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Highline Community College

New construction blossoms



Photo by Cazzeri Upton

The Higher Education Center is scheduled to be open for Spring Quarter. It will cost \$30 million and is 80,000 square feet. Some changes to the building over summer includes new windows and lettering for the name of the building on the outside.

Midway parking back

Highline offers
passes on a
temporary basis

By Amanda Downs

staff reporter

Highline students have permission to use the Midway Drive-In Theater for parking free of charge during Fall Quarter.

A permit is still required for students to park at Midway, which can be obtained at the Security office on the lower level of Building 6.

Improvements over the summer and highly suggested alternatives to on campus parking may also help ease the pain of finding a parking space.

Vice President of Administration Laura Saunders pointed out that it takes the same amount of time to walk from Midway to the campus than it does to walk from the far end of an on-campus lot.

"There's always space at Midway," said Saunders. "Students should park at the theater and take the short stroll over to the campus instead of circling around the campus lots wasting



gas and causing tempers to flare."

Although Midway is free and available for use right now, Saunders strongly encourages considering alternatives to driving single occupancy vehicles to campus, such as carpooling or using the Metro bus system, because there is no guarantees that Midway will be available for

upcoming quarters.

Midway is only open during daytime classes, but usually evening classes experience little if no parking problems.

Highline's lease on the Midway Drive-In Theater for use of its almost 1,000 parking spaces was cancelled last February; Lowe's Home Improvement Center purchased the lease on the 11.42-acre site shortly thereafter.

Lowe's corporate office is located in North Carolina, which makes communication between the company and Highline difficult, in negotiating the use of the parking lot as construction begins on the new store.

Pacific Properties, the owners of the Midway lot, will allow Highline students to use the lot because construction for Lowe's isn't scheduled until later this fall.

Lowe's Home Improvement Center has 24 locations throughout Washington State, nine of which are in and around the Seattle area.

Even with Midway available once again for student use, Highline still prepared for the

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Economy 101: More jobs, fewer students

by Sara Loken

staff reporter

Student enrollment for Fall Quarter is down. There's hope that the numbers will go up with the start of classes but there's still some concern about the low numbers so soon.

"The amount that we're down is sobering," said Ivan Gorne, student services vice president.

Fall Quarter usually has the largest number of students enrolled compared to winter and spring quarters.

"The past two years, enrollment has been strong as ever," said Gorne.

In fall of 2003, 8,097 students were enrolled. That number was down from 2002 with 9,385 enrolled. College officials declined to release numbers for this quarter.

Factors that could contribute to the low numbers include improvement in the economy, changes in the acceptance of transfer students at universities, the current construction on campus, and the parking problem, said Becky Riverman, enrollment services associate dean.

"A lot of little things add up to less enrollment," said Riverman.

But the most talked about reason is the economy.

"The economy is turning around and people are going back to work," said Riverman. "Students are taking as many credits to go back to work."

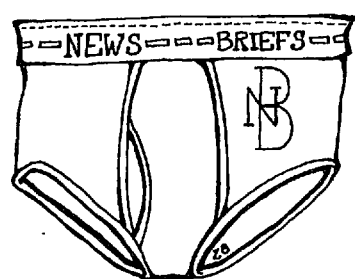
It's still unclear whether low enrollment is happening statewide.

"We only have bits and pieces of information and we won't know anything more until the tenth day," said Lorna Sutton, communications director for the State Board for Community and Technical colleges.

Colleges don't submit their enrollment numbers to the state until the 10th day of classes.

"Usually when numbers are down early, they pick up later," said Sutton.

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Welcome back with Thunderweek

Thunderweek is a week-long event that helps students get better acquainted with Highline. Information tables are set up today to answer questions and help lost students. They are also offering free student planners/handbooks.

At the Student Success Resource Fair, representatives from different departments will answer questions about the different services and resources the college has to offer to help students. The representatives will be outside Building 7 on Wednesday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

All week, a student success tip will be posted in various locations on campus.

All-campus barbeque Thursday

Student Programs is hosting a campus barbeque where students can meet new people, have fun and enjoy good food.

As part of Thunderweek celebrations, for a fee of \$2, students can enjoy hamburgers, chips, soda and cookies. Gardenbugs are also available for those who don't eat meat.

The barbeque will be on Thursday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. outside of Building 7.

Speakers to talk about democracy

The Defining Democracy 2004 - Elections Symposium is launching its first event of the quarter. It will take place on Sept. 29 and will have different speakers highlighting politics and democracy throughout the morning.

At 9 a.m., a speaker will talk about the importance of students in politics followed by a voter registration drive from Team Highline.

The 10 a.m. session has two speakers, Tim McMannon and Rolita Ezeonu. McMannon will talk about democracy from a historical perspective and Ezeonu will show the image manipulation in advertisements.

At 11 a.m., Han Lim and Erik Scott will present statistics and facts and an open discussion will follow at noon. The event will be in Building 7.

Vandalism, theft strike campus

By Amanda Downs

staff reporter

Highline experienced an unusual amount of malicious mischief and theft throughout the summer.

Early morning on Aug. 28 brought one of the worst malicious mischief acts to the school.

Three vehicles parked overnight in the campus lots were broken into; stereo equipment and music CDs were reported stolen.

Windows were broken in Buildings 25 and 29, while the sprinkler system was damaged near Building 22.

The payment box for student tuition outside of Building 6 was also slightly damaged.

Director of Security and Safety Richard Fisher called the act especially nasty and uncalled for.

The Des Moines Police were contacted and agreed to search the campus every so often.

"Highline is targeted periodically, but nothing has ever happened like this," said Fisher.

Fisher suspects that adolescent males who were bored caused the damage.

Students are encouraged to help protect the campus by contacting Security if they notice any suspicious persons roaming the campus.

"You can usually tell if someone belongs on campus or not,"



Photo by Cazzari Upton

The Higher Education Building received a blow with a break to one of its windows.

said Fisher.

Along with the surprise attack, Highline has an ongoing problem with the theft of three data projectors from classrooms and computer labs.

During Summer Quarter, the policy for access to labs in Building 30 was changed to combat the issue.

Students who wished to use the computers in the building outside of class time were re-

quired to work in the open lab.

Normal access to Building 30 is restored for Fall Quarter.

Over the past three years, Highline has lost \$100,000 in theft of computer equipment.

Director of Instructional Computing, Tim Wrye, encouraged all staff and faculty to be vigilant to protect college equipment.

Locking classrooms with equipment inside was sug-

gested.

Students can also help with preventing theft.

All staff that are authorized to move computer and media equipment should be wearing Highline identification in plain sight, so if a person can't provide valid ID then Security should be notified.

The Security office is located in the lower level of Building 6, at 206-878-3710, ext. 3218.



Student robbed at knife-point

A student was robbed in the East Parking lot early afternoon on July 24.

The suspect was carrying an eight-inch knife. Security patrolled the area but did not find the suspect.

Campus thefts

Three computer overhead projectors were stolen from the campus over the summer.

Two of them were taken from Building 30 on July 13 and July 20.

The other projector was from Building 17 and was taken on Aug. 2.

In another incident, three juveniles were seen running away from the cafeteria tent with bags full of chips and

soda on August 20. Damage to the tent and a cash register were noted. The three left via the South lot.

Vandalism hits campus

Two broken windows (one in Building 6 and the other in Building 25) were found early morning on July 16.

Three student vehicles parked overnight in the North parking lot were broken into on Aug. 28.

Stereo equipment and music CDs were stolen.

Building 25 had two new broken windows.

The sprinkler system was damaged outside of Building 22.

-- Compiled
by Amanda Downs

Nursery rhythms and rhymes



Photo by Cazzari Upton

Jah Breeze leads children in an African song as they take part in the Child Care Center ceremony.

Small problems causes big delay

Student Union behind schedule and over budget

By Sara Loken
staff reporter

The Student Union looks close to completion but a lot of work remains to get it ready for opening.

Over the summer, workers installed the windows for the exterior. But the windows didn't arrive until the end of Spring Quarter, although they were ordered in January.

"The building was designed around the windows. They're a major part of the whole process," said Mike McDonald, superintendent of the Student Union for Lumpkin General Contractors.

The Student Union was originally scheduled for opening this quarter, but with small delays throughout the building process it's now scheduled to be open in time for Winter Quarter.

The building is currently over budget as well.

"There's several reasons," said McDonald. "We've had lots of materials show up out of order and have been unable to assemble the building in an economical matter."

Design changes also were made to the building's original plan. "A whole bunch of little changes," McDonald said. "We've been making adjust-

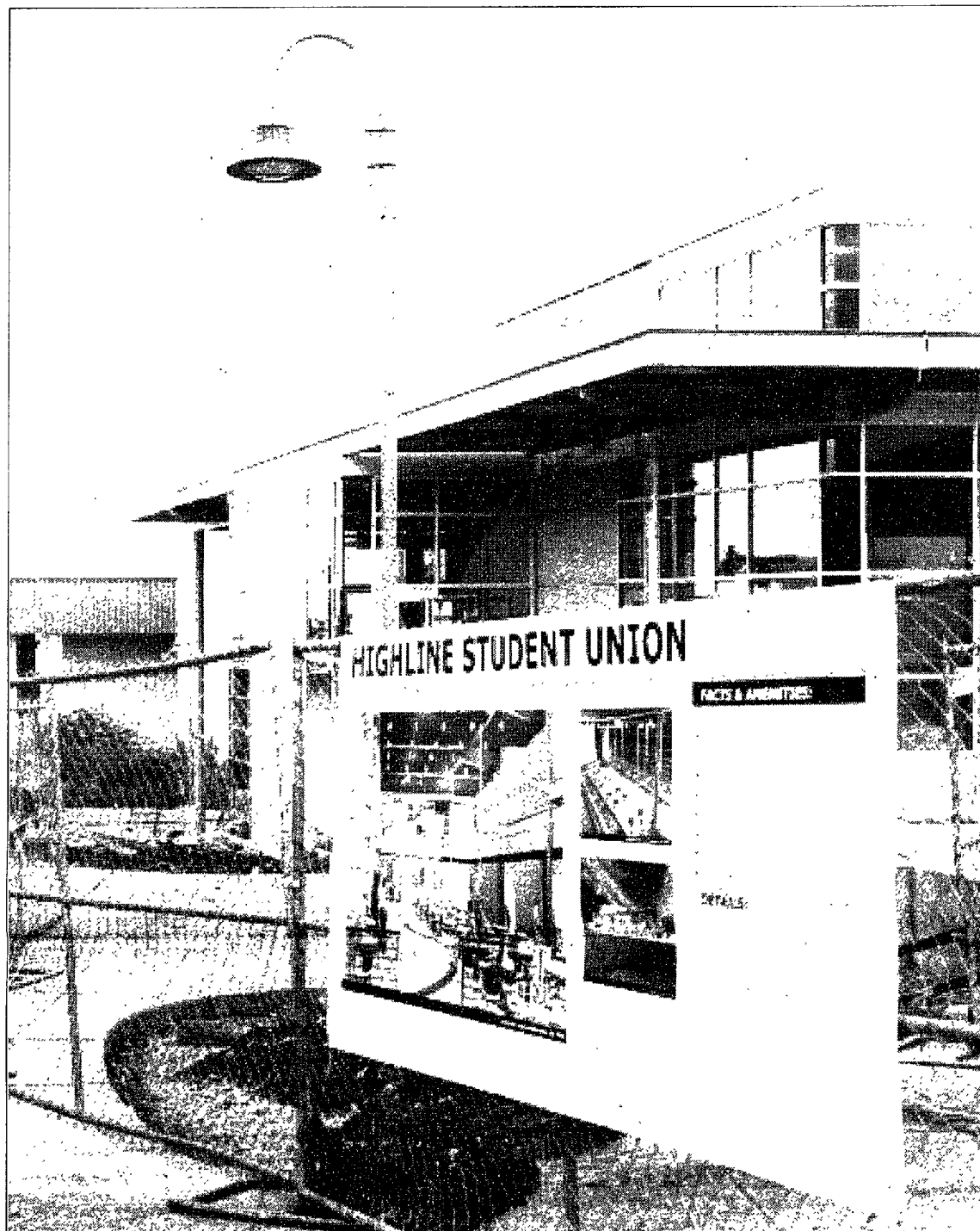


Photo by Cazzeri Upton

Highline's new Student Union building has been delayed by a variety of factors.

ments as the building has been going along."

The design changes include an increase in the security system, added audio and video components, and a new speaker system, said McDonald.

Delivery of the insulation was delayed while the manufacturer balanced fire code and environmental requirements, McDonald said.

"That whole industry is under a change," said McDonald.

"The major hurdle left is installing the kitchen equipment. The equipment is showing up late," said McDonald.

Letters and calls are being made to the kitchen manufacturers by the contractors, voicing the frustrations over the delay, said McDonald. "Unfortunately the way the market has been there are lots of promises being made and until you see them I'm skeptical," he said.

Landscaping for the building started last week and will continue for another seven to eight weeks.

"A lot of planning and landscaping was not done because it would have been too hot to haul in some of the plants for the design," McDonald said.

Part of the landscaping will include installation of a stream with a small waterfall. Rainwater will fill the stream and will flow down the slope along Building 23.

Workers will grate and reshape the slope in front of the building to create a sidewalk and landscaping.

Highline hopes new food service will be Heavenly

By Sara Loken
staff reporter

The operator of the campus coffee stand has taken over the management of Highline's food service.

Mercer Island-based Heavenly Cappuccino won out over Chartwells USA, a national firm.

The two were the only bidders for the food contract that includes operation of the new Student Union cafeteria.

When Highline offered to take requests from bidders for their food contract in January, Brett Willard, president of Heavenly Cappuccino, saw an opportunity.

Heavenly Cappuccino provides the deli service at a medical center in Everett and temporarily ran a restaurant at Edmonds Community College

in 2003.

Having provided food service for Edmonds, Willard decided to expand food service on a more permanent basis.

"We basically learned that if we hire really good chefs we can provide the same service as coffee but with food," said Willard.

The option to expand didn't arise until Aramark, Highline's former food service provider, decided not to renew its contract with the college last spring.

A Highline committee looked at the two proposals and based their decision on taste tests, marketing plans, the quality of service, pricing and revenues, said Carol Helgerson, director of conference and event services and member of the committee that awarded the contract.

Willard believes that the ulti-

mate decision to choose Heavenly Cappuccino is because they are a small, locally owned company.

"The model (of Chartwells USA) doesn't fit the college," said Willard. "They don't want a big-name institution."

A smaller company doing the food service also benefits the employees and the customers in the cafeteria, said Willard.

"Highline food service is so small that for a huge corporation to make money they would have to provide smaller wages (to their employees) and mediocre food," said Willard.

He also referred to Highline's experience with past food vendors as a factor in their choice.

"I think the problem that Highline encountered was FMC, a local company, sold to Host International, a major company and a year later Host

sold to Aramark," said Willard. "What I think the college found was that a huge institution runs people through and doesn't really have a connection to the college."

How well the company worked with the college was a factor in the decision making process.

"They are a local company with strong ties to the community and committed to serving Highline and providing excellent food," said Helgerson.

Heavenly Cappuccino is also cooking up new changes to the menu to provide more options, better food and offer fair prices, said Willard.

"My focus is on three things: keeping prices low, keeping food fresh and giving alternatives," said Willard.

Willard also noted the diversity on campus and that the

menu needs to reflect that diversity.

"We need to accommodate all the different students and their food needs," said Willard. "There's a large Muslim population on campus and they don't eat pork and there are also vegans that can't eat meat at all."

Since their first day of operation on June 22, Heavenly Cappuccino has made noticeable changes to their menu.

"We want to change the image to a more healthy fare," said Willard.

In addition to the healthier items they are still offering some of the old favorites like pizza, soups, pre-made sandwiches and popular bakery items.

"One of our goals is to make sure other campuses are offering the same prices," Willard said.

Editorial

College may be different than what you're used to

Congratulations, newcomers! The mere fact that you chose Highline for secondary education shows that you have good taste.

However, college functions quite differently than any high school and Highline is no exception. Therefore, as you step onto the campus the Thunderword staff thinks there are several things you might need to know:

Don't be shocked to find that there are people both younger and older than you in some of your classes. A difference in age doesn't mean that they can't relate to you or vice-versa.

By the way, since you're in college now you are probably capable of conducting yourself in a mature manner. Right? If you are, try to be patient with youngsters who can't behave like adults. They'll get the idea just watching you.

Highline is fortunate and popular enough to attract students and faculty from all over the world. Chances are someone from abroad will also be attending classes with you. Be friendly. If this is their first time leaving home, they need to feel welcome here.

Also, diversity just doesn't apply to countries but also ideas. Be tolerant of those with different views, political preferences, religions, and so forth. Racism counteracts Highline's ideals so it's definitely not wanted here.

You've probably noticed by now, but the Highline's environment is constantly changing with construction and all. Be patient with detours. Also, look out for construction workers and do your best to stay out of harm's way and hazardous areas.

For an open campus, Highline is pretty safe but that's still reason to be cautious. If you see someone suspicious, notify Security (Building 6). Also if you do some late night work in the library or something similar, don't hesitate to find someone to escort you off campus. With winter coming, nights come earlier, so take precautions.

For returning students and new ones alike, parking will be a pain. In fact, finding a decent parking space on campus may require you to wake up around 6 a.m. If you're not a morning person however, there's always Midway. A 100-meter walk across Pacific Highway hasn't killed anyone. Yet. By the way, did we mention that jaywalking is illegal?

Money trouble? Class schedule confusion? Check out Building 6 to find faculty advisers, financial aid, career center and other facilities. Highline has people who will help you if you need it. Just be mindful that they won't help slackers.

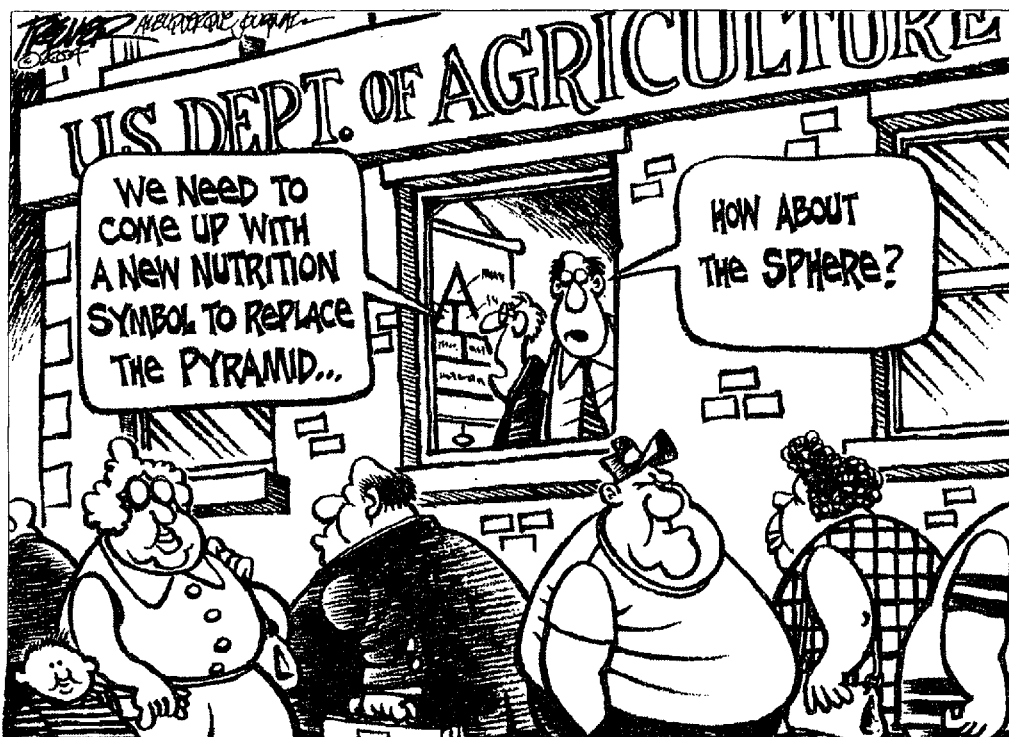
However, no one said college was all work and no play. Check out the Club Fair on Sept. 23 (Building 6, just so you know) and see if there's anything of interest. There are loads of clubs, activities, sports, and other events that could be signed up for this quarter.

Don't be afraid to experiment a little while you're here. You may already have an idea of which degree you work like to attain (associate of science, associate of arts, or associate of applied science) but it doesn't mean that feelings don't change every now and then.

You may find you enjoy an class that isn't in your planned field of study or degree choice. Don't worry about it. Even the best laid plans could go to hell.

During your first year, you may want to test the waters and take some classes as electives. Besides, with all the variety in class types its fun that way. You could also meet up with an aforementioned advisor and they can help you plan.

Last advice: If this is your first college experience, make it one of the best memories you can.



President welcomes all

By Dr. Priscilla Bell
highline president

Welcome to the new school year, one that I know will be exciting. We are not only welcoming many new students to our campus this fall, but three new buildings as well.

Last week we dedicated the new Early Childhood Learning Center. Later this year, we will dedicate two more buildings: the Highline Student Union and the Higher Education Center. These new buildings will surely enhance every student's educational experience.

The 14,700-square-foot Early Childhood Center replaces two portable structures that served children of students and staff. This beautiful facility will allow even more parents to continue their educational goals, since the capacity of Highline's child-care services is now 115 children per hour, up from 70. You can find the center just south of Building 4, near the entrance to the East Parking Lot.

The Higher Education Center is a joint project between Highline and Central Washington University and is well ahead of its original completion date. The 83,900-square-foot center will allow students to earn a four-year degree without leaving the community, by taking

the first two years of classes from Highline or another community college and the second two years from Central.



Dr. Bell

The new center improves access to higher education for time- (and place-) bound students while creating facilities that are cost-effective. It will house computer and science laboratories, distance education and general classrooms, faculty offices and meeting rooms.

The first classes will probably be held in spring 2005. Look for this building on the south side of campus adjacent to the South Parking Lot.

The Student Union will be another spectacular addition to campus. At 47,000 square feet, it will be more than double the size of the old building. Good thing, too, since the original building was created 40 years ago for a campus of about 1,000 students.

Today, with approximately 10,000 students, the new Student Union will better serve our campus with a modern cafeteria, conference rooms, retail shops, study rooms, an Internet café

and more. Located at the heart of campus, you can't miss the three-story facility.

I am excited about the new school year, not only because of the new buildings, but also to see so many of you choose Highline as the place to continue your education. As the first community college in King County, Highline has helped thousands of students pursue their educational goals.

For those of you new to campus, and as a reminder to those who are returning, Highline was founded in 1961. Highline today is nationally and internationally recognized as a premiere community college, a reputation earned through the development of an institutional culture that values innovation, globalization of curriculum and community participation.

Highline graduates include those who are widely recognized for achievements, including former mayor of Seattle Norm Rice, crime novelist Ann Rule, NBA player Brian Scalabrine, actor Alexis Denisof, King County Superior Court Judge Joan DuBuque and entrepreneur Junki Yoshida.

Just as those former students found, I hope you will discover that Highline is an excellent place for you to identify and pursue your goals.

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Highline choir to sing Glover's tune

By Jessie Elliot

staff reporter

This year, Highline choir students will have a new director who hopes to incorporate culture and diversity into the performances.

Dr. Sandra Glover, a part-time instructor at Highline for five years, was appointed to this new position earlier this year.

Dr. Glover has taught beginning and advanced voice classes, music theory, sight-singing, ear training, and intermediate class piano over the years.

This year, she will be teaching beginning voice classes, sight-singing, ear training, and music appreciation as well as being the choir director.

Dr. Glover's passion for mu-

sic stretches back to her high school years. Betty Lou Berland, her choral director, was an inspiration. Dr. Glover said Berland pushed her very hard and didn't let her get away with anything.

"She strongly urged me 'to be the very best I could be,'" Dr. Glover



Dr. Glover

said, smiling fondly at the memory. It was in college at Pacific Lutheran University that Dr. Glover found her passion for teaching. Some friends of hers needed help with singing and she happily obliged.

"I realized at that point that

while I loved performance, I was already leaning toward academic and pedagogy as a career because I was so analytical," Dr. Glover said.

She received a bachelor of arts degree in both art and music at Pacific Lutheran University, and got her master's degree and doctorate at the University of Washington.

With all of this experience under her belt, Dr. Glover is looking forward to taking the choir in a new direction. Dr. Glover has the entire year planned out, with a theme for every quarter.

Fall Quarter's concert will be Reflections of China; Winter Quarter will be The Songs of the Americas, including both Central and South America; and Spring Quarter will be Adven-

tures in Africa.

Dr. Glover's main goal for the year is to promote and involve culture and diversity into the program. In addition to this, she will be including other faculty from Highline in the performances; Ben Thomas on percussion and Sheryl Akaka on guitar.

Dr. Glover also hopes to invite different ethnic groups to come and be a part of the performances, especially if they are able to play their native instruments.

"My plan is to take the choir in a new direction, using music as the door to multicultural experience," Dr. Glover said.

Another goal Dr. Glover would like to see realized is having the choir grow to a large number of students who would stay the whole year so that they

could continue to improve and do more challenging pieces.

Choir is open to anyone, she said.

"Come visit any of the music faculty; tell us what your dreams are. We will fit the classes you need to the skills you must have to make your dream a reality. And plan to work hard," Dr. Glover said.

Dr. Glover also hopes that with the integration of culture in to the music, she will be making connections with students in their other classes.

"I want to integrate the choral experience with other classes they might be taking," said Dr. Glover. Dr. Glover's goals as the new choir director are big, and big results can be expected.

"A goal without a plan is just a wish," said Dr. Glover.

Comfort in the art of stitching

Employees' charitable work graces library art gallery

By Chad L. Martinez

staff reporter

Handmade children quilts are on display through the end of this month at the Highline Art Gallery.

Stitching With a Purpose is responsible for creating these wonderful examples of modern quilting and patchwork. The quilt and patchwork theme is based around children. The colors chosen inspire imagination and wonder, which is vital to children.

Stitching With A Purpose includes Highline employees Marie Zimmerman, Regina Shrock, Valerie Pihlstrom, Gerie Ventura, Dee Skinner, Joan Graham, and Bernadette Jeffers.

Jeffers works in Instructional Resources, and has contributed quilts to the show and a hand-



Photo by Cazzeri Upton

Bernadette Jeffers works on a quilt in the Highline art gallery.

made knitted hat to be given away in a drawing you can enter when you visit the show.

"We meet once a week dur-

ing fall, and summer quarter to knit and discuss which organization they will donate their pieces to," Jeffers said. At the

end of the month when the quilts are taken down they will be shipped to Project Linus.

Project Linus is a non-profit

organization that tries to provide love and warmth by donating handmade quilts and knitting to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need.

"It gives us a chance to give back to the community, and make them aware of Highline and its care for the community," Jeffers said. Jeffers noted that if an individual is interested in quilt making they should dive in hands first.

"The best place to start is the library, they have many books dedicated to quilting," said Jeffers. One thing Jeffers is looking forward to the opening of the new Student Union building. "I hope to go to the new building and knit with the students and answer questions about quilting," Jeffers said. The quilt show will run through the end of September and is located on the fourth floor of the library.

For information about donating hand knitted items contact Bernadette Jeffers at bjeffers@highline.edu.

Actors Gang remembers 9-11 with the 'The Guys'

By Jessie Elliot

staff reporter

The Kent Arts Commission is opening its Spotlight Series this year with a dramatic play about Sept. 11, *The Guys*.

Anne Nelson, a journalism professor at Columbia University, wrote the autobiographical

play chronicling her time spent with a New York fire captain. She was commissioned to help write eulogies for the eight men that the captain lost in the tragedy. This play is being brought to South King County by The Actors' Gang, a critically acclaimed group from Los Angeles coming to Kent for the first time.

"The company is under the artistic direction of Academy Award-winning actor Tim Robbins, so, as you would expect, the caliber of the script, the acting, the production and the direction will all be top-notch," said Ronda Billerbeck, Kent Cultural Programs coordinator.

The Actors' Gang is consistently praised wherever they

perform, by critics and audiences alike. "This show offers the highest level of quality, and we are very excited about offering it to our audiences in South King County," Billerbeck said. While the content of this play is heavy, there are also moments of humor and joy, making this appropriate for all ages and audience types. *The Guys* will

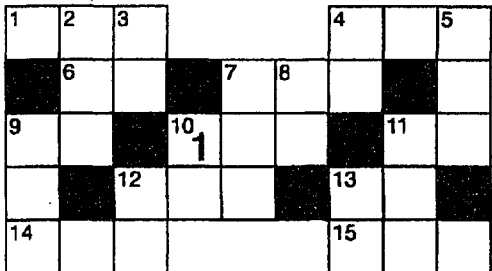
play for one night only at the Kentwood High School Performing Arts Center on Friday, Sept. 24 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$14 for students, and a special half price discount for firefighters and police officers. They can be purchased at the Kent Commons, located at 525 Fourth Ave. N. in Kent.

Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS

- 1. 4-Across plus 15-Across
- 4. 10-Across plus 2-Down
- 6. 3-Down plus 8-Down
- 7. 8-Down times 13-Down
- 9. Consecutive digits in ascending order
- 10. 9-Across plus 10-Down
- 11. Consecutive digits in ascending order
- 12. 9-Down minus 11-Down
- 13. Seven more than 11-Across
- 14. Nine more than 1-Across
- 15. 6-Across plus 13-Across

DOWN

- 2. One-third of 5-Down
- 3. Two less than 12-Down
- 4. Four times 8-Down
- 5. Consecutive digits in descending order
- 7. Five less than 7-Across
- 8. One less than 10-Down
- 9. Sum of the digits is 3-Down
- 10. Same digit repeated
- 11. 10-Across plus 14-Across
- 12. One-fifth of 10-Across
- 13. 9-Across minus 3-Down

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- 1. GEOGRAPHY: What body of water connects the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea?
- 2. TELEVISION: On *The Simpsons*, who is the favorite TV detective of Marge's two couch-potato sisters?
- 3. LITERATURE: Who wrote the famous line, "No man is an island"?
- 4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: The end of which war prompted the creation of Veterans Day in the United States?
- 5. MUSIC: Isaac Stern is best known as a virtuoso of which musical instrument?
- 6. HISTORY: What country controlled Indochina during

most of World War II?

- 7. PERSONALITIES: When asked about the stock market, who quipped, "It will fluctuate"?
- 8. SCIENCE: At what temperature does water boil on the Celsius scale?
- 9. ART: Who was a leading artist in the fauvism movement?
- 10. LANGUAGE: In England, one would refer to a bog as a what?

- Answers
- 1. Suez Canal
- 2. MacGyver
- 3. John Donne
- 4. World War I
- 5. Violin
- 6. Japan
- 7. J.P. Morgan
- 8. 100 degrees
- 9. Henri Rousseau
- 10. A fen

Name That Tune

Across

- 1 Sour
- 5 Duct
- 9 Rant
- 13 Found in a pit
- 14 Ruler
- 15 Good roll
- 16 Blueprint
- 17 Hairpieces
- 18 Duck
- 19 Sinatra's directive as ringmaster?
- 22 Egg holder
- 23 Hamlet to friends
- 24 Snap again
- 28 Academic challenge
- 32 Excuse
- 33 Slightly open
- 35 Put down
- 36 Bennett's cosmetic instruction?
- 40 Ms. Lupino
- 41 Some are toys
- 42 _____ Banks
- 43 Thickly
- 46 Piano men
- 47 Bangkok resident
- 48 Cemetery section
- 50 Presley's overnight accomodation?
- 58 Leno, e.g.
- 59 *Grapes of Wrath* character
- 60 Actor's quest
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- 62 Divided
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- 64 Leave as is
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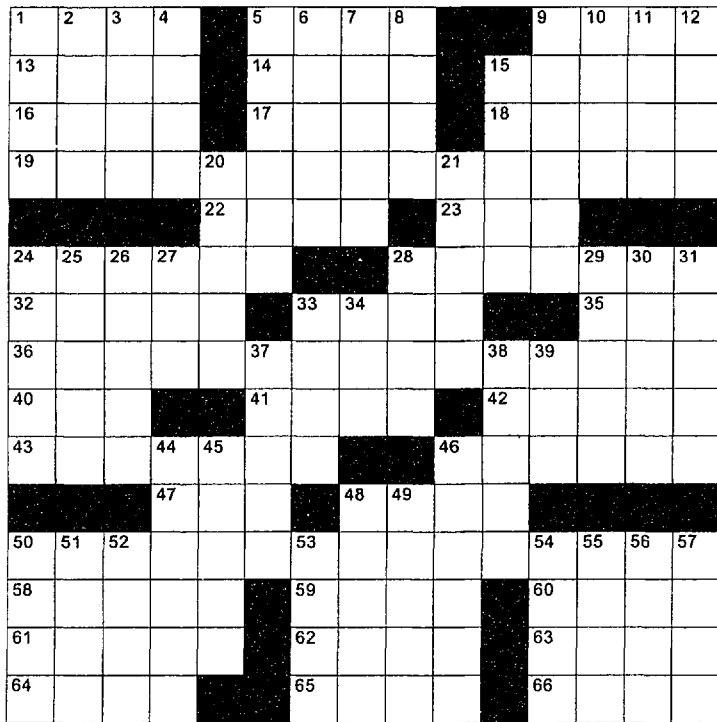
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- 2 Can-do
- 3 Barnyard sight
- 4 Be inclined
- 5 Mid-west native

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By Ed Canty



- 6 Excludes
- 7 Conservative direction
- 8 Gaelic
- 9 Uprising
- 10 Swear
- 11 Blood vessel
- 12 Giant players
- 15 Coleslaw, for one
- 20 Blacken:2 wds
- 21 Tweet
- 24 Speedy
- 25 Sidestep
- 26 Influential person
- 27 Blood classification system
- 28 Draws to scale
- 29 Lift up
- 30 Sprinter
- 31 Fort _____, FL
- 33 Nautical attention getter
- 34 Sporty car for short
- 37 Wing it
- 38 Said to be wasted on the young
- 39 Before time or house

- 44 Comes before light or fight
- 45 Cafe visitor
- 46 NYC commuter needs
- 48 Superior grade of black tea
- 49 Dens
- 50 Fabric borders
- 51 Give off
- 52 Pinnacle
- 53 IRA author
- 54 Type of polio vaccine
- 55 Snowblower company
- 56 Lodge members
- 57 Smaller amount

Quotable Quote

The human brain starts working the moment you are born and never stops until you stand up to speak in public.

••• George Jessel

Auditions for fall production this week

By Jessie Elliot

staff reporter

The Drama Department is holding auditions for the Fall Quarter production, Jean Giraudoux's *The Madwoman of Chaillot*.

Directed by Drama Department head Dr. Christiana Taylor, this comedy is about a small band of madwomen, jugglers, and lovers who plot to remove the greedy and corrupt from the world, Dr. Taylor said.

"We have need of a juggler and some folks who can sing a

bit as well as lots of students who wish to try out the theater in small or large acting roles," she said.

There is also a need for students who would like to be involved in costuming, box office, lighting, and stagecraft.

Financial aid and work study positions are available for students through applications to the department. Students who participate in the fall production will earn 3-5 credits toward graduation and will gain experience working in a play.

Auditions will be held the first week of classes and are

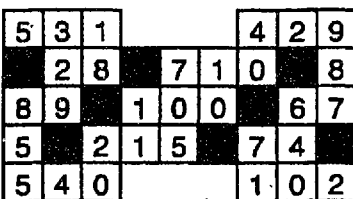
open to all students, everyone is encouraged to audition for a part. The required forms and instructions will be available at the auditions.

The auditions will take place in the Arts building Sept. 23-24 from 2:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Building 4, room 122. Call backs will be on Monday, Sept. 27.

For more information contact the Drama Department Coordinator Christina Taylor.

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Soccer opens season with hot foot

By Jamie Grossmann

staff reporter

The men's soccer team is picking up where they left off last year with four wins in their first six games.

Last year the men ended the season 17-0-1 and were Southwest Division champs. The men's season was cut short in the semifinals of the playoffs for the second year in a row when they were beaten by Skagit Valley in an overtime shoot-out.

Eight players were lost from last year's team with seven of those moving onto four year schools and one to graduation, said Jason Prenovost, men's head coach.

"Every season is a new challenge. We have been fortunate enough to establish ourselves as one of the top college soccer programs in the league," said Prenovost.

This year's team looks to continue the winning tradition that Highline men's soccer has come to know.

"We have great depth as a team, however we are lacking the leadership that we have enjoyed for the past few years," said Prenovost.

Two of the returners that will be instrumental in providing the leadership are Kyle Colbath and Dave Klein.

"Colbath and Klein are both very good players and were key to the success of last year's success," said Prenovost. "They will need to step up the leadership aspect and shoulder some of the burden that will come with trying to mold a new group of talented individuals into a highly efficient and effective team."



Highline midfielder Dave Klein heads upfield against Clark in Thursday's game.

Photo by Cazzeri Upton

"Individually we have talent; unfortunately we haven't been able to bring it together. With such a young team, and the quiet nature of many of our players, no one has stepped forward to claim leadership," said Prenovost.

So far this season the talent has shown through with the fast start. Through the first six games the men have outscored their opponents 22-4 with three shutouts.

In the first league game of the season Highline shut out SW Oregon 3-0 with goals by Brian Koo, Raphael Cox, and Steve Pirotte.

Highline and South Puget Sound played to a 1-1 tie with a goal by Kyle Colbath.

Highline again showed the sparks of brilliance that made them exciting to watch last year with a 4-1 win over Olympic. Anthony Melchior led the T-Birds with two goals. Josh Dworsky and AJ Koenig each had a goal in the win.

Highline dominated Peninsula 7-0 behind the hot foot of Cox, who had three goals. David Klein, William Chang, Ahmed Ahmed, and Melchior also contributed with one goal apiece.

Against Pierce, Highline

posted its second straight shut-out, winning 7-0. Koenig and Chang each had two goals. Jordan Duke, Dworsky, and Melchior also added a goal apiece.

Highline suffered its first loss of the young season with a 2-0 shutout against Clark.

"If we can continue to improve as a team over the course of a season and play with the effort and energy respectful to the tradition this program has built, we will have a successful season," said Prenovost.

The men are well on their way to doing just that with a fast start.

"It isn't always easy, and unfortunately team unity doesn't come from slipping on a uniform. However, they all have respect for the game and see the work each is putting in to be a part of this team. By the end of the season they will be fighting for each other like brothers," said Prenovost.

Results for the game against Bellevue CC on Saturday, Sept. 18 were unavailable at press time.

Highline travels to Green River Thursday, Sept. 23 and then returns home Saturday, Sept. 25 to take on Shoreline at 2 p.m.

Volleyball team opens year shorthanded

By Martha Molina

staff reporter

Highline's volleyball team has great expectations for this season. The T-Birds were tied for second in their division last year and finished eighth in the NWAACC.

Unfortunately, this season, the T-Birds are short-handed in players. For the past few weeks, they've been practicing with five players. The game of volleyball consists of six players on the court, but a team may play with five if necessary after the game has begun.

There are four returning players from last season's team, Khia Behrendt, Jenna

Bloczynski, Kylee Edward, and Jennifer Patnode.

"We have a good solid team, but if we had a couple of more players with the same skill level as them, we may finish at the top of the league," said Coach John Littleman. "Otherwise we'll finish some where in the middle."

With a short turnout this year, the coaches aren't exactly sure what caused this but know that there are volleyball players out there.

Coach Littleman has attempted to recruit players but hasn't had much success due to some girls preferring basketball over volleyball. Among these talented players is Mt. Rainier's

Moana Sau who was Seamount King Division MVP and averaged 3.38 kills per game.

Tymmony Keegan, who was expected to return this year and was a Second Team All-Star for the Western Division, transferred to Seattle University.

Some players have come out to practice, but haven't returned, Littleman said.

"The players that have come out, have not committed to volleyball," said Coach Littleman.

Coach Littleman and Assistant Coach John Wilson are trying to keep the program going, not enough interest has been demonstrated for volleyball this year.

"Last year we cancelled our

winter volleyball program so three girls could play basketball," said Littleman.

The season opener at Clark was Friday Sept. 17 and results were unavailable at press time. The Lady T-Birds will visit Tacoma on Sept. 22 and Grays

Harbor will be here on Sept. 24. Centralia will be at Highline on Sept. 29.

Anyone who may be interested in trying out for the team can contact Coach Littleman at Jlittleman@sportsforyouth.com or 425 255-8102.

Upcoming sporting events

Sept. 30	Men's soccer @ Tacoma
	Women's soccer @ Tacoma
Oct. 1-2	Volleyball, Highline Crossover
Oct. 2	Men's soccer vs. HCC Alumni
	Cross country, Williamette Invite @ Salem, OR
Oct. 6	Volleyball @ Pierce College
Oct. 7	Men's Soccer @ S. Puget Sound

Lady T-Birds have soccer hopes

By Martha Molina

staff reporter

The Highline women's soccer team expects to finish on top again this season.

Last year they were Southwest Division Champions and finished second in the NWAACC Championship.

"There is no drama," said coach Jaimy McLaughlin with a big smile on his face.

With four returning All-Stars on this year's team, McLaughlin is feeling really confident about this season.

The returning All-Stars are midfielder Lisa Groce, midfielder/forward Alicia Wolfskill, defender/midfielder Tonya McLaughlin, and forward/midfielder Mariana Palermo.

"I have a better team talent wise this year," he said.

McLaughlin said he spent some time finding the best recruits for this season's team.

"Every player I recruit is someone who doesn't want Highline to be the top of her game," said McLaughlin.

On the other hand, Coach McLaughlin feels like his team



Highline's Tonya McLaughlin sends the ball past a Clark player in Thursday's game.

Photo by Cazzari Upton

is a little shorthanded and could use a couple of extra players. Right now the team consists of 15 ladies.

"Eighteen would be an ideal number," said McLaughlin. "Men's soccer has 28 players."

McLaughlin's concern is injuries. Last year there were 15 girls were on the team and the T-

Birds had only one major injury. With a small team you can't afford to have injured players.

"Women's soccer has team players who will work for each other, and that makes everyone a better team player. There is good team chemistry," said McLaughlin about the key to his team's success.

Anyone who may be interested in joining the team can contact him at jmclaugh@highline.edu.

Highline is third place in league after playing six games, 3-1-1 in league and 4-2-1 overall.

The T-Birds tied Clark 4-4 on Sept. 16. Palermo led Highline

with three goals and Katie Keniston scored the other.

Highline beat Columbia Basin 4-1 on Aug. 27 with goals by Nicole Veth, Palermo, and Groce. Highline lost to Skagit Valley 5-3 on Aug. 28.

Highline beat Southwest Oregon 3-0 on Sept. 3. Palermo, who in 2003 led the league in goals with 20, scored two, and Veth had one.

Highline beat Olympic with a score of 4-2 on Sept. 9.

Highline beat Lower Columbia 6-2 on Sept. 11.

Highline lost to Clackamas 5-0 on Sept. 14, a game that Coach McLaughlin called "their biggest test of the season."

Coach McLaughlin expects his team to be Southwest Champion and NWAACC Champions at the end of this season.

"If we don't win either, this season would be a failure," said McLaughlin.

Highline visited Bellevue on Saturday with results unavailable at press time. The Lady T-Birds will visit Green River on Sept. 23, followed by a home game versus Shoreline on Sept. 25. The T-Birds will visit Tacoma on Sept. 30.

Highline cross country teams aim for fast start

Defending men's champ out with injury

By Jamie Grossmann

staff reporter

Coming off of a year in which the men's team finished third place and the women's team fourth, expectations are again high this year for both cross country teams.

Last year was not only a success for the teams, Highline also had both individual champions. Dylan Bailey won the men's individual championship and Amanda Kamm won the individual women's championship. Head Coach Robert Yates was also named cross country coach of the year.

This year's success could be measured on the strength of the returning athletes with the men returning seven and the women returning three.

The men could hold the biggest surprise in redshirt freshman Hassan Khalif, according to Coach Robert Yates. Khalif ran track last spring and has improved greatly over the summer.

Others that may add to the excitement on the men's team



Coach Robert Yates

are 2004 steeplechase All-American David Larpenteur, returning sophomores Josh Frasier and James Roach, who have shown a great deal of improvement, said Yates.

The men's team will be without Bailey as he will be out for the season with a knee injury he suffered over the summer, said Yates.

The women's team will be looking to returning sophomore Sitges Marshall, Zori Garasmichuk and Jami Jablonsky for leadership. Marshall is the top returner from last year's team and is coming

off of a stellar performance during the spring track season.

Jablonsky also had a strong track season and is using that as a springboard into the fall cross country season, said Yates.

Garasmichuk trained hard over the summer and should be a good force this season, said Yates.

The incoming freshman could also play a huge role in the teams success this year as the men will have Ryan Huff, Noah McDonald-Robbins, and Khalif. Huff, who was one of the top prep 1,600-meter runners in Washington during the 2004 season could find himself competing for one of the top spots at the end of the year, said Yates.

McDonald-Robbins should be strong enough by the championships to finish in the top 10, said Yates.

Freshman Sarah Hudgins has looked sharp in early season workouts and should be one of

the top runners in the conference, said Yates.

Both men and women will be in competition for trophies, said Yates.

To add to the hype of having a successful season last year, this year Highline will also be host of the NWAACC Cross

Country Championships on Nov. 13 at Lincoln Park in West Seattle.

Results for the Sundodger invite on Saturday, Sept. 18 were not available at press time.

Highline will travel to Lacey, WA Saturday, Sept. 25 for the St. Martin's Invite.

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T-Birds sports comes with high expectations

Last year's athletic teams made their own mark on Highline's history, for the first time all of Highline's athletic teams made the playoffs.

The year ended on a high note when the men's track team won the NWAACC men's track championship.

However, with the beginning of a new year comes the reloading, and at times rebuilding, of the athletics program. While one can try to predict what the outcome of this year will be based on the number of athletes lost versus the number returning, one must also look at the positives.

While some players are gone, all of the coaches remain the same. This highly skilled team of coaches include two coach-of-the-year award winners, track and cross country coach Robert Yates and women's soc-



cer coach Jaimy McLaughlin.

There are also the returning sophomores from last year, who will be seen as the leaders on many of the teams. This leadership comes with having played a year within the program and knowing what is expected of them and the rest of the team.

"I am always impressed with the freshmen that become sophomores and the maturity that comes with that," said John Dunn, Highline's athletic director.

Highline not only excelled on the field but in the classroom as well. Nine athletes were named academic All-Americans. These athletes had to have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or better and sophomore status.

The fall season is off to a fast start with the men's soccer team winning four of its first five games. Men's soccer is looking to return to the playoffs and again could be in the hunt for a birth into the NWAACC championship game that has eluded them the past two seasons.

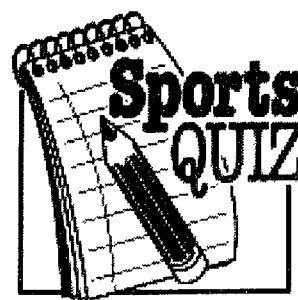
Women's soccer is off to a 3-1 start and looks to make a return trip to the championship game where their season came

to a disappointing end last year amid controversy.

Cross country, coming off a year in which both men and women finished in the top five, look again to stake their claim as one of the fastest developing programs in the league. Last year cross country had both individual cross country champions. Unfortunately, neither will be returning as Amanda Kamm graduated last year and sophomore Dylan Bailey will miss the season because of an injury he suffered over the summer.

Volleyball has four returning players and are short handed with only five players on the roster. Last year the women finished 11-3 and made the playoffs and are looking to return but that will be difficult to do without more women.

Jamie is the leading rebounder on the box team.



By Chris Richcreek

1. Who was the first foreigner to manage a pro baseball team in Japan on two separate occasions?

2. Entering this season, when was the last time a Minnesota Twins player hit 30 or more home runs in a season?

3. Ohio State's Archie Griffin set an NCAA record beginning in 1973 for most consecutive regular-season games of rushing for 100 or more yards. How many games was it?

4. Don Nelson is the second coach in NBA history to win 250 games for three teams. Who was the first?

5. True or false: Eric Lindros has never won the Hart Memorial Trophy as the NHL's most valuable player.

6. Who was the first American to break the four-minute-mile mark?

7. Four PGA golfers hold the record for best four-day score in a U.S. Open (272). Name them.

Answers

1. Bobby Valentine (the Chiba Lotte Marines twice).

2. In 1987, Kent Hrbek (34) and Gary Gaetti (31) each topped 30 homers.

3. It was 31 games.

4. Lenny Wilkens.

5. False. He won the award in 1995.

6. Don Bowden in 1957.

7. Jim Furyk, Lee Janzen, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods.

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Fall intramurals begins with football, more



Amber Rowe

By Jamie Grossmann
staff reporter

Regardless of athletic prowess, there are athletic activities on campus that are available to even those that just want to have a good time and get some exercise in the process.

Beginning the second week of the quarter, all students, staff, and faculty are invited to participate in fall intramural sports.

"Intramurals give students, faculty, and staff access to things they don't normally have," said Amber Rowe, intramural sports director.

Not everybody has access to tennis rackets, a basketball court, or flags for flag football intramurals gives individuals that opportunity, said Rowe.

This year intramurals will be held Tuesday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the

gym. Activities include flag football, tennis, basketball, and Friday's will be an open gym.

The intramural season will conclude the week before finals.

"If there is enough participation there will be a tournament at the end with prizes to be awarded," said Rowe.

If any or all of these activities are of interest show up on Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 1 p.m. in the gym.

Scoreboard

Men's Soccer

NORTHEAST	W-L-T
North Idaho	3-0-1
Edmonds	3-1-0
Wenatchee	3-1-0
Spokane	1-0-1
Col. Basin	1-2-0
Everett	0-1-0
Walla Walla	0-1-0
Skagit Vly.	0-2-0
Treasure V.	0-3-0

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

Shoreline 3, Bellevue 1
Clark 2, Highline 0
South Puget Sound 3 Green River 1
North Idaho 1, Columbia Basin 0
Southwestern (CA) 2, Skagit Valley 1

Clark 8, Peninsula 1
Green river 4, Bellevue 3
Highline 7, Pierce 0
South Puget Sound 2, Olympic 0
Skagit valley 2, Santiago Canyon (CA) 1
Walla Walla 3, Whitman 1
Spokane 0, North Idaho 0

Women's soccer

NORTHEAST	W-L-T
North Idaho	3-1-0
Edmonds	3-1-0
Treasure V.	2-1-0
Walla Walla	1-0-0
Spokane	1-1-0
Skagit Vly.	1-1-0
Wenatchee	1-3-0
Everett	0-1-0
Col. Basin	0-3-0

SOUTHWEST	W-L-T
Clackamas	5-0-0
Clark	3-0-1
Highline	3-1-1
SW Oregon	2-1-2
Lower Col.	1-2-1
Green River	1-3-1
Bellevue	1-4-0
Olympic	0-3-1
Shoreline	0-4-1
Tacoma	3-1-0

Women's Volleyball

NORTH	W-L
Bellevue	0-0
Edmonds	0-0
Everett	0-0
Olympic	0-0
Shoreline	0-0
Skagit Valley	0-0
Whatcom	0-0
WEST	W-L
Centralia	0-0
Clark	0-0
Grays Harbor	0-0
Green River	0-0
Highline	0-0
Lower Columbia	0-0
Pierce	0-0
Tacoma	0-0
EAST	W-L
Columbia Basin	2-0
Spokane	2-0
Walla Walla	1-0
Treasure Valley	1-1
Big Bend	0-1
Blue Mountain	0-2
Yakima Valley	0-2
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Highline builds smoking shelters

By Amanda Downs

staff reporter

Six designated smoking areas scattered throughout Highline are under construction, continuing the campus' conversion to a restricted smoking area.

Locations are between Buildings 17 and 30 at the north edge of campus, at the south edge of Building 19 on the Thunderwalk, east of the cafeteria tent between Buildings 3 and 5, at the northwest corner of Building 9, between Buildings 25 and 26, and near the Pavilion.

Many of the areas will contain coverings that resemble bus stop shelters, but all spots have an ashtray and a sign indicating that the area is the correct place to light up.

Locations are subject to adjustment as Highline's construction projects are completed.

College President Priscilla Bell said that the new smoking policy helps improve the physical environment around the

campus.

Highline adopted the restricted smoking policy and assigned certain spots for smokers to use last January. The policy officially went into effect in March 2004 to the glee of some and the dismay of others.

Xiaong Cho, a smoker and Highline student, said that he is glad that shelters are being built.

"I'll definitely use the areas if I have some covering over me," said Cho.

On the other hand, Jennifer Schuler said that she would obey the policy, but didn't like the idea of cramming a bunch of people into one spot.

Students at Highline still needed time to adjust to the new smoking policy during Spring Quarter 2004; some smokers obeyed and lit up in designated areas, while others refused to abide.

Punishment for disobedience is uncertain as Security will not be writing tickets for offenders.

Although refusing to smoke within the six campus spots doesn't come with a hefty fine,



Photo by Cazeri Upton

Foundation is laid for the new smoking shelter on the northwest side of Building 9.

disciplinary action will be given based off the Student Rights and

Responsibilities Code, which ranges from a verbal warning

for the first offense to suspension or dismissal from campus.

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College hires 30 new faculty in several fields

Highline has hired 30 new faculty members for the 2003-2004 school year.

Some of the hires were previously on temporary contracts and now are in tenure-track positions. Others have been hired on one-year contracts.

New hires include Ellen Bremen, speech; Benjamin Thomas, music; Midori Kunitsugu, Japanese; Tommy Kim, writing/American ethnic literature; and Matt Schwisow, writing/technical writing in the Arts and Humanities Division.

In Engineering and Applied

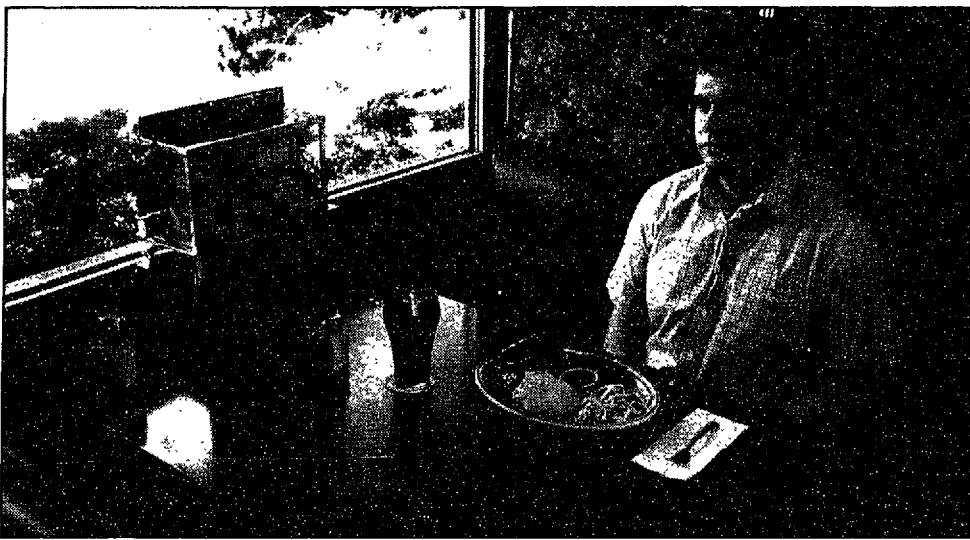
Sciences, new hires include Christina Gan, microbiology; Jason Ramirez, mathematics; Katherine Skelton, mathematics; Stephen Simmons, computer aided designs; and Gregory Reinemer, physics.

In Social Sciences, hires include Maurea Maya and Bevin Taylor, ESL.

Other new hires include Jin-Young Do, nursing; Lynne MacMillan, medical assisting; Tawnya Strain, criminal justice and business technology; and Yan Shen, this year's Chinese exchange professor. This is not a complete list of the new hires.

Area college student dating self

THINGS ARE REALLY STARTING TO HEAT UP



Eric Peterson, top, has one of many romantic dinners with himself at their favorite restaurant.

By LISA CHENEY

Local college student Eric Peterson recently announced that he's entered a committed relationship—with himself. Peterson vehemently denied rumors that the two were dating other people. "We're totally committed to each other. We've never been happier." When asked what prompted the campus heartthrob to take himself off the market, he chalked it up in large part to his current financial situation, claiming that monthly fees from his checking account were making it too expensive for him to date around. "It was partly a

cost-effective decision on my part, but it's been really nice for us to spend more time together." Peterson was apparently unaware of Free Checking from Washington Mutual. It's an account with no monthly fees and the option to add Deluxe services like free online bill pay. And he could have gotten Free Checking just by visiting a Washington Mutual Financial Center, then signed up for online bill pay at wamu.com. "Dang," said Peterson, "if

I had known about Free Checking Deluxe, my current dating situation would be different. I probably wouldn't have settled down with someone so soon."

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New childcare center opens

New building
excites both kids
and adults alike

By Sara Loken

staff reporter

After a year of construction, Highline opened its Early Childhood Development Center to an eager and excited audience.

Faculty, staff, students, builders, state legislators and parents were in attendance at the dedication ceremony last Tuesday to welcome the new state-of-the-art building to the campus.

"If it's not the best in the nation then it's at least the best in the state," said Dr. Priscilla Bell, President of Highline.

Walking into the new building, one gets an instant sense of home. A fireplace burning in a room off the main office, gives a familiar smell and a warmth that's inviting.

Light wood paneling all throughout the building lends to the feeling of a home away from home.

The building is built in a circular fashion with a main hallway that starts and ends at the front desk. Off of the hallway are the various classrooms and play areas. One of the most notable features are the child-sized doors next to the full-size, that lead into the toddler rooms.

Eric Baer, geology professor at Highline, spoke with heightened enthusiasm as he described how his child, who will be attending the center, wanted to enter a classroom because of the inviting child-sized doors.

In the center of the building is an open courtyard that lends

natural light and a serene view from the windows along the hallway.

The style of the building is European, designed around a town square with little pods off the main area, said Joyce Riley, child care development center director.

Each room is designed specifically around the different stages of a child's growth. Rather than a numbering system for the rooms, each room has a different name.

The infants room is called "tadpoles," followed by "minnows." The animals progressively get larger to reflect the growth of the child. Other room titles include Otters, Sea-stars, Seals and Belugas.

This new building is a drastic change from the old Child Care Center.

The old building lacked space to do much. Work was done in two portables and rooms weren't designed around children and staff. The new building is designed for children and their caregivers, said Riley. Highline can now provide better care for children, she said.

The new building also outdoes the old one in size. The old Child Care Center was 4,000 square feet and the new building is over three times that size at 14,500 square feet.

With the increase in size that means an increase in the number of children. The new Child Care Center can hold 115 children an hour outdoing the old building which only held 70 children per hour.

The building is an accumulation of things gathered from different buildings and studies done throughout the country, said Riley.



A boy seems more interested in the new playground equipment than the building.

Another feature this building offers that the old building couldn't provide is the care of infants.

In the infant room there's a state-of-the-art heated floor for crawling around.

Eric Baer told the story of a bright young student in his geology class who had to drop out of college after she got pregnant and there was no care available for her infant.

"This building is key for moms and dads to get an education," said Baer. "Isn't it important for the parents of our children to have that education?"

The total cost for the building was \$5 million. Construction began in August of 2003. Construction Enterprises & Contractors out of Tacoma were the contractors for the project.



People walk around the new building during the opening ceremony last Tuesday.



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A little girl looks around the new building and particularly likes the small door.

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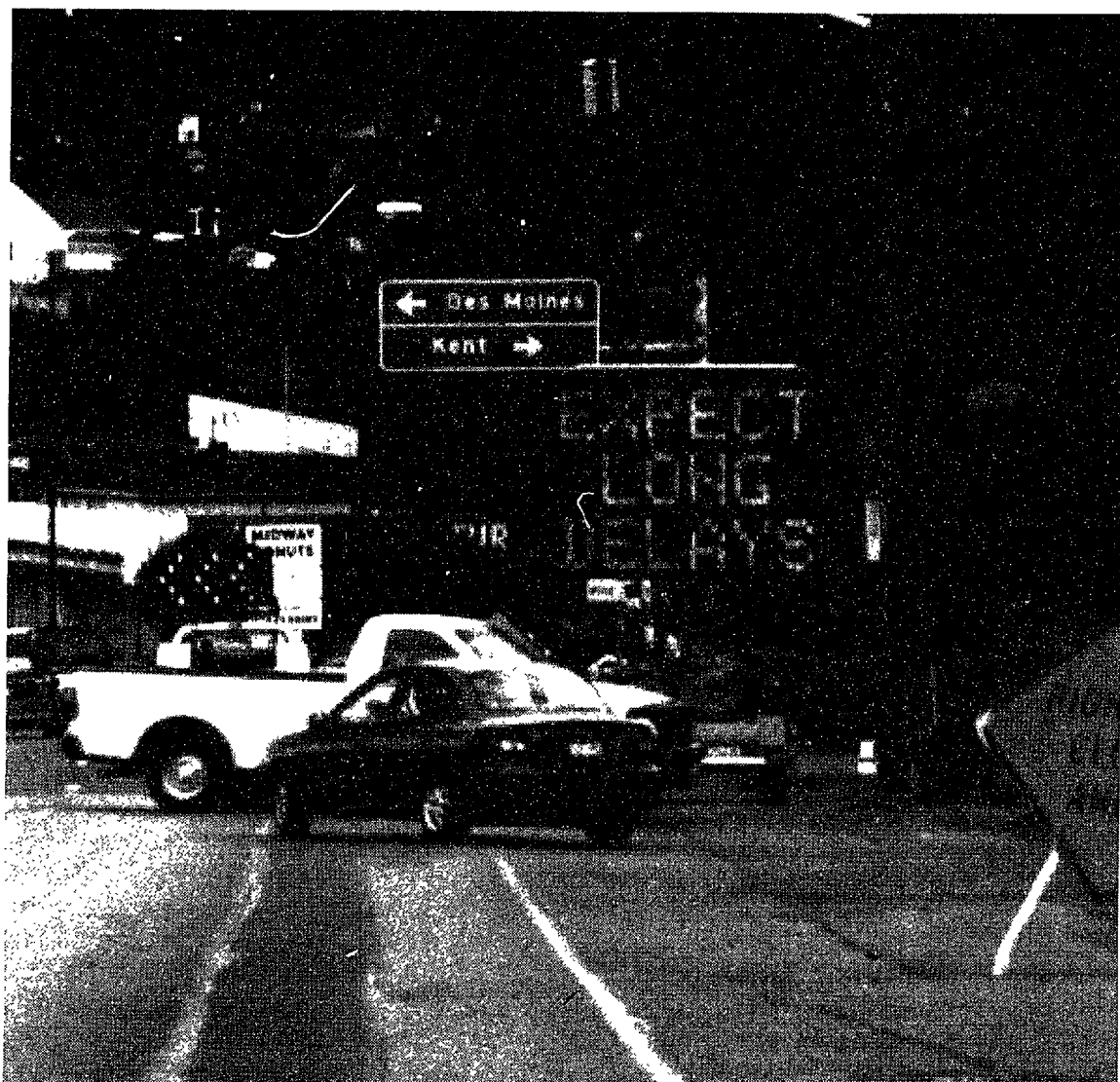


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A sign warns drivers of the construction work along Pacific Highway South.

Road work slows traffic

By Amanda Downs
staff reporter

If Pacific Highway South is your preferred route to Highline, you might want to consider alternatives.

Pacific Highway South, the main street used in commuting to Highline, is under renovation as the Fall Quarter starts and will continue to be improved throughout the school year.

The cities of SeaTac, Des Moines, and Kent all have construction projects scheduled for the highway, with fall plans taking up the road from South 200th Street to South 272nd Street; unfortunately Highline is in the middle of the project.

All projects include the installation of sidewalks, curbs, and gutters. Underground utilities are also being put in.

Actual working times vary, but many of the projects will start at 7 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m.

No street closures are scheduled at this time, but lane closures and overall delays are expected throughout Pacific Highway South.

Highline students should plan accordingly and allow plenty of time to arrive at the campus; foresee at least a 10-minute delay throughout the highway and make the arrangements needed to arrive at Highline on time.

Dale Schroeder, public works manager for SeaTac,

suggests avoiding Pacific Highway South if possible.

"We're doing our best to keep the traffic lanes open, but if there's another route that serves the same purpose as Pacific Highway, then please use it," said Schroeder.

An alternative to using Pacific Highway South is Marine View Drive in downtown Des Moines. This residential two-lane road leads up to South 240th Street where the South and East Lot of the campus can be accessed along with the Midway Drive-In Theater.

Instead of traveling down Pacific Highway South after exiting Interstate 5, continue down Kent-Des Moines Road to 20th Avenue South, which leads to the North Lot of Highline and can be followed around to South 240th Street if necessary.

SeaTac is now in its fourth and final stage of construction on Pacific Highway (also called International Boulevard) between South 200th Street and South 216th Street. Design of the improvements to this section has been underway since late 2002.

"The city wishes to upgrade the image of the street by making the street look more attractive while at the same time implement safety for pedestrians and motorists alike," said Schroeder.

A median is going to be installed, along with the continuation of a third southbound HOV

lane.

A new traffic signal at South 168th Street is also planned.

Visit the city of SeaTac's website at www.seatac.wa.gov to view a slide show on the first three completed improvement phases on International Boulevard.

Des Moines' Pacific Highway South construction began in August 2004 and should be completed by February 2005. The city's piece of the highway starts at South 216th Street and stretches to Kent-Des Moines Road.

New traffic signals are appearing at intersections now in order to make traffic flow safer and more efficient.

The final lift of asphalt pavement is scheduled for early this October.

The city of Kent is taking care of Pacific Highway South from Kent-Des Moines Road to South 272nd Street. General roadway construction is scheduled for Spring 2005 that includes the installation of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks.

Kent has also been working on the highway since 2002, and has installed new storm drainage pipes and joint utility trenches.

Visit Kent's website at www.ci.kent.wa.us for updates on the project.

Parking

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worst by improving the campus parking lots.

The North parking lot grew both in length and width to provide more parking spaces, while receiving a new black asphalt covering.

The new angle-style parking stalls allow for more cars to fit in the lot while the design also gives way for some new amenities, such as marked pedestrian footpaths and double the amount of lighting.

Overall, 321 spaces were added to the North and South lots.

Along with the improvements, letters were sent to all students registered for Fall Quarter detailing the suggested alternatives to driving a car and parking on campus.

Saunders said that, if just a few people gave up driving and parking their vehicles on campus, and used other options like carpooling and bus riding, the issue of parking would decrease.

"This is why we strived to create a multi-prong plan to show students and excellent alternatives to parking on campus," said Saunders.

Carpooling consists of two or more persons and earns free parking and special areas to park on campus.

Taking the bus has its advantages too, as students can buy one-zone Metro and Pierce Transit bus passes at a 50 percent discount at the Highline Bookstore.

Five main bus routes were listed along with Metro websites such as www.RideshareOnline.com, which is a free ride-matching service designed to help find other students with a similar commute to the college who wish to carpool or vanpool.

In order to discourage driving single occupancy vehicles, parking fees and fines were doubled for Fall Quarter, and only a certain amount of on-campus permits will be issued.

For the 2003-2004 school year, approximately three permits were issued for every one parking space.

Enrollment

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The statewide unemployment rate has fallen and with the economy starting to turn there's more work for students.

"Employment statewide has risen since the Washington state recession ended in June 2003. The state as a whole has gained over 60,000 new jobs," said Roberta Pauer, regional labor market analyst for the state Department of Employee Security.

According to Employee Security, the unemployment rate for King County is 0.7 percent less than the rest of the state.

In August of 2003, the state unemployment rate was 7.4 per-

cent.

Since then the state unemployment rate has fallen to 6.2 percent for this August. King County's rate was 5.5 percent this August.

"Lots of people are returning to the work force in search of new jobs," said Pauer.

It's the community colleges that are most affected when the economy starts to turn. People go back to school to get more training when the economy is down, said Gorne. It's the technical and work training classes that take the hit.

"Post cards have been mailed out to students and there has been more activity in Building 6," said Gorne.

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