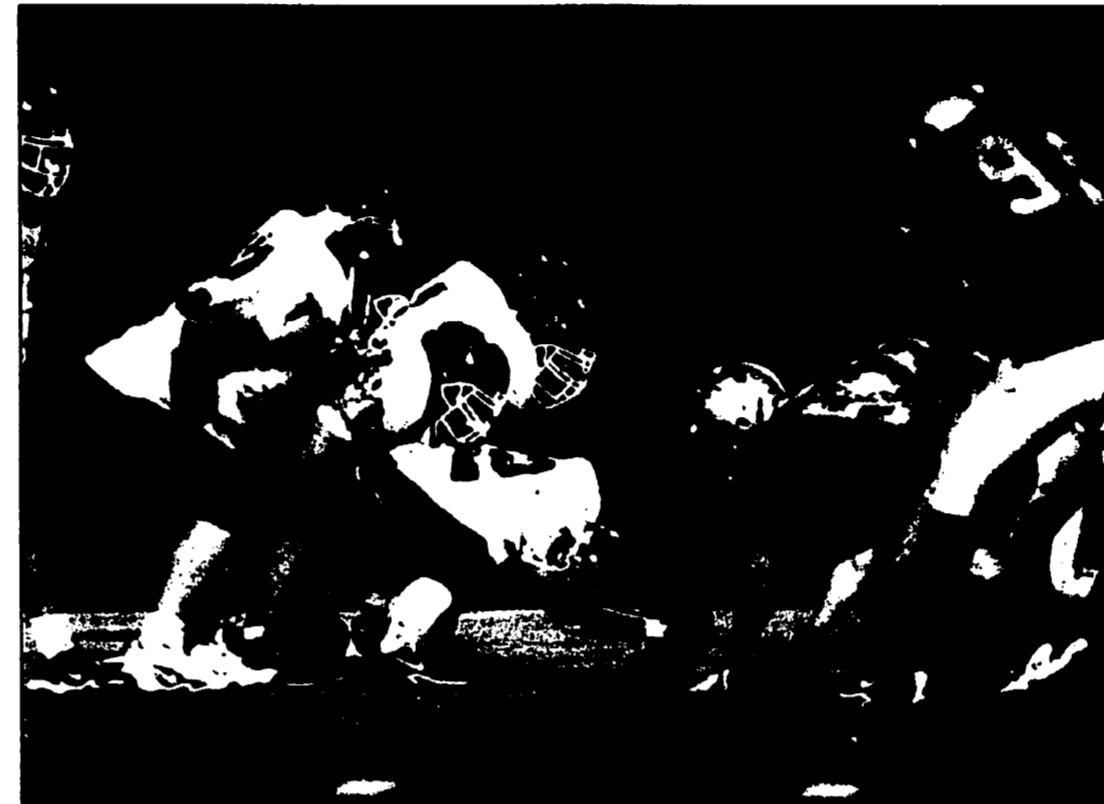


Photo by Joe Mama

The team practices at Highline for their first game of the season on Sept. 10.

heads," said Davis. "They work out so much I have to lock the weight room door so they won't sneak in during class. I like that kind of dedication."

The leader of the defensive unit is nose tackle Rocky Gibraltar. Gibraltar can be heard and seen on the field. His portly 6'1" 250-pound frame

can be easily spotted from the stands as he breaks through the offensive line, while his intimidating dog-like barks and snarls can be heard by anyone facing him.

With so much talent on this years team some wonder if the T-Birds can live up to the hype. Robbins says they don't pay at-

tention to any hype or expectations set on them.

"We don't get caught up in what other people say about us because they aren't here practicing with us everyday. We know what our strengths and weaknesses are and we're working on improving both so we can play our best ball."

Pool turned into skateboarding park for Highline team

By ACE ROKKEN
Staff Reporter

Highline will expand its athletics program this Spring Quarter with an extreme skateboarding team.

"Bitchin'! This is the best thing to ever happen to this school," said freshman Nick Colgan.

To kick off the new team, the Thunderboards, as they are asking to be called, are putting on a celebrity skateboarding invitational, scheduled to take place in



Team captain Muthah

the recently-drained Highline swimming pool.

"We are extremely excited

about this new sports opportunity," said Associate Dean of Student Athletics Jared Hedger.

The exhibition, tentatively being called Enter the Wheels of Fire, has already committed professional boarders Mike Maldonado and Chad Muska to come skate.

In addition to several big-name boarders coming to Highline, Tony Hawk will make a special speech commending the college's forward thinking.

"It is great what is happening

in the sport these days. I remember when people would laugh at you for saying skating is a real sport," said Hawk. "Because of this addition to Highline's athletic program I see several universities following close behind."

For the moment, competitions are being scheduled for Highline's team from Seattle to Longview.

Because of the limited amount of competition in the infant NWAACC sport, the season will only run from April to

mid-May.

Try-outs for the Thunderboards will be held immediately following the exhibition on today at 3 p.m.

"We are asking for as many people as possible to come out," said Head Coach Quaid Reynolds. "The more interest we have from students with this, the more attention administration will give us."

"Grab your boards boys, we're gonna burn this mother down," said team captain Sekh C. Muthah.

Students encouraged to give of themselves

By BETHANY GUNTRY
Thunderbird Staff Reporter

Students, faculty and staff can help fund the new Student Union Building by donating kidneys this quarter.

Dr. Walter Mocken and Dr. Helen Seger of the University of Washington will be performing physicals in Building 6 on April

23 from 10 a.m. to noon to make sure students are ready to donate. The physical is required before donating.

Hospitals, clinics, and black market contacts are eagerly awaiting the fundraiser. With each kidney costing about \$300 a piece, the money is expected to add up quickly.

"Advanced technology has

enabled us to cut surgery time in half, as well as a guaranteed fast recovery. You don't even have to lay in a tub of ice anymore.

It's a safe and easy procedure and not only do you raise money for your cause, but you also help save a life," says Surgeon Ken D. Tapper from Boston University.

"I really believe if each stu-

dent pulls together and gives a little of themselves we can make this (new student center) happen," said one college official.

Students can sign up to donate this Tuesday in Building 8. A photo I.D. and doctor's note are required before signing up.

Everyone who donates will have his or her name engraved on a plaque to be displayed

above the main entrance of the new center. A formal dinner and presentation will be held with honorable mention of every name that donated when the building is finally finished.

Students are encouraged to participate and help administration reach their \$4 million goal. Juice and cookies will be provided the day of surgery.