Seven file for elections

By Brooke Wood
Staff Reporter

Seven people have filed for positions in the upcoming Fall Student Government elections. The elections will fill the last open slot in the Associated Students of Highline Community College (ASCC) executive board and replace the student廉价 slot.

Victor J. Bechler, who teaches education, said she was surprised by the number of candidates.

"I thought there would be more," Bechler said. "I think it's more than expected." Bechler said she had been chosen for a student廉价 slot in the past and is hoping to take his place.

Osdak told the ASCC board he had not been chosen for a student廉价 slot before and was hoping to return to the board.

Student enrollment remains low

By Tammy Mitchell
Staff Reporter

Enrollment is still down, but student officials must be doing something right, according to President Tony Sullivan.

"We've had a few good months," Sullivan said. "It's been an improvement." Sullivan said the college has been working to attract more students.

"Our goal is to increase enrollment," Sullivan said. "We're going to use a variety of strategies to do that."

Sullivan said the college has a new student廉价 slot, which he hopes will help increase enrollment.

"It's a challenge," Sullivan said. "But we're working hard to increase enrollment." Sullivan said the college has also been working to improve its online offerings.

"We're working hard to make sure our online offerings are as good as our in-person classes," Sullivan said. "We want to be able to offer students a good education in both formats."

Sullivan said the college has also been working to improve its student services.

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New course may help cure math blues

By Lou Edwards
Staff Reporter

You just bombed the Compass test and your SATs wouldn't get you into junior high. But you've got to get a math class over 100 to graduate, or practice saying "Anything to drink with that?"

Usually that means multiple quarters wading your way up from Math 81. Highline now has a potential answer.

Math 95, new next quarter, is a class designed to get students up to college-level math without quarter after quarter of remedial, non-credit classes.

The Compass test may be difficult for students, said Math Department Coordinator Helen Burn. They can't use a calculator and may not have had math in a while.

Many students test as low as 81, and the results can be confusing or misleading, causing students to be placed too low.

The new course aims to address that issue.

"Fundamentals of Intermediate Algebra was designed for a solid group of students: not math, science or business majors," said Burn.

Math 95 will prerequisite Math 107, 180, 210 and Philosophy 120.

Burn endorses over the curriculum for this class.

"We designed a course that takes essential elements of 91 and 97 and presents material that may be more germane to student educational goals and even life," she said. "There is less emphasis on symbol manipulation and more emphasis on problem solving and practical applications of algebra."

This progressive class recognizes different learning styles with its diverse material and teaching techniques: small groups, Internet, computers and lectures, Burn said.

Once a week the class will meet on the computer lab, where the class will use Excel to create graphs and look at growth patterns. Burn said her course objective is to be able to use basic Internet searches for numerical data and interpretation of that data, ranging from the distance between planets, to that between atoms.

The class will utilize scientific notation for size, and watch a video called Powers of Ten. Burn said.

There will be a trial period of two winter and two spring quarters, then a decision will be made on the fate of this new class, brandished of a committee of Helen Burn, Ed Morris, Tim Morrison and Ron Engstrom.

Burn will be teaching sections of the course Winter Quarter, as will Richard Plagge.

We Move Into the New Millennium

Patricia Lynn Reilly, nationally known author is speaking at the breakfast.

To register call 206-870-2377.

Be aware of domestic violence in October

Women's Program at Highline is hosting events up Oct. 14 for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

There will be various presentations and projects held throughout the day.

For more information contact Dawn Myrdahl at 206-878-3710 ext. 33402.

Colleges on campus

Several colleges will be on campus in the month of October. All college tables will be located in the lower level of Building 6. Here is a list of colleges that will be visiting:

- University of Washington: Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- City University: Oct. 12 from 1-3 p.m.
- UW Psychology Department: Oct. 21st 1 p.m. in Building 21 in room 202.
Registering to vote is as easy as 1, 2, 3

The general election is Nov. 3. The deadline to register to vote is just around the corner.

By Missy Allen
Staff Reporter

The general elections are around the corner. If you are eligible to vote but have not yet registered, a guide to help you register is available. Since Nov. 3 is election day, you must have completed a registration form through the mail 30 days before the election. If you haven’t done so already, you’re in too late, the deadline for mail registration was Oct. 3.

But, you can still register in person. If you go to the Election Office downtown at 300 4th Ave., Room 533, Seattle, by Oct. 16 then you’ll be able to vote in the next general election.

If you want to register to vote for the next elections, you can pick up registration applications at most public schools, King County branch libraries, fire stations in the Puget Sound area, and King County offices. You can also request one on-line at any computer in the college that is Internet accessible at: http://www.escrata.wa.gov/voting/register.htm.

On the application, you will be requested to turn over such information as your name, date of birth, where you live, and your phone number, among other questions.

There is a space to fill in your Social Security number, but according to the King County website, they do not use that information, so fill it in your Social Security number is optional.

In addition to voting, a registered voter may have more privileges than others such as being able to sign a petition or run for elective offices.

For more information about registering to vote, call the King County Voter Registration Information at 206-296-8083.

Race relations discussion opens doors

By Heather Baldwin
Staff Reporter

Race relations discussion opened its doors with a panel discussion on Wednesday evening. The discussion was held to talk about the effects of race on American history.

The panel consisted of four students: Doree Bryant, a social work major; Tanisha Jackson, a biology major; David Brown, a computer science major; and Mark Cullum, an education major.

The panelists discussed the effects of race on American history. They talked about how race has affected the way we view society and politics. They also talked about how race affects our daily lives.

By Talitha Vazquez
Staff Reporter

Highline’s faculty has grown as they welcome 15 full-time faculty and 34 part-time. All of the positions have been filled, even though there are still a few instructors who are not yet onboard. The position is a full-time instructor in the School of Arts.

The Arts and Humanities division welcomed eight new faculty: FT Jackson, social sciences; Eric Kuen, social sciences; Haigang Pan, Chinese; Shannon Proctor, speech communication; Susan Rich, social sciences; Mira Shimbakura, multicultural; David Weber, office occupations; and Michael C. Blackmore, American culture and education.

Call Center Training Program at the Federal Way campus for one and a half years, and prior to that was working in Access Computer Systems, a medical software company, for seven years.

“I liked doing that but wanted to do something that meant more,” said Weber.

She moved over to Highline after she heard that a position for an office occupations instructor had opened up. Now she is teaching key business, legal transcription, legal processing and telecommunication.

“Office occupations is something that people are looking for,” said Weber.

Highline has several positions open in both full-time and part-time.

By Shannon Proctor
Staff Reporter

Shannon Proctor is the case.

She has only been in biology since graduate school which she entered with the intent of going into research.

“I found out that I was too social and didn’t want to be stuck in a lab,” said Lawrence.

Since that is teaching biology she only has to be in the lab a couple times a week and doing something that she truly loves.
Opinion

Subsidizing bus passes should be next step

Highline needs to get serious about parking management. Raising the cost of parking permits and fines was a good first step. Now the college needs to get on the bus.

Many colleges and employers subsidize bus passes for students. Highline has offered a $5 subsidy. This is a joke.

Parking here is a horrific headache. A parking spot on campus is almost non-existent after 9 a.m.

Riding the bus is a good way for students to get around traffic congestion, cut down on pollution and avoid the endless hunt for parking spots, or the hike from Midway.

The average cost of a two-zone bus pass is between $80 to $100 a month. The average student driver probably spends less than $40 a month on gas. Henceforth it is basically less expensive to drive to school.

At the U.W. students can buy a pass for $31 a quarter and it shows up on their tuition statements. It has also become a popular trend for colleges to offer a Metro Go-pass at a reduced price. North Seattle, Seattle Central, and South Seattle community colleges all choose to help students who choose to ride the bus.

So why isn’t Highline doing something to entice students to ride the bus? Colleagues have subsidized bus passes for their students. Are Highline students exempt from special benefits?

Students who ride the bus should be rewarded for riding the bus. By riding the buses they are creating more parking spaces on campus and cutting down traffic congestion.

Students need to vote in next week’s elections

Student apathy and lack of involvement in school activities is a problem on campus. Students need to get involved to create or prevent changes on campus.

Highline is a commuter college. Students come and go from classes, get in their two years, then leave.

Things happen in two years. School politics and how money is spent on campus never rests at Highline.

The way students can affect the campus is by voting in student government elections. Voter turnout in these elections has been low in the past. Not only Highline faces this problem, but other community colleges as well.

Last spring’s student government elections only attracted 202 of the 8,000 students on campus. Some of the voters did not vote in all the races and issues that were on the ballot. The consequence was that students who were voted in may or may not represent the views of the entire student body.

When paying for tuition and fees, new students may have wondered why they were paying more this quarter. On top of a state-mandated hike in tuition, in the elections last spring 104 students voted to impose a campus-wide student tax to pay for a new student center. Eighty students voted against the tax, so the decision was not made by an overwhelming majority.

Vote in the fall senatorial races, because they do something for the school, and they represent the students. Evening students may want to vote for a candidate who goes to school during evening hours or a student who goes to school during the day for the evening senator position.

Guest commentary

By John Fox
Special to the Thunderword

We are looking for two students that are going to be dedicated to finding out what kind of policies the president of Highline should have. We would like two people that are going to be reliable, responsible, and able to attend all of the Board meetings.

Student Club Diplomats/Tempo, King-Bidwell, is currently trying to get clubs organized and contact students that have expressed interest in becoming involved, or in starting a club.

Student Senator Joe Nalley is putting the finishing touches on planning for the Ice Cream Social scheduled for next Thursday evening, from 5 to 8 p.m. Joe is also working with Vice President for Administration, Stewart Wainaina, on posting election data on the Internet. We are still waiting for all the prospective candidates to turn in their packets so that the necessary candidate biographies can be done on time and put up on the election web page.

Senators Kyle Maschoff and Vice President for Legislation, John Fox are planning the candidates forum scheduled for next Wednesday. John is also trying to get the word out to Highline students and other campuses that Olympia Debate is going to be speaking here at Highline on Oct. 22. She will be here as part of the Northwest Annual Debate to Diversity. Debate is a strong advocate for the equal rights for women.

John Fox is vice president of Legislation for the Associated Students of Highline Community College.
Teenybop sensibility takes America hostage

Teens in a world of their own. A planet in which the minuscule of life’s problems become vastly exaggerated and the utterly important concerns are little more than trivial annoyances that older people should busy themselves with. Fine, but should our culture pander to this unvarnished attitude?

The Roche Motel
by Derek Roche

Today’s media, whether it’s news, television or film, seem to act as a procuer of the youth-oriented culture; conveying teenage angst from adolescent affairs into trends of pop culture, or worse political leverage. Bill Clinton, in his initial campaign for the presidency in 1992, appealed before a group of young teens on MTV, responding to questions of such insignificance as whether he wears bowties or briefs.

Anyone who bothers the potential voter of our country with admissions of such irrelevance should stick to Teen Magazine, go to college, read Newsweek and then vote.

Really, how much can an 18-year-old know about politics anyway?

It used to be that the teenybopper scene was reserved strictly for the pages of Seventeen Magazine. It seems as though the “teen” is just as important, we’re in the future” attitude of today’s boys and girls has been unreservedly justified and irresponsibly thrust into our mainstream media, unabashedly as matters of high priority, when in fact they’re minute in the grand scheme.

Hollywood is, perhaps, the most prominent and unstable culprit. The “dumbing down” of movies is easy attributed to the simple fact that nearly all studio films released are targeted towards the teenage demographic. This is more cause than effect however; teenagers simply buy more tickets.

The young adult years is, in fact, a segue into the two life certainties that 1. You will dig yourself into debt, and 2. Someday you will die. So enjoy your youth while you still have dignity, and a heartbeat.

Unoriginal screenplay sinks insipid comedy

By Leona Springger
Staff Reporter

That’s the Way I Like It is Glen Cook’s (Director/Producer/Writer) semi-autobiographical account of his experiences growing up in Signapore during the 1970s. It’s an uninspired film, marred by the fact that it’s difficult to understand the dialogue.

The classic story of East meets West, looks originality as well as the ability to sustain chuckles after the first 30 minutes of running time.

Adrian Pang in a scene from That’s the Way I Like It.

Bruce Lee, and has a motorcyle with beautiful women riding on the back.

On one festive night, the local cinema replaces its usual long to flick with a dance movie called That’s the Way I Like It.

“Rock scores the very idea of disco, but tag along with his friends, and is shocked to discover how much Forever Fever speaks to him. He takes dance lessons with his childhood friend Mei in hopes of winning a local dance contest. First prize is big cash, and maybe even a guy friend to buy his debut hit, Not all was finished however; That’s the Way I Like It had a couple of interesting blends of drama and comedy. It was a hit for Lee, but it fell flat for the audience.

Seattle club hoppers bid farewell to RCKNDY

The Club Scene

The RCKNDY, which is to be torn down later this year.

Crowded dance floor to ensure body to body action.

With an intoxicating blend of danceable DJs and live funk/trip-hop house grooves, this is another place to rock and roll.

Pioneer Square is a notable epicenter of urban excitement.

For those who love to really show out — for you passionate club-hoppers, then the Last Supper Bar is definitely the place to get your groove on. Dance to impress is the capital rule here, as this place rocks with the fervor of Ms. S. Holmes.

Friday’s future live percussionist jamming along with the DJs. It is all happening.

The last rites are being held for all ages at the RCKNDY. It seems as though the powers-that-be declare October to be the final month of business.

RCKNDY is Seattle’s only remaining all-ages live music venue, after the closure of the Velvet Elvis in June.

After RCKNDY’s final show, it will be torn down in favor of a new hotel.

It’s time to unite and support the RCKNDY in its final days.

#7, Seven Seconds, Slick It, All, and The Get Up Kids are a few of the bands lined up for RCKNDY’s swan song.

RCKNDY’s final show will feature Butch, The Bled Brothers, Harkonen, and Playing Enemy on Oct. 30 at 8 p.m. Don’t be left out. Get out of the house and into the clubs. So clubbers and clubbettes, gather ye to the club of this choice and surrender to the agency and ecstasy of da feet. This is Curtise saying, “Ciao!”
Comedy Cafe provides laugh riot

By Dwayne Boche and
Tisha Donaldson
Staff Reporter

Comedy Cafe is making another valiant return to Highline, on Friday Oct 8 at Building 8 (Student Center).

Doors open at 7 p.m. but the show will not officially begin until 8 p.m. and is scheduled to conclude at approximately 10 p.m.

Team Highline, as years past, is promoting the event.

The twisted comic routine will feature two comedians: Mark Unger and Floyd Phillips, who will be combining their talents, and will hopefully display their comic adaptations of a packed house.

Josh Siebenaler of Team Highline will coordinate the event and believe it to be a terrific opportunity to create family entertainment.

"I would describe it as a non-alcoholic under age comedy club, said Siebenaler.

Past events have included the comic duo of Haines and Preston, which was lively, high-spirited entertainment in the tradition of Vudtvilk.

As Haines and Preston did a year ago, audience members will, more than likely, be made part of the show. Co-performer Floyd Phillips was scheduled, as part of Comedy Cafe, to put on his show here at Highline in the Spring of 1997. However, poor communication between the school and the PES agency, resulted in Floyd winding up at Shoreline Community College instead.

Comedy Cafe is a family event. Profanity will occasionally slip out of the performer mouth, but providing good clean fun is the overall objective.

Tickets for the event are going for $3 in advance, and can be purchased in the Student Program office. Admission at the door will cost $7 at the door, and beverages and snacks will be made available.

The booking of the comedians is fairly expensive says Siebenaler, but Comedy West has been a fair in its attempts to provide top-notch entertainment.

Josh says past productions have run relatively smoothly, and hopes for another success this year.

"We pretty much have broken even just about every time," he said.

BLT, with extra drama

By Melinda Charlene
Staff Reporter

Burien Little Theatre (BLT) has compiled a list of four must-see productions for their 1999-2000 season. Playing until Oct. 10 is Noel Coward's Hay Fever.

This English comedy focuses on a family of four, whom each is without consulting the other family members, invites a guest to spend the weekend in their one available guest room. However, once the guests arrive the chaos begins.

BLT Vice President Henry Hart describes the dialogue as "brilliant," and director Curt Hetherington noted that Fever is simply a "light comedy in three acts."

The next event to grace BLT's stage is J.B. Priestley's mystery thriller An Inspector Calls. It is set to begin Nov. 5 and run until Nov. 28. Following this production in January is Gore Vidal's political production The Best Man. BLT will complete its season in March with the musical Little Mary Sunshine.

Showings are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets for general admission are $10, students and seniors $9. Season tickets and group rates can be purchased through Harriet Center ticket at 206-242-9364.

Reservations are recommended and can be arranged by calling the box office.

Y2K Dance!
Highline College
Building 8, upper level
Friday, Oct. 15, 1999
9 p.m.-1 a.m.
Advance tickets: $8 single/$12 couple
$10/$15 at the door
Tickets available at the Student Programs office and at the door.
Sponsored by the Highline VSA.

Inside Scoop, the Thunderword magazine, will bid a fond adieu to the 20th century with a special edition featuring musings on the millenium. Submissions are invited. Deadline Nov. 15.
Skovovie's unique sound not enough in the end

By Paul Reid
Staff Reporter

Skovovie and the Epiphanys' new CD, entitled "The Growler", captures only a secluded crowd with their different style slackin' music. This Boston-area based band travels throughout the states in effort to promote their CD's. This past July the band crowded in Seattle at the KNONY.

The "Slackers" is the style of dance used to groove to ska. However, one may find difficulty in trying to tango while listening to Skovovie. This may be the unfortunate result of Ana Pernas, the band's head vocalist, attempting too hard to be ska.

"The band members are not tight. Their loose style of playing means a dissonant sound," says professional musician Gabriel Roberts.

This statement fits the sound perfectly. While listening to the CD, I found myself tuning to the radio before the first song was complete.

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Having to deal with 10 members in the band makes it difficult, considering they don't flow back well. Everyone begins to plug his or her ears when I played their CD. Not a good sign. They were simply annoying, and did not possess a distinct sound all their own.

"Skovovie even sounded Mexican and they are definitely not looking for that sound. It is not that I don't recommend this band, they are just not my style," says Roberts.

Although the lyrics did not have much meaning, the band enjoys having fun with the words and music, often creating humor within their lyrics.

I did have a laugh once or twice while listening, but the humor alone was not enough to influence my enjoyment with the overall CD.

So, when one makes the trip to the music store, for a ska CD, pass by "The Growler" and pick up a more professional sounding band. Try to find one that is easy to listen and slack to.

'Rings' a tour de force

By Derek Reckle
Staff Reporter

David O. Russell's Three Kings is a brilliant mesh of dark comedy, thrilling action, and witty political satire; a film so wonderfully realized from start to finish, it's a shame Warner Bros. studio has completely failed to provide an adequate marketing push.

Instead, the inept trailers failed to make the film as '90s action fare, with two rappers (Ice Cube, Mark Wahlberg) and Dr. Rushmore himself, George Clooney, in the starring roles.

The Pyro techniques and large scale action, however impressive, complement the flawlessly told story - a refreshing change of pace from your run-of-the-mill action fare.

Despite the year's best film thus far,

Crossword 101

"Ginger, Roy & Others"

By Ed Cady

8 Women's partners
9 Type of fish
10 N.Y. cousin
11 Northeast, e.g.
12 Kink
13 Aces
14 Promoted again
15 N.Y. E precursor
16 Movie
17 Mostly
18 On the nose slide
19 Morgan's birthplace
20 Neil Diamond's hit
21 Military leader
22 Skiffle
23 On the move
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Thundering 'Birds take cross country meets

Skagit proves to be right course for teams

By Rob Stafford
Staff Reporter

Skagit proved to be country team (in its second year) at the Skagit Valley Invitational. The women’s 6-kilometer race results were Jennie Trujillo, second; Lou Edwards, third; Karla Booth, sixth; Jessica Cook, eighth; and AnnLee Krause, 13th. Highline finished first with a margin of 11 points over second-place Skagit Valley; Trinity Western finished third; and Bellevue fourth.

The Lady T-Birds were lifted by three new runners: Lou Edwards, a returning student; AnnLee Krause, a Highline basketball player, who was recruited last Thursday; and Jessica Cook, running for the first time after being injured in a car accident in September.

“All three ran excellent races and we couldn’t have done it without any of them,” said Coach Brigham.

Highline also has a second 3-0-1, with more goals scored than Bellevue but also more goals allowed.

After putting the stops on the three-time defending champion Titans, Highline came back to sparked Green River, 4-3 on Saturday Oct. 2 in Auburn.

The Tacoma match was an aggressive and hard fought game. The Titans scored fairly well enough to control the possession of the half throughout most of the game. They were not, however, able to score on the Titans’ tough defense.

The Titans came out hard and were able to hold off the T-Birds from scoring while Highline’s mediocre play did not generate much pressure.

Highline had many missed opportunities in the first half alone. Defender Angie Upchurch had a free kick that missed just wide of the goal in the 35th minute of the game. Outside midfielder Lori Parrish had good backside runs all game long, but her teammates were often too slow to move the ball to take advantage.

Parrish had been her opponent consistently and had been able to take the high up the Titans’ defensive line on her own. The problem was that she did not get enough backside support before getting tackled by the opposition.

“You did really well,” said Parrish. “We were just unlucky.”

Late in the half, Parrish did manage to break through Tacoma’s defense and made a good cross to midfielder Rachel Moyer, but was unable to put it away before the Titans could recover.

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Highline had an impenetrable defense in the first half and most of the second.

“I thought we dominated, we just couldn’t finish,” said defender Angie Upchurch.

With eight minutes left, T-Birds found themselves in front of the Gators of Green River.

The game ended in favor of Highline with a score 4-3.

The Gators led off by scoring on a free kick from 35 yards out. It was the first goal allowed by the T-Birds all season.

Highline then came back when Vickie Upchurch scored just before the half ended.

Midfielder Jessica Anderson scored the next two with assists from Vickie Upchurch and midfielder Lindsay Jewett.

Green River rallied to bring the score to 3-2 with a slippery off goal keeper Liz Oteri. The Gators then rallied their third goal of the game to set it up while the T-Birds were running with one player down.

Forward Joanna Plekovich had received her second yellow card for sliding with the referee and was ejected from the game. She will be suspended for one game and will not play against Northwest Oregon on Saturday, Oct. 9.

The decisive goal came when Vickie Upchurch scored on a penalty kick after Parsons had been taken down in the box.

With the midpoint of the season rapidly approaching, the Lady T-Birds will have very little surprises left. The women are concentrating on bringing their game to a higher level.

“We have decided to start stepping it up in practice," said Moyer. “We have to start finishing our shots.”

After Saturday’s game in Oregon, the T-Birds next visit division-leading Bellevue for a 2 p.m. match.

The Helmsmen have scored seven times on their opponents. Bellevue has not let a team score on them yet so the T-Birds will have to make every shot count.

By Evan Keck
Staff Reporter

Who is the No. 1 ranked women’s soccer team in the division?

Not Tacoma, after Highline held them to 0-0 the last Wednesday at Zenith Park.

Bellevue, the new first-ranked team is 3-0-1, and has not been scored on yet. Highline also has a record of 3-0-1, with more goals scored than Bellevue but also more goals allowed.

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Highline had an impenetrable defense in the first half and most of the second.

“I thought we dominated, we just couldn’t finish,” said defender Angie Upchurch.

With eight minutes left, T-Birds found themselves in front of the Gators of Green River.

The game ended in favor of Highline with a score 4-3.

The Gators led off by scoring on a free kick from 35 yards out. It was the first goal allowed by the T-Birds all season.

Highline then came back when Vickie Upchurch scored just before the half ended.

Midfielder Jessica Anderson scored the next two with assists from Vickie Upchurch and midfielder Lindsay Jewett.

Green River rallied to bring the score to 3-2 with a slippery off goal keeper Liz Oteri. The Gators then rallied their third goal of the game to set it up while the T-Birds were running with one player down.

Forward Joanna Plekovich had received her second yellow card for sliding with the referee and was ejected from the game. She will be suspended for one game and will not play against Northwest Oregon on Saturday, Oct. 9.

The decisive goal came when Vickie Upchurch scored on a penalty kick after Parsons had been taken down in the box.

With the midpoint of the season rapidly approaching, the Lady T-Birds will have very little surprises left. The women are concentrating on bringing their game to a higher level.

“We have decided to start stepping it up in practice,” said Moyer. “We have to start finishing our shots.”

After Saturday’s game in Oregon, the T-Birds next visit division-leading Bellevue for a 2 p.m. match.

The Helmsmen have scored seven times on their opponents. Bellevue has not let a team score on them yet so the T-Birds will have to make every shot count.

Women’s soccer team increases intensity

By Evan Keck
Staff Reporter

The Highline men’s soccer team bounced back after their first loss. After taking a 3-1 hit from Clark, Wednesday, Sept. 29, they beat Tacoma 2-1 last Saturday, Oct. 2.

“Clark was a major step up in talent,” said Head Coach Jason Stutsman.

The Penguins were too much for Highline. Their win was due in large part to an impressive performance by the team captain, who accomplished a last trick in the first 15 minutes of play.

This was all that Clark needed to knock off Highline.

“We were caught off guard, and did not play well,” said Provost.

“Everything went wrong,” said Peter Wilson, who had the only goal for the Thunderbirds.

After the dominating first half, Highline self destructed and played against themselves rather than focusing on their opponents.

Within a minute of the start of the second half, one of the Penguins was ejected after re-
Highline's volleyball team drops back-to-back games

By Jahmaal Corner
Staff Reporter

Highline volleyball has taken a sudden downward spiral. Wednesday's match pitted the Thunderbirds against Clark in a pivotal game. It was short and sweet. Highline was quickly brushed off: 25-15, 25-15. The decisive loss dropped the Thunderbirds to 1-2, which increased the importance of the next contest.

Friday night Highline headed to Green River. The hope was that they’d be anything but hospitable. The Pavilion was occupied by more fans than in the home opener. The place was noisy, and the crowd was energized. Unfortunately, the energy was flowing through the wrong team.

Green River approached the game with an offense that utilized all team members. Their multifaceted play always allowed them to get the ball in good position. They also had huge hits to compliment their depth. Head Coach Andrea Lancaster put it in perspective. “We hadn’t played anyone that prepared us for the offense we faced tonight,” she said.

It was a formidable challenge, and one that proved too difficult. The Thunderbirds came out flat in the first game. “When we started the first game we weren’t pumped up; we beat ourselves,” Coach Lancaster explained.

In game two they looked better, but were eventually overpowered. They regrouped to take an early 3-0 lead early in game three, but then lost 15 of the next 17 points to complete the match. The final score read 25-15, 9-15, 15-15.

The Thunderbirds seem to be slipping from the original theme of heart-wrenching points and nail-biting finishes. With two consecutive three-game losses, the fight in the bird seems less noticeable.

Highline now stands at 1-3. And while it’s not the start they’d hoped for, they still have so far to travel in this young season. It is now behind them, but what lies before them is a different story. Highline has two consecutive Wednesday road matches against Pierce College, Oct. 6, with results unavailable at press time, and Grey’s Harbor on Oct. 13. They then travel to take on Lower Columbia on Friday, Oct. 15, before returning home Wednesday, Oct. 20, to meet Tacoma.

Despite the big defeat, T-Bird Janelle Peterson still found something to smile about, “We managed to maintain teamwork,” she said. A commendable attitude considering their predicament.

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Receiving a second yellow card. Even with a man down, Clark held his lead and only allowed one goal. "It wasn't pretty but it went in," said Wilson.

Highline scored this goal to their advantage for the game against Tacoma.

"We worked hard, and prepared well," said Provost. Highline scored first with a shot by Jason Soper off an assist from Dorge Jaksonovic. "It was a beautiful goal," said Wilson. After giving up an own goal, Highline's Brian Belingo put in a header to give Highline the victory.

"They played with their hearts," said Provost.

The men had a rematch against Tacoma Wednesday, winning 5-4. Further results were unavailable at press time. The T-Birds next take on the Pierce Raiders, 1 p.m. Saturday at Zephos Field.

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Professional exchange brings new ideas

By Sergey Kopasov
Staff Reporter

Siymda Qumna is a long way from home. Qumna came to Highline from South Africa with thousands of miles away to gain experience that will help him in establishing a small business in George, South Africa.

Qumna, who will be in the Seattle area until mid-October, said his Highline experience is proving helpful. He sees Highline and other community colleges as a very important transition period between high school and university. It also emphasizes the priority of diversity among students.

"Siymda's presence at Highline is under exchange agreement between HCC and the South Cape Business Center, South Africa," Stokes said.

Qumna thinks that community colleges are important and useful. "We don't have community colleges back home," he says. "You go from high school directly to university. You have to pass certain entrance examinations, but we don't have community colleges. Because there is no transition period between high school and university, a lot of students fail," Qumna said.

The main reason for Qumna's presence at Highline is the exchange of ideas, resources and skills. Qumna gathers all the information he can get about hotels and tourism, customer service, advertising, accounting and general business practices. He conducts interviews, professional meetings and also collects pamphlets, handouts and so forth.

"Highline helped me tremendously," Qumna says. "To me, the faculty is working as a unit and is very helpful." Faculty members and staff do spend a lot of time with Qumna, providing all the help they can.

He also noticed the diversity among students. "The student body is a lot more diverse than back home," Qumna said. In his opinion, the diverse student body is a positive factor for education.

He says that remaining is developed well in Highline and there is a good relationship between the college and area businesses.

In the next two weeks, Qumna is going to be visiting Tacoma Community College, Pierce College and Clover Park Technical College. He is going to be leaving the U.S. on Oct. 16, but he will come back to Highline for his last week of staying here. He is a soccer player and wants to watch the Highline soccer team play some time before he leaves.

He is also planning on starting a student exchange program between Highline and George. Qumna estimates that the program will start some time next year, but this is not final yet.

For now, Qumna is gathering information and is going to apply what he has learned at Highline in his country. He thinks that Highline has helped him enormously and is planning on continuing the business relationship.

By Matthew Ellis
Staff Reporter

Chinese professor discovering U.S. students' ways

Am you nervous about your first week at Highline? Well imagine how much your ancestors would knock if you were starting Pan, a new Chinese professor whose first experience out of her country is teaching a class full of American students. Yet even through her nervousness she still never fails to make an impact in the classroom.

She said she was lucky to continue schooling because few students have enough money to move on past high school. Most women must become housewives and stay home.

Making the decision to come here was very difficult but it was taken because it is a chance in a lifetime opportunity. Leaving her husband and daughter at home was a tough choice, but she is looking forward to their visit.

At Highline, Pan teaches Mandarin Chinese. At home she is an English teacher. The students also listen to her teach about China's culture and their writing system. She says the students are very held in America, because unlike here, at home students must wait until the end of class to ask questions.

Chinese students cannot withdraw from their classes, so she was very surprised when she came to Highline. She said students put more pressure on their teachers.
Learning to talk American

By Laura Adele Boracco
Staff Reporter

The class has people of ages 20 to 60 and at least nine nationalities.

They start the day by reading out words like "Tide," "Jade," and "snail." It's the American English Pronunciation Class, a place where many students have come a long way to get here.

Project started six years ago, but it's been two years since speech pathologist Meriel McPhish joined the effort. She said that it's wonderful "how highline realizes the importance of the spoken language and devotes so many resources toward a that class.

Learning how to spell right, and the correct placement of the stress or accent in words and sentences, are vital components in this course.

McPhish says she tries to "give the students tools so that they don't have to read and understand patterns of sounds in English."

Student Xinyu from Vietnam, who is motivated, says, "I want to explain what I think to others, and to talk more with people.

A student from Japan said that "It's hard to communicate and make friends because I can't speak English well." Students attending the class enjoy it so much that it is common for them to take it more than once.

One student, Olga from Ukraine, has been in the class two quarters. She also believes that practice at home is very important.

"I read stories to my kids every night that way I work on my English with them," she said.

McPhish makes the class complete, having days where students go to the lab working with tapes and also having Fridays as a conversation day where you can learn interesting facts from people of different cultures.

You also improve in communicating skills.

This class has open enrollment all quarter and credits are variable depending on how many hours you want to attend. It runs at 3 p.m. until noon in Building 19, room 201.

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cared to create a more unique teaching plan. Her teaching plan consists of teaching students the basic colloquial Chinese, but she issues in important phrases to keep the students going. I use useful expressions to help motivate the students," she said.

As her schooling progressed she was going to a foreign language school associated with Shanghai University.

One difference Pan noticed between America and China is its architectural differences.

The campus is beautiful, I enjoy seeing all the different buildings," she said. In China the buildings are square and not as eccentric.

This is her first chance to experience different architecture because she has never left China before.

Actually, Pan was unaware of where a community college was before she came to Highline.

In China, the closest thing to a community college is night school.

Notes that most students who go to night school in China are adults who have jobs and families.

Foundation honors "Circle of friends"

Highline's Foundation is hosting "Circle of Honor" a dessert social honoring retiring Foundation members. Students who have received awards through the Foundation will also get a chance to thank their benefactors. "Circle of Honor" will be on Thursday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. in Building 8.

The program is about having fun and participating in an activity where you can acquire social experiences," Gruberg said.

International students make big plans for Fall Quarter

By Kyutaro Hirose
Staff Reporter

Some Highline Students have come a long way to get here. Highline has 254 foreign students enrolled with around 30 nationalities, including Germany, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Ukraine, Thailand, United Arab Emirates.

While international students have great hopes and aspirations, they also have dilemmas.

Some of them won't be able to cope with their obstacles, such as homesickness, weather, food, and could become generalized, many foreign students say. But they can get help on campus from the International Students Program.

"Half of them are outgoing and the other half of them are conservative. These are representative characteristics of international students. However, they will change to adopt American culture gradually," Michael J. Gruberg, assistant director of the International Students Program said.

Each student will adopt differently, but they will all have to be accustomed anyway. "According to my experience of observing international students, successful students have balanced their lives. They don't only study, but they also spare their time to have social time," Gruberg said.

The International Students Program also has planned several activities this year, such as the International Club and ESA (English Speaking Association). These programs aim to introduce international students to each other as well as to American students and to share their culture with one another. Through these activities, the International Students Program wants these students to learn how to interact with American students and also wants American students to open their eyes to foreign students. "American Students also have to be aware of international students," Gruberg said.

Students can meet each other at the International Lunch Table, Wednesdays from noon to 2 p.m. in the cafeteria, Building 8.

"This is a time to eat, talk, and share culture experiences among students and faculty members," Gruberg said.

The International Students Program will help students with things like registration, federal immigration, transfer information, and finding jobs. "We want to help them to be self-sufficient. For example, in the case of filling out an application, we will help them, but we want them to try themselves. The program is about having met help, then participate in an activity where you can acquire social experiences," Gruberg said.
Fund's are being raised for Thunderbird mascot

By April Penwell
Staff Reporter

Earl Rie, director of student government at Washington State University, has been planning the campaign to raise funds for a Thunderbird mascot to grace the football field. The mascot, initially a cartoon drawing, is now being developed into a real model by a local artist. The goal is to have the completed mascot ready for the homecoming game against Oregon State University.

The mascot will be a significant addition to the university's sports teams, providing a unique and identifiable symbol for the Thunderbirds. The process involves a series of meetings with the student government and the university administration to finalize the design and ensure it meets the desired standards.

The funds will be raised through various events and initiatives, including a special day of giving, where students, alumni, and fans are encouraged to donate to the mascot campaign. The proceeds will be used to cover the costs of creating the mascot, including its design, production, and maintenance.

The mascot is expected to be a key feature of university sports events, serving as a symbol of school spirit and pride. Its presence will help to enhance the overall atmosphere of football games and create a sense of excitement and enthusiasm among students and fans alike.

For more information about the mascot campaign, including how to support its development, visit the dedicated website or contact the student government office. Contributions are tax-deductible, and all proceeds will be directed towards the completion of the Thunderbird mascot project.

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The student government elections are set for October 28, and candidates are already beginning to campaign for the positions. It's a critical time for students to engage with the political process and vote for leaders who will represent their interests.

The candidates are running on various platforms, with promises to improve campus facilities, enhance student services, and address important issues such as sustainability and diversity. The campaign period is an opportunity for students to learn more about the candidates and make informed decisions when casting their ballots.

The student government plays a significant role in the university community, influencing policies and initiatives that impact students' daily lives. By participating in the election, students can ensure that their voices are heard and that the campus environment is one that supports their needs and aspirations.

For more information about the election, including candidate profiles and campaign schedules, visit the student government website. Voting dates and locations will be announced shortly, so students are encouraged to stay informed and participate actively in this important civic duty.

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Bob Hall, director of facilities and services, has been appointed to the new position of campuswide facilities manager. Hall will oversee all aspects of facilities management, including maintenance, construction, and operations. His appointment is part of the ongoing efforts to improve the quality and efficiency of campus facilities.

In his new role, Hall will work closely with department heads and other campus stakeholders to ensure that facilities needs are met and that resources are used effectively. He will also be responsible for developing and implementing strategic plans to enhance the campus infrastructure.

The appointment of Bob Hall to the campuswide facilities manager position is a significant milestone in the university's efforts to enhance its facilities management. It reflects the university's commitment to providing a safe, comfortable, and conducive learning environment for all students, faculty, and staff.

For more information about the facilities management team and their responsibilities, visit the department's website. Questions or suggestions can be directed to Bob Hall at (509) 296-3500 or hallb@wsu.edu.