Quake damage repaired at the Redondo pier

BY ASA HALL
STAFF REPORTER

An octopus devours a crab for lunch, slowly engulfing it until it is no longer visible. It then waits, breaking down every morsel of the once animate creature.

This octopus is just one of the many attractions at Highline’s Marine Science and Technology Center. Along with the octopus students can see the aquariums and touch the tanks. Highline invested more than $60,000 in college funds, in addition to volunteer work, in the development of Highline’s center, yet all was lost on Feb. 28, 2001 during the Puget Sound earthquake.

“This fall, Sept. 17 the center was reopened to the public,” said Bob Maplestone, chairman of the Engineering and Applied Sciences Division. Many Highline students attend oceanography and marine biology classes at Highline’s center, located near Redondo Beach to the south of Salty’s.

With the center being only five minutes away from campus, students are able to experience hands-on learning and research. Although damage remains from the earthquake, the redevelopment of the center is slowly coming together in three phases.

Phase one will focus on repairing the infrastructure of the dock. Phase two will focus on renovation and construction, creating space for classrooms, laboratories, public access spaces, as well as storage and research. Phase three will concentrate on developing a proper training, education, and research ground that will eventually lead to life and earth science laboratory stations, a computer center for data analysis as well as other resources.

The dock has a weather station and a live web cam, said Maplestone. The weather station measures temperature, barometric pressure, wind direction, sunlight, and amounts of rain. “Hopefully it will be open in a few weeks,” he said.

Data from the weather station and web cam can be viewed on Highline’s web site. “Go to the web page and see what is going on,” said Maplestone.

On a weekly basis marine biology students “measure the amount of water in the ocean to

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Student leaders consider smoking

BY VALERIE GOLLIER
STAFF REPORTER

The issue of student smoking on campus continues to burn its way to the top of Student Government’s agenda for this year. More attention to the issues of security and parking will also be pursued. Newly presented ideas are a recycling initiative, a book trade idea, and a $100,000 signage initiative. The smoking issue is an initiative to condense the smoking on campus down to designated areas only, said Vice President of Administration James "Popeye." This is a midterm goal for the officers.

They still need to figure out how to enforce this, decide where the areas would best be located, and where the money will come from. They figure that some of it might have to come from Student Government. However, at least the research for this project was completed last year.

“We need students to serve on a committee to play as mediators between administration and the students,” said President Kolesta Moore.

The parking issue is also one to be resolved. There is not enough parking on campus for all students with the three lots combined, which sends the rest to Midway. But Student Government officials say there isn’t enough

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Crowded field seeks three Student Government positions

**By Valerie Goller**  
**Staff Reporter**

Nine eager students have filed to take their chances at one of three student senator positions. The election for student senator is Oct. 22 and 23. The voting will begin at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 22 and will end at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 23. There will be two booths set up like voting booths for students.

**Mark Thomas**

Mark Thomas is a sophomore here at Highline and also doing Running Start. His major is going to be Business or Business Administration. He is running for senator because he wants to make a difference and finally get involved in school activities. If elected, he wants to work on making the requirements do Running Start harder.

"You only have to have a 2.0 cumulative, which isn't very high at all," said Thomas.

He would also like to work on the smoking issue on campus with the other candidates.

"I think I'm just an average student. I have a 3.64 GPA, which is pretty good, but I'm on the same level as the other students," Thomas said.

He thinks he is a good candidate, and is a good representation of the students at Highline.

**Tina Higashi**

Tina Higashi is a freshman at Highline, and is doing Running Start. Her major is psychology. She is running for senator because she is interested in making a difference in the school. Higashi would like to work on making the student's days better by addressing such topics as parking, cafeteria selection, better campus lighting, and anything else the students feel need of.

"I am willing to listen to you. If you want something done, then you want me in Student Government," said Higashi.

**Alicen Collier**

Alicen Collier is a sophomore at Highline, and in her second year of Running Start. Her major is French.

"I am running for senator because she knows a lot of things that she wants to happen, and she wants to get things done. If elected, she would want to have more recycling on campus, work on programs for diversity, and fundraising for athletic programs. Students should vote for me because I really believe that these programs can happen, and if elected, I promise that they will get done," said Collier.

**Reid Baughman**

Reid Baughman is a senior at Highline, and in his second year of Running Start. His major is somewhere in the science genre. He is running for senator because he is interested in politics, and his father used to be a politician. If elected, he would want to work on the smoking issue and the recycling issue. Students should vote for him because he is a hard worker, has had experiences with the students at Highline, and is a good representative of the students, said Baughman.

**Stephanie Raghubeer**

Stephanie Raghubeer is a sophomore at Highline, and is in her second year of Running Start. She plans to major in Biology. She wants to be senator to try to get more involved in school, and she thought it would be a good idea to do that through a senator position.

If elected, she would like to get students more involved in activities, clubs and such. She also wants to somehow get the night students more involved in the activities at Highline, considering everything is usually done during the daytime.

Students should vote for Raghubeer because she is dedicated, hard working, and when she sets her mind to something, she gets it done. She also works with good people and is glad that the position comes with two other components to work on things with.

**Joe Tran**

Joe Tran is a freshman at Highline, and in his first year of Running Start. He is pretty sure that he wants to become a chiropractor.

"Highline is a great school, and I'd like to be a bigger part of the school and community," said Tran. He would like to work on the smoking issue, help clean up campus, and most importantly, make students more aware of what goes on at Highline. Tran says he's a people person. He likes to interact with people and listen to what they have to say, and then put what they've said into action.

**Christopher Monfort**

Christopher Monfort is in his second year here at Highline.

"I am majoring in Law. He is running for senator because, "I want to make the student body more aware of the civil rights they have lost under the Patriot Act, and the current political administration (Bush)," said Monfort.

If elected, his first priority is to help people become active citizens instead of just bystanders, and make the students more politically aware. He would also like to question the student body, with surveys and such, to see what matters to them, and then work on that. Monfort said students should vote for him because he actually cares about our country and our world, and wants to make a positive change.

**Eddie Dha**

Eddie Dha is in his second year at Highline. His major is business. He is running for senator because he wants to create an atmosphere where students can hear, and he can be their voice, to be heard and appreciated. He wants to work on getting students more involved in what's happening at school. He would like to have focus groups where they can say their opinions, then Student Government can meet up about the issues, and get back to the students on them.

"Students should vote for me because I am the best candidate. I have good communication skills; people can come up to me easily, and I will listen. I have the skills that are necessary to get the job done," said Dha.

**Monaka White**

Monaka White is also a candidate for student senator. No information was available.

**Joe Tran, Monaka White, or Eddie Dha at press time.**
Taking care of your belongings

By now you have probably heard the parking lots of Highline are popular hangouts for thieves, but there are some precautions you can take to lessen your chance of being a victim.

Some of you have spent hundreds and in some cases thousands of dollars on a sound system. Take your faceplate with you when you leave your vehicle not just here but anytime you leave your car unattended.

Just like you've been told not to leave your house key under the front door mat, don't put your plate in your glove box, a thief will find it. Another thing why leave your CDs laying in plain sight? That's asking someone to break in. You wouldn't think of going shopping at one of the malls and leaving valuables lying around in your car for the world to see and it's not a good idea to do it here.

I've heard young people say the Club is useless. I don't agree, we know a car thief will cut a plug out of the steering wheel to remove the Club. The question I ask is if you were a car thief and you steal two cars parked side by side, one with a Club the other without which would you steal? If you don't trust Club then purchase a brake or clutch locking device.

Most alarms sold today have a flashing red LED that is supposed to be mounted in a visible location announcing the presence of an alarm, this can be helpful, but often how have you heard an alarm and ignored it? A combination of some type of wheel or brake, clutch device and an alarm work well. There are also global positioning systems available but they are for use after a car has been stolen.

Finally I leave you with this thought, there is absolutely nothing that will prevent a car thief from breaking into/stealing your car if they are good enough and really want to but you can make it difficult for them to do so.

Richard Fisher is the chief of security at Highline.

A lesson in monetary ethics

Which golden rule would you apply if you found $20 on campus? The one with the gold makes the rules? Or treat others as you would have them treat you? I usually found $20 outside a classroom. Everyone else had already cleared out of Building 17 and a few of us stayed to ask questions.

"I wish I had seen that. I could have had 20 bucks," a classmate said.

My first thought was to find who lost it. How do you identify cash through a cell phone? I was imagining a struggling student needing $20 for food and bus. I put a handwritten note right where I found it with my phone number. When the caller left a message and gave the room number saying she took English there, I was suspicious. Knowing how people clear out after 2 p.m. I wondered what prompted her to see the note that afternoon and call the same night. The note was gone and there was a new note in its place with a claim to the cash. "To whom it may concern. You have my $20. I lost it yesterday." Not exactly a note of appreciation.

Then two girls came bursting out of one of the classrooms, claiming they could identify the money. It happened to have what looked like dark brown makeup or marker on it. So I gave it to them. I realize now that my note would allow almost anyone to lay claim to cash.

I asked some other students what they would do if they found $20 on campus.

The overall consensus was that based on the student's religious principles they would turn it in to Security. Was it the only one who didn't know the security office handles lost cash? I went straight to the security office

What could be done to help correct the problem?

The first thing to be done is admit that a serious investment is going to have to be made in order to increase the security of the campus. Video surveillance equipment has been added but not enough.

While it is hard to find money in an already tight budget it is imperative to deter theft.

It will be far more cost efficient for the school to put money down now to solve the problem, rather than to continually pay for stolen equipment.

The money should be used to increase the number of security officers on campus and to install surveillance equipment.

It would also be wise to increase the number of officers during the crucial nighttime hours when most theft occurs and coincide when the fewest officers are working.

While having more personnel covering the campus grounds will be effective. The only way to provide a continual watch of campus is to employ the use of surveillance equipment. While paying for new security positions and security cameras may seem expensive at first, in the long run it will pay off.
Melissa’s split decision

How frustrating. Last year I was forced to make a decision that is now slamming me with repercussions I did not expect. That decision was I did plan on transferring to a university. I was on track to finish my

AA, but I also had no idea what I wanted to major in, or in what field I would work. I decided, why rush? There was no reason to transfer just yet.

I’m sure there’s a Murphy’s Law about this: as soon as the college admission deadline passes, you will come across an opportunity that will clear you and you will decide to attend college.

Now it is too late.

I am sad to see it happened to me. I became interested in the technical aspect of writing: copy-editing. I interned, I learned, I loved it. I decided to pursue an English degree from the UW. And it was too late.

Switch gears—we’re going to visit the last fork of the road. My sister, Jessica, and I could be considered a case study. We had, until this year, the same education, but when I decided to take

some time off to get a clear view of my life, she decided to jump right in and transfer to Western.

Jessica was no more certain about her future than I did at the moment she applied to transfer and I withdrew. Now, she has less certainty than I do. And yet, here I am, and there she is.

This is partly because of her personality, and partly because she made a decision to get out of Western and she stuck to that with a pit bull’s iron grip. She hit road block after road block, but she was set on her goal no matter what the struggle.

For a while I beat myself over the head no matter what I knew then, and now I need to do that with what life has thrown at me.

And when next fall rolls around, I may have changed my mind again. But whether I do or not, I know that life now is for me to live its fullest. What it’s not a waiting room, a dull place to chill until the interesting things happen. Wherever you are, live it to its fullest.

Mel (isn’t really a woman, her parents just ingrained it

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Melissa’s split decision

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The Thunderbird

Letters

Dear Editor:

Who is going on with the tent? Something needs to be done as there are students who belong to groups who have to go out to find food and drink. We arrive in the afternoon for a class expecting to be able to eat our dinner or drink something hot before our 7 p.m. class, but there is no place we can go.

The tent used to be open, daily until 8 p.m., but the fire marshal made Dennis Hayes remove the divider curtain because the fire extinguisher could not be seen by anyone sitting at the tables. We realize extinguishers need to be seen for easy reasons. However, now there is no place to go study and eat before class.

Where on this campus can we go that would allow us to sit at a table, eat our food, and study?

Please don’t mention the library or go to campus because there usually isn’t time or we don’t have a vehicle. Also, because of financial constraints, a lot of us bring our own food from home and need a microwave to heat it up. We were always on the tent until they had to start closing it at 1:30 p.m. because of the fire extinguishers issue. This is not feasible to go to the library because food and drink are not allowed there. Also, again due to financial constraints, many of us cannot afford to eat out.

Are evening students not entitled to the same amenities as the daytime students? Like the daytime students, we are entitled to a place to sit down at a table, to talk to friends, eat and/or study before class. At this time there is no such place on campus to do this because of the tent closure at 1:30 p.m.

We are at the student affairs to look into this and find a solution (i.e., putting the fire extinguishers on another wall of the tent where they can be viewed from individuals sitting at the tables.) The evening students would like to be able to use a microwave to heat their food and/or studying without having to spend extra money to find a place off campus.

Thanks for this assistance in this matter.

Karen Morrow

Elaine Read

The road to recovery is long, but worthwhile

In the final issue of the Thunderbird last year, I was interviewed for an article detailing my experience with drug addiction and abusive relationships. The article detailed my lifelong history of domestic violence, drug addiction and depression. Although the article was quite accurate with a few exceptions, I felt compelled to tell the story of my life, and the mistakes I have made.

In May 1995, I remember walking around aimlessly not having a clue what to do next. I was emotionally, physically, mentally and spiritually bankrupt. In about a 10-day period, my entire life changed. Prior to this time, I had completely no concept of a God or higher power. Through many happenings I started to realize that there is a power greater than myself that has been taking care of me all of my life and that if I was to focus on the good things that were happening in my life and believe there was hope for me that I might have.

On June 1, 1995, completely beaten, I entered a residential treatment center. I spent four months in this facility and began to believe in myself and a God that was loving and caring and would be there for me.

Following treatment, I lived in recovery houses where I was able to go to 12-step meetings several times a day and make connections with people who were not using and who had found a new way of life. I learned that living just for today was necessary to recover from the only life I had ever known. I got clean at Capitol Hill in Seattle and there was a meeting within four blocks of my house at least twice a day. I returned outpatient treatment to focus on many of the issues that led to my use of drugs: feeling disconnection from others, feeling less than others, abusive family relationships and lack of coping skills. Also during treatment I took courses in developing self-esteem and parenting skills classes.

After I had about a year and a half clean, I returned school to reinforce and update my computer skills. I again began working for a community college and living just for today. I continued daily meeting attendance and grew in my recovery programs. At about four years I moved back out to the South King County area, where I had spent most of my life. I immediately connected with a program out here and started attending regularly meetings in the Kent and Des Moines areas. There is a meeting within three miles of my home, every night of the week. After about four years clean I realized that after I was clean, living a productive life, working and being a good parent, I was still feeling lonely. I realized that my ingrained belief that I was different than others still kept me from developing close friendships with others in the program. I took a leap of faith and threw myself into the fellowship of the program. This faith has paid off. People in the program love you until you can love yourself. I have developed relationships with others in a few years that I never imagined having. I have women (and men) in my life that care for me, just as I am, and support me in any changes I make or hope to make. In addition, because I have more strength and believe in who I am, I can more comfortably present myself in social and professional situations with others not in recovery. One example of the strength and love of the fellowship is from last August. I received a call from my 18-year-old son who told me my mother (who was in good health) had stopped breathing and was receiving CPR. I called a friend of mine in rencontologist who had a conference student at Highline. Within 1/2 minutes she was in my office, willing to take me whenever I needed to go. When I arrived at the hospital about 45 minutes later, every single one of my closest friends had dropped whatever they were doing and met me at the hospital. My mother died that day and my friends did not leave my side for over a week. They helped me to be at my best, they helped me by talking to my work for me, helped me plan the funeral. They helped me stay sane.

Nine weeks later my father was told he had just a few months to live. He died within a week. Again, there were many, supporting me through all of it. People really show their real colors in times of crisis and my friends in recovery have shown theirs to be strikingly gorgeous.

I agreed to be interviewed for the first article because that someone who may be struggling with addiction, family violence or depression may hear that there is another way of life, the life of recovery.

I thank God every day that I can point now to a wonderful place I have found in my own life where I had no idea where else to turn but to this wonderful way of life.
Local haunted houses make this Halloween scarier than ever

As the sun disappears, leading on into night; the Puget Sound area receives quite a fright.

Halloween's here and it's here in full swing; who knows what tricks and treats it'll bring!

Welcome to Washington's grand scaring stations; these houses are full of vile contaminations.

Journey to these tombs of wood and rubble; no one will save you if you're to trouble!

Even here in Des Moines you better beware; enter these households if you dare!

BY TAUREAN DAVIS
STAFF REPORTER

The haunted houses opening up around South King County are definitely worth checking out this Halloween season.

The Scare House in Des Moines is one of several haunted houses that should not be crossed off your places-to-trick-or-treat list this year. It's located in Des Moines Beach Park, 22030 Cliff Ave, S.

The chilling history of the Scare House begins as so: In 1987, a group of terror-enthusiasts known as haunted houses came together from around the Puget Sound (and beyond) to form Scare Productions, a non-profit theater organization dedicated to scare the living daylights out of their patrons.

Considering it's in its 16th year of service, the Scare House has no problem in drawing the crowds. About 13,400 people came last year alone; one year attracts a max of about 28,000 people. Not bad!

Scare Productions isn't exactly short of help, either, which is a good thing since it takes from about February till October to actually set the haunted house up. About 100 or so volunteers work during show time with about 300 volunteers total.

Also, since it's a theater group, the volunteers are busy being the make-up artists, pulling off sound effects, designing scenes, etc. All the things needed to make this play a success.

A majority of the volunteers are cast into the demonic-looking souls that walk the haunted hallways. Angie Steinkelburg, one of the make-up artists, is quite proficient in making the dead come alive - if that's possible. "Mine [the makeup designs] are more gory...it's kinda like the car accident effect," says Steinkelburg.

Apparently, some of the gory haunters of the house are a bit TOO scary. It's not every day an actor can get an award for making a visitor wet their pants. "If someone gets someone to pee in their pants during the show, they get an award," said Steinkelburg.

The Scare House used to be an abandoned auditorium. Scare Productions is free to use the 6,000 square feet of space to draw the unknowing visitors from room to room. All the scenes are designed and maintained by the volunteers and staff.

In fact, one scene appears to be a disturbing remake of 'The Wizard of Oz.' The lighting effects are used to the hilt here; there will be a time where you suddenly see a ghoul appear out of thin air in the house. By the way, those screams you might hear in the background? They're not coming from a stereo.

However Scare Productions is aware that some of its content might be a little too bloody for its younger visitors. In fact, from 7 - 8 p.m., it's kiddie hour. The lights are a bit brighter, the zombies more...charming, and the two goriest scenes in the Scare House are cut out during the journey.

To see these deleted scenes, just arrive at the Scare House after 8 p.m. After all they are open from 7 - 10 p.m. from Sunday to Thursday. On Fridays and Saturdays they're open from 7 p.m. till midnight. Operations run until Halloween (Oct. 31). The cost of entering the Scare House is about $8 a pop, and a dollar off if you have a coupon from Bartell's Drug Store.

If you happen to come on weekends be sure to stick around to observe ways to pulverize pumpkins. The Scare Productions staff happens to be masters of pumpkin smashing and have sent dozens of jack-o-laterners to their doom. Rumor has it this year they might use a chainsaw.

There are also several other attractions going on during show time. A pumpkin-painting booth is available and you can have your photo taken with rather foreboding Frankenstein complete with a battle axe. There is a price though: a picture with Frankie costs $3 while pumpkin painting costs $1.

These events and the Scare House are supported by the city and the Des Moines Rotary Club (a service organization of business people dedicated to charities and education). Everything is non-profit. Scare Productions takes part of the profit to keep up repairs, but the rest benefit charity.

Susan Goebuer, a former president of the Rotary Club, is pleased to say that "We're very student oriented." The money raised by both parties fund scholarships, student clubs, schools and colleges (including Highline). The Rotary Club even raised enough money to build a playground at Beach Park for some of the younger kids.

Robert Buchta is the director of Scare Productions Inc. and he, along with the rest of the staff, are very proud of what they do. He also gives a bit of warning for those planning to make a trip to his house: "If you're coming down, be prepared to get the 'yell' scared out of you!"

For more information on Scare Productions visit their website at www.scare.com or dial 206-824-3309 to contact them.

Even though Scare Productions has one of the best haunted houses in the region, that doesn't stop them from attending other haunted houses and seeing what competition has cooked up in their cauldrons.

Can't get enough fright out of just one haunted house? Luckily, a number of haunted houses have crawled from the cobwebs and are ready for selection.

Fright Factory: This Haunted House is located in the Supermall of the Northwest in Auburn. Operations run till Halloween. Monday - Thursday it runs from 7 - 9:30 p.m.; Saturday and Friday it runs from 7 - 11 p.m.; Sundays runs from 3 - 5 p.m. and on Oct. 31 it runs from 6 p.m. till midnight. Evenings cost $6; Sundays costs $5 and each price is a dollar off if the visitor brings a can of food. Proceeds benefit the Big Brothers and Sisters of Pierce and King counties.

Kube 93 Haunted House: To find this haunted house, locate the Family Fun Center on 7300 Fun Center Way in Tukwila. Operations run from Monday through Thursday, 7-10 p.m. On Fridays and Saturdays it runs from 7 p.m.-midnight. The haunting goes on till Nov. 1 and costs $5 per trip.

Ultimate Haunted House: The SeaTac Mall in Federal Way is the scene for this haunted hallow. Operations run Monday through Saturday, 7 - 10 p.m., and Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The spirits will haunt from Oct. 17 to Halloween and it costs $8 or $7 if you bring a can of food.

Fright Fest: Also in Federal Way, Enchanted Village and Wild Waves have their own horror-filled extravagaza. Operations run from Monday, 7 - 10 p.m., Saturday, noon to 11 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 8 p.m. The festival goes from Oct. 17 to Nov. 2 and the prices range from $16.99 to 29.99.

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Music is oh so sweet to Pryor's ears

BY LLOYD BALL
STAFF REPORTER

You would never know Ken Pryor was a talented and well-known music producer if you've ever seen him around Highline's campus. Although his aura oozes hip hop culture, most people wouldn't assume he was CEO and co-founder of a record label called Tre'dmark Records.

To date, his label has released four locally successful mix cds that include all original production and vocals. "It's hot man, we're going good in the hood," said Pryor with a laugh.

You can't catch their releases inside the record store yet. You might catch one of his star teammates pushing units out side the store or at one of their many local performances.

Hand to hand is the most effective selling method they've used thus far.

The number of record sales might not match up to the international industry standard but they have taken the Northwest by storm. The local success has caught the attention of many major record labels and investors.

With a few deals on the table regarding distribution and production, things are looking up for the local mix tape giants.

The music scene in the Northwest has had its huge national artists like Jimmy Hendrix, Kenny G, Sir Mix A Lot, and Kurt Cobain. Even though it has produced major national acts, it has never remained explosive, pushing out the new up and coming talents.

"A lot of people up here are fairly selfish with no advice or help to offer, but they are all striving for success too," said Pryor. "Unity is a key factor missing in the movement toward industry explosion. With that said, I am a performer at heart."

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his team of producers and artists, he believes he has the nucleus for success. Tre'dmark Records has a roster consisting of four strong hip hop acts, Black Diamond, Rocka, Stretch, and Fame Rilla. To compliment his artists he has three designated producers who make beats and also rap.

"The focus right now is Fame Rilla," said Pryor. They plan to push his solo album first. Along with the projects at hand, they stay busy producing intro and background music for two local radio stations. You can catch them on KUBE 93 after 11 p.m. Monday through Sunday and on X 104.5 all day long.

Pryor has big dreams of being a national heavy hitter in the music industry but that's not going to stop him from finishing his AA at Highline in the spring.

Funky Monkey House

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Funky Monkey at 104.9's Haunted House: Fife has conjured its own haunted mansion in Fife Plaza on 5306 Pacific Hwy E. Operations run from Sunday to Thursday, 7-10 p.m., and on Fridays and Saturdays, 7 p.m. - midnight. Funky Monkey will be there from Oct. 16 to Nov. 1 and will be taking tickets priced up to $10. There's no escaping the regions of terror gripping the Funky Monkey at 104.9's Puget Sound area this year. Even if you survive the Scare House, there will be others, waiting to entangle your soul in eternal darkness and despair...oh, well. Like the song says, "Life is but a scream..."

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Men's soccer is 12-0 and NWAACC's team to beat

BY LAUREN HOWELL
STAFF REPORTER

Highline kept its perfect season intact with impressive wins over Bellevue and Pierce. On Wednesday, Oct. 15, Highline pulled out a huge 2-0 win over Bellevue, the two-time defending NWAACC Champions.

"This is the second time we beat them this year. We have really stepped up when we needed to and have found ways to obtain positive results," said Head Coach Jason Prenovost. "I was pleased with the effort we put forth."

Prenovost believes that Highline's success is from each player's faith in one another. "In big games you need to believe in yourself and your teammates' abilities to get the job done no matter what the circumstances. You need to score when given the opportunity, your keeper needs to make a big save and you need a bit of luck," said Prenovost. "This team believes in itself and leadership," said goalkeeper Marianna Palermo.

Highline's strengths lie in their ability to come back in the second half. "We scored the game winner in the second half," said Head Coach Jaimy McLaughlin. "It was really windy, the rain didn't really effect play, but the wind took the ball off the field," said Head Coach Jaimy McLaughlin. "We scored the game winner in the 88th minute."

Mariana Palermo scored three of the five goals. Lisa Groce and Krissi Shimp also scored goals. Lower Columbia was a huge game for both teams. "It was a very important game," said McLaughlin. "They were two points behind us in the league standings. The win stretched the lead to five points. It also allowed Green River to leap frog them into second place." Highline and Lower Columbia were all tied at the half, 0-0.

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"One of our goals is to continue and push ourselves and find ways to improve and prepare for the playoff run. We do not want to become complacent and settle for our accomplishments to this point," said Prenovost. "We must strive on and prepare to endure a tough second half of the season and NWAACC championship run."

Prenovost knows a special team when he sees one. "I hold them accountable to being good students and good citizens. Their commitment is an incredible investment of time, physical output and emotion," said Prenovost. "This is becoming one of those seasons that will forever connect these young men to their time at Highline and our program. I have seen many of them display incredible acts of leadership not only from the captains, but also from guys up and down the roster regardless of position or playing time," Prenovost said. "While we will continue to hold these guys accountable to their academics and behavior both on and off the field. It's important that we remember to let them enjoy the ride."

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Freshman forward Travis Bailey works with Assistant Coach Tom Moore during practice.

Ladies steal two and stay No. 1 in the Southwest

BY SHAUNA BJORK
STAFF REPORTER

The women's soccer team is atop the Southwest Division with two big wins this week. The women beat Bellevue in a tight game and shut out Lower Columbia. The team is now 8-2-1 for the season.

Highline hosted Bellevue in a match last Wednesday. It was raining and the wind was blowing. "It was really windy, the rain didn't really effect play, but the wind took the ball off the field," said Head Coach Jaimy McLaughlin. The Heilmwomen were on top 3-1 at the half. The T-Birds came back with four goals in the second half to win 5-4.

"It was a very sloppy first half, but we came back and scored a bunch of goals in the second half," said McLaughlin. "We scored the game winner in the 88th minute."

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Volleyball battling three-way tie for first

BY NATHAN BRINK
STAFF REPORTER

The Highline women’s volleyball team is in a three-way tie for first place in the NWAACC West Division with Clark and Tacoma.

Highline is currently in the middle of a seven-game stretch against the West Division, which may determine whether or not it will be playing in the NWAACC postseason tournament.

The team improved its division record to 5-1 and overall record to 8-3, with wins over Pierce (5-3) and Green River (4-2) on Wednesday, Oct. 8, and Friday, Oct. 10.

It had only been one week since the Lady T-Birds dismissed Pierce from the Cross-over Tournament in straight sets. Pierce didn’t offer much resistance this time either, losing 30-22, 30-22, and 30-21.

Right-side blocker Deanna Cooper sat the game out due to a minor car accident she had recently been in.

“I wasn’t going to risk injuring myself any further... this game was in the bag,” said Cooper after the game.

Highline then went on the road to Green River and won in five sets 30-22, 20-30, 24-30, 30-26, and 15-6.

“We didn’t play as well as we did down in Oregon until the fifth game. Green River played great defense though, and they served very, very tough. They were a very scrappy team,” said Coach John Littlerman.

Blythe Howard and Courtney Williams have joined the team, bringing the roster to 11 players.

The team’s seventh game was at home against Lower Columbia (3-3) on Wednesday, Oct. 15, however the results of this match were not available at press time.

Highline will be traveling to Clark (5-1) on Friday, Oct. 17, and to Tacoma (5-1) on Wednesday, Oct. 22.

Highline’s only loss came in its home and season opener to Clark. With seven games under its belt, Clark cruised past Highline in straight sets.

However, the Lady T-Birds rebounded with a victory against Tacoma in their second game.

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is a distinct difference between how we play the first and second half.”

Highline had a game scheduled against Tacoma, but due to lack of players, Tacoma has forfeited the rest of their games.

Fall Intramurals are off and running again

Flag football, volleyball, and three-on-three basketball began being offered as intramural sports Tuesday, Oct. 14.

The games will be noon to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays.

Football on Tuesdays, volleyball on Wednesdays, and basketball will be played on Thursdays. Women’s basketball Head Coach Amber Rowe is running them, and hoping for a better turnout than Tuesday.

For more information contact Rowe, at 206-878-3710, ext. 3268, or by e-mail at arowe@highline.edu

Recent addition to the volleyball team Blythe Howard prepares to bump during practice.
The Thunderword

T-Birds short of spectacular at Western

BY SHELBY LANCASTER
STAFF REPORTER

The Highline cross country team continued their season with a fair showing at the 2003 Western Washington Invitational on Oct. 14 in Bellingham.

The men's team had their statistically best meet of the season, finishing first among community colleges and seventh overall with a score of 127. Home team Western Washington won the meet with a score of 34.

The women did not place as a team because of too few participants. This has been the case all season. Seattle Pacific won the meet with a score of 59.

The competition was different than what the T-Bird men have previously seen this season. There were several club teams from British Columbia with runners in their 30's. Also, the race was 10 kilometers instead of the 8 kilometers that they usually run.

"The men did fairly well," said Head Coach Robert Yates.

For the fourth straight week, sophomore Clay Hemlock led the men's team with a first place finish among NWAACC runners. This is his first NWAACC win of the season with a time of 33:50. Freshman Dylan Bailey showed marked improvement following Hemlock in second place among NWAACC participants and 18th overall with a time of 33:50. "Clay and Dylan ran really good," said Yates. "They are closing the gap."

Other top men's finishers include freshman Robert Bartholomew in 40th with a time of 35:13, freshman Trevor Kulvi in 53rd with a time of 36:27, freshman Skylar Hunt in 70th with a time of 38:11, sophomore Jess Lawton in 73rd with a time of 38:25, and freshman James Roach in 78th with a time of 38:46.

Everyone felt that they could have run a little better. It was a long race, and they started conservatively, Yates said.

The women's team was represented by freshman Jami Jablonski. She finished second among NWAACC runners and 78th overall with a time of 28:21 in the 6-kilometer race.

Noticeably missing from the women's team was sophomore Amanda Kamm. She is Highline's top female runner. She, and other female team members, had non-serious injuries and illnesses. They sat out to prepare for next week, Yates said.

The T-Birds will next compete at the Big Foot Open in Spokane on Oct. 18 at 11 a.m. "It will be a preview of the championships," Yates said.

Highline hikers take road less traveled

Kris Lea and John Yauch are two Highline students who don't exactly stand out in a crowd. There's nothing flashy, nothing flamboyant about the two, and they certainly don't have any business being near a sports page. All except for maybe that one story they have.

On Monday, Sept. 1, Lea and Yauch headed out on what was to be their fourth camping trip together. Lea, who grew up in Montana, had been accustomed to hiking and camping trips since a very early age. Yauch, on the other hand, was basically following his lead.

The original plan for the duo was hike, camp, out and return the next day. Everything started out fine, as they headed up the 1.2-mile Pinnacle Peak Trail. At the top, they enjoyed the scenery of Rainier for an hour or so, and then decided to take a bit of a detour.

Largely because of Lea's experience, the two were granted an off-trail permit, allowing them to wander off beaten paths. They took advantage of the permit and ventured onto a trail in the opposite direction planned.

Despite the map and their best judgement, they underestimated the terrain that lay before them. Neither had planned to be waist high in plants that would rip their legs to shreds, leaving their shins bloody and sore for the remainder of the trip. Nor had they intended for that to be the safest route to take.

"It definitely was the safer way to go at that point, however it was not easy going. Branches were grabbing at us every step," Lea said.

As the evening fell, Lea and Yauch relaxed there weren't going to get home as planned.

"We were thinking ahead and planning how to get out already," Lea said. "No worry, just sore."

The next morning, keen navigational skills lead them to Butter Creek. Branches were no less traveled.

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**Mourad finds the glory in the goal**

**BY FABIO HEURING**

**STAFF REPORTER**

Goalkeeping in soccer is easier said than done. Highline's keeper, Zack Mourad, says it involves explosive jumping movements like basketball. A goalie can make or break a game for a team. He completely controls one side of the score. Some people may question where the glory is in being a goalie when he has no chance of scoring a goal.

"It describes the attitude I have toward the game," said Mourad.

Mourad has found a new home this year for the undefeated T-birds. In 13 games he has eight shutouts and a goals per game average of 0.42.

"This year I want to win NWAACC. After that I want to transfer to a four-year school," Mourad said.

White has made the word relentless a vital part of his life," said White.

After a knee surgery, half a year in physical rehab, and attending three colleges, Aaron White left to play for Mesa College of Arizona.

White feels comfortable about much of the field as he was backing up Highline's star goalie, Jacob Rhodes, who is now at Seattle University.

"I blocked a PK penalty (penalty kick) in a semifinal game. It was a great feeling," he said.

Mourad considers his strength to be shot stopping, reaction, and leadership.

"One poor decision causes a goal and goals are hard to put down," said Mourad.

White's suits up in green despite previous injury

**BY LLOYD BALL**

**STAFF REPORTER**

After a knee surgery, half a year in physical rehab, and attending three colleges, Aaron White has found a new home and a new chance for redemption with the Highline basketball program.

"I feel good about Highline, it's very diverse and it's not hard to find people who are willing to help you," said White. "Every-on the coaching staff is more like a mentor in all aspects of college basketball."

"I feel comfortable about the teammates as well as the coaching staff."

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Construction continues on campus

By JESSICA BROWN / STAFF REPORTER

There is more to Highline's construction projects than meets the eye. Pouring concrete, putting up steel, and installing utilities are just a few of the many aspects that to be considered when working on a building.

"First we have to remove the trees," said Mike McDonald, Lumpkin General Contractors project superintendent for the Student Union. They cleared about 80 trees for this project, causing some controversy on campus.

Clearing the soil and removing the root layer is important so that the roots won’t decay and make the buildings foundation unstable, said McDonald.

As many people remember, utilities were often shut off due to the construction last summer.

"We lost approximately 13 days in the summer due to unforeseen pipes and other things in the ground," said McDonald.

"There was asbestos in the old building. We had to stop the demolition process and call an asbestos abatement company."

After installing new sewer lines, rerouting water pipes, and redirecting 15,000 volts of permanent underground power, Lumpkin commenced its mass excavation, hauling away 12,000 cubic yards of dirt.

At this point, Lumpkin has the south half of foundation work complete and has started pouring concrete walls and they're getting ready to pour floor slabs, said McDonald.

On Oct. 17, Professional Development Day, the construction company will be rerouting water lines.

"It won’t affect the students, but the teachers will have to use sani-cans," McDonald said with a laugh.

At the end of October they will start pouring floor slabs for the Student Union, but this process has uncertain date because rainfall can make it impossible.

"If it rains, the cement won’t look smooth," said McDonald.

Then the contractors begin with the exterior walls by putting up metal sheathing.

In conjunction with the exterior walls, crews will start with the interior piping and ductwork, fire sprinkler piping, and electrical conduit, McDonald said.

That’s when Lumpkin can start the “rough-in” of the interior walls, which includes installing electrical outlets, thermostats, computer and phone jacks, light switches, data communication lines, fire alarms, and the security system.

Then the interior finishes can begin: ceiling grids, air ducts, lights, fire sprinklers, smoke detectors, and motion detectors for lights are all installed in the Student Union.

After all the flooring, carpets, blinds, and stainless steel for the kitchen are put in, then the contractor will have to grade the sidewalks which will begin in January or February.

“A fake stream will flow down to the library as part of the landscaping, a little bubbling brook, and it will feed into the storm drain," said McDonald.

The stream will be completed in the spring and will flow around rocks and have a waterfall helping with surface water control in order to redirect water unobtrusively through campus.

The final bit of work is to tear down the old Child Care Center and pave for landscaping and the sidewalk, said McDonald.

All three construction projects are on time and within budget, said Suzy Holmes, associate director of facilities for Highline.

Loose Bricks: Mortenson, the company building the Higher Education Center, had a construction worker who slipped in the rain and fell on some rebar on Oct. 8.

"It was during a concrete pour, and he didn’t fall very far, but the problem is the area where they were pouring the concrete is full of rebar. Even if you brush up against it, it can scratch you," said Linda Helm, the Higher Education Center’s project manager.

Just two weeks ago Mortenson was voted one of the safest contractors of last year by the Association of General Contractors.

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BY ELIZABETH KEPHART
STAFF REPORTER

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Highline’s Women’s Programs and Campus Security offices is taking part in the fight against domestic violence by having some events and activities taking place this month.

One of the activities is the domestic violence T-shirt project.

“We expect they (the T-shirts) will be out by Oct. 14 and on view until Oct. 24. People may also make their own T-shirts,” said Marie Brun, interim director at Women’s Programs.

On display from previous and present years, the T-shirts will be on the main level of building 6.

The T-shirts will have messages on them to make people aware of victims of domestic violence experience. “The T-shirt Project raises the awareness of others who haven’t experienced domestic violence. For those who have (experienced domestic violence) it is self-healing and stands as a testimony that you are no longer a victim,” said Brun.

Highline is not the only place that is displaying T-shirts this month. There is also a Clothesline project that is done all over.

In addition to the T-Shirt Project there will also be a speaker at Highline on Oct. 30 at 11 a.m. in room 6 in Building 7.

The speaker is Shell Barber from Abused Women’s Advocacy Services (ADWAS). ADWAS started in 1981 after a deaf woman was murdered by her deaf husband. ADWAS helps the deaf community communicate at a much better level, offers support, and helps to interpret the deaf victims situation, said Brun.

Shell Barber, with interpreter Molly McGuire, will speak about the deaf community and domestic violence in general. Anyone can attend the meeting.

Brun has attended several domestic violence meetings.

“The meeting was informative, a resource for solution, and saddening to know the statistics,” said Brun.

“If you have been a victim of domestic violence, the hardest thing is getting someone to listen to you and speaking out,” said Brun.

Students at Highline have also been victims of domestic violence.

“Whatever exists in the community exists here at Highline,” said Brun. “People need to be aware that it is no different on campus.”

Workshops available to help students prepare for the job market

T-shirts used to raise awareness on campus

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money for this right now, unless someone can come up with a quick and cheap way to do it.

Student Government’s goal for the issue of security is to let students become more aware of what security’s duties actually are, said Howell and Vice President of Legislation Michelle Kolpack.

Security can tend to many needs anywhere from a heart problem, to being locked out of your car, to a dead car battery. They do a lot more than most know about, and should be used accordingly.

For physical safety and security changes, they would like to put up more lighting and more phones on campus. For operational changes, they want to work on security’s responses to emergencies, and want to corporate safety classes into the schedule here at Highline.

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One possible problem could be how to get the recycling trucks here, and coming back frequently, Howell and Kolpack said.

“We’re going to be needing students to be on committees for this too,” Howell said.

Another idea is for Highline to have its own book trade. This would include postings either on the Highline website or somewhere on campus of books to be bought and sold. The goal of this is for students to be able to buy their texts for cheaper and sell them for more money.

This idea is still in the search process; it is not an official initiative yet.

So far Howell has gained feedback and checked other schools with similar projects such as Spokane Falls Community College and The University of Washington. This would be available to all students with hopes to continue on to the future.

Lastly, a $100,000 signage initiative is currently under way. Since this project is already in progress, the money won’t need to come from anywhere at this time.

Pete Babington, Highline’s Director of Facilities, has gotten administrative approval from the college for the $100,000 budget and to start with this initiative.

Around the end of November new kiosks will be put up around campus for people to locate buildings easier and notify them of information.

First will be five temporary signs for club/organization information to be posted, followed by seven new four-sided signs with two sides for the club/organization information, and two sides with mapping and locations. These new kiosks will stand out in their position and colors, officials say, by being placed in helpful locations and with their red domed roofs showing.

“We want people on campus to start associating the red roofs with information and maps,” Moore said.

For more information about Student Government or their projects, contact the officers in Building 16, or call them at 206-878-3710, ext. 3315.

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determine if it’s high or low tide,” student Violet Hatab said.

Along with measuring water, they also test for bacteria.

“Coliform tests are done once a week to test for E. coli,” said Highline student Aharon Poorman.

“If results show purple liquid it is good, (if it’s) yellow liquid then we have a problem,” Poorman said.

The data that is collected is then handed over to King County, he said.

If Marine and Science Technology is something of interest or seeing an octopus sounds entertaining, then visit http://flightline.highline.edu/mast/For more information on classes visit http://www.highline.edu/home/home.htm

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