Building missing, tent back in use

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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 Bunty 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 in the foundations.

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 Beaud.

"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 some got hailed all the way to Canada in that building," said Assistant Dean Welmer Walton.

"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.

Bookstore to move, again

Student Programs needs more room to advance leadership

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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 meetings 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 Manager Wally Dimmer suggested 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
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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 Director of 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 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 Andillus Blatt. " Haven't they got porn there?"

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

Greenfield leaves; college in crisis

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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 out-standing in its field," said NATPAD Director Billy Scruffle.

"It if only had wheels - oh, I just can't talk about it now," Scruffle said. The judges also were impressed that a college where the school colors are green and white continues to paint all the buildings an un-distinguishable shade of blue.

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

Scruffle noted that the building is actually nice inside. "But we're not sure why the book-store 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 Black, 21.

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.

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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.

“Our main goal was to make students want to go to class. Last quarter’s The Blend was every other Wednesday from 11 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Choir to perform the power and intensity of metal

BY HEIDE 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 Marilyn 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 impressed by the complexities of their assigned pieces.

“The gutural tones of System of a Down’s Armenian-born frontman Serj Tankian would prove a formidable challenge for any baritone,” said newcomer Chase Bennington.

“It sometimes helps to put on your ‘crazy face’ to really capture his air of depravity.”

Currently the choir has no plans to include dance accompaniment for their performances, though the singers have been encouraged to let the music take them where it may.

“We’ve decided against hav- ing 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 step 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 audience members much like a hurricane.

Drama Department finds religion in ‘The Passion’

BY RAGTER 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-January celebration,” said Conan Mace, 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 Mace.

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

“We’re going to bring in trucksloads 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,” Mace 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 Mace.

Costume designers are needed as well, as Mace 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,” Mace said.

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

“The Little Theater will be transformed into a desert,” Mace 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.
Sailing team hopes to make it out of harbor

**By Amin Teem**

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Highline will be adding a new program for T-Bird athletes 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 it was only necessary to have a sailing team," said Captain soyd "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 on a national championship.

"I've coached many teams on 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 Woblly, Lethren Jiggleston, 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 Emonds 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-City have been denied the right to form a sailing team.

"We don't have any water near us except for the pools," said Yakina 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 sailboats.

"We are looking at getting a Vengar 15, Zuma, and a Smurf," 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."