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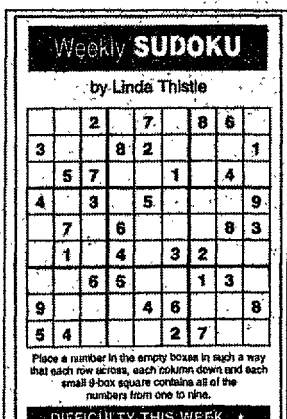
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Enrollment numbers rising

Officials say three-year decline may be history

By ROBERT LAMIRANDE
staff reporter

After three years of declining numbers, Highline officials say enrollment is starting to look up again.

"Just look at the numbers," says Highline President Dr. Bell. Dr. Bell attributed the strong figures to several changes on campus, ranging from an increase in hybrid programs to the winding down of construction on Pacific Highway South.

The strong prospects for this year's enrollment are welcomed after Highline's recent struggle to bring in and keep students.

The number of full time equivalents (FTEs) had dropped to just over 5,200 for the 2005-2006 fiscal year from its peak of 6,100. By the end of spring last year, Highline was forced to cut its budget by \$1.7 million and lay off 26 employees.

But after three years of dwindling numbers, things finally seem to be turning around.



AUSTEN LAVERY/THUNDERWORD

New students eat and greet at orientation last Thursday in the Student Union Building.

"As of Sept. 13, we had 4,405 FTE, which is 85 percent of our target of 5,200 FTE," says Lisa Skari, Highline's vice president. "These numbers are stronger than last year."

Skari agrees with Bell in saying that the FTEs didn't increase on their own — this change took considerable effort from a range of departments.

"We are on nine different radio stations [with ads]," Skari says. "Outreach and Entry Ser-

vices sent approximately 800 letters/emails to students who have applied, though not yet enrolled. We held an Open House on the 13th and had approximately 50 people show up. We have staffed booths at various summer events."

In addition to Highline's active efforts to bring in more students, it is also engaging in passive efforts as well, such as beginning Fall Quarter a week later than normal.

"We feel the extra week will give students more options to enroll," Skari says.

In the end, though, Skari acknowledges that no one effort is solely responsible for the increase in FTEs for Fall 2006.

"I know other departments across campus are contributing to recruiting and enrolling students as well," she said. "We believe the increased efforts are bringing increased visibility to the college."

Two new grants to help students at Highline

By JOCIE OLSON
staff reporter

Highline is embarking on two new programs to help low-income students and students of color.

The programs are the Opportunity Grants and the Achieving the Dream Initiative.

The Opportunity Grants were given to Highline by the state to help low-income students with rising college costs.

As tuition, cost of books, and gas increases, but not financial aid, Dean of Instruction Jeff Wagnitz explained there is a growing gap.

"The Opportunity Grant Initiative defines the 'tipping point' as the difference between struggling in a low-wage job and having a career that leads to a better life," said Vice President for Institutional Advancement Lisa Skari.

Skari explained that the State



Lisa Skari

Board for Community and Technical Colleges found that the tipping point for most students is 45 credits, and the grants will be used to help get students to that point.

Out of the 26 colleges who

applied, only 10 were chosen.

"We are excited to be one of the colleges selected for this program," said Highline President Dr. Priscilla Bell. "These grants perfectly align with our mission."

"For Highline, it is \$432,000 a year," Skari said.

The grants will be given out over the next three years, and 90 percent of all grants will be given directly to students.

These grants will give Highline the opportunity to serve 45 students each year. So far 22 slots have been taken.

Students eligible for the grants need to be under the 200 percent of poverty level, emancipated foster youth, or non-credit ESL students.

Also, students can have no more than 15 pre-college or college level credits.

Students interested in applying for the grant will begin their career in a professional-techni-

cal program in health care, education, or business.

Students will need to apply in person at the Opportunity Grants office located in Building 6, room 214.

For more information about applying for the Opportunity Grants, contact Danette Randolph at 206-878-3710, ext. 3211.

The second new program at Highline is the Achieving the Dream Initiative.

The program, which includes 58 colleges, is a multiyear national initiative designed to help more community college students succeed in earning degrees.

Achieving the Dream is focused on groups of students who have struggled with achieving success such as low-income students and students of color.

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CSI:



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Student sees double

A Highline student was hit in the head from an extended mirror on the side of a construction truck while waiting for a ride on Aug. 8. He was treated for a cut on his lower lip and released.

Bulletin board tumbles

A 5-year-old boy suffered a scraped ankle on Sept. 8 in Building 6. A large bulletin board was leaning against the wall when it fell over. His mother later reported the boy was fine.

Boa constrictor bites

A female student was bitten on the hand by a large red tail boa constrictor while trying to feed it on Aug. 2 in the Biology Lab.

Crystal meth flushed

A small baggie was found in the library on Aug. 1. Contents appeared to be crystal meth. The baggie was flushed.

Juveniles scale MaST

Video recordings showed three juveniles climbing the fence of the Marine Science and Technology (MAST) Center at the Redondo Pier on Sept. 15 and 16. A rowboat and life ring were reported missing.

The City of Des Moines later found the rowboat floating in the Sound.

Highline fills administrative roster, slowly

BY SHURVON HAYNES
staff reporter

Highline needs a few good administrators.

After layoffs and departures last spring and summer, the college has had to fill seven top administrative jobs on campus.

Several positions were eliminated last spring as part of college-wide budget cuts due to declining enrollment.

As of the first week of Fall Quarter, only three of those seven slots have been filled.

Vice President of Administration Larry Yok was hired in Spring Quarter, and had to set to work immediately to help fill

the other spots.

Toni Castro was promoted to dean of Student Services.

Castro previously served as Director of Multicultural Services and Student Development.

"I believe we will have a prosperous and fulfilling year in the Student Affairs Department," Castro said.

Just recently, the college hired Kate Bly as the new associate dean of Enrollment Services and Financial Aid. She will start in mid-October.

In the interim, Castro said the department was managed by Debbie Faison, Interim Registrar; Laura Westergard, direc-

tor of Entry & Admissions; and Kim Wasierski, senior associate director of Financial Aid.

"We have a team made of highly educated, talented, diverse staff that are committed to student success, engagement, equity and excellence," said Castro.

The college also hired Kelly Malone as the director of Communications and Marketing. Malone will start on Oct. 2.

"She brings with her a wealth of knowledge on marketing, publicity and brand management," said Lisa Skari, vice president for Institutional Advancement.

That leaves four positions,

the directors of Auxiliary Services, Instructional Research, Human Resources, and Financial Services, still available.

Yok, the new vice president of Administration, said he hopes the college's administrative functions will become more visible and useful to students.

"Many of the functions of the Administration Department operate behind the scenes," said Yok.

"We hope to be much more engaged and be seen as partners in the educational process," Yok said. "We plan to collaborate with other programs to implement more services for students."



quirements and are full-time will more than likely have their checks mailed," Wasierski said.

Checks that were not mailed are available for pickup in the Cashiers Office in Building 6.

Discuss transit plan

Sound Transit and the Regional Transportation Investment District are collaborating to develop a roads and transit plan.

Once the plan is created, it will go to voters in 2007.

"We are planning to fix urgent safety problems, give people more transportation options, alleviate traffic congestion, and plan for growth," said Kate Jackson, spokeswoman for public affairs firm, Cocker Fennessy.

There will be an open house to discuss the plan Wednesday, Sept. 27 for South King County.

The open house will be held at the King Country Aquatic Center in Federal Way from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The presentation will be led

by King County Councilwoman D-SeaTac.

Staff, faculty, and students are all invited to join the discussion.

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Aid goes postal

The check, as they say, is in the mail.

Financial aid for Fall Quarter has already been mailed to students, says Senior Associate Director of Financial Aid Kim Wasierski.

Summer Quarter of 2006 was the first time financial aid checks were mailed out early, and because of the success of the program, Financial Aid has decided to continue early disbursement.

Wasierski says early disbursement benefits students by allowing them to purchase books early and be as prepared as possible for class.

The two largest groups of checks were mailed Sept. 20 and 21.

"Students who met all re-

Fall Quarter at The Center for Extended Learning is full of new and exciting classes - check it out!

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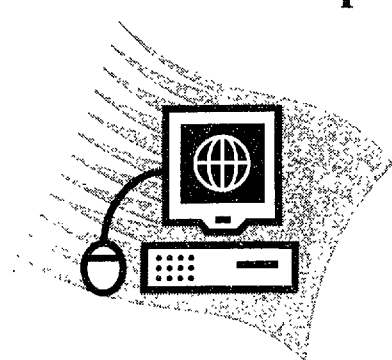
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Campus digs in for summer

BY ALICIA MENDEZ

staff reporter

College officials hope that Highline will be a safer and more welcoming campus this fall.

Over the summer the facilities staff has worked on many projects to enhance Highline's campus.

Since the end of the Spring Quarter, various campus projects have been put into place to beautify, secure, and renew Highline's campus, said Pete Babington, director of facilities.

The most noticeable change to Highline's campus is the outside construction of Building 6.

The additions and changes to Building 6 were intended to create an eye catching landmark for first time students and visitors who typically see Building 6 first when stepping onto Highline's campus, Babington said.

"Your eye should go to Building 6 and know that's where you need to go," Babington said.

To create a noticeable landmark, contractors added new curvy benches that slightly resemble Highline's new logo and colorful poles with banners on the end that say "welcome" in about nine different languages.

Just outside of Building 6, in the East Parking Lot, the Infrastructure Project is being finished.

The project consists of a bunch of mini projects. An extra water main was added to the campus, high-voltage cables were replaced, along with 40-year-old building transformers, which resulted in scheduled power outages over the summer.

"When a high-voltage cable or building transformer fails, it tends to shut down a few buildings, or even the whole campus," Babington said.

The sidewalks along Building 6 had roots growing underneath that made the paths potentially hazardous and not up to par with the American's with Disabilities Act standards.

To remove the hazard, contractors smoothed out the concrete sidewalks, Babington said.

In hopes of creating a safer environment, trees and bushes alongside the East Parking Lot, have been pruned and groomed along with the placement of additional lighting.

"There are less places for the bad guy to hide," Babington said. "You'll feel safer and be safer."

Building 4 also had the concrete sidewalks beside it smoothed out.



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Construction workers dig up sidewalk near Building 6, above, while a concrete pumper rebuilds them in the background. Below a worker guides a concrete boom into place.

"While the concrete was replaced, a trellis and some cool benches were added," Babington said.

An Asian garden was also added to Building 4. The garden was built because of a request submitted by a donor to Highline's construction.

Upwards of \$600,000 was spent toward this summer's construction.

"We got a good chunk of the money from the state's supplemental budget," Babington said.

Construction crews were scrambling last week to finish the projects in time for the start of school today.

The construction has eclipsed



some spaces in the East Parking Lot. However, by the time school starts all of the parking will be available, Babington said.

Still in the planning stages

for Highline is adding a sidewalk from 20th Street into the North Parking Lot, and updating the heating water piping in Building 26, 27 and 28, Babington said.

Student Programs refuels for Fall Quarter

BY SIMONE SNOW

staff reporter

Student Programs at Highline have been reformed to offer more opportunities for student involvement and leadership.

Student Government, once made up of seven members, now consists of just the president, the vice president, and the speaker of the caucuses, a position new to Highline this quarter. Meanwhile, Team Highline is no longer in charge of student activities.

"This year, our events and activities will be coming forth primarily from our student leaders on campus," said Jonathan Brown, associate dean for Student Programs and Leadership.

"[There is] a transition in the focus in our office from providing campus activities to providing students opportunities to become student leaders in service to our campus and our local communities," Brown said.

The transition has already begun with the establishment of student caucuses.

"A caucus is a group of HCC campus members with similar interests in a common leadership theme," Brown said. Caucuses for political action, helping hands, "empower education," and global health have been established. There are also several new caucuses in the works.

"Caucuses engage in on-going dialogue and leadership training, while supporting its members in taking leadership action in relation to the caucus theme," Brown said.

"Caucus involvement is somewhat unique to Highline and could really make us stand out among our peer colleges. We have planned these changes to improve service to our students and make it more individualized. We hope [the caucuses] will be a positive outcome of the changes."

Brown went on to encourage all students to get involved on campus by joining a club or campus committee, attending a leadership seminar, creating a study group, and talking with their academic advisers.

"A full and rich student experience includes extra-curricular and co-curricular involvement outside the classroom," Brown said. For more information on students caucuses, go to the Student Programs office on the third floor of the Student Union.

Editorial comment

This ain't high school

Being an incoming freshman at Highline can seem like an insurmountable challenge. Not only are you years younger than the majority of your peers, there are new teachers and students to meet, new opportunities to embarrass yourself, and a campus that provides dozens of new ways to get lost.

While it may feel like this unknown territory is too treacherous and overwhelming to travel, it can be done so long as every running start student remembers they are now in college.

It is time to put away your make-up and cell phones, stop loitering in the halls, and conduct yourself with a certain amount of decorum and maturity.

These are college-level classes, taught by college teachers, who demand college-level effort from their students.

Stay on top of your work. If you fall behind even by missing just one class, it is incredibly difficult to catch up. Therefore, come to class everyday, pay attention, and do all of your work. You never know when a teacher could hand out a surprise quiz, and rarely do they offer any extra credit or make-up opportunities.

Teachers are not mind readers. Gone are the days when your teachers would explain every single detail of a project or assignment. If you are having difficulties or there is something you do not understand, you are encouraged, even expected to speak up and say so. Then and only then will you receive assistance.

Be accountable for yourself. In college you are required to be entirely responsible for yourself and your actions. Have assignments completed by the deadline, be on time to class, do not disrupt classes, raise your hand to talk or ask a question, and be respectful of the staff, faculty, and other students.

While it may sound like it's time to turn around and make a mad dash back to high school, the hard work is worth it.

If students are willing to trade in their high school attitudes, Highline offers a surfeit of opportunities. The sheer number and range of class options alone tops those of any high school. Guest lectures on a variety of topics, a free tutoring center, and an extensive library are also incredible academic resources.

Do not be afraid to get involved. Various clubs and activities are readily available, and provide plenty of ways for you to find your niche on campus, possibly giving you an idea for a future career or life-long hobby.

This is a crucial time for all incoming freshman. Now is the time for you to grow up, as next year many of you will be preparing to enter the workforce or applying for other colleges.

So long as you are ready and willing to take advantage of the possibilities, Highline can be a valuable asset for all student, both returning and new.

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"Won't he ever go away?"

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You don't always get to be first

When I went to Washington, D.C. this summer, little did I know I would be putting myself in harm's way. It wasn't terrorism or the turbulence of the flight that I was in danger from. Instead it was my own uncle's ego that manifested itself through his intense, high-risk driving.

Nothing seemed amiss when he picked me up from BWI Airport. He was friendly, sociable, and interested in what was going on in my life since we last saw each other several years ago. He even kindly insisted on carrying my 20 pounds of luggage himself. I was just beginning to feel at ease when we finally reached the car.

Before coming to visit my East Coast relatives, my Dad had forewarned me about my uncle's driving, calling it "daring." At the time I laughed it off and made jokes about it. After just 15 minutes in the car with my uncle, I realized my Dad had been extremely kind in calling his brother's technique with a car merely daring.

The moment we got on the freeway the speeding began. Blatantly ignoring the speed limit of 65 miles per hour, my uncle began going 76. When he felt there was someone in front of him going too slow for his liking, my uncle naturally

Commentary



SIMONE SNOW

honked the car horn and yelled profanities at them, until either the other driver sped up or changed lanes, or my uncle cut into another lane he felt was going a more appropriate speed.

For the entire ride I had my jaw clenched and my eyes fixed on the road in front of us, telling myself if my uncle was going to get us both killed with his overly-aggressive driving, I would at least like to see it coming. It was also helpful, since my uncle was far too busy adjusting his satellite radio to constantly watch the road himself. He seemed to be under the impression others would move out of his way.

The trip carried on in this manner for over an hour, leaving my heart pounding and my knuckles bleach-white from clinging so fiercely to the edge of my seat.

By some miracle, we reached his home alive. There I observed him interacting with his family and began to gain some clarity. He always wanted to be served first at dinner, have the first turn at board games, and get the shower first in the morning. His need to be first, his sense of self-importance was overwhelming and had infected various aspects of his life, including his driving tactics.

However, my uncle is not alone in this. It seems to be a common attitude adopted in some way by just about everyone at one time or another. Anyone can easily become so wrapped up in themselves that they are convinced that their wants, needs, and cares should be ranked higher than those around them.

While I believe prioritizing facets of our lives can't be stopped altogether, it is no excuse to not be mindful of others. We have to realize that there will always be someone with greater needs that out-rank our own.

So the next time you're speeding down the freeway, frustrated with those whom you perceive to be getting in your way, I urge you to slow down and remember that sometimes others come first.

Simone was voted most likely to be second in life.

Submissions invited to Thunderword

The Thunderword encourages letters to the editor and columns from the college community. Editorial cartoons on timely subjects also may be considered.

Submissions will be edited for style.

Due to limited space, please

limit your submission to 300 words or less. Submissions that are too long may be subject to editing for length.

Letters and columns can be on any subject, but topics of interest to the campus community will take priority. Material that libels others will not be consid-

ered for publication.

Please include contact information as all submissions must be confirmed as belonging to the author(s).

Deadline for submissions is Monday of each week.

E-mail your submission to thunderword@highline.edu.

Change is a familiar, inevitable friend

Throughout my entire last year at Highline, I felt like a stranger.

The faces I saw and smiled at were not those of my friends or peers. The classrooms in which I sat did not feel like home. This place was different than what I had known, and because of that, I felt like an imposter.

The place where I really belonged was California, my recently departed home. As the rain would mist on the streaky glass windows I would reminisce of sun-filled days and familiar faces.

My time here was spent waiting for summer, waiting for home.

At the end of Spring Quarter I vanished, leaving no trace of myself or hint of my return. I rocketed down Interstate 5, rehearsing the reunions I anticipated, preparing to return to a

Loser's Corner



ROBERT LAMIRANDE

home that I imagined would be just as I had left it.

The friend I saw first was my best. We shared the deepest sort of connection, the type born from habitual drug use and a common lack of enthusiasm for life in general.

We grabbed some drugs and took to the suburban streets, passing cracks in sidewalks like

notches on the giant clock that had held us apart. He told me about him, I told him about me, and within minutes we knew that something deep and meaningful had changed, that this was not the same friendship it was a year ago.

We indulged in more substances and old stories, drowning ourselves in common interests to reignite the spark, but it had disappeared in an unseen wind that blew in our absence. He and I had both changed, and that was it.

And that's how it was with everyone.

The summer ran its course and I ran along with it, but my stride was gimped.

I faltered when my memories clashed with reality, an occurrence that I found never ceased.

At the end of the summer I left, hugging all the friends,

taking one last look at all the places, but feeling a strange sort of abandonment I couldn't have prepared for.

Change, that bitter wind, had ravaged the place that I loved and knew, so that only a sad, unfamiliar caricature remained.

Returning to Highline last week carried a similar effect to returning to California. Things were the same, but different, and the nuances that had made connections before seemed distant and lost.

But whereas this came as a jarring surprise on my south-bound homecoming, it was expected on my return to the Northwest.

I realized that while we can hope to see the same things and faces after being gone, nothing remains stagnant and is subject to change.

One can't expect how differ-

ent something is going to be, but only that is going to be different. Knowing that gives one the power to take that change in stride, to accept and embrace the difference.

During the next year the world as we know and understand it will die and be lost, replaced by something foreign and unfamiliar. Anticipating that change though, and being willing to change with it, is the thing we need to be able to call that new place home.

After a while, the way something changes comes to be one of those familiar qualities you look for.

I knew Highline was going to be different, and because of that, I did have something to come back to.

Robert is managing editor of the Thunderword. He changes his mind more than his style.

Dr. Bell looks forward to a successful year

Guest Commentary



DR. PRISCILLA BELL

"You can do it!"

Those are the words of Lisa Lucas, a 2005 Highline graduate who is now entering her senior year at Seattle Pacific University. Lucas was a 32-year-old working mother of three when she came to Highline.

"Returning at the age of 32 was intimidating. Yet the moment I arrived on campus, I knew this was the place for me," Lucas says. "From admissions to the staff and faculty, they helped me feel that I belonged and my possibilities were endless."

Lucas excelled at Highline. She participated in the Honors Scholar program and Phi Theta Kappa, the two-year college honor society, and graduated from Highline with a 3.5 GPA and \$10,000 in scholarships to attend Seattle Pacific University. She's quick to credit her success to the support she received.

"Remember this, people don't become successful on their own, but with the help of those who stood with them along the way. I know that my achievements wouldn't have been possible without the leadership of [Honors Program founder] Dr. Clinton, my instructors, and the Highline staff," she says.

Supporting students is one of Highline's strengths. All of us look to make a difference in students' lives and focus on their success. This year we'll have additional resources to help us from two grants awarded last spring.

The grants — from the Achieving the Dream initiative

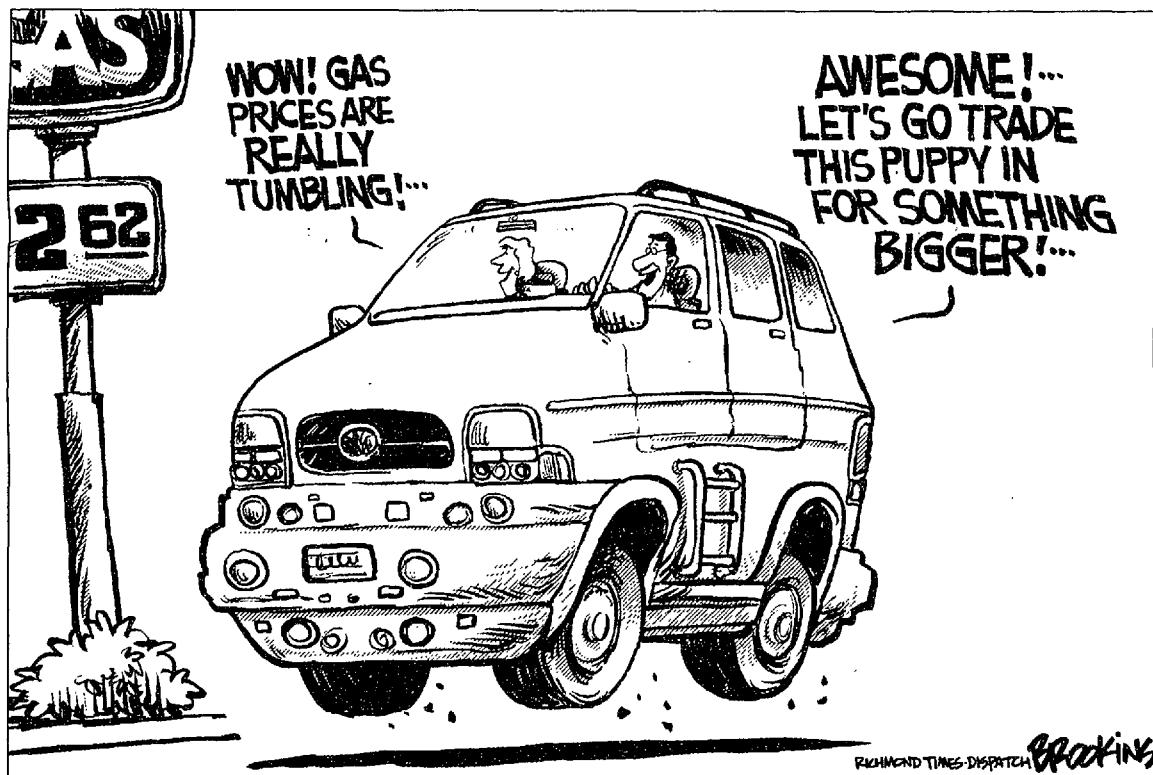
and the Opportunity Grant Pilot Program — will be built into the fabric of the college, helping us fulfill our mission, vision, and strategic plan. They'll help us increase the success of students traditionally underserved in higher education, including low-income, minority, and first-generation college students.

The grants are another way we look to help students succeed.

"I've been where you are, and you can do it, too," Lucas says. "It wasn't easy. But at Highline, I found support."

Dr. Priscilla Bell is president of Highline Community College.

Guest commentaries are invited. Send submissions of not more than 300 words to tword@highline.edu



Pittman hopes to improve Highline



Pittman

I am excited to begin serving the students here at Highline.

I have already started some initial planning over the summer and have collected a few comments and suggestions from other students on important issues. This fall quarter I plan on tackling many of these.

An issue that sticks out in my mind as being consistent with the concerns of many others is allowing for better review of teachers as well as feedback at the end of the year.

I will be working on developing longer hours for the recreation room as well as working with clubs to create their own easily recognizable logos.

A critical issue for me is campus involvement, and student awareness for activities. While collaborating with other student

services we can accomplish this and create a more involved campus community.

I am here to serve the students and invite all who are interested to meet with me and the rest of Student Government. To get the most from your college experience take advantage of all of the resources available here.

One of the many great ways to become involved is to participate in a club and or caucus; from there you can develop your interests and also participate in

Student Government meetings, where decisions and committees are made.

I strongly encourage and invite any students up to the third floor of the HSU who have a passion for something, what to develop their leadership skills or just want to see what their government is doing and can do for them.

There will be a suggestion box for any questions and comments anyone might have concerning Student Government for when we are unavailable.

I am excited to kick this year off with another great Thunder week celebration and look forward to seeing everyone on campus, at events, and in ASHCC meetings.

Paul Pittman is vice president of Student Government.

Rich mines travels for new book

By ROBERT LAMIRANDE
staff reporter

Writing Professor Susan Rich has put another stamp on her literary passport with the publication of her latest book, *Cures Include Travel*.

Rich, who has been at Highline since September 1999, has taught classes on world literature, creative writing, and film. *Cures* is Rich's second book; her debut collection, entitled *The Cartographer's Tongue*, was published in April of 2000 and tells of Rich's travels around the world.

"There isn't a huge difference in the books," Rich said, explaining that both collections share a cross-continental setting. *The Cartographer's Tongue*, she said, conveys a longing to find a home, whereas *Cures* examines the tension between having a home in Seattle while remaining a citizen of the world.

"There's . . . a more personal question of who am I in the world, and how does one make a difference in the world?"

However, Rich said the poems in both books don't show a drastic change in subject matter. "I use poetry as a way to see the world more deeply," said Rich.

Cures Include Travel goes somewhere that *Cartographer* didn't, though — Rich writes about her mother. "The book starts with the death of my mother and the she shows up unexpectedly throughout the rest of my book."

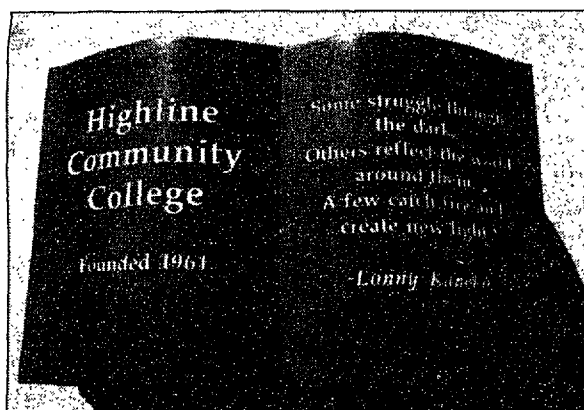
During a reading at Elliot Bay Book Company Sept. 7, Rich explained how she never expected to see her mother appear in her writing.

"I had a complex relationship with my mother," she said. "Sometimes as writers we don't choose our subjects — our subjects choose us."

Rich is giving another reading Oct. 8 at Open Books in Seattle (located at 2414 N. 45th St. and will take place at 3 p.m.), and is traveling to Boston and Berkeley to present her collection in the near future.

Promoting her second book isn't going to stand in the way of her writing the third, however. "In the next three to four years there will be another book," Rich said, explaining how writing poetry is a passion she can't put aside.

"I can't imagine not doing it," she said. "Writing poems is my longest ongoing relationship."



Workers prepare to raise the books of *Celebration* atop its pedestal, left, then lower it into place, top right. The sculpture includes a block featuring a quotation from longtime Highline professor Lonny Kaneko, lower left. The finished product, bottom right.

A message carved in stone

Kosuge's 'Celebration' sculpture comes to Highline

By AUSTEN LAVERY
staff reporter

Highline received 25,000 pounds worth of books in the form of a granite sculpture for the start of the Fall Quarter.

On Sept. 12, the 14-foot-tall sculpture, named *Celebration*, made its appearance on Highline's campus near Building 7.

The \$50,000 granite sculpture was paid for by the Washington State Arts Commission.

The piece is made from pink, red, black, salt and pepper granite. The base of the sculpture is coarse and smooths out as it ascends upward, giving it a more refined appearance. A stack of books sits perched at the top of

the column.

The sculpture is the work of Portland State University professor and artist Michihiro Kosuge, who was commissioned by Highline to create *Celebration*. Kosuge also created the series of chess-like sculptures that can be seen from the library to the South Parking Lot.

The name *Celebration* came from wanting to evoke the emotion of celebration within the students, faculty and staff at Highline to be able to enjoy their time while on campus, Kosuge said.

Resting alongside the sculpture are six square seats. In the shape of an open book, one square brandishes a line from

Highline writing professor Lonny Kaneko.

"The piece is beautiful. Overall, having one artist create a series of works for the campus has provided a unity to the appearance and atmosphere of the campus," said Kaneko.

Kaneko says it was an honor to be able to participate in the project with Kosuge.

"We also have this fine set of sculptures because of funding from the state for arts, Dr. Laura Sanders and Pete Babington's commitment to creating a beautiful and artistic environment for our campus and our administration's desire and commitment to support their endeavors," said Kaneko.

Drama seeks a few good actors

Auditions for Fall Quarter show this week

By RACHEL LUSBY
staff reporter

Fall auditions for Highline's Drama Department fall show are just two days away.

Scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 2:30 p.m. the auditions will be held in Building 4.

Auditions are open to anyone registered or who will be registered in drama this quarter.

"It is preferred that students have a piece already memorized, but if they don't we will have pieces they can study in the hall," says Dr. Christiana Taylor, coordinator for music, art and drama at Highline.

Various games may also be included in the audition process, Dr. Taylor said.

An orientation welcome to anyone interested in the theater will be held in Building 4 on Sept. 26 at 1:30 p.m.

Snacks will be provided and students will be given an overall preview of what goes on in the drama courses and other theater-related classes.

Dr. Taylor recommends that everyone with an interest in any aspect of the theater come to the orientation, whether they are enrolled in a theater class this quarter or not.

She says it will give students a chance to meet the instructors and get a feel for what will go on in the classes.

As far as to what the first play of the season is going to be, it is currently unknown due to undisclosed issues with negotiating rights. However, that information should be disclosed soon.

It is known, however, that the fall show will be the week after Thanksgiving.

"We put on large-cast plays," says Dr. Taylor.

Aside from acting, stage crew positions are open.

For those who are interested in the behind-the-scenes (such as light or sound, stage craft, or box office,) aspect of the theater should contact Rick Lorig at 206-878-3710, ext. 3156/3279 or attend the orientation on the 26th.

Paid positions are available.



AUSTEN LAVERY/THUNDERWORD

Seed for thought: Winterize your garden this fall

BY RACHEL LUSBY

staff reporter

Preparing your garden for winter begins in the fall.

If you want to see your garden come back next spring, you need to do a few things right now before that first winter frost hits.

Faculty secretary and garden enthusiast Sabine Walter says that there are many tasks for preparing your garden for winter.

"I pulled out things in my vegetable garden that are done growing, like zucchini, carrots, and cucumbers," says Walter.

"On my raspberries I cut off anything that looked brown or woody. The new growth I left because that is where the fruit will grow next spring."

You could also be planting bulbs, such as tulips, garlic, or irises, so that they will be ready to come up next spring.

This is also a good time for planting new trees, including



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fruit trees.

Two of the most important tasks you should be doing right now are composting and mulching, and that goes for any sort of garden.

You should have already started a compost pile; this is just where you put grass clippings, dead leaves, and other garden waste.

"Organic garbage from your house can also be added to your compost," says Walter, "like eggs and coffee grounds."

Compost is full of nutrients that you can mix in with the soil. Just make sure you don't compost anything that is diseased.

Mulching is even simpler. It is just a cover of leaves or peat around a plant that help to keep the roots from freezing over winter.

If you protect the roots of your plants they will come back healthy and strong in the spring.

This is because during the winter, roots don't have to worry about sending nutrients or water up to new leaves and stems; this makes it possible for roots to become stronger and get well-established in the ground.

Weeding is another task you must complete before winter.

If you don't weed before the winter cold hits, the weeds will come back bigger next spring.

You also need to rake up the leaves on your lawn.

Fallen leaves will kill your lawn and you'll end up with a bunch of dead spots in the spring.

They also block what sunlight there may be, and your lawn needs to absorb what light

is left before winter hits.

"Also, bugs and disease like dead leaves," says Walter.

You can also rake your flower beds because it will keep living plants from suffocating.

With the leaves you rake up, unless they are diseased, don't throw them away.

Cut them up and toss them in your compost pile or bin.

Fall is also a good time to give your soil a pH test. You can buy pH test kits at any garden center. pH tests check the acidity of the soil and let you know how much calcium is in your soil.

This is important because various plants require different levels of calcium to live.

Once you have determined the pH level of your soil, you can adjust it accordingly to whatever plant you want to grow. Sulfur may be used to lower the pH, as will sawdust, composted leaves, wood chips, and peat moss in particular.

To increase the soil pH, you need to simply add more lime.

You can find exact measurements at various online sources such as www.thegardenhelper.com

For further reference, you can check out from a library, or buy a gardening how-to book.

Sabine Walter likes to refer to the *Backyard Problem Solver* by garden expert Jerry Baker.

Baker uses common household items for remedies and fertilizers as opposed to the chemicals you can buy in gardening centers.

Baker utilizes items such as cola, (not diet) baby shampoo, antiseptic mouthwash and even molasses, sugar and corn syrup.

"You don't have to use chemicals," says Walter about why she recommends Jerry Baker's book, "and you know what everything is."

Preparing your garden to survive the harsh winter weather does require a lot of time, but the better care you take of your plants now, the stronger they'll be next spring.

Dead Sea Scrolls come to life at Pacific Science Center

BY RACHEL LUSBY

staff reporter

One of the most noted discoveries of the 20th century can now be found at the Pacific Science Center in Seattle.

The Dead Sea Scrolls will be on display, along with other artifacts, from now until Jan. 7, 2007.

The scrolls are a collection of ancient biblical writings discovered by accident by a young Bedouin goat herder in a cave along the northern edge of the Dead Sea in the Judean desert.

After the discovery of this first cave, 11 more were found that contained pottery vessels that held nearly 800 more scrolls.

Until the discovery of these scrolls, the oldest Hebrew biblical manuscript known was written in 895 C.E.

The Dead Sea Scrolls are more than 1,000 years older than that, which would mean they were transcribed between 250 B.C.E. and 68 C.E.

They predate Christianity.

They are written in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek, and were scribed with carbon-based ink on papyrus, animal skin and even copper.

"This is an opportunity for us to present a powerful story of great interest to many people," said Bryce Seidl, Pacific Science Center President. According to Joe Barnes, the vice president for marketing at the science center, the exhibit is one about



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the science of archeology.

Science plays a vital part in studying the Dead Sea Scrolls, Barnes says. DNA testing is playing a huge role in piecing together the 50,000 or so fragments. Carbon dating and paleography, the study of ancient and medieval manuscripts, have helped to pinpoint the rough age of the scrolls and multi-spectral imaging is used to read

age-darkened fragments as well as layers of the scrolls that are stuck together.

Along with the scrolls, the exhibit will include other artifacts that were found in the cave left over from the ancient Qumran civilization.

Visitors will be able to see pottery, a wooden comb, sandals and other items from this era.

Bringing the scrolls to Seattle was a feat, science center officials said.

The Pacific Science Center was contacted by Weston Fields, the executive director of the Dead Sea Scrolls Foundation, who asked if the center was interested in hosting the scrolls.

This conversation led to several more between Fields

and Bryce Seidl. Eventually Seidl made a trip to Israel to see the scrolls for himself. He then made a presentation to the foundation who then visited the Pacific Science Center where the staff then made a case about how they could host the scrolls.

Then the science center was selected as the only venue in the Pacific Northwest to host the scrolls in part because it is the venue that provides the best opportunity to explain the science involved in unraveling the mysteries of the scrolls.

"We are delighted that our exhibit is funding the restoration and conservation of four scroll fragments that have never before been seen publicly," Seidl said.

To explore this new exhibit, tickets can be bought either at the Pacific Science Center, located in downtown Seattle on 200 2nd Ave. N. or visit the website at pasci.org.

Ticket prices are \$19.75 for adults, \$10 for youth ages 3 to 12, and \$17 for ages 65 and over.

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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. Consecutive odd digits in ascending order
- 3. Consecutive digits rearranged
- 5. 12-Down plus 16-Down
- 6. The last digit is four times the first digit
- 7. Consecutive even digits in descending order
- 9. One-third of 1-Across
- 11. The first digit is four times the last digit
- 13. One-third of 15-Across
- 15. One less than 7-Across
- 17. Consecutive odd digits rearranged
- 19. 10-Down minus 3-Across
- 20. The first digit is four times the last digit

DOWN

- 1. 6-Across plus 16-Down

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- 2. Consecutive digits rearranged
- 3. 5-Down minus 20-Across
- 4. Sixty less than 19-Across
- 5. The last digit is the sum of the other digits
- 8. Thirty more than 18-Down
- 10. Consecutive odd digits in descending order
- 12. Four times 11-Across
- 14. Digits of 4-Down rearranged
- 16. The first digit is three times the last digit
- 18. Consecutive digits in ascending order

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- is a trireme?
- 8. ARCHITECTURE: Who is described as the "Father of Modernism"?
- 9. LITERATURE: Who wrote the recent novel "Digging to America"?
- 10. ACADEMICS: What is pedology?

- 10. The study of soil
- 9. Anne Tyler
- 8. Louis Sullivan
- 7. Greek warship
- 6. 1966
- 5. Helsinki
- 4. Mineral hardness
- 3. Howard Morris
- 2. Bill Pullman
- 1. Showy flower

Answers

- 1. NATURAL WORLD: What is a gloxinia?
- 2. MOVIES: Who played the U.S. president in the alien-invasion movie "Independence Day."
- 3. TELEVISION: Who played the character of Ernest T. Bass on "The Andy Griffith Show"?
- 4. MEASUREMENTS: What does the Mohs test measure?
- 5. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Finland?
- 6. HISTORY: When did the Cultural Revolution begin in China?
- 7. ANCIENT WORLD: What

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Arts Calendar

•An exhibit called "Vitrify," featuring work from the Washington Potters Association will on display in the library art gallery through Sept. 30.

The WPA was started by 12 individuals in 1983 who wanted to promote better communication among potters in the state of Washington. The exhibition is free.

The gallery's October show will feature the folk art of women from a village in Zimbabwe.

•The Pacific Science Center in Seattle presents "Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls," an exhibition of one of the biggest discoveries of the 20th century, through Jan. 27, 2007. Tickets for the event are available either at the center or online at

pacsi.org. The center is open weekends 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and weekends 10-6. Prices for general admission are \$19.75 for adults, \$10 for juniors ages 3-12, and \$17 for ages 65 and up. The Pacific Science Center is located near the Space Needle on 200 Second Ave. N. in Seattle and the phone number is 206-443-2001.

•Lingo Dance Theater presents *Relatively Real* 7:30 p.m., Oct. 7 at the Kent-Meridian High School Performing Arts Center, Oct. 7, 10020 SE 256th St. in Kent.

Tickets for *Relatively Real* are \$14 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. Tickets may be purchased at the Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N., Kent, or by phone with a Visa

or Mastercard during business hours at 253-856-5050.

•The Big Band Broadcast comes to the Kentwood Performing Arts Center as part of the Kent Arts Commission 2006-2007 Spotlight Series.

The performance is Saturday, Sept. 30 at the center, 25800 164th Ave. S.E., Covington, at 7:30 p.m.

The Big Band Broadcast stars Holly Larocque and the 13-piece Mark Ferguson Big Band Orchestra.

Tickets for The Big Band Broadcast are \$24 for adults and \$22 for students and seniors. Tickets may be purchased at the Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N., Kent, or by phone with a Visa or Mastercard during business hours at 253-856-5050.

•Rhumba flamenco guitarist

Rational Numbers answers

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Mascots

Across

- 1 Model's position
- 5 Lariat
- 10 Aid
- 14 Pit dweller
- 15 Sean Penn, e.g.
- 16 Hindu dress
- 17 Notre Dame mascot
- 19 Socially awkward act
- 20 Residue
- 21 Legal right
- 22 Actors lines
- 24 Leaser: Anagram
- 26 Harm
- 28 Italy's pre-Euro moolah
- 30 Yankee's quest
- 33 Tramps
- 36 Jailhouse
- 38 Messy stuff
- 39 Precedes talk
- 40 Trick alternative
- 41 Used US Airways
- 42 St. John's Carneseca
- 43 Suitor
- 44 Precedes release
- 45 Shudders
- 47 Bulldogs' home
- 49 Compulsory force
- 51 Nissan predecessor
- 55 Breastbones
- 57 Small case
- 59 Precedes carte or mode
- 60 Volcanic rock
- 61 Univ. of Oregon mascot
- 64 Seed covering
- 65 Start
- 66 Parisian thought
- 67 Buddies
- 68 Highland flings
- 69 Encircle

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Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

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- 27 Bee house
- 29 Some clues in this puzzle
- 31 Negatives
- 32 Pulls along
- 33 Sword handle
- 34 Scent
- 35 Duke mascot
- 37 Filmmaker Spike
- 40 Bullfighter
- 41 Guitar part
- 43 Deteriorated
- 44 Pattern
- 46 Wall paintings
- 48 Grownups

- 50 Follows common or good
- 52 Riyadh native
- 53 Stomach problem
- 54 Au naturel
- 55 Strike
- 56 Ancient Irish capital
- 58 Weight unit in Asia
- 62 Single
- 63 Excavate

Quotable Quote

Never get married while you're going to college; it's hard to get a start if a prospective employer finds you've already made one mistake.

... Kin Hubbard

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

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Men's soccer team kicks off season

By MICHELLE ERICKSEN
staff reporter

The men's soccer team has kicked off its season with new talent and five straight wins.

The T-Birds are 6-1-0 heading into October.

The team hopes to defend its Western Division crown and go farther than the first round of the playoffs.

After losing their opening scrimmage to Kwantlan University College, the T-Birds reeled off five straight victories before falling to arch rival the Bellevue Bulldogs.

Head Coach Jason Prenovost thinks the team will play better this year.

"We hope to win the NWAACC title. We'll be one of the eight teams that have a legitimate shot of winning it," Prenovost said.

"Our forward line is better than it was last year, which is saying a lot. It's going to make us a much more dangerous team this year," Prenovost said.

Seven players return from last year's team, including forward William Chang, defenders Tucker Maxwell, Daniel Palermo, Jeremy Patton, midfielders Cameron Valentine, Moise Nistran, and goalkeeper Joey DeTerra.

Maxwell and Palermo are the captains for this year's team.

"We have a very strong group of returning players both skill-wise on the field and in leadership and experience," Coach Prenovost said.

"Willie is back and he's fun



Edward Walugmebe, middle, celebrates after scoring a goal against Wenatchee Valley in a recent game.

MICHELLE ERICKSEN/THUNDERWORD

to watch," Prenovost said.

Last year, the men ended the season 18-3-1, the best record in the NWAACC.

"We had a talented group of individuals last year. We never quite got them looking for each other (on the field)," said Prenovost.

"One of the things I've really been impressed with is the desire to work together instead of doing things on their own," Prenovost added.

Prenovost said one of the team's strengths is its hard working players.

The idea that the team has better chemistry this year is a general consensus from most of the returning players.

"We play a lot better as a

team," said Patton.

"We get along a lot better and there's more team camaraderie," said Palermo. "This year we have less individual players. Last year there were more people trying to make it on their own."

"We're a lot closer as a team, we're more like a family," said Maxwell. "Everyone works harder than last year."

In the first five games goalkeeper DeTerra has only allowed two goals.

The men opened the season with a 2-1 win over the University of Central Frasier Valley.

Highline's first goal was scored by Chang with an assist from Leo Potts followed closely with a goal by Edward

Walugmebe with an assist from Chang.

The T-Birds added another win when they sent Treasure Valley Community College home with a 6-0 loss. Ruben Orozco, Curtis Grant, Chang and Thompson all scored goals for Highline.

At the next home game the T-Birds finished with a 3-1 victory over Columbia Basin College. Walugmebe scored the first goal with an assist from Chang, followed by a goal from Chang with an assist from Trevor Jennings.

Walugmebe added his fourth, fifth, and sixth goals in an 8-0 game against Olympic College, with two assists from Chang, and one from David Proud.

Orozco added two more goals with one assist from Valentine. Chang scored a goal with an assist from Grant and Valentine went on to score two goals with one assist from Orozco.

The men traveled to Tacoma to collect their fifth win 2-0 against the Titans, where Neubauer and Grant each scored their first goals.

The T-Birds' first loss of the season, 1-0 to Bellevue, was a learning experience for the team, said Assistant Coach Tom Moore.

"If we would have scored an early goal when we had our chances it would have been a different game," Palermo said.

"We dominated the game, they just scored early and we missed our chances," Maxwell added.

"It was a good loss for us, definitely stuff we can build on," said Moore.

The men came back strong with a 6-1 win against Wenatchee Valley Community College.

Chang scored an early goal with an assist from Patton, followed closely by a goal by Maxwell with an assist from Orozco.

Chang went on to score another goal, Orozco scored two, Fransico Navarro scored his first goal and Grant scored another goal.

Results from Saturday's game against Peninsula not available at press time.

The men will return to action on Friday, Sept. 29 in Spokane, and on Saturday, Sept. 30 in Walla Walla.

Cross country team hopes to find some runners

By MICHELLE ERICKSEN
staff reporter

Highline's men and women's cross country teams need some fast people -- fast.

A grand total of six people make up the Highline cross country team.

Keith Paton is the new cross country coach, and Tracy Brigham is the assistant coach.

Barry Carel, who was originally going to coach cross country, was bombarded by a heavy work schedule and had to step down.

Highline has five returning runners: Sheree Barbour, Rosie Meeker, Melissa Better, William Anderson, Victor Kimuhu, and Tyler Eidsmoe.

Two of Highline's men ran at the Sundodger Invite at the University of Washington.

Returning runner Kimuhu ran a 27:33 in the 8 kilometers

race. Anderson ran a 30:55.

"I want all of our runners to improve, to lower their times," said Paton. "We have individual goals for each runner."

Another goal of the team is to add more runners. To run as a team at meets they need at least five men, or five women.

"Anyone with running experience, we'd love to see them come out for cross country," Paton said.

"It's really hard to get people here because school hasn't even started," said Brigham. "I'd really like to have between five and seven of each."

Paton has high hopes for his runners.

"Tyler is coming off an injury so he's not running," said Paton. "From what I've seen of him during workouts it's pretty clear he's going to be a strong runner when he gets healthy."

Barbour another of the re-

turning runners, finished fifth in the NWAACC last year, and was an All-American.

"The team is still the same, only smaller," said Barbour.

"My goal for this year is the 6k," said Barbour. "It's almost four miles. It's hard for me to concentrate."

Barbour ran a 23:33 the last time she ran the 6k.

"I'm trying to do better than that, and hopefully become an All-American again," Barbour said. "We need two more people, so if you can run cross country come on out."

"We are in desperate need of people," said Meeker. "They don't even have to be fast."

The team will be running this weekend at the St. Martin's Invite at Lacey.

If anyone is interested in cross country they should contact Paton at 206-878-3710, ext. 3473, or Kpaton@highline.edu.



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(Left to right) Victor Kimuhu, William Anderson, Melissa Better, Sheree Barbour, and Rosie Meeker warm up by running laps around Highline's track.

Lady T-Birds keep fighting despite the odds

By MICHELLE ERICKSEN
staff reporter

The women's soccer team is off to a good start despite the odds against them.

They are second in their division with only eight players on the field.

Last year the women finished with a 13-3-3 record and finished third in the NWAACC championships.

After the departure of then-Head Coach Jaimy McLaughlin, the women's team was left without a coach for much of the spring and summer recruiting season.

Tom Moore and Valerie Muehling eventually were named co-head coaches. Moore is also an assistant coach for the men's team.

"We didn't get the job until a month before season," said Moore. "By then we'd already missed recruiting season."

With only 10 players on the roster, and two injured, the team is looking to add more players.

There is only one returning



AUSTEN LAVERY/THUNDERWORD
Jenny Martini races down the field in a recent game against Wenatchee Valley.

player, goalkeeper Bree Klasen, who is also one of this year's captains. The other captains are newcomers Jenny Martini and Maria Mazur.

The women are currently 3-3-0 in the league. They won their first game against Treasure Valley Community College 3-0. Mazur scored all three goals with assists from Martini,

Elizabeth Gilbert, and Brittany Schukar.

Their next game against Columbia Basin College ended with a 6-0 score in favor of CBC.

Highline fought their way through their match against Olympic College, to finish victoriously at 8-6.

Martini scored five goals,

newcomer Sesen Kidane notched her first two goals, and Gilbert scored her first goal.

The Lady T-Birds however fell again to Tacoma in a 5-1 game. Martini scored Highline's only goal.

The losing streak was ended when Highline won by a forfeit over Bellevue. This was the Bulldogs' sixth forfeit of the season.

The Lady T-Birds put up a good fight against Wenatchee Valley but ended up losing 10-3.

The T-Birds held off the Knights to manage a 3-3 tie at the half. The second half was disastrous. The Knights came out and scored four goals in the first 15 minutes to put the match away.

Short of players, the Lady T-Birds appeared to run out of gas.

For Highline, Erin King scored her first goal, with an assist from Schukar. Martini scored two goals with assists from Gilbert and Kidane.

"We have a strong core

team," said goalkeeper Klasen. "We just don't have enough players to cover players from the other team."

The team is hopeful that they will get more players.

"If we get maybe three or four players we'll be a team to be reckoned with," Klasen said. "We need more players."

"I'm hoping when school starts we attract more students," said Coach Moore. "It's kind of a battle."

"We have a lot of great talent so it would be great to increase our numbers," Muehling said.

"The more games we play with eight or nine players, the more chance we have of injuring one of them," said Moore.

Results from Saturday's game against Yakima Valley were not available at press time.

The women will return to action on Friday, Sept. 29 in Spokane, and on Saturday, Sept. 30 in Walla Walla.

Anyone interested in playing women's soccer contact Moore at 206-878-3710, ext. 4886, or Muehling at ext. 6107.

Women's volleyball team is hopeful

By MICHELLE ERICKSEN
staff reporter

The women's volleyball team, though inexperienced, has high hopes.

The new team is comprised entirely of freshmen with no returning players from last year's 3-11 team.

"The team's goal is to be league champs and go on from there," said Head Coach John Littleman. "This year we have a really competitive group of players."

"I'm pleasantly surprised at how talented they are," he said.

"Most of them played club ball so that's a little more experience than high school," said Littleman.

"We're looking to add a couple of new players if they can contribute."

"Their talented right now," Littleman said. "It depends on how much they improve their individual skills."

Highline has begun the season with two tough losses in NWAACC play, to Tacoma and Pierce.

Tacoma defeated Highline 30-28, 30-28, 30-28 on Sept. 14. Pierce beat the Lady T-Birds 30-19, 31-29, 30-27 on Sept. 20.

"I think we should be 2-0 instead of 0-2," said T-Bird Mercedes Fernandez. "We're the best 0-2 team in the league. We just got to get it together."

"We're doing well, we're improving every day," added teammate Lyndsay Hovee.

The team does have one advantage over last year's team. Six of them have already played together.

Brittany Hermanson, Fernandez, Anjelika Gouveia, Hovee, Chelsea Cagampang, and Agy Lord all had two weeks of pre-season training in Italy.

The trip was paid for by money raised with fundraisers over a few years, said Littleman.

The team played six games in Italy winning all of them.

"We played really great club teams over there," Littleman

said.

"It was harder over there (Italy) cause we hadn't played with each other," said Hernandez.

"We played beach volleyball during the day and played club teams at night," said Hovee. "We played in the sand a lot so we learned more movement."

Results from Friday's game against Lane Community College were unavailable at press time.

The T-Birds visit Centralia on Wednesday, Sept. 27 before hosting Grays Harbor on Sept. 29. Green River comes to the Pavilion on Oct. 4. All games are at 7 p.m.

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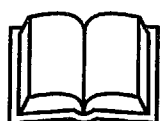
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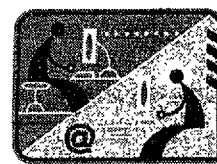
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How to Highline: Services and support abound

By SHURVON HAYNES
staff reporter

Highline offers a wide range of services to students on campus, ranging from the advising to the Women's Program.

Services are located in buildings across campus, many with extended hours for evening students.

Services for students at Highline include:

- Bookstore, Student Union Building, second floor, Monday-Tuesday: 7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m., Wednesday-Thursday: 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

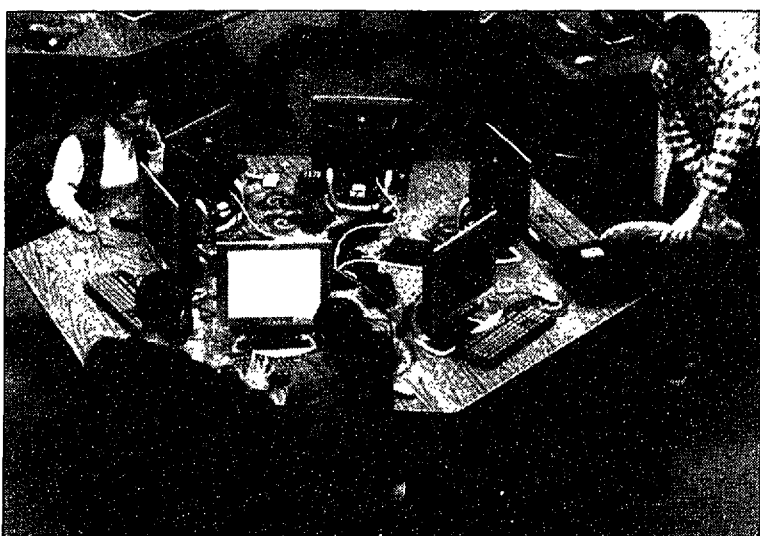
This is where you can purchase your textbooks, art supplies, computer software, snacks, Highline clothing and gear, and even a half-price Metro bus card. Some new features in the bookstore include a kiosk that student can self-scan and price check for all items. The first two days of each quarter students can receive cash for their used textbooks.

The bookstore also has positions open for students are work-study eligible, said interim Bookstore Manager Shannon Gillilan.

- Women's Program, Building 6, room 3004

Monday - Tuesday: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Wednesday - Thursday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Friday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Woman's Program offer a wide variety of services from metro bus cards to tuition assistance for parents.



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Students use the computers in the Library last week.

"Regardless of what you've been through, the future is still yours to dream and create, and we are here to help," said Marie Bruin, program director.

Bruin said they are working collaboratively with the Work-First Center, Intercultural Center and the Multicultural Center advisors to help students navigate through life circumstances and overcome potential barriers.

"We want to have workshops and opportunities to help our clients see themselves being empowered," said Bruin.

They currently have three advisers Jean Munro, Cindy Holland, Aaron Reader and part-time adviser Anna Mason.

- Early Childhood Learning Center, Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

The child care center provides care for the children of students, faculty and staff. They offer childcare services for a

minimum of 15 to 50 hours per week, for infants to age 5. This new facility was built three years ago fully furnished with the latest equipment, including a heated floor.

"Parents can utilize our services for classes, studying or for to have personal times," said Director Joyce Riley. They also provide USDA approved meals and accept all third-party payment sources.

- Inter-Cultural Center, Building 6, Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Inter-Cultural Center was established in spring 2006 as a division of the Multicultural Service Department.

Program Coordinator Aaron Reader encourages students to participate in the following programs; Breakfast Poetry Reading Club, Cultural Awareness Book and movie review and discussion groups, Visions of

Men and Sisters Empower peer mentoring clubs.

"Come share this diversity experience," said Reader.

They also have computers, a multicultural library and scholarship information.

"This center is for you, stop by and check us out," said Yoshiko Harden-Abe, center director.

- Student Employment Center, Building 6, upper level, Monday: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Tuesday - Thursday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. - noon.

The Student Employment Center helps students with establishing their careers. They have an InterFace online job bank that student can access from their personal computers after creating their profile in the center. The center presents career building workshops, resume tips and job fairs.

Director Erik Tingelstad en-

courages work study participants to "utilize the centers resources to obtain employment on or off-campus related to their area of study."

- Student Programs. Student Union Building, third floor, Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Many changes have taken place in Student Programs from furniture arrangements to the creation of Student Caucuses, with the intent to empower students to increase their leadership skills.

"We believe this transition will be noticed through our actions," Associate Dean of Student Programs Jonathan Brown said.

Brown personally invites students to "come on up to the third floor of the HSU and learn

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Writing Center seeks more tutors

By ROBERT LAMIRANDE
staff reporter

As Highline's Writing Center prepares to open its doors next week, it is hoping to meet not only students seeking help, but students seeking employment.

"We are still hiring," Coordinator Rosemary Adang said. "We're looking for people who have completed Writing 101 or higher with a 3.5 or higher and who have excellent people skills and work ethics."

The Writing Center's website instructs applicants who meet the qualifications to contact Rosemary Adang and submit a sample paper written for a class. After a recommendation from the professor, applicants will be able to schedule an interview.


The Center is located in the back corner of the Tutoring Center (Room 319 or Building 26) and offers a staff of writing consultants available from 8 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. Monday through

Thursday and from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Friday. Consultants can be reserved for 25 or 50 minute sessions, but there is a maximum limit of 100 minutes

per week and two appointments per day.

For more information contact Rosemary Adang at 206-878-3710, ext. 3822.


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Find details in the Highline Quarterly.
Questions? Contact the instructor
or Rosemary Adang, CGG Coordinator, at
radang@highline.edu or 206-878-3710 3822.

Help wanted

The Thunderword, Highline's student newspaper, has an immediate opening for a **graphic designer**. The ideal candidate will have computer experience and be familiar with programs such as InDesign and Photoshop; be able to draw as well as design; and have the time to commit to the job. The graphic designer must be able to work under deadline pressure with a group of student editors to design pages, special packages, and provide artistic support for stories by way of illustrations and charts.

This is a paid position and is work study eligible. If interested, bring a resume and portfolio to T.M. Sell, adviser, in 10-106. E-mail questions to thunderword@highline.edu

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about student programs, leadership, training and service opportunities.

The first week of Fall Quarter, students will be greeted from several "Welcome Back Tables" spread around the campus.

"Student will also receive a Student Handbook designed by our office which has information about student services, campus resources and a daily planner," Brown said.

All students are invited to the annual Fall Club Fair and BBQ on Thursday, Sept. 28. They can sign-up for various student clubs, enjoy food, fun and fellowship as they began 2006-2007 school year.

•Instructional Computing Center, Building 30, Monday-Thursday: 6:45 a.m. - 10:15 p.m., Friday 6:45 a.m. - 4:45



Jonathan Brown

p.m., Saturday 7:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m., Sunday 2:45-10:15 p.m.

The computer lab is for students who have paid their computer usage fees; they have more than 1,000 personal and Macintosh computers.

Students can do their math, writing and research assignments in one location. Many in-

structors use the lab for teaching purposes throughout the year. The staff is able to assist students with basic computer and software questions.

"We are here to help students. We also have scanners, ADA and Epson printers for those with disabilities," said Ron Frymeir, student and staff member.

•Educational Planning and Advising Center, Building 6, upper level. Monday - Tuesday: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Wednesday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Thursday: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., 3 - 5 p.m., Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Advising Center is available to students to help them plan their college career and transfer requirements. They offer resources about colleges and universities nationwide, and they are able to assist students with choosing classes.

Transfer Center Director Siew Lai Lilley encourages students to get a faculty adviser in

the beginning of their college career.

"It is very important for students to get advising immediately so they can take the right classes and be successful," she said. "They can provide information regarding scheduling and repeating classes, counseling referrals, explain academic policies and procedures."

•Library: Building 25. Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 10 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday: 2 - 10 p.m.

The campus library is a place students can go to do research for their class assignments. They have a vast array of peri-

odicals, books, videos and tapes that can be checked-out manually or online with a valid student ID card.

Students can also access some of the library's research websites from home. The library staff can provide assistance with using their research manuals, computers and media facilities.

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Grants

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Highline was identified by the Lumina Foundation and College Spark Washington as a prospective college, based on the high number of low-income students and students of color, said Vice President of Institutional Advancement Lisa Skari.

The initiative is funded by 14 organizations including Lumina and College Spark.

The goal is for colleges to maintain or increase the number and percentage of low income students who complete degrees, Dr. Priscilla Bell explained.

Highline will receive \$450,000 for the initiative.

"We have \$50,000 to figure

out where the biggest gaps are and develop the strategies to close these gaps. We will submit our implementation plan in the spring, and when approved, we will have \$400,000 to spend over the next four years," Skari said.

Gaps are when different groups of students pass at different rates in a particular course.

The money will be used for improving institutional offerings.

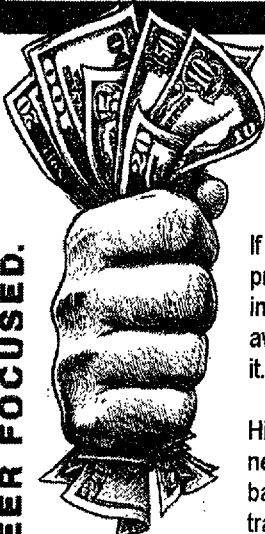
"It [Achieving the Dream] will help members in our community be more successful in education so they can be more successful in life," said Vice President for Academic Affairs Jack Bermingham.

For more information about the Achieving the Dream Initiative, contact Bermingham at

206-878-3710, ext. 3711.

Although both the Opportunity Grants and Achieving the Dream are independent programs, they both build toward the same goal.

"Opportunity Grants help low income students with college expenses so that they can afford to go to school and Achieve the Dream helps the college create programs that help these students succeed and achieve their educational goals," said Skari.



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