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Highline's dock reopens for classes

Quake damage repaired at the Redondo pier

By ASA HALL
STAFF REPORTER

An octopus devours a crab for lunch, slowly engulfing it until it is no longer visible.

It then waits, breaking down every morsel of the once animate creature.

This octopus is just one of the many attractions at Highline's Marine Science and Technology Center.

Along with the octopus students can see the aquariums and touch the tanks.

Highline invested more than \$60,000 in college funds, in addition to volunteer work, in the development of Highline's center, yet all was lost on Feb. 28, 2001 during the Puget Sound earthquake.

"This fall, Sept. 17 the center was reopened to the public," said Bob Maplestone, chairman of the Engineering and Applied Sciences Division.

Many Highline students attend oceanography and marine biology classes at Highline's center, located near Redondo Beach to the south of Salty's.



Above: Oceanography instructor Sam Shabb holds a starfish for students Melanie Reed and Mark Seegmueller to examine. Bottom left: Students can see an octopus up close at Highline's dock, located at Redondo.

With the center being only five minutes away from campus, students are able to experience hands-on learning and re-

search.

Although damage remains from the earthquake, the redevelopment of the center is slowly coming together in three phases.

Phase one will focus on repairing the infrastructure of the dock.

Phase two will focus on renovation and construction, creating space for classrooms, laboratories, public access spaces, as well as storage and research.

Phase three will concentrate on developing a proper training, education, and research ground that will eventually lead to life and earth science laboratory stations, a computer center for data analysis as well as other resources.

The dock has a weather station and a live web cam, said Maplestone.

The weather station measures temperature, barometric pressure, wind direction, sunlight, and amounts of rain.

"Hopefully it will be open in a few weeks," he said.

Data from the weather station and web cam can be viewed on Highline's web site.

"Go to the web page and see what is going on," said Maplestone.

On a weekly basis marine biology students "measure the amount of water in the ocean to

Student leaders consider smoking

By VALERIE GOLLIER
STAFF REPORTER

The issue of student smoking on campus continues to burn its way to the top of Student Government's agenda for this year.

More attention to the issues of security and parking will also be pursued.

Newly presented ideas are a recycling initiative, a book trade idea, and a \$100,000 signage initiative.

The smoking issue is an initiative to condense the smoking on campus down to designated areas only, said Vice President of Administration James Howell.

This is a midterm goal for the officers.

They still need to figure out how to enforce this, decide where the areas would best be located, and where the money will come from.

They figure that some of it might have to come from Student Government.

However, at least the research for this project was completed last year.

"We need students to serve on a committee to play as mediators between administration and the students," said President Kolesta Moore.

The parking issue is also one to be resolved.

There is not enough parking on campus for all students with the three lots combined, which sends the rest to Midway.

But Student Government officials say there isn't enough

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Faulty heat sensor triggers fire alarm

College employees were evacuated temporarily from Building 20 when a fire alarm went off Wednesday, Oct. 15.

The incident occurred at approximately 11:25 a.m. when a faulty heat sensor triggered the alarm. The local fire department was called, but the alarm did not report to the alarm center.

Two vehicles burgled

Two women reported missing items from their vehicles on Oct. 9. One of the women was missing her parking permit. The other woman noticed her house keys were missing.

Student suffers falling injury

A woman tripped and fell on the cement stairs next to Building 6 on Oct. 10. The fall caused injury to her lower back, knees, ankles, palms, and wrists. The fire department arrived and checked her.

The student was transported to Highline Hospital in Burien for further evaluation.

Loiterers asked to leave campus

Two men were found in the south parking lot around 2:30 a.m. on Oct. 12. One of the men was found in the fetal position and was not moving. The other man was on a bench. Both of them were asked to leave the parking lot.

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The fight against cancer gets biological

By KASEY REGA
STAFF REPORTER

T cell therapy has joined arsenal of weapons against cancer, said Tan M. Lam, from Highline Nursing and Respiratory Care, at last Friday's Science Seminar. The seminar was "Attack of the Clones: Engineering Single T Cells to Become Biological Weapons for Tumor Mass Destruction."

"The cloned T cells have halted tumor growth in more than half of those who underwent therapy," Lam said.

Lam explained that the body's immune response is the body's innate defense against disease. The immune system directly protects the body from disease and consists of three



Lam

major types of white blood cells: T cells, B cells and Natural Killer Cells.

Lam said that T cells are cloned by using the patient's

own blood. He explained that a sample of the patient's blood is used to find the very best T cell which is then cloned into billions of copies. Approximately 16 billion cloned T cells are then infused back into the patient over three treatments to target advanced melanoma, a fatal form of skin cancer.

Lam said that the reason for selecting melanoma is because sometimes melanoma undergoes spontaneous remission.

"As researchers we know things don't just happen, so it must have something to do with the immune system," Lam said. "It made sense to use this type of therapy to treat melanoma."

Lam explained that the findings after the infusion treatment come back with mixed results.

"After the cloned T cell treatment there is partial resolution or total absence of the existing cancer nodules in the x-rays but other nodules appear," Lam said. "Researchers do not feel that the new nodules appear as a result of the therapy."

Lam said that advanced melanoma patients with a survival duration of four months or less can now survive up to 21 months.

"This type of outcome suggests a favorable treatment," Lam said.

There will not be a Science Seminar this week. The next Science Seminar will be on Oct. 24, with Dee Skinner. The lecture entitled "The History of the Internet" will be from 2:10-3 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.

Latino club tries to solve its low turnout problem

By RACHEL SCANLON
STAFF REPORTER

While the United Latino Association (ULA) is striving to be a helpful, strong and recognized force on campus, it wants a permanent president and committed members achieve this end.

At the ULA's first meeting on Oct. 2, only three of the 28 people signed up as members for the quarter showed up. Ernie Lopez, the club's temporary president, said that members like to participate in the "fun events" but when it comes to meetings and planning sessions, most are nowhere to be found.

Because of this attitude, the ULA has been an off-and-on organization for the last year or two.

Lopez said he would like to be the permanent president, but due to work and school de-

mands, he would not be able to give the time and effort needed.

"We need a committed leader," he said. "The Latino community (at Highline) needs to be represented; the Cubanos, Puerto Ricans, Mexicanos, everyone."

Of the approximately 9,000 students who attend Highline, 9 percent are classified as Latino.

At the meeting, many ideas for the quarter were discussed.

Paulina Ricco, a new student at Highline this quarter, suggested a newsletter for the ULA members and other Latinos on campus.

"We need to get Latinos together," Ricco said, "so we can deal with problems together and have people to talk to."

Lopez said that the ULA would be participating in Latino and Native American Awareness events, scheduled to take place the first two weeks of Novem-

ber, but the location and plans are not yet finalized.

Lopez said a debate about the use of "Hispanic" versus "Latino" is scheduled during the event as well. He said that "Hispanic" was a term created by the government, and for some Latinos, it is not the preferred label.

Besides planning for the Latino and Native American Awareness event, other future events were discussed.

Lopez said that the ULA's aim this quarter will be about "focusing on other people" by donating supplies to women's shelters and helping English as a Second Language (ESL) students with English. The ULA has the funds to accomplish these goals, Lopez said, but without people to help organize such events, it is only wishful thinking.

"There is so much you can

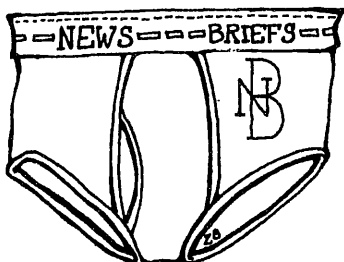
get from belonging (to the ULA): assistance, benefits, fun," Lopez said. "But we need to do the meetings and planning so we can have the fun things."

The ULA is not strictly a Latino club; anyone is welcome to join. Lopez said that in past quarters, there have been a variety of ethnicities involved, from Vietnamese to Ethiopian.

Students interested in joining should contact Toni Castro, who is the ULA adviser, at tcastro@highline.edu. Students who want more information about the Latino/Native American Awareness events should contact Krystinna Williams of Team Highline at kwilliam@highline.edu.

Lopez stressed the point that the amount of members is not important; the ULA needs dedicated people.

"It is quality that counts, not quantity," he said.



Vendors sought for WPEA Bazaar

The Washington Public Employees Association is making its last call for vendors for its seventh annual WPEA Craft Bazaar on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 24 and 25.

The Bazaar will be from 9

a.m.-4 p.m. on both days and will feature a raffle, pottery, jewelry, baked goods, etc.

RSVP by Friday, Oct. 17 by contacting the coordinators Lauri Spivey at 206-878-3710 ext. 3445 or Marsa Mair at 206-878-3710 ext. 3421.

PTK co-sponsors \$2,000 scholarship

The All-USA Academic Team, sponsored by USA Today, the American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa, is offering a scholarship to one Washington community college student.

A \$2,000 scholarship will be granted.

Interested students can access information online at www.highline.edu/stuserv/clubs/ptk/scholarships.html.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. Friday Nov. 7 in the Counseling Center in upper Building 6.

Cultural Cafe tackles smoking

International Student Programs presents Cultural Cafe today. The topic will be, "Do you think that we should ban smoking on campus?" Students

are welcome to listen and participate from 1-2 p.m. in Building 10, room 204. Drinks and cookies will be supplied. For further information, contact Lucky at 206-878-3710 ext. 3384.

Correction

In last week's Science Seminar, the name of this week's speaker was misspelled.

His name is properly spelled Tan M. Lam.

Lam spoke last Friday on the cloning of T cells for use in cancer research. He is on staff in Highline's Nursing and Respiratory Care programs.

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STUDENT ELECTIONS

Crowded field seeks three Student Government positions

By VALERIE GOLLIER
STAFF REPORTER

Nine eager students have filed to take their chances at one of three student senator positions.

The election for student senator is Oct. 22 and 23. The voting will begin at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 22 and will end at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 23. The main type of voting that will be available is online, and there will be links to vote from the computers around campus. There will also be two kiosks on the bottom floor of Building 6 set up like voting booths for students.

Mark Thomas

Mark Thomas is a sophomore here at Highline and also doing Running Start. His major is going to be Business or Business Administration. He is running for senator because he wants to make a difference and finally get involved in school activities. If elected, he wants to work on making the requirements to do Running Start harder.

"You only have to have a 2.0 cumulative, which isn't very high at all," said Thomas.

He would also like to work on the smoking issue on campus with the other officers.

"I think I'm just an average student. I have a 3.64 GPA, which is pretty good, but I'm on



Mark Thomas



Tina Higashi

the same level as the other students," Thomas said.

He thinks he is a good candidate, and is a good representation of the students at Highline.

Tina Higashi

Tina Higashi is a freshman at Highline, and is doing Running Start. Her major is psychology. She is running for senator because she is interested in making a difference in the school. Higashi would like to work on making the student's days better by addressing such topics as: parking, cafeteria selection, better campus lighting, and anything else the students feel in need of.

"I am willing to listen to you. If you want something done, then you want me in Student Government," said Higashi.

Alicen Collier

Alicen Collier is a sophomore at Highline, and in her second year of Running Start. Her major is French. She is running for senator because she knows a lot of things that she wants to happen, and she wants to get things done. If

elected, she would want to have more recycling on campus, work on programs for diversity, and fundraising for athletic programs.

"Students should vote for me because I really believe that these programs can happen, and if elected, I promise that they will get done," said Collier.



Alicen Collier

Reid Baughman

Reid Baughman is a sophomore at Highline, and in his second year of Running Start. His major is somewhere in the science genre. He is running for senator because he is interested in politics, and his father used to be a politician. If elected, he would want to work on the smoking issue and the recycling issue. Students should vote for him because he is a hard worker, has had experiences with the students at Highline, and is a good representative of the students, said Baughman.

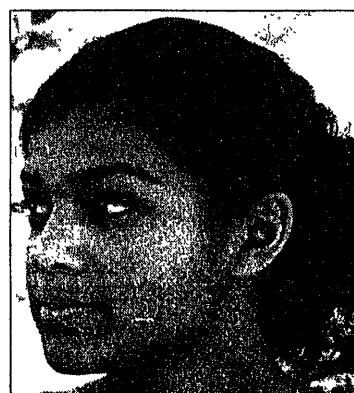
Christopher Monfort

Christopher Monfort is in his second year here at Highline.

He is majoring in Law. He is running for senator because, "I want to make the student body more aware of the civil rights they have lost under the Patriot Act, and the current political administration (Bush)," said



Christopher Monfort



Stephanie Raghubeer

Monfort.

If elected, his first priority is to help people become active citizens instead of just bystanders, and make the students more politically aware. He would also like to question the student body, with surveys and such, to see what matters to them, and then work on that. Monfort said students should vote for him because he actually cares about our country and our world, and wants to make a positive change.

of the school and community," said Tran. He would like to work on the smoking issue, help clean up campus, and most importantly, make students more aware of what goes on at Highline. Tran says he's a people person. He likes to interact with people and listen to what they have to say, and then put what they've said into action.

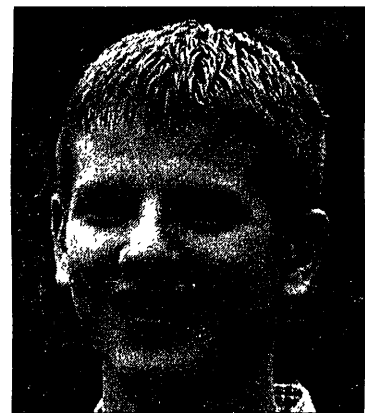
Joe Tran

Joe Tran is a freshman at Highline, and in his first year of Running Start. He is pretty sure that he wants to become a chiropractor.

"Highline is a great school, and I'd like to be a bigger part of the school and community," said Tran. He would like to work on the smoking issue, help clean up campus, and most importantly, make students more aware of what goes on at Highline. Tran says he's a people person. He likes to interact with people and listen to what they have to say, and then put what they've said into action.

Eddie Dha

Eddie Dha is in his second year at Highline. His major is business. He is running for senator because he wants to create an atmosphere where students can be



Reid Baughman

heard, and he can be their voice, to be heard and appreciated. He wants to work on getting students more involved in what's happening at school. He would like to have focus groups where they can say

their opinions, then Student Government can meet up about the issues, and get back to the students on them.

"Students should vote for me because I am the best candidate. I have good communication skills; people can come up to me easily, and I will listen. I have the skills that are necessary to get the job done," said Dha.

Stephanie Raghubeer

Stephanie Raghubeer is a sophomore at Highline, and is in her second year of Running Start. She plans to major in Biology. She wants to be senator to try to get more involved in school, and she thought it would be a good idea to do that through a senator position.

If elected, she would like to get students more involved in activities, clubs and such. She also wants to somehow get the night students more involved in the activities at Highline, considering everything is usually during the daytime.

Students should vote for Raghubeer because she is dedicated, hard working, and when she sets her mind to something, she gets it done. She also works well with people and is glad that the position comes with two other components to work on things with.

Monaka White

Monaka White is also a candidate for student senator. No information was available.

** Pictures were not available for Joe Tran, Monaka White, or Eddie Dha at presstime.

editorial

Taking care of your belongings

A one time investment can save future losses

Theft is a problem at Highline. It is not a new occurrence, however it has lasting effects.

The list of stolen property from Highline's campus grounds during the last few months reads like an exclusive what's what list of technical equipment.

Highline's televisions, VCRs, recording equipment, printers, scanners, computers as well as monitors have all recently found new homes off campus.

If you feel this problem doesn't directly affect you then you are wrong.

Stolen equipment is not always replaced in a timely manner, and in some cases never replaced, creating a lack of equipment.

Lack of equipment is a problem to everyone on campus, not just students. If there are less teaching aids such as computers and televisions, how will the professors teach?

This generation is more reliant on multimedia teaching tools than any other generation.

When equipment is stolen, professors have to fight over time to utilize what is remaining, which not only creates conflict among staff, but can be detrimental to your learning experience.

Aside from the educational consequences, theft is also a monetary problem. A stolen computer monitor here and there may not seem like a huge loss at first glance. To the college's multimillion dollar budget a few hundred dollars in theft is mere change, right?

Wrong.

Over time the cost to replace stolen equipment adds up quicker than those ATM surcharges on your bank statement. And the collective costs of theft is passed on to you through tuition raises and fees.

What it all comes down to is sensibility. Many people sense that this reoccurring trend of theft is not going to stop on its own- so many people that during Highline's recent accreditation process the school's security was high priority topic for discussion.

So what could be done to help correct the problem?

The first thing to be done is admit that a serious investment is going to have to be made in order to increase the security of the campus.

While it is hard to find money in an already tight budget it is imperative to deter theft.

It will be far more cost efficient for the school to put money down now to solve the problem, rather than to continually pay for stolen equipment.

The money should be used to increase the number of security officers on campus and to install surveillance equipment.

Our current security officers do the best they can to keep up with theft as well as their daily task. However, with such a large campus and so much construction it can sometimes be nearly impossible for officers to get to where they are needed in a hurry.

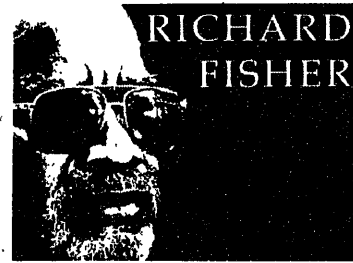
It would also be wise to increase the number of officers during the crucial nighttime hours when most theft occurs and coincidentally when the fewest officers are working.

While having more personnel covering the campus grounds will be effective. The only way to provide a continual watch of campus is to employ the use of surveillance equipment.

While paying for new security positions and security cameras may seem expensive at first, in the long run it will pay off.

By now you have probably heard the parking lots of Highline are popular hangouts for thieves, but there are some precautions you can take to lessen your chance of being a victim.

Some of you have spent hundreds and in some cases thousands of dollars on a sound system. Take your faceplate with you when you leave your vehicle not just here but anytime you leave your car unattended. Just like you've been told not to leave your house key under the front door mat, don't put your face plate in your glove box, a thief will find it. Another thing why leave your CDs laying in plain view? That's asking someone to break in. You wouldn't think of going shopping at one of the malls and



leaving valuables lying around in your car for the world to see and it's not a good idea to do it here.

I've heard young people say the Club is useless. I don't agree, we know a car thief will cut a plug out of the steering wheel to remove the Club. The question I ask is if you were a car thief and two cars are parked side-by-side, one with a Club the other without which would you steal? If you don't trust Club then purchase a brake or

clutch locking device.

Most alarms sold today have a flashing red LED that is supposed to be mounted in a very visible location announcing the presence of an alarm, this can be a deterrent, but how often have you heard an alarm and ignored it? A combination of some type of wheel or brake, clutch device and an alarm work well. There are also global positioning systems available but they are for use after a car has been stolen.

Finally I leave you with this thought, there is absolutely nothing that will prevent a car thief from breaking into/stealing your car if they are good enough and really want to but you can make it difficult for them to do so.

Richard Fisher is the chief of security at Highline.

A lesson in monetary ethics

Which golden rule would you apply if you found \$20 on campus? The one with the gold makes the rules? Or treat others you would have them treat you?

I actually found \$20 outside a classroom. Everyone else had already cleared out of Building 17 and a few of us stayed to ask questions.

"I wish I had seen that. I could have had 20 bucks," a classmate said.

My first thought was to find who lost it. How do you identify cash though? I was imagining a struggling student needing \$20 for food and gas, so I put a handwritten note up right where I found it with my phone number.

When the caller left a message and gave the math room number saying she took English there, I was suspicious. Knowing how people clear out after 2 p.m. I wondered what prompted her to see the note that afternoon and call the same night.

The next day my note was gone and there was a new note in its place with a claim to the cash. "To whom it may con-



cern: You have my \$20. I lost it yesterday." Not exactly a note of appreciation.

Then two girls came bursting out of one of the classrooms, claiming they could identify the money. It happened to have what looked like dark brown make-up or marker on it. So I gave it to them. I realize now that my note would allow almost anyone to lay claim to cash.

I asked some other students what they would do if they found \$20 on campus.

The overwhelming consensus was that based on the student's religious principles they would turn it in to Security.

Was I the only one who didn't know the security office handles lost cash? I went straight to the security office

where I met Linh and Brittany, who make thorough reports and record when and where money is found. They actually don't get a lot of large bills though. Linh broke into a big proud smile. "It's really very nice here. Highline has a lot of really good, honest people bringing in everything they find, even \$1 and \$2."

It turns out that most items and cash are lost at the beginning of the quarter and during exam time when everyone is stressed out and busy buying books and paying for classes. So remember to file a report whether you've lost or found something. If after 60 days no one claims it, it's yours or it's donated.

It's refreshing to know that most people at Highline are honest. Did the money I returned belong to those who claimed it? I don't know for sure but I tried to do the right thing. Next time I'll take it to Security, the hassle free way to go.

Chris is currently accepting donations for gas money.

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I'm gonna wet myself

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Melissa's split desicion

How frustrating. Last year I was forced to make a decision that is now slamming me with repercussions I did not expect. That decision was did I plan on transferring to a university?

I was on track to finish my



MELISSA
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AA, but I also had no idea what I wanted to major in, or in what field I would work. I decided, why rush? There was no reason to transfer just yet.

I'm sure there's a Murphy's Law about this: as soon as the college admission deadline passes, your path will come clear and you will decide to attend college.

This is what happened to me. I became interested in the technical aspect of writing: copy-editing. I interned, I learned, I loved it. I decided to pursue an English degree from the UW. And it was too late.

Switch gears- we're going to visit the fast track. My twin sister, Jessica, and I could be considered a case study. We had, until this year, the same education, but where I decided to take



PHOTO BY AMBER TRILLO

some time off to get a clear view of my life, she decided to jump right in and transfer to Western.

Jessica was no more certain about her future than I did at the moment she applied to transfer and I withheld. Now, she has less certainty than I do. And yet, here I am, and there she is. This is partly because of her personality, and partly because she made a decision to get into Western and she stuck to that with a pit bull's iron grip. She hit road block after road block, but she was set on her goal no matter what the struggle.

For a while I beat myself up

over my choice. Where I once thought of myself as smart for taking time off and saving money, I began to think I was just wasting time. Though I've already graduated, I enrolled in a couple classes at Highline, then regretted it when people recognized me as a graduate.

At these times, even though it's hard, one has to step out of oneself to see the situation like it belongs to someone

else. I realized I couldn't have expected myself to know the future, even when it was my future. I did the best I could with what I knew then, and now I need to do my best with what life has thrown at me.

And when next fall rolls around, I may have changed my mind again. But whether I do or not, I know that life now is for living to its fullest. What it's not is a waiting room, a dull place to chill until the next interesting thing happens. Wherever you are, live life to its fullest.

Mel isn't really a twin; her parents just ignored her

Evening students hope for equal rights

Dear Editor:

What is going on with the tent? Something needs to be done as there are students who attend evening classes who bring their own food and/or drink. We arrive in the afternoon for a class expecting to be able to eat our dinner or drink something hot before our 7 p.m. class, but there is no place we can go.

The tent used to be open daily until 8 p.m., but the fire marshal made Dennis Hayes remove the divider curtain because the fire extinguishers could not be seen by anyone sitting at the tables. We realize extinguishers need to be seen for safety reasons. However, now there is no place to go study and eat before class.

Where on this campus can we go that would allow us to sit at a table, eat our food, and study?

Please don't mention the library or go off campus because there usually isn't time or we don't have a vehicle. Also, because of financial constraints, a lot of us bring our own food from home and need a microwave to heat it up. We were able to do this in the tent until they had to start closing it at

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1:30 p.m. because of the fire extinguisher concern. It is not feasible to go to the library because food and drink are not allowed there. Also, again due to financial constraints, many of us cannot afford to eat out.

Are evening students not entitled to the same amenities as the daytime students? Like the daytime students, we are entitled to a place to sit down at the a table, talk to our friends, eat and/or study before class. At this time there is no such place on campus to do this because of the tent closure at 1:30 p.m.

We are asking the student affairs to look into this and find a solution (i.e., putting the fire extinguishers on another wall of the tent where they can be viewed from individuals sitting at the tables.) The evening students would like to be able to use a microwave to heat their food and/or studying without having to spend extra money to find a place off campus.

Thanks for assistance in this matter.

Karen Morrow
Elaine Read

The road to recovery is long, but worthwhile

In the final issue of the Thunderword last year, I was interviewed for an article detailing my experience with drug addiction and abusive relationships. The article detailed my lifelong history of domestic violence, drug addiction and depression. Although the article was quite accurate with a few exceptions, I felt compelled to tell the rest of the story.

First of all, I feel I must correct the misstatement in the prior article that I was ever actually clean prior to entering recovery eight years ago. I did tell the interviewer that I had stopped using cocaine for periods of time on three occasions, but I never was clean. I continued to use marijuana regularly throughout this period. I was under the belief that cocaine was the problem and that as long as I wasn't doing that, I could manage my life. What a mistake.

In May 1995, I remember walking around aimlessly not having a clue what to do next. I was emotionally, physically, mentally and spiritually bankrupt. In about a 10-day period, my entire life changed. Prior to this time, I had completely no

concept of a God or higher power. Through many happenings I started to realize that there is a power greater than myself that has been taking care of me all of my life and that if I was to focus on the good things that



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were happening in my life and believe there was hope for me that I might have.

On June 1, 1995, completely beaten, I entered a residential treatment center. I spent four months in this facility and began to believe in myself and a God that was loving and caring and would be there for me.

Following treatment, I lived in recovery houses where I was able to go to 12-step meetings several times a day and make connections with people who were not using and who had found a new way of life. I learned that living just for today was necessary to recover from the only life I had ever known. I got clean on Capitol Hill in Seattle and there was a meeting within four blocks of my house

at least twice a day. I reentered outpatient treatment to focus on many of the issues that lead to my use of drugs: feeling disconnection from others, feeling less than others, abusive family relationships and lack of coping skills. Also during treatment I took courses in developing self-esteem and parenting skills classes.

After I had about a year and a half clean, I reentered school to reinforce and update my computer skills. I again began working for a community college and living just for today. I continued daily meeting attendance and grew in my recovery program. At about four years clean I moved back out to the South King County area, where I had spent most of my life. I immediately connected with a program out here and started attending regularly meetings in the Kent and Des Moines areas. There is a meeting within three miles of my home, every night of the week.

After about four years clean I realized that although I was clean, living a productive life, working and being a good parent, I was still feeling lonely. I realized that my ingrained belief

that I was different than others still kept me from developing close friendships with others in the program. I took a leap of faith and threw myself into the fellowship of the program. This faith has paid off. People in the program love you until you can love yourself.

I have developed relationships over the past few years that I never imagined having. I have women (and men) in my life that care for me, just as I am, and support me in any changes I make or hope to make. In addition, because I have more strength and believe in who I am, I can more comfortably present myself in social and professional situations with others not in recovery. One example of the strength and love of the fellowship is from last August. I received a call from my 18-year-old son who told me my mother (who was in good health) had stopped breathing and was receiving CPR. I called a friend of mine in recovery, who worked and was a student at Highline. Within 1 1/2 minutes she was in my office, willing to take me wherever I needed to go. When we

arrived at the hospital about 45 minutes later, every single one of my closest friends had dropped whatever they were doing and met me at the hospital. My mother died that day and my friends did not leave my side for over a week. They helped me with my 6-year-old son, helped me by talking to my work for me, helped me plan the funeral. They helped me stay sane.

Nine weeks later my father was told he had just a few months to live. He died within a week. Again, there they were, supporting me through all of it. People really show their real colors in times of crisis and my friends in recovery have shown theirs to be strikingly gorgeous.

I agreed to be interviewed for the first article hoping that someone who may be struggling with addiction, family violence or depression may hear that there is another way of life, the life of recovery.

I thank God every day that I came to the point of desperation in my own life where I had nowhere else to turn but to this wonderful way of life.

Jodie Robinett is the Student Programs office assistant.

The freaks come out at night

Local haunted houses make this Halloween scarier than ever

As the sun disappears, leading on into night; the Puget Sound area receives quite a fright.

Halloween's here and it's here in full swing; who knows what tricks and treats it'll bring!

Welcome to Washington's grand scaring stations; these houses are full of vile contaminations.

Journey to these tombs of wood and rubble; no one will save you if you're in trouble!

Even here in Des Moines you better beware; enter these households if you dare!

BY TAUREAN DAVIS

STAFF REPORTER

The haunted houses opening up around South King County are definitely worth checking out this Halloween season.

The Scare House in Des Moines is one of several haunted houses that should not be crossed off your places-to-trick-or-treat list this year. It's located in Des Moines Beach Park, 22030 Cliff Ave. S.

The chilling history of the Scare House begins as so: In 1987, a group of terror-enthusiasts known as Haunters came to together from around the Puget Sound (and beyond) to form Scare Productions, a non-profit theater organization dedicated to scare the living daylights out of their patrons.

Considering it's in its 16th year of service, the Scare House has no problem in drawing the crowds. About 13,400 people came last year alone; one year attracted a max of about 28,000 people. Not bad.

Scare Productions isn't exactly short of help, either, which is a good thing since it takes from about February till October to actually set the haunted house up. About 100 or so volunteers work during show time with about 300 volunteers total.

Also, since it's a theater group, the volunteers are busy being the make-up artists, pulling off sound effects, designing scenes, etc. All the things needed to make this play a success.

A majority of the volunteers are cast into the demonic-looking souls that walk the haunted hallways. Angie Steklenburg, one of the make-up artists, is quite proficient in making the dead come alive - if that's pos-

sible. "Mine [the makeup designs] are more gory...It's kinda like the car accident effect," says Steklenburg.

Apparently, some of the ghouls haunting the house are a bit TOO scary. It's not every day an actor can get an award for making a visitor wet their pants. "If someone gets someone to pee in their pants during the show, they get an award," said Steklenburg.

The Scare House used to be an abandoned auditorium, so Scare Productions is free to use the 6,000 square feet of space to draw the unknowing visitors from room to room. All the scenes are designed and maintained



The Scare House in Des Moines is one of many haunted houses this Halloween.

PHOTOS BY MELISSA FLESCH

by the volunteers and staff. In fact, one scene appears to be a disturbing remake of The Wizard of Oz.

The lighting effects are used to the hilt here; there will be a time where you suddenly see a ghoul appear out of thin air in the house. By the way, those screams you might hear in the background? They're not coming from a stereo.

However Scare Productions is aware that some of its content might be a little too bloody for its younger visitors. In fact, from 7 - 8 p.m., it's kiddy hour. The lights are a bit brighter, the zombies more...charming, and the two goriest scenes in the Scare House are cut out during the journey.

To see these deleted scenes, just arrive at the Scare House after 8 p.m. After all they are

open from 7 - 10 p.m. from Sunday to Thursday. On Fridays and Saturdays they're open from 7 p.m. till midnight. Operations run until Halloween (Oct. 31). The cost of entering the Scare House is about \$8 a pop, and a dollar off if you have a coupon from Bartell's Drug Store.

If you happen to come around on weekends be sure to stick around to observe ways to pulverize pumpkins. The Scare Productions staff happens to be masters of pumpkin smashing and have sent dozens of jack-o-lanterns to their doom. Rumor has it this year they might use a cannon.

There are also several other attractions going on during show time. A pumpkin-painting booth is available and you can have your photo taken with a

rather foreboding Frankenstein - complete with a battle axe. There is a price though: a picture with Frankie costs \$5 while pumpkin painting costs \$1.

These events and the Scare House are supported by the city and the Des Moines Rotary Club (a service organization of business people dedicated to charities and education). Everything is non-profit. Scare Productions takes part of the profit to keep up repairs, but the rest benefit charity.

Susan Goegebuer, a former president of the Rotary Club, is pleased to say that "We're very student orientated." The money raised by both parties fund scholarships, student clubs, schools and colleges (including Highline). The Rotary Club even raised enough money to build a playground at Beach

Park for some of the younger kids.

Robert Buchta is the director of Scare Productions Inc. and he, along with the rest of the staff, are very proud of what they do. He also gives a bit of warning for those planning to make a trip to his house: "If you're coming down, be prepared to get the 'yell' scared out of you!"

For more information on Scare Productions visit their website at www.scare.com or dial 206-824-3309 to contact them.

Even though Scare Productions has one of the best haunted houses in the region, that doesn't stop them from attending other haunted houses and seeing what the competition has cooked up in their cauldrons.

Can't get enough fright out of just one haunted house? Luckily, a number of haunted houses have crawled from the cobwebs and are ready for selection:

Fright Factory: This Haunted House is located in the Supermall of the Northwest in Auburn. Operations run till Halloween. Monday - Thursday it runs from 7 - 9:30 p.m.; Saturday and Friday runs from 7 - 11 p.m.; Sundays runs from 3 - 5 p.m. and on Oct. 31 it runs from 6 p.m. till midnight. Evenings cost \$6; Sundays costs \$5 and each price is a dollar off if the visitor brings a can of food. Proceeds benefit the Big Brothers and Sisters of Pierce and King counties.

Kube 93 Haunted House: To find this haunted house, locate the Family Fun Center on 7300 Fun Center Way in Tukwila. Operations run from Monday through Thursday, 7-10 p.m. On Fridays and Saturdays it runs from 7 p.m.-midnight. The haunting goes on till Nov. 1 and costs \$10 per trip.

Ultimate Haunted House: The SeaTac Mall in Federal Way is the scene for this haunted hallow. Operations run Monday through Saturday, 7 - 10 p.m., and Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The spirits will haunt from Oct. 17 to Halloween and it costs \$8 or \$7 if you bring a can of food.

Fright Fest: Also in Federal Way, Enchanted Village and Wild Waves have their own horror-filled extravaganza. Operations run on Friday, 6-11 p.m., Saturday, noon to 11 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 8 p.m. The festival goes from Oct. 17 to Nov. 2 and the prices range from \$16.99 to 29.99.

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The oddness of 'Girls' makes film worth seeing

By **MELISSA FLESCH**
STAFF REPORTER

Make sure you know what you're entering when you rush to see *Girls Will Be Girls* this weekend: a world of strange. Expect nothing less from this year's hottest cross-dressing flick, written and directed by screen newbie Richard Day.

Three men star in this film portraying female roommates, all actresses. Jack Plotnick plays Evie, a drunken has-been still bent on making her comeback. Clinton Leupp is Coco, a



Varla, played by Roberson.

depressed masochist who fantasizes about having a baby with the doctor who performed her abortion years ago. Jeffery Roberson plays Varla, a young overweight starlet wannabe. All three men are girls to the max.

The movie is divided into short, titled segments that lend a quick pace, like a series of related comedy skits.

Although leaning sometimes too heavily on the men-playing-women gag rather than developing the jokes, this movie is a strong, if weird, comedy that hits the hilarity bulls-eye.

Plotnick, who portrays Evie, wrote and performed in many of his own theater and television comedies, and *Girls* is not his first time working with his Evie character. *Evie Harris: Shining Star* was a finalist at the Planet Out short film festival of 2002, and Plotnick wrote *The Three Faces of Evie* screenplay, and plans to produce it.

Leupp has shown up in drag before playing Miss Coco Peru in many long-running off-broadway shows, and Roberson has played his character Varla in a series of Varla Jean Merman shows.

With all that transvestite experience behind it, *Girls* delivers an outrageous 79 minutes of strange spontaneity.

If you're looking for a movie that is full of irreverent, bogus fun, *Girls Will Be Girls*, playing at the Varsity Theatre Oct. 24 - 30.

The many faces of Carlos Calvo

By **BRI CHURCH**
STAFF REPORTER

If you show Carlos Calvo the money, he'll show you his backside.

After being accepted into the Performing Arts Department at New York University last quarter, the short-statured, broad-shouldered, curly-haired, and slightly balding performing arts enthusiast was ready to pack up his personalized make-up room drawer and finally leave the Highline campus- and after spending four years at this two-year college, who could really blame him?

The only obstacle blocking his way to New York is one that most college students are all too familiar with: lack of funds.

The pricey tuition of NYU is the underlying reason behind Calvo trying to find co-signers for student loans that financial aid did not cover.

"I am searching for a long lost relative to co-sign a student loan. I know NYU lets students in halfway through the year, so I might audition again sometime next month," he says.

In the meantime, Calvo, a devoted actor to the Highline theater, is spending his time doing what he loves and on rather familiar stomping grounds.

Calvo has been doing theater ever since he first started out at Highline in 1999 and has managed to create over 60 characters and logged in more on-stage hours than most of his fellow drama students.

Calvo takes pride in being a

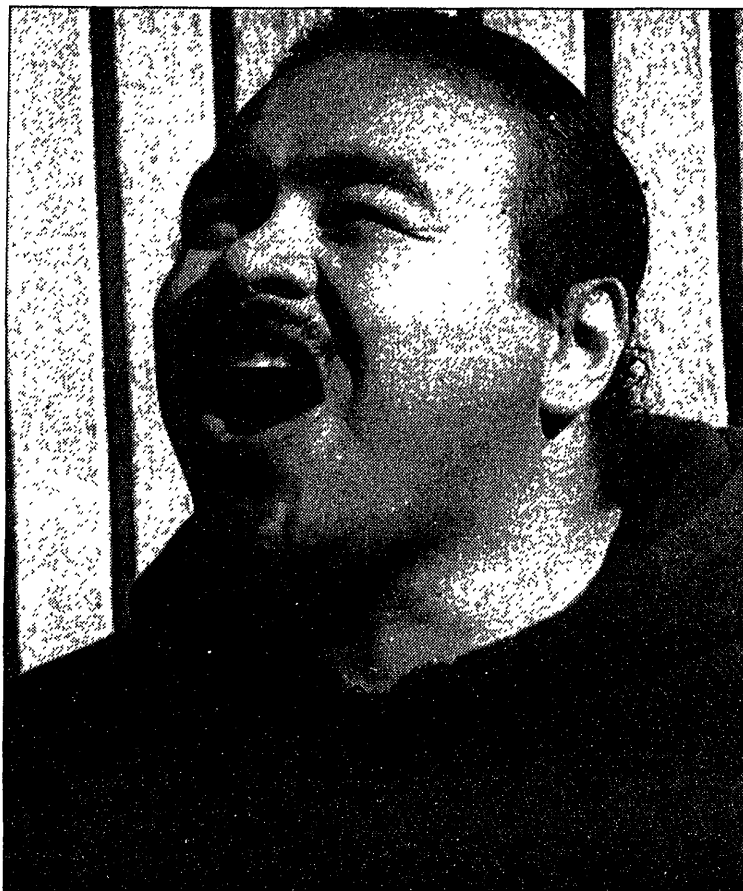


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Calvo rehearsing for a drama production. This is Calvo's fourth year in Highline's theater productions.

student of both on-stage and off-stage crafts and has helped out behind the scenes in each of the 12 plays he has been in at Highline.

In past, he has also worked as a soundboard operator for a theatrical series called *Sex in Seattle*, a take-off on the popular HBO series, *Sex in the City*.

"They have about three to four episodes a year and they last about an hour and a half each. It's really interesting," Calvo said.

Of the plays he has been in at

Highline, Calvo looks upon *The Golden Six*, with most favor. "I loved playing the character of Caligula. He was so extreme," said Calvo.

Calvo also enjoyed his time directing the Japanese one-act play, *The Mask of Hiroshima*, two quarters ago. "I loved directing Hiroshima. It was a great experience with great actors," he said.

Calvo is currently working on two projects, an independent film in Seattle, in which he plays a burglar, and the upcoming

fall play at Highline, David Campton's *The Life and Death of Almost Everyone*, which will be played Nov. 13-15 and 20-22 in the Little Theatre.

"I play Sweeper. Not even 'The' Sweeper, just Sweeper. That is my character's name. He's realizing that there are no original thoughts, they've all been thought before. I'm rather intimidated by the part," Calvo said.

This intimidation mainly originates from the fact that his opening monologue is three pages long. "There are a couple more like that throughout the play," he says, "I am trying to cut them down to 10 or 15 minutes each- which is kind of difficult."

He also finds it a bit of a challenge to formulate a character. Calvo says that when creating a character he plots out moment for moment and delves into what the character is and what the character wants.

"Acting is not easy. It's work and it takes a lot of practice. You can't assume that you can simply get up on stage and act, because you can't," Calvo states.

As far as the performance is concerned, his co-stars and director, Dr. Christiana Taylor, have great faith in Calvo.

Calvo has proven himself on stage many times before and they say that he should be able to do it again.

In Calvo's own words: "I love to act. I love influencing others with art. I am a performer at heart."

Music is oh so sweet to Pryor's ears

By **LLOYD BALL**
STAFF REPORTER

You would never know Ken Pryor was a talented and well-known music producer if you've ever seen him around Highline's campus. Although his aura oozes hip hop culture, most people wouldn't assume he was CEO and co founder of a record label called Tre'dmark Records.

To date, his label has released four locally successful mix cds that include all original production and vocals. "It's hot man, we're going wood in the hood," said Pryor with a laugh.

You can't catch their releases inside the record store yet. You might catch one of their street teammates pushing units outside the store or at one of their many local performances.



Pryor

Hand to hand is the most effective selling method they've used thus far.

The number of record sales might not match up to the international industry standard but they have taken the Northwest by storm. The local success has caught the attention of many

major record labels and investors. With a few deals on the table regarding distribution and production, things are looking up for the local mix tape giants.

The music scene in the Northwest has had its huge national artists like Jimmy Hendrix, Kenny G, Sir Mix a Lot, and Kurt Cobain. Even though it has produced major national acts, it has never remained explosive, pushing out

the new up and coming talents.

"A lot of people up here are fairly selfish with no advice or help to offer, but they are all striving for success too," said Pryor. Unity is a key factor missing in the movement toward industry explosion. With

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Good Time Ernie's in Burien has an opening for an Experienced Grill Cook. One Person Kitchen. Duties include prep, cleaning, inventory and running specials. Must have breakfast experience, be self motivated. Apply at 15747 Ambaum Blvd SW, or fax your resume to 206.248.1835

Arts Calendar

•The Rainbow City Band kicks off the Second Annual Big Bad Dance with special guests the Purple Passion Band on October 18. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. at the Russian Center at 704 19th Ave. E, Seattle. Tickets are \$15 at the door or in advance. For more information and location, please go to www.rainbowcityband.org

•Painter d'Elaine Johnson's art show at Auburn Commision's City Hall continues through Nov.

28. Auburn City Hall is located at 25 West Main St. Auburn. The hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more informaton, please call 253-931-3043.

•The 7th annual WPEA Craft Bazaar will be held Nov. 24 and 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Building 2. There will be raffles, gift baskets, as well as furniture and baked goods. For more information, or if you would like to participate, please contact Lauri

Spivey at 206-878-3710, ext. 3445.

•The Ready to Fly Tour will feature Big Daddy Weave and special guest Warren Balfield. The concert will be held Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. at Covenant Celebration Church, 1819 E. 72nd St., Seattle. Ticket prices range from \$12-20. Tickets are available online. For more information, please call 206-546-7350, or visit www.spirit1053.com.

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his team of producers and artists, he believes he has the nucleus for success.

Tre'dmark Records has a roster consisting of four strong hip hop acts, Black Diamond, Rocka, Stretch, and Fame Rilla. To compliment his artists he has three designated producers who make beats and also rap.

"The focus right now is Fame Rilla," said Pryor. They plan to push his solo album first.

Along with the projects at hand, they stay busy producing intro and background music for two local radio stations. You can catch them on KUBE 93 after 11 p.m. Monday through Sunday and on X 104.5 all day long.

Pryor has big dreams of being a national heavy hitter in the music industry but that's not going to stop him from finishing his AA at Highline in the spring.

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Funky Monkey at 104.9's Haunted House: Fife has conjured its own haunted mansion in Fife Plaza on 5306 Pacific Hwy E. Operations run from Sunday to Thursday, 7 -10 p.m., and on Fridays and Saturdays, 7

p.m. - midnight. Funky Monkey will be there from Oct. 16 to Nov. 1 and will be taking tickets priced up to \$10.

There's no escaping the legions of terror gripping the Puget Sound area this year. Even if you survive the Scare House, there will be others, waiting to entangle your soul in eternal darkness and despair...oh, well. Like the song says, "Life is but a scream..."

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Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

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- 46 Moneylender at times
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- 51 On vacation
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- 21 Kramer v. Kramer, e.g.
- 24 Bannister
- 25 Copies electronically
- 26 Sea eagles
- 27 Floral leaf
- 28 Hotelier Helmsley
- 29 Old writing tablet
- 30 Pyongyang locale
- 31 Stimulate
- 32 Closely crowded together
- 34 Light brown
- 37 Type of controls
- 38 Coffin
- 40 Put down by force
- 41 Venison

- 43 Reduced to shreds
- 44 Desire to drink
- 46 Expression of contempt
- 47 Venomous snakes
- 48 Hoe, e.g.
- 49 Entice
- 50 Golden Rule word
- 52 Worry
- 53 Taxi passenger
- 55 Time frame
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Quotable Quote

If we don't change our direction we're likely to end up where we're headed.

... Chinese Proverb

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The Thunderword

Highline's pair of soccer aces

Men's soccer is 12-0 and NWAACC's team to beat

By **LAUREN HOWELL**
STAFF REPORTER

Highline kept its perfect season intact with impressive wins over Bellevue and Pierce.

On Wednesday, Oct. 15, Highline pulled out a huge 2-0 win over Bellevue, the two-time defending NWAACC Champions.

"This is the second time we beat them this year. We have really stepped up when we needed to and have found ways to obtain positive results," Head Coach Jason Prenovost said. "I was pleased with the effort we put forth."

Prenovost believes that Highline's success is from each player's faith in one another.

"In big games you need to believe in yourself and your teammates' abilities to get the job done no matter what the circumstances. You need to score when given the opportunity, your keeper needs to make a big save and you need a bit of luck," said Prenovost. "This team believes...Joe Patterson and Travis Bailey provided us with the lead and Zach Mourad made a huge save towards the end of the game."

Patterson's goal was about 30 minutes into the game.

"He collected a deflection off of a Bellevue keeper's clear about 40 yards out and with great composure beat one man and sent a shot into the back of an open net," said Prenovost.

Bailey scored the second goal of the game.

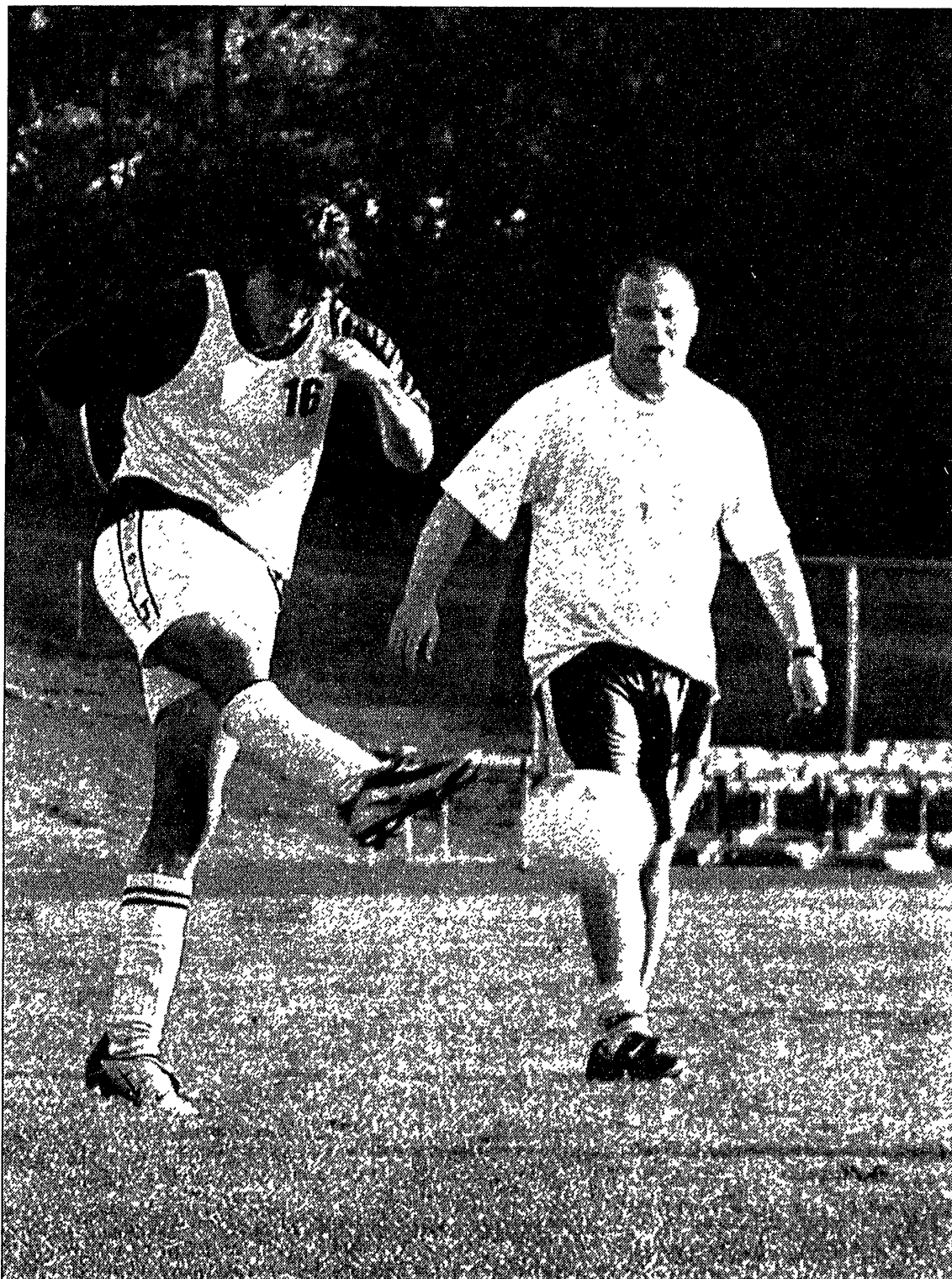
"Around the 85th minute Travis won a head ball off a dead ball cross from Paul Lower, flicking it into the back corner of the net," said Prenovost.

"Lower crossed it and I headed it in, that's all," said freshman Bailey.

Prenovost is most impressed with the defensive unit Highline has.

"Tony Giralmo, Kyle Colbath, Zepher Titus, Vern Peoria and Zach Mourad held a very dangerous Bellevue attack to their first scoreless match of the season," said Prenovost.

"We're having such a great season because our defense is



Freshman forward Travis Bailey works with Assistant Coach Tom Moore during practice.

PHOTO BY MELISSA FLESCH

holding it down with hard play and leadership," said goalkeeper Mourad. "Captain Tony is definitely the MVP of the game, he won every ball in the back, he dominated."

One of Highline's strengths is that they have depth in players.

"In the Bellevue game players like freshman Lem Connineur and Jose Menjivar came off the bench and really sparked the team. They all did an outstanding job," said Prenovost.

On Saturday, Oct. 11, Highline pulverized Pierce College with a 10-0 win.

Goals were scored by Freshman Brian Koo, Devin Loughlin, Connineur, and two hat tricks by Tatsuro Kobayashi and sophomore Tony Zwick.

Prenovost, knowing that the game against Pierce would be a good opportunity to rest some players, allowed many subs to

get in the game.

"Most of the starters weren't even on the roster," said keeper Mourad.

As for the future, Prenovost says he wants to keep the guys rolling and continue to gain momentum.

"There are a number of tough games remaining on our schedule. When we are fortunate enough to make the playoffs there will be eight teams of equal talent and desire," said Prenovost.

"One of our goals is to continue and push ourselves and find ways to improve and prepare for the playoff run. We do not want to become complacent and settle for our accomplishments to this point," said Prenovost. "We must strive on and prepare to endure a tough end of the season and NWAACC championship run."

Prenovost knows a special team when he sees one.

"We hold them accountable to being good students and good citizens. Their commitment is an incredible investment of time, physical output and emotion," said Prenovost. "This is becoming one of those seasons that will forever connect these young men to their time at Highline and our program. I have seen many of them display incredible acts of leadership not only from the captains, but also from guys up and down the roster regardless of position or playing time," Prenovost said.

"While we will continue to hold these guys accountable to their academics and behavior both on and off the field. It's important that we remember to let them enjoy the ride."

Highline played Tacoma on Wednesday with results unavailable at presstime.

On Friday, the T-Birds go up against Southwestern Oregon at home at 2 p.m.

Ladies steal two and stay No. 1 in the Southwest

By **SHAUNA BJORK**
STAFF REPORTER

The women's soccer team is atop the Southwest Division with two big wins this week.

The women beat Bellevue in a tight game and shut out Lower Columbia.

The team is now 8-2-1 for the season.

Highline hosted Bellevue in a match last Wednesday. It was raining and the wind was blowing.

"It was really windy, the rain didn't really effect play, but the wind took the ball off the ground," said Head Coach Jaimy McLaughlin.

The Helmswomen were on top 3-1 at the half. The T-Birds came back with four goals in the second half to win 5-4.

"It was a very sloppy first half, but we came back and scored a bunch of goals in the second half," said McLaughlin. "We scored the game winner in the 88th minute."

Marianna Palermo scored three of the five goals. Lisa Groce and Krissi Shimp also scored goals.

Lower Columbia was a huge game for both teams.

"It was a very important game," said McLaughlin. "They were two points behind us in the league standings. The win stretched the lead to five points. It also allowed Green River to leap frog them into second place."

Highline and Lower Columbia were all tied up at the half, 0-0.

In the second half goals were scored by Groce, Palermo, Kenzie Anderson and Kody Downey to win the game 4-0.

The team's strengths lie in their ability to come back in the second half.

"Strengths are in our character; they never quit," said McLaughlin. "They have the confidence to come back."

The team has a rough time getting ahead in the first half.

"We coast through the first half," said McLaughlin. "There

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Volleyball battling three-way tie for first

By NATHAN BRINK
STAFF REPORTER

The Highline women's volleyball team is in a three-way tie for first place in the NWAACC West Division with Clark and Tacoma.

Highline is currently in the middle of a seven-game stretch against the West Division, which may determine whether or not it will be playing in the NWAACC postseason tournament.

The team improved its division record to 5-1 and overall record to 8-3, with wins over Pierce (1-5) and Green River (4-2) on Wednesday, Oct. 8, and Friday, Oct. 10.

It had only been one week since the Lady T-Birds dismissed Pierce from the Cross-over Tournament in straight sets. Pierce didn't offer much resistance this time either, losing 30-22, 30-22, and 30-21.

Right-side blocker Deanna Cooper sat the game out due to a minor car accident she had recently been in.

"I wasn't going to risk injuring myself any further... this

game was in the bag," said Cooper after the game.

Highline then went on the road to Green River and won in five sets 30-22, 20-30, 24-30, 30-26, and 15-6.

"We didn't play as well as we did down in Oregon until the fifth game. Green River played great defense though, and they served very, very tough. They were a very scrappy team," said Coach John Littleman.

Blythe Howard and Courtney Williams have joined the team, bringing the roster to 11 players.

The team's seventh game was at home against Lower Columbia (3-3) on Wednesday, Oct. 15, however the results of this match were not available at press time.

Highline will be traveling to Clark (5-1) on Friday, Oct. 17, and to Tacoma (5-1) on Wednesday, Oct. 22.

Highline's only loss came in its home and season opener to Clark. With seven games under its belt, Clark cruised past Highline in straight sets. However, the Lady T-Birds rebounded with a victory against Tacoma in their second game.

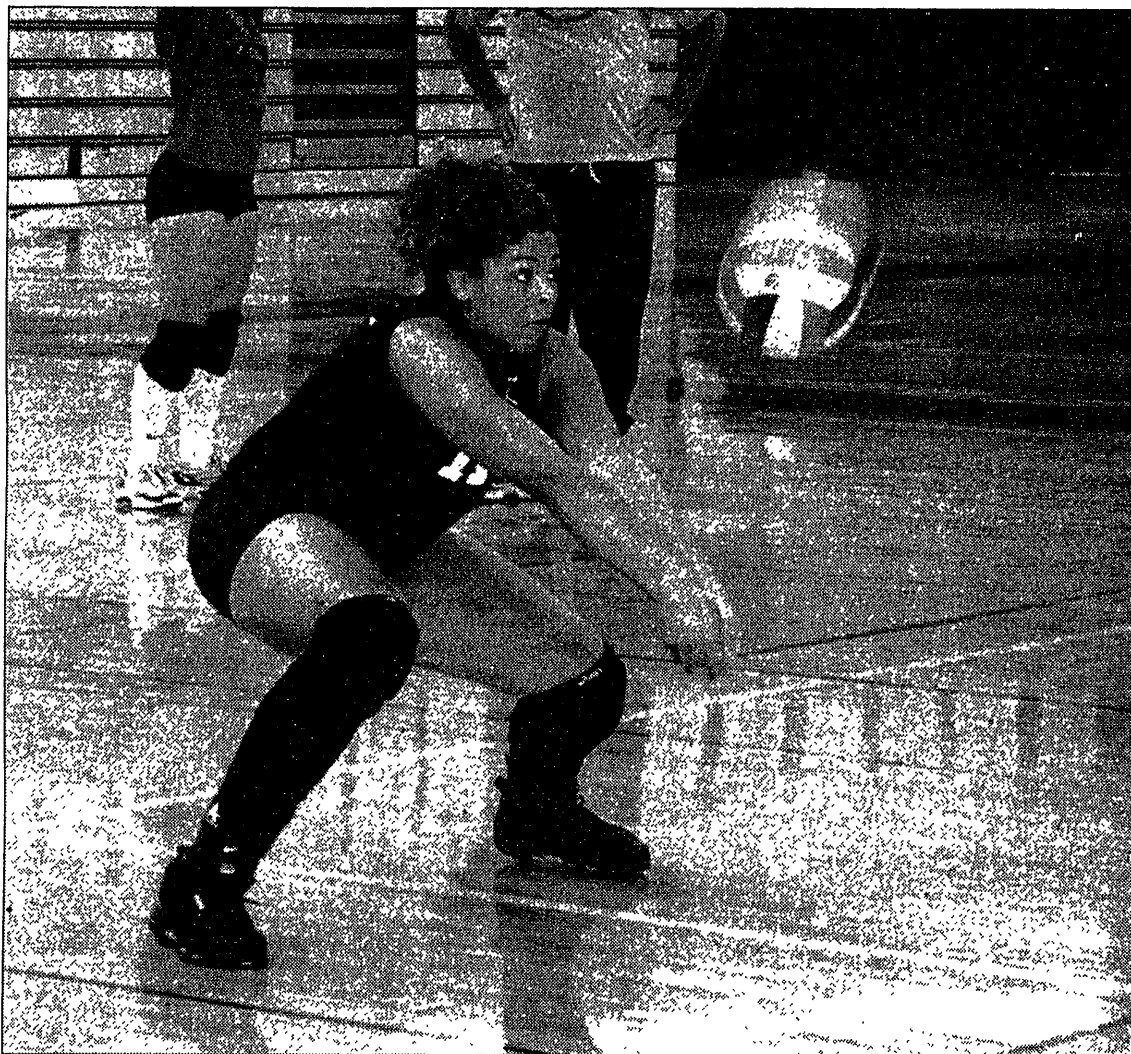


PHOTO BY MELISSA FLESCHE

Recent addition to the volleyball team Blythe Howard prepares to bump during practice.

Soccer

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is a distinct difference between how we play the first and second half."

Highline had a game scheduled against Tacoma, but due to lack of players, Tacoma has forfeited the rest of their games,

Fall Intramurals are off and running again

Flag football, volleyball, and three-on-three basketball began being offered as intramural sports Tuesday, Oct. 14.

The games will be noon to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays.

Football on Tuesdays, volleyball on Wednesdays, and bas-

ketball will be played on Thursdays. Women's basketball Head Coach Amber Rowe is running them, and hoping for a better turnout than Tuesday.

"It is really sad because they were second last year," said McLaughlin. "It's very bad for the whole league."

The women will be practicing all week, but will not play again until Friday.

Highline will face Southwestern Oregon at home at 4 p.m.

ketball will be played on Thursdays. Women's basketball Head Coach Amber Rowe is running them, and hoping for a better turnout than Tuesday.

For more information contact Rowe, at 206-878-3710, ext. 3268, or by e-mail at arowe@highline.edu

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T-Birds short of spectacular at Western

By **SHELBY LANCASTER**
STAFF REPORTER

The Highline cross country team continued their season with a fair showing at the 2003 Western Washington Invitational on Oct. 14 in Bellingham.

The men's team had their statistically best meet of the season, finishing first among community colleges and seventh overall with a score of 127. Home team Western Washington won the meet with a score of 34.

The women did not place as a team because of too few participants. This has been the case all season. Seattle Pacific won the meet with a score of 59.

The competition was different than what the T-Bird men have previously seen this season. There were several club teams from British Columbia with runners in their 30's. Also, the race was 10 kilometers instead of the 8 kilometers that they usually run.

"The men did fairly well," said Head Coach Robert Yates.



PHOTO BY AMBER TRILLO

Surrounded by Western and club runners, Jami Jablonski runs hard at the Western Invite.

For the fourth straight week, sophomore Clay Hemlock led the men's team with a first place finish among NWAACC runners. This is his first NWAACC win of the season with a time

33:09.

Freshman Dylan Bailey showed marked improvement following Hemlock in second place among NWAACC participants and 18th overall with a

time of 33:50.

"Clay and Dylan ran really good," said Yates. "They are closing the gap."

Other top men's finishers include freshman Robert

Bartholomew in 40th with a time of 35:13, freshman Trevor Kulvi in 53rd with a time of 36:27, freshman Skylar Hunt in 70th with a time of 38:11, sophomore Jess Lawson in 73rd with a time of 38:25, and freshman James Roach in 78th with a time of 38:46.

Everyone felt that they could have run a little better. It was a long race, and they started conservatively, Yates said.

The women's team was represented by freshman Jami Jablonski. She finished second among NWAACC runners and 78th overall with a time of 28:21 in the 6-kilometer race.

Noticeably missing from the women's team was sophomore Amanda Kamm. She is Highline's top female runner. She, and other female team members, had non-serious injuries and illnesses. They sat out to prepare for next week, Yates said.

The T-Birds will next compete at the Big Foot Open in Spokane on Oct. 18 at 11 a.m.

"It will be a preview of the championships," Yates said.

Scoreboard

MEN'S SOCCER

NORTHEAST

	W-L-T
Edmonds	8-1-1
Skagit Vly.	6-1-2
North Idaho	4-0-6
Walla Walla	4-2-5
Treasure V.	4-2-4
Spokane	3-4-3
Wenatchee	3-5-2
Col. Basin	1-9-1
Everett	0-9-0

SOUTHWEST

	W-L-T
Highline	12-0-0
Bellevue	10-2-0
SW Oregon	7-4-1
Clark	7-4-1
S Puget Snd	6-5-1
Green River	5-6-1
Tacoma	4-6-2
Shoreline	3-6-2
Pierce	0-10-1
Peninsula	0-10-1

WOMEN'S SOCCER

NORTHEAST

	W-L-T
Walla Walla	9-2-0
Spokane	7-1-2
Edmonds	7-2-1
North Idaho	6-3-1
Treasure V.	5-4-1
Skagit Vly.	3-6-0
Wenatchee	3-7-0
Col. Basin	1-8-2
Everett	0-8-1

SOUTHWEST

	W-L-T
Highline	8-2-1
Green River	6-2-3

Lower Col.	6-3-2
Clackamas	6-4-1
Clark	3-2-5
SW Oregon	3-3-4
Shoreline	3-5-4
Bellevue	3-6-2
Tacoma	0-11-0

VOLLEYBALL

NORTH

	W-L
Whatcom	5-0
Bellevue	4-1
Edmonds	4-2
Everett	3-2
Shoreline	1-4
Skagit Valley	1-4
Olympic	0-5

SOUTH

	W-L
Clackamas	5-0
Mt. Hood	3-2
Chemeketa	2-3
Lane	2-3
SW Oregon	2-3
Linn-Benton	1-4

EAST

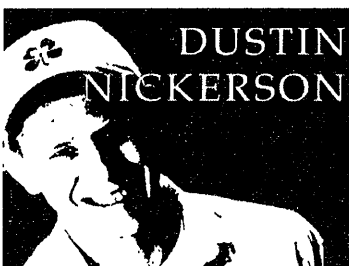
	W-L
Yakima Valley	5-1
Spokane	5-1
Columbia Basin	4-2
Treasure Valley	3-3
Walla Walla	3-3
Big Bend	1-5
Blue Mountain	0-6

WEST

	W-L
Clark	5-1
Highline	5-1
Tacoma	5-1
Green River	4-2
L. Columbia	3-3
Pierce	1-5
Grays Harbor	1-5
Centralia	0-6

Highline hikers take road less traveled

Kris Lea and John Yauch are two Highline students who don't exactly stand out in a crowd. There's nothing flashy, nothing flamboyant about the two, and they certainly don't have any business being near a sports page. All except for



maybe that one story they have.

On Monday, Sept. 1, Lea and Yauch headed out on what was to be their fourth camping trip together. Lea, who grew up in Montana, had been accustomed to hiking and camping trips since a very early age. Yauch, on the other hand, was basically following his lead.

The original plan for the duo was hike, camp, out and return the next day.

Everything started out fine, as they headed up the 1.2-mile Pinnacle Peak Trail. At the top, they enjoyed the scenery of Rainier for an hour or so, and then elected to take a bit of a detour.

Largely because of Lea's experience, the two were granted an off-trail permit, allowing



Kris Lea and John Yauch stand with a park ranger after being lost in the trails of Mt. Rainier for two days.

them to wander off beaten paths. They took advantage of the permit and ventured onto a trail in the opposite direction planned.

Despite the map and their best judgement, they underestimated the terrain that lay before them. Neither had planned to be waist high in plants that would rip their legs to shreds, leaving their shins bloody and soar for the remainder of the trip. Nor had they intended for that to be the safest route to take.

"It definitely was the safer way to go at that point, however

it was not easy going. Branches were grabbing at us every step," Lea said.

As the evening fell, Lea and Yauch realized there weren't going to get home as planned.

"We were thinking ahead and planning how to get out already," Lea said. "No worry, just sore."

The next morning, keen navigational skills lead them to Butter Creek. Branches were no

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Mourad finds the glory in the goal

Hikers

By FABIO HEURING
STAFF REPORTER

Goalkeeping in soccer is easier said than done.

Highline's keeper, Zack Mourad, says it involves explosive jumping movements like basketball. A goalie can make or break a game for a team. He completely controls one side of the score. Some people may question where the glory is in being a goalie when he has no chance of scoring a goal.

"Glory comes from a shutout. If they don't score they don't win," Mourad said.

Mourad has been successful this year for the undefeated T-birds. In 12 games he has eight shutouts and a goals per game average of 0.42.

"This year I want to win NWAACC. After that I want to transfer to a four-year school," Mourad said.

With such fast pace movement that soccer brings, people may wonder where a goalie's eyes are.

"When I see a shot coming I watch his hips and legs. After it is kicked my eyes are on the ball and what it will take to block the shot," Mourad said.

To be an effective goalie Mourad said there are three keys: Good decision making, reaction, and leadership. Mourad considers corner kicks and crosses to be a difficult part of defending the net.

"During a cross you watch the ball in your peripheral vision



PHOTO BY MELISSA FLESCHE

Zack Mourad makes a save during Tuesday's practice.

and you have to watch the defender at the highest point," Mourad said.

He emphasizes the importance of decision making.

"One poor decision causes a goal and goals are hard to put behind you," Mourad said.

After blocking a shot, a goalie must make the decision of where to put the ball in play.

"If the D (defense) is marked up, I aim for in between the other keep's block. I always

look for runs from my players," Mourad said.

He describes his greatest moment as a goalie during a club soccer game in ninth grade.

"I blocked a PK (penalty kick) in a semifinal game. It was a great feeling," he said.

Mourad says the training that goes into being a goalie includes running, physical fitness, goal keeping drills, and plyometric (jumping) training.

Last year Mourad did not see

much of the field as he was backing up Highline's star goalie, Jacob Rhodes, who is now at Seattle University.

"From watching Jacob it showed me a lot that I needed to improve on. He was a good role model with great work ethic. He pushed me a lot," Mourad said.

Mourad considers his strength to be shot stopping, reaction, and leadership, and his weakness to be distribution but he feels he has improved.

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longer the safety hazard, because the path to take had become large slippery rocks that they often had to slide down on their rears. Ultimately, however, the creek took advantage of the weary hikers.

"Every step was dangerous because of all of the slippery rocks. Eventually, John was walking along wet rock right before another waterfall came up, and lost both feet from under him and landed on his right hand. He broke his wrist in the fall; we thought it was only a sprain," Lea said.

At the point, they allowed Tuesday night to come to an end. Both admit that the injury mellowed their otherwise uplifted spirits, and they spent a lot of time in thought.

The next morning they slept in and carefully evaluated their situation. Lea had made the plan for the trip well known to his father, so they knew by then that they were being searched for. This led them to find an open area in which they could easily be spotted by air.

On Thursday morning while they were preparing breakfast, a chopper flew over them and Lea used a mirror to get the pilot's attention. Via hand signals, the chopper pointed them in the direction they needed to travel to connect with rangers.

"What an incredible thing to feel, when the signal had been seen, and they were headed for us, our hearts launched out of our chests," Yauch said.

Within 20 minutes, they had met up with the rangers, and in another 45 they were traveling on the forest service road originally planned.

"There is an inherent risk in anything we do," Lea said. "You could die crossing the street; we minimize that risk by looking both ways before we do. The same is true in the back country."

Yauch and Lea actually feel good enough about this trip that they have another one planned this winter at Olympic National Park.

"We felt an overwhelming sense of we had done it, done it right and essentially on our own," Lea and Yauch said. "It was incredible life experience. Neither of us have any regrets."

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White suits up in green despite previous injury

By LLOYD BALL
STAFF REPORTER

After a knee surgery, half a year in physical rehab, and attending three colleges, Aaron White has found a new home and a new chance for redemption with the Highline basketball program.

He is a forward who stands at 6'4" and is tattooed from wrists to shoulders. The tattoo he is most proud of artistically spells the word relentless.

"It describes the attitude I take toward basketball and my life," said White.

White, a freshman at Highline is very excited about this years run for the NWAACC championships. White's teammates share his enthusiasm and are optimistic about this season also.

Even though he is excited about this season's outlook, he knows what it's like to play for



White

a No. 1 ranked team and not end up No.1. In his senior year at Franklin High School, the team was ranked number one. In the state playoffs they were stopped just shy of the championship, losing in the semi-finals.

At Franklin he averaged 14 points, four rebounds and three assists. He was also nominated for the McDonald's All-American team.

Two of the teammates he

graduated with went on to Division-I basketball. The same year, White left to play for Mesa College of Arizona.

At Mesa, White immediately became a force for the program starting in the first few games. Due to an injury, he tore his meniscus cartilage.

Again, he found himself just shy of athletic triumph and was sidelined for the remainder of the season.

The disappointment of not going all the way coupled with torn meniscus cartilage in his knee, led White to the crossroads all athletes come to in their career.

"When I tore my meniscus (cartilage) in my knee I started to lose motivation," said White.

Six months in rehabilitation made the word relentless a visible attribute toward his character. He has a new team, a stronger, winning character, and a healthy knee. He is confident

this season.

"I feel good about Highline, it's very diverse and it's not hard to find people who are willing to help you," said White. "Everyone on the coaching staff is more like a mentor in all aspects of college basketball."

He feels comfortable about the teammates as well as the coaching staff.

"The chemistry is starting to develop on and off the court," said White. "There are five of us that went to Franklin but a few graduated after me (2002). The next year they brought the state championship home."

He believes he can play at the D-I level and is determined to show coaches, scouts and Highline basketball fans that he has what it takes.

A future goal of going to San Jose State keeps him in the gym, the weight room and in class. His relentless nature may be just enough to keep his athletic ability at the top-flight level.

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Highline employee hit by van on campus

By **BRYAN SWANSON**
STAFF REPORTER

Highline maintenance worker Lee Hall was struck by a construction van from the Mortenson Company behind Building 25-A last Friday, Oct. 10.

Hall had good and bad luck as he had four years ago, when he was scalded by a piece of pipe coupling that failed and leaked.

"I was just in the wrong place at the wrong time," said Hall.

Four years ago, Hall was badly burned by the water and missed several months of work.

This time Hall was able to escape the accident with little physical harm done, but the experience was emotionally traumatic, he said.

"I did not hear a backup warning device like most commercial vehicles should have," said Hall.

The construction vehicle's step bumper hit him across his calf muscles.

"I tried to keep my feet from being caught under the truck," Hall said.

He hollered at the driver and got him to stop. The momentum from being hit threw him forward.

"I was able to keep my feet and then I laid on my back in the grass. It seemed that everyone in the world showed up to check on me and help," Hall said.

Nothing was broken as far as the doctors could see. Hall has an appointment with a physician to check his shoulder because he has pains there.

The Des Moines Police Department investigated this accident and found that the vehicle did have a backup warning device, but this device was not functioning properly, causing Hall not to hear the device.

The device was repaired after it was found that it did not function properly.

Hall said he hopes that his experience will help everyone be more cautious around the construction that is being done on campus.

Hall would like to advise everybody to be aware of their surroundings and to be careful not to invite an accident into their lives.

Construction continues on campus

By **JESSICA BROWN**
STAFF REPORTER

There is more to Highline's construction projects than meets the eye. Pouring concrete, putting up steel, and installing utilities are just a few of the many aspects that to be considered when working on a building.

"First we have to remove the trees," said Mike McDonald, Lumpkin General Contractors project superintendent for the Student Union. They cleared about 80 trees for this project, causing some controversy on campus.

Clearing the soil and removing the root layer is important so that the roots won't decay and make the buildings foundation unstable, said McDonald.

As many people remember, utilities were often shut off due to the construction last summer.

"We lost approximately 13 days in the summer due to unforeseen pipes and other things in the ground," said McDonald. "There was asbestos in the old building. We had to stop the demolition process and call an asbestos abatement company."

After installing new sewer lines, rerouting water pipes, and redirecting 15,000 volts of permanent underground power, Lumpkin commenced its mass excavation, hauling away 12,000 cubic yards of dirt.

At this point, Lumpkin has the south half of foundation work complete and has started pouring concrete walls and they're getting ready to pour floor slabs, said McDonald.

On Oct. 17, Professional Development Day, the construction company will be rerouting water lines.

"It won't affect the students, but the teachers will have to use sani-cans," McDonald said with a laugh.

At the end of October they

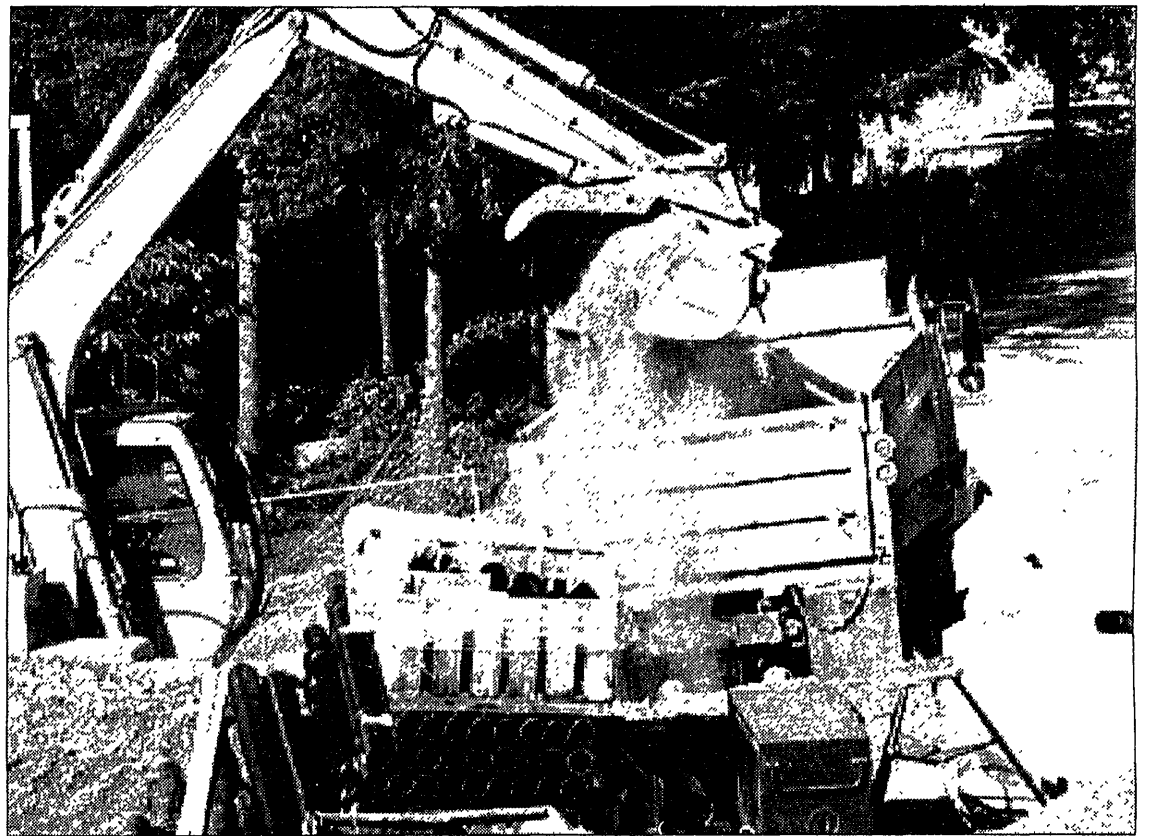


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A shovel drops its load into a dump truck at Highline Student Union site on Monday.

will start pouring floor slabs for the Student Union, but this process has uncertain dating because rainfall can make it impossible.

If it rains, the cement won't look smooth, said McDonald.

Then the contractors begin with the exterior walls by putting up metal sheeting.

In conjunction with the exterior walls, crews will start with the interior piping and ductwork, fire sprinkler piping, and electrical conduit, McDonald said.

That's when Lumpkin can start the "rough-in" of the interior walls, which includes installing electrical outlets, thermostats, computer and phone jacks, light switches, data communication lines, fire alarms, and the security system.

Then the interior finishes can begin: ceiling grids, air ducts,

lights, fire sprinklers, smoke detectors, and motion detectors for lights are all installed in the Student Union.

After all the flooring, carpets, blinds, and stainless steel for the kitchen are put in, then the contractor will have to grade the sidewalks which will begin in January or February.

"A fake stream will flow down to the library as part of the landscaping, a little bubbling brook, and it will feed into the storm drain," said McDonald.

The stream will be completed in the spring and will flow around rocks and have a waterfall helping with surface water control in order to redirect water unobtrusively through campus.

The final bit of work is to tear down the old Child Care Center and pave for landscaping and the sidewalk, said

McDonald.

All three construction projects are on time and within budget, said Suzy Holmes, associate director of facilities for Highline.

Loose Bricks: Mortenson, the company building the Higher Education Center, had a construction worker who slipped in the rain and fell on some rebar on Oct. 8.

"It was during a concrete pour, and he didn't fall very far, but the problem is the area where they were pouring the concrete is full of rebar. Even if you brush up against it, it can scratch you," said Linda Helm, the Higher Education Center's project manager.

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T-shirts used to raise awareness on campus

By ELIZABETH KEPHART
STAFF REPORTER

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Highline's Women's Programs and Campus Security offices is taking part in the fight against domestic violence by having some events and activities taking place this month.

One of the activities is the domestic violence T-shirt project.

"We expect they (the T-shirts) will be out by Oct. 14 and on view until Oct. 24. People may also make their own T-shirts," said Marie Bruin, interim director at Women's Programs.

On display from previous and present years, the T-shirts will be on the main level of building 6.

The T-shirts will have messages on them to make people aware of victims of domestic

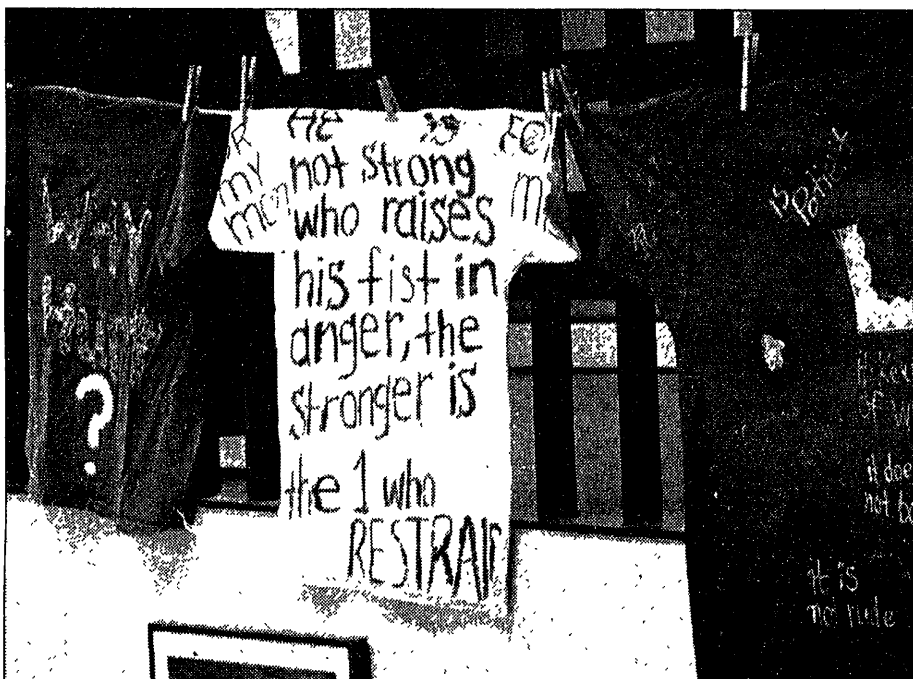


PHOTO BY JANIE LARSON

Student made T-shirts are on display downstairs in Building 6.

violence experience.

"The T-shirt Project raises the awareness of others who haven't experienced domestic

violence. For those who have (experienced domestic violence) it is self-healing and stands as a testimony that you are no longer

a victim," said Bruin.

Highline is not the only place that is displaying T-shirts this month.

There is also a Clothesline project that is done all over.

In addition to the T-shirt Project there will also be a speaker at Highline on Oct. 30 11 a.m. to noon in Building 7.

The speaker is Sheli Barber from Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services (ADWAS).

ADWAS started in 1981 after a deaf woman was murdered by her deaf husband.

ADWAS helps the deaf com-

munity communicate at a much better level, offers support, and helps to interpret the deaf victims situation, said Bruin.

Sheli Barber, with interpreter Molly McGuire, will speak about the deaf community and domestic violence in general. Anyone can attend the meeting.

Bruin has attended several domestic violence meetings.

"The meeting was informative, a resource for solution, and saddening to know the statistics," said Bruin.

"If you have been a victim of domestic violence, the hardest thing is getting someone to listen to you and speaking out," said Bruin.

Students at Highline have also been victims of domestic violence.

"Whatever exists in the community exists here at Highline," said Bruin. "People need to be aware that it is no different on campus."

Workshops available to help students prepare for the job market

By TAUREAN DAVIS
STAFF REPORTER

The process of finding, acquiring, and keeping a job can be a pain, but this fall the Career and Employment Center has workshops planned to make the process less frustrating.

Erik Tingelstad, Career and Employment Services director, says job hunting is a skill that takes time and practice to develop.

"When the job market is difficult as it is now (third highest unemployment in the nation), it is even more important to make sure that your application materials and interview style is polished and professional," said Tingelstad.

The center trains individuals in the fine arts of job search and protocol. A small computer facility in the center can be used to find jobs, run employment tests, or apply for a job online. They even set up a mock interview, courtesy of a TV camera, and offer tips and suggestions governing the interview processes.

However, the most helpful sessions may be the workshops planned for this quarter. The sessions all go from 12:10-1 p.m. All sessions are free and open to the public. Classes include:

• **Winning Resumes:** The resume gives a brief look at your status and job history. To create/update your resume, come to class on Thursday, Oct. 16 or Tuesday, Nov. 25 in Building

30, room 311.

• **Business Correspondence 101:** In the world of job searching, politeness should not be just an option. An introduction letter and a letter sending your thanks only makes your future boss all the more considering of you. To delve into the techniques of cover letters and words of thanks come to this workshop on Thursday, Oct. 23 in Building 23, room 111.

• **"Help! My Boss is an Idiot!":** Dealing with co-workers is just as important as dealing with the job itself, and your supervisor is definitely no exception. To learn how to smooth out those relations come to this workshop on Thursday, Oct. 30 in Building 23, room

111.

• **The Hidden Job Market:** Let's face it. When it comes to job searching, you probably stand a better chance just asking around. This technique is called networking; to learn more about it, attend the workshop occurring on Thursday, Nov. 6 in Building 23, room 111.

• **Interview Techniques:** This course is dedicated to those nervous wrecks who can't stand the excruciating stare of a job interviewer. This workshop readies a subject for interviews and starts on Thursday, Nov. 13, Building 23, room 111.

• **Positive First Impressions:** Just because you land a job, doesn't mean you're going to stay there. Come to Building 23

in room 111 for advice. This workshop starts Thursday, Nov. 20.

Don't forget about what the community has planned, too. There are quite a few job fairs occurring this autumn. Check out the Career and Employment Center website for more information.

Regarding the ups and downs of the job search, Tingelstad implores job hunters to go with the flow.

"A. Be persistent; B. Remind yourself that rejection is a part of anybody's job search,"

says Tingelstad.

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Plans

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money for this right now, unless someone can come up with a quick and cheap way to do it.

Student Government's goal for the issue of security is to let students become more aware of what security's duties actually are, said Howell and Vice President of Legislation Michelle Kolpack.

Security can tend to many needs anywhere from a heart problem, to being locked out of your car, to a dead car battery. They do a lot more than most know about, and should be used accordingly.

For physical safety and security changes, they would like to put up more lighting and more phones on campus. For operational changes, they want to work on security's responses to emergencies/needs, and want to corporate safety classes into the schedule here at Highline.

Also the officers would like to spread awareness of good recycling habits, what should and shouldn't be recycled, and for people at Highline to be more



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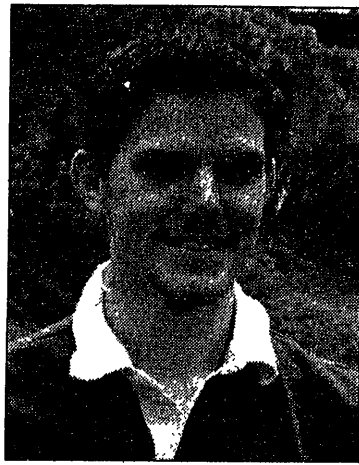
cautious of what they are tossing into the trash.

They want to make easy-to-read bins and place them in buildings as well as areas outside all around campus.

One possible problem could be how to get the recycling trucks here, and coming back frequently, Howell and Kolpack said.

"We're going to be needing students to be on committees for this too," Howell said.

Another idea is for Highline to have its own book trade. This would include postings either on the Highline website or somewhere on campus of books to be bought and sold. The goal of this is for students to be able



Howell

to buy their texts for cheaper and sell them for more money.

This idea is still in the research process; it is not an official initiative yet.

So far Howell has gained feedback and checked other schools with similar projects such as Spokane Falls Community College and The University of Washington. This would be available to all students with hopes to continue on to the future.

Lastly, a \$100,000 signage initiative is currently under way. Since this project is already in progress, the money won't need to come from anywhere at this time.

Pete Babington, Highline's

Director of Facilities, has gotten administrative approval from the college for the \$100,000 budget and to start with this initiative.

Around the end of November new kiosks will be put up around campus for people to locate buildings easier and notify them of information.

First will be five temporary signs for club/organization information to be posted, followed by seven new four-sided signs with two sides for the club/organization information, and two sides with mapping and locations. These new kiosks will stand out in their position and colors, officials say, by being placed in helpful locations and with their red domed roofs showing.

"We want people on campus to start associating the red roofs with information and maps," Moore said.

For more information about Student Government or their projects, contact the officers in Building 16, or call them at 206-878-3710, ext. 3315.

Dock

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determine if it's high or low tide," student Violet Hatab said.

Along with measuring water, they also test for bacteria.

"Coliform tests are done once a week to test for E. coli," said Highline student Aharon Poorman.

"If results show purple liquid it is good, (if it's) yellow liquid then we have a problem," Poorman said.

The data that is collected is then handed over to King County, he said.

If Marine and Science Technology is something of interest or seeing an octopus sounds entertaining, then visit <http://flightline.highline.edu/mast/>

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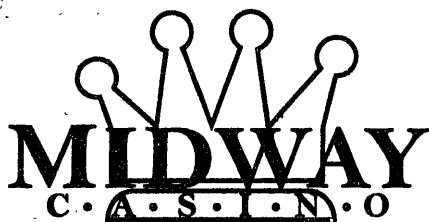
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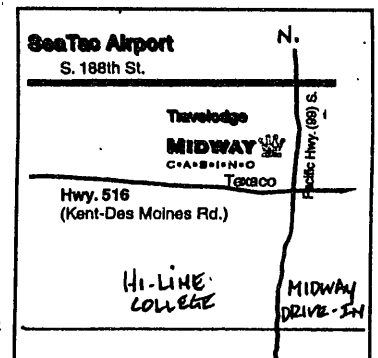
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