Big plans for MaST Center

BY ALICIA MENDEZ STAFF REPORTER

Woodie Moses, Science and the Sound director, has a vision of what the renovated Marine and Science Technology Center (MaST) would look like.

"It would have working labs, easier facilities to work in, they could offer more classes, and activities in class, and would be a great space for Highline and other communities to use for outreach opportunities," he said.

To achieve that goal, the Foundation at Highline has taken on the role to raise up to $1.5 million needed for renovations. The facility, located off-campus at Redondo Beach, holds marine-related classes, Water Weekends for the public and has a small aquarium.

"The state of Washington has budgeted $500,000 specifically for the MaST center at Highline," said Rod Stephenson, executive director of resource development at Highline.

To receive that money from the state, the MaST center must match at least $500,000.

"We (The Foundation) are going to begin a capital campaign to raise a minimum of $500,000, but the goal is $1.5 million," said Stephenson.

Although some work has been done on the MaST center, the facility is still not ideal.

"The classroom currently is a double-wide trailer," said Bob Maplestone, Pure and Applied Science Division Chair.

"Like when we (Highline) had the tent as our cafeteria, it worked but was not ideal." About three years ago the MaST center was inactivated, and a mess.

"It was in total disrepair," Stephenson said. "The science faculty took the initiative to bring the pier back to life."

Faculty and staff, including Kadee

Oceanography teacher Russ Higley is showing students Donna Clark, Tara Parker, Larry Wolff, and Divina Tomassini different sea life available to see.

Photo by Alicia Mendez

Lawrence, Russ Higley, Bob Maplestone, and Eric Baer, volunteered to begin a minor renovation.

"They deserve the credit for moving the center such a long way," said Stephenson.

At that time, Highline's Dr. Bell began working with congressman Adam Smith.

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Highline: parking woes will never be resolved

BY MICHELLE ERICKSEN STAFF REPORTER

Parking remains a problem at Highline, even though enrollment is lower.

"More people are driving than there are parking spots," said Security and Safety Director, Richard Fisher. "It's not going to get any better."

"Students should ride the bus," Fisher said. "There's a Park and Ride at Redondo. Students can park there and ride the bus. If I was a student, that's what I would do."

Fisher said people need to find a different way to get to school, and Metro is pretty good at being on time.

"If we were to add 100 parking spaces throughout the campus, it wouldn't help the problem," Fisher said.

There was a big problem with students parking in visitors parking spot, Fisher said.

Students park where they are not supposed to, then they get mad when they get a ticket.

The best time to find parking is before 9 a.m., Fisher said.

Many students are frustrated with the parking situation.

"I think it's ridiculous sometimes because some of us have to get to school after 8 a.m. to find parking," said Gina Garces when comparing it to last year.

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Vice President Dr. Saunders leaves after 15 years

BY MICHELLE ERICKSEN STAFF REPORTER

After 15 years of managing the facilities at Highline, Dr. Laura Saunders is ready for a new challenge.

Saunders, who has been Highline's Vice President of Administration since 1990, is taking the same position with Bellevue Community College.

"It's a chance to try new things and work in a new environment," Saunders said. "I have done most of the things that I wanted to do here, and Bellevue is a very attractive place to go."

At Highline, Saunders oversaw seven departments: the bookstore, security, construction, human resources, business office, administrative technology, and contracts and leases.

Saunders said she will miss many things about Highline: the people, the great view, and the physical beauty of the campus is some of the things she will miss the most.

Over her years at Highline, Saunders has had many challenges and successes.

"I think seeing the transformation of the campus into a beautiful college campus that reflects the needs and desires of staff and students," said Saunders, when talking about her greatest success.

Looking back on her career at Highline, Saunders said it wasn't always perfect.

"I've probably made lots of mistakes, but I don't think of any one thing I would change," she said.

There are always things left to be done, Saunders said.

"Oh my goodness, there's always more that can be done for students and faculty. New buildings are still needed," she said.

"Lack of money was always the biggest challenge," Saunders said.

Saunders' last day on campus will be Oct. 21. Marion Davis, financial services director will be standing in as the Interim Vice President of Administration.

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CRIME

Worker injured in library

A worker in the library was hit on the head by a falling computer monitor that was placed on top of a file cabinet. The worker needed medical attention and was given a ride home. The incident occurred on Sept. 23 around 4:45 p.m.

Vehicles broken into; book bag stolen

A Honda was stolen from the east lot between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sept. 27. A compact disc player was stolen from a Red Mudra in the east lot on Sept. 21 between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. A vehicle illegally entered in the East lot on Sept. 21; several items were taken.

A book bag was stolen from just inside the bookstore in the Student Union on Sept. 21.

A Motorola cell phone was taken from a student's book bag just outside the bookstore in the Student Union on Sept. 27.

Lost Property

A set of keys was lost in Building 6, Sept. 8.

A student lost a red and blue purse outside Building 6 on Friday, Sept. 23.

One black Columbia brand jacket, size large, was lost in Building 22 on Friday, Sept. 23.

Property Found

A Nissan key and a small knife were found in Building 6, Sept. 7.

A pair of sunglasses was found in Building 6, Sept. 8.

One pink cell-phone pouch was found in Building 6 on Friday, Sept. 23.

A gray sweatshirt was found outside Building 6 on Friday, Sept. 23.

One gray jacket was found in the Student Union on Saturday, Sept. 24.

The following items were found in Building 6 on Sept. 26; one wallet, one Highline identification card, and one black fanny pack.

-Compiled by C. Brooks

BLOTTER

Lower out-of-state tuition gains student enrollment

By Keith Dalgle

STAFF REPORTER

The cost of an education just got cheaper for some.

This fall is the first quarter that Highline significantly lowered the cost on tuition to out-of-state students.

The new waiver is a partial reduction of the out-of-state tuition costs.

It still costs slightly more for a student from out of state to go to Highline.

Taking 15 credits costs an out-of-state student $129.75 more than a resident. However, with the waiver, students are now paying only $94.75 for 15 credits instead of $2,551.00.

With enrollment down for another year, Highline was looking for ways to make itself more competitive with other local community colleges.

"We were turning away students to other community colleges that had the waiver," said the Dean of Enrollment Services Becky Riverside. "At this time, when enrollment is down, we need to do whatever we can."

The waiver seems to be working.

Last Fall Quarter only 26 out-of-state students were enrolled at Highline.

This year, that number has jumped to 90 students.

The international student tuition costs now are what the out-of-state tuition used to be.

The decision to implement the waiver was about more than just enrollment. Coaches can now recruit athletes from out of state.

Men's Soccer Coach Jason Pavone said, that when a student from out of state asked him about the soccer program, he had to tell them that it would be cheaper for them to go to Green River Community College, or somewhere else that has the waiver.

"We are on an even playing field with other schools to bring out (of state) students in," said Pavone.

For more information call Becky Riverside at 206-878-3710, ext. 3244.

Highline walks for American cancer

By Stephanie Crowell

STAFF REPORTER

Members of Highline can help "make strides" for a good cause.

Making Strides, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, will consist of walks of three different distances, and will take place Sunday, Oct. 2, in Bellevue.

The money from this event will be used for breast cancer research and education.

Highline has been a part of this event for the past four years. The Highline Team goal is $1,000.

The three walks, which are five miles, three miles and two miles are free. Highline Women's Programs and WorkFirst Services plan to raise money by selling T-shirts for $10 to $12 and collecting donations.

Jean Muaro, of Women's Programs and WorkFirst Service, is helping put together a team from Highline.

"Early (cancer) detection is the key," Muaro said. This is also a way to support the need for frequent mammograms.

The Making Strides walks have been taking place since 1993 and have raised more than $160 million.

Science Seminar takes a risk

Learn how not understanding risks can cause you harm. Science Seminar: "Risk: when not understanding math CAN kill you."

Sept. 30 in Building 3, room 102. Dr. Eric Baer will be speaking.

Fungus of the NW

Mushrooms talks eat up the MaST

"Mushrooms of Western Washington" Oct. 1. Noon at the MaST Center at Redondo Beach.

Patrice Benson, vice president of the Puget Sound Mycological Society will speak.

New Film Workshop

Dr. Dennis West will present "The Sequel: Global Perspectives on Cinema: Using film in the contemporary classroom."

The presentation will be Sept. 30, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Building 26, room 213.

New Science Club has its first meeting

Highline's new Environment Club is having its first meeting of the year today at 2:30 p.m. in Building 29, room 242.

Highline wants to provide leadership

By Nick Cline

STAFF REPORTER

Highline students will again have a way to gain leadership skills training through the First Fridays Leadership Institute, which is back for a second year.

Student Programs is looking to build a community of student leaders, said Associate Dean Jonathan Brown.

First Fridays offers a regular series of leadership workshops on the first Friday of each month from 2-4 p.m. in the Student Union on the first floor. The sessions are designed to provide practical leadership skills with an emphasis on participants being active in the training.

Before First Friday's was offered, the student body had little access to free leadership training on campus. "At that time there was a campus perception that only employees from Student Programs were able to access free leadership training. Sadly, it was true," Brown said.

The curriculum offered at the First Fridays training is pulled from the eight-week-summer training program that Student Programs offers.

This series of workshops has been developing for the past four years, Brown said. Which now offers programs such as public speaking, conflict resolution and interpersonal communication.

"Now the First Fridays Leadership Institute has become a flagship of what Student Programs has to offer," Brown said.

First Fridays is free and open to any registered Highline student. No workshop is offered in May.

Each month's First Fridays will have different curriculum based around leadership skills.

The workshop offered this month will be Where do you go from here? Attendees at the Oct. 7 session will also be invited to sign up for follow-up interviews, where representatives from Student Programs will contact those who choose to sign up for one-on-one leadership interviews.

For more information on the First Fridays Leadership Institute, contact Fred Capestany, assistant director for Student Programs, at 206-878-3710, ext. 3904.
Quarter of the Tiger
Chinese professor teaches at Highline

By Alex Cahan Staff Reporter

Tiger Wang believes the best way to learn a new culture is to live it.

This quarter, Wang (rhymes with "song") is living it, participating in a foreign exchange program set up between Highline and his Shanghai Jiao Tong University in China. In addition to wanting to learn American culture, Wang wants to help those unfamiliar with Chinese culture.

"Sometimes you have to go and see for yourself to get a better picture," he said.

"If you want to understand more about another culture then you should go experience it yourself!"

Wang, who will teach Chinese, admires the many diverse cultures Highline has, and says it provides a good opportunity for the students here to gain a better understanding of other people.

The two institutions created the exchange program to promote a better understanding of the American and Chinese cultures for both countries. It provides a more in-depth glimpse to people in another part of the world, beyond what Safeway chow mein can teach.

Tiger's actual name is Wang Caizi, and since Hu translates to Tiger, it is more than a nickname.

The 25-year-old came to America, with a warm smile and sense of humor. He speaks English exceptionally well considering that it is his second language.

He has an air of dignity and wisdom, which is well earned from his experiences as a student and professional.

He is a social linguistics teacher at his university. Social Linguistics is the relationship between language and society.

"You study a society through the study of language. The changes of language reflect the changes of society," said Wang.

He also teaches English to English majors, as well as economics and marketing to seniors.

He was an English major himself before going on to earn a post-graduate degree in linguistics.

After school he left Shanghai for the Xinjiang province in west China. There he worked for an oil company, and was in charge of setting up meetings, talks, and setting up contacts with companies from around the world including Chevron, Exxon, and Mobil.

This is actually his second visit to the United States. He came to Houston, TX in 1991 to buy equipment for his company. He has also done work with the United States ambassador to China.

After four years in oil, he became the general manager of a state-owned travel agency.

There, he not only sent tourists into places such as Kazakhstan, he also brought tourists into China as well.

He eventually left the agency and moved back to Shanghai in 1995, where he took up a position teaching at Shanghai Jiao Tong.

He has a wife and 17-year-old son back home in Shanghai. He calls them and uses Instant Messenger as well as a web cam to keep in contact with them.

There is a problem with time zones. When it is noon here, it is 3 a.m. at his home.

He has enjoyed his stay here so far, although there are some differences in lifestyle. In Chinese homes, there are thermos-like containers with hot water for tea, but American homes don't have those.

In China there are shops everywhere, and you can buy virtually anything you want relatively easily. However, when Wang came here, he had a difficult time finding an adapter plug for his laptop.

"I finally had to bend the plug myself to make it work," he said.

Another thing he noticed is that you need to have a reason to set up a meeting with neighbors and colleagues in this country. It is common to have an informal meeting with people in China for no other purpose than to be there. No excuse or motive is needed.

He also commented that despite large crowds of people in the streets (China has pedestrian zones where no cars or buses are allowed) when it came time to go home, the streets would be deserted.

"You wonder where so many people could go," he said.

Wang is enjoying teaching at Highline so far. His classes here have been getting bigger, and he is happy about this. He says his students here are polite and friendly, and they are eager to learn.

He likes that the staff and faculty here are very friendly and always offering him help if he needs it.

He likes that the institution helps the teachers by providing them with resources.

He also admires the work ethic of the teachers, how they work after hours and on weekends to prepare for their classes. He and the other faculty at his university would go home to work on their lessons, but he said he likes that teachers here stay in their offices to use the resources this school provides.

He talked about how students in China are expected to listen well and be polite and obedient.

They are encouraged to be self-motivated. However there are those tough students, who are not punctual. But these students ask difficult questions, unlike the others. "I like these students," Wang said.

Chinese students are expected to work hard. They put in long hours of school and have very short weekends. When they are not in school, their parents put them in extra-curricular programs. Getting into schools is highly competitive, and the courses are difficult.

"For every family with a kid, the priority concern is education," said Wang.

English is actually a required course in high schools in China, and you cannot get into college without it. Also, you cannot do well in college if you are not good at English.

"I don't think it is necessary," said Wang. "Not every student is going to use English in their career."

Recently, Internet bars and game rooms have started to create distractions for students. The business owners do not enforce the laws regarding age/time limits. As a result, several students drop out of the university each year.

There are very different lifestyles between college students and those who cannot make it into colleges. These students are often sent to technical schools to learn blue-collar jobs. Some of these schools are good, but others are not very good. They are places where "bad students come together in one place," as he put it.

He commented on how he was the eighth professor to come from his university. And since eight is the lucky number in China, this can only be a good omen.

Professor Tiger Wong teaches at Shanghai Jiao Tong University in China. Through an exchange program, Wong will teach Chinese at Highline.

"You study a society through the study of language."

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editorial

Student government makes voices heard

The Highline Student Government is far more important than most people are aware. They have a great deal of power in making the voices of the students heard, and it is appalling how few make use of this resource.

The Student Government serves many duties, from acting as a liaison between clubs to sitting on the Board of Trustees and presenting student concerns to the college administration. The student government is in a very real sense the voice of the students. They are elected by the students to serve the students.

All of the Student Government members spend time in the office on the third floor of the Student Union building, and can be accessed with very little effort at all.

Even if they are not present, a message can always be left. It will more than likely reach the Student Government member you are trying to contact within a few hours, depending on the time of the message is left.

If you cannot visit the Student Union, there are many other ways to reach them. All members can be reached by phone or e-mail, both of which will be promptly responds to, as with normal messages.

As the Student Government is charged with the duty of making sure the voice of the student body is heard and heeded, you can expect each member to work hard to protect your interests. They freely put themselves up for election with the intention of serving the student body to the best of their ability, and you can be sure that is exactly what they are going to do.

Does the parking situation concern you? What about the food available in the Student Union or the price of books? These are the people you need to turn to if you wish to have these problems addressed.

While the Student Government does indeed have the power to address these burning issues, it should be noted that progress is often slow. There are many proper channels that must be respected in order to make things happen.

However, that is no excuse to not make use of this system. If nobody is willing to take a stand, things will never change. The average student is ill-equipped to handle such issues, but the reason the offices of the student government exists is to ensure that there are students who have the power to call for change.

Many have no problem with how the college is run, but there are many who do. This is a way to make your voice heard and to call for the change you so desire in a meaningful and effective way.

A list of the Student Government e-mail can be found below.

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We must be prepared for disaster

The recent events with hurricanes Katrina and Rita make one wonder about our own area. What might happen if an earthquake of enormous magnitude struck Seattle and the surrounding area? Are we truly prepared for such an event?

To most people, the answer is a definite no. How many of us truly believe the video will withstand an earthquake of such magnitude? What about 1-405 or I-5? Are we really prepared?

It almost seems as if we as a people are easily acclimated to such disasters. How long did we remain floated upon September 11 as opposed to the Asian tsunami? This trend is not new by any means. It can be seen with many disasters that occur all over the world. After a few months or years, people stop caring.

This is dangerous. In our complacency we are vulnerable. We do not have the leisure to ignore the very real dangers, for we cannot know when catastrophe will strike next.

It is futile to merely repeat the same tired old mantra. "Be prepared!" "Inform your government!" "A quake is coming!" Such things are useless in guiding people into action.

There is a very real danger here. We are woefully unprepared. If the events of the hurricane have taught us nothing else, it is that the federal government cannot be expected to provide the aid we might require when we need it.

Our preparations are laughable. The amount of seismic retrofitting we possess is no where near strong enough to defend our city.

Timely aid from the federal government is unlikely at best. FEMA is a joke, and the many problems encountered in the case of providing aid from hurricane Katrina showed that the amount of government response we can expect is not up to par.

No matter how much we ignore it this problem will not get away on its own.

So what exactly should we do? What can we do?

First and foremost is to ensure that we, ourselves, are prepared.

Do we have necessary supplies within easy reach for such a disaster? Do we know what to do in such a situation? If the answer to either of those questions is no, something is indeed very wrong.

Just below that in importance is ensuring that those around us are prepared. It is not difficult to make plans with family and neighbors in order to determine what to do in the event of a disaster.

There are very real dangers in living in this area, and the government knows as well as we do that we are woefully unprepared. It is their job to protect us, and it is up to us to ensure that they do it.

We do not know when the next big disaster may come. It could be tomorrow. It could be in 20 years. What we do know, is that it is an inevitability of living where we live.

It is imperative that we take the appropriate steps to prevent as much damage as possible.

While it is perfectly all right to hope for the best, we must always prepare for the worst. We can either choose to prepare or we can choose to die. It is not so difficult of a decision, really.

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Highline teacher releases third jazz album

By Keith Daigle

Highline music teacher Ben Thomas waited five years before following up on his second jazz album. That doesn't mean that he wasn't busy.

During that time Thomas was busy working on his doctorate in percussion from the University of Washington.

"I learned a lot during my doctorate," Thomas said. "It changed me a lot as a musician and a composer.

"They are giving me an advanced degree in hitting stuff. I love it." Thomas teaches music theory, history of rock music and history of jazz, among other things at Highline.

"I'm teaching a jazz history class. That's a lot for them," Thomas said.

The Ben Thomas Group includes Eric Likel on clarinet, Laura Caviani on piano, Clipper Anderson on bass, Tom Bergerson on congas, John Bishop on drums and Thomas on the vibes and timbales.

Except for the addition of Tom Bergerson, Thomas worked with the same group of musicians that were with him on his second album.

Pianist Caviani played a concerto last spring, playing piano with Thomas in the afternoon, before performing with Diane Schuur later that night.

"She acts as a good musical foil for me," Thomas said. "Her playing is very bluesy, warm and melodic. My playing tends to be brighter, more angular and harmonic."

Thomas has been playing percussion for 19 years, getting into jazz when he got into high school.

High school was also when he got into the vibes.

"When I got into percussion, I got into the jazz vibes," Thomas said.

The music is very energetic and warm. It is done in more of a classic bop style, but it explores rhythms and scales in a new way.

The song "Daring to Find Meaning in Flight" is a great example of the blending of composition and improvisation.

This song, sharing it in common with the other songs on the album, is very dynamic. It doesn't make smooth turns, calmly transitioning from one part of the song to the other. It takes sharp shifts in direction and doesn't look back.

The abrupt transitions and angular style are what give the CD much of its character.

Right now the easiest place to find a copy of Triskaidekaphobia is at the record label website.

Jazz band begins new year with high expectations

By Joe Buser

The Highline Jazz Band Club is gearing up for its fourth year of practice, performances, and feeding their desire to play and enjoy music.

The group, headed by Highline music faculty member Ben Thomas, is looking forward to a new year and some fresh music.

"All levels of musicians are welcome. Anyone is welcome to join," said Michelle Searle, a Highline music student and former club president. A vocalist in the band, and hopeful to become president again this year, Searle said she helps lead and organize the band.

The Jazz Band Club was officially formed in the fall of 2002, headed by then-Highline music student Bo Yingling. The group consisted of just a handful of players and had few performances, but nearly finished a fulfilling first year.

The following spring, Yingling lost his life in a drowning accident in Lake Fenwick.

Before Yingling died, he had his sights set on traveling to China. The band, with leadership now in the hands of Searles, continued on with a renewed passion for continuing what Yingling had started.

With a lot of help, including fund-raising by Yingling's family and friends, the band made it to China. With further support from Highline, and a partner-
Jill Cohn lends folk sound to The Blend

**BY STEVIE FRINK**

The Blend brought a new sound to Highline Bistro. Jill Cohn performed her indie-folk music — a soft-mellow style — to the campus at The Blend concert Sept. 28.

The Blend is an ongoing event held every other Wednesday in the Student Union.

Cohn performed for the students in the Bistro. Cohn is a soloist who travels to several different college campuses around the country.

Cohn just released her seventh independent CD, titled Traveling Companion. She also has a nationwide tour coming up soon.

Highline student Nate Woek gave a “thumbs up” on Cohn’s performance. Others agreed.

“She was awesome” said Highline student Christopher Ells. “The Blend is a good idea, we should get a lot of different styles of music,” Ells said. “It’s great to promote local bands here on campus.”

“She is relaxing,” said Margie McNair a student on her break. “It is a good idea to show local bands here, because I don’t know of any around.”

Many listeners enjoyed Cohn’s performance at the Blend and are looking forward to upcoming artists.

If you are interested in more information on Cohn, visit her website at www.jillcohn.com. The next artist is to be decided.

Award-winning professor displays photos in gallery

**BY LARA TOSCH**

Color photography from Highline instructor Robert Stahl will be on display in the Highline Library Exhibits and Art Gallery during October.

The art exhibit will feature 14 color photos from Stahl, an award-winning photographer who has spanned the globe leading photo tours, including Antarctica, Africa, Asia and South America.

The display is a showcase of “nature and travel,” said Stahl, who teaches photography and art at Highline.

The exhibit is free and will open Sat., Oct. 1 with a reception from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the fourth floor of the library.

The exhibit will continue through the rest of the month, Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

For more information contact Dana Rollins at (206) 878-3710 ext. 3237, or e-mail him at drollins@highline.edu

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• Throughout the month of October, Photographer Robert Stahl’s photographs will be in the Highline Library art exhibits, beginning with a reception on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. For the entirety of the exhibit, the gallery will be open Monday through Friday from the hours of 7:00 AM to 10 PM, as well as Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Sunday from 2:00 to 10:00 PM. It will be closed on October 21 during the Professional Development Day at Highline.

• A free pizza lunch is open to all students pursuing either a minor or a major in music, or for a vocational interest on Wednesday, October 5 at 12:00 PM in Building 4, room 104. The lunch will be a time for department faculty to share information on the required classes required to transfer to a baccalaureate institution, as well as provide information on performance groups and travel opportunities.

• Jerk Alert Productions will be running the theatrical performance STIMULUS on Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, as well as Nov. 5, 12 and 19 at the Northwest Actor’s Studio, 1100 East Pike Street in the Qwest Center. Tickets can be reserved by calling 206-324-6328 and see priced at $10, open to all ages. STIMULUS is a completely improvisational performance featuring a live band.

• On Friday, September 30 the 1993 movie “And the Band Played On” will be played at 2:10 PM. “And the Band Played On” is a movie that details the initial discovery of the AIDS virus and how this virus began its spread.

Rational Numbers

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit in the box if it is not already there in the digit’s place. Repeat if a digit has already entered in the digit’s place.

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14. Four hundred more than 12-Down
15. The last digit is three times the last digit.

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A Little Spacey

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By Ed Canty

Crossword 101

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29 Warning signal
30 Fed’s target
31 Hats
32 Improvised
33 Tenors lead in
37 Layer
38 Drawn tight
40 30 Down need

41 A sudden desire
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46 Beetle Bailey’s honcho
47 Tightwad
48 Former Russian big wig
49 What 48 Down did
50 Dwarf buffalo
51 Patch
53 Campus acronym
54 Barnyard moms
56 Brunswick
57 Direction
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Quoteable Quote

After one look at this planet any visitor from outer space would say “I want to see the manager.”

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INKS METER NESS
EASE PASSAGE
Inexperienced T-birds keep on fighting

Daniel Palermo
STAFF REPORTER

The Highline volleyball team started its season, but is still looking to expand their family.

With just nine players, the Highline volleyball team has more to worry about than its 0-2 record. It still has high hopes for the season, though, as the team is still trying to recruit players.

"With a squad of only nine players, the main goal that the team has is to get more players with experience," said Assistant Coach Andrea Tinney. "In order to be competitive, we need more experienced hitters."

The team has dealt with a lot of bad news, but has gotten some good news as well.

"Athletes signed, then didn't end up coming," said Tinney. "With an inexperienced team, we need more time to pull together as a team."

The team has gained a handful of new players that are already showing promise of being key contributors.

The key returner from last year’s team is Karin Carr. "Carr is a great leader and an all-around volleyball player, but she also is busy with school," said Tinney. "At times Carr is at school until 7 o'clock in the evening.

The Lady T-Birds got a lucky break in their first match against visiting Tacoma on Sept. 23 was postponed and rescheduled.

The postponement gave the team a chance to practice a little more. That was not enough as the Lady T-Birds dropped their first match in three sets to Lower Columbia. Lower Columbia took advantage of the shorthanded Lady T-Birds with a 30-12, 30-21, 30-14 victory.

Carr led Highline with 10 kills and four blocks. Kristy Richardson got into the action with 11 assists.

The Lady T-Birds then played host to Tacoma in the makeup match. Highline looked as though it was well on its way to notching its first victory but Tacoma came back from two sets down to win three straight and get the victory.

Highline was able to win the first two sets 33-31 and 30-25. Tacoma just had a little more fire in the third game as it edged the T-Birds 32-30. The Lady Ti-

Men's soccer increases streak to seven straight

Jessica Wilson
STAFF REPORTER

The Highline men’s soccer team has sent a message to the league that it is the team to beat.

The T-Birds have started the season with a 7-0 record, and have outscored its opponents 29-3.

However, Head Coach Jason Prenovost is not completely satisfied.

"We need to improve upon our overall team defense," Prenovost said. "We need to work on our team chemistry. Last year’s team had great chemistry, and worked hard for each other. We have yet to develop that this year."

Starting goalkeeper Jake Potter seemed to agree with Prenovost's views.

"We have been playing well, but there's always room for improvement," said Potter. "We have set a goal of another championship this season and must continue to improve to reach that goal."

This past week, the T-Birds faced Everett for the second time, hoping to extend their winning streak and win the season series.

After beating the Trojans 8-1 on the road earlier in the season, the T-Birds continued their high scoring in their fourth shutout of the season, 5-0.

Brothers Emmanuel and Aaron Nistrian scored two goals apiece.

Steve Mohn scored his team-leading eighth goal of the season on an assist by Emmanuel Nistrian.

Jake Potter and Joey DeTerra combined for Potter’s third and DeTerra’s second shutouts of the season.

The men then made the long trip north to take on the Cardinals of Skagit Valley last Saturday.

The trip was made longer when their van broke down part of the way there.

Thanks to the help of some of the parents, the team was able to get back on the road and arrived about a half hour prior to game time.

The men took the adversity and turned it into an aggressive attack.

Forward Steve Mohn scored his ninth goal about a minute and a half into the match. Mohn’s goal set the tone as the men added three more goals to earn the 4-1 victory.

Josh Dworsky added his third goal of the season. Steve Pirotte and Emmanuel Nistrian each had a goal and assist.

"Right now we are beating teams because we are playing better than they are," said Prenovost. "We have a ways to go; I don't think we are a finished product yet."

The T-Birds are hoping to extend their record to 9-0 this week with two games.

The men will play host to Edmonds today at 5 p.m. The T-Birds won the last meeting between the two teams, 3-1.

The men will take to the road Saturday as they head north to take on Whatcom for a 2 p.m. match.
Cross country keeps on running and improving

TREVOR KULVI
STAFF REPORTER

Just like the Energizer Bunny, the Highline cross country teams just keep on going as they enter the meaty part of their schedule.

With good performances in the Sundodger Invite and Saint Martin’s Invite, the most important part of the season looms in the distance.

The next five meets will determine who will be running at the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWACCC) meet on Nov. 12 at Clark Community College.

The short trip to Lacey for the annual Saint Martin’s Invite on Sept. 24 was a success.

Highline was one of nine teams in the small meet, and was the top community college team.

Other teams included Western Washington, Seattle Pacific, Bellevue Community College, University of Victoria, Evergreen, Skagit Valley and Saint Martin’s University.

Coach Robert Yates was pleased with his athletes, despite the fact that the course was the slowest one of the season so far.

“I was pleased with the men, because our top four guys were within 12 seconds of one another,” said Yates.

Leading the way for the T-Birds was Hassan Khalif in a time of 28:02 for 8-kilometers.

“Hassan bounced back after a rough showing at the Sundodger Invite from last week,” said Yates.

Finishing behind Khalif was sophomore Noah McDonald-Robbins, who finished in a time of 28:04.

“This was Noah’s best collegiate race of his career,” said Yates.

Last year on the same course, McDonald-Robbins’ time was 30:09. The next three finishers for Highline were Brandt May, John Hurbut, and Victor Kimbhu.

Sophomore Mike Essig also improved from last year’s meet.

In 2004, he had a time of 30:27. He improved by almost a minute on Saturday to run 29:32, despite being tripped up.

“Mike was leading the way for us, and then he got tripped up late in the race,” said Yates.

Skagit Valley and Bellevue were in attendance but did not have enough runners to field a team.

In the women’s race, the Lady T-Birds did not field a full team, but they showed huge improvements from last week’s race.

The top finisher for Highline was Sheree Barbour who ran 20:04 for the 5-kilometer race.

“Sheree had a huge improvement from last week and to almost break 20 minutes on this course is an accomplishment,” said Yates. “She has the potential to finish in the top 7 at the championship meet.”

Finishing second for Highline was freshman Melissa Better in a time of 21:00.

Following Better were Lyndsey Farah and Rosie Meecker in times of 22:30 and 23:19, respectively.

Coach Yates was pleased with the way the girls ran.

“Despite the fact we didn’t have a full team, all four girls ran better and I was pleased with the results,” said Yates.

The T-Birds will be training hard this week as they prepare for the prestigious Willamette Invite on Oct. 1 at Busch Pasture Park in Salem, Oregon.

Women’s soccer continues quest for perfect season

STEVE PIROTTI
STAFF REPORTER

Despite being shorthanded at goal, the Lady T-Birds have put together a 3-0-1 start.

The women’s soccer team has been playing with a four-player rotation at goal. Most of the four have little or no experience at the position. However, the four have combined for two shutouts.

“Every single one of them complains. But they are willing to do it for the benefit of the team,” said Coach Jaimy McLaughlin.

Against Shoreline, the lack of experience cost the team in a 3-3 tie.

“All three goals were goalkeeping errors. It definitely hurt us. Nina will be our goal for tough games,” said McLaughlin. “If she had been there against Shoreline we would have won 3-0.”

Nina Kupu, the only player with prior goalkeeping experience, was not able to attend the game against Shoreline.

“Nina knows she has to do it for the sake of the team even though she’d rather play on the field,” said McLaughlin.

McLaughlin is still attempting to find a more permanent replacement at goal.

“I’m last when I’m in goal,” said Stephanie Hughes. “I’ve never played before so I really don’t know what I’m doing.”

The number of players on the roster also hurts the team. Most teams have 18 to 22 players. With only 15 players on the roster, it takes only a few injuries to decimate the team.

“Low numbers definitely hurt us, but this is the most well rounded team I’ve ever had position by position,” said McLaughlin.

The women are coming off back-to-back wins this week over Everett and Skagit Valley.

Against Everett the women coasted to a 4-0 victory.

All four goals were scored by different players with Swanna Mercado picking up her third of the season.

Katie Kesniston, Jessica Wilson, and Sheila Hamilton also scored goals.

The Lady T-Birds played inspired when they traveled to Skagit Valley last Saturday.

The women took it to the Lady Cardinals with a 9-0 victory.

Mercado added to her season total with four goals to bring her to seven on the year.

Lisa Overbo, Jessica Ventura, Karen Nichols, Kenniston and Hughes each scored as well.

Although they played well against Everett and Skagit Valley, neither team presented a true challenge.

Everett is currently 0-7 and has been outscored 43-2. Skagit Valley finally is able to play after it had problems early in the season with having enough eligible players.

Highline plays host today to the Lady Tritons of Edmonds.

Highline and the Lady Titans have a history dating to last year’s playoffs. Last year Edmonds knocked out the Lady T-Birds in the first round of the playoffs.

However, Highline may hold the trump card in Assistant Coach Teddy Mitalas. Mitalas was the head coach for Edmonds last season.

This will mark the first meeting for Mitalas and his former team.

The women were scheduled to play Edmonds earlier this season but Edmonds did not have enough eligible players and the game was postponed.

“So I really looking forward to getting back what we should have earned last year,” said midfielder Kenniston.

Highline plays host to Edmonds today at 3 p.m.

PHOTO BY ALICIA MENDEZ
Highline chasing after a loose ball during their showdown with Everett.

PHOTO BY KEITH DAIGLE
Jordyn LeMaster, Rosie Meeeker, Sheree Barbour, and Melissa Better train for the upcoming Willamette Invite.
Get excited about athletics

It has been four months since the final whistle blew on last year's athletic season. Fall sports have been underway for less than a month and already there is a lot to look forward to.

Last year, there were three titles brought back to Highline and two of them for the first time.

The men's soccer team was able to use an early-season loss as motivation as they played like a team on a mission going 3-0 in the playoffs with three shutouts and eventually bring home the first men's NWACCC soccer championship. Former Highline student Sitges Marshall added to her already impressive resume last fall when she brought home the individual women's cross country title.

And not to be forgotten was Ym's other than Penn and the violin for the NCAA tournament in Rochester, Minn., last year and walked away as the national champion in the 197-pound weight class.

This year has started out in grand fashion as the men's soccer team is off to a scorching 7-0-0 record, having outscored their opponents by a score of 29-3. Women's soccer is 3-0-1 and looking to add its share of excitement.

Volleyball, after struggling to find enough athletes, finally has enough to begin play but are off to a slow start at 0-3.

It is looking like this could turn out to be another successful fall for cross country but will need an extra push if it is to get over the last hump and earn team titles.

Both the men's and women's basketball teams are back and will be looking to improve as well.

The women return four from last year's team that made it to the quarterfinals of the playoffs.

The men will be looking to hit the court running with the hope that it will lead them into a playoff berth.

Both teams will be missing components from last year's teams for a variety of reasons.

As a fan, the most missed may be on the men's side as George Iby has left for the glitzy hardwood of the University of Illinois-Chicago.

The wrestling team will be looking to roll the success from last year into another successful season. With the possible return of Malamuda and others, it could turn out to be one of the program's best seasons.

The spring will be winding down and it early indications play any part in the outcome, both track teams and the women's fastpitch won't have any trouble improving on last year.

The women's fastpitch finished a season in which they played with only two pitchers and 10 players total.

This year, the women have the makings of a full squad for fall ball and will continue to fill holes and depth as the year progresses.

So what does this really say?

At one point last year, Highline had a streak of 18 consecutive teams receiving playoff berths.

The current streak is at two dating to last spring's men's and women's track teams. The season is just beginning so there is a lot left to be played. One thing is certain, there will be plenty of excitement along the way.

Jamie didn't make the cut so he returned to the T-Word.

Scoreboard

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Clark 1, Lane 0
Spokane 2, Lower Columbia 0
Highline 4, Everett 0
Walla Walla 5, Lower Columbia 0

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Highline students can take part in helping victims of hurricane Katrina and Rita. Administration Service Manager Shuymon Gillilan has headed up a very unique fundraiser to help out the victims of the hurricanes.

Highline students and staff are invited to take part in the Drop Yer Drawers for Katrina Survivors underwear drive.

This drive was designed to appeal to Highline students and staff as a different way to help out victims, said Gillilan. Gillilan read a story in another newspaper about a couple of ladies from Texas who did a similar drive and collected over 1900 pairs of undergarments.

"The collected undergarments were dispensed in less than three hours," said Randy Fisher, manager of the bookstore.

A similar drive was done to raise awareness for breast cancer in the past, called Bras Across Lake Washington, said Gillilan.

Highline needs a book of the year

A group of faculty and staff hopes everyone at Highline will read the same book this year.

Highline Reads is a program in which a book will be chosen to be read by students, staff, and faculty.

"This program will draw people together," said Dr. Terry Merdink, a Highline math professor and a member of the Highline Reads committee.

It will encourage reading as a lifelong source of pleasure and learning, said committee member Ron Sabado, an accounting professor.

A committee was formed to make nominations for this year's reading material.

The committee members were looking for the book that is selected to have the following traits:

* It furthers the mission of the college.
* Short to medium length.
* Affordable and manageable, yet challenging for the typical reader.
* Deals with a current and relevant issue or topic.
* Might be read and understood in smaller sections so that the book can be adapted to and used in a wide variety of courses without demanding too much class time.
* Can be approached from a variety of points of view by different disciplines.
* Readily elicits discussion on an analytical level, ideally, by a living author who can visit campus.
* Is not a book normally read in high school, and is not a textbook.

There will be voting on the three books that have been nominated for this first year's program in the next couple of weeks.

The three books that will be presented are, Botany of Desire by Michael Pollan; Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the American Meat by Eric Schlosser; and Our Babies, Ourselves: How Biology and Culture Shape the Way We Parent by Meredith Small.

The voting will be done by staff and faculty for the first year.

Students will not be included in this fall's selection.

Students will be able to vote for next year's book in spring.

The committee decided that we wanted to start with a program that was not as big as our vision for Highline Reads," said Dr. Sabado.

"The small steps would help us identify problems that we had not previously thought about and give us an opportunity to resolve those problems before we implemented our vision of a full Highline Reads program.

Implementing the program over two year's time will give us an opportunity to build on this year into next year."

Committee members want to take this program and build on it slowly to make it strong and successful.

The members would like the students to become familiar with the program before the voting of next year's book comes.

This book will also be used in classes and events that will be held on campus.

When the book is selected it will be available for purchase in the Highline bookstore.

"Some classes may have you purchase the book, while others may provide you with excerpts," said Dr. Merdink.

The Highline Reads committee is planning events, such as a movie night that relates to the topic of the book.

Along with the events, many classes are going to use the book in lectures.

For more information about Highline reads, contact Sabado at 206-878-3710, ext. 3561. You can also e-mail Sabado at ron.sabado@highline.com, or call Meerdink at 206-878-3710, ext. 3028.

Donations of undergarments for hurricanes Katrina and Rita are hung up against the walls on the second floor of the Student Union next to the bookstore. Donations are still being taken. For more information contact Shannon Gillilan at 206-878-3710, ext. 3914.

Students and staff can add to Drop Yer Drawers in the bin in front of the Highline Bookstore located in Building 8, second floor.

All undergarments must be clean and unused.

Socks are also being collected in the drive.

When depositing your donation contact Fisher in person or e-mail him at rfisher@highline.edu and inform him of how many items were donated and what department the donations should be credited to.

The departments with the most donations will be rewarded with a group lunch donated by Heavenly Cappuccino.

At this time, Financial Aid has been credited as the largest donor so far, but there could possibly be other groups said Gillilan.

"We sent the idea out to other colleges but at this point we haven't heard of any others taking it up that torch," said Gillilan.

The bookstore is always interested in doing fundraisers and drives of this nature to help out, said Gillilan.

The Drop Yer Drawers for Katrina Survivors, will end Friday, Sept. 29. As of Wednesday, 221 pieces of undergarments have been collected.

For more information call 206-878-3710, ext. 3914.

Blood hopes to drive students in to help others

Someone needs your blood. The Puget Sound blood bank will be here on campus Wednes- day, Oct. 5 and Thursday, Oct. 6.

"Donating blood is important because we need 800 to 900 donors every single solitary day to keep up with the demand," said Nancy Galapit, a Puget Sound blood bank employee.

"Every donation makes a difference and is needed. We need to take care of our own."

For every donation the blood bank receives, it can help three people.

Donations to the blood bank can be made from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and from 12:15 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Building 2.

People who would like to donate can sign up beforehand or walk in.

For those interested in donating blood, there are some key elements to be aware of, according to April McPherson, a Puget Sound blood bank employee.

Blood donors must be 18 years old or older, weigh at least 110 lbs, and be in good health.

Blood can be donated once every 56 days.

McPherson said that donors refrain from strenuous exercise for 12 hours after donating blood.

There will be cookies and juice provided for donors after giving blood.

Further information can be found in front of the campus bookstore.

You can also visit the Puget Sound Blood Center website at www.pbsc.org or contact them directly by calling 206-292-6500.
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“It’s bad, especially in the morning. Last year, it took me 15 minutes to find a space, but now I have late classes, and I find one right away. Looking for a spot is not worth the wait,” said Ha Tran.

“What I don’t understand is why they say there are going to be more spots, but instead you see walking lanes. There always seem to be empty staff spaces but not enough for students,” said Steven Schilde.

Other students thought leaving the parking lot was worse than the parking situation.

“Leaving is what is the problem, there gets to be a big rush to get out of the lot,” said Oliver Davis.

Saunders will oversee construction, the business office, institutional research, the bookstore, food services, security, contracts and leases, and childcare.

Saunders had some parting advice for Highline.

“Take care of your people,” Saunders said.

Students and faculty can wish Saunders goodbye in person at the Early Childhood Learning Center on Oct. 20 at 4 p.m. For more information call 206-878-3710.

Conversation Pal is a new way to meet people

By Luke Bergquist

The International Leadership Student Council (ILSC) starts off Fall Quarter’s Conversation Pals with an orientation today, Thursday Sept. 29, in Building 2 from 1 – 2 p.m.

“It’s a place where international students get to make new friends,” said Conversation Pals coordinator Grace Mukiri.

International Student Programs has sponsored Conversation Pals for the past five years at Highline.

“It’s not just for international students,” Mukiri said. “Everybody is welcome. We want to make the international students feel welcome at Highline. It’s a chance for people to learn about other cultures.”

The deadline to turn in applications for Conversation Pals was Sept. 23; however, Mukiri said that everyone is still welcome to take part in today’s orientation.

The orientation will be the first time international students meet their new pals.

“Once they meet their Conversation Pals they decide together where to meet for the rest of the quarter. It can be here on campus, at the library, or even at a coffee shop somewhere,” Mukiri said.

The ILSC is asking participants of Conversation Pals to take one hour per week to meet with each other.

Conversation Pals provides a chance for international students to practice their English while native English speakers can learn about the various experiences international students have coming to Highline.

International Leadership Student Council in International Student Programs sponsors other activities as well.

There is International Village where various speakers will touch on topics from nonverbal communication to dating customs in other cultures.

They also host Movie Fridays, and starting Nov. 1 they will be publishing The Mosaic, an international student newsletter.

“The Mosaic is a resource for International Students to write about their experiences and everyone who has something to share,” said Aisha Hassan, editor of The Mosaic.

For information on Conversation Pals or any of the other International Leadershp Student Council programs visit the International Student Programs office in the upper level of Building 6, or call Anne moon at 206-878-3710, ext. 3374.

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for operational funding.

"The college dedicated initial funds to the center, and with hard work from Dr. Bell and Adam Smith we were able to procure $370,000 for operational use," said Stephenson.

The Highline Foundation welcomes all donations, but money used specifically for the renovations must be donated to the Foundation for the MaST Center.

"The Highline Foundation does some wonderful things to provide hundreds of thousands of dollars to students, and have ongoing fund-raising activities," Maplesone said.

"We’re thrilled the Foundation has taken on this project."

The Highline Foundation welcomes donations of any amount from the public.

"We don’t want the public to feel obligated to give donations each week, but all is welcome," said Maplesone.

The Foundations deadline to raise the money is June 30, 2007.

They have an estimated $200,000 already raised.

Funding for the renovation will make it easier for the center to achieve its educational goal.

The aim of the MaST Center is to educate people about their surrounding marine environment.

"We really want the local community to be involved, to learn about Puget Sound and the marine environment in general," said Maplesone.

The renovation of the MaST Center would significantly broaden the MaST Centers capabilities.

Along with donations, the MaST Center is also looking for volunteers. Various roles are needed, including such things as cleaning tasks of mildew and being present during the Water Weekend on Saturdays to inform the community of the animals they are looking at.

"It would be nice if someone could explain what kind of animals the people look at and ask about every day," said Maplesone.

Volunteers have included experts in environmental science, students intending to major in environmental science, and people who just show an interest.

Students can earn a co-op credit through volunteering at the MaST Center, for as little as an hour of work, one to two weeks a day.

Because the MaST center is located off campus, it creates a stumbling stone for the center to reach students, and the community.

"Problems are students don’t know classes are offered there," Moses said.

"If students actually knew they could take classes there, they would."

"You’ll be amazed how many people come down from the community saying they had no idea it was here," said Maplesone.

The MaST center is open to the community every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Saturday events include a speaker series, with experts teaching about the marine environment, and an open aquarium.

The general public is encouraged to come visit the MaST center on Saturdays to listen, learn, and begin appreciating the Puget Sound’s marine environment.

For further information on the MaST Center, go to www.flighline.highline.edu/mast or to donate, go to www.funds4highline.org, click “make a donation" and click “Marine Science & Technology Center."