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Highline Community College

Highline pool sinks into past

By ROSS TIMBROOK
Staff Reporter

The Highline campus began the process of what will be a major facelift over the summer.

Building 21 received a much-needed renovation, the pool was torn down and the covered walkways were removed.

The biggest project that was undertaken during the summer was the demolition of the pool.

Before the pool could be demolished the contractors first had to reroute the power to avoid power line interference.

They then had to extract the asbestos from the building and then had to remove all the remaining water.

For the actual process of the pool being demolished the contractors used backhoes to collapse the roof and the walls.

"Once the roof was demolished everything else just fell into place," said Assistant Facilities Director Suzy Holmes.

The pieces of the pool are being taken away and the space where it once was will be used for the Higher Education Center. Once the new Higher Education Center is completed, Central Washington University will move its west side campus from the old Glacier High School in SeaTac to Highline where they will both share the building.

Also over the summer, the coverings over the walkways were removed. They have been



Photo by Joe Walker

Construction workers tearing down the roof of the pool. The pool will be replaced by the brand new Higher Education Center to be built in the near future.

replaced by fire lanes that are 20 feet wide, which will enable the fire department to reach all sides of the buildings with 150 feet of

hose.

"All of the concrete pouring will be done by the time that fall starts. Landscaping of the

walkways will be done after the concrete pouring," said Holmes.

The project that has taken the longest to complete is the remodel of Building 21. Building 21, which was constructed in 1962 will be updated and renovated for the 21st century. Some of the new features of the building will include a skylight, carpeting, a new lighting system, two new handicap-accessible restrooms, and a ventilation system with air conditioning.

Included in the renovation was the implementation of noise abatement, which will help to stop the distraction of the aircraft flying over during classes. The main part of the noise abatement will be the insulation of the walls and the ceilings to curb the sounds of the aircraft.

"The major parts of the Building 21 project should be completed by the start of fall. What will be left might be some minor things, such as the skylight installation, which will be done around the scheduled classes in the building. The project should be completely finished by October," said Holmes.

Along with the major projects, some programs on campus have changed locations. The Reading Lab, Writing Lab, and Tutoring Center have moved from Building 19 to Building 26 and the rooms that they vacated in Building 19 will become general classrooms.

State deficit may pinch college's budget

By JOHN MONTENEGRO
Staff Reporter

Washington state's budget deficit may reach \$2 billion, which puts pressure on state funds for community colleges, said State Sen. Karen Keiser at a Highline faculty luncheon last week.

Keiser, D-33rd District, was invited to speak at the Highline College Education Association gathering last Wednesday, a day after getting 65 percent of the vote in Tuesday's primary.

The former Highline Board of Trustees member talked about the upcoming Legislative session and the problems that lawmakers will face trying to fill a \$2 billion hole in the state budget.

"We have quite a task ahead of us," Sen. Keiser said. "The budget is a little more dire and deeper in the hole."

While the mood of her speech was somber, Keiser reiterated her message that education is an important issue to her and to other legislators.

"Education is a paramount priority in the state," Sen. Keiser said.

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Tight budget will mean full classes for fall

By VICTORIA ANTHONY
Staff Reporter

Many classes will be full this quarter due to the decreasing budget and high demand of education.

During Winter Quarter, the bad economy caused a loss of

revenue and a deep deficit in the state's budget. The Legislature had to fill a \$1.5 billion shortfall. To help balance the budget, the Legislature decreased funding from several different programs including higher education.

Thirty community colleges in Washington lost a combined

\$16 million.

But even as state revenues have shrunk, demand for college education has grown.

That puts pressure on colleges to find ways to admit students without breaking their budgets.

"We have the authority to enroll as many as we want. Our

only limit is state funding," said Jeff Wagnitz, dean of Instruction.

Each student's tuition pays for 27 percent of their education. The other 73 percent comes from the state. When more students are enrolled than the state allocates money for, the school has to come up with the

remaining funding to educate the student.

Once a class is full, it is at the instructor's own discretion to add more students.

"We are very fortunate to have a faculty who don't mind

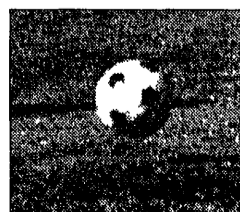
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Crime Blotter for Sept. 1- Sept. 20

Vandal keys car in north lot

An employee's car was keyed in the north parking lot on Sept. 19. Security did not find the perpetrator. No damage estimate was available.

Dazed teen leaves bus

A 17-year-old male was found on campus by security in the early morning of Sept. 15. The teen said he had gotten off the bus just before 1 a.m. and was feeling sick to his stomach.

The teen was asked if he wanted any assistance. He refused any help. He then left campus.

Alarm sounds due to dust

An alarm in Building 22 went off due to the dust from the construction being done outside on Sept. 5. The alarm was on for most of the day before security turned it off.

Fire on campus

A jersey shirt was found on fire in the middle of the woods on the south side of Building 4 on Sept. 2. The fire was successfully extinguished with no further damage.

Lost and Found

•A student lost her purse in Building 6 on Sept. 11.
•A student lost her driver's license in the Building 6 bookstore on Sept. 12.

-Compiled by
Jason Benton

Riverman flows into Highline

BY VICTORIA ANTHONY
Staff Reporter

The search for a new Associate Dean of Enrollment Services has finally ended.

Becky Riverman has been hired for the position, which has been vacant for nearly a year.

After 19 years of climbing the Enrollment Services ladder at Green River Community College, Riverman decided it was time for a change.

"My career choices at Green River dead ended. I wasn't bored, I just wanted a new challenge," she said.

In the nearly two decades Riverman worked in Enrollment Services at Green River, she worked her way up from the front desk to records officer to lead credentials evaluator, then to program support supervisor.

Riverman said if the project had anything to do with Enrollment



Services, she had something to do with it.

"If I told you every job I did while I was at Green River, it would take up your whole front page," Riverman said, laughing.

Riverman said she likes to stay busy. While she was earning her bachelor's degree in workforce education from

"My career choices at Green River dead ended. I wasn't bored, I just wanted a new challenge."
- Becky Riverman

Southern Illinois University, she was also busy parenting and working full-time.

Riverman's wishes for a new challenge at Highline have been granted. The college recently purchased the Degree Audit System, a program that students can use to discover what classes they have taken for their degree

and what courses they still need.

Riverman spent a great deal of time getting the Degree Audit program up and running at Green River. As the new associate dean of Enrollment Services, Riverman's first job could be getting Highline's program off the ground.

"I need to go in and discover the culture, find out where Highline is and what direction they are going," Riverman said.

Following the lengthy search, college officials said Riverman was the right person for Highline.

"During the selection process, the search committee and I learned that she is extremely organized, productive, innovative, creative and a team player with an in depth knowledge of enrollment services policies and procedures," said Ivan Gorne, vice president of Student Services.

Highline gets new faculty for fall

BY VICTORIA ANTHONY
Staff Reporter

Twelve faculty positions have been filled for fall quarter at Highline. The only position not yet filled is a nursing tenure-track.

The new tenure-track faculty include: Ronald Sabado, accounting; Katie Gulliford, chemistry; Noman Noor, manu-

facturing; Korey Egge, English as a Second Language; Wissam Antypas Barakat, math; and Tina Ostrander, computer science and computer information systems.

Tenure is defined as a faculty appointment for an indefinite period of time which may be revoked only for adequate cause and by due process.

One-year faculty members

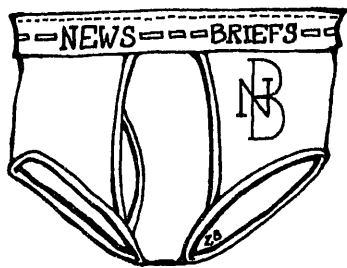
include: Michael Girvin, accounting; Ali Herrera, manufacturing; Joy Strohmaier, microbiology; Kathlene Chappell, medical assistant; Amy Ehrlich, math; and Marie Esch-Radtke, nursing.

"They are not necessarily all new. For example, Tina Ostrander was one-year faculty; now she is a tenure-track," said Stela Rajic, Human Resources

assistant.

The business and education positions were not filled, and will remain standing for the 2002-2003 academic year.

The business department is looking for a full time instructor for general business who has an interest and background in e-commerce, said Business Department Coordinator Mike Cicero.



Rap 101 comes to Highline

Diversity expert Eric Davis will be visiting Highline on Oct. 2.

Davis will be discussing the importance of diversity training using Hip-Hop as a means of breaking down the barriers of discussion. Davis's program is titled Rap 101.

"Rap 101 is designed to take diversity from a logical, linear, political correctness lecture to a deeper more soulful cultural conversation," said Davis.

The Team Highline-sponsored event will be in Building 7 at 10 and 11 a.m.

Career workshops for Fall Quarter

Career and Employment services will host weekly career development workshops during fall quarter. Career and employment services also has job postings from local businesses.

Workshops are free and open to the public.

For more information call 206-878-3710, ext. 3599

College offers new CIS degrees

Highline will offer four new Computer Information Systems certificate programs beginning in fall of 2002 to respond to the need for qualified workers.

The new programs, UNIX System Administration, C++ Programming and Database Management include four or

five courses each. For more information on the new programs contact Ron Davidson at 206-878-3710, ext.6035

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Student center to get smaller

By **ROSS TIMBROOK**
Staff Reporter

While most students were away for the summer, Highline was a busy campus.

Along with the all the construction, plans for the new student center were revised. But not all of the news on campus was good, as the Highline community lost two members.

Highlights from summer included:

New design for student center

Highline's new student center will be smaller to fit in a smaller budget, college officials announced in July.

Last spring the students on campus voted down an initiative to raise the fees for the new student center. Rejection of the added fees caused college officials to rethink their plans and make the new building fit in the available budget.

As a result, the building will shrink from 48,000 to 45,000 square feet.

Despite the trim, most of the original features of the new building, such as the Internet Café, designated quiet rooms and the bookstore, will remain.

"The new building will be a great benefit to our campus even with its smaller scope and size," said Student Programs Associate Dean Jonathan Brown.

The extra square footage will most likely be taken out of office spaces, meeting rooms and the cafeteria.

Highline loses first president

The first president of Highline died on June 27 due to heart complications.



Dr. Allan

Dr. M.A. "Pat" Allan was 88 years old. He became president of Highline in 1962 and served until 1969.

"He laid the foundation for future Highline presidents, staff, faculty and students to build on," said Highline Presi-



File Photo

A construction worker works on the remodel of Building 21 over the summer. For more information on summer construction see story on page 1.

dent Dr. Priscilla Bell.

Dr. Allan was one of several community college presidents who worked together to pass the Community College Act of 1967 which created the current state community college system.

Assistant track coach dies

Assistant track coach John Pietz died on July 21 due to respiratory failure as a result of complications of pancreatitis. He was 34.

"Everybody loved him, he was always here doing extra stuff. He was one of those guys everybody liked. The kids worked hard for him," said John Dunn, Highline's athletic director.

Pietz was considered one of



Pietz

the key factors in the rebuilding of the Highline track program. Before coming to Highline, Pietz was the throws coach at Auburn High School for 10 years.

Building 6 gets summer remodel

Remodeling for the cashiering and registration has been completed.

The wall between cashiering and registration was knocked down to give cashiering two additional windows.

"With two windows it is a little bit difficult to serve the students on the first few days of the quarter when the lines are always longer," said Debbie Faison assistant registrar.

With the advantage of on-line and touchtone registration, the lines are no longer as long as they once were.

There are five windows but only three are used for registration and photo ID taking.

The other two windows are used for cashiering, but they need more space to accommodate the needs of students when the lines are longer on days when payments are due and financial aid checks are available.

Team Highline gets new members

Team Highline filled five positions over the summer.

Students chosen were Anh'Lih Bui and Helen Petrov, who are both Running Start students and Adbirahman Jei Te, Ruth Lepule, and Syreeta Bernal, who are sophomores.

Team Highline members are required to maintain a 2.5 GPA and 8 credits of class.

Team Highline is an event planning board which consists of five to six students who assist

in the planning and organization of events around campus.

Allcorn, Calvo win elections

Patrick Allcorn and Carlos Calvo won two student government seats in a re-vote that took place June 5 and 6.

Allcorn beat Amy Cree and L a d o n n a Spatari for student senator.

Calvo beat Ileen Crow to win the treasurer/club diplomat seat.

The revote was needed because during last quarter's elections a glitch in the Calvo system as well as incidences of multiple voting occurred which compromised the results of the original election.

Highline receives retraining funds

Highline received \$1.5 million from the state for worker retraining.

The money will go to the Workforce Training program which helps to train men and women who have been laid off from jobs. The money will help the program with rising enrollment, which is concurrent with the high unemployment in the state.

Foundation raises record amount

The Highline foundation has raised the largest amount of money in the college's history.

The Foundation raised \$385,020 for 2001-2002.

Every year the Foundation aims to raise between \$280,000 and \$300,000 an average they decide after seeing previous years donations.

The Foundation consists of Director Mark McKay and 16 board members who are volunteers from the community.

The money that the Foundation raises mostly goes to assist students. Student Assistance is a combination of scholarships and emergency assistance.



Allcorn



editorial

Students welcomed to Highline with high hopes

As another school year begins, Highline greets its returning students as well as many new students.

With this welcome comes the hope that all students will work hard and continue to keep alive Highline's goal of being a place for academic success.

Unfortunately, not all students work as hard as could be hoped. The new freedom that college life brings can also lead to failure.

There are no longer teachers standing over you, making sure that your work is done and you are ready for your midterms. There are no more breaks or parent excuses when you miss a day. You are now held responsible for what you do, or don't do, and this is often a hard transition to make.

This transition is also an extremely important one.

It can be hard to look into the future as opposed to the here and now, but it is something you must be able to do if you really want to succeed as a college student.

It's easy to blow off a paper so you can go out with your friends, knowing that you will have no one to answer to. The problem is that after the quarter is over you will have to look at your grade and then you will have yourself to answer to.

There is also the chance of getting kicked out of school. College officials don't have time for people who are not willing to work hard. If enough quarters have been failed, it is inevitable that a student will not be welcomed back to Highline.

There is also a very big difference between college and high school that many new students have not yet realized. High school work can not be recycled and regurgitated as a college level paper. What may have been an A job in high school could now very well get you a C. By deciding to take the next step in education you have to be willing to put more energy in to your work.

In the end you will wish you had worked harder and studied longer, so why not take this chance to make that happen.

Forget about other people and make a decision within yourself to work hard and do your best.

Success in college can lead to success throughout life in whichever path someone wishes to pursue.

the opinion page

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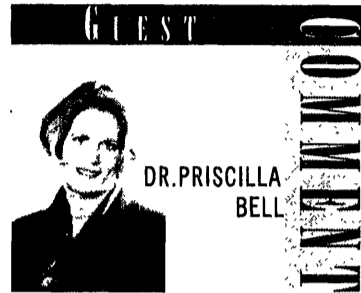
College has big plans

Construction, strategic plan highlight year

Welcome to Highline and the 2002-2003 academic year. Our celebration of Highline's 40th anniversary throughout last year was very successful and established numerous activities and events that were fun, exciting and beneficial to our campus and the surrounding communities we serve. I know the enthusiasm that created many of the programs and activities will continue this year, as evidenced by last week's very successful Opening Week. The Opening Week activities included numerous professional development sessions and workshops. On Thursday, hundreds of students participated in a new student orientation activities program.

Last year was a landmark year for the college. A new strategic plan was completed through the cooperation and dedication of the entire campus community. Sev-

I hope you will actively support the efforts of your student government to inform our communities and legislators of how important and essential the opportunities offered by Highline are for you.



DR. PRISCILLA BELL

eral essential construction projects were completed, including the instructional computer center expansion and completion of the tunnel project. Final design of the new Highline/Central Washington University Higher Education Center, the child care center and student union were also completed. (A list of last year's accomplishments can be accessed on the college internet: <http://tbird.highline.edu/hq/drbell/hccaccomplishments.html>)

The strategic plan establishes a direction for Highline to grow and change so the college can remain competitive and integral to the diverse communities we serve. It is a commitment to our students, community, state, region and country.

The plan's strategic initiatives include:

- Achieve excellence in teaching and learning
- Enhance a college climate that values diversity and global perspectives
- Strengthen and expand the presence and role of the college within the communities it serves
- Cultivate an college climate that nourishes the well-being and productivity of the college community.

The college's next decade promises to be one of challenges, successes and achievements. As you came on campus today you undoubtedly noticed several fenced areas. Returning students will notice that the upper campus walkway has a new

look - the concrete covers were removed for safety and the sidewalks were widened. The swimming pool has disappeared.

Construction projects will be very evident on campus this year. Cleanup and preparation of the swimming pool area will continue - this is the site of the new HCC/CWU Higher Education Center. Demolition of the student union and construction of a larger student union is scheduled for spring. A new Child Care Center is scheduled to be built adjacent to Building 4 near the entrance to the east parking lot.

Highline will also undergo its ten-year accreditation process this spring and will host a team of educational experts who will review, assess and evaluate the college's programs and operations.

One of the largest challenges we will face is that of funding. The state's economic situation is one of the most critical in several decades. The success of Highline and other community colleges to obtain adequate funding in the upcoming legislative session will have an enormous effect on Highline's educational programs, services, facilities and ability to maintain its vision: "to be valued as the educational crossroads where dreams are shaped, communities created and excellence achieved."

I hope you will actively support the efforts of your student government to inform our communities and legislators of how important and essential the opportunities offered by Highline are for you.

Once again, welcome to Highline Community College, and I hope you have a great year!

Dr. Priscilla Bell is the president of Highline.

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The art of the word

Artist Laurel Speigmund turns language into magic

By JESSICA FLESCH
Staff Reporter

Like a spoiler on a '69 Camaro, the art of calligraphy adds that extra 10 m.p.h. to an already classic piece of writing; and Auburn resident, Laurel Speigmund is doing just that.

Speigmund, a calligraphy artist since 1991, is currently displaying her work on the fourth floor of the library. The display will be open for viewing until Sept. 28.

Speigmund teaches calligraphy and lettering classes at Highline and Green River Community College; she also instructs classes for a business in Kent, InkogNEATo.

Along with this she does commission work designing stationary, nametags, menus for banquets and invitations for weddings and parties.

"I've always enjoyed art, especially writing," Speigmund said. "So when I took a parks and recreation class for calligraphy, I fell in love with it. It just



Photo by Corine Fanning

Laurel Speigmund's Autumn is currently one of her pieces in the Highline Library Gallery.

fit."

Speigmund says even as a child she always felt a connection to writing and lettering. "I

love the feel of pen on paper," she said.

Although Speigmund is employed doing calligraphy she

says she has never thought of it as work.

"I just enjoy doing it. It's my passion," Speigmund said. "I don't consider it to be work and I'm lucky that I don't need to make a living from it. I do it to improve myself and grow in that way."

Speigmund says her inspiration comes from all around her.

"Everyday life is where I really get my ideas," Speigmund said. "People around me and nature are in themselves very inspiring."

Speigmund said she has a deep love for books, poetry, paintings and drawings. From these she finds enjoyment as well as inspiration. Some particular favorites of hers include Henry Thoreau's work, Mary Oliver and Martin Luther King Jr.

"I believe in an optimistic, non-violent world, Martin Luther King Jr. really speaks to me and I hope to communicate that through my art," Speigmund said.

Speigmund has been showing her work since 1995 and says she's definitely come a long way.

"My first one-man show had me very nervous," Speigmund

said.

"It's scary, you put your heart up on the wall during a show. You never know what people will say, or how they're going to respond. Things went well in the end though."

Speigmund hopes Highline will enjoy her display and get something from it.

"Go after your passion in life, calligraphy is my passion, I hope for people to get as much from their passion as I did from mine," Speigmund said. "And in the future if you find a calligraphy class, my advice is: join in, we have lots of fun."

Next months featured artist will be Anatoliy Voznyarskiy. Voznyarskiy describes his art as reflecting his philosophical motives of life and conditions of the human soul. His paintings use a variety of formats including oil, tempera, watercolor and pastels.

Voznyarskiy immigrated to the United States with his family in January of 2001 from Ukraine.

Voznyarskiy has studied art in Kiev, Ukraine, and Riga, Latvia.

Both shows are free and open to the general public.

Team Highline hopes to cook up a great time

By RACHEL PLATT
Staff Reporter

Come rain or shine, Team Highline will be cooking up a good time.

Team Highline, the college's student-led activity coordinators will be having their first event of the school year Thursday, Sept. 26. The Fall Festival, a back-to-school event, will be taking place outside of Building 8 from 11am to 1pm. However, if the weather is bad, the Festival will be moved to the upper floor of Building 8.

The event will feature henna artist Krysten Lomonacl and caricature artist Tom Huff. Both artists have attended Team Highline events in the past and

have been well received.



Petrov

The Fall Festival will also feature free food including hot dogs, veggie dogs, chips, cookies and soda.

Students may also look forward to dancing to the beats of Kube 93 who will be DJ'ing the event.

"It's going to be fun, and we invite everyone to participate including students faculty and staff," said Team Highline member Abdirahman Jei Te.

There will also be a Clubs Fair, which will include clubs such as the Vietnamese Student

Association, Phi Theta Kappa, and Campus Crusade for Christ.

An Information Booth will also be available to students featuring information about Student Programs, upcoming Team Highline events, activities, and clubs. Team Highline strongly encourages students to attend and ask questions.

"It's a great way for students to find out any information about the campus and have questions answered," said Helen Petrov a member of Team Highline.

Team Highline encourages student involvement and are located on the upper level of Building 8. They are available at (206) 878-3710 extension 3536.

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Arts to walk in Burien

By JESSICA FLESCH
Staff Reporter

Fall is just starting to come out around Burien, but the leaves aren't the only thing showing their color.

Art galleries around the area are featuring some new artwork and the second annual Burien Art Walk is also coming up.

Burien Arts Gallery is showing Women Artists of Washington from Sept. 7 to Oct. 5. The show features work from more than 200 of Washington's women artists.

"It's a very good show, I think one of the best Burien Arts has ever had," said Marcelle VanBrunt, of the Burien Arts Gallery.

Burien Arts Gallery is located at 421 S.W. 146th St. and is open Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.

Seahurst Workshop Gallery is featuring their 19th annual Juried Show, which boasts 130 paintings by artists all over



Photo by Corine Fanning
Carole Barrer's *The Golden Ring* is one of the many pieces currently on display at The Burien Arts Gallery until Oct. 5.

Western Washington. The show goes from Sept. 10 to Oct. 5. Seahurst Workshop Gallery is located at 15210 10th Ave. S.W., and is open Tuesday through Friday noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Also happening is the second annual Burien Art Walk on

Sept. 27 and 28. The show will take place on Southwest 152nd and 153rd streets in Burien.

Hours are Friday, 4-8 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you would like more information call 206-988-3770, or if you are interested in volunteering, call Hall at 206-242-6745.

Drama sets auditions

By KRISTEN WALLACE
Staff Reporter

The Drama Department will be holding auditions for their Fall quarter production of *The Golden Six* in the first week of school and encourages any interested student to audition.

"The play concerns the tempestuous succession to the throne that surrounded the first emperor, Augustus," said Dr. Christiana Taylor, music, arts and drama coordinator at Highline.

The play was written by Maxwell Anderson, who also wrote *Key Largo* and *The Bad Seed*.

"In *The Golden Six* the rise and fall of some of history's most violent and interesting players is woven into a play redolent with reflections of our time," said Taylor.

If a student is interested in drama, but does not feel they are quite ready or willing to participate in a full play production, there are both beginning as well as advanced acting classes at

Highline.

"Beginning classes in acting, design and stagecraft are offered throughout the year," said Taylor.

"Students mastering fundamentals progress to greater challenge and responsibility in advanced and more specialized courses preparing them for transfer and practice in the entertainment industry," said Taylor.

If a student is planning drama as a career this program should be an essential step in his plan.

In addition to the drama classes being offered this year, the department will also host other drama related activities including a guest artist Winter quarter and the student directed one acts in Spring Quarter.

"The drama program welcomes everyone to audition and participate in all aspects of theater study and practice," said Taylor.

Auditions will be held for *The Golden Six* Sept. 23-27, Building 4, room 122 at 2:30 p.m.

Music department opens house

By RACHEL PLATT
Staff Reporter

The house is open for choir and music students.

The music and choir department are hosting open houses for students who are interested in taking music related courses.

Highline's choir will be hosting their first open house ice cream social on Wednesday Sept. 25 from noon to 1 p.m. The choir is inviting people to come and meet and sing with the choir with no obligation to join the class.

During the social information will be given on choir, including an overview on the course.

"Last we ended on a high note with a terrific choir," said Dr. Mori.

For students interested in music an open house will be held on Friday Sept. 27 from noon to 1 p.m. The music department invites all those interested in music, from majors to those who consider it a casual hobby.

During the open house faculty will be available to provide information about Highline's music department.

Topics of discussion will be opportunities to perform at Highline, information about music classes and courses, and advice and information about becoming a music major or minor.

However, the true purpose of this open house is to allow Highline students and musicians to meet others like them.

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Men's soccer kicks into gear

By EDITH AGOSTON
Staff Reporter

The men's soccer team got off to a rough start, but Head Coach Jason Prenovost is not planning to lower his expectations for the season.

With one of the top recruits, Anthony Melchoir injured and the team giving up 15 goals in their first scrimmage and pre-season games, Prenovost was less than pleased.

"We have given up more goals in the two games and the one scrimmage than we did all of last year," Prenovost said.

Last year's team obtained an impressive 20-0-2 record and won the Southwest Division Championship.

Despite the slow start, things are looking better and Prenovost intends on defending the championship.

"We expect to compete for a division title and get into the playoffs to compete for a championship," Prenovost said.

The three preseason games didn't go well, but it looks like the team has put that behind them.

They just won their first official



Photo by Adrienne Hughes

Highline won its first official game of the season at home against Clark on Sept. 14.

cial game of the season on Saturday Sept. 14, here at Highline.

Highline beat Clark College 5-3, Fanah Mansary scored two goals, Ben Bailey had two goals, and Tony Giralmo scored one goal.

Assistant Coach Tom Moore

thought the game went really well. "It was a pretty good test for us," he said. "We were really proud of everyone.

The Thunderbirds jumped out to a 2-0 lead then Clark came back and tied it up. "We just took over after that," Moore

said.

Melchoir, who was the most valuable player of the South Puget Sound League, will have his knee scoped and should be back within a few weeks.

In the meantime, Prenovost and Assistant Coaches Doug

Thor and Moore have their hands full. "We are replacing eight starters, so we really need to reload," Prenovost said.

The coaching staff just signed two new players, Jacob Rhoads and Zack Mourid, who are competing against each other for the starting goalkeeper position.

The three returning starters from last year are Nate Louvier, Mansary, and Ross Mansell.

"We have very good athletes, but they aren't playing intelligent soccer, or hard soccer," Prenovost said. "Some of them just don't know how to play at this level yet."

Prenovost is determined to find 11 strong, competitive players to fill the starting spots. "We have enough talent, we will find them," he said. "Giving up 15 goals in three games is unacceptable."

The team went down to Oregon on Sept. 20 to play against Southwest Oregon and Umpqua, however, the results were unavailable at press time.

Their next game is at South Puget Sound on Sept. 25 and then they play here, against Shoreline, on Sept. 28, at 2 p.m.

Women struggle due to lack of numbers

By EDITH AGOSTON
Staff Reporter

Women with soccer skills who want to be part of Highline's team are still welcome to come and try out, says Head Women's Soccer Coach Jaimy McLaughlin. "Any position is available if someone can play."

There wasn't a real big turnout for tryouts this year other than the people he recruited and the five returning players.

McLaughlin hopes that more women will come out within the next week. "Usually when school starts, you get a few more girls," he said.

Another minor problem for McLaughlin has been the ineligibility of possibly his best player, Kenzie Anderson.

She has been practicing with the team since they started, but hasn't been able to play in a game yet.

For the preseason, McLaughlin picked two of the top teams and two teams on the lower half of the standings to



Photo by Adrienne Hughes

Highline lost to Clark at home on Sept. 14.

play against. "Just as a gauge, to see where we stand right now," he said.

The team lost 8-0 to Walla Walla, beat Shoreline 1-0, lost 7-0 to Edmonds, and lost 3-0 to Clark.

"I would like to improve on last year's record (which was 6-7-1) and improve on everybody's skills," he said.

Sandra Cobb scored the winning goal to beat Shoreline and Alli Vekich got the assist. Erika

Umbaugh and Jackie Steger combined for the shutout.

The Clark game was the first official game of the season. The team barely had enough players to compete because three of the starters were unavailable.

They had to play the entire game without subs, while Clark played comfortably with seven subs.

"We played really well, until we got tired," McLaughlin said. "I was very pleased." Highline

held Clark scoreless for 77 minutes, but their lack of numbers finally caught up with them.

The Lady Thunderbirds also played two games in Oregon on Sept. 20 and Sept. 21, at South-

west Oregon and at Clackamas. Results of the games were unavailable at press time.

Their next game will be here against Shoreline on Sept. 28 at noon.

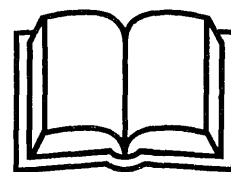
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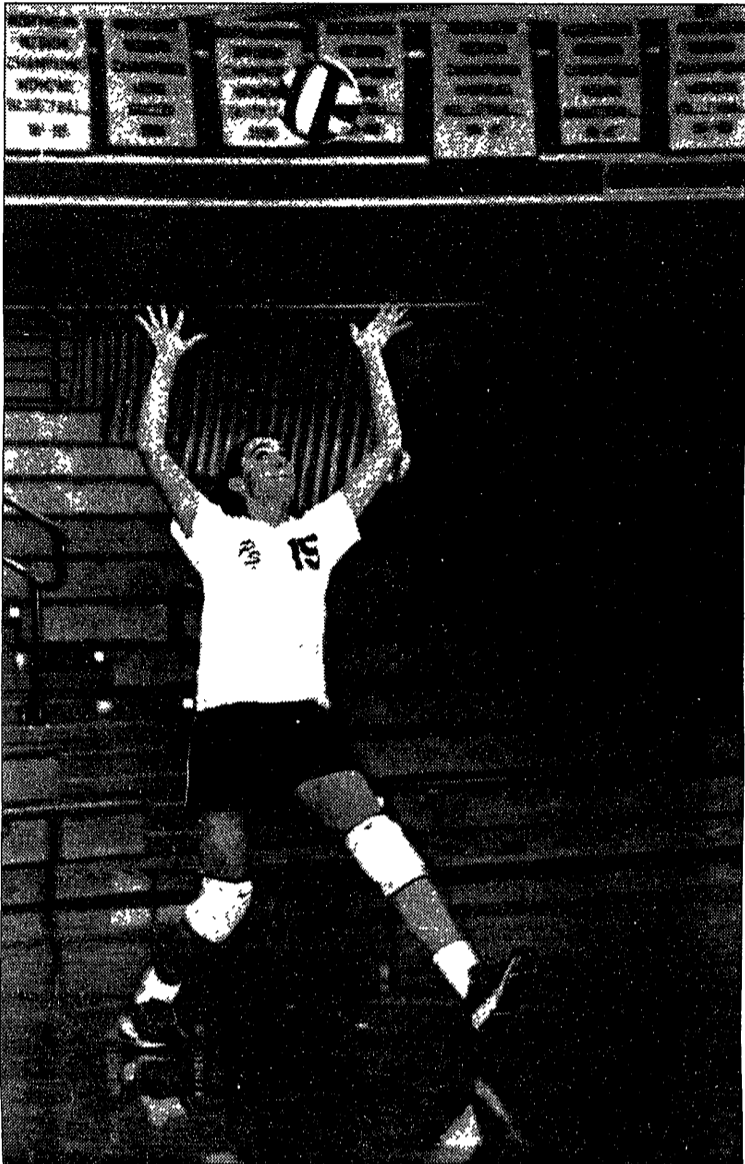


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Freshman Jenna Demirjian at last week's practice.

Littleman rescues T-Bird volleyball

BY EDITH AGOSTON
Staff Reporter

Highline volleyball is finally making a comeback after a long drought.

Veteran Head Volleyball Coach John Littleman, came out of retirement along with Assistant Coach, John Wilson, to rescue the drowning team.

Littleman was originally hired back to mentor the new coach, however, she quit shortly after and he ended up taking his old job back last year.

Littleman led Highline to five conference championships and numerous league championships during his 16-year stretch as Highline's head coach.

The team was a powerhouse. They posted 163 wins and only 15 losses while under Littleman's leadership. He was retired for four years before he decided to come back and help

out. The team struggled during Littleman's absence, they didn't have one winning season while he was gone.

Now that he's back, things are really turning around for Highline volleyball. "We have a real strong competitive team," Littleman said. "I think we'll be real competitive this year."

The team, however, could use a couple of more players so that they could have backups in case of fatigue or injury. "We are a little bit thin, it would be nice to have a couple of more girls," Littleman said. They have 11 players right now, but one of them has a back injury.

"We will probably pick up one or two more players when school starts," he said. Maggie Hagen and Staci Ellis are the only two returning players from last year. "I think we have real strong players."

The team just recently returned from their trip to Italy. Littleman has been taking vol-

leyball players there for a while now to show them the country and to work with the athletes individually.

They stayed in Grosseto for 12 days of training, competition and sight-seeing during the pre-season. "There's more to education than classes and there's more to volleyball than the gym," Littleman said.

He does, however, have very high expectations of his team both in the gym and in the classroom. "We can compete with anybody," he said. "It all depends on if everyone stays healthy and eligible."

They had a practice game against Chemeketa on Sept. 11 here at Highline and lost, but everybody wasn't eligible. They then played against Pierce on Sept. 20, however, the results were unavailable at press time. Their next game is here against Centralia, on Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. Then on Sept. 27, they play at Lower Columbia at 7 p.m.

Cross country sprints off to good start

Highline's men's and women's cross country team is loading up and ready to go the distance. Robert Yates has begun his second season as head coach of cross country by rebuilding the roster.

Looking to improve Highline's numbers, he has signed 11 new men, including, Clay Hemlock of Ferndale High School who qualified to the state championships in the mile and placed eighth in the 800-meter run.

"I'm looking at having 15-20 men and a full women's team to compete in the championships," Yates said. "We look to finish in the top three."

The team got out to a great start with their first meet of the season on Sept. 14. They won the 8,000-meter race at

Lewisville State Park, beating Clark, Bellevue, and Everett community colleges.

Hemlock came in first for Highline, with a time of 27:38.5. His win didn't surprise Yates at all. "Clay Hemlock will com-

pete with anybody. He has a chance to be the individual champion," Yates said.

Not too far behind were Aaron Sather and Jordan Ford, who came in fifth and sixth, with times 28:34.6 and 28:44.5.

Jess Lawson, Brian Pyfer, Chris Faulker, and Loren Honeycutt all came in one after another taking places 13 through 16. "I expect them to show quite a bit of improvement as the season goes along," he said.

The first women's meet will be on Sept. 28. "I'm hoping to get more girls to come out the first week of school," Yates said. As for the men, they have another meet this Saturday at Lincoln Park at 9 a.m.

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Highline remembers 9-11 attacks

BY JASON BENTON
AND ROSS TIMBROOK
Staff Reporters

The Highline campus commemorated the anniversary of Sept. 11 with a brief ceremony. Heads bowed as the U.S. flag was raised in a moment of silence.

A year ago on Sept. 11, 2001, the bookstore staff opened up its doors to the campus. Continuous television coverage played in front of the store and space was cleared for people to stop and talk.

Shannon Gillilan, bookstore buyer remembers the opportunity to view the tragic events.

"We had so many people thank us that it only seemed appropriate to commemorate the anniversary," said Gillilan.

A year after hijacked planes toppled the World Trade Center towers, smashed into the Pentagon and crashed to the ground in a Pennsylvania field, the Sept. 11 attacks were mourned by Americans from coast to coast.



Photo By Adrienne Hughes

As Officer Gunderson raises the flag Highline staff and community friends pay their respects during the Sept. 11 remembrance.

Outside the bookstore, a memorial was draped over the windows displaying the names of more than 3,000 victims.

"I hope that it would remind people of the individuals that were lost to us. There were so many different reactions across campus. I just hoped that people would continue to remember and talk about what

happened," said Gillilan.

It took Gillilan several days to write all the names, some she took home to finish but most were written on campus.

"It was hard to write all those names and ages. There were so many young people and so many children who died that day that it was impossible not to feel sad or angry," said Gillilan.

Gillilan and staff worked off the clock, handwriting the names of those who died. Some college employees stopped and stared at the memorial in silence. Tears fell as eyes were fixed on the long list of names.

A year ago professor Jim Glennon stayed glued to the television for 13 hours during the day of the attacks.

"I still get choked up just talking about it. On the day of remembrance I was reluctant to even watch the coverage," said Glennon.

Glennon, a political science and history professor, has adjusted his curriculum to direct attention to policies abroad. Before Sept. 11 he said talk about foreign policy and fundamentalism made for boring lecture and little debate. He also said that Sept. 11 brought the possibility of an attack on America from the back burner to the forefront.

"Foreign policy now for

young people is as important as technology. Because if you don't know you won't know what's coming in to your life," said Glennon.

Glennon said his role is to allow students to express themselves by letting individuals share information and opinions. Reflecting on his teaching days at Mt. Rainier High School Glennon expressed the sense of urgency to let the young people know what they may have to die for.

"Five out of six of my students were killed in Vietnam and they did not know what they died for. If our students have to go to war I want them to know why," said Glennon.

Students say they are still affected by the tragedy.

Bo Bae said the events of 9-11 have changed her views on the world.

"It's a shame that tragedies have to occur for people to come together," said Bae.

Helpful hints for Highline frosh

BY TARA JANSSON
AND SARA SHORT
Staff Reporters

College - it's not high school anymore, Toto.

As students enter community college they often get a false sense for what really happens at community college level.

Students often think that community college is just an extension of their three or four years of high school until they are shocked back into reality with their first 10-page paper.

To absorb the shock, here are some pointers that may possibly help you to be successful in your upcoming year and beyond.

"Make sure to take advantages of your resources use the tutoring center when writing papers. That is why we have it at Highline," said Dr. Jennifer Jones, Geography/Culture, Global and Gender Studies professor at Highline.

Ten-page papers are not the only thing you must deal with. In most classes you are asked to study for several hours a week to be able to stay up with the class.

"Use the library for study time, and get to know your professors on a personal level," said

Kristin Boyd, recent Highline graduate.

Going to class is also one of the major keys to success.

"Don't miss a lot of class. If you do you will start feeling dumb and you won't want to show up the next week either," said Dr. Jones.

Being interested in your courses is something that may help you show up for class.

"I wish someone had told me earlier about the academic advisers that Highline offers," said one Highline student.

Highline has many academic advisers available to help you find classes that will hope-

fully tickle your fancy.

"You need to have a faculty adviser that you meet with every quarter," said Margo Buchan, athletic adviser and biology professor.

Although college does cost money, many students do not realize the scholarship opportunities that are available through the Foundation. "The scholarship packets come out in the middle of February. Make sure you get them in on time or they will not be reviewed," said Mark McKay, Foundation/Resources Development Director.



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Physician joins trustees

By VICTORIA ANTHONY
Staff Reporter

Burien physician Dr. Ed Davila was introduced as Highline's newest trustee at the board meeting on Sept. 2.

The Board of Trustees is a group of citizens from the community who have the final say in college policies. They are appointed by the governor.

Davila was born in Yakima, but grew up in Burien.

Davila said his parents had a great influence on his education and success. They demanded that he remain committed to himself and honest relationships. Trust and honor meant a great deal to the family, he said.

"Happiness and success can only be secured by not forgetting where you come from, loving the person God created and giving back more than received," Davila said. "I come from a very blue-collar family and pride myself on staying that way."

After he graduated from Highline High School in 1974, Davila attended the University of Puget Sound. He graduated in 1978 with a bachelor's degree in biology with a minor in chemistry. Davila then went on to receive his medical degree from the University of Nuevo Leon in Monterey, Mexico. His



Davila

residency training concluded at the University of Illinois. Davila is board certified in general internal medicine and currently has an office in Burien, where he lives with his 8-year-old son and wife of 12 years.

Davila says he is glad to be at Highline.

"I have expressed to Dr. Bell

that I am here to support her mandates and contribute to unfinished business remaining with the other trustees. However, I am extremely committed to early childhood education intervention themes for neighboring school districts as well as in countries such as Mexico and Asia," Davila said.

He is active in the Hispanic community throughout Washington. Gov. Gary Locke appointed Davila as Seattle Commissioner of Hispanic Affairs in 1999.

He was also elected to the Board of Directors of Grupo Mexico in July 2002. Grupo Mexico is a social and political coalition of Mexican Americans who reside in Washington.

Davila is the state housing chairman of Grupo Mexico. He speaks about affordable housing with members of Congress on behalf of migrant farmers and other at-risk communities.

Davila said he has an advantage as a trustee member because he is local and connected.

Emergency funds well is dry

By KYLE TURRELL
Staff Reporter

The Highline Foundation has very little money to give to students for emergency assistance.

The Emergency Assistance Fund provided by the Foundation helps students in need. For example if a student cannot afford childcare or groceries, he or she can go to the foundation and ask for emergency assistance. No money is given directly to the student but a check is made out to the company whose services he or she requires. The money given to students is not a loan so it does not have to be paid back.

"We have distributed a significantly larger amount of emergency funds over the past 12 months than we have in the past," said Mark McKay, the director of resource development for the Highline Foundation.

The Foundation is a non-profit organization consisting of community leaders. It helps provide education to the community by raising money for

scholarships and programs.

Last year the Foundation gave \$21,000 to 159 students for emergency assistance. This quarter though emergency assistance cupboard is bare because of an increase in the number of students applying, the investment of funds in the stock market and smaller return than anticipated from investments.

"Ten to 16 students a week come to our office looking for help," said McKay. "Figure that for a whole quarter and well you do the math."

Emergency assistance is still available through the Financial Aid office but only \$1,000 available is at a maximum of \$100 per student.

The Highline Foundation will be starting its annual campaign to raise money in October. The campaign will consist of 8,000 letters and last year brought in \$385,000 to be split up between specific programs and scholarships. This year's goal is to bring in \$555,000.

Anyone looking to make a donation can call 206-870-3774.

New students get new help

By KYLE TURRELL
Staff Reporter

Getting around Highline can be tough your first week of school, but now just look for an Ambassador in a red vest to guide you along your way.

The Ambassadors, a group of students who help new students get familiar with Highline and volunteer in community events, will be hosting a table between Buildings 6 and 7 to welcome new and old students back to Highline this week.

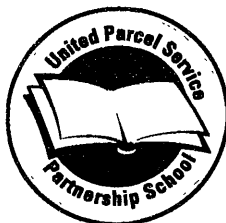
"The idea for the ambassador program grew out of the com-

bined needs of Student Programs, Outreach Services and Entry Services Departments," said Jonathan Brown, Highline's associate dean of Student Programs.

The Ambassadors were chosen from students who were nominated by faculty, staff and administrators. They started training over the summer and have already participated at the Puyallup Fair and gave tours of Highline at Fall Orientation.

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Fire strikes home near campus

BY ROSS TIMBROOK
AND JOHN
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Staff Reporters

A house fire on South 240th Street did \$150,000 damage to the structure and spread smoke across campus last Monday afternoon.

The fire started as a small kitchen fire and then went up into the hood of the stove and then into the attic.

The fire eventually spread to the master bedroom and the dining room which received severe damage, said Des Moines Fire Marshal Ron Biesold.

"The person who was in the house was not aware that there was a fire in the attic until her neighbors told her. She thought that she had contained what looked to be a small kitchen fire," said Biesold.

Des Moines fire units were on the scene approximately three minutes after the call came in at about 2:10 p.m. on Sept. 16.

Other units from Federal Way and Kent soon arrived to help control the fire.

There were a total of 17 fire fighters that responded to the scene.

Fire companies that were included were Kent Engine 73, Federal Way Engine 66, and Des Moines Engine 26.

"It took approximately 40 minutes for us to get the fire



Photo By Adrienne Hughes

A Des Moines firefighter prepares to cut a hole in the roof of a home that burned near the college last week.

contained, attic fires are generally harder to get to which can lead to a longer time to get it under control," said Biesold.

The family that lived in the house, on the 24000 block of 22nd place, has been there

since 1981.

"We have done a lot of remodeling on the house like new carpet, painting, work on the walls and a new roof," said Quyen Luu, whose aunt is one of the owners of the house.

Got major ? Center can help you find one

BY KIM OBERBILLIG
AND LOYAL ALLEN JR.
Staff Reporters

Katie Sherril had no idea of what she wanted to major in when she first enrolled at Highline.

"When I first got here my only goal was to get my general AA degree," Sherril said.

Another student suggested she visit the Career Center in Building 6. Sherril went there and took self-assessment tests, which helped her decide what to do.

After visiting the Career Center, she started to figure out her career path.

The center, formally known as Career and Employment Services, offers self-assessment tests, career connection workshops, and a career information library.

The self-assessment includes three different tests. These tests determine the interest, personality, and skill base inventory of the individual.

"The three self-assessment tests take an average of an hour to take," said Erik Tingelstad, director of Career and Employment Services. "Take all three tests to yield a more accurate profile of preferences."

Tingelstad said students may take the self-assessment tests to narrow down a particular field of study and to explore career educational direction.

"These assessment tests helped me realize my true interest. I used to be an auto mechanic. After taking these tests I found myself pursuing the medical industry," said James Allen, Highline student.

Another student, Galina

Sullivan said, "The results are given to you right away and it is good information to know about yourself. It also helps narrow down your decision tremendously."

Along with the tests, Highline is having a career development workshop series starting Fall Quarter. The workshops are open to the public. Sessions are held noon to 1:30 p.m.

Each session provides a different development skill taught by different career specialist. Students can pick and choose which workshops they'll attend.

For more information contact Tingelstad at 206-878-3710, ext. 3599.

"I have no authority to tell anyone what to decide, but I can help lead them in their direction," said Tingelstad.

The Career Center Library features information on job hunt strategies, interviewing techniques, resume writing, worker training, disability issues, special interest, and occupation options.

Tingelstad said it's natural and challenging for students of all ages to be undecided about a major. "There are so many opportunities and resources available. Students need to go out and look."

Katie Sherril, meanwhile, is now taking classes that will lead her into a physical therapy program.

"Taking these assessment tests and doing career research has led me in the direction to my future," she said. "Highline provides this program that everyone should take part in. I recommend taking the time to take these tests."

Walk to aid breast cancer research

BY JANICE COTTON
Staff Reporter

Representatives of The Women's Programs will join "The Walk Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" to raise awareness and dollars, on Sunday Sept. 29.

The American Cancer Society will have their first walk for breast cancer in the Puget Sound Western Washington area.

"We are concentrating on reaching 20-45 year olds to get them to get in for mammograms and to check themselves monthly," said Catherine Filippini, media relations and marketing manager, Northwest Division.

The Walk begins at 9 a.m. and registration opens at 7:30, at 10201 NE 4th Street, Bellevue. No fee is required, no pre registration, nor are there minimum miles to walk. Complimentary parking will be provided by

Bellevue Square, and some of the merchants will offer promotional discounts to walkers.

"We are excited about being a part of this inaugural event and have a number of women who have committed to the walk," said Jean Munro of the Women's Programs. Brochures about "The Walk" are available

in the Women's Programs. For more information call Jean Munro at 206 878-3710 ext. 3365.

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High school students run to Highline

By KIM OBERBILLIG
Staff Reporter

Student enrollment in the Running Start program has increased for Fall Quarter.

"The number of Running start students for Fall Quarter is definitely going up," said Karen Steinbach, Running Start programs manager. "Students are taking advantage of the free tuition while getting college credits."

Running Start is a program that allows qualified high school juniors and seniors to enroll in community and technical colleges free of tuition.

Running Start is available Fall, Winter, and Spring Quar-

ters.

Students who take college credit courses may be eligible for both college credit and high school credit.

In Fall Quarter 2001, 552 Running Start students attended classes at Highline. At the end of Summer Quarter 2002, 550 Running Start students were already enrolled for Fall Quarter. More are expected.

Carolyn Logan, Highline Running Start student, encourages students to join the program.

"It was a great way to further my education and now I have a year of college credits done early," she said.

Advertisements and the efforts of Outreach Services are

another reason Running Start enrollment will be so high this coming fall. Outreach Services sends Highline students to the high schools in the area to recruit students.

"Highline advertising has become a great success. Having

the Internet, magazines, and brochures has also helped profoundly," said Steinbach.

Students are mainly coming from the Highline and Federal Way school districts.

Steinbach speculates that students come from these districts

because of the proximity between their homes and Highline.

"Mt. Rainier and Highline are within a block from each other. It was really convenient for me to go to and from both schools," said Kathryn Dral, Highline Running Start student.

Enroll

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overloading their classes. They don't want to limit opportunities for students," said Dr. Priscilla Bell, Highline president.

Adding a student to a class doesn't cost nearly as much money as adding another class would. Instructors will overload a few students but it gets to a point where the college can't afford it anymore, Wagnitz said.

Teachers are doing whatever they can to help students get the classes they need, said Bob Maplestone, chairman of the Pure and Applied Science Division.

Some classes, however, are more difficult to overload with students.

"In speech, it is really hard to have more than 28 students because it is a performance class," said Laura Manning, speech instructor.

It is also difficult to overload classes that have a lab period, due to minimal space and equipment. Manning is also concerned about the space issue that comes with over-enrollment.

She has three classes this quarter, with 28 students in two of the classes and 32 students in the other.

"The problem is my classes are scheduled to be in a room with 26 seats. Where in the world am I supposed to put the other six bodies?" Manning said.

Students who aren't able to enroll in classes because they are full get angry either with the college or directly with the teachers. Manning encourages these students to use their frustration in writing a letter to the Legislature.

The college's only chance of getting more money from the state is by working closely with the Legislature, said Wagnitz, dean of Instruction.

Although adding more classes might seem like a reasonable solution to the over-enrollment problem, the recent budget cut make that impossible. There is only so much money to pay faculty and if the college can't pay the faculty, they can't offer the classes, said Bob Bonner of the Respiratory Care Program.

Keiser

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Although education is a main priority in the Legislature, it is not the only issue. Health care and transportation are becoming more important issues, she said.

"Health care cost is driving the economy," Sen. Keiser said. "Health care goes up two and a half times the rate of inflation."

Transportation is also an important issue for the state. With transportation a key issue to boost the state's economy, legislators are looking for a way to ease the traffic problems.

"The future economy is based on transportation," Sen.

Keiser said.

So far, legislators have devised ways to ease the economic problems without doing it on the backs of taxpayers she said.

"We filled a \$1.5 billion hole last session," Keiser said. "We balanced the budget without a general tax increase."

Although Keiser is optimistic, she said that the budget will not be balanced without some sacrifice.

Keiser encouraged faculty to inform the legislators in their districts that community colleges are an important part of the state.

"The fact that community colleges opened doors to Running Start students is important," Keiser said.

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