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Rain drops keep fallin' on my head

Campus and city awash in rainfall

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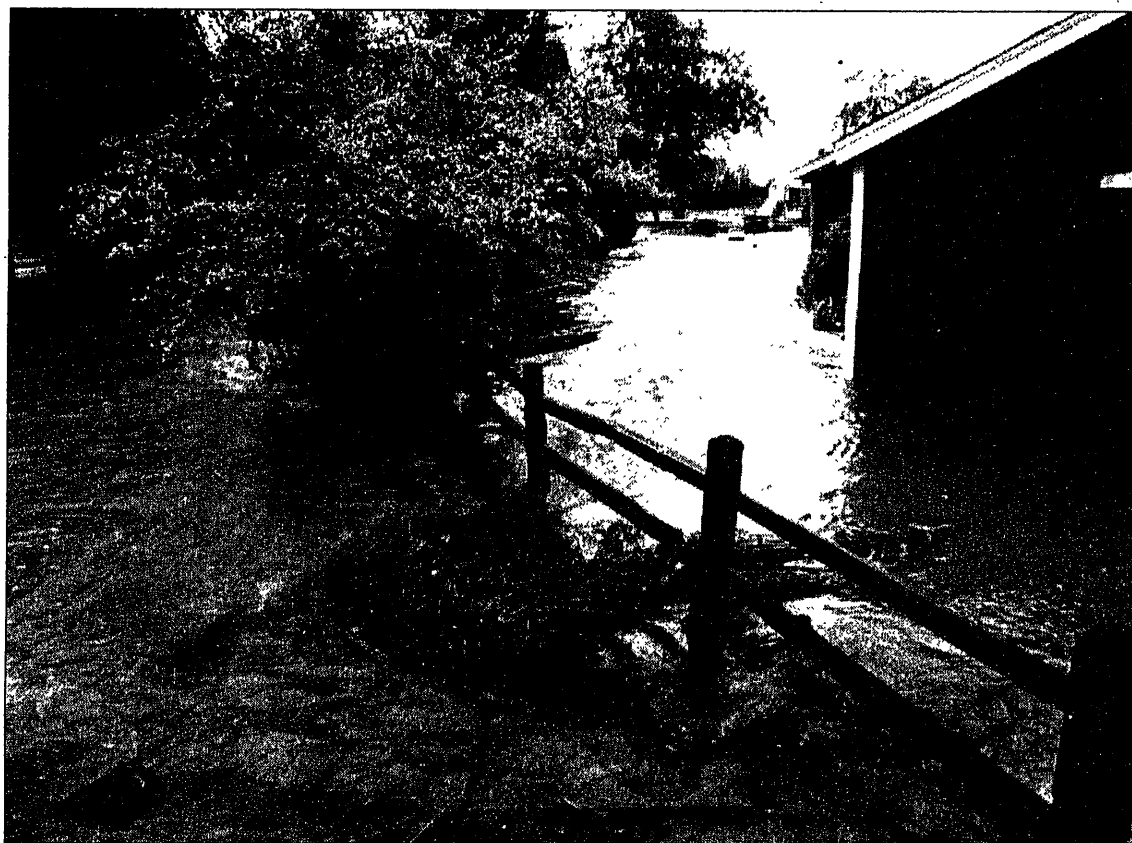
Nothing is scarier than Mother Nature.

Record rainfall Monday proved this to Des Moines Scare House volunteers, campus construction workers and Des Moines Public Works staff.

Nearby SeaTac airport recorded 5.02 inches in 24 hours, smashing the previous record of 3.41 inches on Nov. 20, 1959, according to the National Weather Service. All around the Pacific Northwest, heavy rains have caused severe flooding.

Three local agencies experienced damage when Des Moines' usually babbling brooks became raging rivers during the deluge earlier this week.

The Scare House, located in the Des Moines Beach Park, sustained little damage, but was forced to close for business Monday night when Des Moines Creek overflowed its banks, creating a soggy scene. Volunteers spent the evening sandbagging the auditorium, lashing portable toilets together,



PHOTOS BY CHUCK CORTES

Above: The Des Moines Scare House, located north of the marina, was turned into a ghost town Monday from torrential rains and flooding. Below: Construction sites on campus also faced some rain-related hardships.

saving pumpkins and protecting vendor setups instead of scaring customers.

"If it weren't for the volunteers, things could have been much worse," said Scare Productions Promotions Director

Robert Buchta. "It was like nothing I've ever seen."

Many of the sets in the house are supported by wooden planking, and could have been severely damaged if the rainwater had crept any higher.

Due to a cracked foundation, water cascading from the east hill of the park threatened to leak into and swamp the auditorium, which only saw 2-3 inches of water enter there. Volunteers dug a trench to divert the water from the auditorium to the parking lot.

Tuesday, the haunted house opened again, but without pumpkin carving activities, although 27 pumpkins were saved Monday night.

Buchta said some pumpkins have not been recovered because they were fully or partially buried in mud left from the creek's overflow.

A few plaster trees were

damaged inside the house, but will not need to be replaced. A Des Moines Rotary Club picture backdrop being stored in the house was the only item that needed replacing.

Tuesday afternoon, Scare Productions began testing their electrical equipment to check for any shorted breakers, Buchta said.

Staff in the senior center, located in surrounding buildings in Beach Park, were asked by the Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department to cancel one of their classes Monday.

"This usually happens once a year, but the way it's been raining, who knows?" a staff member of the center said. "If there's any extra water, when it hits high tide, you have a little magic

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Candidates tell all at forum

By VALERIE GOLLIER
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Eight students running for senator all want to make a difference at Highline; each spoke of how at a Candidate Forum last Wednesday, Oct. 15.

The elections started yesterday, Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 8 a.m. and go until tonight, Thursday, Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. Students can vote from any terminal on campus, or at home through the Highline website: www.highline.edu.

At the forum, candidates were asked what they'd like to change about Highline, what they have accomplished so far, what makes them unique, and other random questions that were brought up from the audience during the production.

Reid Baughman, a sophomore, thinks Highline needs some changes such as involvement for Running Start students, and if there is a solution to the parking problem, then he wants to find it.

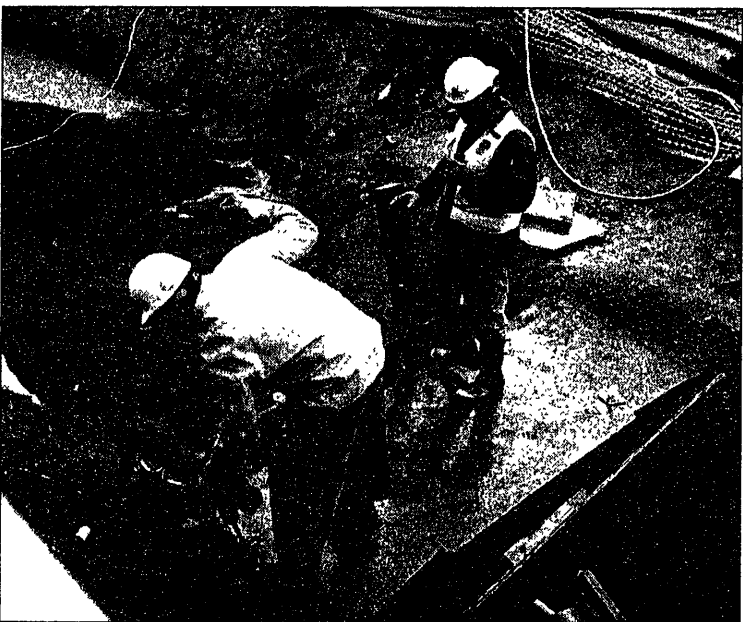
"I've developed leadership skills from teamwork and earning badges in Eagle Scouts," said Baughman.

He said what makes him unique is that he really wants to serve and be involved. Baughman said if he's not elected, then he would still like to work on getting a smoking policy.

Alicen Collier would also like to work on the smoking issue, have more recycling, more ethnic programs, fundraisers, and maybe even campus garage sales.

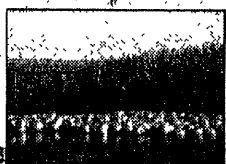
Collier is one of the middle children of 12 in her family, and

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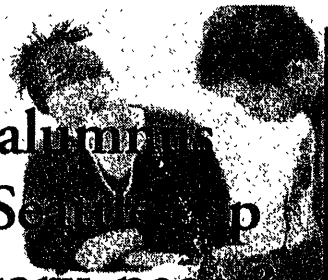
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HIGHLINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Cultural Cafe tackles student smoking

By RICHARD CHO
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Many students at Highline believe that smoking should be prohibited on campus. A survey conducted in conjunction with the King County Health Department of 1,143 Highline students showed that 67 percent of those surveyed thought that smoking is a problem on our campus.

Only 16 percent reported that it is not a problem; the remaining 17 percent were neutral on the subject.

This topic was discussed recently at the Cultural Cafe, which is an International Student Programs event.

"In the past everyone smoked everywhere whenever they wanted; now things are changing," said Dr. Lance Gibson. He is a counselor at Highline and a former cigarette smoker. He started smoking at age 17 and did not quit until age 45. Gibson said that in those 28 years he always tried to quit. However, he believes that smoking is not a bad habit but more of an addiction.

"It's just like alcohol and drugs, you get addicted to the high you get from cigarettes," said Gibson.

Gibson quit when he was 45 after a doctor found something in his throat that was possibly cancerous. He had surgery and it turned out to be benign.

"It took me a life and death situation to quit," said Gibson.

He wants students at



PHOTO BY JANIE LARSON

A baker's dozen of Highliners participated in the forum on smoking.

Highline to understand the risks associated with smoking and believes that smoking should be banned on campus.

In two recent studies, the Harvard School of Public Health found that colleges and universities could reduce smoking among students by making dormitories smoke-free and improving smoking cessation programs.

However, the study suggests that most colleges and universities are not doing enough.

The studies also found that students entering college as non-smokers are 40 percent less likely to take up smoking when they live in smoke-free dorms, but only 27 percent of colleges prohibit smoking in dorms.

At Highline, the survey found that 11 percent of the stu-

dent population smokes, but 64 percent of those who do requested the college provide more resources to quit. Also 49 percent of those surveyed wanted the school to consider a smoke-free campus.

One proposed idea is to prohibit smoking only to five huts located at various locations around the school. The smoking shelters would be designated areas where students could smoke. However, the school currently does not have the funding to build these shelters.

Another idea that came up during the Cultural Café discussion was to ban smoking all together at the school. Smoking would be restricted on campus so students would have to smoke in the parking lots.

"I have nothing against

people who smoke, but it's my right to be able to walk around campus and not have smoke blown in my face," a student said.

She believes that students who smoke should do it at home or in their cars.

"It's OK if they want to risk their own health, but not mine," she said.

There were about 13 students who attended the Cultural Cafe. Only one student that attended was a smoker. The other 12 agreed with the proposal to either ban smoking altogether or build smoking shelters.

"I don't have a problem with students who smoke on campus, I have a problem when they smoke in entrance ways," a student said.

Gibson mentioned that one of the main problems at Highline is that smoke sometimes can get sucked into the air ventilation and get into classrooms.

Gibson feels that it's a student's right to be able to attend school without second hand smoke. He also believes that attitudes towards smoking are changing, and that it is no longer looked at as glamorous, but as a weakness.

It was 20 years ago when the federal government passed laws banning smoking in public places. California recently passed a law to ban smoking in bars and restaurants. "I expect the rest of the states to pass the same law," Gibson said.

around, what to do?

- Move your car earlier in the day. You can park in Staff parking after 4:00 p.m. provided you have a valid HCC or Midway-parking permit.

- Call Security for an escort to your car. Extension 3218 or 3219 until 9:00 p.m.

- Try carpooling, it means free parking. All it takes is at least 2 drivers, who come and go together. Fill out a form and bring in your schedules for verification.

Highline Foundation receives endowment

Highline's Foundation, which funds scholarships for students, has received a gift in the amount of \$75,000.

The endowment will fund scholarships for single mothers in Highline's Paralegal Program. A luncheon and meeting will be scheduled soon to meet the donor and to accept the check.

Crime Blotter

for
Oct. 16 - Oct. 22

Construction worker's van stolen from site

A Construction Enterprises & Contractors, Inc. contractor reported to campus security that his white Ford van had been stolen from the new childcare construction site. He stated that the van was parked near South 240th Street at noon and was left open for workers to get tools from the van. At 4 p.m. on Oct. 16 he noticed that the van had been stolen.

Fallen trees hit cars

A tree fell down in the east parking lot and some of its branches were on one of the vehicles parked there on Oct. 16. There was no visible damage to the vehicle with the unwanted branches. A crew was brought in to clean up the fallen tree.

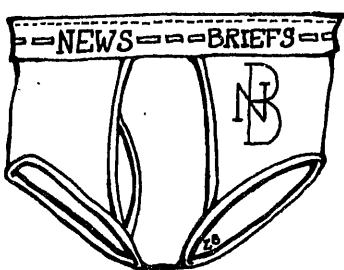
On the same day a branch from a different tree fell on top of another vehicle in the staff parking area. There was some damage done by the tree branch to the vehicle.

False fire alarms plague Building 16

Building 16 had its fire alarm go off three times on Oct. 20. These unplanned fire drills have been occurring frequently. When the alarm went off the third time the fire department came and it was decided that the alarm should be silenced and the building vacated.

Student collapses on Thunderwalk

A student became faint for a moment due to a lack of food and sleep on Oct. 21. This lack of food and rest caused him to fall onto the sidewalk by Building 7. He was OK after the fall and was brought inside to get some food.



Test and paper workshops offered

Did you intend to take one of the workshops on study and testing tips but put it off because you're pressed for time? No problem, there's a workshop called "Beat the Clock" with suggestions for completing your most important tasks, with time to spare.

Or if you avoid writing papers, try the Procrastination Workshop coming up soon and learn creative ways to tackle writing.

Also with mid terms just around the corner take the Learn to Control Test Anxiety workshop and watch your test scores

go up. Since a new habit takes 21-30 days to change starting now will give you an edge.

Do you ever feel misunderstood at school, work or social events? Take the Business Etiquette workshop. Break down those walls at No Barriers: a workshop for students with disabilities to learn about student rights and responsibilities as well as organization and study tips.

All the seminars are held in Bldg 26 - 319 C and are sponsored by The Counseling Department, Access Services and the Tutoring Center.

Here's a list of upcoming seminars:

- Oct. 23 - Business Etiquette Part II noon.

- Oct. 29 - Beat the Clock! 12-12 p.m. or 1 - 1:50 p.m.

- Oct. 30 - Controlling Test Anxiety. 11a.m., noon or 1 p.m.

- Nov. 5 - Are You a Procrastinator? noon or 1 p.m.

- Nov. 6 - No Barriers Workshop For Students with Disabilities

If none of these times work

for you the counseling staff invite you to make an appointment for additional help.

NSNA sponsors canned food drive

Highline's National Student Nurses Association will sponsor a campuswide food drive to benefit Des Moines Food Bank.

"Hunger is a bad thing and we wanted to help our local community, especially the kids," said first year nursing student Michael Hayward.

Donations of dry and canned foods can be dropped off to various barrels that will be located around campus the week of Oct. 27-Oct. 31.

Safer parking options available

It's pouring down rain, you walk all the way to Midway it's 5:31p.m. No lighting, no people

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Chapackdee's success story hits close to home

Highline grad returns to his hometown as a police officer

By Donnie Meldrum
STAFF REPORTER

Growing up in Rainier Beach, Alex Chapackdee didn't think that he would return home to be a police officer at the South Seattle Precinct.

Now 30 years old and married, Chapackdee enthusiastically recalls the path that led him back to his hometown.

Police were not seen as a role model from the young person's point of view, he said. In returning to the area that he grew up in, Chapackdee hopes to be a positive example to a new generation of kids.

After high school, Chapackdee had no specific goal and went from job to job.

"Before Highline I worked as a print assistant for a label company," he said. "Not fun, but it paid the bills."

Upon entering the Career Transition Program at Highline he took a personality test that matched up his personality with possible career paths. It listed "police officer" as one possibil-

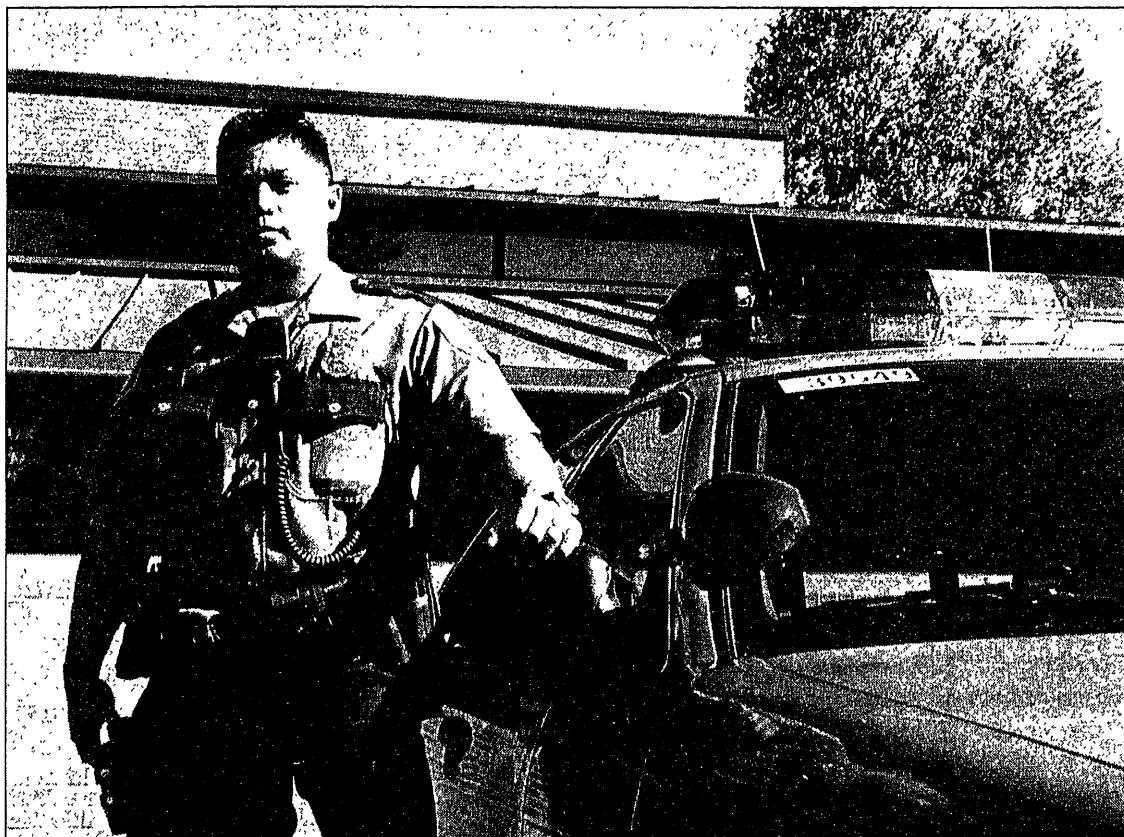


PHOTO BY MELISSA FLESCH

Highline grad Alex Chapackdee stands next to his patrol car, a place he never thought he'd be in before enrolling in the school's Administrative Justice program.

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"I never envisioned myself as a police officer," said Chapackdee.

In 1996 he started the Administration of Justice Program at Highline and received the training that he would later use daily out in the field.

Communication and writing skills is a foundation of the work, he said.

Chapackdee graduated from

Highline in 1998 and entered the Des Moines Reserve Academy. He worked in law enforcement in different capacities: as a part-time officer in Granite Falls, Snohomish County and full-time security at Lake Washington School District.

Chapackdee applied for the Seattle Police Department in 2000 and was finally hired as a full-time officer in 2001.

Speaking to others who are interested in getting into a police department, Chapackdee advised, "Do the research for the job you want. Departments are looking for different kinds of officers."

As a full-time officer, Chapackdee has had to use his past training to handle difficult situations. He has received Crisis Intervention Training and works with a team of officers

that are called upon to talk down suicides and violent or paranoid people. He emphasized the importance of developing an immune system to deal with these daily stressors and serve the victims.

"Someone's in a crisis," said Chapackdee. "That's why we're here."

To meet with Chapackdee off-duty, you would notice him as a regular guy, short stature with a medium build, street clothing and earrings. He looks like someone you would hang out with after school.

But with the uniform on he adopts an air of authority, while still maintaining approachability.

"I hope to believe that I am well liked by my peers," Chapackdee said.

He and his squad-mates were recently chosen by their guild to receive the Officer of the Month Award for their hard work over the last two months in arresting people responsible for home invasion robberies in South King County.

Chapackdee says that he sees himself as being in this field for a long time, despite the demanding and trying work involved.

"If you think law enforcement is saving the world everyday you're in the wrong field," said Chapackdee. "You have to pat yourself on the back to let yourself know you've done a good job."

Administrative Justice program gives students real-life education

By Donnie Meldrum
STAFF REPORTER

Future law enforcement, security and corrections officers are getting their initial training here at Highline.

Students involved in the Administration of Justice Program are getting an edge in the criminal justice field while taking classes in policing fundamentals, conflict management, criminal investigation, and other areas of the justice system.

"There are a growing number of law enforcement agencies that require a two-year degree," said Garry Wegner, the program's coordinator. "We are trying to give [students] a broad overview of the criminal justice program and help them make an intelligent decision about career choices."

Wegner became head of the program seven years ago, after working as the deputy director of the Washington State Crimi-

nal Justice Training Commission.

He and the other instructors have an experienced background in police work.

"The teachers are working officers with some kind of expertise in patrol operations, narcotics investigation and general criminal investigation," said Wegner.

Highline has two part-time instructors in the Administration of Justice Program, Officers Steve Lysaght and Tamra Devries.

"Both are experienced officers in the King County Sheriff's Office," said Wegner.

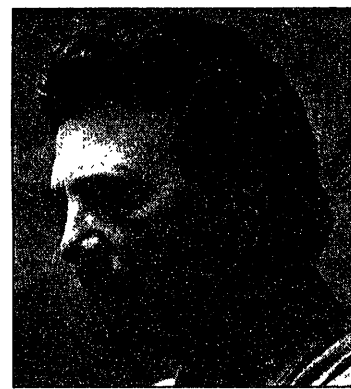
Guest speakers also speak to the students, providing them with real-to-life examples of the procedures they learn in class.

"We got to speak to officers about racial profiling," said Tomeaka Trahan, a student at Highline who has taken the program.

The Administration of Justice Degree prepares students for

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Garry Wegner

entry-level positions in law enforcement, corrections, private security and other fields in the legal system.

"A few years ago it was geared up primarily for law enforcement," said Wegner. "I've broadened the course matter, hopefully it appeals to more than just law enforcement types."

The program also helps students to arrange internships for different kinds of volunteer work in the legal system. Although not required, these in-

ternships earn the student college credit and valuable experience within the legal system.

Christina Fanshaw, a second-year student in the Administration of Justice Program, found an internship at Rehman Hall in the Pierce County Juvenile Court as a guardian ad litem case aide.

This agency provides representation for children in foster care and checks up on the well being of each child.

"I can spend time with the kids and see how they

progress," said Fanshaw, who learned of the intern opportunity through a guest speaker brought in by Garry Wegner. "Garry has some amazing contacts that come in and talk to the class."

Alex Chapackdee, an officer for the Seattle Police Department and a Highline graduate, spoke of the head start that the Administration of Justice Program gave him prior to his becoming a police officer.

"A department sees new officers as an investment," said Chapackdee. "Students taking Criminal Justice will have a better chance."

Wegner expressed that most students enrolled in the police academy would not do as well without the background provided by Highline's program. "The academy is a strenuous place," he said, "There is a lot of information being thrown at you in a short time. As time goes by this program will become more essential because agencies will impose it as a requirement."

editorial

Making college meaningful

Student Government is here to work for you

Didn't vote today? Think Student Government doesn't matter at Highline or your opinion won't change anything?

Think again. Student Government plays a huge role in your campus life. A good example is the recent smoking debate. For some students smoking is a way of life, however, most feel it is unhealthy, unnecessary and unattractive.

Recently a survey was conducted among Highline students that concluded the majority of students thought smoking on campus was a problem.

While some people may find smoking to be a small and insignificant bump in the grand scheme of college life, it is what students care about and the Student Government recognizes that.

The Student Government is heading in the right direction by dedicating their efforts to tackle the campus' so-called daily battles.

No matter your opinion on smoking you should be grateful to have a Student Government, that attempts to address your concerns.

Hopefully the recent effort made by the Student Government is reflective of its long-term goals.

Already this year's Student Government's political agenda shows attention and devotion to real issues that concern the student body such as textbook costs, recycling, and smoking. Similar to past Student Governments who made the new Student Union Building happen.

Highline is fortunate to have such a hard working Student Government representing the voices of it's population. Proving that time and effort can make a difference Highline's student government is sending the right message across campus.

However refreshing it is to see a well-structured Government, know that you cannot take it for granted.

Each year the Student Government members are elected by the student population. In previous years voting numbers have been dismal, sometimes as few as 200 out of 9,000 students vote. Letting only a small percentage of your student body choose the people that call the shots is not a wise decision.

If you are happy with the current array of support from your Student Government and want to keep it that way you should vote today either on-line at the Highline site, www.highline.edu, or in Building 6.

It is your actions now that will reflect the outcome of future situations. You need to choose who you think will represent you and stand up for what you believe in, otherwise you are leaving your future Highline experiences in the hands of your fellow classmates. To become more involved in student government call 206-878-3710 ext. 3315.

The opinion page

Editorials are the opinion of the management of the newspaper. Columns represent the opinions of the individual authors. Letters to the editor represent the opinions of the readers.

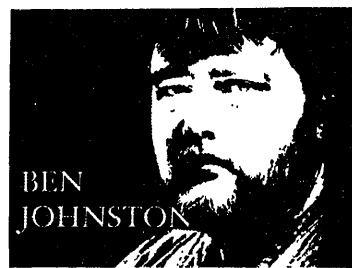
Letters should be no more than 300 words long, and are subject to editing for style and length. Please send submissions to the Thunderword@highline.edu or deliver to Building 10, room106.

When I started my college career at Western Washington University, I began noticing a peculiarity during my walks to class from my dorm room. The fountain-betrothed hub and outlying walkways of the school were laid in brick.

This was not the peculiar part. The penultimate peculiarity was this: That every so often, a single brick had been pried from its place, chiseled, carved, and in some instances, glazed and then returned. Some were emblazoned with various designs, some quite intricate and beautiful. I later discovered that these bricks were student projects for an arts program.

This is the ultimate peculiarity: One brick in particular was not marred into a meaningless shape, but rather a chain of words that instantaneously halted all ancillary thoughts swimming in my mind. It said this, "A college education costs, on average, \$45,000, and all you get is a piece of paper. I hope you're here for knowledge."

Although said piece of paper is considered by most to accrue more clout than the average piece of paper hanging in a glass frame on your office wall, a majority of students, once graduated, find that the toilet paper cozy would be a more apt place for their diploma.



BEN JOHNSTON

A similar majority of college grads find themselves in an occupation that their major didn't concern. At certain times, particularly production days in the newsroom, I find this comforting. Other times, this fact just rattles around upstairs in my mind, somehow fitting my sometimes-dreary test results and often-red-inked term papers into the grand scheme of things.

My favorite classes have always been the ones that I have gotten the worst grades in. I have learned the most from these. I harbor little shame in neither the fact that I have received less-than-stellar grades, nor my reverie in this fact. I am simply grateful that life has afforded me these course-altering opportunities.

I do not recommend setting a course for mediocrity, but rather, usurp all the knowledge you can from your professors, regardless the result on your transcript.

One of my favorite profes-

sors remarked once that undergraduate studies are meant for survey knowledge attainment. Simply put, become a jack of all trades. Worry about mastering your particular one during graduate work. In fact, worry about most everything else later. Concentrate now on stretching out the empty balloon that is your soul. Don't worry about filling it with water in order to hurl it at the burning hole in your pocket, vis a vis your future house, car, spouse, etc.

One of my favorite sayings is a slightly cynical one: If you have one foot in the past and one in the future, you're just pissing on today. And, today is when everything happens, I say, at the expense of sounding like a computer paper banner on a nondescript cubicle.

Higher education costs money, and that's a fact. Once I have procured enough funds to afford the quarter's tuition and I collapse into my front-row seat to the show that is my education, I enjoy. As you sit in whatever class you are currently trying to avoid paying attention to while you read this, stop.

Consume voraciously the knowledge laid before you, and enjoy.

Ben has apparently learned very little in his journalism courses.

Cat's corner: Selflessness, well almost

How many times a day are you a selfish person? A couple, a handful, maybe a little more?

Chances are inadvertently you are more selfish than you would wish to be. When I say selfish I don't mean taking the last pop tart and leaving your roommates with the empty box, or making sure you get the best lab supplies in biology, I mean mentally how often do you think about others. I realized the other day that while driving or walking to class the only thing running through my mind is me. I am constantly running a to-do list through my mind and wor-



rying about what is going on in my life.

I came to the realization that most people around me are doing the same thing.

After coming to this realization I decided to do something about it. Nothing big, mind you, but something.

I decided that everyday I will think about doing something nice for someone. Of course after thinking about at the end of the day I actually do it. Sometimes it is something as simple as folding my sister's laundry or picking up something for my mom at the store without being asked but either way I feel better knowing that for at least five seconds on my self absorbed walks to class I was thinking of someone else needs or to-do list, maybe in return they will take care of something on my list.

Amber has yet to do anything nice for the journalism staff.

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He likes the dust bunnies under the couch better than me...

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Maize maze leaves news team in a daze

Make sure that you have nothing planned for the whole day if you want to go to the corn maze in Kent.

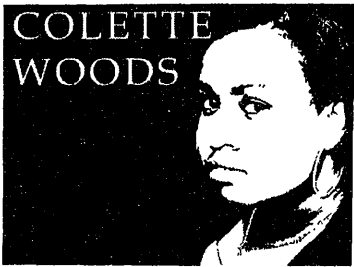
There are two mazes, one that is shaped like a witch and the other shaped as Frankenstein. When you start the maze, they tell you that you should give yourself two hours total to complete both mazes. They give you a map of the course and there are six destinations within each course. There is a post with numbers one through six to let you know that you made it to your destination. Being the smart and mathematical person that I am, I was ready for the challenge.

It's a pretty, breezy day, with the sun out, we are bundled up with our sweatshirts and tennis shoes on, getting ready for this maze that looks like something from *Children of the Corn*.

It's Snowball, Victoria, Melissa and I celebrating Snowball's birthday, and we get ready for our adventure with kettle corn and water, knowing that we are going to be walking for at least two hours.

The first maze, which was the witch, was fairly easy, completing it in just 45 minutes. Completing the first maze with my friends gave us a beam of confidence - until we saw the second maze.

Trying to plan my attack on



the maze before we began was a challenge in itself. This maze was a lot more confusing and much larger than the first. The six destination points were much more spread out.

After 30 minutes of walking in constant circles. We finally found destination one. We shout "Yeah!" as if we won some money. Everyone else was happy, but I still was a little on the irritated side. I thought, if it took 30 minutes to get to one, how long will it take to get to the five remaining destinations? But I had to think positive. We make a plan and start to head to point two.

As the four of us are walking, we find ourselves ending in the same place, point one. We can't understand how we keep doing this. We all swear that we know the way to go, and I take the lead. We end up at point four.

"What happened to two and three?" my friends asked. Snowball and Melissa start to get frustrated as Victoria snacks on kettle corn, nonchalant to the whole situation. "I have no

idea," I said, hoping that two and three would just appear in front of me.

Snowball spits out randomly, "I know the way to go! This way!" For some weird reason, we follow her, wishing that she really knew the right way, only to end up more lost than before.

We stand there in silence trying to study our maps to try to figure out where we went wrong. All of a sudden, we hear these voices — people! Yeah! They can help us!

They come around the corner with relief that they found point four.

We ask him for directions to get to point three; he tells us it's right around the corner, and we race to find it. We find it in record time, then we move to point two. Easy to find as well.

So we find points one through four, but how are we going to get to points five and six? They are clearly across the map. The only thing we can do is to hope that we could find five and six as easy as one and two, but without asking for help.

It's been an hour and a half by now, and we are struggling to find points five and six. Every time we walk or take a new direction, we are back at point two. We are four frustrated, irritated and hungry women stuck in a corn field with corn stocks 10 feet high. We suddenly get



PHOTO BY JANIE LARSON

Carpinito Brothers Farm, where the corn maze is located.

this idea to call the number on the map, just to see if they could help us.

After being on hold forever and a day, they say they can't help us. We feel this feeling of defeat, like we are on *The Amazing Race* and we haven't reached our goal to go forward. As a group we decide, and our stomachs decide to call it quits, and to get out of there.

Finding a way out was not difficult at all, when I wasn't in the lead. We felt better about getting out than finishing. I think that we were so excited to eat that our stomachs led us out of there because we sure didn't do it on brains alone.

Even though we didn't finish the maze, we still had a wonderful time. We vow to

come back, when we have nothing else planned for the day, to complete the maze.

I would recommend this maze to anyone who wants to get away and bond with friends. The witch maze is good for children because it is short. The Frankenstein is wonderful for adults with a few hours to spare. The cost is \$6 for both mazes, and they have kettle corn, drinks and candy as well. There is also a pumpkin patch next door. If haunted houses are not your thing, of if you just want to have a good time with friends and family, the corn maze is the place for you. For directions or any questions, call Carpinito Brothers Farm at 253-854-5692. The farm is located on West Valley Highway on South 277th Street in Kent.

Catch 'em and carve: Pumpkin pals call to you at Halloween

By LINDA SEWERKER
STAFF REPORTER

Over the next couple of weeks, people will be rushing out to the fields to handle those large orange pumpkins. Pumpkin carving was an old ritual before Americans customarily used them to decorate their front doorsteps. It is a tradition with customs and superstitious tales that come from the Europeans.

Historically, pumpkin carving has roots in Irish legend.

The first reference to Jack o'Lantern was written in 1750. Jack, an Irish trickster and heavy drinker, was the forefather of all Jack o'Lanterns. The story is Jack got the Devil to climb into an apple tree, and then carved a cross symbol on its limb, trapping him. Since neither Heaven nor Hell wanted Jack's soul, he was forced to carry his lantern, as one of the damned, until Judgment Day. Jack kept a candle lit in his lantern to keep him from wandering in the dark.

Carving pumpkins for Halloween originated in Europe.



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Pumpkins at Khmer club contest on Wednesday.

As part of the religious remembering, Nov. 1 is All Souls Day. To keep their spirits from returning, villagers would carve ghoulish images in fruits and vegetables and put a candle in them. Turnip carving was replaced with pumpkin carving about the time of the Potato Famine, when the pumpkin, as a versatile fruit was found abundantly grown in the West. Pumpkins are actually a fruit in the melon family.

For Halloween lovers who still have not had enough of

pumpkins, the following places are to open to the public to enjoy.

Woodland Park Zoo presents Pumpkin Prowl at 601 N. 59th St., Seattle. Oct. 24-26. Hours are 5-9 p.m. There is a cool lit field of carved pumpkins and special spooky effects. Admission is \$5-7. Free for children 2 and under. For information call 206-615-0076 or visit www.zoo.org.

Kent Parks Halloween Party is happening Oct. 25. The hours are 3-6 p.m. at the Kent Com-

mons, 525 Fourth Ave. N. Kent. Admission is \$3. Call 253-856-5050.

The YWCA will host a Pumpkin Derby at the Factoria Mall, Bellevue. Costume and pumpkin parades begin at 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 25 in the courtyard (by Target). Admission is free.

At the Cougar Mountain Zoo Halloween Day, 19525 S.E. 54th St. Issaquah there will be events from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 425-392-6728.

There are local farms for those who like to find their own pumpkins.

Scholz Farm and Gardens, 12920 State Route 162 East Orting, 253-848-7604. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. U-pick the pumpkins and it will cost you 20 cents a pound.

Pfaff's U-Pick Pumpkins and Cornstalks, is located at 29204 124th Ave S.E. Auburn (near Green River Community College), 253-852-8244. Hours are noon-6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends.

Elliot Farms, 25053 Frager Rd., S., Kent has u-pick

which cost vary by size from \$1-\$5.

Mosby Brothers Farm is located at the intersection of the Highway 18 Auburn-Black Diamond off ramp, Auburn, 253-939-7666. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily and they have free hay rides (weather permitting).

Country Farmers Market is at 40709 264th Ave. S.E., Enumclaw. You will pay 24 cents a pound for u-pick pumpkins. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

For those of you who have your pumpkins here are a few tips:

Keep pumpkins in a cool place. The lighter the color, usually the softer. Look for darker colors to last longer.

Scrape the insides out with an ice cream scoop, leaving the walls about one inch thick.

Select a design before carving. (It will save you from making big mistakes).

Transfer the design from paper to the pumpkin using a pencil.

Never point the knife towards you when carving, and to make the cuts last longer add petroleum jelly over the cuts.

By RACHEL SCANLON
STAFF REPORTER

Looking to scare up the most frightening feast for Halloween this year? Then try these stomach-churning recipes submitted by ghoulish Highline students.

This bloodcurdling fodder is easy to prepare, and is suited to a college student's budget.

Start the evening by serving ice-cold glasses of Bloody Bug Juice. This refreshingly ghastly drink is a favorite with the kids, and by adding a shot of white rum per serving, it is most popular with adults as well.

No gruesome meal is complete without Witch's Brew, a deliciously fear-provoking soup. Although the lamb riblets necessary for the soup may sound expensive, they can be picked up for a small amount of money at your local butcher shop.

Fungus Among Us Salad is the delightfully depraved dish to follow the soup; even the dearest party will live up if this salad is served.

Tiana Manny suggested a killer main dish for Halloween night: Dead Man's Meatloaf.

"I was looking for some recipes (on the Internet) for my little brother's Halloween party a couple of years ago, and I found this," she said. "I knew a bunch of 11-year-old boys would love it, and I was right!"

Manny said the reaction of the boys was the best part of making the meatloaf, which is shaped into the form of a body and is garnished with a knife through the heart.

The only problem with making Dead Man's Meatloaf is that no one wants to cut it, Manny said.

"It just looks so cool!" she said.

No meal is complete without

dessert; serve something fun, tasty and terrifying: Mud Pie (with extra worms). Dig in with a spoon, but be careful of what you may find!

All the makings for a fearsome five-course meal are here...if your nerves can handle these dreadful dishes, that is.

Bloody Bug Juice

24 ounces frozen strawberries - thawed

6 ounces lemonade, frozen concentrate

1 quart ginger ale

1 cup raisins

1 cup blueberries - fresh or frozen (if using frozen, they must be thawed)

Place the strawberries in a bowl and mash with a fork. In a large pitcher, mix the strawberry mash, lemonade and ginger ale. Place handfuls of raisins and blueberries (bugs) into tall glasses. Pour the liquid over the "bugs," then sit back and watch them rise to the top of each glass. Serves: 6.

To quench a creepy crowd's thirst, double or triple this recipe and serve in a punchbowl. Drape gummy worms over the rim of the bowl for a particularly nasty look!

Witch's Brew

6 chicken wings



Goulish recipes promise scary meals

6 lamb riblets — (squirrel legs)

4 chicken necks — (severed necks)

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper

2 cans tomato soup, condensed

2 cups water

2 to 4 fresh basil leaves — or 1/2 teaspoon dried basil

Rinse the meat, or body parts, and place them in a large pot with enough water to cover the meat.

Add the salt and pepper and cook over medium heat until the water comes to a boil. Lower the heat and continue to simmer, uncovered, for about 45 to 60 minutes, or until the meat is thoroughly cooked. While the meat is cooking, mix the tomato

soup and water in another large pot. Stir in the basil and cook over medium heat until your brew

begins to boil.

Turn the heat to low and simmer, uncovered, for 15 minutes, continuously

stirring with a long spoon.

When the meat is fully cooked, transfer it with a slotted

spoon into the soup mixture.

Ladle brew into individual

bowls.

Fungus Among Us Salad

9 ounces frozen creamed spinach (prepare according to directions on package)

1/2 head iceberg lettuce, chopped

4 whole carrots, peeled and diced

2 cucumbers, peeled and diced

2 tomatoes, diced

6 to 8 radishes, diced

2 red onions, diced

After preparing creamed spinach, let cool in refrigerator for 3 minutes. Mix remaining ingredients together in a salad bowl. Pour cooled creamed spinach (fungus) into the salad

bowl. Toss the ingredients together. Serves: 6

Dead Man's Meatloaf

1 1/2 lbs. Ground beef

1 egg-beaten

1 cup bread crumbs

1 tablespoon ketchup

1 tsp salt

1/4 tsp garlic powder

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1/4 cup minced onions

26 ounces spaghetti sauce

olives, corn kernels and pimientos

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Using clean hands, mix together all ingredients in a large bowl, except for spaghetti sauce and olives, corn kernels, and pimientos.

To form corpse: in an ungreased baking pan, sculpt the meat mixture into the shape of a body. Using olives for eyes, corn for teeth and pimientos for a tongue, decorate your loaf. Pour the spaghetti sauce around the corpse and bake for about an hour and 15 minutes. Right before serving, stick a dagger (butter knife) into the "heart" of your corpse as a garnish. Serves: 6

Mud Pie (with extra worms)

1 box of instant chocolate pudding mix

1/2 bag of Oreos, crushed

1 cup of assorted gummy worms or other gummy bugs

Prepare pudding according to directions on the box. Mix gummy worms and bugs into the finished pudding mix. Spread mixture (mud) into a 9 1/2" by 11" shallow cake or casserole pan. Spread crushed Oreos (dirt) over the top of pudding mixture (mud).

Taylor makes final appearance in Highline fall production

By BRI CHURCH
STAFF REPORTER

Don't let the blond hair, glasses and sweet little baby face fool you. DJ Taylor, a four-year veteran of the Highline stage, is chock full of spunk, strength and determination — and is more than ready to walk out those theater doors and begin the next chapter of his life. The only problem he faces is choosing what to do, where to go and how to do it.

"This is the start of my fourth year at Highline. At first I was going to do three years, as I wanted to double-major in drama and political science, however, my plans have



Taylor changed slightly, so now I'm here to decide for sure where I want to go next," says Taylor.

Taylor began his four-year run at Highline as a full time Running Start student, but has been doing theater since he was 9 years old.

"My first paid acting job was when I was 11, and from 11 to 16 I did various local commercials, film, some television, voice-over and some theater,"

Taylor said.

While not getting paid to act — or endure falling scenery, DJ spends his time gracing the Highline stage.

"DJ is a talented and dedicated student actor. He has a dramatic imagination and very good basic skills, including diaphragm support, text analysis and physical adeptness. He is very open and engaging in rehearsal and does excellent preparation," said Dr. Christiana Taylor, the Performing Arts Department head.

After nine plays at Highline, DJ's favorite production has been *Blue Collar Blues*.

"It was one of the most interesting plays I have ever been a part of and it had a great cast,"

said Taylor, "however, my favorite part was definitely Claudius in *The Golden Six*, as it was challenging and provocative and gave me an opportunity to work in a role I had never encountered before."

When attempting to get into character, Taylor turns to his past studies of performance art idealist Stanislavsky.

"I was profoundly impacted by his ideas of method acting, such as emotional memory, which has been one of the most effective tools that I've been able to use as an actor," he said.

Taylor has also learned many useful theatrical tools from the Highline Performing Arts Department.

"Highline is an excellent

training theater in my opinion. I've worked in several local theaters on various projects and none of them were nearly as focused on teaching as Highline's department and none of them gave me nearly the same chance to work on my acting toolbox," Taylor explains.

To future actors, Taylor's own advice is to "not be afraid or prideful. Swallow both of them and get out there and do your best. Remember, the most important part of any role is what you learn."

Although Taylor is not sure where or if he wants to continue his acting career, he can be seen one last time in *The Life and Death of Almost Everyone*, running Nov. 13-15 and 20-22.

Arts Calendar

•Team Highline is presenting a poetry/fiction reading on Thursday Oct. 23, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It is not too late to participate. Any questions, please call Surrey Phonsavanh at 206-878-3710, ext. 3903.

• On Thursday, Nov. 6, Four local poets will read from a new poetry anthology, *O Taste and See: Food Poems*. Poems written by Elizabeth Bishop and Robert Frost will be read by local poets. This event will also have book signings by Alan Braden, Tamara Kaye Sellman, Martha Silano, and Susan Rich. This event will take place in

Building 7 at noon. This event is free.

•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 and 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 go online at www.spirit1053.com.

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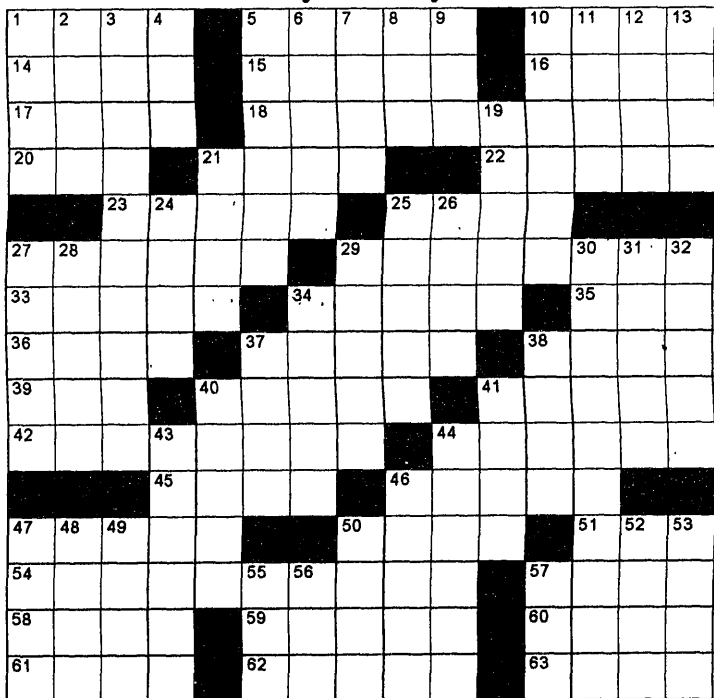
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In Beverly Hills ... they don't throw their garbage away. They make it into television shows.

... Woody Allen

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T-Birds two wins away from perfection

BY LAUREN HOWELL
STAFF REPORTER

With the playoffs coming soon, Highline's men's soccer team is on top and undefeated. The team knocked off Tacoma on Wednesday, Oct. 15, and Southwest Oregon on Friday Oct. 17.

The T-Birds are continuing their hold on first place in the Southwest Division with 42 points, the most in the league.

Against Tacoma, Highline scratched out a 1-0 win.

"Travis Bailey broke through early in the first half," said Head Coach Jason Prenovost.

Prenovost said it was a good game, but the guys had a hard time finishing.

"Tacoma came out with a lot of energy and focus giving us a good game," Prenovost said. "However, by not finishing the opportunities we had, we left them in the game giving them hope."

Prenovost believes that hope can be an incredible motivator in soccer.

"In this game it was evident, the longer Tacoma believed they had a chance the better they played," said Prenovost.

In Friday's game against Southwest Oregon, things were more exciting.

"Our first goal was extremely



PHOTO BY MELISSA FLESCH

David Klein maneuvers his way past a Southwestern Oregon defender last Friday.

nice. As he has done so many times this year, Ben Bailey beat his man to the corner and fired a driven ball across the goal mouth. Matt Neubauer was closing the far post and redi-

rected the cross into the net," Prenovost said. "That goal really set the tone for the rest of the game."

Captain Tony Giralmo had a hat trick and Joe Patterson put

one in the net as well.

Highline works together to win against tough teams, the coach said.

"It was a great team effort. This team has good character

and depth and those two qualities make us a tough team to beat," Prenovost said.

With the weather acting up, Highline's play is being affected.

"From a keepers perspective, the weather can definitely affect my game," Zach Mourad said. "Rain, snow, hail, is all OK, but when there is wind it messes everything up."

Highline traveled to Peninsula on Wednesday, Oct. 22, with results unavailable at press time. And on Friday, Oct. 24, Highline takes on Green River (5-8) at home.

"That should be a great contest since it is a neighborhood rivalry. I believe we have shown ourselves to be the better team," Prenovost said. "Green River has some very talented players. Both teams know each other and this is their playoff game."

Highline faces Clark and Shoreline to finish the season.

"I expect all four contests to be good games," Prenovost said. "We need any combination of two wins and/or a Bellevue loss or tie to secure the Southwest Division Championship for the third year in a row."

Highline will be hosting its first round playoff game Saturday, Nov. 8. The opponent for that match is still to be determined.

Highline soccer player makes rivalry a family issue

The Neubauers are a soccer family. They play, coach, and worry about it night and day.

So what happens when they have to play against one another?

Everything is intensified.

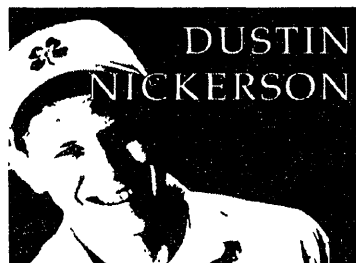
Matt Neubauer is a sophomore co-captain here at Highline, finishing up a two-year stint on the T-Birds squad. So far this season, he's been dominating the middle of the field alongside co-captain Tony Giralmo, and helped lead the team to its current 14-0 shellacking of the rest of the division.

Steve Neubauer, Matt's father, took over the head-coaching job at Green River this season, and will be squaring off against his son and the undefeated T-Birds this Friday.

Think that they're excited? You don't know the half of it.

The two teams played one another earlier this season, and it was one of the closest matches Highline's played thus far.

The men squeaked by with a 2-1 victory over a Gator team



both sides admit they didn't consider a serious threat.

"We took them too lightly," Matt Neubauer said. "But he (Steve Neubauer) made it to all but two of my games last season, so he had a year and half's worth of scouting reports."

The anxiety and thrill of all this is evident in both the Neubauers' voices.

"This is not just another game, and we're going to do what we can to compete hard with them," Steve Neubauer said.

"I'm not nervous, I just can't wait to play," Matt Neubauer said. "This is my last time playing with or against my dad."

Let's rewind that statement. Matt Neubauer has been playing soccer for 16 years, and for 10

of those years his dad was his coach.

They also helped coach the younger brother's teams here and there, and co-coached a couple of youth rec-league squads together.

So over a decade's worth of father and son bonding, competing, and rivalry comes to a climax as their two teams clash head-to-head one last time?

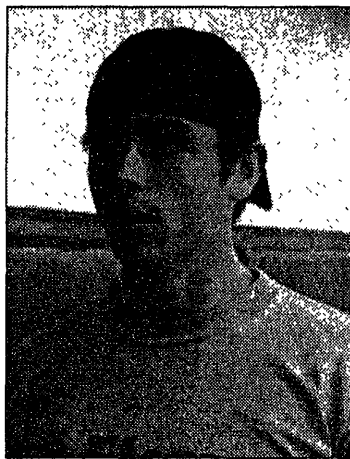
The rest of the family has got to love this.

Just take Mrs. Neubauer for example; some brief insomnia is all she suffered from the first time around.

"She didn't sleep for the few days before the last game," Steve Neubauer said. "There's definitely a lot of tension going around."

A lot of tension? Matt and Steve Neubauer weren't even speaking before the last game.

This father and son rivalry is already a plot line thick enough to be a daytime drama, but it doesn't stop there. No two schools in the entire NWAACC division are as close together as



Matt Neubauer

Highline and Green River, meaning that no two schools compete over as similar a recruiting pool as they do. This is the main reason that the T-Birds and Gators have been such rivals over the years.

If you take the Neubauers out of the equation, these are still more than regular season games. These are the type of games that affect recruitment and entire programs for years to come.

"This is a very big match-up for both these schools," Matt

Neubauer said.

It's probably more than that though. What soccer is for the Neubauers is something to bring them together. It may not be why they play and coach, but it's definitely a little icing on the cake.

If you don't believe me, listen to the hints of reminiscence they stutter in their words when they talk about it. When Matt Neubauer says that soccer is "what he lives and breathes for," don't doubt that it's largely because of how it unites his father and him.

"If anything it's what keeps the sanity in our family," Matt Neubauer said half jokingly. "If soccer wasn't a part of our family, we'd probably fall apart."

Grandparents, aunts and uncles, brother and mother will all be attending this clash of the Neubauers, from as far away as Port Angeles. So don't try and tell me that the Neubauers aren't a soccer family.

Dustin wishes he had something to bring his family together. Like icing. Or cake.

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The Thunderword

Lady T-Birds stay ahead of the pack

By SHAUNA BJORK
STAFF REPORTER

After just a single win last season, the Highline women's soccer team, in a remarkable turnaround, is only one win away from clinching the Southwest Division.

The team was scheduled to play Tacoma on Wednesday, but due to lack of players, the Titans were forced to forfeit, thus resulting in a win for Highline.

On Friday, the team shut out Southwest Oregon at home, 6-0, bringing their season record to 10-2-1.

They are the first team in the league to win 10 games.

Coach Jaimy McLaughlin was very pleased with the women's game versus the Lakers.

"The team played the best 90 minutes of the season against SWOCC," said McLaughlin. "We totally dominated the game from start to finish. We out shot them 26-1."

Another part of the success versus the Lakers was the ability of Krissi Shimp to shut down the Lakers' leading goal scorer, said McLaughlin.

Marianna Palermo had her second hat trick of the season, knocking three more goals into the back of the net.

Shimp scored two goals as



Amy Gladstone heads a ball away from the net versus Southwestern Oregon last Friday.

PHOTOS BY MELISSA FLESCH

well, and Alicia Wolfskill scored one.

At the beginning of the season, the team set a goal, and now they have achieved this

goal.

"Ten wins was our goal for the number of games it would take to make the playoffs," said McLaughlin. "So the team is

pretty excited to have met our first team goal."

Although the team has been very successful this season, they have to keep up the good work

in their last three games before the quarterfinals.

"We are going to keep stepping up the intensity and work rate in training and in our remaining games and concentrate a bit more on defending," said McLaughlin.

The T-Birds have scored 46 goals this season, the most in NWAACC.

They also lead the division with five shut outs. Highline has a four-game winning streak and in those games they have averaged three-and-a half goals.

The team is looking forward to the game versus Green River.

"If we win the game versus Green River, we will clinch the Southwest Division Championship (our second team goal). So it is a very big game for us," said McLaughlin. "We out shot them in the first game 30-8 and tied 2-2, hopefully we will finish more of our chances and tighten up our defense and get a shut out."

The T-Birds play Green River at home Friday at 4 p.m. Highline will play Wednesday, Oct. 24, versus Clark at home, at 3 p.m.

The T-Birds play their last game at Shoreline on Nov. 1, at 2 p.m.

After that game, the playoffs get started on Saturday, Nov. 8.



Freshman Kody Downey battles for a loose ball in Friday's game. Highline won the game against SWOCC, 6-0.

Starting a life over...

Laid-off aerospace industry worker pursuing new career!



Bettye Wiggins-Stubblefield

- Favorite people to hang out with - Husband & three daughters
- Favorite around town activities - Movie watching, going to the library
- Favorite solo stuff - Reading, cooking & singing
- Favorite vacation activity - Road trips

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Hemlock leads Highline men to their best

By **SHELBY LANCASTER**
STAFF REPORTER

The Highline men's cross country team raced to their best finish of the season at the Bigfoot Open on Oct. 18 in Spokane. The T-Bird men came in second with a score of 68. Spokane edged them out with a score of 29 to win the meet.

Following the trend of the season, the women did not place as a team because of too few runners. Lewis and Clark won the meet with a score of 34.

The NWAACC Championships will be held on the same course on Nov. 8.

This meet was important because it gave the team a chance to see the course. It was the reason that we went over there, and everyone liked it, said Head Coach Robert Yates.

Yates was thrilled with both the women's and men's performances.

"It was easily the best team and individual performance we've had in the two and a half years that I've been here," said Yates. "We had a fantastic weekend."

Sophomore Clay Hemlock had his first overall win of the season with a time of 26:05 in the 8-kilometer race. This is the first time that he has ever beaten sophomore Patrick Chessar of



PHOTO BY AMBER TRILLO

Clay Hemlock won the Bigfoot Open last week, and proved to be a favorite for the NWAACC Championships.

Spokane, who came in second.

"It was a big, big breakthrough for him," said Yates.

Freshman Dylan Bailey had his best race of the season with a third place finish and a time of

26:10. He has continued to improve over the season, after taking a year off from cross country after an impressive high school career. He led the race until the final 600 meters.

"It was just as big of a day for Dylan, a huge breakthrough. He has a tremendous amount of talent. I was amazed that he was leading the top two kids," said Yates.

Other top Highline men's finishers included freshman Josh Frazier who finished 17th with a time of 27:22, freshman David Larpenteur who finished 23rd with a time of 27:29, and sophomore Robert Bartholomew who finished 24th with a time of 27:33.

"It was really something. I was pumped that our three, four, and five guys all ran together," said Yates.

Frazier managed to take 17th and finish the race despite a bad knee that almost gave out during the race.

"It was his best race of the year. He's a tough kid with good things ahead," said Yates.

The men are looking forward to the championships.

"We are shooting to win and we have a chance," said Yates.

The Highline women also had a great race in Spokane.

Sophomore Amanda Kamm led the team with a sixth place finish and a time of 19:29 in the

5-kilometer race. She came in 14 seconds behind Spokane's Ashley Hadway, who she has been running head-to-head with all season.

"She let her get away in the first mile," said Yates.

Kamm will run against Hadway again in the championships.

"Amanda has improved so much since last year. She just is not the same person. We are now talking about the possibility of her winning league," said Yates.

Freshman Sitges Marshall followed for the T-Birds in 44th place with a time of 21:47.

"Sitges keeps improving," said Yates.

Finally healthy for the first time this season, freshman Jami Jablonski came in 55th with a time of 22:41.

Freshman Zori Garasimchuk finished out the women's team with a 65th place finish and a time of 23:42 in her second cross country race ever. Yates was impressed with her not being conservative and trying to go out with the other girls.

"She will only get better," said Yates.

The women will have a full team next week with one or two more girls racing. Next up for the T-Birds is the Bellevue Open on Oct. 25 at 11 a.m. It is their final regular meet of the season.

Clark sweeps season series with Highline, T-Birds slip to second

By **NATHAN BRINK**
STAFF REPORTER

A second loss to Clark has dropped the Highline women's volleyball team into a three-way tie for second place in the NWAACC's West Division.

The T-Birds' 6-2 record leaves them locked with Tacoma and Green River. The top four teams qualify for the playoffs.

Highline traveled to Clark (8-1) on Friday, Oct. 17, but lost in straight sets 30-23, 30-22, and 36-34.

"I was disappointed in our lack of poise and composure," Coach Littleman said. "We were ahead in all three games up until 20 points. We had our chances to win, but we had too many unforced errors. Clark is better than us right now. They're a good team, and they made the right plays. We made some stupid plays, and it cost us."

Clark is fourth in the NWAACC coaches' poll, with a 4-0 league record. The road loss

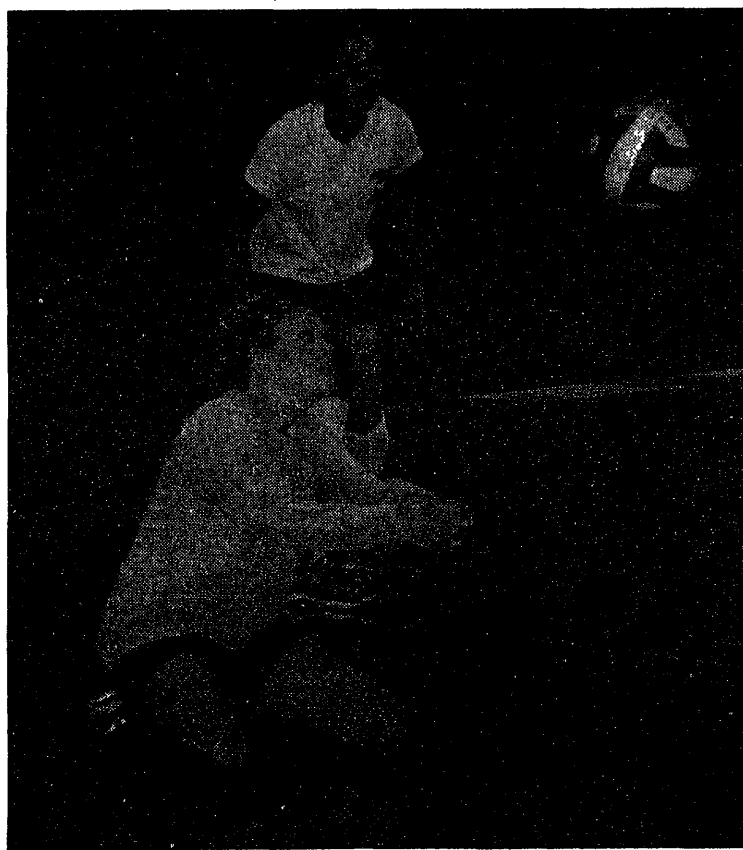


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Katelyn Geddes slides to her knees for a bump on Monday.

to Clark followed a win at home on Oct. 15 against Lower Columbia. The Lady T-Birds defeated Lower Columbia 30-27,

25-30, 30-28, and 30-21.

Michelle Aurelio had a great game, with 23 kills. Also contributing were Blythe Howard

with 9, Tymmony Keegan with 7, and Jennifer Patnode with 7.

"They're far better than their record indicates, and they play well," said Littleman.

Highline got a chance to break the tie in the standings against Tacoma on Wednesday night. Results from that game

were not available at press time.

Highline should have a good chance to stay in the playoff hunt in its next two games. First, the T-Birds host Grays Harbor (1-7) on Friday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. Next week, Highline welcomes Centralia (0-8) on Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m.

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Child Care Center adjusts to new challenges

By LINDA SEWERKER
STAFF REPORTER

The Highline Child Care Center is having to do more with less.

Thanks to federal and state legislation prescribing the way Head Start programs will run, and the economic down turn, everyday life is a lot more challenging for staff and family members. Pre-kindergarten has entered the testing zone, and child care managers are finding it difficult to fund the same quality of service for the community. The Highline Child Care Center is going through internal and external changes.

In addition to preparing for new programs for the new \$4 million center, Head Start staff are responding to a new national reporting system, which requires that all children in the Head Start program be tested. The test will be given within the first two weeks of October and again in the spring. The test is administered to children the year before entering kindergarten, and takes about 15 minutes.

The first test at Highline was implemented on Oct. 6.

"It is a national reporting system that lets the federal government know that Head Start programs are accountable for helping children," said Ann Marie Williams, the family advocate social worker and the Head Start coordinator at Highline.

The test requires children to repeat words and movements as in the game "Simon Says"; demonstrate artistic understand-



PHOTO BY CHUCK CORTES

Students gather around for story time, in the current Child Care Center.

ing in "Art Show"; identify objects using language called "Peabody's Pictures"; and name letters of the alphabet. There is also some math testing.

In addition to mandating tests for all Head Start programs, the overall costs of operations at the child care center are cut back.

"We had to restructure our program to make due with this year's budget cuts," said Joyce Riley, Highline's child center director.

"The number of funded children this year in the Head Start Program dropped from 24 children to 19. We lost our evening

program and statewide DSHS (Department of Social and Health Services) dollars were cut," she added.

One reduction of funds at Highline's Head Start programs originated with new legislation that bus monitors would be required on board all buses at Head Start facilities.

"The federal government proposed the change but did not give us the money to pay for this, so it comes out of our budget," said Williams.

"Even though the Highline child care center has no buses, we were asked to reduce our

budget to pay for them," said Williams.

To qualify for Head Start, families must meet lower income eligibility requirements. Head Start is a federal program which subsidizes eligible local child care sites to help families make ends meet.

"It is not just here at Highline, but nationwide, services are being cut back," said Riley.

At Highline, child care staff follow the prescribed standards of the National Association for Educating Young Children which requires a 5:1 ratio of

staff for toddlers and a 9:1 ratio for preschool age children.

The impact of running a child care center with less money impacts the hours of operation.

"The Child Care Center used to be open to 10 p.m., now we close at 5:30," Williams said.

Despite these economically challenging times, Williams is realistic that the future will bring good things to Highline.

"I am inspired everyday by the courage of families who are working towards their dreams," said Williams.

The child care center has had in past years a "closed enrollment" policy, limited to students, faculty, and state employees at the college.

Child care services will be open to the public next fall. Members of the Highline community will be given first preference, said Williams.

The program is expanding to children 6 weeks to 5 years old. Currently the services are for 16 months to 5 years old. And all pre-kindergarten children will be tested.

Proposing budgets for the new facility takes creative planning for the increased child care services coming to Highline said Williams.

Williams is anticipating a cost reduction by applying for a federal grant. Federal assistance will provide matched dollars for start up funding for the new infant child care program.

"There are currently enough spaces to support 70-75 children per hour, but this will increase to 115 children per hour," said Williams.

International Programs works with students of all backgrounds

By RICHARD CHO
STAFF REPORTER

International students at Highline have a place to turn for help and support. International Student Programs is a department that exists to provide help for international students.

The International Leadership Council was established in 2001.

The International Leadership Council assists International Student Programs by helping with student orientation, activities, and also by acting as peer members to international students.

What the International Leadership Council does is act as a liaison between International Student Programs and international students. They also act as a link to the surrounding community, Student Services departments, and faculty.

One of the primary benefits of the International Leadership Council is that they provide opportunities for international students to interact with non-international students.

The International Leadership Council is primarily made up of three members. They are Lucky Buamane, Asuka Okuno, and Vivian Ye.

Three major activities on campus are provided through International Student Programs, Conversation Pal, International Club, and Cultural Cafe.

Currently 50 students are participating in the Conversation Pal program and over 20 students participated in the International Club orientation.

"Conversation Pal seems to be most active because students get an extra credit in class, particularly writing and speech class," Olfert said.

Cultural Cafe is a great way

for international students to discuss issues that concern them.

Lucky Buamane leads Cultural Cafe, she is also one of the three International Leadership Council members.

Buamane has been in America for two years and believes she can help other international students by sharing her own stories.

International students are encouraged to take advantage of all the different programs.

Olfert explained that the best benefit for international students that join is that they will meet a lot of other students and have fun doing it.

The International Student Programs office is also looking for work-study students to fill available front desk positions. It is for Federal work-study students only.

The work schedule would be Monday through Wednesday 10

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Buildings on campus get braced for safety

By JESSICA BROWN
STAFF REPORTER

The new buildings on campus are having more attention given to earthquake safety.

The Student Union has a total of 10 brace frame assemblies to resist the lateral forces in an earthquake, said Mike McDonald, superintendent of the Student Union for Lumpkin General Contractors. These brace frames are steel columns with steel "X" bracing welded between them.

Even though concrete is strong it's enough to hold a building together.

"The problem with concrete is that it's very strong when you push on it, but when you pull or bend it, it breaks very easily," said Eric Baer, a geology professor at Highline.

Most buildings at Highline will be destroyed in a big earthquake, because they were constructed using a tilt-up method. This means the concrete was poured flat, then tilted upward to make a wall, making it easier for the wall to fall over in an

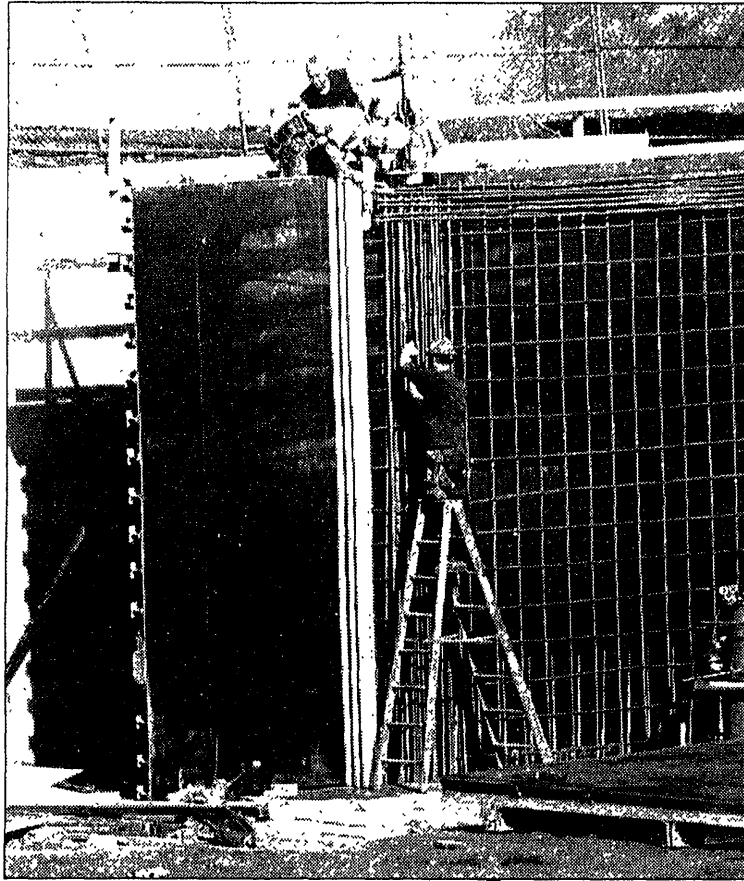


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Workers brace the buildings for earthquake safety.

earthquake.

"A lot of buildings here are really poorly built; they were built before we recognized a

need for buildings that would withstand earthquakes," said Baer.

Highline would have to be

retrofitted and have cross-bracings put in to become a safe campus, but that would cost far more money than the school can afford.

During an earthquake, the ground tends to slip sideways and initially the upper floors and roof of a building stay in place, which exerts sideways forces on the walls. In a short period of time, the building tends to catch up with the ground movement and shifts horizontally also, but by the time the roof starts to move in one direction, the ground may start to move in the other.

"This rocking back and forth tries to tear the walls apart," said Mike McDonald.

However, in the new buildings, concrete is poured into a mold in its upright position and is stabilized by a kind of steel grating called rebar. Rebar is the trade term for reinforcing bar. It is used in concrete to take tension away from the concrete.

"One half inch round reinforcing bar can take the same tension load as 34 square inches of concrete," said McDonald.

If contractors did not use rebar, our modern structures would be as massive as the medieval buildings that have survived with walls that are 8 to 10 feet thick.

Although new buildings are safer, Baer believes planning ahead is the way to handle earthquakes.

Loose Bricks:

The big hole people see and maneuver around between building 23 and 22 is about 12 feet deep and is home to some very important piping.

"It is mainly heating water piping that will go into building 22 and once it's inside 22 there are pumps that will be the permanent heating for buildings 20, 21, 22, and 23," said Linda Helm, project manager for Mortenson, the contractors for the Higher Education Center.

All three of Highline's new buildings, the Higher Education Center, the Student Union, and the Child Care Center are on schedule and in very similar stages of construction, said Pete Babington, Highline's director of facilities.

Drischel takes over the Human Services Technology Department

By DAVID PORADA
STAFF REPORTER

Dan Drischel has taken the reins as program manager for the Human Services Technology Department.

Drischel comes to this program with more than 20 years of experience in both the educational and human service fields. After obtaining his master's degree in education from the University of Cincinnati, he went to work at an Ohio public school district.

As a rookie at the school district, Drischel became a part of the district's first efforts to teach autistic children. It was here where Drischel was able to further explore and develop his lifelong passion for helping others.

"It was very rewarding to see young children with disabilities develop within their schools and communities," said Drischel.

Before coming to Highline he also worked in the private sector of the human service field and taught at North Seattle Community College.

As new program manager, Drischel said he believes the "focus must be on continually improving the programs in every way."

He also believes it is critical for his program to "stay on top of the ever-changing needs of

the community."

To help establish and foster strong bonds with the local community, Drischel plans to personally set up working relationships with local employers as well as neighborhood high schools.

Students entering Highline's Human Services Program have a noble passion for helping people, Drischel said.

"Students learn the skills necessary to make the most of

these passions which are based on providing assistance in helping others become self-sufficient," Drischel said.

The program requires 90 credits for graduation, which can usually be obtained in two years. Students are expected to partake in internships in such realms as senior services or violence prevention program. To graduate with an associate of applied science degree, students must have 10 internship credits completed.

Skills learned in the classroom and during the internship prepare the student to solve problems, think critically and understand and relate to many different cultures, Drischel said.

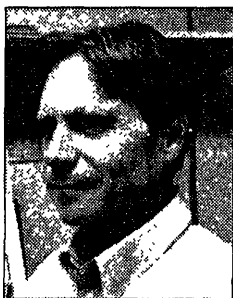
Through this program students are given the opportunity

to discover what area of human services fits them best. This program gives students the opportunity to look at aspects of social and health services, Mental Health centers, adult and juvenile correctional facilities, assisted living facilities, and organizations such as the YMCA.

The Human Services Department provides students with a variety of transferable degrees.

The Evergreen State College, Tacoma branch, allows a Highline student to transfer with his or her AAS degree for direct transfer as an upside down. This means that students must stick to a predetermined schedule if they wish to go to Evergreen.

For more information contact Dan Drischel at 206-878-3710, ext. 3491.



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Students want to help environment

By DAVID PORADA
STAFF REPORTER

Highline's Environmental Club wants to raise awareness of various campus and local environmental issues.

Students in this club have the "opportunity to get involved in the campus and help the environment," said Club Adviser Woody Moses. During their first meeting held last Monday, Oct. 20, students had a chance to brainstorm and voice their opinions about many environmental issues affecting their community. Among these topics were the issue of adding more "green space" to the Highline campus. Moses says that this would be a good time to address this issue because of all the current construction going on around the campus.

During the meeting, students also discussed helping with Highline's current effort to start a school wide recycling program.

"Every little thing this club can do has the potential to make a difference," said Club President Kyle Drosdick.

The Environmental Club said they would like to advertise more, by making posters and put them around campus.

"We want to do whatever we can to make this club successful and I really care about these issues," said Drosdick.

Much of the first meeting was taken up with discussion on what things would go into the Environmental Club's budget. Some ideas mentioned that could be funded by the club's budget were squirrel proof garbage cans, non-anti-bacterial soap, carpooling, and visiting the Pacific Science Center. The club has until Oct. 24 to turn in its budget.

Currently the Environmental Club has 16 students participating and is looking to expand.

"We're looking for people who really care about the environment," said Drosdick.

If you would like to attend the next Environmental Club meeting, it is Oct. 31, at 1 p.m. in Building 19, Room 101, and will resume every other Friday thereafter.

For more information about the Environmental Club, contact Woody Moses, club adviser, at 206-878-3710, ext. 3649.



Moses

Moses parts the forest looking for mushrooms

By DAVID PORADA
STAFF REPORTER

Sea kayaking through the waters of the San Juan Islands and watching harbor seals, bald eagles, and majestic killer whales was where you would have found Woody Moses during the first part of this summer.

As an experienced kayaker and proven biologist, Moses was a perfect fit for his summer job as a guide in the San Juan Islands. But while the sun was beginning to set earlier and earlier throughout the beautiful Washington destination, Moses was counting down the days until his first official day as an instructor for the biology department at Highline.

Prior to joining the Highline faculty, Moses completed his master's degree in biological oceanography from Oregon State University. As his graduate thesis project Moses studied the changes in phytoplankton levels due to upwelling off the Oregon coast. This thesis would serve as additional preparation for his start as a Highline instructor.

Moses is a native Oregonian. After completing graduate

school, Moses began teaching at Lane Community College, in Eugene, Ore. While teaching part-time during the 2002 and 2003 school year at LCC, Moses began to discover his own unique teaching style. Because of his theatrical nature, Moses says he has learned to look at his classroom as a stage where he is the leading actor.

"My style of teaching is based on hands-on activities combined with lectures," said Moses. After teaching at Lane for a year, Moses wanted to move to a bigger city and teach full-time.

As one of Highline's newest full-time teachers, Moses harbors a passion for performing. During his college days Moses played guitar in a band. Moses said that he likes to play his guitar and needs to find more time for this.

More recently his musical aspirations have focused around the Highline choir.

"I was interested in joining the school choir, but I took on too many things and did not have enough time," said Moses.

Much of Moses' spare time during the weekends will be spent ruffling through the forest floors looking for one of the Pa-

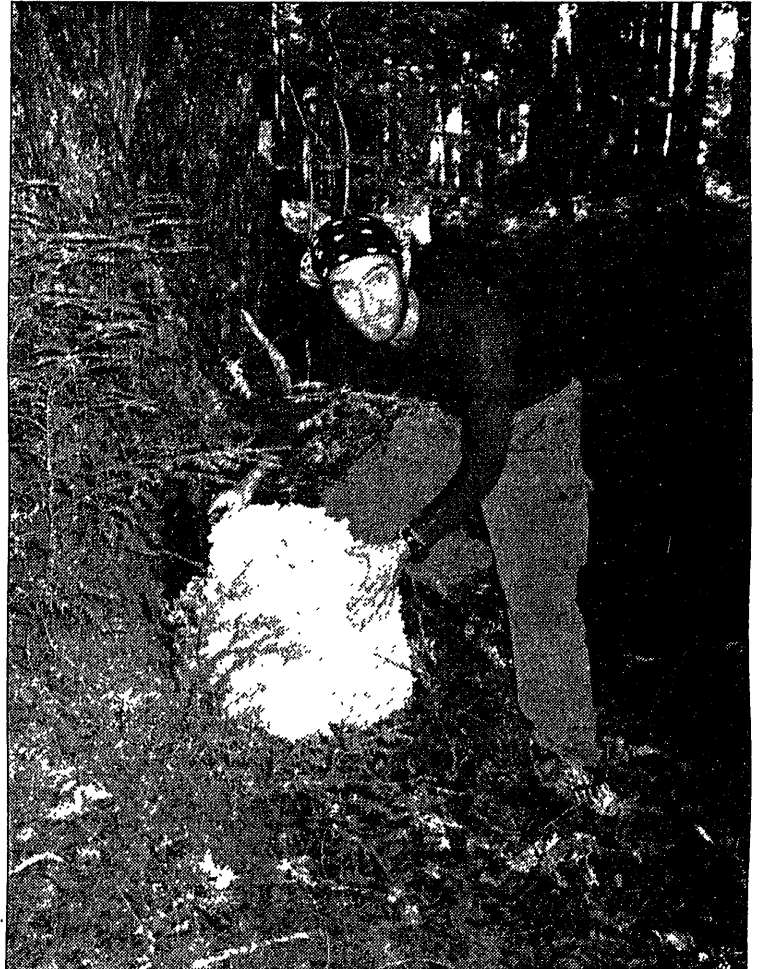


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Moses recently found this huge *sparassis crispa* (cauliflower-like mushroom) on one of his mushroom hunting trips.

cific Northwest's most illustrious gems, mushrooms. Moses says that the Pacific Northwest has some of the best mushroom-hunting climate in the world.

During one of his most recent mushroom hunting trips, Moses ran across a huge cauliflower mushroom (*Sparassis crispa*) in the Olympic Peninsula. After finding this rare mushroom, Moses took it home and prepared it to his liking.

"I love to eat mushrooms," said Moses.

Although Moses has only been teaching at Highline for a brief time, his passion for environmentalism have already manifested by helping to restart the environmental club on campus. "There are many things

that can be done better on this campus," Moses said, such as discontinuing use of Styrofoam cups during school related meetings. "These changes must come from the students up" Moses said.

The next meeting for the environmental club is scheduled this Friday, Oct. 31.

As a biology teacher at Highline Moses is excited to have the opportunity to stay in touch with the ever-changing biology field. Moses hopes that he will be able to transfer some of his passion for biology to his students. "Since biology covers such a wide range of topics it is difficult for students not to find something interesting in it," he said.



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Moses bonds with a snake in the biology lab.

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Students huddle under umbrellas and hooded sweatshirts while hurrying to class.

Weather

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down there."

Meanwhile, on campus, construction crews spent most of Monday protecting their sites from water damage.

"(It's) slowing them down," said Highline Project Manager Leeann Mangin. "They can't pour concrete when it's raining like that, and they can't pour foundations until it dries a bit."

Construction crews spent most of Monday pumping out water and patching up small mudslides at the three sites around campus.

"There was no significant damage," Mangin said. "There are a few sinkholes occurring on pathways, but they are being marked off with yellow tape."

The erosion and sinkholes come about due to the type of soil Highline rests on.

"There is some soil erosion around the site. We have what is called glacial till, a very fine material. When it's dry it is very hard, but when wet it gets really slick," said Linda Helm, project manager of the Higher Education Center for Mortenson.

Workers on the new Child Care Center went home early Monday because no progress could be made.

"There is no lost time yet," Mangin said. "It was a minor rain day. It depends on if the rains continue (whether the weather will slow progress)."

Vice President of Administration Laura Saunders said no one will know the exact impact until a construction meeting being held today takes place.

Des Moines Assistant City Engineer Loren Reinhold said the city suffered no severe damage.

"On a few construction sites, workers (performed) erosion control," Reinhold said. "Overall the city fared pretty well."

At 8 p.m. Monday, a depression occurred on Kent-Des Moines Road, and crews were dispatched to clean up, Reinhold said.

Also, at a construction site on South 272nd Street, a portion of the road had washed away, and for a few hours interfered with traffic.

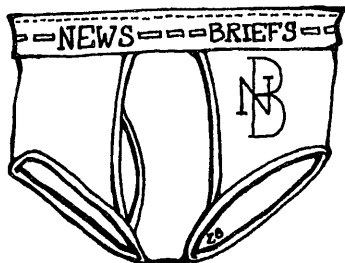
"We let traffic through as we could," Reinhold said.

Highline Project Coordinator Phil Sell said there's really nothing you can do but minor damage control.

"Slogging around in the mud slows everybody up and makes everybody crotchety," Sell said.

Staff Reporter Jessica Brown also contributed to this story.

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Students wanted for committees

Student Programs is struggling to find students to fill spots on student committees. They looking for about 20 students from around campus to help with student and college initiatives.

A Student Committee Orientation will be held today, Thursday, Oct. 23 in Building 19, room 105 to discuss the available positions.

The committees to be filled are Safety and Security, Student

Rights and Responsibilities, Book Exchange, Recycling and the Student Budget Committee.

Printing Program scores major award

Highline's Printing Program received an international award last week at a ceremony at the Seattle Design Center.

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Brice tries Highline on for size for a year

BY CHANDRA SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

If Highline is an example of American diversity, new sociology intern Darryl Brice from Loyola University describes Chicago as one of the most segregated cities in the United States. He said the city of Chicago is just like *American Apartheid*, a book that compares Chicago's segregation to that of the apartheid system in South Africa.

"Chicago is a very diverse place, but it's also a very segregated place. You have certain neighborhoods that are blocked off from each other," Brice said.

And that is part of what brings him to Highline.

"The one thing that I do like about community college students is that they bring a lot of life experience with them. You have a wide range of different students in your class - old, young, different races and languages, a good mixture of men and women," Brice said.

"So the classroom becomes this dynamic place where you can get a lot of different perspectives. At any other college, you'd be hanging around people that are like you," he said.

He is teaching two courses at Highline, Introduction to Sociology and American Diversity, and will be the instructor of three courses per quarter for the rest of the year. His other classes will be Crime and Society and the African American Experience.

Brice hopes the internship experience at Highline will beef up his resume.

"It's a one-year position to integrate you in the system and to gain experience in the field of teaching and advising," he said.

He studied at a small undergraduate school in his hometown of Baltimore under the double major of political science and justice studies. He then transferred to Loyola where he taught for two years before coming to Highline. His special areas of study include criminology and environmental criminology under the umbrella of sociology.

"That's what the whole internship thing is, so you will have all of those classes prepared if you go somewhere else or if you stay," he said.

Brice wants to stay.

"I would absolutely love to stay at Highline. I love the students and I love the interaction between colleagues," he said.

On the first day of class, he puts himself in what he likes to call the "hot seat."

"So instead of me telling them about me, I let them fire

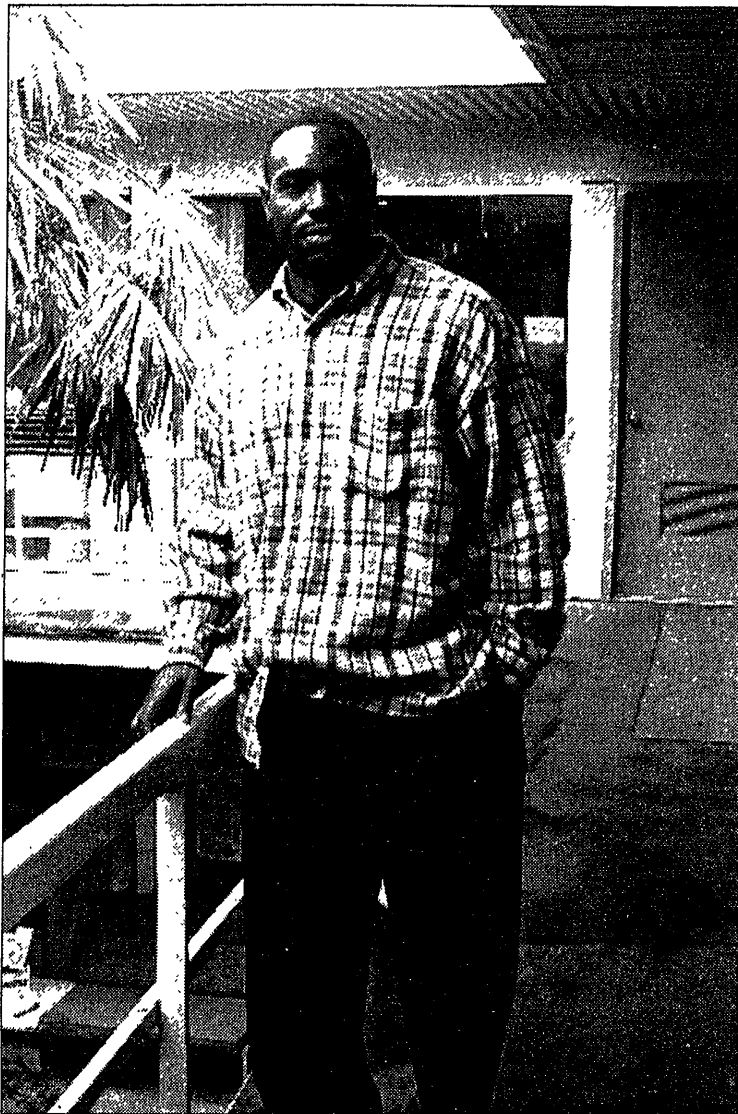


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Darryl Brice is a new sociology intern from Loyola University in Chicago.

questions at me for about 10 or 15 minutes. It can be about anything they want, not even related to sociology," he said.

Interaction with the students is a high priority in Brice's classroom.

"There's that stigma with the teacher and the student. I al-

ways tell them, I don't know everything. I may know more in sociology than everybody in here, but I don't know more of everything than everybody in here," Brice said.

For instance, Brice said, there is a section in his sociology class about children. Since

he doesn't have any kids, the parents in the class might know more about that topic than he would.

Brice said teachers often stifle their students' learning by having the attitude of "you sit here and get what I have to give you." Rather, he encourages students to talk in his class so they can learn from each other.

"When you get that level of confidence between your students, the more likely they're going to be able to speak up - you don't have that barrier. It really gets them talking to me and each other," he said.

"A lot of students learn from the examples that other students bring up. My thing is, as long as we talk about sociology, if you get excited about a topic that I bring up, let's run with it," he said.

Brice maintains that talking more in class does not affect control of the classroom.

"As long as you lay that foundation, they know to respect me and respect whoever's talking," he said.

"You can always keep control of the classroom. I think that's one misconception that people tend to think if you're not this authoritarian figure your classroom is going to run wild and they can run all over you," he said.

When Brice talks, he mixes "y'all" and "ya know" in along with lengthy college-level words. He wears casual clothes. It's his non-intimidating appearance that college students can probably relate to.

Being a student himself,

Brice can relate to the pressures students face at college, like writing papers and having a packed schedule. For one thing, he doesn't know what his own dissertation is going to be about yet.

"It will probably be about the victim-offender dyad (relationship)," he said.

He has the academic credit he needs for the doctorate degree, but still needs to complete special field exams.

Brice's typical day starts with arriving at Highline at 8:05 a.m. He spends time checking e-mail, answering the phone and chatting with students who stop by until his first class at 10 a.m. From 11 a.m. on he prepares for the next class starting at noon. After that, he has lunch with colleagues, comes back to his office, and stays around until 3:30 or 4 p.m. After that, he hits the gym for some weight training.

He played football in high school and still maintains an athletic build.

One time when he was in the "hot seat," someone asked him how old he was, if he was single, and what race his girlfriend was. He does have a girlfriend, but the rest of his family and friends are in Baltimore.

He has been in the Seattle area for one month and admits to not having much fun on the weekends.

"I've been to the Space Needle, been to the fish market. It's still a feeling-out process. I joke with people, 'I'm happy every day I find my way home from Highline'," he said.

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said she believes that this is a big accomplishment growing up being a diplomat in her family. She is also a nurse's aid, which she says is hard work.

To get the students' opinions on issues, she proposes a suggestion box.

"I will listen and take action, and will start my own club if not elected, so it's going to get done no matter what. So you might as well put me in office," said Collier.

Eddie Dha wants to help with the book trade idea, work on parking problems, and create focus groups for students. One accomplishment for Dha was being the co-founder for an online singles service, which shows leadership skills, helping others, and communication, said Dha.

He said what sets him apart is his leadership skills and his many accomplishments.

He served a two-year term on

SeaTac City Youth Commission, co-founded thedatinggames.com, has been nominated to the National Dean's List, added to the Vice President's List for outstanding GPA, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and a member of Honors Scholars Program at Highline.

"I believe a senator position should be used to make Highline a better place to be educated," Dha said.

Dha wants a place setup online where he can get the opinions of the students.

When Tina Higashi initially heard about senator, she was at an information fair, ran into the Student Government table, read the packet, and then wanted to be a senator. She is concerned for the safety of students such as campus security and lighting, and for the convenience of campus facilities.

Higashi's accomplishments are the amount of training and leadership she's been through. And she made it through a one-year exchange program where she successfully adapted to the situation.

"What is unique about me is I don't give up, and I will see

things through. I don't stop when things get tough," Higashi said.

She also would like to work on a smoking policy, but only if the student body wants it. Higashi would like the students to look at the candidates and say, "Who fits me?" Then vote on the person that they agree with.

Christopher Monfort agrees that Highline needs changes.

"Too often too many of us walk around with our head in the clouds," said Monfort.

His goal is to share his political point of view with the students, and work to protect their civil liberties.

His accomplishments consist of talking in Yakima about civil rights, an internship with the American Civil Liberties Union, and has direction for safer parking.

Monfort said he believes he is unique because he is upset about our current state of government and actually wants to do something about it. He expects the support of at least Student Government, and hopes to gain it from the student body as well. The student body has been

cheated and lied to by the Bush Administration, said Monfort. He also plans on putting together a petition to bring our soldiers home.

"Our freedom is under attack," Monfort said.

Stephanie Raugdabeer is also for a smoking policy. A second big concern of hers is getting the night students more involved, and spreading word about big health awareness.

Her biggest accomplishment is general success in Running Start.

"It helped me break out of my shell," said Raugdabeer.

She said what sets her apart is she really likes to help and will go wherever she is needed. Raugdabeer said she believes that the senator position is to help out Highline and the students here, not so much to work on higher political issues.

Mark Thomas is focused on pursuing a smoking policy and somehow raising minimums for Running Start. Thomas thinks an accomplishment of his is at his job. There aren't the nicest people there, but he has learned to deal with them. He has met a lot of people, therefore feels like

he can deal with anyone.

He said what is unique about him is, "I'm going into this totally unbiased, — basically, I can change my view about anything, to what the students want" said Thomas.

Some of the students in the audience said they have a concern with paying a \$25 fee for a student center that will be completed after they've already left Highline. Thomas agrees with this.

Joe Tran is also for a smoking policy and his main concern is to get students more involved and spreading awareness of Highline activities.

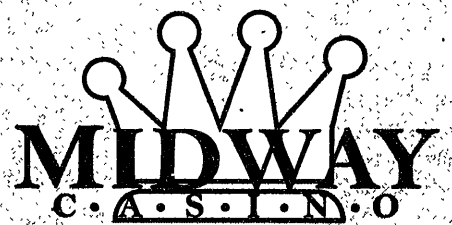
He wants to take the words of the students and turn them into action, said Tran.

He was ASB Vice President for his high school, and often goes to the elementary school next door to help out with the kids when he can.

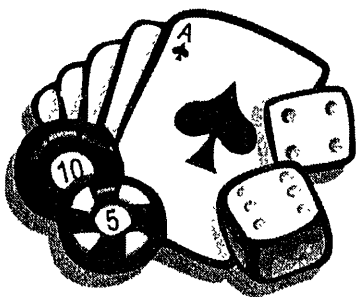
He says he's unique because of his dedication and sees issues, to be dealt with, through, Tran said.

He said he is ready to become student senator armed with his people skills and previous experiences.

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