Officials put stop to election fraud

BY VALERIE GOLLIER
STAFF REPORTER

Voter fraud won’t stop student senator elections this time around; changes are going to be made, Student Government officials said this week.

Now that the recent elections have been invalidated by fraudulent votes, Highline students will have to vote for a second time on Nov. 19 and 20.

The Oct. 22-23 election was invalidated because Student Government found at least 55 or more fraudulent votes were cast. Apparently, one or more persons cast votes using other students’ ID numbers.

Students can vote via www.highline.edu at computers on-campus as well as off-campus. Student Government also wants students to know that they can vote for up to three candidates per voter, as there are three senator positions to be filled.

In this new election, changes will be made to the voting process. Student Government is making these alterations to prevent voter fraud from occurring again. Additional fields such as last name or birth date could be added to the process, instead of just having to enter a student ID number.

Student Government said that they will have staff, as well as the Student Government team, keeping an eye out in the voting buildings on-campus for extra safety. They will be looking for activity of candidates campaigning in voting areas on election days, standing over voter shoulders, or pressuring a voter to vote for them as they walk them to a computer.

“It is unethical and inappropriate for a candidate to be in an area where people are voting or are going to vote,” said President Kolesta Moore.

Another safety precaution for this election is each candidate has to sign an ASHCC Senator Election Integrity Statement. This requires the candidates to validate themselves as a candidate for the re-election, claim to have no involvement in any fraudulent voting activity in the recent election, and have no intention of participating in voter fraud during the re-election process. It also asks them to document any knowledge that they might have about the fraud.

If the candidates do not have this signed statement in by noon on Friday, Nov. 14, they will be invalidated. Candidates must also wear their official Senator Candidate badge at all times within a voting area, on Nov. 19 and 20.

“We have the intention of providing a cleaner election where fraudulent voting will be less accessible,” said Student Government adviser Jonathan Brown.

Some of the candidates are asking exactly what the fraud was. Brown says that they know the nature of the fraud; they have confirmed that several people were voting on the behalf of other people. This is not only against the laws of Highline, but against Washington state laws as well.

Candidates also wondered why this process is taking so long. Student Government is asking for everyone to be patient.”

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Hard work pays off for T-Birds

BY WINDY L. BUTLER
STAFF REPORTER

Some Highline students are upset about the cleanliness of the cafeteria.

Cafeteria Director Dennis Hayes says he has just received the complaint and it worked to address it.

Andi Seissen, a student here at Highline, has been complaining about the upkeep of the cafeteria. She returned to the cafeteria she decided to stay after a while had past I said I would go back, thinking that maybe

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Cafeteria mess troubles student
Baer mops up Big Splat theory

By Kasey Rega
Staff Reporter

A newly discovered rock has crashed into the Big Splat theory and the origin of the moon, said Highline Geology Instructor Eric Baer at last Friday's Science Seminar.

"This new piece of evidence doesn't fit into the current Big Splat theory," said Baer. He said that a rock found in Australia consists of water crystals that contradict the time frame of when the Moon was believed to be formed.

Baer then explained that the Moon is the closest neighbor to Earth and plays an important role in our lives every day. The Moon's gravitational pull creates the tides in the oceans, organizes our calendar year and regulates how we tell time.

"It blows me away how little we knew before we went to the Moon," said Baer. "I feel that this is the most important scientific discovery as a result of going to the moon, besides Crest toothpaste and Tang, was the discovery of how the moon was formed."

Baer explained that the most recognized scientific theory of the formation of the Moon is called the Giant Impactor Model, also known as the Big Splat Theory. He said that while Earth and other planets were forming, one of these planets-the size of Mars or even larger-hit Earth hurling out rock debris into space.

Baer said that the intense meteor bombardment generated intense heat and the Earth's surface reached over 8,000 degrees Fahrenheit. He said that this was 100 million times the energy that killed the dinosaurs.

"It would have looked similar to shooting a watermelon with a shotgun and stuff spraying everywhere," Baer said.

Baer then explained that the debris surrounding Earth then stuck back together to form what we call the Moon.

"This isn't a wild idea," said Baer. Computer modeling indicates that the Giant Impactor Model is possible. Baer also said that although this shows it could be possible, that it wasn't a sure fit.

Baer explained that before we went to the Moon we didn't have good estimates of when the Moon was formed. He said that some of the Moon's oldest rocks collected by Apollo 17 are dated as being 4.43 billion years old. According to the Giant Impactor Model theory, Earth was formed before the Moon.

Baer then explained that according to the most recent data, the Earth reached its current size 4.46 billion years ago. "It would have taken about 50 million years for Earth to fully heal after the impact," said Baer. He went on to explain that this fits with all the current observations.

"But wait, a new piece of evidence doesn't work," said Baer. He said that a 4.404 billion-year-old Australian meteorite has been discovered that has water crystals. Baer said that there is just no way that Earth could have healed that quickly and allowed water to be present in that short of time.

"We will all just have to wait and see what comes next," said Baer.

The next Science Seminar will be on Nov. 14, with John Pfeifer. The lecture entitled "Atomic Models-It's not so Bohr-ing" as it seems" will be from 2:10-3 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.

MSA Fast-a-thon to help hungry

The second in a series of two Fall Transfer Fair workshops, "Writing a Winning Personal Statement," will be held today from 1-1:50 p.m. in Building 10, room 103. The workshop will focus on the transfer application essay and is presented by Highline instructor Bryan Stumpf.

"A representative from the University of Washington conducted a first workshop, "Major's at the UW Seattle," yesterday during the fair. Representatives from 20 Washington area four-year colleges and universities were available to talk with students at the fair yesterday."

The next transfer event will be a Running Start transfer workshop on Nov. 25 from 1-2 p.m. in Building 10, room 103.

For more information or to sign up, contact the MSA online at MSA_highline@yahoo.com. MSA representatives will also be in Building 10 every weekday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

College application workshop today

For more information, contact Lucky at International Student Programs at 206-878-3710, ext. 3384.

Career Connections will hold a workshop today, "Interview Techniques," that will walk you through the ABCs of preparing for your next interview.

The meeting will take place from 12:10 p.m. in Building 23, room 111.

Students in the Library Technician Program are currently holding a book and bake sale to raise money to send them to the national Public Library Association convention in Seattle February.

The sale is being held through tomorrow in Building 7 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Campus calendar

• A panel of Latinos will be discussing common misconceptions and myths about the Latino culture on Monday, Nov. 17 at 9 a.m. in Building 7.

The panel will be attended by Ballerina Braun, a Highline student; Jacqueline Larrarrezator from the Seattle office for Civil Rights, Veronica Barrera from Pacific Oaks College, Hugo Cesar Ovejero from Entre Hermanos Agency, and Lupita Paterson from the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

For more information, contact Arlene Garcia department coordinator of world languages at Highline at 206-878-3710, ext. 3320.

• Culture, Gender and Global Studies students will hold an open house next Wednesday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m.-l.p.m. in Building 2.

The open house will feature art, food and culture from the African American Experience and Asian American Studies.

For more information, contact Taria Matsumoto-Maxfield at 206-878-3710, ext. 6405.
Construction gets cold, noisy shoulder

By Jessica Brown, Staff Reporter

Reaching the warm sanctuary of class didn’t have the same payoff for students and faculty in Buildings 20, 21, 22 and 23 in the last several weeks.

Heat was temporarily shut off from those buildings, but is back on now in Buildings 20, 21, and 22 due to the temporary heating water connection that the Higher Education contractors installed Nov. 7.

“The central campus heating water is not flowing to Building 23 and won’t be until late December, as previously announced. Space heaters have been placed in each room and seem to be adequate, when they are not tripping breakers,” said Pete Babington, Highline’s director of facilities.

Many students on campus who had classes in those buildings are relieved that the heating problem has been taken care of.

“Last week was so bad. Freezing. Everybody was huddled up and bringing extra jackets,” said student Trish Cramer who has a class in Building 22.

“It was cold. We had space heaters, so people sitting next to those did all right I guess,” said Highline student Nick Larson.

“It was hard to pay attention.”

Students weren’t the only ones who suffered during the absence of heating. Faculty and staff had an equally hard time working in the uncomfortable conditions.

“It was very cold last week, too cold to work,” said Sabine Walter, secretary of Building 20.

“It was too cold for typing, but they did a tremendous job at getting everything done.”

The heat isn’t the only inconvenience people work around on campus. Noise from the construction projects sometimes interferes with classes.

“I hear noises in my sociology class in Building 26. Sometimes the teacher would just stop because it got so loud and we’d all start laughing,” said Thuy Dao, Highline student.

The most disruptive noise generally hails from the Student Union site, since it’s in the middle of campus. Students have claimed the noise to be the worst in Buildings 19, 22, and 23.

“Noise is inevitable on a construction site, but we only cause as much noise as the school lawnmower,” said Mike McDonald, superintendent of the Student Union site for Lumpkin General Contractors.

Most of the noise is from trucks, forklifts, and construction vehicles in general, although of some it comes from roto hammering which is drilling holes in concrete, and jack hammering.

“We rent a generator that is whisper quiet, we try to minimize the noise,” McDonald said.

Many students feel that although the noise is occasionally disruptive, it mostly stays at a tolerable, low rumble.

Loose Bricks:
If anyone feels inadequate heating in Building 23, tell the course instructor and ask them to contact facilities.

All three construction projects, the Student Union, Higher Education Center, and the new Child Care Center are on time and within budget.

Currently, the Child Care Center site is putting up the wood framing for the walls. The Student Union site is erecting structural steel, including the walls, roof, and floors.

“It goes up very quickly. The majority of steel should be up by Thanksgiving,” McDonald said.

“It looks good, more changes are being noticed now,” said Suzy Holmes of facilities.

To mark the beginning of International Week a Walk On has been planned.

The Walk On will be on Monday, Nov. 17 from noon to 1 p.m. It will begin between Buildings 6 and 7.

“We wholeheartedly welcome our entire community to participate,” said Jonathan Brown, associate dean for Student Programs.

The walk will be through campus, and will involve distribution of schedules of upcoming events and fortune cookies. The fortune cookies will have messages pertaining to international education.

Students who are interested in participating are encouraged to wear clothing that is representative of another culture, whether you belong to it or not.

They will also try to have flags of various nations and ask some participants to carry them during the Walk On.

Another activity planned to celebrate International Week is the Student Speak Out. It will allow international students to share their stories and the role Highline has played in their life.

“International students being with them a profound story of their journey to Highline,” said Brown.

Students are currently being sought to share their stories. They would like to hear from international students that may have studied abroad or traveled extensively.

If any student would like to speak or has a recommendation, they can be sent to Jonathan Brown at jbrown@highline.edu before Friday, Nov. 7.

The International Student Speak Out is planned for Friday, Nov. 21 at noon.

It will be held in Building 7 and a reception will follow at 1 p.m. in Building 2.

There is also another activity coming up after International Week.

The International Club has planned a ski trip in December. They are traveling to Whistler and any student is welcome to join them. The trip will be from Dec. 14-16 at the Coast Whistler Hotel.

Any student interested in the ski trip can contact Victoria Oloff at 206-870-3723, or at Molfert@highline.edu.

Payments for the ski trip were due on Nov. 12, but can still be arranged.
Fraud has an impact on everyone at Highline

While most Highline students were studying for midterms and attempting to make up weeks of homework, one or more students were at their best working to confirm that a breed of lying, immature, irresponsible students are running amok on campus.

By now you may be aware of the recent Student Government elections scandal. Someone's disregard for honesty has made headlines repeatedly here at Highline by their recent mockery of the Student Government's attempt to make voting more accessible via the Internet.

Voting turnout is usually low, and most students do not rank voting high on their priority list. To appeal to the wired population at Highline, web voting is offered as a way to encourage more involvement. With most students complaining they don't have time to vote, Highline, web voting is offered as a way to encourage more involvement. But with most students complaining they don't have time to vote, the online option gives students a way to connect with campus during their spare time, even when they are away from campus.

Also because there is no student center, there is really no location for an election to be held, meaning that for the entire campus to gain access to the election, the online option is necessary. For those who don't see the seriousness of the situation at hand, you should probably go back to grade school with the rest of the scandalous, lying students who cast fraudulent votes and whose mentality is similar to that of a 3-year-old.

Everyone on campus is old enough to remember the hanging chad election. Likewise we all witnessed firsthand what a headache voting irregularities can be. Believe it or not, college is pretty close to the real world and indecent people do exist, however it is not your job to just accept it.

On a campus with more than 9,000 students, a mere 55 votes was enough to determine the corrupt election. If more students had voted the 55 fraudulent votes would have been insignificant. As a student at Highline you should take it upon yourself to vote in the upcoming re-election to confirm that you did your best to combat fraud. Student Government is doing its best to correct the recent problems and has assured that in the future this will not happen. However, all the effort and work could have easily been avoided if people were honest. In this tainted world we live in, naughty students are proving that the nice guy finishes last, unless they say so — then he finishes first.

The opinion page

Editorials are the opinion of the management of the newspaper, which includes its editorial board members: Victoria Anthony, Ben Johnston, Shauna Bjork, Dustin Nickerson, Colleen Woods, Amanda Hetzel, Jared Goodard, Mal Zuljevic, and Melissa Flesch. Columns represent the opinions of the individual authors. Letters to the editor represent the opinions of the readers.

Letters to the editor are welcome. Letters should be no more than 300 words long, and are subject to editing for style and length. The Thunderword invites contributions of all types from the campus community. Please send submissions to the thunderword@highline.edu or deliver to Building 10, room 106.
Burien offers accessible art in a homey environment

BY LINDA SEWERKER
STAFF REPORTER

Art finds its way into the Burien community in interesting ways. It is surprising how much diversity there is inside the small house that rests in front of a park. The ceilings are slanted, and a person over five feet tall must stoop to get up or down the stairs to see the art; but it is worth the effort.

Unlike larger commercial galleries, the Burien Arts Gallery has a friendly personal space, with different media in the three floors of a former home. Placing art in a manner that works with the organization of available space is the job of the director. He or she must know what is the right combination of styles and which works should be positioned next to a different artist's works. Hanging or displaying a gallery full of art takes skill.

The director, Barbara Jorgenson, has this responsibility and takes the job seriously. Jorgenson has been the Burien Art Gallery director for one year. She says she has but been involved in the arts all of her life. She is described by associates and friends as an energetic, multitasked manager, who understands the need to bring culture to the community.

Jorgenson selects works without any particular method, but she says she knows what likes when she sees the artist's work. She has been trained to understand great design from years of experience in retail.

"I did some art work long ago, but most of my experience comes from hanging art shows. I had years of experience as a window and interior designer for Frederick and Nelson. I worked in the field for 20 years, designing commercial spaces," she said.

"My favorite show featured local Burien high school artists. They were so talented. One senior had sculptures and a multimedia video of his art here in this gallery. It was wonderful to see how attached the students were to their work. They would not consider selling any of them," she said.

Two new artists are featured in November and December. Local artist Ruth Carpenter describes her paintings as "Geo-quizzical" which is an abstract style with whimsical motifs or elements. The sculpted paintings by Milla Kalens, a Russian artist, are more representational. She paints with bright colors and symbolic images that suggest an attachment to her early childhood in Russia and the influence of European artists.

Jorgenson said she is proud to find artists of such different talent coming to Burien.

The history of the Burien Arts Gallery dates back to the '70s. The City of Burien elected in the summer of 1971 to sponsor a Strawberry Festival and Heritage Fair, a food and arts festival. The Burien Arts Association formed because of the success of the festival, which brought craftsmen, performers and artists together for the first time.

Any money donated to the gallery is managed by the Burien Arts Association, a non-profit group, whose purpose is to enrich the community. The artists' sales give a 40 percent commission to the gallery. Artwork is not selling as well as Jorgenson would like.

"Things were very bad after 9-11, but I think art sales are getting better," she said.

A nice appeal of the gallery is the variety of mixed media from local artists that is very reasonably priced but also excellent in quality.

Wood artist Richard Steppic has an exceptional, reasonably priced assortment of beautifully finished wood-turned vases, wood-sculptured bowls, and hand crafted wooden candle-holders. The artist uses a lathe to create the smooth finish on all pieces. His wood comes from logging waste. The clearing of maples, elms, and ash is one man's garbage and Steppic's pot of gold.

"Wood from a tree would be available to anyone who would take the effort to haul it away," said Steppic.

"Any that I did not salvage went for firewood. Steppic is a member of the American Association of wood-turners. He has been showing his work since 2000 and stays involved in Burien Arts events. His art has sold at the Tacoma Art Museum and the Puyallup Fair.

In addition there are lovely photographs and jewelry by artist Becky Johnson and a collection of colorfully bright paintings by students from Haiti. Popular artist Nicolas Kirsten's limited edition prints are on display. Kirsten is an established artist with her own gallery in the University District.

On the top floor the gallery houses fine handcrafted gifts are for sale made by the volunteers who work for the gallery.

Burien Art Gallery is located at 421 S.W. 146th St. It is open from noon until 8 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month and weekly Tuesday through Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. Artists who wish to have their work looked at can bring two or three pieces to the gallery for Jorgenson or the association to review. It is a great place to see great art and perhaps even be able to afford it.
Poetry book makes students' mouths water

BY BRI CHURCH
STAFF REPORTER

All college students have had to read at least one poem in their academic life and throughout their lives they have usually circu-

lared around the same subject matter: love, broken hearts, a beautiful summer's day- and occasionally depictions of death.

Unfortunately, not all stu-
dents can truly relate to these subjects, leaving the poetry meaningless and ultimately discarded. However, inside O Taste and See: Food Poems, a collection of tasty poems circulating around the greatest of American love affairs- food- students can find poetry which is both liter-

ally and figuratively food for thought. Featured in the scrumptious little book is Highline's very own Susan Rich, as well as her poem, A Poem for Will, Baking. Thursday, Nov. 6 marked the inaugural presentation day for this poetry volume, and whether they were driven by an intense and everlasting love of poetry- or the free food- Building 7 was filled to the brim with curious, not to mention hungry students.

The auditorium held a com-

fortable and homey ambience, complete with plenty of reading material, homemade dishes- quite appropriate for the nature of food poetry and

on the table now"- my hus-
bands does not like that last line," Silano says.

The difficulty of finding a unique voice and avoiding cliché is a common hurdle for most of the featured poets, but Allen Braden,- another poetic author, says "I truly believe we have overcome the problem." O Taste and See can be purchased at any time in the Highline Bookstore for $14 and Rich says that she would be more than happy to grace any copy with her John Hancock.

It's not just a balancing act, but perfection of movement

BY BRI CHURCH
STAFF REPORTER

In China, acrobats are the equivalent to American pop stars.

The difficult and dazzling nature of acrobatic stunts leads audiences to love and adore anyone who is skilled enough to become such a performer. Friday, Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m. marks the day in which the Auburn Performing Arts Center will be visited by these stars as part of the world-famous touring Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats. Complete with death-defying stunts, daring tasks and har-

rowing feats, the performance is sure to be a crowd pleaser.

At the early ages of 4 or 5, future Chinese acrobats normally begin an extensive training program for five or six years and then go on to join any number of professional organizations. However, only the most highly skilled students will find themselves apart of the world-touring Shangri-La Acrobats.

For over 20 years the Hai family has been helping to train these young acrobats and turn them into the flawless professionals who have graced the stages of arts centers all over the world. Interpreting ancient arts where color, motion and sound collide.

Tickets for this show are $10-15 and selling like hotcakes, however, a small number of $5 balcony seats will go on sale at the box office 30 minutes prior to the perfor-
mance. Main tickets can be pur-
chased by either calling 253-931-3043, or visiting the Au-
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partment at 910 9th St. SE from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

You are cordially invited to DANCE TO YOUR OWN BEAT

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The Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats will perform on Nov. 21.
Fall play is ready for action

Highline's Drama Department opens its 2003-2004 season with David Campton's comedic, 'The Life and Death of Almost Everybody.'

The show opens tonight, Nov. 13, at 8 p.m., and continues with shows Friday and Saturday, and Nov. 20-22 in the Little Theatre in Building 4.

Tickets are available at the theater entrance or by calling 206-878-3710, ext. 3156. Tickets are $7 for general admission and $6 for students.

"Not to be missed," says Director Christiana Taylor. "This is an odd, political, relatable play you won't see anywhere else."

Compton is "an eccentric and prolific British dramatist," Taylor says. "It resonates with darkly funny comments on the nature of being us."

Running time for the show is about 90 minutes.

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**Outtake Quote**

"If you want to make an apple pie from scratch, you must first create the universe.

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**Carl Sagan**
T-Birds soar to new heights at NWAACCs

BY SHELBY LANCASTER
STAFF REPORTER

Freshman Dylan Bailey and sophomore Amanda Kamm raced to cross country greatness by bringing home individual championships and leading Highline to its best finish in 12 years.

The men's team placed third with a score of 80 at the NWAACC championships on Nov. 8 in Spokane. They followed Spokane, who finished first with a score of 32, and Clackamas, who finished second with 59. Treasure Valley followed Highline in fourth with a score of 108, and Clark took fifth with 125.

The women's team took fourth place with 98 by edging out Spokane who finished fifth with a score of 109. Clark won the meet with 46 and was followed by Clackamas, who finished with 56. Lane came in third with 76.

Highline also took fourth in the combined team awards, which takes the scores of both the men's and women's races and puts them together. Clackamas won the combined competition, Spokane second, and Clark finished third.

It was a day of firsts for the T-Birds.

Kamm is the first Highline woman to ever claim an individual cross country championship. Moreover, with Bailey's win, Highline also clinched both team championships and 1-2 finishes in both men's and women's races for the first time. His win was the first since 1998.

"It was the best day that Highline has had in cross country in years," said Highline Head Coach Robert Yates.

For the women, Kamm's winning time was 19:55 in the 5-kilometer race. She was followed by Spokane's Ashley Hadaway, who finished with a time of 19:01. Hadaway had previously beaten Kamm in three races by about 15 seconds each time. Hadaway led for a majority of the race until Kamm overtook her in the last 200 yards. She was met at the finish line with a huge hug from her coach, as well as other hugs, handshakes, cheers, and tears from her teammates and friends.

"I'm happy; I'm excited; I never actually thought I'd win," said Kamm shortly after the race.

Yates was elated about Kamm's performance.

"Amanda ran a perfect race. She followed the plan," said Yates. "She's worked so hard for it." Also for the Highline women, freshman Sitges Marshall finished 10th with a time of 20:22. It was a minute and a half better than the last time that she ran the course this year.

"I felt good. It was perfect race weather," said Marshall. Freshman Jami Jablonski led the other Highline women with a 21st place finish and a time of 21:44. It was her best finish after a tough year full of nagging injuries.

"I'm happiest for Jami. She's had a rough year. It was her best race since her junior year in high school," said Yates. The other Highline women also finished well. Freshman Zori Garastanchuk came in 32nd, with a time of 22:48, followed by freshman Marlene Blackburn who finished 41st with a time of 24:11. Freshman Leslie Campos took 54th with a time of 26:10.

For the men, Bailey's winning time was 25:16 in the 8-kilometer race. It is the sixth fastest time ever ran on the course. He edged out Mark Currell of Spokane, who had a time of 25:24. Highline sophomore Clay Hemlock came in third with a time of 25:30.

Bailey's win was somewhat of a surprise. Hemlock had been the heavy favorite all season to win.
BY LAUREN HOWELL  
STAFF REPORTER

The Highline men’s soccer team continues into the playoffs this weekend, after beating the Walla Walla Warriors, 1-0 in a hard fought game on Saturday, Nov. 8.

Highline plays Skagit Valley on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 12:30 p.m. at Harry E. Lang Stadium in Lakewood.

If the T-Birds win they will play in the championship on Sunday, Nov. 16 at 2:30. However, if they lose there will be a consolation game at 10 a.m. they will play in.

Joe Patterson scored the only goal for the T-Birds in Saturday’s game.

“He beat his defender and hit a low hard driven shot to the far post. Joe is playing with a lot of confidence right now and it shows. He has the tools to be the best player in the league,” Head Coach Jason Prenovost said. “When Joe is attacking the box, there really is no defending him.”

Although there were many scouts and recruiters from top four-year universities at the game, Patterson kept his focus.

“I didn’t think about the scouts, I was only thinking about the game. Afterwards, I saw that they were there but it didn’t make me nervous,” Patterson said. “All I thought about was getting into the defense’s head. I kept on thinking of ways to penetrate through.”

Patterson said that the game went pretty smooth and it was really fun.

Prenovost agreed and says that there was a nice crowd that came out and watched the game.

“We really appreciated the support and it made for a great atmosphere for a playoff game,” Prenovost said.

Coming into the playoffs, Walla Walla had won its last 11 games, led by the Warriors’ strong defense, Head Coach John Charman said.

Despite Walla Walla’s tough play, Prenovost says that the T-Birds really took the game and dictated the play.

“I was impressed with the way they carried themselves throughout and after the game. They are building a strong program there and I’m sure will be a factor for years to come,” Prenovost said.

“Walla Walla was a well-coached and strong team. Their defense was strong and their keeper had a great game,” Prenovost added.

The T-Birds found that they were able to break through the Warriors defense a number of times. They just didn’t hit the back of the net as much as they would have liked.

“We left Walla Walla in the game by not taking advantage of scoring opportunities through out the match. This is dangerous in playoff games because momentum can go a long way toward deciding the outcome.”

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Sports

Men’s NWAACC soccer schedule

First round games
Highline 1, Walla Walla 0
North Idaho 3, Bellevue 2 (OT)
Edmonds 2, SW Oregon 1
Skagit Valley 4, South Puget Sound 0

Championships
NWAACC tournament
Nov. 15, Harry Lang Stadium, Lakewood
Edmonds v. North Idaho, 10 a.m.
Highline v. Skagit Valley, 12:30 p.m.
Nov. 16
Consolation round, 10 a.m.
Championship, 2:30 p.m.
T-Birds chuck Chukars 2-1, head for finals

Highline women to take on North Idaho in soccer semifinals

BY SHAUNA BJORK
STAFF REPORTER

The T-Bird women's soccer team is headed to the NWAACC tournament after beating Treasure Valley in a quarterfinal match last weekend.

Highline beat the Chukars 2-1 on Saturday down on the home grass of McConnaughey Field.

The win advances Highline to a game in the semifinals versus Spokane.

The game will be played at 6 p.m. on Saturday at Harry E. Lang Stadium in Lakewood. The winner of that game will go on to play in the championship game, against the winner of the Walla Walla and North Idaho contest, on Sunday at 4:45 p.m. The loser plays in the consolation game at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday.

In the quarterfinals, favorite Clackamas lost to North Idaho in overtime 4-2, and Walla Walla beat Green River 5-0.

Highline was down 1-0 early in the game, after the Chukars' Hailey Fisher scored in the first 45 seconds of the game.

Head Coach Jaimy McLaughlin said he was shocked when the goal was scored that early.

"I guess it was kind of hard to believe that it happened," said McLaughlin. "We haven't given up any early goals all season."

Marianna Palermo struck back in the third minute with Highline's first goal of the game.

"The team countered — not just Marianna, she had a great finish — but it was a team effort. I felt a little bit relieved, back on even terms, I'm sure the team felt the same," said McLaughlin.

Kody Downey scored the winning goal of the game, with about 10 minutes remaining in the first half.

Highline held on to win the game, and advance.

After the game, the women embraced and left the field with huge smiles on their faces.

Overall, McLaughlin was extremely pleased with the women's performance.

"We played very tough and physical, didn't get down and quit after the first goal, we stepped up and did what ever it took to win," he said.

McLaughlin also said that there were some things that the team could have done better.

"I think our team defense could have been better. We allowed too many shots and we started out the game by letting them score in the first minute," he said. "This shows me that we were not focused from the very beginning. We will have to be focused from start to finish if we are going to win any more games."

In the first half midfielder/forward Kenzie Anderson went down and had to leave for the remainder of the first half. Coach McLaughlin says she is fine, but took a knee to her leg.

Highline is set to face Spokane this weekend in the first round of the playoffs. Spokane beat Clark 2-1 in the quarterfinals. McLaughlin says he scouted Spokane a few weeks ago, and he has scouting reports from other teams in the league.

"I feel we have a very good chance of beating them on Saturday if we play our physical game and control the ball," said McLaughlin.

The T-Birds are hard at work preparing for the tournament this weekend.

"We are training at the new Starfire soccer complex at Fort Dent Park, the playing surface is Field Turf, just like Clover Park," said McLaughlin. "We are getting used the field and the players are really intense, working hard and challenging each other to make sure everyone is ready for two tough games this weekend."

Spokane finished second in the Northeast Division with a 10-2-4 record. Last season they lost in the quarterfinals, to Tacoma.

Women's NWAACC soccer schedule

First round games
Highline 2, Treasure Valley 1
North Idaho 4, Clackamas 2 (OT)
Walla Walla 5, Green River 0
Spokane 2, Clark 1

Championships
NWAACC tournament
Nov. 15, Harry Lang Stadium, Lakewood
Walla Walla v. North Idaho, 3:30 p.m.
Highline v. Spokane, 6 p.m.
Nov. 16
Consolation round, 12:15 p.m.
Championship, 4:45 p.m.
Moore, Moore, Moore, for Highline soccer

I've got both feet in the grave. "About once every three weeks I have a complete burn-out, where I just sleep for an entire day," Moore said, "but everyone is pretty understanding." Understanding? I'm sure they are more amazed that it doesn't happen every other day. But whatever it is Moore brings to the table, it seems to be working.

Just look at the teams he is coaching. Both the men and women finished the regular season in first place, and are now heading to the semifinals as No. 1 seeds and the teams to beat.

Moore has the utmost amount of confidence that this weekend both his teams will be hoisting first place trophies over their heads. And why shouldn't he? Moore seems to be a winner everywhere he goes.

"Our guys wrestled extremely well," said Highline Head Coach Scott Norton.

However, wrestling a national champion can be a daunting task. Although they lost, Norton was still pleased with their efforts. "We came out a little slow; but against a national champion, we had our work cut out for us," said Norton. Individually, Marcus Garthe stole the show for Highline. "Garthe wrestled the best out of both meets," said Norton. However, he has complete confidence in the rest of his team.

"From top to bottom, our lineup was pretty tough," said Norton. Next up for the T-Birds are a meet against Southwest Oregon in Coos Bay, Ore.

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T-Birds in action.
The Highline women’s volleyball team now stands at 10-3, tied for second place with Tacoma in the NWAACC’s West Division.

Two games that will determine playoff seedings were played Wednesday, Nov. 12, however results were not available at press time. First, Highline’s final regular season game was on the road against 6-7 Lower Columbia. With a win, the Lady T-Birds are guaranteed second place, either in a tie with Tacoma or as sole possessor.

Also, Tacoma traveled to Green River. Despite having a better record, this is no “gimme” for Tacoma, as they lost to Green River just four weeks ago.

“Before the season started, Tacoma drew a higher seed than Highline did,” Head Coach John Littleman said. “If we tie for second place, Tacoma will win the tie-break, and we’ll finish third. The third place team from the West will face the second place team from the North, which will be either Bellevue or Whatcom. The second place team from the West will face third-place Edmonds.”

The NWAACC Tournament will be held Friday, Nov. 21 through Sunday, Nov. 23 at Green River Community College in Auburn.

The Lady T-Birds defeated Green River (9-4) Friday, Nov. 7 at the Highline Thunderdome, 30-16, 30-18, and 34-32. The third match was filled with unforced errors by both teams, and saw several lead changes before Highline eventually won.

“We did our best to give that third match away,” Highline star Michelle Aurelio said. “They just didn’t want to take it from us.”

Aurelio had another big game with 17 kills—so powerful it knocked a Green River player to the floor.

All went well for Highline two nights earlier, as they cruised past 3:10 Pierce, 30-23, 30-23, 28-30, and 30-22. Byrthe Howard led the team with 10 kills. Meanwhile, Clark (11-1) defeated Tacoma (10-3), clinching first place in the West, and Green River handled Grays Harbor (1-11) to stay in the playoff picture.

Jennifer Patnode (front) directs traffic while teammate, Khia Behrendt (back) responds accordingly.

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PREREQUISITE WRITING 101
New instructor eases speech students' fear

Highline's newest speech professor, Shannon Scott, wants his students to know that he has been in their position before.

"In high school I had to take a speech and debate class to graduate. I had to overcome nervousness and it helps me know what my students are going through," said Scott.

Scott, a medium-built man with reddish-blond hair, green or blue eyes depending on what he wears, and a casual style, is not only a funny guy who keeps his students interested, but he also has big plans for the future.

Students say that Scott brings humor and personality into the classroom and his entertaining style of teaching makes class time enjoyable.

"He is a great teacher, you don't get bored because he keeps you alert. He is way better than most of the professors I've had," said Priya Devi, a Speech 100 student.

Even his colleagues think he's a delight.

"I think Shannon is great, he is a really bright individual. He has one of those unique personalities with a combination of really smart and at the same time socially and interpersonally connected," said Shannon Proctor, a speech professor at Highline.

Scott is looking into starting two new programs.

"One idea is to start a speech and debate team," Scott said.

Western Washington University, University of Puget Sound, and Seattle Pacific University are a few of the schools in this area that have teams.

"These schools are a few in the area that could host speech and debate tournaments," Scott said.

Scott is also working on a different kind of speech class.

"It's called a hybrid course which is partly online," Scott said.

"The students would come into class for the public speaking portion of class and they would do theory work online," said Scott.

Scott wants to work hard to integrate these two new ideas because he knows Highline is making big steps toward the future, and he is more than qualified to do so.

Scott said he is excited about the diverse environment here at Highline.

Scott grew up in North Dakota after moving at a young age from Lakenheath, England where he was born.

"I received a scholarship to go to school for speech and debate and when I got to college I placed third in a national tournament," said Scott.

Scott attended North Dakota State University and received his bachelor's degree in speech and French.

He then returned to get his master's in speech with an emphasis in rhetoric and political communication.

From there Scott moved to Washington and attended the University of Washington and will receive his Ph.D. in the spring.

"A lot of people stop after their master's. For me it was really hard to decide to be a student for four more years... I'm glad that when I'm done, I'm done and I will be ready to start work," Scott said.

Some may wonder why Shannon, after having so much higher education at four-year universities, would work at a community college, but he enjoys the atmosphere here at Highline and says there are only a few differences between us and a big school.

"People think that by going to a community college they are somehow getting only second best, but they are wrong," said Scott.

"There are only two differences between Highline and the University of Washington and those are that we don't have a football team and that it's cheaper to go here," said Scott.

Scott enjoys the student programs and interaction between students.

"I am a better teacher having taught here," said Scott. "I've never had such good relationship with my students and the support sources for the students."

"For example when I have a student now that has a learning disability, I am involved with that student every step of the way, getting them help at the tutoring center or helping them find a conversation pal," said Scott.

"I've never been as aware of or connected with these things that help me help students," Scott said.

Another thing that Scott really enjoys about this campus is its diversity and how it has shaped him as a teacher.

"Highline is diverse, and it knows it is diverse and that is what keeps teaching at Highline interesting."

The diversity at Highline may be the thing that makes Scott a better teacher but he also considers it an obstacle.

"One main problem as a teacher is figuring out how to reach every type of student. When I first taught at North Dakota State University all of my students were the same; I was teaching to people just like me, who would relate to any example that I gave," Scott said.

"But now I have to work on pulling examples from my students here at Highline to relate to other students." Scott agrees that the diversity is what keeps teaching at Highline interesting.

By LAUREN HOWELL
Staff Reporter

Highline instructor Shannon Scott working in his office.

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Braxton shares past, holds hope for future

BY TAUREAN DAVIS
STAFF REPORTER

To overcome turmoil, a community needs spirit and unity says Reverend Dr. Leslie David Braxton. He visited Highline on Thursday, Nov. 6 to speak to students attending Jean Harris' African American Experience class.

Building such a community isn't easy and never has been. For example, consider the history of African-Americans. Braxton said religion and faith provided a new framework for social cohesion and community-building for Africans in the new world. He believes the key to the future lies in knowing the past. He sums up his reasons pretty well. "If you don't know your history, you're a sucker for repeating it," said Braxton.

With a powerful but good-natured persona, he lectured, using the past as part of his theme. He takes the students back in time to the era when America was just a new world and settlers have just arrived from Europe in the 1700s. Chattel slavery came along with them in the form of African Americans.

"Ripped away from home and forced into bondage, African-Americans had to deal with the insanity of the changes and prejudices. But during this time of unfairness, Braxton says that faith gave African Americans the backbone and heart to pull together. It was necessary in order to survive.

"Given the right to pray by their masters, the African American community evolved to having their own preachers and from there, history was in the making."

From the slave revolts of the early 1800s to the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s, the African American clergy have always assisted in matters to help others struggling to make a living. All in all, they worked to make positive changes in the community as a whole, said Braxton.

With the past behind but still in mind, Braxton joins the fray intending to change things for the better.

"We've (the African American community) definitely made progress," said Braxton. However, he feels nowadays that people (of any ethnicity) need to regroup and rediscover their identity as a group.

Braxton's personal journey started at the University of Puget Sound. Braxton had ties to the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (as a football player). However, his training as a pastor came from his home church, the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Tacoma.

Despite interests leaning toward law or teaching, Braxton said he felt a calling steering him toward the church. He describes it as not a choice he made but a choice that made him. Now Braxton is the pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist church in Seattle.

With his experience, Braxton said (in life) there is always a fight and a battle involved. Change is something that must be demanded, and develop a sense of calling and purpose in life.

"For each one of them to identify their gifts, match them with their interests, and develop a sense of calling and purpose in life." Braxton said the best thing to do is to prepare for the purpose, pursue that purpose, and achieve that purpose.

Team Highline and Trailblazers ignite fight for salmon safety

BY RACHEL SCANLON
STAFF REPORTER

Team Highline and the Trailblazers Club need your help to save Washington state's salmon population and provide bank stability. All in all, $26 million has been spent to help restore the salmon in Washington state.

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Barriers evident in empty workshop

By Elizabeth Kephart
Staff Reporter

The biggest barrier for disabled students may be raising the awareness of others on campus.

Carol Jones, director of Access Services, is working to raise the awareness of breaking down the barriers of education for disabled students.

Jones held a "No Barriers" workshop on Thursday, Nov. 6. No one showed up, but she was not discouraged.

"It is important for people on campus to understand disability barriers so that they can help move them," said Jones. "Educating the campus community about disabilities helps people to better understand and appreciate people with disabilities."

One of Jones's jobs is to make sure disabled students can get around campus. For a student in a wheelchair, getting around campus can be a hard task. The hardest part is when a student in a wheelchair doesn't know what their route is to get to their classes, Jones said.

Highline also has to make sure the toilets are big enough. Jones said that while most are, some aren't.

Many of the buildings are accessible by elevator for students in wheelchairs, with the exception of Building 9. In order to get up stairs, you have to use the steps.

Instructors at Highline also should make sure that everything is accessible to disabled students. For example, if a student is blind and the instructor needs to show a video, Jones said.

"There are two totally blind students at Highline and they use Jaws," said Jones. Jaws is a software that reads the screen of a computer out loud. Highline also offers voice recognition software for students who can't use their hands. It works like a keyboard only it types everything you say, Jones said.

Students who are disabled may also feel isolated.

"People with disabilities sometimes have isolation issues and sometimes may not interact as often with their peers. Some of that might be due to transportation for people in wheelchairs," Jones said.

Highline offers a club for deaf students so that deaf students can get together. It encourages the hearing impaired to be involved in student activities, said Jones.

A student may also have a mental disability including behavioral problems, which can also affect relations with others, Jones said.

Highline can affect the way a student learns.

"Some have difficulty with language processing tasks such as decoding words, reading comprehension, or composing written materials," Jones said. "Others may have a learning disability in math computation or math reasoning."

A student with a learning disability may need another student to take notes for them or need extended time for testing.

"It is important for people with disabilities to understand their own needs and create strategies to help themselves be more successful," Jones said.

By Janie Larson

Elections

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still waiting to fully disclose what happened because they don't want to give out any wrong information and they don't have all of the information yet anyway.

The candidates have strong feelings about this fraudulent occurrence, but at least eight out of nine of them are still running.

"I'm disappointed in the whole Student Government office. I don't think this is rocket science, or a lot of data to crunch. It's not like it was the presidential election," said candidate Christopher Monfort.

"I'm mad because I spent close to 10 hours for the first election, and that's a lot," said candidate Mark Thomas.

Thomas says he will be handing out flyers and candy this time too.

Candidate Stephanie Raghuber said she's irritated and frustrated.

"I'm definitely going to re-campaign, with flyers and announcements. I'm going to do more talking to people, and less handing out cookies," said Raghuber.

"It's frustrating that someone would go to these links to poison this election," said candidate Eddie Dha.

He said he's going to do more talking and campaigning, and work harder to get people to vote.

Dha wants the student body to know that their vote is going to count this time.

Candidate Joe Tran said he's upset, and wants to see the results of the recent election had it stood.

"I think whoever had all the fraudulent votes should not be eligible," said Tran. Tran also said he will be doing more campaigning than before.

Candidate Tina Higashi said she's very frustrated.

"I spent so much time on the first election. I'm going to do near as much this time because I still care about making a difference (at Highline)," said Higashi. She said she'll be handing out flyers, putting up posters again, and talking to different and more people.

Higashi had some voting advice as well.

"I want people to read the bios, and choose from that. When you go to vote, you can click on the names to read them. I want this to be an informed election, not just a popular one," Higashi said.

Vice President of Legislation Michelle Kolpack would like to encourage students to vote.

"We've already taken a lot of time, and we're all in this together," said Kolpack.

Kolpack said, it's in the students' best interest to vote; it's their right to be heard.

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Cafeteria

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things had changed only to find there was old dried food in the grooves of the tables like jam, crumbs, and dried food. So I asked the employees in here again whose responsibility was it to clean these tables because they are filthy and once again they told me it was the janitors' job.

"I decided at this point to contact the Health Department and I called them every time I had to bring the same issues to the cafeteria staff attention and I still haven't received a call back from them either," said Seissen.

Seissen has written a formal letter to the cafeteria staff and college administration.

"I am so tired of this and I will never eat here again," she said. "I think it is the responsibility of the cafeteria staff and the cafeteria reveals quite a mess on the tables on some days, less on others. Students who use the cafeteria expressed differing opinions on the state of the facility, however.

Melanie Hudson, a Medical Assisting student, had few complaints.

"I think they have done a excellent job with what they have to work with while waiting for the new building to be completed," said Hudson.

"I don't see anything wrong with it," she said. "I like coming in here. The service is always friendly and quick and I think the prices are reasonable. I think it is a real good deal and every time I have ever been here it is always pretty neat. I just think they could do a better job with swabbing the tables but, other then that the cafeteria is pretty nice."

Nathan Lonboy, a future RN, had more complaints about food that cleanliness.

"I have never had a problem with the cafeteria. It has pretty much been clean," he said. "They could work on the breakfast fast sandwiches, making sure they are a lot hotter, but other then that I am OK with the way it is run."

Student Jeff Leasnett said there's room for improvement.

"I think the service is pretty good-things could always be better," said Leasnett.

"We could use more room, bigger and we could use a little air conditioning in here sometimes it is not clean in here at times but it's kind of hard to clean when everyone has their stuff all over the place but at the same time the students should clean up behind themselves but not be held accountable for make sure the cafeteria is kept clean. That's the job of the staff," said Leasnett.

Dennis Hayes, director of food services, said students can help.

"This was brought to my attention yesterday and obviously it would be great if I could get the students to contribute a little bit and clean up their areas and take care of it the way they would take care of their homes," Hayes said.

"I understand that isn't always going to happen that way so last night I stayed and spoke with the janitor and demonstrated what I would like to see by keeping the tables clean, especially the food in the cracks," he said. "This morning when I came in it was a lot better but we are still working on it."

Hayes encouraged feedback from the campus on the cafeteria.

"No one has ever come up to me and said I would like to see this or that," he said.

"I want to encourage people to come and talk to me. I am here on the floor a lot and I always happy to help with any problems or questions. I can't state it enough to the students to come talk to me."

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Highline student Derek Zimmerman gets some condiments for his food in the cafeteria.