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Building missing, tent back in use

By C.D. SMITHERS

STAFF REPORTER

Highline officials were surprised to find an entire building missing from campus when they returned from spring break.

Building 31, used for a variety of offices and general storage, was determined to be missing after people showed up to work on Monday, March 28.

"Dude, where's my office?" said part-time weaving instructor Bunny Looper, who had a studio in the missing building. College security officers alerted Des Moines Police to the theft.

"We lead the state in per capita car thefts, so this was bound to happen," said Des Moines Police Lt. Mouse Disney.

Officials suspect that thieves originally tried to take the library, which is apparently now somewhat looser at the founda-

tions. Facilities officials have said they will try to locate a really big wrench to tighten the six-story building back down again.

"We think they switched to 31 when they realized that stealing the library was a pretty tall order," said Facilities inspector Frank Beard. "It's probably in the back of a truck by now, heading for Canada."

College officials say they hope there was no one in the building at the time of the theft.

"It would be terrible if someone got hauled all the way to Canada in that building," said Assistant Dean Welmer Walston. "What if they don't speak Canadian?"

Several of the people who lost offices will be relocated to the former cafeteria tent until good homes for them can be found.



Photo by Samantha Sam

The site of Building 31 sits empty after thieves stole it over Spring Break. The theft is currently being investigated by Des Moines Police.

Bookstore to move, again

Student Programs needs more room to advance leadership

By CHARLIE TOONA

STAFF REPORTER

The Bookstore will be moved to a series of closets this summer to make more room for Student Programs.

"We moved the Bookstore from Building 6 to the new Student Union, and even though it's got 800 less square feet of space, look how cute it is," said Student Program Services Director Windy Turquoise. "Think of how much better it will be if it's even smaller."

Turquoise said Student Programs is "really being held back" by the lack of space in its third

floor domain on the third floor of the Student Union.

"The students barely have room to meet, let alone room to plan meetings," Turquoise said. "And we need a room to store the meeting planner awards, they're important."

Turquoise said some of the students lack an adequate view of the Olympics

from their windows, which is interfering with their leadership development.

"How can you develop a vision without a view?" Turquoise asked.

Bookstore Assistant Man-



Photo by Timmy Scout

The smaller bookstore will only add to its appeal.

ager Welton Chapterhouse said the steadily shrinking operation would make do.

"Students barely read anyway, so they probably won't know if we have fewer books," he said.

College to start selling test answers for cheap

By WALLY MONROE

STAFF REPORTER

Highline will begin to sell test answers to raise money in Spring Quarter.

Officials at the cash-strapped college said they hope to raise extra money by selling answers directly to students, while helping students who can't or won't study to still manage to pass their classes.

"We think this will benefit both the college and the students," said Toby Dimmer, Under Assistant Deputy Dean for Academics.

"Students have so much going on in their lives - jobs, parties, high school classes, hobbies, teenage romance - who can blame them for not studying?" said Dimmer.

Answers will be priced according to the level of grade the student hopes to receive: A C grade could cost as little as \$10 per test, while an A grade could cost up to \$50.

"We realize this may appear

to advantage the students from wealthier backgrounds, but financial aid likely will be available. Also, we expect to have clearance sales."

Science and math answers may also fetch a higher price than some other classes, since students are less likely to be able to answer those questions on their own.

Officials said they are considering selling the answers through the bookstore, which left many students confused.

"We have a bookstore?" said sophomore Dudd Lubber. "With, like, books and everything?"

Others said they were familiar with the bookstore and planned to visit it soon.

"Oh, yeah, I heard about that place," said freshman Andliss Blatt. "Haven't they got porn there?"

"Porn and test answers?" said her friend, Jimmy James. "I am so there."



Lubber

How can you develop vision without a view?"

-Windy Turquoise, Student Program Services Director

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CRIME



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Squirrel attacked by student

A wandering squirrel was attacked by a rabid student on March 22. The squirrel suffered severe bite marks and was admitted to Highline Vet Clinic for observation.

"He kept biting me," the squirrel said. "I didn't know what to do."

The rabid student escaped, but was last seen digging through the trash bins around the Pavilion.

Thefts occur on campus

Adult magazines were stolen from Running Start student's backpack on March 14. "Dang, I'm going to have to study now," the student said.

A stolen Ford Pinto was returned to parking lot March 29 with note stating, "Please take me back."

Three pints of blood were stolen from the blood drive which took place on campus March 10-11. "It was bad enough to steal the blood, but they even stole some of our cookies," said Nurse Betty of Cascade Blood Services.

Lost property

Long, black whip was reported lost from the Drama Department March 10.

Totem pole reported missing from Building 6 on March 17.

Student's virtue reported missing. Owner offers reward.

Fireside Bistro reported 50 cents missing from tip jar. A reward of \$10 is offered for its return.

Property found

God found in corner of east parking lot last Thursday.

Tall, Native American artifact was discovered outside of Building 6 on March 17.

Strange radioactive substance found in Highline lab on March 15.

Purpose found by student in women's locker room March 23.

-Compiled by E. Lastic

Student Union wins distinguished design award

By ARCHIE TECT

STAFF REPORTER

Highline's Student Union Building has won a design award from the National Association of Trailer Park Designers.

The group chose Highline's \$14 million facility for its creative use of corrugated aluminum siding on the building's exterior.

"That's just a building outstanding in its field," said NAT-PAD Director Billy Scruffle. "If it only had wheels - oh, I just can't talk about it now."

Scruffle said that the judges also were impressed that a college where the school colors are green and white continues to paint all of its buildings an undistinguishable shade of blue.

"What is that, anyway?" Scruffle asked. "Periwinkle? Pale aqua? Whatever it is, we really love the artistic statement it makes. What better way to say 'Hey, we got not idea why,

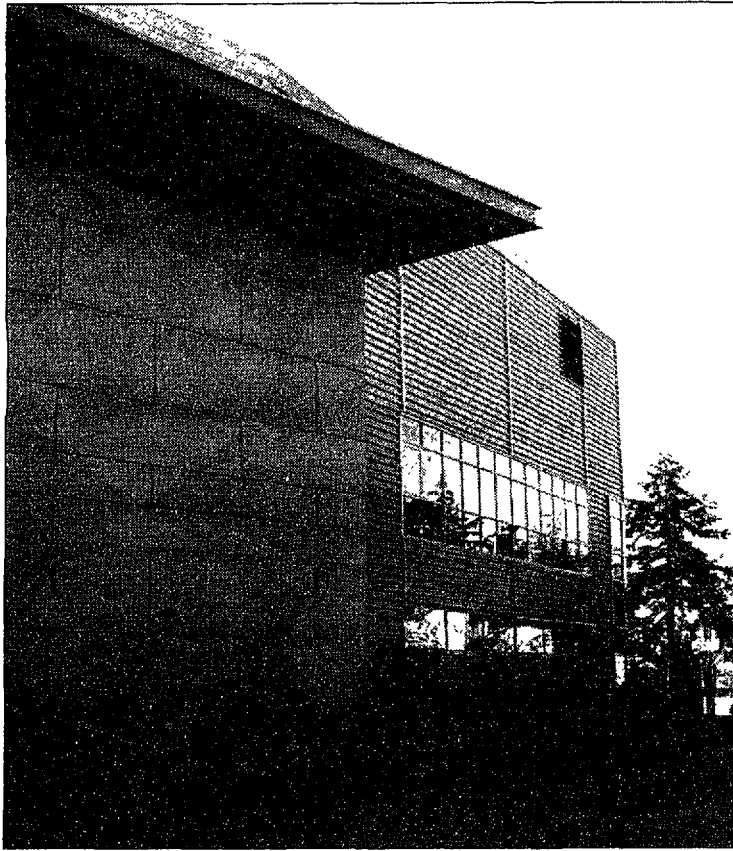


PHOTO BY POLLY ESTER

The Student Union's design pleased many mobile home engineers.

but we love this color'?"

Scruffle noted that the building is actually nice inside. "But we're not sure why the bookstore is so big," he said.

Some students said that the aluminum siding made them feel right at home.

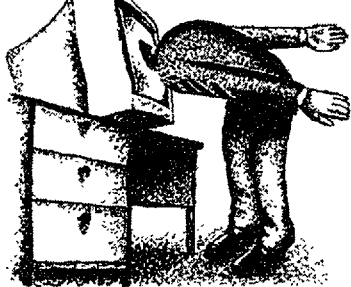
"Sometimes when I'm scared or I feel alone, I look over and see the Student Union and I feel better," said student Jeff Blackburn.

Scruffle suggested that the college could better use the cafeteria space for inside RV parking, moving food services into the RVs while they're in storage.

"It would be a trailer for trailers," Scruffle said.

Architects for the project had said they had considered vinyl siding for the Student Union, but that a blight is striking vinyl trees in parts of Asia, creating a shortage of the material. Also, the naugahyde harvest is at a record low.

NEWS BRIEFS



Officials change college name

Administrators have agreed to change the name of the college after a heated discussion with officials from the Highline School District.

After a three-hour meeting addressing the confusion of the identical naming, Highline's new name will now be Highland College.

Construction crews are scheduled to fix the title on the college's sign later this week.

The Printing Program is now working on new stationery for faculty and staff, while Administrative Technology will open a new server for web sites and email accounts.

Along with the name change, the mascot for the college has been changed to the Highland Raging Scots.

In response to the change, athletes will be required to wear kilts at games and meets.

The jazz band agreed to show support of the change by incorporating bag pipes into the ensemble.

The Thunderword will be called Scottish Ramblings starting

the week of April 4. "We run a wee little newspaper here," said the adviser.

New lit class aims to please

This summer Highline will be offering a three-credit class for Literature 169, Porn as Literature (P.A.L.).

After a year of battling the issue of porn in the bookstore, Highline faculty came up with P.A.L. as a learning tool for students.

P.A.L. will be taught by James Debauchery who earned his masters in literature from the University of Washington.

"We hope P.A.L. will help students learn about the correlation between porn and literature," said Debauchery.

In P.A.L. students will watch pornographic videos, analyzing the dialogue of the films.

P.A.L. will also review and criticize articles found in pornographic magazines such as *Playboy* and *Penthouse*.

P.A.L. will only be offered this summer, but may also be available for this fall depending on student interest.

Club scheduled to meet soon

A new club will meet on Sunday, April 3 at noon in the upper level of Building 6.

At this time, the adviser and Student Government aren't sure about the club's purpose, but Student Government has already set funds aside for it.

"I hope that people are as excited as I am to be in this club," said John Doe, club president.

Although Doe declined to give a description of club meetings, he hinted that members will watch *Seinfeld* and doodle

in notebooks.

Meetings will be whenever Doe feels like showing up.

For more information, contact Doe or the adviser in their buildings.

Coordinated studies abound

New coordinated studies classes will be offered this quarter.

Coordinated Studies is a class that combines two classes under a major theme; students learn both disciplines simultaneously and get credit for both classes.

The new coordinated studies are:

- History and Fortune telling: The Past, Present, and Future

- Respiratory Care and Administrative Justice: You'll Breathe When I Tell You To

- Printing with Personal Finance: Make Your Own Money

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New series, The Bland, tones down Bistro

By PARKER WILLIAMS

STAFF REPORTER

Team Highline is planning a concert series called The Bland.

Previously titled The Blend, which was a mild hit last quarter, they're now changing the performances to something that will make students want to go to class.

"We noticed last quarter that students came to The Bistro to get pizza and quickly left," said Jessica Jumper, president, vice president and treasurer of Team Highline.

"Now we want to prevent students from even entering The Bistro. That's where The Bland comes in."

The Bland is a concert series with scheduled artists performing in The Bistro.

Last quarter's The Blend was every other Wednesday from 11 p.m. to 1 p.m.



Former pop sensations Hanson will be among the acts performing at Highline's newest music series, The Bland, which is taking place of The Blend this spring.

While there haven't been any performances scheduled yet, members of Team Highline are planning to wait until the last minute to tell people about it.

"We figure that if we send out emails the day before the performance, it will stick in their minds better rather than having prior knowledge to plan for it," said Roger Yetiman, member of Team Highline.

There has been some talk amongst the group about who they want to schedule for The Bland.

"We're currently looking at past artists and groups that were famous once," said Jumper.

They're trying to incorporate old and new audiences to appeal to all students.

Some acts they're considering include, pop sensations Hanson, old school duo Captain and Tenille, rhythm and blues singer Montell Jordan, rock



Montell Jordan

group Smash Mouth and former pop diva Olivia Newton-John.

Dates and times for the performances are still being figured out.

"Nothing has yet to be finalized, but when we figure it out, students will be able to tell by the sounds coming from The Bistro," said Yetiman.

Once everything is finalized Jumper and Yetiman hope that it will be a positive experience for the campus.

This is just the type of thing this campus needs, said Jumper.

Choir to perform the power and intensity of metal

By HEDE BENDER

STAFF REPORTER

Following their Sounds of the Americas Winter Quarter concert, Highline's Choir will be pushing the envelope by tackling some of Heavy Metal's defining works of new and old.

Following the recent trend of genre fusion, choir directors are hoping to combine the warmth and personality of live song with the power and intensity of Metal.

"Our audience will ride the rollercoaster that is Metal, one of America's most prolific sounds," said Choir Head Anthony Soprano.

"Our selections will traverse the genre from pioneers such as Alice Cooper and Guns N' Roses to contemporary headliners like shock rocker Mari-

lyn Manson and Nu-Metal groups like the Deftones and System of a Down."

Several students from the History of Rock and Roll course have signed on as artistic consultants in an effort to make the performance as authentic as possible and choir members are taking note.

Soloist Anastasia Rose has undertaken a special regimen of Marlboro Reds and Thunderbird fortified wine, to boost her vocal pitch to the realm of Axl Rose's piercing highs.

"I'm excited to be taking on works that bring up such fond memories from my early years," said Rose.

Rose claims to have been conceived at a Guns N' Roses concert but says she bears no relation to the group's lead singer.

Other choir members are



PHOTO BY STELLA DIVINE

Soloist Anastasia Rose gives a preview of how she will be performing at the spring concert.

impressed by the complexities of their assigned pieces.

"The guttural tones of System of a Down's Armenian-born frontman Serj Tankian would prove a formidable chal-

lenge for any baritone," said newcomer Chase Bennington.

"It sometimes helps to put on my 'crazy face' to really capture his air of depravity."

Currently the choir has no

plans to include dance accompaniment for their performance, though the singers have been encouraged to let the music take them where it may.

"We've decided against having the choir perform on risers just in case members get a bit rambunctious," said Soprano.

The concert will take place in mid-Spring Quarter and be outside if weather permits.

If the concert is successful, the next stop for Soprano's choir is the Des Moines Masonic Retirement Home.

The choir looks forward to "rocking those old people right out of their wheelchairs," said Soprano.

Soprano and others in the choir's planning group are confident, saying that all things considered, the performance will undoubtedly rock audiences "much like a hurricane."

Drama Department finds religion in 'The Passion'

By RATGER O'BRIEN

STAFF REPORTER

The Drama Department finds religion this quarter as they put on a stage adaptation of *The Passion of the Christ*.

"We decided to put on *The Passion* as a post-Easter celebration," said Conan Maoc, the director of the play.

Auditions were held during Spring Break, but the department has yet to find someone to play the lead role.

"We're looking for someone who doesn't mind taking a beating," said Maoc.

The Drama Department will have an elaborate set for the stage.

"We're going to bring in truckloads of sand," said Stage Designer Dodd Swingline. "I'll also be going through the debris left over from the destruction of Building 20 to fashion a cross and some tools for the beating scene, however, we've lost our leather whip."

Swingline said that although the set might not look like much to the average audience member, a lot of time and effort will be put into it.

The crew looks to be quite large, and they even have to hire some outside help, Swingline said.

Even though auditions were already held, the Drama Department always needs more participants.

"We need more people for the crowd scenes; there were a

lot of people back then," Maoc said.

Actors aren't the only participants needed for the production. The Drama Department also needs makeup artists.

"There's going to be a lot of blood, so we need people who know how to do blood makeup. Maybe people who have been vampires for Halloween," said Maoc.

Costume designers are needed as well, as Maoc plans for there to be a lot of extras.

"We're going for that old school robe look, so if anyone has any spare sheets at home that would really help us out," Maoc said.

The Drama Department will be spending extra time on this production.

"The Little Theater will be transformed into a desert," Maoc said.

The Passion of the Christ will be put on in July as part of the Christmas in July celebration of the new state budget.

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SPORTS

Racing team revs up for spring

BY EARL SLICK

STAFF REPORTER

Highline athletes will be able to rev their engines and get in gear when Highline enters into the fast paced world of NASCAR this spring.

Highline's new NASCAR racing team will compete in the junior division of the new ultra-short-track circuit.

"The tanks are filled and the tires are pumped," said the team's coach, Barry "Bonzai" Carel. "We've got some great drivers but we need a bigger pit crew."

The team's top driver is sophomore Thom Throttle, who was the points leader in last year's NWAACC circuit.

"Me and my car was built for speed," said Throttle as he petted the hood of his super-charged Chevy Vega. "I drove home yesterday to Federal Way in six minutes."

Other top drivers for the T-



Racing Team Head Coach Barry Carel puts the pace tractor into position at a recent practice.

Birds include Speedy Claxton, Hot Rod Hundley and Racer McGoon, the only member of

the team who actually drives a Thunderbird.

"It runs good, real good," said McGoon of his car.

Some of the drivers have taken their training away from the track and are racing anyone who revs their engine.

"I am getting tired of pulling over NASCAR wannabes on I-5," said Des Moines police officer Huey McHugh.

Home races and practices

are conducted at McConaughy Field on the college track, which forces the team to share space with the men's and women's track teams.

"They are so dang slow," said McGoon. "You have to be really careful so you don't hit the runners on the turn."

The track team is also finding problems with this new arrangement as they have been forced to change the routine

that they have been accustomed to.

"This is ridiculous. We won the NWAACC track championship last year and now we have to share our track with them," said Assistant Track Coach Henry Hurdles. "About the only positive is that it gives us some competition to run against."

Despite the controversy, Head Coach Carel urged the campus attend the season's first race, 1 p.m. this Sunday against Green River.

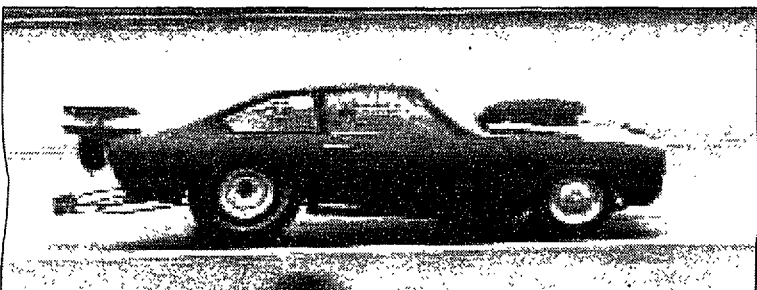
"People should come on down and see us. I can probably get you a pit pass," Carel said.

"There's nothing better than watching those little cars go round and round and round. Heck, we might even see a wreck!"

The team is still in the process of finding a few more drivers and pit crew members.

"What the team needs is some more speed; we need drivers that don't mind putting their cars pedal to the metal," said Carel. "We also need a real speedy pit crew to get those drivers right back on the track."

If you or know somebody that would be interested, stop by Building 33, room 121.



Thom Throttle kicks his Vega into gear on a recent practice run.

Sailing team hopes to make it out of harbor

BY AMIN TEEM

STAFF REPORTER

Highline will be adding a new program for T-Bird athletics this spring.

A group of students presented the need for a sailing team to the Athletic Department last fall.

"With the Marina in our back yard, we felt like it was only necessary to have a sailing team," said Captain Soylent "Skippy" Blue.

Blue, who came from Death Valley, Calif., always had a passion for sailing, but never had the opportunity to do so.

"We moved from Death Valley last year," said Blue. "When we moved to Des Moines and saw the pretty blue water — I was inspired."

Blue has never sailed in his life, but he believes that everything is possible.

"I never even been on a boat before, but I just look at the water and the sail boats, and I receive this calling," said Blue.

Head Coach Eric Jorgeson, Maine Marine Academy graduate, hopes to coach the team

onto a national championship.

"I've coached many teams onto championships," said Coach Jorgeson. "This team should be no different."

"The more inexperience, the better," he added.

The sailing team consists of 10 members as of now, including Blue, Stacey Aquavine, Lala Wobbly, Lebron Jiggleson, Luke Skiwater, and some unknown sailors.

Skiwater, who is hydrophobic, was encouraged by his therapist to join the sailing team.

"I believe that this will be an opportunity to get over my fear," said Skiwater.

Aquavine was cheer captain in high school and is looking for something new that doesn't require jumping in a mini-skirt.

"I've been doing cheer since I was 5 and well, like — it's just one of those things, you know?" said Aquavine, who is also co-captain.

"Me and my boyfriend used to go on ferries all the time," she said. "I don't see how this would be any different."

Blue has started promoting

the sailing program at other colleges.

"I've already talked to Green River, Seattle Central, and Tacoma," said Blue.

Green River plans to run their practices on the Green River, Seattle Central in Edmonds Bay, and Tacoma in the Port of Tacoma.

"We're really excited about this coming together," said Blue. "We already contacted the NWAACC so they could help us with starting other teams."

But not all colleges are welcomed to join the fun. Yakima Valley and Tri-Cities have been denied the right to form a sailing team.

"We don't have any water near us except for the pools," said Yakima Valley student Emiliano Valentine.

"The school won't pay for us to travel all the way out to the Sound, or even Columbia River," said Valentine. "Our community won't help us out. They said that public pools were off limits."

With the beginning of the season just around the corner, the sail team has already

looked into purchasing Highline's first sail boats.

"We are looking at getting a Vengar 15, Zuma, and a Sunfish," said Coach Jorgeson. "We could possibly even build our own sailboat."

Although it appears the sail team has tied up all the loose ends, Jorgeson is still looking for future sailors with some experience.

"I did say that the more inexperienced the better, but I would like to know what I'm doing," said Jorgeson.

"Water is full of dangerous fish."

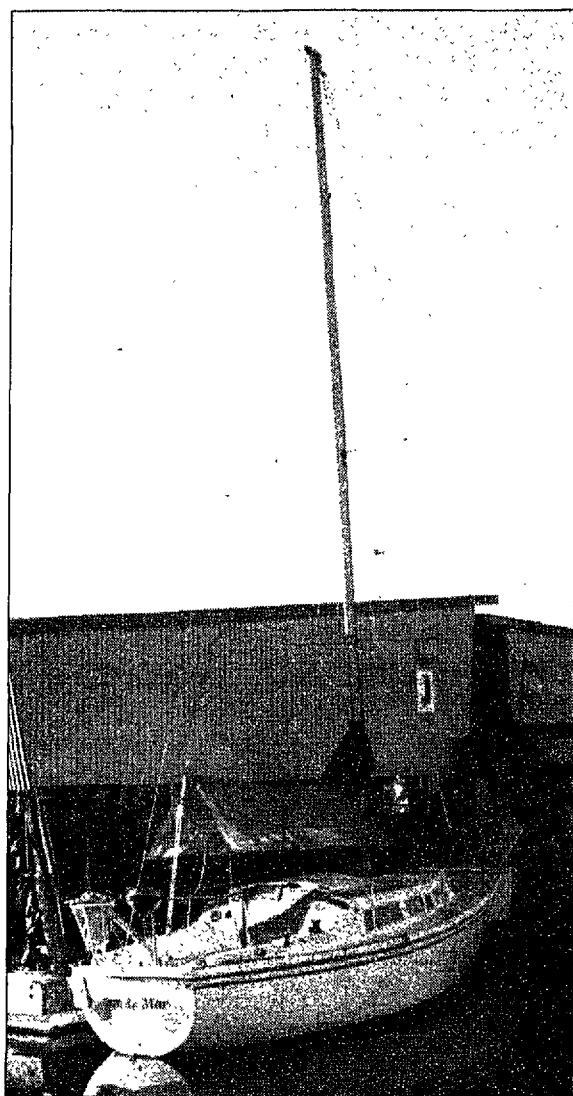


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The Highline Schooner sits in port at the Des Moines Marina.