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Low numbers of students enrolling



Photo by Alicia Mendez

Highline enrollment is down for the second year. Students above are paying at the cashier in Building 6 for their fall tuition.

Highline loses students again

By MICHELLE ERICKSEN
STAFF REPORTER

Fall Quarter enrollment numbers are down, same as they were last time this year. The exact percentages and numbers can only be released on the tenth day of the quarter.

There are two different kinds of enrollment, headcount and FTE (Full time equivalent) enrollment.

Headcount is the number of students who attend Highline,

and FTE is the number of students who take 15 credits. A group of students whose credits add up to 15 is also in the FTE.

Enrollment slightly down from this time last year so it's hard to tell if it's gone down even more, said Associate Dean for Enrollment Services Becky Riverman.

"Employment is up; we've done a good job training people to go back to work," said Riverman. "There has also been a dip in high school graduates, a lot

of high school graduates have already been here (Highline) through Running Start."

Running Start students are not included in headcount or FTE enrollment statistics.

"Enrollment cycles go in a circle, they go up and down," Riverman said. "We've had several mailings and house campaigns; we've also had an open house."

The Administration has done several things to make Highline more attractive to students.

"We're offering weekend programs, new hybrid classes, and more online classes," said Riverman. "We've improved a lot of our functions and changed financial aid procedures so it's more student friendly."

Enrollment has the greatest impact on Highline fiscally. The state looks at the headcount and FTE when it decides to make budget cuts.

"Every department had to

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Campus endures busy summer

By KEITH DAIGLE
STAFF REPORTER

The completion of the Outreach Center (formerly referred to as the Luther Building) this summer marked the end of the major construction that has been happening all over campus for the last several years.

With the Higher Ed. Building and new Student Union finished, the construction around campus is now focusing on landscaping the areas affected by the construction, and parking.

With the creative rearrangement and removal of several reserved parking spots resulting in 100 new student parking spots, parking will hopefully be a little easier in the fall.

Pete Babington, Director of Facilities, said that at the peak time of 10 a.m., the parking lots were never full. The empty parking spaces were reserved either for visitors, or staff.

In the North lot, all visitor parking has been eliminated, and an extra row of parking has been added near the front (the side closest to the school) of the parking lot.

Approximately 60 staff spots have been moved from the East parking lot into the Outreach Center parking lot.

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Student Government excited for a bright new future

By MICHELLE ERICKSEN
STAFF REPORTER

Highline's newly-elected Student Government promises to be advocates for the students this year.

"The purpose for Student Government is to be advocates for students in front of faculty, staff, administration, as well as State Government and the local community. We hope this year

that students will utilize our services and have their voices be heard," said ASHCC (Associated Student's of Highline Community College) President, Paul Kalchik.

"We're really trying to get student involvement up," Kalchik said. "We don't want to have another unopposed election."

All of the seven members of ASHCC ran unopposed in the

Spring Quarter elections.

"We want to raise voter turnout and have more students get involved," Kalchik said.

All the members of ASHCC spent three days in a leadership conference in Wenatchee.

"I believe that we have a very organized Student Government, compared to many other schools," said Student Senator Huy Pham. "We're trying to make an environment that's

student focused," Kalchik said. "We're really trying to promote student involvement."

"Compared to last year's Student Government, we bonded and meshed faster," Kalchik said.

Student Government is trying to focus on a few issues that they believe affect Highline students. Some of their main issues are enrollment/outreach, club support, promoting ASHCC, and

raising student participation.

"It's tough choosing an issue," said Kalchik. "You have no way of knowing if your legacy or tradition will continue."

"If we pick a project and roll with it for a year, we don't know if next year's Student Government will take it on. A lot of projects are continual projects.

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off to fast start

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CRIME



Man shot at Highline bus stop

The DMPD responded to Highline on the report of a victim with a gunshot wound to the face.

The suspects are described as two African American males.

The victim was transported to Valley Medical Hospital for his injuries.

Campus buildings vandalized

Rocks and holes were found on the roof of Building 27

A suspect was apprehended by DMPD after he broke windows out of Building 10, room 208, and a window out the south side of Building 13.

Cars tampered with; laptops gone

A Toyota was found in the East lot with the passenger window smashed out and the in dash stereo was missing.

A Nissan was stolen out of the North lot.

A Red 1990 Honda Civic was stolen out of the East lot.

A Pacific Star company laptop went missing from Building 29.

A student's laptop computer was stolen out of his Ford Explorer while it was parked in the East lot.

In the North parking lot, on the passenger side of an undischarged vehicle the door lock was punched open, and a Sony in-dash stereo was stolen.

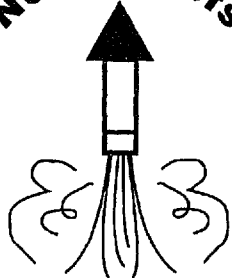
Two accidents reported here

A Highline student was involved in a hit and run accident that occurred on Sept. 12 in the north parking lot.

A Jeep Laredo hit a Ford Escort wagon in the North parking lot. The Jeep driver did not have a driver's license. The DMPD was called.

-Compiled by M. Erickson and B. Reindel

News Briefs



• Welcome Back BBQ today. from 11:30-2:30 p.m. Lunch is \$2.

Volunteers are welcome.

•Movie Fridays Presents, CRASH. "You think you know who you are. You have no idea."

Movie Fridays are sponsored by International Student Programs. The movie starts at 2:10 p.m. Friday 9/23/05. There will be hot, fresh popcorn, and it's free.

•Science Seminar: Paradigms in Bacterial Pathogenesis- Friday, Sept. 23 at 2:10 p.m. - 3:00p.m. in Building 3, room 102. Stephen J. Libby, Ph.D. will be speaking.

•The annual Making Strides against Breast Cancer walk will be October 2nd.

If you are interested in participating or donating to the walk, e-mail Jmunro@highline.edu, or contact either Jean Munro at 206-878-3710 ext 3365 or Sharon Daniels at ext 3841.

•In the Student Union on September 24 there will be a symposium on Borderline Personality Disorder.

It will be from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Pre-registration is preferred, however same day registration is available.

Cost to medical professionals is \$60; family members, \$35; students, \$25; consumer, \$10.

•There is a bin in front of the student bookstore to collect donations of new underwear for the victims of hurricane Katrina. The bin will be out there until September 30th.

E-mail any questions to Shannon Gillian at sgillian@highline.edu or call her at 206-878-3710 ext. 3914.

The Educational Planning and Advising Center, Student Programs Office and the

HCC Foundation are sponsoring for a second year "The Ultimate Survival Game Shows."

The two shows run about 50 minutes each and they are a fun way to help first

year students find out very valuable academic information about Highline.

Here's, a couple examples of the type of questions we ask during the game:

A. What do the initials G.P.A. stands for and how can you figure out your projected quarterly GPA?
B. How many times can

Soaking up the last of summer



Photo by Alicia Mendez

Students Daniel Nordstrom, Kim Bradford, and Nicky McKinney are enjoying the final moments of summer at a table outside the Student Union.

you repeat a class at Highline and what happens to your GPA when you repeat a class?

The two fun and fast paced "GAME SHOWS" will be held on Wed., Sept. 28th

at 12:10 pm and Thurs., Sept. 19 starting at 1:10 pm in building 7.

Every quarter on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., a series

of activities go on in the Pavilion, also known as the Thunderdome.

Every quarter, Intramurals Coordinator and Head Women's Basketball Coach Amber Rowe tries out different sports.

This fall will feature Flag Football on Tuesdays, Dodgeball on Wednesdays and Basketball on Thursdays.

All faculty, staff, and students

are welcome to come down and participate.

Intramurals are a good way for individuals to socialize, exhibit some athletic talent or just get some exercise while having a good time.

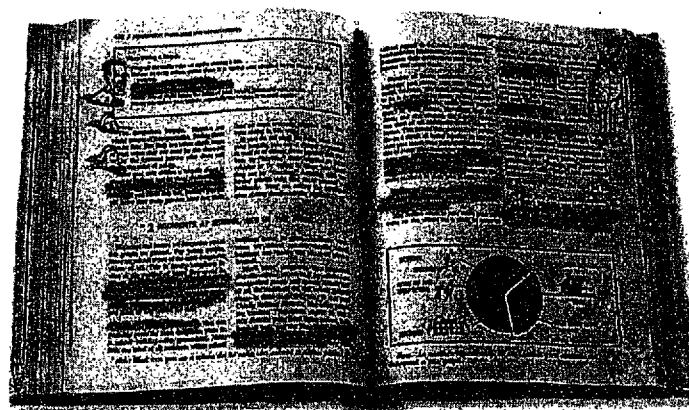
You never know whom you might meet or see participating

So come down to the Pavilion and check out this fall's intramurals.

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New Center gives Highline a front door

By OLIVIA DE LEON

STAFF REPORTER

Highline's new Outreach Center is now officially open.

For the past year, the Outreach Center has been under construction for development.

The center is the new home for the Center for Extended Learning/Small Business Development Center, Community & Employment Services, Human Resources, Institutional Advancement and Center for Learning Connection.

Both Community & Employment Services and Center for Learning Connections used to be located in the Omni building across Highway 99.

Highline leased the Omni building for these departments.

"Any rent that we were paying in the Omni building is going to the new Outreach Center," said Connie Johnson, administration executive assistant and project team member.

Before the new Outreach Center was named, it was referred to as the Luther Building, because of Luther McKlean the private developer of the building.

Over the summer, the official naming of the building was in question and a contest to name the building was held.

"Names were submitted to us and the people of the committee chose the top couple of names, then gave it to the president to



PHOTO BY ALICIA MENDEZ

The new Outreach Center is open and home to several new departments. It is located across the street from the East parking lot, next to Highway 99. For more information, call 206-878-3710.

choose," said Johnson.

"All the people and departments in the new building have some sort of outreach to the community," said Lisa Skari, vice-president for the Institutional Advancement.

Highline has a 10-year lease with the new Outreach Center building.

"The Outreach Center building payment is higher obviously because the building is much bigger," said Johnson. "I don't know the exact figure but it's substantial."

The Outreach Center is about 30,000 sq. ft. compared to the Omni at about 9,000 sq. ft.

"There was money set aside

in the budget to cover that," said Johnson.

The Outreach Center provides more resources to students.

"There is good training space for employment training and classroom space for extended learning," said Skari.

Other advantages to the new

building are visibility of the college from Highway 99, additional staff parking so that enables more parking on campus for students and office space for part-time staff and faculty.

The building is located on the other side of the East parking lot next to Highway 99. For more information call 206-878-3710.

Classes for students can start on the weekends

By OLIVIA DE LEON

STAFF REPORTER

Highline is offering a program this fall that allows students to complete AA transfer degrees by attending classes every other weekend.

This hybrid program is called Weekend College, and it's held partially online and in class.

There are only five class sessions.

Students can choose which day of the weekend they want to attend, Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

"The hybrid format provides a blend of personal connection and online convenience," said Allison Green, chair of the Arts and Humanities Division.

"Students get to experience the community of the classroom, get to know their instructors and use all the support resources of the main campus without making a full-time commitment to in-person class attendance."

Students can specialize in business, elementary education

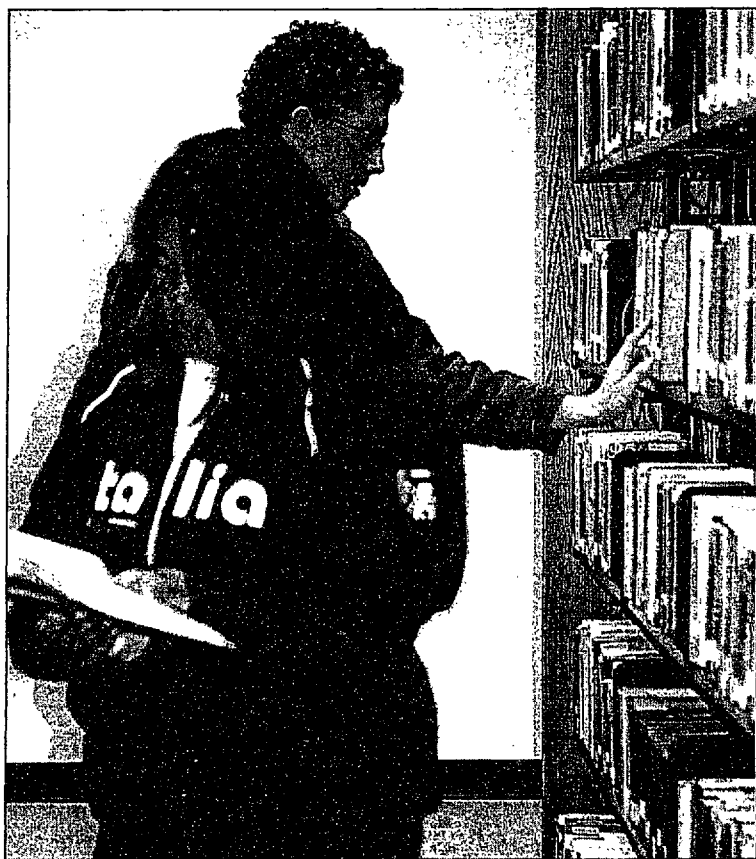


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Students Corey Forbis and Dale Harada are studying in the library.

or general studies.

"The last two academic years, we had a grant from the

HEC to run a hybrid program for students who wanted to be a elementary school teacher," said

Jeff Wagnitz, pre-college education dean.

Difficulties arose from this specific program, such as math, writing placement and attending classes every weekend.

"Now we are offering it to a wider audience and it is open to anyone who just wants a general AS degree and transfer for business," said Wagnitz.

"And classes will be held every other weekend for a longer period of time instead of every weekend."

Classes will be located in or near the Library because the Library is open on weekends.

"We tried to make this program the same as regular classes," said Wagnitz.

"Tuition is the same, as well as quarters."

Meanwhile, enrollment of the program is about 20 to 30 people have enrolled for this program because it's new and few students know about it.

"Weekend College is designed for people who have been wanting to start on a degree, but



keep putting it off because their lives are full with other things," said Green.

"People who work all week, who have busy lives, or who just have a lot of other interests and responsibilities, anyone like that is a good candidate for Weekend College."

Wagnitz said, "We really believe there is a population out there that doesn't have access to an education due to busy schedules."

Fall Quarter for the Weekend College starts on the weekend of Sept. 23.

For more information, visit www.flightline.highline.edu/weekend/ or call Sue Kelly at 206-878-3710, ext. 3373.

Editorial

Dr. Bell welcomes students

Students must take Highline seriously

Once again we find ourselves at the beginning of another year at Highline.

Many veteran students already realize what is required of them here, but many of the newer ones do not. Some might think of Highline as a glorified high school, a place where students can slack off, take it easy, and still get some of their college requirements out of the way at a fraction of the price.

This could not be further from the truth. As with a four-year university, Highline demands that you put in effort above and beyond what is expected of you in high school.

While indeed some classes may be easier than others, you cannot expect to excel without effort, as may have been the case in high school. The professors at Highline are not going to coddle you or hold your hand throughout the class. We are all adults here, we can make our own decisions and we can take responsibility for our own actions. If you do not do what is required of you, you will not succeed. Failure or success lies solely upon your shoulders.

However difficult the requirements may be, you will not be alone. The professors are often more than happy to aid any students who might be struggling, so long as the students make the effort to seek out such help.

Also, Highline offers a great many facilities which are open to all students. The library, the computer lab, even the gym are all open to the student body so that they may excel and succeed.

The wealth of classes offered at Highline is indeed worthwhile.

True, there are easier classes, as is true in any college or university. However, there are more than enough challenging classes to fit the curriculum. Sciences, arts, maths, all can be found here and all are equally challenging.

Classes can be difficult, but if you are willing to put forth the appropriate effort, they are in no way impossible.

Do not, however, allow the difficulty of the class to deter you.

While there are many challenging classes, there are also many great instructors willing to make their subject as engaging and entertaining as they possibly can.

Do not be afraid to trust the word of mouth.

A fellow student's recommendation can and should mean a great deal in taking a class, so long as the class is furthering your own unique educational goal.

Good teachers may be hard to come by, but here at Highline we have many who are all equally willing to share their unique classroom perspectives and learning styles with their students.

This may not be actual university, but if it is not approached with the same mindset, it can and will prove to be just as unforgiving as a true university.

Everyone has the potential to succeed here, but not everybody will. Those unwilling to put forth the appropriate effort do not belong here.

This is a place of education, and this is a place of those who wish to succeed.

Are you ready for your first test of the new academic year? Tell me what you have in common with this list of people:

- Eileen Collins, the mission commander of the Discovery space shuttle;
- Craig Venter, the scientist who mapped the human genome;
- California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger;
- U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona; and
- Hollywood stars Annette Bening and Tom Hanks.

The answer: All of them attended a community college. They are just a few of the many well-known high-achievers who got their start at a two-year college, demonstrating that community colleges provide a good start for future success.

Highline Community College has its own list of graduates who are widely recognized for achievements in their various fields, including former mayor of Seattle Norm Rice, crime novelist Ann Rule, NBA player Brian Scalabrine, actor Alexis Denisof, King County Superior Court Judge Joan DuBuque and entrepreneur Junki Yoshida. You are in good company.

Since Highline opened in 1961 as the first community college in King County, more than 350,000 students have been drawn to Highline for its diversity, wide range of programs, and commitment to excellence. Much has changed over the years, of course, including the campus itself.

When the Des Moines campus opened in 1964 (during its first two years, Highline was temporarily housed at the former site of Glacier High School), the Student Center was created for a campus of about 1,000 students. Today, with approximately 10,000 students, the new Student Union better serves our



Dr. Bell

campus with a modern cafeteria, conference rooms, retail shops, study rooms, an Internet café and more. At 47,000 square feet, it is more than double the size of the old building. You can't miss the three-story facility, which is appropriately located at the heart of campus.

This is the Student Union's first full academic year of operation. Along with two other new buildings—the Higher Education Center and Early Childhood Learning Center—Highline now has some of the finest facilities found on any college campus.

The Higher Education Center held its first classes spring 2005.

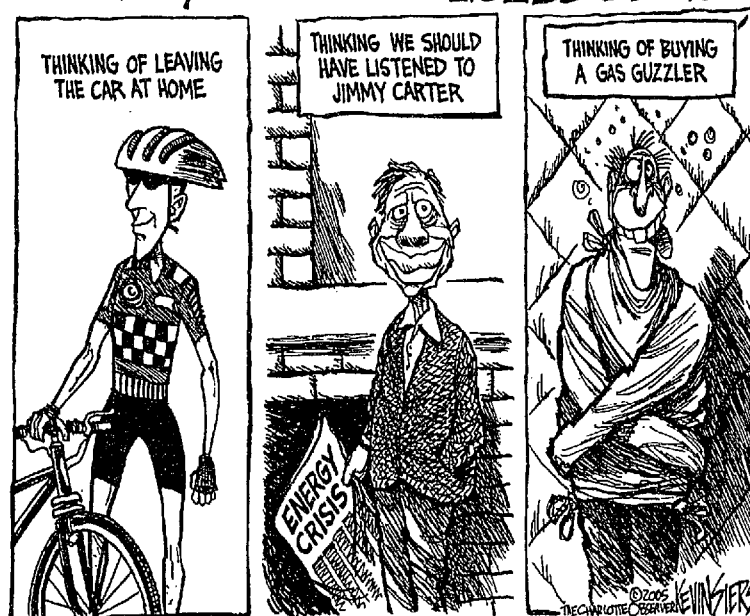
A joint project between Highline and Central Washington University, the 83,900-square-foot center allows students to earn a four-year degree without leaving the community, by taking the first two years of classes from Highline or another community college and the second two years from CWU.

The 14,500-square-foot Early Childhood Learning Center opened fall 2004 to the delight of many. The child friendly building and amenities are designed specifically for the learning and development of children. It can accommodate 115 children per hour ranging in age from infants to five years. It is a welcoming place for the children of our students, staff and faculty.

These new buildings have brought much-needed space to campus and certainly enhance the teaching and learning that goes on here. I hope you enjoy the new facilities and your time here at Highline. For close to 45 years, Highline has been the place where dreams are shaped, communities created and excellence achieved.

Priscilla Bell is president of Highline Community College.

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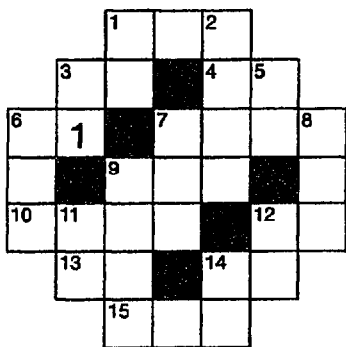
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"And he's gonna be the one to put out the fire."

Rational Numbers by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



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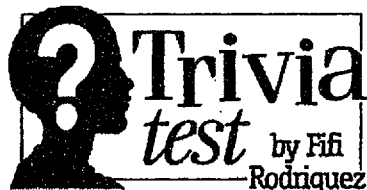
- The first digit is the sum of the other digits
- The last digit is three times the first digit
- Forty more than 3-Down
- The first digit is four times the last digit
- Five times 15-Across
- Three times 1-Down
- Three times 6-Down
- The last digit is three times the first digit
- Sixty more than 12-Across
- Two times 6-Across
- The first digit is the sum of the other digits

DOWN

- Three less than 14-Across
- Nine times 8-Down

- Digits of 12-Across reversed
- One-fifth of 14-Down
- The first digit is the sum of the other digits
- Same digit repeated
- The first digit is the sum of the other digits
- Four times 1-Across
- 3-Across minus 12-Down
- Five less than 5-Down
- 13-Across plus 12-Down

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- MUSIC: When was the top-selling soundtrack to the movie "Fame" released?
- TELEVISION: What was the name of the family in the show "The Big Valley"?
- THEATER: When did London's Globe Theatre first open?
- HISTORY: When was Spain's Second Republic born?
- MYTHOLOGY: What Greek island was said to be especially sacred to Apollo?
- GEOGRAPHY: In what body of water does the island of Sri Lanka lie?
- SCIENCE: In what year was the element plutonium discovered?

- LANGUAGE: What is the English equivalent of the Italian name Giovanni?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the 34th president of the United States?
- SPACE: What was the name of the first U.S. space station?

1. 1980
2. Bartley
3. 1598
4. 1931
5. Delos
6. Indian Ocean
7. 1940
8. John
9. Dwight Eisenhower
10. Skylab

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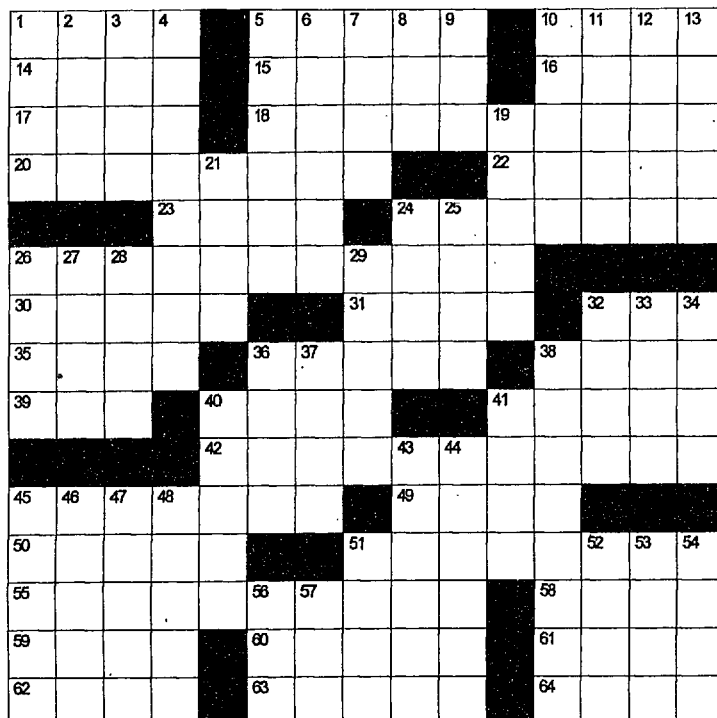
- Bill add-ons
- Routine task
- Polished manner
- Mr. Baldwin
- Skin disease
- Copypat
- Pathological ___:like Pinocchio
- Tempting fruit
- Rodgers and Hammerstein's offering
- Plants
- Concluded
- 3 dimensional sound systems
- Broadway lyricist for *An American in Paris*
- 1950's area of conflict
- Alexander's Ragtime*
- ___ Ventura: *Pet Detective*
- Japanese sashes
- Like a rocky road
- Cassius Marcellus ___
- Mr. Beatty
- Bartender's concern
- American's goal
- Office staples
- Primates
- Watergate special prosecutor Jaworski
- Mythological hunter
- Subteen
- Early bicycle
- Totem pole, e.g.
- Signs the contract
- Hack's measuring device
- Scotland's monster
- Comfort
- Old-fashioned
- Baseball admission site

Down

- Body powder
- Hipbones
- Bartlett, for one
- Bob Cratchitt employer & his family

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



- Drink after drink
- Seeker's quests
- Like Bush's office
- Sleep state
- Type of curve
- South American mammal
- Tell's target
- Ma's choice
- Ringlet
- Make better
- Eye part
- The Ugly Duckling's mom
- Diminutive
- Computer image: Var.
- Kimono
- Waterless
- Nuclear weapon
- Attorney Dershowitz
- Joker
- Looks
- Word before brother or food
- Computer keys
- Broadway's *Dolly*
- Nancy's bread
- Found in a pit
- Escapes
- Paul ___
- Chicago*, e.g.
- Like a Boston Garden
- Exploits
- Deer cousin
- West Side Story* gang
- Personal view
- Gone forever
- In addition
- Rascal
- Soup ingredient

Quotable Quote

"The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself."

... Ben Franklin

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Arts Calendar

Kent Art Gallery has anxious visions

By KEITH DAIGLE
STAFF REPORTER

Collages by local artist Melanie Reed will be on display at the Kent art Gallery until Sept. 28.

Reed's exhibit, entitled *Anxious Visions*, is a collection of surrealist collages made with pictures from newspapers and magazines.

Reed describes her paintings as abstract and cosmic.

"The (collages) tend to be very organic," said Reed.

"Very abstract."

Reed has been creating collages for 20 years.

While she has done a couple of collages in black and white, she tends to use bright colors in her work.

Her work has been compared to that of photographer Jerry Uelsmann.

Uelsmann does landscape il-

lusions.

Reed said that she wants people to think about her work, to see it as something familiar, but still not completely understand.

"I want to intrigue people," said Reed.

Reed's work has been displayed locally in Burien, Seattle, Shoreline, Lynnwood, Mercer Island and Redmond.

In the winter, Reed is going to have her collages on display in the Windows Art Gallery in Seattle.

The Kent Art Gallery is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Reed's collages can be seen at the Kent City Hall at 220 Fourth Ave. S.

The Kent Art Gallery is located on the fourth floor of the Kent City Hall.

You can contact the Kent Arts Commission at artscommission@ci.kent.wa.us,

or call 206-856-5050.

Or call Melanie Reed at 206-239-2579.

Reed's work is very unique and colorful.

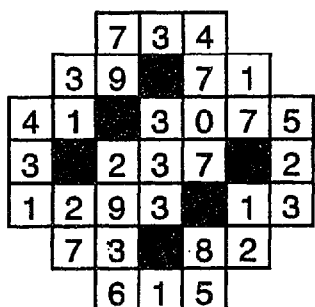
Reed uses mostly bright colors and they do vary from light pastel to dark shadows.

Reed's work is eye catching in many ways.



One of many collages done by artist Melanie Reed. Reed's gallery is admission free.

Rational Numbers answers



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SPORTS

Defending champs take flight

BY JAMIE GROSSMANN

STAFF REPORTER

The men's soccer team enters the season with a new look and in a different position than ever before. As the defending champions, the Highline men will have a target on their backs all year long.

Last year, the men ended the season 16-3-1 and during the regular season, 20-4-3 overall. The men are returning seven from last year's championship team: starting forward Will Chang, forwards Josh Dworsky and Steve Mohn, defenders Steve Pirotte, Brian Podolinsky, and Danny Alcorn, and goalkeeper Jake Potter.

Potter, along with newcomers Emanuel Nistran and Samuel Fessehazion, are the captains for this year's team and will be looked to for their leadership on the field and off.

"The three captains were voted on by the team," said Head Coach Jason Prenovost.

This team will have a good mix of international flavor as it has in the past.

Highline's roster consists of athletes from Romania, Sweden, Korea, and Somalia.

While the obvious goal for the men will be to repeat as NWAACC champions, that is not their only goal. They have set a goal to go undefeated in league play; they have five wins already and have 15 more games to go.

Their other goal reflects the dedication they have to one another and the athletic program. They have set a goal to achieve and maintain a team GPA of 3.0

or greater for the year.

The men have picked up from where they left off with a five game winning streak to open the regular season.

The men opened the regular season with an 8-1 win over Everett. Highline's eight goals were scored by six different players. Calvin Walsh and Chase Swalwell led the team with two goals a piece. Moise Nistran led the team with three assists and Tucker Maxwell added two.

The T-Birds collected their second win when they played host to Skagit Valley and sent the Cardinals home with a 4-0 loss.

Mohn led the team with his first two goals of the regular season, Swalwell added his third and Aaron Nistran scored his first goal.

Sophomore goalkeeper Jake Potter earned his first shutout of the year with the help of some good defending.

The Highline men traveled to Edmonds and left with a 3-1 victory over the Tritons. This marked the first time these teams had met since the 2003 season where they played each other in the third place game to a 1-1 tie.

Walsh added his third and fourth goals of the season with Fessehazion adding his first of the season to round out the scoring. Maxwell added his third assist. Potter missed his second shutout when Highline scored an own goal.

"We were having problems defending as a team," said Prenovost. "The own goal was set up by a couple of different mis-



Photo By Alicia Mendez

Highline's Jeremy Patton fends off a defender during last weeks home game against Whatcom.

takes."

The Highline men won their third home game of the young season with a 2-0 win over visiting Whatcom. Mohn added his third goal of the season and Steve Pirotte scored his first of the season to cap the men's scoring. Potter earned his second shutout of the season.

Last Saturday, the men again showed why they are the team to beat in the Western division as they pulled off a 3-0 victory over the Shoreline Dolphins.

Mohn scored two goals to bring his season total to five,

Fessehazion added his second goal of the season and that would be all that was needed as Potter and Joey DeTerra combined for the shutout.

The men have plenty of work ahead of them as they continue to defend the title. However their biggest opponent may be themselves.

"We are better at this point then we were last year," said Prenovost. "They get along pretty well and we are still forming, however we will continue to get better."

The team is currently battling

injuries varying from season ending to day-to-day.

Currently they are without Will Chang who will be out for the next two to three weeks with a knee injury. Cameron Valentine is day-to-day with stiffness in his back after taking a hard shot in the Edmonds game.

The men had expected to return Bethel Habte. However, Habte suffered a knee injury during the offseason that will sideline him for the year.

The men return to action today at Everett at 5 p.m. and Saturday at Skagit Valley at 2 p.m.

Volleyball hope for last year's magic to continue

BY ALICIA MENDEZ

STAFF REPORTER

The women's volleyball team enters a season that feels much like last year's beginning. After last season, the team lost six players because of eligibility rules.

The team lost the cornerstones from last year's team that included outside hitter Jenna Blocsynski, middle hitter Jennifer Patnode, and setter Khia Behrendt. With only one returner, this season has the makings of a long one.

However, after last year's late season push, anything is possible.

Last season, the women's volleyball team finished the season in third place in the Western division. They entered the NWAACC tournament and pulled together to finish fourth

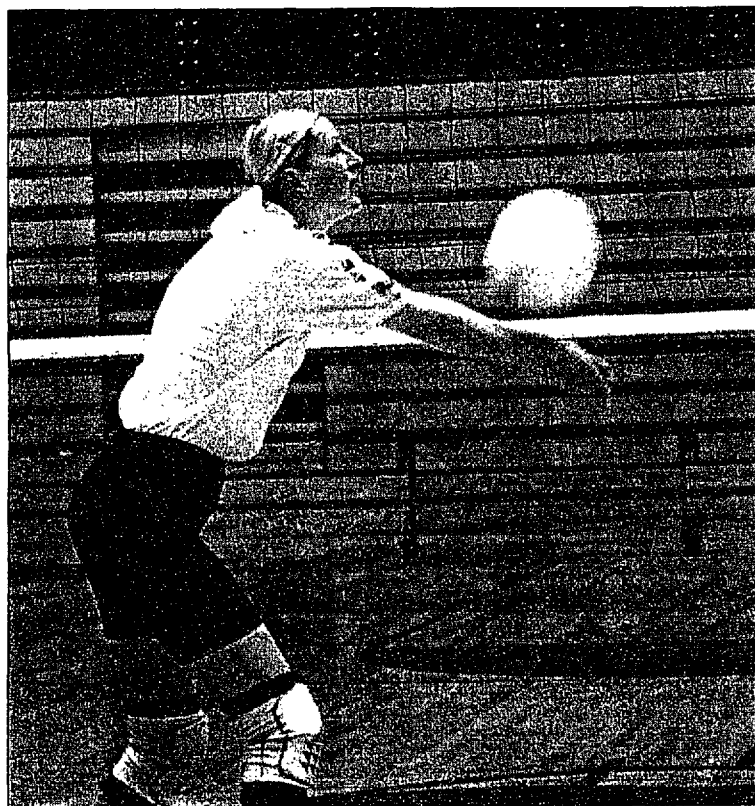


Photo by Alicia Mendez

Karin Carr participates in bump drills during one of the Lady T-Birds practices.

overall.

The 2005 women's volleyball team has entered its new season struggling to gather a full roster.

As of now, the team currently has eight players but may be losing some to other commitments.

The team has recruited Kristy Richardson, who also plays fastpitch for the T-Birds.

Coach John Littleman is encouraging anyone interested to come try out for the team.

"We are still accepting players and, hoping for more players," said Littleman.

"We are looking for individuals with varsity experience," said Assistant Coach Andrea Tinney.

Currently, Littleman is trying to recruit other athletes from Highline's Fastpitch and Basketball teams.

"We're recruiting from everywhere," said Littleman. "We are hopeful for the season."

Along with being shorthanded, the team will also have to learn to play together and play to each other's strengths.

"We have only had three practices up to this point," said Littleman. "We are a very young and inexperienced team, but we are having good practices and we are improving each day."

If this year's squad can take one thing away from last year's team, it's that anything is possible.

Individuals interested in participating in volleyball this year should contact Andrea Tinney at 206-878-3710, ext. 3336.

The Lady T-Birds' first match of the season against Tacoma was postponed and has been rescheduled for Sept. 26 at the Highline Pavilion.

Lady T-Birds have sights set on NWAACC title

By MARK KNIGHT

STAFF REPORTER

After a disappointing loss in the quarterfinals of last year's NWAACC Tournament, the Lady T-Birds are looking to strike quickly and often.

The core of the Lady T-Birds' success will be on their returning players, led by Katie Keniston, Nina Kupu, and Karin Nichols.

The bulk of the team is new to Highline and Head Coach Jaimy McLaughlin is expecting

more to join.

"We need a goalkeeper real bad. If we can get a good goalkeeper we should make it to the championship," said McLaughlin.

The goalkeeper that was supposed to start this season is ineligible.

"We have been trying position players in goal," said McLaughlin. "Nina played goalkeeper in high school but she would much rather be out on the field."

Probably the largest differ-

ence will be noticed in the forward position. Marianna Palermo, who was the Lady T-Birds' leading scorer last season, has since graduated and moved on.

The loss of Palermo and others leave the Lady T-Birds without the speed up front.

"We don't have a break away forward but, we are better on defense and have a stronger midfield," said McLaughlin.

Some of the new athletes that are having an immediate impact or will be ones to watch as the course of the season plays out include Savanna Mercado, Jessica Ventoza, Lisa Overbo, and Jessica Wilson.

Wilson is a transfer from the University of California-Riverside, and Overbo comes from Western Washington.

"Ventoza is a great athlete," said McLaughlin. "She is fast, strong and physical."

Along with new athletes, McLaughlin and the rest of the team will benefit from having Teddy

Mitalas as the head assistant coach and Assistant Coach Tafari Pulse.

"Teddy brings in a different view and gives me somebody to bounce ideas off of," said McLaughlin. "This is the best coaching staff since I started here."

Both Mitalas and Pulse bring a list of credentials with them. Mitalas was the head coach at Edmonds and had been named NWAACC coach of the year twice prior to coming to Highline.

Pulse played four years at Seattle University and was a two-time all-American.

The Highline women's soccer team is no different than any other team.

They have started their season with a few team goals. Winning their division and bringing back a NWAACC championship tops their list.

McLaughlin predicts that the Lady T-Birds will better last season's record of 13-4-1. He wants the team to win at least 15 games this upcoming season.

"For our first eight games, we want to be undefeated," said McLaughlin.

Going undefeated may not come easy but with the realignment in the women's division the Lady T-Birds look to be in control of their own fate.

The Lady T-Birds start the season off with eight games against the North Division. The North consists of Shoreline, Edmonds, Skagit Valley and Everett.

Edmonds finished fourth at the NWAACC tournament and eliminated Highline in the quarterfinals.

Shoreline appears to be a formidable and the most improved opponent of the first eight as they currently lead the North with a 3-0-2 record. Their coming off a season in which they were 1-13-4.

Highline won their first game against Everett 6-1 which featured five different players with a goal.

Savanna Mercado led the team with two goals while Stephany McLaughlin, Jessica Ventoza, Katie Kenniston and Whitney Owen added a goal apiece.

McLaughlin and Lisa Overbo added two assists and Kenniston and Owen also had an assist each.

Highlines next two games against Edmonds and Skagit Valley were postponed. Make-up dates were unavailable at presstime.

The Lady T-Birds played host to the Dolphins of Shoreline and played a hard fought game to a 3-3 tie.

Highline's three goals came from three different scorers as Lisa Overbo, Stephany McLaughlin, and Jessica Ventoza all had a goal.

The Lady T-Birds will travel today to Everett to take on the Lady Trojans at 3 p.m.

The women then make another long trip this Saturday to take on the Lady Cardinals of Skagit Valley at noon.



Photo by Keith Daigle

Women's Soccer prepares for its next game against the Lady Trojan's of Everett.

T-Birds cross country is gearing up for a run at the title

By TREVOR KULVI

STAFF REPORTER

The Highline cross country teams are looking to make some noise this season.

Coming off a season that saw the men's team finish third and the women's team finish fourth the T-Birds are looking to improve on last years success.

The men's cross country team lost several key runners.

The losses include David Larpentuer, Josh Frazier, Robert Bartholomew and Ryan Huff.

Frazier and Larpentuer both transferred to Western Washington University while Bartholomew went to New Mexico Highlands University after graduation.

This year's team captain Ryan Huff was lost when he transferred to Pierce College.

Looking to fill the void will be returning sophomores Mike Essig from Sumner High School, and Hassan Khalif from

Highline High School.

Essig returns for his final year with the T-Birds after competing in the 5,000 meter run at the track championship meet back in May.

Khalif returns from last year's cross country team, which placed third at last year's cross country championships.

Joining the team this year are seven incoming freshman that seem determined to help Highline improve at the championship meet.

The freshman include John Hurlburt, Brant May, and Joe Tito.

The women's team may have the biggest hole to fill.

The Lady T-Birds lost the reigning cross country champ Sitges Marshall, who graduated and is attending Seattle University.

"This has been the women's team largest turnout since I took over the program," said Coach Yates.

Returning for the Lady T-Birds is sophomore Cassie McKinny out of Kentridge High School.

Joining McKinny is six incoming freshman from around the South Puget Sound Area.

The freshman women include Jordan Lemasher, Roise Meeker, Lyndsey Farah, Melissa Better, and Sheree Barbour.

"After the first few weeks of practice I like what I have seen from both teams," said Yates. "We lost a lot of sophomores but both teams look strong right now, but we are a little nicked up due to injuries."

"We should be at full strength when the Willamette Invite gets here, and I feel that the girls can win thier first ever trophy for the program," said Yates.

The men's and women's cross country teams opened their season at the 14th annual Sundodger Invite.

The Sundodger invite was hosted by the University of

Washington, last Saturday in West Seattle's Lincoln Park.

With the meet hosting teams from Division I schools UCLA, Idaho, Boise State, and Washington State, it was one of the biggest meets of the year for the T-Birds.

"We did not do as well as we had originally thought," said Yates. "With over 300 runners in both the men's and women's races, it caused a few problems for the runners to get good splits, and was the first meet of the year for everybody."

In the men's 8-kilometer run, Highline was led by freshman John Hurlburt who finished in a time of 27:30. Following Hurlburt was fellow freshman Brandt May who had a time of 27:51.

Khalif was the top finisher of the returning sophomores. Khalif finished with a time of 28:25.

Finishing closely behind Khalif was Mike Essig who ran

a time of 28:31.

The Highline men finished 26th overall, fourth among community college teams.

In the women's race the results were similar. The top finisher for the women was freshman Sheree Barbour, who covered the 6-kilometer course in a time of 25:36.

Melissa Better, whose time was 26:30, finished second for the T-Birds. Following Better was sophomore Cassie McKinney who ran a time of 27:00.

The women finished 22nd overall, third among community colleges.

"There is lots of potential on in the team for a lot of things," said Yates. "We are very excited about the next couple of weeks."

The next meet for the T-Birds will be this Saturday at the Saint Martins Invite in Lacey. The women will start their run at 10 a.m. and the men start at 10:45 a.m.

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cut from their budget, and we'll probably have to cut more if enrollment does not go back up," Riverman said. "It's not just Highline, enrollment in nearly every community college has gone down. It's a state wide issue."

A lot of it is economics, there's just not enough money, said Riverman.

"We surveyed (students) and there was a whole variety of reasons," Riverman said.

Some students were taking the quarter off, others were getting married, some had to work, there was a large variance in the reasons, said Riverman.

"If we knew how to fix the problem immediately, we'd be rich, we could sell it. You just have to ride the storm. Everyone's working real hard," Riverman said.

Low enrollment is taking its toll everywhere on campus however some departments aren't feeling it as much as others.

"We haven't had many problems with enrollment," said Mathematics Coordinator Terry Meerdink. "Math is needed for so many subjects, so we're not seeing massive drops in students."

"We are seeing it in the higher math classes for the first time, classes like Math 125 and Math 220 are so low enrolled that we're thinking of canceling," Meerdink said.

Math 220 is only offered in Fall and Spring Quarter. Last Spring Quarter, only six students enrolled, and it again only has six students for Fall Quarter, said Meerdink. The department is thinking about canceling it for the Fall and only offering it in the Spring.

"We are not in anyway worried about losing teachers," said Meerdink. "I don't see it (enrollment) as being a major issue in the Math Department."

Student Government

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projects are continual projects. Hopefully next years Student Government will pick it up and carry on where we left off," said Kalchik.

Student Government is trying different methods to connect to the student body. The Student Government team had a booth at the Puyallup Fair from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

"We had a lot of adults who were interested in sending their kids to Highline," said Student Senator Katie Hutchinson.

"We offer so many activities and clubs, and it just enriches the Highline experience," Hutchinson said.

STU2 is also displayed on the plasma board in Building 8. "It's free and all students need to give is their name and email address," Hutchinson said.

"One of the ways we hear our students voices is through the clubs," said Treasurer/Club Diplomat Julian Torres.

"Students need to get involved in activities and explore other things besides

their classrooms," Torres said.

"We would like to see more collaboration between Student Government and Clubs."

Many of the members of Student Government are active member of clubs. Huy Pham is the president of the Chess Club and involved with the Math Club.

Vice-President of Legislation Jared Tarabochia is the president of the Poker Club and Julian Torres is the president of the ULA (United Latino Association).

The other members have expressed interest in joining and or leading various clubs.



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Student Government top row from left to right: Paul Klachick, Alex Bozhko, Jared Tarabochia, Joacob Jemmings, Katie Hutchinson, Julian Torres, and Huy Pham.

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Or visit their online site at www.myspace.com/ashcc.

Construction

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In the South lot, Highline took back 14 spaces, approximately half of the parking spots in the horseshoe from Central Washington University.

Other building changes are in the works around campus that were affected by the new building construction.

Building 14, which housed the Chemistry labs until the Higher Ed Center opened with new ones, is being completely renovated.

The Chemistry labs have been removed and will be replaced with six general use classrooms.

Building 14 should be ready for use in the winter.

Work has been started on the old stu-

dent bookstore in building 6 to turn it into a conference room.

The bookstore will reopen as the Inter-Cultural Center which is designed as a place for students, staff and faculty to connect, hold meetings and access resources.

The center is a partnership with Multi-Cultural Services.

All students are welcome to use the center, however the hope is that the Inter-Cultural Center will be a place where international and immigrant students can come together to learn from each-other and share their unique experiences.

The center is scheduled to open in

early December.

Babington said that the new building construction is finished for at least another four years.

"With 30 plus buildings- most of which are 40 years old, major repairs and remodels are a constant activity," Babington.

The Walkway to the Pavilion has been temporarily blocked off while repairs are made to the main sewer pipe that serves the campus.

This project has been named *the big dig*.

For more information on construction, call Highline at 206-878-3710.

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