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Expected cuts may squeeze college tighter

By DANNY BERGMAN
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Staff Reporters

Highline may see more budget cuts next year due to the state's ongoing fiscal troubles.

Students are seeing the effect of the budget cuts in forms such as library hours being cut down and cancelled classes.

"Education shouldn't be cut when it benefits the state," said Aisha Brown, Highline student.

Last year's legislative session was plagued with several problems one of them being a massive hole in the state's operating budget. At the end of the session the Legislature agreed to cut 3 percent from the budgets of Highline and the state's 34 other two-year colleges.

"The problems aren't just making cuts. It's affecting the students' ability to get their education," said Laura Saunders, vice president of administration.

The total budget cuts that Highline had to make soared to \$1.5 million this year after a decline in Running Start and international student enrollment.

These cuts are driven by the budget shortfall that the state faces. The hole in the budget may reach \$2 billion over the next two years, fueled by rising unemployment and declining revenues.

At the same time, with the highest unemployment in the

nation, the state faces rising demands for social services and job retraining, where community colleges usually play a big role.

To cope with this year's budget cuts, Highline decided to eliminate six positions, three academic programs and took money out of the fund balance, the college's carefully saved emergency budget.

In addition, college officials reduced hours at several Highline facilities, including the library.

Women's Programs was hit hard by the budget cuts. Last year Women's Programs was able to spend \$360,000 from Workfirst to help 650 students with tuition and books. In comparison this year they were only able to spend \$185,000 and help only 185 students.

"We're relying on other social services for funding. If they don't get any funding, then we will be cut again," said Marie Bruin, acting director of Women's Programs.

This year's session is expected to be worse. The state has to fill an expected \$1-\$2 billion budget shortfall.

Legislators and Highline administrators both believe that budget cuts in higher education are likely.

"We expect a similar size

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Teamwork !

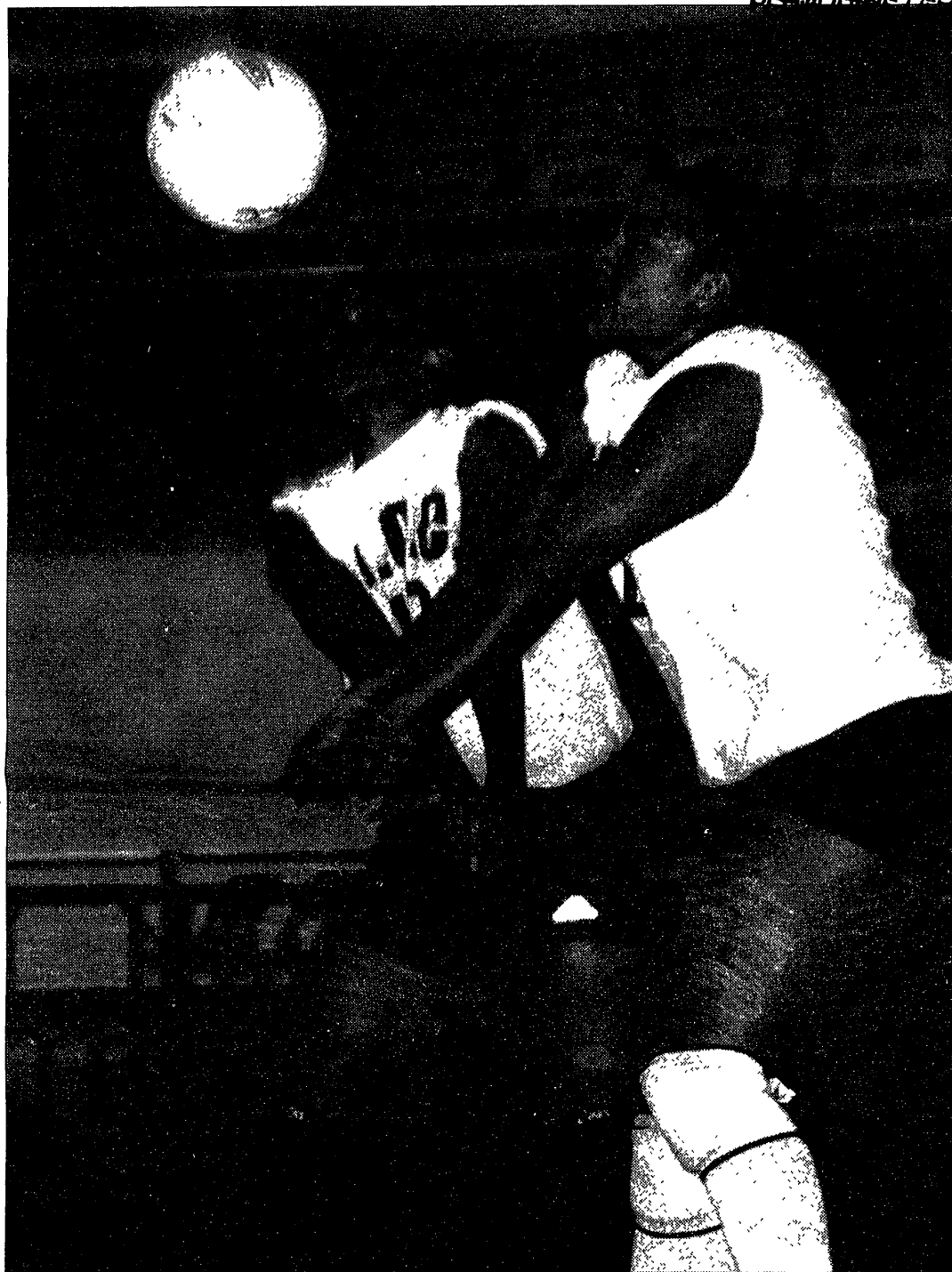


Photo By Adrienne Hughes

Volleyball players Maggie Hagen and Tiare Alailima work together to dig a ball out and score some points for Highline this weekend in the Pavilion. Lady T-Birds won at last weekends cross over tournament and have a 6-0 record and first place in the West Division. See story page 8.

Student Government tries to attract new voters

By ALLISON WESTOVER
Staff Reporter

Highline's Student Government is hosting a Voter Registration Drive starting Oct. 21.

Student Government is hoping to increase the number of voices to be heard by legislators, said DJ Taylor, vice president of Legislation.

Students ages 18 - 24 account for fewer than 20 percent

of voter turnouts at elections, said Taylor, so Student Government has made it a goal to change this statistic here at Highline.

This goal could face some challenges since several students

said registering to vote isn't something they care about.

Most students, when asked why they aren't registered, said it isn't something they care about.

"Becoming registered isn't

something I think about and I don't know where to go," said Sonja Tomic, a Highline student.

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Crime Blotter for Oct. 11-17

Suspicious woman sighted

A suspicious woman dressed in black was alerted to Highline security officers on Oct. 15 at 8:25 a.m. She was reportedly looking in car windows and trying the handles on locked cars parked in the East lot.

When the woman was approached by an officer, she was asked if she needed any help. She replied that she was trying to get people into Mary Kay. She was also observed getting into their cars.

Wallet stolen from automobile

A wallet was stolen from a Highline faculty member's car on Oct. 15.

The incident occurred between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. while the car was parked near Building 28.

Paycheck lost by sad student

A student lost a \$401 paycheck from HMSN Airport at 10:50 a.m. on Oct. 15. The paycheck was possibly lost in one of the biology classrooms.

Lost and Found

•A black pocketbook was lost by a student in the library on Oct. 15 at 1:33 p.m.

•A green purse was lost in Building 17 room 203 at 7:00 p.m. on Oct. 15.

•A TI-83 graphing calculator was lost in Building 17, room 107 on Oct. 14.

•A black Motorola pager was lost in either Building 23, 30 or 10

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Shabb inoculates audience

By CYNTHIA SUH
Staff Reporter

Fall, the open flu season is back, and our body is under attack.

Many people struggle with allergies, colds, and other viruses during this season, and your body is fighting back at the viruses, Biology/Oceanography Professor Sam Shabb said.

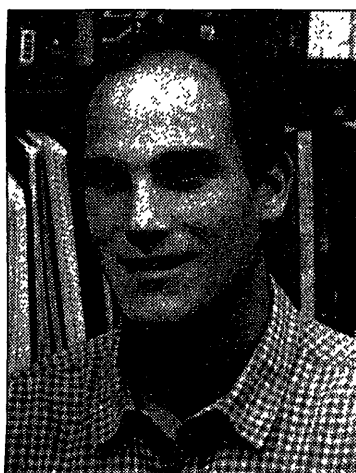
"Through these times, immune cells play a big role by defending and curing these viruses," said Shabb.

"There are very few viruses or diseases that are harder to be cured by immune systems, such as HIV, but other than these few, diseases can be cured with the immune systems," said Shabb.

"General defenses and immune cells such as macrophages, B-Cells, T-Cells, antibodies, and helper T-Cells defend and cure our body," said Shabb.

Inflammation is a general defense mechanism. The inflammatory response occurs when there's a cut or a sprain for example, the capillaries swell with blood, and become leaky. This increases redness, heat, swelling and pain. But it also brings more white blood cells to fight germs.

"Macrophages (one type of white blood cells) creep out of capillaries to gobble up germs to



make everything better," said Shabb.

This kind of immune system generates highly specific antibodies, and uses a variety of white blood cells (immune cell) that have different roles for different immune cells.

"B-Cells are antibody factories," said Shabb. "These antibodies work with B-Cells to attack dangerous cells."

B-Cells have certain shaped antigen receptors that attract only specific antigen, which stimulates the B-Cells, and when these B-Cells start their cloning process and produce memory cells and plasma cells, in the process, they produce antibody molecules that kill dangerous cells.

Though B-Cells do not directly attack dangerous cells,

"Sometimes immune cells can kill cancer cells, it's rare but it is possible."

- Biology professor
Sam Shabb

they indirectly attack with the antibodies they produce.

The antibodies clump the dangerous cells together, coat all the dangerous cells so they won't infect the other cells, and destroy them by putting holes through them and killing all the dangerous cells.

"It's common that you don't get sick from the same thing again," said Shabb. "Because the body stores memories through memory cells from cloning process, and when the body spots symptoms from before, the antibody works faster at a higher concentration."

"Killer T-Cells (cytotoxic) directly attacks, drills holes through the cells, and kills dangerous cells," said Shabb. "These T-Cells don't produce antibodies, but are guided by

antibodies to their targets so it doesn't get destroyed on the way."

Cancer is a different issue. The cancer cells are our own cells that just don't know when to stop growing and dividing. This uncontrolled cell division creates tumors.

"Sometimes immune cells can kill cancer cells," said Shabb. "It's rare but it is possible."

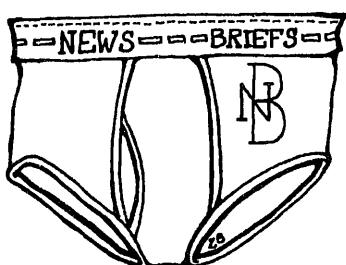
A rare disease, HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) which is the virus that causes AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome) is a case that destroys the immune system. "HIV hides in helper T-Cells, which helps activate B-Cells and T-Cells, and turns them in to virus factories," said Shabb.

"This destroys helper T-Cells and stops the activation of B-Cells and antibody production, and this is why it's scary because the body can't defend itself without antibodies."

So eating well, sleeping well, and staying healthy would be good, said Shabb in closing.

Science Seminar will not be held this week, but will resume Oct. 25 with Biology Professor Kaddee Lawrence.

The lecture entitled "Tall Ship Science" will be from 2:10-3 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.



College offers studies abroad

Highline is providing students with the opportunity to study abroad in the coming quarters.

The Study Abroad program benefits all students but especially those interested in: international business, art & design, literature, history, geography, languages and culture studies.

Paris and Florence, Italy are the two places that are offered in winter and spring 2003 respectively.

Students who are interested should contact Sophia Iliakis in International Student Programs at 206-878-3710, ext. 3374 or Kathleen Hasselblad from the Grants and International Programs Office at ext. 3019.

Discuss policy toward Iraq

The Culture, Gender and Global Studies Department is sponsoring a symposium on U.S. policy toward Iraq.

Anyone is welcome to attend this function which will be on Monday, Oct. 21 and Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 7.

The coordinators, Joy Smucker, Davidson Dodd, and Fred Capestany, are looking for faculty and some students to present their point of view on the topics.

Anyone interested in being part of this should contact Capestany at 206-878-3710, ext. 3904, Dodd at ext. 3418, or Smucker at ext. 3856

Come celebrate Healthy Lung Day

The Respiratory Care club is celebrating national Healthy Lung Day.

The event, which will include: a real lung exhibit, an

opportunity to see what smoking does, and listening to your heart and lungs will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Union Bay Room in the cafeteria.

Also there will be a raffle for a new car CD player. Raffle tickets are available through the Respiratory Care Department or by contacting Bob Bonner at 206-878-3710, ext. 3469.

Budget committee positions available

Student Government is accepting applications for three student positions on the S&A Budget Committee.

The student-paid S&A fee goes to support student-centered activities such as athletics, performing arts, child care, etc.

The committee meets throughout the year to decide how the money that goes into the S&A account will be divided.

Applications are available in the Student Programs office or in the Student Government office in Building 8. Applications

must be turned in by Monday, Oct. 28 at 5 p.m.

For more information contact Stefan Alano at 206-878-3710, ext. 3315.

Help available

The Writing Center is offering a series of workshops that will focus on helping students with their grammar.

The workshops will be Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays at 3 p.m. in Building 26, room 319. Each week will cover a different grammatical concept that commonly causes students problems.

Corrections

Jessie Baguley's name was misspelled in the Oct. 7 issue of the Thunderword.

In the same issue, Dale Moore's name was misspelled.

And in the trifecta of misidentification, Xzibit's first CD was misidentified as *Faster than Life*. The correct title is *At the Speed of Life*.

Ten students vie for two senator spots

By ALLISON WESTOVER
Staff Reporter

Ten people are running for the two Student Government student senator positions in next week's elections.

The 10 students who are running for the two open positions are:

- Camille Barrera was a member of Team Highline last year and said she is a "hard worker [who] takes [her] responsibilities seriously ... and recognizes the importance of listening to students and finding out what really matters to them."
- Eric Blanchard is majoring

in Political Economy and wants to "be involved in the government here at Highline."

- Sarah Conder is a third-year student and "decided it was time to get involved and be an active participant in what goes on at Highline."

Conder says she is a "people person [and a] go getter [who] loves to be involved and listen to what people say."

- Jessica Dominy hopes to "see more students involved in different activities, clubs and classes," if she is elected.

- Whitney Faber said he is "a natural leader ... [who] wants to make things better around cam-

pus ...[and] knows the challenges that face each student."

- Minh Hua "recently started becoming involved in school activities this past year and it has enriched [her] life in so many ways that [she] wants to do more" by becoming a Senator.

- Benjamin Miksch wants to see "more student involvement" here at Highline and "believes very strongly in the community college system ... and becoming actively involved is the best way for [him] to show [his] support."

- Angela Omolo wants to join Student Government so that she "can be directly involved in

various ways of representing students' interests, needs and welfare."

- Sherry Roberts is a first year student who "can communicate with people easily ... and wants to be more involved with [Highline]."

- Owen Wagenhals said he is "a good leader ... [who] can represent the student body ...quite well."

Wagenhals believes he can "understand a wide cross-section of students ... through his experience with several world cultures."

Elections are being held Wednesday, Oct. 23 and Thurs-

day, Oct. 24 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. in Building 8 or until 4 p.m. if done online.

Students can meet and ask questions of the candidates in a forum today at 1 p.m. in Building 7.

Any student who votes in Building 8 will receive a sticker declaring "I Voted Today" as well as a complimentary root beer float courtesy of Student Government "as an incentive for their time, participation and support of Highline," said Jessie Baguley, vice president of administration.

To vote online go to: highline.ctc.edu

Laying it on the clothesline

Students and staff gather to raise domestic violence awareness

By MARGARET HAGEN
Staff Reporter

The Women's Program was successful at getting a message out about domestic violence.

It was easy tell the T-shirt Project that took place on Tuesday, Oct. 15 caught the right attention, by the remarks on some of the t-shirts.

Some of the remarks included "Be strong for your kids and get help." "God's love doesn't hurt. Why should yours?" "Pain ain't love." "Enough is Enough."

Student Staci Ellis said that it seems like the T-shirt Project does not help spread much awareness, because she didn't see that many people come out to support the cause.

It is not the immediate project taking place that makes the difference. It is the turnout all over the world that provides the proof that the awareness of domestic violence is being heard.

A group of women from Cape Cod, Mass. started the Clothesline Project. When it began they only had 31 shirts to display. It has grown to include dozens of projects nationwide and internationally, with an estimated 35,000 to 50,000 shirts. The T-shirt Project at Highline is a smaller version.

Organizers are now reaching out to high school and college students.

"Events like the T-shirt project are good to have in colleges because a lot of younger students think domestic violence is something that only happens to older women, but it happens every-



Photos by Adrienne Hughes

Angela Jenkins, Bo Bae and Kadra Defils (lower left) put the finishing touches on their T-shirts.

where," said Megan, an advocate for a women's shelter.

"The T-shirt Project is a way to reach out to people who deal with domestic violence," said Michelle Sedlacek, a student worker in Women's Program.

"It is also a way for everyone to become involved in the fight against domestic violence," said Laura Wales, a student volunteer for Women's Programs.

Krista Fox, the Retention Coordinator for the Women's

Program sounded hopeful, "The T-shirt Project is a powerful way to educate the campus about domestic violence, whether a survivor, a witness, or a supporter to end domestic violence."



editorial

Long term construction will beautify campus

There has been quite a lot of construction on campus lately, and many people are waiting for it to stop. They will be waiting for awhile though; there are many projects going on to beautify or update the campus, and construction should continue for at least the next few years.

It can be hard to see in the long term, especially when you can't hear a teacher, or concentrate on a test because there is a large bulldozer tearing down something next door. It is much easier to look at what is inconveniencing you at the moment, like the fact that it takes you an extra five minutes to get to class because so many paths are blocked.

Unfortunately, things are going to get worse before they get better. With the demolition of the student center looming in the future, many things will move to temporary locations. There is no way to change this, so it may be best to look at the good parts of the construction. This means looking in to the long term. When the construction is done the things you enjoy, and don't enjoy, should be back to normal or even better than you remember. This construction is for the students at Highline. The layout of the campus will improve and buildings should be easier to get to. Things like the cafeteria and student services should be nicer and more up to date.

Things may seem hard now but, to make things better, you have to be a little inconvenienced once in awhile. The construction isn't going to stop, and things are going to be a little harder to access. Students have no other choice but to realize this is the way it is and look ahead to how great the campus is going to look after it is all done.

Food for the holidays

It's almost time for the holidays, and the time of year when people want to help others. One good way to do this is through food. With the current economy, there are more people in need of food, and what better time than the holidays to give this gift.

Most people are worse off financially than they have been in years past, but there are still many people who are without food or shelter. Today, people need to be thankful for what they do have and thoughtful of what others don't. With more people in need, and less people able to donate food, this leaves food banks in need as well. These places need to stay open, and full of food, especially during the holidays. This is why everyone that is able to donate food should. Even if you can only afford one can of food, everything is needed and wanted.

One local food bank that is especially in need of food is the Des Moines food bank, which services Tukwila, Sea-Tac, Des Moines and part of Kent

My father is America's hero

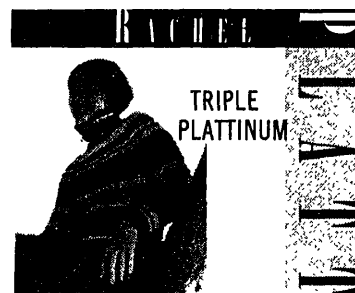
My father is a hero.

But he's not a hero in the traditional sense that most kids see their father when they are growing up. My father is a lieutenant colonel in the United States Army, and if President Bush drops bombs on Iraq next month my father will get his chance to show America that he's not just my childhood hero. He's America's hero.

A couple of people have asked me how I view the idea of the war on Iraq knowing that my father will most likely fight. After having a while to discuss with my father what will happen to our family, and my pursuit of higher education, I've developed an answer to tell them.

President Bush listens essentially to three people; he listens to Donald Rumsfeld, Dick Cheney, and his father. Right now Rumsfeld wants to eliminate the Iraqi problem, as does Cheney, and Bush Sr. is regretting not eliminating it during Desert Storm.

Why is Iraq a problem that



needs to be eliminated? In case no one has noticed Sadaam Hussein and his entire cabinet are crazy. America knew this at one point, and in our MTV attention span fashion, promptly forgot about it after our troops came home from Desert Storm.

However, after the wake of the 9/11 tragedy, a new sort of fear has struck our country. And if our problem is not eliminated then we will deal with terrorism by Hussein's hand either directly or indirectly. This may seem like a bold statement, but the type of information that would provide the American public with the ability to make the assumption of a terrorist attack is not the type of informa-

tion that is typically leaked to the American public.

The fact of the matter is that within the next two months I will probably stumble out of bed, along with the rest of Highline's students, faculty, and staff and flip on the television. And on all of our televisions we will be watching America bomb Iraq.

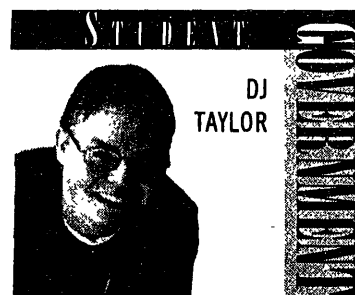
A simple surrender will not do this time. America has a new mission, a mission to eliminate Hussein and his entire cabinet, and if that mission is not solved then our country has failed.

Yes, our country. This country is yours, your parents', your brothers', your sisters', your neighbors', and mine. Our hearts will not be instilled with fear, and all of us have heroes who are here to ensure our fates.

But people like my father are not heroes because of what they do for a living. They are heroes for what they are willing to sacrifice for the greater good of mankind, a lesson that any of us could take to heart.

Vote in election and get free float

Greetings Highline students. It's that time of year again, time to get to those ballot boxes and exercise your right to vote. No, it's not a congressional primary; it's student government elections. That's right, you, the student, have an opportunity to decide who will represent you as senators this year. But that's not all. You'll have a chance on Thursday, Oct. 17 in Building 7 at 1 p.m. to hear the candidates answer questions at the Candidates Forum. This is a chance for you to come ask the really tough questions that make politics the great and often times tense enigma that it is. But it's



not all business, because on Wednesday and Thursday Oct. 23 and 24, upstairs in Building 8 at noon you'll have a chance to Vote for Your Float! That's right free root beer floats upstairs in Building 8, and all you have to do is come vote. And finally, after all the long weeks of

campaigning, meeting people, temper tantrums (and if you think the voters were bad, you should have seen the candidates) we'll know whom the students have chosen for their senators and the results will be announced on Oct. 25. So get out there, campaign for your favorite candidate, shout holler and scream at the top of your lungs (if you feel the need) and vote on Wednesday and Thursday Oct. 23 and 24. And to all the candidates, good luck.

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Spring into fall fashion

Layered peasant style enlivens looks for autumn splendor

BY JANICE COTTON
Staff Reporter

Autumn evokes excitement and desire, and all of the attention is on freshness and romantic styles.

Decorative designs are on the rise in popularity and no single look or length defines this season.

Some of the looks for fabrics are full of rich textures, like tweed and velvet, and accents are embroidered on for a more finished look.

The cut of the season is long



Photo by Adrienne Hughes
Inna Denchick styling on Highline steps

and shaping fitting the silhouette of the individual wearing it. Traditional flavors also abound in the fiery yellows and reds of fall leaves.

So the big color question remains the same as always: what's in?

The warm hues of yellows, reds, and cranberry are the new colors for fall.

Luscious fabric combinations, pair up with the same color family, but not matching, necessarily.

Browns and rust are showing up and as always, you can't go wrong with black. It's always a sure thing.

Turning heads is splashy coral or on the wild side, leopard prints in luxurious fabrics, a sure fire winner in the office or for school.

Meanwhile in dresses and cleaner lines, knits are making a huge comeback. Neutral colors in crème, grays, browns, and camel enhances fall's elegance.

Emerging in a big way lots of accessories are pretty distinct. All eyes are on this seasons captivating and unlimited selections.

"Suede, fringe, and oversized belts are a striking addition. Necklaces have a strong focus



Photo by Adrienne Hughes

Amanda Stoddard and Ashley Redfearn wearing some of fall's most popular trends mixing boys fashion with fitted tops.

this fall. They are short and bold with drop-like crosses, circular shapes and Asian-inspired," said Erin Baretich, in

the Personal Touch Department at the downtown Nordstrom.

Handbags are the favorite accessories of the season. Over-

sized and furry or in an array of choices in leather and denim can be found to fit every mood.

A smorgasbord of shoes makes this fall's diva heels with pointed toes stand out.

"Although they are not for everyone, those who can, get away with it," said Baretich.

For those with comfort in mind, some pointed-toe-on-flat heels are also chic.

The highlighted footwear is the boot. Ankle-high or thigh-high boots grace any look today.

For those chilly days, layering takes the spotlight, and the emphasis is on the peasant look.

"Everything is layered, like the blouse with pants, fitting with vest over shirts," said Baretich.

Taking on a sassy twist in full swing and borrowed from the boys, shirting is leading the way. The look—ruffled and non-ruffled affects, are making a new statement on silk, cotton, pin-stripping, high sheen fabrics, iridescent cotton and satin finishing.

There is a lot to be said for occasional dressing and sweeping the scene is the sophisticated topper. Usually not for daytime wear, the coat, with inspirations from the trench, comes in satin that can be an accessory for after hours.

With an open-mind and creative approach to dressing, you too can fall into autumn's best looks around.

'Soap Bubble' offers cheap price, quality humor

BY RACHEL PLATT
Staff Reporter

Whether you love soap operas or loathe them, you may find something to enjoy about Dr. T.M. Sell's *Soap Bubble*.

Tickets are now on sale for *Soap Bubble* performed by local theater company Breeders Theater. The play will be showing at 8 p.m. Nov. 8-9 and 15-16 at the Renton Civic Theatre, 507 S. Third St., Renton.

Soap Bubble is a parody about the trials and tribulations of soap opera actors, and the viewers who watch them.

The plot circles around the soap opera "The Hard and the Heavenly" and a woman who while watching the soap opera becomes frustrated with the



Photo by Adrienne Hughes

The Breeders Theater actors meticulously rehearsing

continuity in the soap and finally finds a way exert influence on the show.

"It'll be funny. Anyone whose seen Breeders Theater

before knows that we try to make people laugh," said Sell.

Soap Bubble's cast will also feature Jim Cooper, a Highline student.

Sell has previously directed shows that he's written including *Justin Time*, *Space Commander* and *Waiting for Merlot*.

A future show for Breeders Theater include a love story *Love's Painful Itch*, a story about a young woman, Miss Chastity Bodice, and her struggles with not being a girl, not yet a woman, at the E.B. Foote Winery on Jan 20. All funds from the show will go to Highline's Foundation.

Tickets for the show at the winery are \$20, and include the show, wine tasting, and hors d'oeuvres.

"People should come because it's cheap laughs. I'm talking about the price, not the quality of the humor," said Sell.

Soap Bubble show is \$30 in-



Jim Cooper

cluding dinner at the nearby Japan Thai Restaurant and \$15 for show only.

For more information, or to buy tickets call 425-226-5529.

Ruth Lepule: Team Highline wonder

Highline student enjoys being involved

By CHRISTIN GEERDES
Staff Reporter

Always on the go with a pen in her hand, moving from one desk or board to another, Ruth Lepule never stops working for Team Highline.

Lepule is a senior at Mount Rainier High School and is attending her second year at Highline.

Lepule is finishing this year and is hoping to earn her associate of science degree. She then plans on applying to Brigham Young University in Utah.

"The biggest challenge has been that college is a big change from high school. In high school they would hold your hand and at college you do everything on your own," said Lepule.

Lepule got into Team

Highline when she was sent something in the mail about the program saying that they wanted her to apply.

"Because of the interviews what has impressed us and continues to impress us is that she is mature beyond her years. She is definitely together and focused and committed to the group. It has been a lot of fun, and it has been fun getting to know her," said Fred Capestany, the Multicultural Student Programs adviser.

Fellow Team Highline members enjoy Lepule's outgoing, upbeat demeanor.

"It's been exciting because she is a very positive person with a lot of energy. She is outgoing, responsible, intelligent, positive and encouraging," said Syreeta Bernal, a fellow Team Highline member.

Lepule chose to join Team Highline so she could meet new people, and with her bubbling personality this is no difficult task.

"I try to meet as many new people as I can. I like working with people, you could say I am



Ruth Lepule

a very social person," said Lepule.

Team Highline also perked Lepule's interest due to its leadership training, and its ability to teach her more about programs at Highline.

Lepule's experience with Team Highline has already shown her how to expand her educational horizons by being apart of Highline's campus.

Team Highline is Highline's student-led activities coordinating group, which consists of five to seven students who provide cultural, recreational and educa-

"I like working with people, you could say I am a very social person."

-Ruth Lepule,
Team Highline member

tional activities for students, faculty and staff. Their events are typically ran by individuals in the group, however, there are more complex events in which two or more members may work together.

Lepule's role at Team Highline is just being part of the group.

"Everyone at Team Highline plays the same role, everyone is equal," said Lepule.

Out of school Lepule babysits her siblings. When she has free time she hangs out with friends, goes to church, does

church activities, and tries to do as much community service as she possibly can. Lepule is currently practicing dancing to be part of a road show that her church puts on once a year.

A few of Team Highline's upcoming events include Lunchtime music, Featuring a Brazilian Percussion band called Urban Oasis Oct. 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 8.

On Oct. 24, Jay Friedman, a speaker on the mysteries and taboos of sex in American culture, will be in Building 8 at 11 a.m.-noon, and noon-1 p.m.

Nov. 3 features a trip to the Seahawks stadium to watch the game, at 1 p.m. for students tickets cost \$15 and for teachers tickets cost \$30.

Most of Team Highline's events are free, and all students, faculty and staff are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Team Highline encourages student feedback and is located on the upper level of Building 8. They can be contacted at 206-878-3710, ext. 3903.

Urban Oasis brings Highline Brazilian beats

By CYNTHIA SUH
Staff Reporter

The Student Center will be alive today with the smooth sounds of Urban Oasis.

Urban Oasis is a band with a variety of musical influence including an upbeat blend of Brazilian grooves with a strong infusion of American Jazz and R&B.

Team Highline, the college's

student-led activity coordinators will be sponsoring the event which will be located in the lower level of the Student Center near the café from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The event is free and everyone is invited to come and watch.

"This is my first time having this band here at Highline," said Syreeta Bernal from Team Highline, who coordinated the event. "But they will be provid-

ing some entertainment that the students would enjoy."

Urban Oasis, will provide Highline with Som Brasil genre of music.

"Som Brasil is basically jazz, samba, or blues, that provides wide variety of music," said Ruth Lepule, Team Highline member. "This band is instrumental/vocal group, and has a lot to offer."

The purpose of the event is providing students, staff and

faculty with background music while enjoying their lunch, talking with friends, or doing their homework.

"It won't be anything big or anything loud, but more like a entertainment to have in the background," said Lepule.

Bringing in Urban Oasis is a change from some of the more fast-paced, and complicated events Team Highline coordinated earlier in the quarter such as The Welcome Back

Barbaque, and the lecture by Eric Davis, who discussed the importance of acclimating yourself to work in a diverse environment.

"This will be more relaxed, and something to entertain you while you eat, or even as you walk by them (band), and this is free, so it's for everybody to enjoy," said Bernal.

Upcoming Team Highline events include the J-Spot-A Sex Educator Lecture on Oct. 24 in Building 7 for two separate lectures, 11 a.m. to noon, and noon to 1 p.m.

For more information about Team Highline events contact them at the upper floor of Building 8, or call them at 206-878-3710, ext 3903.

Arts Calendar

• Tickets are now on sale for Soap Bubble, a new comedy by T.M. Sell, showing 8 p.m. Nov. 8-9 and 15-16 at the Renton Civic Theater, 507 S. Third St., Renton. The Breeders Theater production i \$30 including dinner at the nearby Japan Thai Restaurant and \$15 for show only. Call 425-226-5529.

• The Puget Sound Mycological Society will be sponsoring the Wild Mushroom Show Oct. 19-20. The 39th annual exhibit will feature hundreds of northwest species, cooking demonstrations, expert identification, and beginner information. Admission is \$7 for adults

and \$5 for students and seniors. Children under 12 are free. For more information call 206-522-6031.

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time entertainment today. Urban Oasis is a performance group with an upbeat blend of Brazilian grooves with a strong infusion of American Jazz and R&B. The event will take place in Building 8 and will run from

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MUSHROOMS ON A WHOLE NEW STEM

By PAUL WALSTON
AND RACHEL PLATT
Staff Reporters

More than 200 varieties of fresh, local, wild mushrooms will be on display Oct. 19-20 at the 39th Annual Wild Mushroom Exhibit.

The Mycological Society event is open to anyone who has ever wanted to know anything about mushrooms.

Throughout the weekend people attending the exhibit will have an opportunity to experience slide shows, display tables, culinary demonstrations, and seminars on the medicinal pur-



Photo Courtesy of PSMS.org

poses of mushrooms.

"We want people to understand the educational, scientific,

culinary, aesthetic, and medicinal aspects of mushrooms," said Emily Routledge a member of

the Mycological Society.

Members of the Mycological Society will be bringing in their own mushrooms from all over Washington.

However, visitors are encouraged to bring in their own mushrooms for identification by experts.

The biggest portion of the event will be a tray of over 200 varieties of mushrooms that will be labeled as either valuable for cooking, poisonous, or invaluable for cooking purposes.

The purpose of the event is to show people that mushrooms play a large role in our ecosystem and are a sign that they play

a crucial part in our world.

"They aren't just little brown beings that lived under trees," said Routledge.

Please be advised that no one should ever eat a wild mushroom that has not been properly identified and stored.

The event will be held at Sand Point/Maguison Park 7400 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle.

It will run from noon to 8 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children under 12 are free.

For more information go to the Mycological Society website at www.psms.org.

Arts Calendar

•The Auburn Symphony Orchestra will present "Portraits in Music," a program of works by Russian composers of the 19th century era on at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 19 and 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 20 at the Auburn Performing Arts Center, 700 East Main St. Tickets range from \$12 to \$20.

•The Auburn City Hall Gallery will feature "From Construction to Completion," black and white photographs by Seattle photographer Peter de Lory, Oct. 16 to Nov. 27. The gallery is on the second floor of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main St. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Admission is free.

•The Pacific Northwest Ballet is proud to present "World Premier," a mixed repertory of four distinct ballets showcasing the ballet's artistry and versatility on Nov. 7-9 and Nov 14-16

at 7:30 p.m. Matinees will be Nov. 9 and Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. at Mercer Arts Arena, 363 Mercer Street (at the intersection of 4th Ave. N.). Tickets range in price from \$16-\$110 and may be purchased from the PNB Box Office at 301 Mercer Street (Monday to Friday, noon-7 p.m.) and at any Ticketmaster outlet, by calling 206-292 ARTS.

•The Richard Hugo House in Seattle will be sponsoring Myths and Gods: The poet's view on Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m. Deborah Bacharach and Susan Rich, from Highline, will be reading. Admission is free. For more information call 206-322-7030.

•Team Highline will be sponsoring a Poetry Reading on Nov. 12 from 11 a.m.-noon. Students are encouraged to participate. For more information contact J-Ti Team Highline on the top of Buliding 8, or by phone at 206-878-3710 ext 3903.

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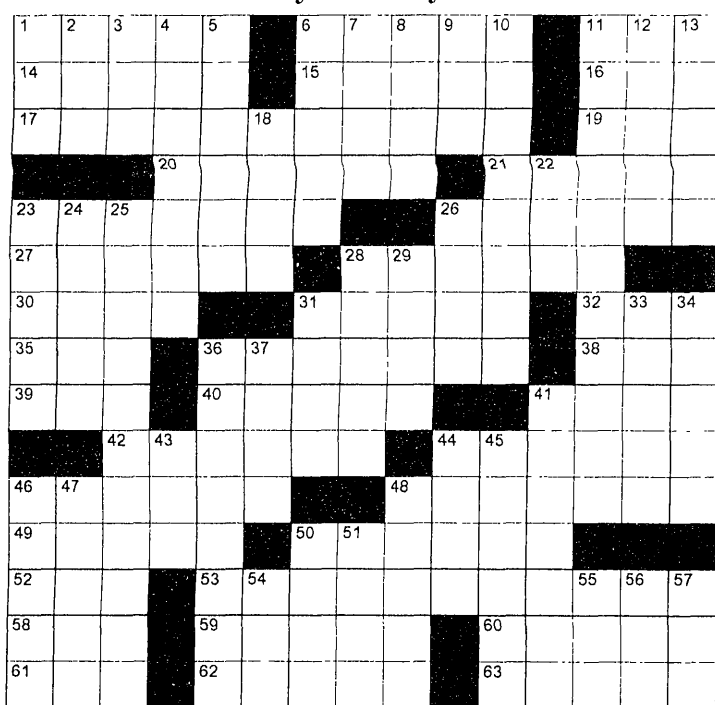
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By Ed Canty



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Quotable Quote

If all the cars in the United States were placed end to end, it would probably be Labor Day Weekend.

... Doug Larson

Lady T-Birds win tournament

BY SHAUNA BJORK
Staff Reporter

The Lady Thunderbirds volleyball team rolled over Tacoma Wednesday night and improved their record to 6-0. To add to the excitement, the women won the championship in the Highline Crossover Tournament held this past weekend in the Pavillion.

In the game versus Tacoma, the women won in three straight matches, 31-29, 30-19, and 30-24.

Michelle Aurelio had 15 kills, Tiare Alailima had 14 kills and five aces, Amanda Doak had six kills and Jenny Martin had 16 digs.

Over the weekend, eight teams from the Northwest participated in the Crossover Tournament: Linn-Benton, North Idaho, Lower Columbia, Lane, Blue Mountain, Everett, Treasure Valley and Highline.

The teams played games on Friday and Saturday, each match was played best of three and the third match was only played to 15 points.

On Friday the ladies played North Idaho and won 26-30, 30-26, 15-13. They also faced Linn-Benton and won 30-24, 28-30, 15-12. On Saturday they played Blue Mountain, and stomped on them 30-16 and 30-15.

The women faced Treasure Valley in the championship match. Treasure Valley was 3-0



Photo by Adrienne Hughes
Staci Ellis prepares to send the ball back to Tacoma.

in the tournament, they were going to be tough to beat.

Treasure Valley had more women than the T-Birds and they were a bit louder on the court.

The Thunderbirds took the first match 30-25. They were ahead in the second match, but lost a bit of ground when Treasure Valley got fired up.

The Thunderbirds battled

hard to regain the lead in the match, but they fell short and lost 30-32.

In the third and final match the women took the lead early. The Highline men's soccer team was sitting in the crowd got loud and kept the fans into it. It also seemed to spark more enthusiasm into the women.

They went on to defeat Treasure Valley 15-13 to win the championship.

Tiare Alailima was named the tournament's MVP. Amanda Doak and Michelle Aurelio were both named to the All Tournament Team.

"The team has a strong offense," said freshman Doak.

"We have pretty experienced players," says Head Coach John Littleman, "Most have played for high school or club before coming here."

Another reason for the huge success of the volleyball team this year is that the women are placed in positions they fit best in.

Littleman says, "Knowledgeable people in key positions," helps to make this team click.

A problem the women may face is actually their success, Littleman said. It may get to the players' heads and they may decide to slack or think that they don't need anymore practice or any more help at getting better, he said.

"The coaching staff won't allow that to happen," Littleman said.

In the coming weeks the team will have to continue to stay focused, and motivated, Littleman said.

Players will also have to work on individual ball handling.

We have good players and they can continue to improve, Littleman said.

Alailima said the keys to continue with their success will be hard work and trust within the team.

Reaching the goal of going to the Championship will help the team stay focused said Doak.

Alailima doesn't see that they have gone 6-0 as a surprise; she says that most of these ladies were brought to Highline on scholarships and knew each other before joining the team.

"We share the same work ethic," Alailima said.

Both Doak and Alailima express frustration with the fact they are doing so well and don't have many spectators to watch them. A larger fan base could really add to all of the excitement.

The women headed to Grays Harbor, Wednesday, Oct. 16, however, the results of this match were not available at press time.

They are at home versus Pierce Friday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. Lower Columbia comes to the Pavilion on Monday Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. The T-Birds will also go to Centralia on Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m.

Women's soccer tumbles into last place

BY BILLY PENNOCK
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's soccer team had another rough week as they lost two more close games.

The losses came to Lower Columbia 3-0 and to Green River 2-1. With the two losses, the Lady T-Birds slid into last place in the Southwest Division with a record of 0-7-1.

In the game against Lower Columbia, Highline put up a strong fight, holding their opponent scoreless in the first half. The second half, however, was a different story. Highline allowed Lower Columbia to score three goals. Jaime Hesselgesser-Wright scored the first two goals and Alice Fox scored the third and final goal.

The following game against

Green River was an unlucky game. Calls were not going Highline's way and the Lady T-Birds ended up losing to a team they should have beat.

With Green River scoring first by Laura Smith, Highline had to come back and tie it with a goal by Crystal Keeley on an assist coming by Jenny Luu. Then in the second half, Green River put away the second goal by Jessica Boysen to win 2-1.

"We out shot them 27-6 and had a goal taken away from us," said Coach Jaimy McLaughlin. "We should have won."

With the year going as it has and this season being a transitional one, McLaughlin feels that things are only going to get better.

The team had a lot of obstacles to face from the very beginning of the season.



Photo by Adrienne Hughes
Olivia Palermo (center) tries to improve Highline's record.

McLaughlin didn't have a very big turnout this year and some of the players he did have were ineligible for the start of the season.

"We improve each game, once we tighten up our defense we'll win," McLaughlin said. "We're too nice, we need to get mean, we need to get the not-beat-me attitude."

With playoffs out of the picture, McLaughlin said that he wants his team to play harder, score the first goal and allow fewer goals for the rest of the year.

Results from Wednesday's game against Lower Columbia were unavailable at press time.

The next coming games are Saturday, Oct. 19 against Clark at noon at Clark, and Wednesday, Oct. 23 against Green River at 2 p.m. at Green River.

T-Birds increase lead in division

BY FABIO HEURING
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's soccer team continued its winning ways this past week, defeating Pierce and cross-town rival Green River. The Thunderbirds are now 8-1 and are two games ahead of second place Tacoma.

Highline shut out a winless Peirce team last Wednesday in a 2-0 victory. After a slow start, Ackie Kinnay, broke the scoring barrier just before half time in the 39th minute, getting an assist from Fanah Mansarary.

Both teams fought hard in the second half, but Highline sealed the victory in the 86th minute after Brian Davis scored off another Mansarary assist.

"This was a tough game for us, coming off two tough games. It took us awhile to get into this game," Head Coach Jason Prenovost said.

Highline then returned home to blow out Green River 7-0. The team came out strong and fought hard the whole game.

Mansarary scored two goals in the victory. Five other Thunderbirds ended up scoring, including Nathan Louvier, Brian Davis, Joe Patterson, Paul Zydek and John Berg.

"We tried a new strategy today, using three forwards on one side," midfielder Ben Bailey

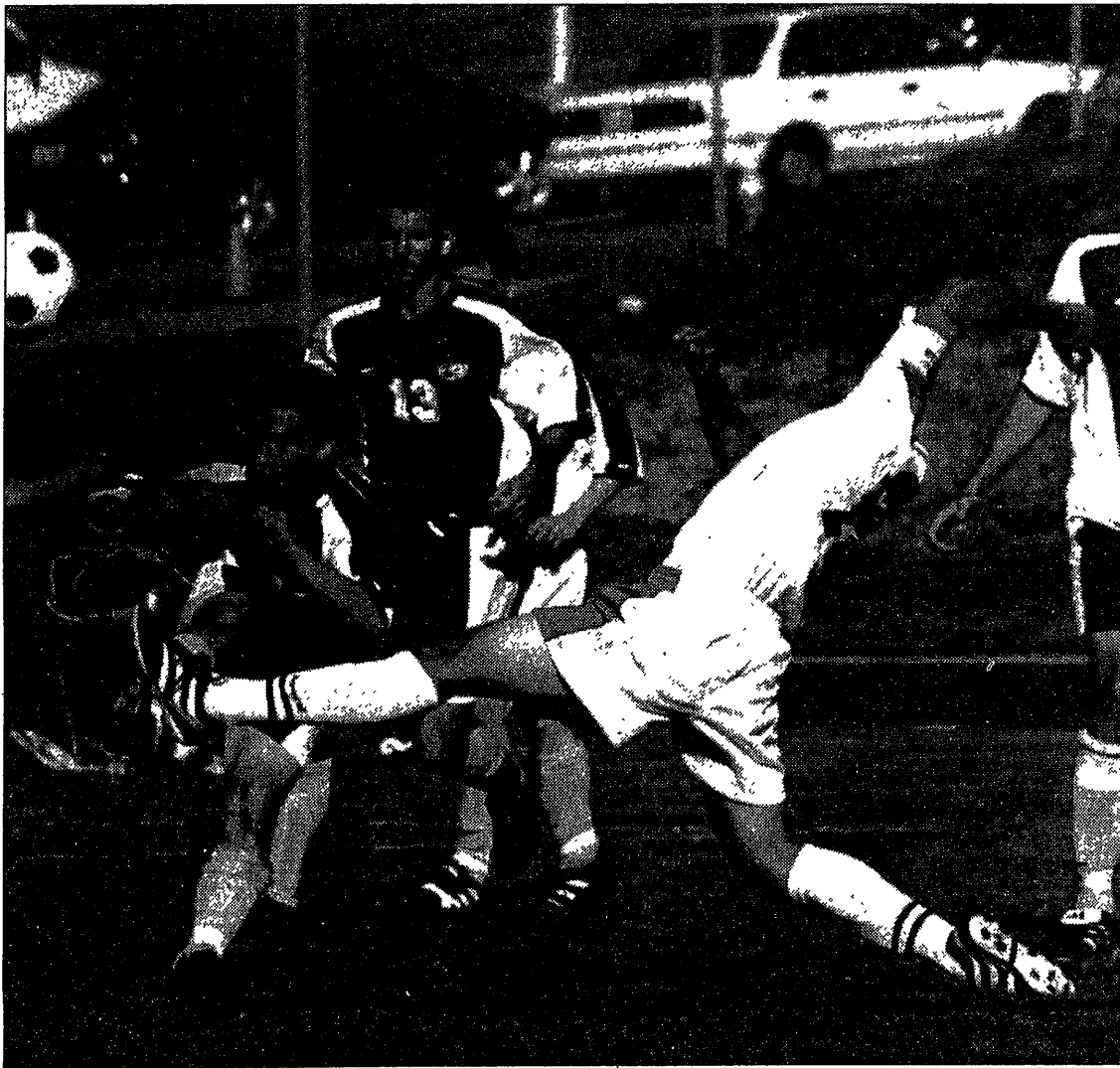


Photo by Adrienne Hughes

Freshman Tony Giralmo kicks the ball away from Green River at last weeks game.

said. The team normally only uses one forward.

"The new system of three forwards was the key to our vic-

tory. If we keep using it, it will work," Mansarary said.

Coach Prenovost said that another division title is not yet

given.

"We need to come out and work on what we have been doing in practice. We need to come

"I'm extremely proud of our defense."

— Jason Prenovost,
men's soccer coach

out with more energy and enthusiasm like we did today. We need to continue to be motivated to get better," he said.

Going into the year Coach Prenovost had some concerns about the team's defense. Highline is leading the league with five shutouts and has given up a league-low six goals in nine games so far.

"We've focused well on defense. I'm extremely proud of the way we've been playing defense we have been using different systems. Defense was a concern but we have stepped it up," Prenovost said.

Highline faced Pierce Wednesday, Oct. 16 in a home game at 4 p.m. Results for that game were not available at press time.

The Thunderbirds will then travel to Clark on Saturday, Oct. 19 to face a third-place Clark at 2 p.m.

Yates sacrifices meet for league championships

BY DUSTIN NICKERSON
Staff Reporter

Highline cross country lost a gamble last weekend, but their payoff might be coming soon.

Coming into the race, Coach Robert Yates knew that his team was going to be sliced thin of significant runners. He was faced with a difficult decision.

Taking a day off last week would have ensured a solid performance at the Clark Invite, but as the league championship approaches rapidly, every day of training the team can get is critical.

Yates weighed the factors and decided that the team wouldn't be at full strength regardless of how hard they practiced. He pushed the team hard without a day off, sacrificing the meet.

The men finished in eighth place and the women did 10th, and both teams were distant from the top of the pack.

"We didn't have a real good

race," said Yates, "but everyone understood why."

An incomplete and famished team isn't expected to walk away with any positives from a race like this, but Highline did.

"We ran this 8 kilometer course a month ago, and everyone of the guys got a better time," said Yates about his men.

Aaron Sather finished first for the team, and knocked off 1:30 from the last time he ran the course. Behind him, trimming 45 seconds off of his time was Jordan Ford. Their times were 27:29 and 27:54.

In third was Jess Lawson, who ran a 29:46 and cut an incredible 2:30 off his time. Also knocking 1:30 of his previous time was Chris Faulkner with a 30:54. As for the championship picture, this race doesn't make a smudge.

"The men are ready to rededicate themselves and really get after it," said Coach Yates.

The women ran as a team for just the second time this season,

but they were far from being a complete unit.

Belou Chin went up three notches and ran No. 1 for the ladies with a time of 25:10. Close behind in her first meet since last year was Amanda Kamm, running a 25:13. And finishing off the depleted team of three was Jennifer Hunt, running a 27:23 in the 5 kilometer race.

"The girls have a few aches and pains that are keeping them out of stride," said Yates, "but their attitudes are incredibly positive."

Yates also said that he was very happy with the girl's performance, and knows that there is only room for improvement.

The team has next week off and Yates plans to work them

harder then he has all season. Whether or not their hard work will result in a top three finish for the season will be decided on Nov. 9, at the league championship.

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Medical assistants face healthy demand

BY ROBBIE HICKS
Staff Reporter

The medical assistant program at Highline injects students with a chance at a job in a growing field.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, medical assisting is the seventh fastest growing occupation through the year 2008.

A medical assistant provides a vital partner to physicians by performing a wealth of functions from administrative to clinical. The need is ever growing.

"As soon as I finished the program, I had so many places willing to give me a job, it was crazy," said C.J. Franklin, a graduate from the medical assisting program.

The demand is so great, that medical assistants even have their own nationally recognized day.

Highline's Medical Assisting department will be holding an educational social on Oct. 23, in honor of Medical Assistants Day. The event will be in Building 23, room 206.

The department is always looking for new students. Current enrollment is between 90-95 students, and Highline has no plans to limit capacity.

The end results are one of three things: an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in medical assisting or a certificate in either medical transcriptionist or patient account specialist.

"The fields that we offer are among the hottest jobs on the market," said Babs Cerna, the program coordinator for medical assisting. "When you finish the program, finding someone who is hiring is a piece of cake."

Registration is open at any time. Current students in the course can add credits at any point, and new students can start on any Monday of any week. The program has no prerequisites.

"Talking to one of the program advisors prior to enrollment is favorable due to the somewhat complex planning," Cerna said.

Finishing the course can be accomplished in two years, with 98 credits. However, there isn't any rush.

The self-paced modules keep students in control of their progress. All of the class work is done on the students' schedule and at their own pace. There is scheduled class time in which a student can do homework or get help from the facilitators.

"Our goals for presenting the material are to touch all of the students' senses," Cerna said.

These methods are primarily online lectures and bookwork. There are also clinical classes and everything is put together with a test. The tests are the only thing that a student has to come to campus for.

"By letting the students control how they do the class work, it allows more flexibility for work schedules, home life and things like that," Cerna said.

"I love the way that I was able to pace the program and keep up with my other obligations," said Thomas Dellman, a graduate from the medical assisting program.

Toward the end of the course, all students are required to do an externship to complete their learning and to also give them a feel for what the actual work

Aspiring musicians

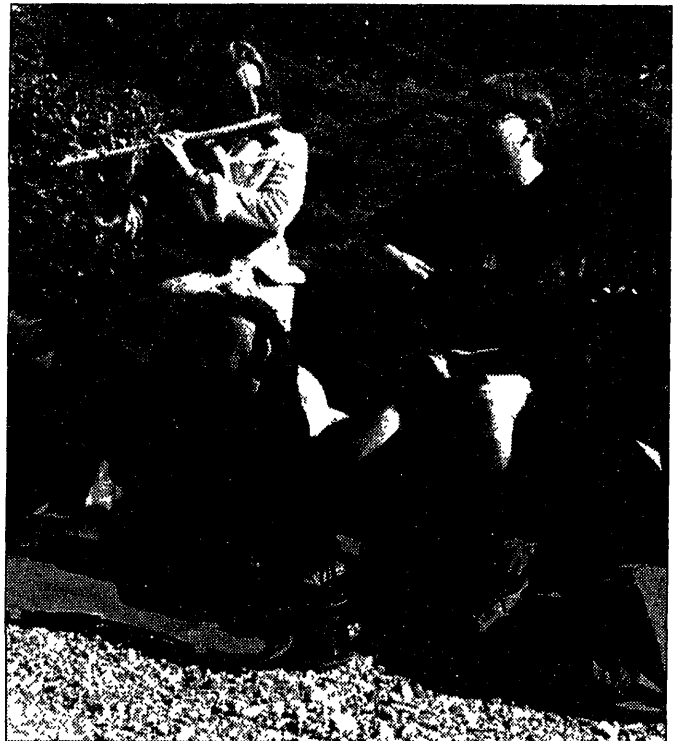


Photo By Adrienne Hughes

DJ Taylor and Britta Hanson show their musical talent outside Building 6 and Building 3 on Tuesday afternoon. Taylor sang and played the guitar while Hanson played the flute.

would be like. The externships are set-up by the facilitators when a student gets to that point in the program.

Following completion of the program, a certification test is

all that stands between a student and a job.

After finishing the program a job will usually be just a phone call away. The market is just that hot, Cerna said.

Ex-Boeing engineer lands at Highline

BY PATRICK WAGNER
Staff Reporter

Noman Noor has traveled a long way to teach at Highline. He is the new engineering instructor starting this fall.

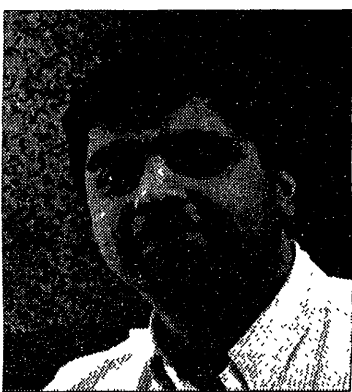
Noor will be teaching various engineering courses including Engineering 111-Fabrication methods and Engineering 241-Management/Production Control.

This is Noor's first time teaching anywhere. "It's really exciting to be able to get out and perform like this," said Noor.

A Pakistan native, Noor started his schooling in Pakistan and then transferred to Ohio where he attended the University of Toledo 12 years ago. There he obtained his bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering.

While working in engineering Noor was able to work on many interesting Aircrafts and aircraft parts including The Bell helicopter, and a quick change model 737 airplane for Boeing.

Noor was laid off from Boeing. He saw a posting at



Noman Noor

Boeing's transition center for a teaching position at Highline; he got the job without any problems.

Noor said that the transition between engineering and teaching was not hard. He said he is

still doing the same thing. As an engineer Noor has done everything that is involved in engineering, from tooling to reviewing plans.

Highline engineering instructor Rebecca Sliger said Noor is a very good addition to the college.

"Since engineers make more than college professors we are lucky to have someone bringing the amount of experience that he has to our school," she said.

Ten years of experience with his degree to be exact.

Now that he is here, Noor hopes to teach more in the field.

"I want to contribute to an outstanding engineering department," he said.

ment," he said.


Noor said he knows how to set up all the processes from experience and then he teaches it as he goes. Students in his classes are expected to learn the material with his help.

Noor said that he thinks of what helped him learn as a stu-

dent when he is deciding how to teach a certain process.

"I want to be fair to students," he said.


The new engineering professor said that he likes to teach here at Highline and if he can get his tenure he will stay to teach indefinitely.



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Korey Egge hatches Students get pals plans at Highline

By C.J. ALVAREZ
Staff Reporter

Korey Egge has one year to make her mark at Highline, and she is off to a good start.

Egge is a new faculty member this year and she already feels at home at Highline.

"My favorite thing about Highline is the friendly, supportive atmosphere," Egge said.

Before Egge came to Highline she taught at various schools around the Seattle area.

"I've taught ESL, composition, and communications to students of all ages and levels, from all over the world," Egge said.

Egge decided to go to Highline instead of teaching at a university.

"I prefer teaching at a community college because the emphasis is on teaching rather than publishing or research. It's really student-centered here, and the staff and faculty have lots of opportunities for professional development," Egge said.

She also taught overseas in a country south of Poland, called Slovakia.

"Slovakia has beautiful mountains and opportunities for



"My favorite thing about Highline is the friendly, supportive atmosphere."

-Korey Egge
ESL instructor

outdoor activities," Egge said.

"Slovakia is also located in the middle of Europe, making it really easy to travel to other countries, even for the weekend," Egge said.

While working at City University there, she visited a lot of small towns and villages. Egge saw many castles, museums, and other points of interest.

"I learned a little Slovak, but mostly just enough to order food in a restaurant or to buy a train ticket, at a station," Egge said.

She loved living in Slovakia, but she didn't have enough money to pay her bills.

"I left Slovakia because I had a one-year contract. I chose not to renew it because I could only make \$300 a month, working

full-time there. That was enough to live on in Slovakia, but not enough to pay back my student loans," Egge said.

Egge has a bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon. She double majored in English and international studies. Then she went to Portland State University to obtain her master's in English, with a TESL Certificate.

Egge wanted to be a teacher because she loves working with students. She is currently signed to a one-year contract with Highline.

"I'm an ESL because I love language, linguistics and the opportunity to meet students from all over the world..." Egge said.

Two years later, more than 100 students joined the Pal Program. It has been very successful throughout the years, Fujiwara said. Some of the thanks go to instructors for giving credit to students participating in the program.

In the program, the students are each partnered up with one or more international students. They set up a time and day to meet that is convenient for them. It is required that the students must meet at least an hour a week.

When they meet, a cross-cultural topic is provided to start out the conversation. From there, the students become friends and start learning about cultures and other customs.

For more information on the program or applications, ask for Mariko Fujiwara or Ryan Shaver at the International Student Programs center. Or for more information, contact International Student Programs at 206-870-3725 or e-mail at ILSC@highline.edu.

Harden relocates to new job

By JAMIE TOLUA
Staff Reporter

A new retention coordinator for Multicultural Services has been selected. Yoshiko Harden-Abe has been at Highline since the summer of 2001, and has made the transition from Student Programs to Multicultural Services as former Retention Coordinator Joy Mbajah's successor.

"Personally it was hard because it was the decision between a great job and a great job opportunity career-wise," she said.

Mbahaj has moved to Washington, D.C and will be attending Georgetown University. The position at Student Programs is still vacant, and they are currently conducting interviews.

Harden-Abe said in her new position she will serve as an adviser and mentor for students of color and Washington Achievers, a program added last year for students with potential, promote Highline's diversity initiatives, and continue to co-teach a

College 100 course with an emphasis on multi-culturalism.

Along with her experience from her previous job at Student Programs, Harden-Abe believes she can bring something fresh to her new one.

"I can contribute to building a connection, and strengthening relationships between Student Programs Office and Multicultural Services," she said.

Harden-Abe said her passion for her work is definitely driven from her own experiences, the positive and the negative aspects. And her expressed interest in diversity can be attributed to her love for family, traveling, reading, cooking, shopping, and talking.

As of yet Harden-Abe is still unsure of how things are going to pan out.

"This job is like experiencing the other side of the coin," she said.

Harden-Abe said if there's one thing she does know it's that she misses her former employees at Team Highline. And it is

evident they feel the same way.

"We really miss her because she was more than a boss, she was an amazing friend," said Ruth Lepule, Team Highline member.

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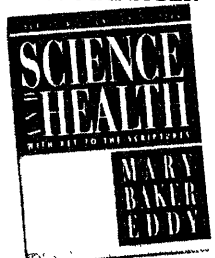
"I had just lost my business, home and marriage. With nothing left to support my three-year-old child and myself, I turned to a book a co-worker had given me — *Science and Health*. Every step of the way — even in the night when fear woke me up — the book's ideas gave me courage, strength, and the assurance that things would work out. One day an IRS officer asked me, 'With all this happening to you, how can you be so happy?' I handed him *Science and Health* and said, 'You've GOT to read this book!' Through reading this book, my financial situation — my life! — has turned around completely."

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Student interest in credit card not debt free

By BEN JOHNSTON
Staff Reporter

You owe \$500 to three different credit card companies. Your phone is ringing off the hook with harassing collectors. Tuition is due in less than a week.

You're wondering how you got yourself into this mess, and you're asking yourself how you're ever going to get yourself out of it.

Luckily, several options are available other than filing for bankruptcy, according to Joni Benham, financial aid adviser at Highline.

"I've talked with 18-19-year-olds with up to \$15,000 debt," said Benham.

Benham said that the demographic that is the most at risk for falling into debt are the youngest who can legally apply for a credit card. The companies that supply credit cards are well aware of this also. Often, Benham has seen vendors on campus signing students up for a card and offering freebies and perks.

"I think it should be banned," said Benham. "I don't think it is right that they can solicit here."

The Washington, D.C.-based National Consumer Council agrees. This nonprofit organization has begun a campaign to warn college students against the dangers of credit card usage.

The website, set up by NCC President Harvey Warren, (www.thencc.org) highlights the serious side of credit card debt:

Suicide.

University of Oklahoma student Sean Moyer hanged himself in his bedroom closet over \$10,000 worth of credit card debt, as cited by the website. That was 1998. His mother told

Moines, said, "Kids buy mostly clothes, food and music with their credit cards."

It seems that most students build a mountain of debt, one shovel full at a time.

For students who have debt

with a debt consolidation company than pursue you personally anyway.

Director of Counseling Lance Gibson has dealt with students in debt.

"Students don't have an understanding of compound interest. It seems like free money, and most students don't even know their own interest rate," said Gibson.

Bryan King, customer service representative at the Seattle branch of Columbia Bank, is someone who does understand compound interest.

"Interest is compounded when you take the principle (the amount you spent) and you multiply it by a percent, say 10 percent. If you let it accrue (don't make payments), it snowballs, and you'll end up paying interest on the interest."

"You at least want to pay your interest every month, so you aren't paying interest on your interest," said King.

Most students who haven't taken a business math course have no idea of this phenomenon, and only see free money.

"The seeds of the consumer economy are planted very early," said Gibson. "Students want the good life and they want it now."

What most don't realize is that the result of living beyond your means is bankruptcy, which has long-term consequences.

Bankruptcy affects your credit rating, and when you

want to finance a car, condominium or a house, you'll run into a brick wall, said Gibson.

Gibson said that debt can be a good thing, such as a 30-year mortgage on a house, but if you ruin your rating, you might never get a chance.

Joe Pacheco of Washington Mutual bank, Des Moines, advises that if students are looking to apply for a credit card, they should, "go with a known bank, and be careful on what rate they are earning." Pacheco said that initially, the interest rate will be high as a rule, but after six to 12 months, other institutions will start making better offers. Also, Pacheco advises that students check for fees, such as processing fees.

These can really add up.

Lending institutions like Washington Mutual usually offer safety nets for people who have fallen shallowly into debt, such as debt consolidation. However, Pacheco said, "If you have serious problems, go to an organization like CCCS."

Above all, everyone concerned advises abstinence from credit card use during college. It seems that the risks and likelihood that you will fall into credit card debt at a young age are too great.

For help or counseling, see the Financial Aid office upstairs in Building 6. Or, call Northwest Education Loan Association (NELA) at 1-800-562-3001. Consumer Credit Counseling can be reached at 1-800-634-2227.

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reporters on CNN that he still gets offers for credit cards every month, with up to a \$100,000 limit from Chase (Manhattan Bank), according to the website.

He owed Chase when he died. How does a student's debt get to this drastic point?

"I was going to community college. The credit card companies had booths everywhere. They were giving away free t-shirts and candy and offering lots of free credit. I don't think I was even working at the time. I got four cards right away," said Veronica B., age 22, on the website.

Joe Pacheco, personal finance representative at Washington Mutual Bank in Des

Moines, said, "Kids buy mostly clothes, food and music with their credit cards."

In 1983, Benham sought help for her personal debt problems. She went to Consumer Credit Counseling. She said that they really helped her consolidate her debt, and recommends looking in to debt consolidation.

"You bring in all your bills, and they become the middle person," said Benham. "They're realistic about the cost of food, transportation, entertainment and all other expenses. Then they deal with the creditors so that you don't have to."

Benham said the credit card companies would rather deal

Vote

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One student, who would like to remain anonymous, said he is not registered because he is lazy and doesn't care.

On the other hand, as student Dan Fortin points out, "You don't have the right to complain about what the government is doing if you don't vote. It is im-

portant for people to be involved in the political process ... they are more valuable then they think."

The value of a single vote held true for Ed Mitchell who won the state House primary vote for the 26th District in Oct.

Only one-third of that district's registered voters turned out for the primary election, another statistic that the Student Government hopes to see different at Highline.

Student Government has made it a goal to increase the number of registered voters by 10 percent each quarter.

"Ten percent of [Highline's] student body is nearly 1,000 students. Multiply that by three [for each quarter] and you have a powerful voice for legislators to hear," said DJ Taylor.

Students can become registered at the upcoming drive.

They can also receive information about districts, upcom-

ing elections, where to go to vote and where they can go to become educated about the issues at hand.

In order to vote in the upcoming Nov. 5 election, however, students must turn in a voter registration form by Oct. 20.

Forms are available in the quarterly schedule as well as online at www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/register_vote.aspx.

This will ensure an absentee

vote in the upcoming elections.

"If you care about the issues then it is important to be registered," said Cambria Bandy, a Highline student.*

One example of an issue at hand is tuition increases, says Taylor.

Student Government wants to empower students by getting them registered to vote so that they can voice their opinions and have them heard by state legislators and Congress.

Budget

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budget cut this year," said Saunders.

Although legislators may be forced to cut money from higher education, they agree on the importance of community colleges.

"In order to have good jobs

and a strong economy in South King County, we need to maintain our commitment to public education, especially our community college system," said State Rep. Dave Upthegrove, D-33rd District. The district includes Highline.

State Sen. Karen Keiser, a former Highline trustee, reiterated the message.

"We must also maintain strong education improvements, including at our community col-

leges, to ensure a prosperous future," said Keiser, D-33rd District.

Some legislators say that programs that community colleges provide, which allow people to heighten their skills, are an integral part of the state.

"The worker retraining program and lifelong learning opportunities provided by colleges like Highline are critical to our long-term economic health," said Upthegrove.

If funding is cut even more by the Legislature, Highline will struggle to get students their education.

For now Highline is OK but administrators stressed the importance of high enrollment.

"We'll be OK for the rest of the year as long as the students keep coming," said Saunders.

But if funding is cut even more, the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges may be forced to raise tuition to

offset budget cuts.

This presents a problem, officials admit. The fundamental idea of community colleges is that they are able to give opportunities to all individuals to get an education. If tuition is raised then it leaves students in low-income families without a chance to get an education.

"[Inexpensive] Tuition is the best financial aid that community colleges have," said Saunders.