Suicide threat atop Highline

By Michelle Erickson
staff reporter

Police talked a man who was threatening suicide off the roof of the Outreach Building last Friday.

An unidentified 41-year-old man from Tacoma was spotted sitting on the roof of Outreach Building by a mail carrier. The mail carrier called Highline security, who in turn called the police.

The man had a short conversation with a Highline security officer. The man asked the officer what time it was. He was told the time was 3:25 p.m.

"At 3:45 I'm jumping off the building or taking a cop bullet," he said.

He also asked the security guard to call his sister who lives out of state.

Both the Kent and the Des Moines police departments responded to the call.

He climbed onto the roof around 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 29. He got on the roof by using a ladder in a back stairwell that had been left unlocked.

The man was talked down from the building at 7:30 p.m. and was sent to an unidentified hospital on an involuntary commitment where he is now being held.

Few people were still at work in the Outreach Building at the time of the incident. The few that were, were evacuated by the police at around 4:30 p.m.

The police evacuated the building because to bring the man down they would have to bring him through the building.

A police negotiator asked the man if there was anyone they could call, and the man shouted out several numbers down to the police officers.

After the officers received the numbers, the man became very adamant that they make the call.

He repeated the phrase "make the call" several times.

His mood seemed to shift from despair to anger.

When it seemed the police were not going to make a call he wanted, he began shouting profanities at them.

"The only thing I ever got from... y'all was jail," the man shouted down at the police.

"Are you going to make the... call?"

At times the man sat almost casually on the edge of the building, stretching his legs out in front of them, and merely observing the people below.

Some employees said they didn't want to be evacuated because of work, while others were happy to leave.

"I had so much work to do. I was rather annoyed to be truthful," said a Human Resources employee who preferred to remain anonymous.

"It seemed like he was angry and the police seemed to know him. It seemed like this sort of thing had happened before and he was supposed to be on some medication," said another Highline employee.

They said they were not surprised that everyone had to evacuate the building.

"I wondered if they would do that. For all they knew they could have had weapons. They were just making sure no one would be in the way and get hurt," the employee said.

The employee was not upset by the evacuation.

"It was Friday at 4:30 p.m. I didn't have a problem with it," the employee added.

Crowds of onlookers gathered at various times. At first many of them stared up at the man then after realizing he was not going to jump, they turned their attention to something else.

An unidentified male dangles his feet on the Outreach Building off Pacific Highway in between threatening to commit suicide by jumping off.

Highline alum's death still unresolved

By Robert Lamirande
staff reporter

Police are still investigating the death of former Highline student Jessie Drungo.

According to a Kent Police report, Drungo was stabbed to death Thursday, Sept. 1 around 10:20 p.m. outside the Vetana Apartments in Kent. A verbal dispute broke out between Drungo (who was accompanied by five to seven men) and two males and one female.

After Drungo was stabbed, one of the attacking males dropped the knife and ran with his two counterparts. He was chased down by one of Drungo's friends and stabbed, though not fatally.

The news of Drungo's death came as an unexpected shock to those who knew him, including a friend (who wishes to remain anonymous) from Highline.

"My friend called me up," he said, explaining how he came to hear the news. "She said 'Derick's brother,' which is Jessie, 'died.'" He said that when he heard her crying, he knew that she was serious.

Drungo is not only remembered by Highline students, but by faculty also.

Political science instructor Davidson Dodd, who had Drungo in a class two years ago, remembers him well.

"I find myself thinking about Jessie often, mourning him, and I'm sick thinking about it," said Dodd. "He was an essential human being."

Dodd said that he and Drungo would talk after class, and that he found Drungo to be consistently enthusiastic and optimistic.

"He was positive about his future," Dodd said. "He wanted to work hard and do well."

Like others that knew Drungo, Dodd is curious to see what happens now, five weeks after the murder.

"Where I'd be interested in is what's happening with the case now," he said. "It's not like somebody flits and we don't know who he is."

Like Drungo's friends and family, Dodd is waiting to hear the outcome of the investigation.

"You have a tragic ending, law enforcement gets drawn into it, but what's the result?"
 CSI: HIGHLINE

Student flees scene

A hit-and-run occurred in the North Lot on Sept. 28. A student’s car was damaged but no one was injured. Des Moines Police were called to the scene.

Stranger vanishes

An unidentified man was found in Building 11 on Sept. 28 using a computer. When discovered, he grabbed something out of a file cabinet and left with a skateboard. Security was unable to locate him.

Urban art appears

Graffiti was found on the south doors of Building 28 on Oct. 2.

Man fights furniture

Library staff reported a man punching and kicking furniture on Oct. 3. Security searched all floors but were unable to locate him.

Monitor goes missing

Staff reported a computer monitor missing from Building 30 on Oct. 3. It is not yet known whether it was stolen or simply moved.

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America’s Walk for Diabetes returns

Partners in the war against diabetes will have another chance to fight their battle in the next two weeks at the annual America’s Walk for Diabetes.

Walkers can go it alone or form teams for the event, which is expected to raise $400,000 locally. All funds from the walk will go toward diabetes research, the goal of which is to improve the lives of those with diabetes and ultimately find a cure.

One walk will take place Saturday, Sept. 30, at Queen Field in Seattle. A second walk will take place one week later on Oct. 7 at the Tualalip Amphitheater in Tulalip.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., and the walk begins at 9 a.m. both days.

Paralegal day is raising the bar

BY VERA PATTISON

Highline students win scholarships

Seventeen students have been awarded scholarships for Fall Quarter. Recent scholarships include the Washington Financial Aid Association (WFAA), and Highline’s own Academic Achievement scholarship.

The WFAA is awarded to students based on “leadership ability, academic excellence, and financial need,” said Kim Wasienski, the senior associate director of Financial Aid. Recipients include students Richi-tia Reid and Kiana Hayes. The Academic Achievement scholarship required students to write an essay, collect two letters of recommendation, and have a GPA of 3.5 or better. Recipients of the award include Julie Bentley, Ca tlin Elia, Christina Escoto, Lael Eus-ers, Amanda Fleming, Cynthia Johnston, Robert Lernarinde, Dana Lee Rae Laubau, Alice Sue Lee, Valerie Manniko, Kimberly Merz, Jeremy Patia, Olga Sidorcenko, Kerstin Torrescano, and Michaela Wright.

Highline’s best have been recognized

Two Highline employees were recognized for providing outstanding service at the end of Spring 2006. Economics Instructor Phil Driske was named Faculty Member of the Year, while Ronda O’Brien, program coordinator for Highline’s switchboard, was named Employee of the Year.

Driske belong to the Ten-ure Review Committee, and is chairman of the Faculty Senate. In a nomination from a colleague, Driske was described as having “enthusiasm to deliver that knowledge and caring, and the ability to enable students to understand the coursework.” He has been at Highline since 1966.

O’Brien began at Highline in 1988 in telephone services and has since become a program coordinator. As a result of O’Brien’s years of service, she has come to be known as “the voice of Highline,” a title that she holds humbly.

“I am thankful, flattered and very grateful for the award,” she said.

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College won't change course in new plan

BY SIMONE SNOW
staff reporter

Highline officials and the Board of Trustees feel Highline is on the right track, since the 2006 Strategic Plan required very little reforming from the original 2001 draft.

The plan is not that different [from 2001]," said Lisa Skari, vice president of Institutional Advancement. "It's an affirmation of what people are doing right and it's working."

The Strategic Plan is a five-year plan that outlines the vision, mission, and values for the college, as well as four strategic initiatives for excellence in education: a campus climate that values diversity; a strong role of the college within the community; and an open, honest, and collaborative environment that responds to the needs of the college and uses the college's finances responsibly.

"[The Strategic Plan] serves as a guide for the college," Skari said. "This is what we're working toward. A blueprint for where we're going."

The plan also outlines ways Highline will implement each initiative, and pinpoints specific target areas and issues to focus on such as professional development for staff and faculty, the outreach program, and recruitment of international students.

"It's working because others have seen it," said Skari. "We feel we're on the right track."

In a survey of the community conducted by the college as to the strong points of the college, those surveyed said the strong points of Highline are the same points that are focused on in the plan.

"It's a consensus of staff and faculty of what we should be doing," Dr. Priscilla Bell, Highline president. "It keeps us more or less on the same track that we've been on for several years."

Only a few changes were suggested and made by the Board of Trustees and others around campus.

"The Mission Statement was very long and cumbersome. It should be short and people should be able to remember it," Skari said. "[We] boiled it down right to the core of what we are."

The mission statement now reads: "We deliver innovative education and training opportunities to foster your personal and professional success in our multicultural world and global economy. We help you build a better future."

The values stated in the plan were altered to include learning and integrity. Commitment was removed from the list as an individual value, and instead a sentence was added to preface the values, stating commitment to all eight values: access, collaboration, community, diversity, excellence, integrity, internationalization, and learning.

However, the plan has remained largely unaltered. Many of the activities to accomplish the strategic initiatives came from the 2001 plan.

"We developed a whole sea of initiatives that were based on student and community feedback," Skari said. "We focused on what they told us we should do."

Alexa Laver/Thunderword

Highline students bear the crowd at the cashier's office during the first week of the quarter.

Enrollment numbers show shift in student interest

BY ROBERT LAMIRANDE
staff reporter

Enrollment is up almost 1,000 students from last year, according to a preliminary headcount released by Highline's Office of Institutional Research.

A total of 7,670 students have enrolled for Fall Quarter of 2006, whereas Fall Quarter 2005 had only 6,767 students.

The growth in enrollment comes after a three-year stretch of falling numbers, and is a result of combined efforts that include radio ads, personal e-mails, and an open house, college officials say.

The increase in enrolled students comes alongside a shift in student educational interest: the percentage of students seeking an associates degree, transfer, or technical/professional degree are all down. Students hoping to transfer or acquire an associates degree are both down 3 percent each, at 57 and 52 percent respectively. Students seeking a technical or professional degree are down 2 points at 19 percent.

Conversely, the number of students seeking basic skills, high school diploma, or GED is up 7 percent from Fall 2005, and now constitutes 21 percent of the college population.

The number of males on campus have increased as well, lowering the female population from 63 percent last year to 61 percent this year. The percentage of white students is the same as it was last year, at 51 percent, although Highline welcomed 100 new international students, says Michelle Allman, International student adviser.

"This is an increase of 25 percent from the 2005-2006 academic year," Allman said. "In fact, this is the largest increase since the new post-9/11 restrictions on foreign travel to the United States."

Highline's Running Start program has more students than last year as well, although the percentage remains about the same as Fall 2005.

While the college receives money from local school districts for running start students, the state does not allow highline to count running start students against its expected enrollment; this has contributed to financial insecurities in previous quarters.

Despite the fact that Run- ning Start doesn't boost FTE figures, Highline still puts effort into bringing in high school students.

Not everyone on campus is rejoicing over the high numbers, however. Student Jerry Anderson says that more students means less parking.

"I think it's ridiculous they're getting excited about getting more and more students when they're not making any significant effort to make more parking," she says. "A lot of students don't even live in the area."

Anderson's friend, Renee Thomas, agrees that the increase in enrollment also means an increase in morning stress. [Students park] two spaces outside the spaces," she says, describing how cars park in the driving space inside the parking lot.

"They try and pull it off like it's a parking space," Thomas says. "It's annoying as hell."
Opinion

Make caucuses matter

Leadership seems to be a theme in Student Programs. It is most noticeable through the addition of student caucuses, specifically designed to support student leaders. Each of the four caucuses revolves around different topics such as global health and political action.

Now the question is: who are they leading and how?

The purpose of the student caucuses is rather hazy. While it sounds like a program that could be worthwhile and turn out to provide many leadership and volunteer opportunities, it is up to the students and staff involved to make it so.

The first thing each of the caucuses should do is make a clear plan for what they want to achieve this year. What events are they going to do? What do they want to do in the community that relates to their topic? For the caucuses to be able to accomplish something, both of those questions and more need to be answered.

Every caucus should promote themselves on campus and encourage people to join by pointing out the great advantage it will provide to students. Running Start students can use the volunteer opportunities to get all those volunteer hours they need to graduate from high school. It will look good on both resumes and college applications. It is a way to meet new people, make friends, and find your niche on campus.

Those to whom each caucus is advertising should also be taken into consideration. The Global Health caucus could aim to recruit students who have aspirations of a medical career. The Empower Education caucus could recruit members who want to be teachers and educators.

The advertising for events also need to go beyond a campus-wide e-mail to the faculty, asking them to announce it to their classes.

The most popular clubs and programs are the ones that offer their members opportunities to take part in a variety of events. Therefore, it is essential to the success of the caucuses that plenty of chances are offered for students to get involved in a project they have an interest in. The activities would also be a big selling point when recruiting new members.

Luckily, the caucuses have already taken some steps to plan out their courses of action.

The Political Action caucus is currently focusing on promoting voter registration, and preparing discussion panels on current political issues. The Empower Education caucus is planning on visiting local schools to promote the importance of education.

All of the caucuses need to extend the program beyond weekly meetings and leadership training. Simply talking about issues can only sustain a program for so long. Hopefully the caucuses will be able to continue their active roles, providing occasions for leadership and volunteering for all of their members.

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Ignorance isn't always bliss

As part of his Monday night ritual, my Dad volunteers with a local chapter of Democrats. A few weeks ago, his task was phone banking. He told me about a particular conversation he had with one woman he called when he asked her what political party she belonged to.

"Me? Am you a Democrat?"

"Which is the conservative one?"

"The Republican."

"Yeah. I think I belong to that one."

This is just one of many scenarios that have made me aware of just how little many people know or even care about politics. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, between 62 and 64 percent of those eligible voted in the 1960, 1964 and 1968 presidential elections. Not until the 2004 election did the numbers come close to matching those from the 60’s, when just over 60 percent of those eligible voted.

One thing the numbers don't reflect, however, is just how much people understand what it is they are voting for.

Last week I watched a story on the PBS News Hour about Indiana Congressman Mike Sodrel's bid for re-election. The camera followed him as he went around his district introducing himself to people. What one person in particular had to say really stuck with me.

"I hate to say this, but are you a Democrat or a Republican?"

Once Sodrel had assured the man he was in fact a Republican, the man promised Sodrel his vote. This instantly made me concerned, for many people have a tendency to vote for what their political party wants, regardless of whether or not it's in their best interest.

I doubt that man will bother to find out where Sodrel stands on key issues such as social security, the Iraq War, globalization, and the federal deficit. If he votes, he and many others will most likely cast their votes without bothering to be properly informed of whom and what they're voting for.

To me, it's the equivalent of crossing a busy street blind-folded with your fingers in your ears. You simply step off the curb on blind faith, trusting total strangers with your future. That is of course if you even bother to vote at all.

I can understand why people would want to stay out of politics. You don't always know who to trust, it can be cutthroat, it's complicated, it's frustrating, and often times just plain boring. However, the alternative can be worse.

When people keep themselves out of politics, it prevents their voices and opinions from being heard. The government then no longer does the will of people, since the people have not expressed their will. Instead, those in power are given more freedom to do as they please, and often times go unchallenged.

Make no mistake, there are a lot of honest people in politics, but there will always be a select few who exploit their position for personal gain. However, as a whole, the more people pay attention to and participate in politics, the more politicians will be held to a higher standard and level of scrutiny.

Remember, the majority of these people have to be re-elected every few years. They are essentially employed by the people. It is in their best interest to keep their employers happy, if they want to keep their jobs.

The people have power, it's about time they use it, and use it well.

Simone always votes maybe.

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Highline's new Concert Chorale group will sing their way to Carnegie Hall in New York

By Briann Beets

Concert Chorale, Highline's newly formed choir, will fly to New York City next April to perform at Carnegie Hall. Dr. Sandra Glover, Highline's choir director and instructor of music appreciation and class voice, has created another ensemble which will occasionally sing with the already established College Choir.

While College Choir requires no previous experience, Concert Chorale is an audition-only group.

Auditions for Concert Chorale were held the first week of the quarter, with a core group of 16 members to complete the chorale.

"Concert Chorale was organized to be a campus and community representative of Highline at various festivals, competitions, and invitational events," says Dr. Glover. Due to exceptional recommendations that were given by Dr. Glover's colleagues, the Concert Chorale will embark on a trip to Carnegie Hall. A five day expedition in which Highline's Concert Chorale will perform with three to four other choruses from around the country who were invited to sing.

The performance will be conducted by Dr. Geoffrey Boers, director of Choral Activities at the University of Washington. The group will sing Mass in Time of War, by Haydn, and will feature a professional orchestra to accompany the choirs.

The trip to New York will cost approximately $1,500, according to Dr. Glover. "We already have a deposit due next week, and then we must do serious fund-raising to have enough money to help needy students," Dr. Glover said.

No fund-raising plans have been discussed yet, but fund-raising meetings are planned for the coming weeks. Aside from the excursion to Carnegie Hall, Concert Chorale will perform locally with College Choir. "Both choirs will perform at the same concert each quarter," said Dr. Glover. This quarter Dr. Glover has chosen pieces by Palestrina, Bach, Durufle, and di Lasso.

The success of Highline's vocal music program has lead to the creation of beginning and advanced choirs.

The Blend returns this fall with the sounds of folk-rock

By Sammee Gehring

The Blend is back, and we're not talking coffee, we're not talking an environmentally safe gas mixture of bio fuel. It's Highline's very own collection of mini-shows where everyday artists get a chance to wail their hearts out in front of the entire school (or whoever shows up).

This is an event that occurs every two weeks and usually takes place on the second floor of the Student Union building in front of the Bistro.

This fall the Blend has a new coordinator, Amanda William-
Turn your winter blues, green
Houseplants can light up any drab, dark room during the harsh winter months

BY RACHEL LUSBY

Winter may be on its way, but green numbers need not worry. You can bring your hobby inside.

Houseplants make for an excellent hobby during the drab winter months. Indoor plants require less maintenance than their outdoor relatives. They are also great for decorating the inside of your home or office space.

The most important thing to remember about houseplants is that they are in an environment that is not typically ideal for plants, so you’ll need to keep track of their health. You can do this a number of ways. One of which is keeping them clean. Your indoor plants will, just like most other items in your house, collect a lot of dust.

Dusting your plants helps control insects and keeps your plants healthy.

The temperature of your house is also important.

Indoor plants typically prefer a controlled temperature range that is around 65 to 75 degrees. In general, houseplants need less light. This is because most of them thrive in the shade or indirect sunlight. One exception to this is cacti.

Biologist lab technician and plant lover Donna Walter suggests that each plant you have in your home be given special attention in regards to watering and nutrition.

"Individual plants have different watering requirements," says Walter, "so a good rule of thumb is to check the moisture by feeling the dirt down to the root ball with your finger. If the soil is dry, soak or water the plant until the soil is saturated then let the soil go completely dry again."

Walter says, however, that indoor plants like the African violet do not like this sort of treatment; they preferably should be watered from the roots up, like sit them in a tray of water so that they can soak up water. They also seem to prefer having moist soil, so don’t let them go completely dry.

Bugs and diseases aren’t just a problem for outdoor plant life they affect the indoor species, too.

If you really care for your plants and want them to be really healthy they will need help from time-to-time to fight off infestation," says Walter. "I would recommend using Neem Oil, (a substance that is used for many purposes as well as a bio-pesticide,) or spray soap. "Buy the right soap and use it, it’s a natural product."

Walter says that if the watering is good and the soil is healthy, this makes the plants healthy and there should be a minimum amount of disease problems.

"If you do end up with a disease, the best solution is to just get rid of the sick plant," says Walter. He says the same thing if you end up with spider mites in your plant; just toss the plant out.

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Art brings hope to African village
Highline library gives Zimbabwe village women the chance to display the hardship of AIDS through October exhibiton

BY SASHA REYNOLDS

The gallery exhibit on the fourth floor of Highline’s library is giving hope to female artists of Zimbabwe.

The exhibit opened Oct. 2 and is scheduled to be on display through mid-November. This art exhibit visually narrates the impact of AIDS in the daily lives of Weya village women in Zimbabwe.

It is sponsored by the organization Zimbabwe Artists Project (ZAP).

AIDS is by far one of the leading causes of death on the continent of Africa.

In southern Africa alone, (where Zimbabwe is located,) over 20 percent of the adult population are suffering from AIDS.

ZAP is a non-profit organization founded in 1998 by Executive Director Dick Adams, a retired sociology professor from Lewis and Clark College.

The ZAP’s main goal is to bring awareness and relief to these AIDS stricken communities through their art exhibit and educating the U.S. about this area’s history and culture.

Funds raised from these pieces of art directly support ZAP’s outreach program.

The ZAP initially started from first request for support by a Weya village woman named Albertina Nyamagoronga.

Nyamagoronga couldn’t adequately support her two nieces and disabled nephew who lost their mother to AIDS.

The ZAP helped Nyamagoronga by providing her nephew who now walks with the best assistance that developed his physical and mental abilities, school fees and uniforms for all three children.

ZAP provides all artists with health care, care for AIDS afflicted orphans, support for projects to repair fragile homes, and deliver clean water to the community, along with providing school funds, and uniforms for 75 children who lost both parents to AIDS.

"Dick Adams is very passionate about the cause he has done so much for, and is available to speak to classes, civic clubs, and other groups," said Dana Rollins, exhibit chairman.

This piece, by African artist Edith Muchurra, shows life in her village of Weya. The gallery exhibit displays artwork meant to depict the impact of HIV/AIDS in the country of Zimbabwe.
The idea of Go Figure! is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (i.e., from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank spaces and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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Up and down T-Birds battle injuries, foes

Highline blanks Walla Walla, slips in Spokane

By Michelle Erickson

The Thunderbirds traveled to Eastern Washington to play Spokane and Walla Walla. The weekend was plagued by injuries.

Highline lost 1-0 to Spokane. They lost goalkeeper Joey DeTerra in the first five minutes, when DeTerra dislocated his thumb.

Reserve goalkeeper Taylor Campbell proved himself, only letting in one goal, which was scored at the 82nd minute, giving Spokane the victory.

“We compounded together as a team well after every injury,” said Captain Daniel Prenovost. “The hardest thing was our starting keeper went out.”

“Taylor did great for us,” said Head Coach Jason Prenovost. “It was two of the most difficult games and one of the toughest road trips.”

The injuries continued. Midfielder David Proud went out with a sprained ankle. Midfielder Moose Nystrom got whacked in face and had his tooth go through his lip. Midfielder Leo Potts still has a back injury he got early in the season, and forward Edward Walugumebe was out with a hurt knee.

“I think they’re doing pretty well even though they’re pretty beat up,” said Prenovost. “We took a big step as a team this weekend.”

Highline came back after the loss and beat Walla Walla 1-0. Aldo Palominio scored Highline’s only goal and Campbell recorded his first shutout.

“We didn’t let the injuries effect us and during the Walla Walla game we kept tight, and capitalized on our opportunities,” said Prenovost.

Prenovost said the game against Spokane was a good learning opportunity for the team.

“Spokane was similar to the other loss,” said Prenovost referring to the game that bounced the T-Birds from the NWAACC championship for Highline last year.

The team breezed through the season and when they came up against adversity they didn’t know how to react, the coach said.

Highline finished with a 16-1-1 record, best in the league, but lost 2-1 to Wenatchee Valley in two overtimes. “This team now has that advantage to draw on come playoffs,” Prenovost said. “I’m proud of the way the guys came back from the loss. It’s the way you react to a loss.”

T-Birds battle injuries, foes

Lady Thunderbirds finally have a full team

By Jeff Alexander

The women’s soccer team had a rough weekend out in the east, losing to both Spokane and Walla Walla.

The Lady T-Birds fell 4-0 to Spokane before taking an 11-1 kicking from Walla Walla.

Against Spokane last Friday, Co-Head Coach Val Muehling said that, despite the loss, the defense played very well.

Since the beginning of the season, the team had been playing with only eight players.

Friday’s game was the first opportunity the team had to play with a full 11.

Right now the Lady T-Birds are third in the West Division of the NWAACC with a record of 3-6-0.

Coach Muehling said the women were excited to have a full team out on the field. However, three of the players played injured.

Saturday’s contest against top-ranked Walla Walla was the toughest game the team had experienced all season. One of the things that makes Walla Walla a tough team is the size of its roster.

With 19 players, they can keep their players from tiring as fast as any other team out there.

“Walla Walla is the best team we’ve seen so far and probably ranked in the top two in the NWAACC,” said Co-Head Coach Tom Moore.

The only bright spot of the weekend’s games, aside from fielding 11 players, was a goal by Joey Martinis in the 18th minute of the Walla Walla match.

Martinis leads the team in goals and is now ninth in the league with 11 goals on the season.

Although the Lady T-Birds are three games under .500, the future for the team is looking increasingly brighter. During the first week of the quarter, the team sent out invitations to incoming students about turning out for the team.

Coaches Muehling and Moore had a table out during the first week, where they signed up several new students.

The team also had a BBQ during the first week of school where they received several names of students who are interested in playing.

Coach Muehling said that three new players were going to turnout for practice this week.

“We have a very strong foundation, with many skilled players. A larger team will enable us to relieve the pressure of playing a full game. Especially with the games are back-to-back on the road,” said Coach Muehling.

The Lady T-Birds will be back in action this Saturday against Bellevue. Noon at Highline.

The women’s soccer team is always looking for more women to turn out to play. If you are interested in please contact Moore at 206-878-3710, ext. 6395 or Muehling at ext. 6107.
Volleyball pulls out of slump with three wins

BY KEITH DANCEL

The women's volleyball team has begun to pick up the pace of a slow starting season, winning their last three games.

Highline defeated Lane, 30-20, 30-26, 12-30, 30-25; Centralia 30-23, 30-19, 30-16; and Grays Harbor 30-17, 30-18, 30-12 for a league record of 3-2.

"We started off a little bit behind, because we did our trip to Italy. While it was great to do the trip, a great experience for the players, we didn't have quite enough practice time to get up to speed to play our first couple of matches," said head women's volleyball coach John Littleman.

"We played Tacoma and Pierce, which are two of the top teams in the league. We lost those ones, but we still lost," said Littleman.

Littleman said that the team was playing catch up, but that by midseason the team will be up to speed with everybody else and they will just keep improving from there.

"I think we have a lot to improve on, and I think some of the other teams are just going to stay status quo," Littleman said.

Highline faced Lane (1-4) on Sept. 22 defeating them 30-20, 30-26, 30-25. Their wins have not come easily, and this was no exception. They were able to come back and win in the fourth match after taking a beating in the third.

Mercedes Fernandez had 14 kills and 10 digs, Angelika Gouveia had 42 assists and Lyndsay Hovey had 17 kills.

The Lady T-Birds defeated Centralia on Sept. 27, scoring 30-23, 30-19, 30-16. Fernandes led the team with 18 kills and Gouveia had 29 assists.

The Lady T-Birds stayed fairly dominant throughout the night when they faced Grays Harbor (0-5) last Friday. It was, however, by no means a shut out. The final score was 30-17, 30-18, 30-12. Gouveia led the game with 29 assists and five aces.

Yesterday Highline played the third place team Green River, who are ranked sixth in the NWAAC conference. The results were unavailable at press time.

Before the game Littleman said he did not feel the results of the night were a foregone conclusion, and that in the end it would come down to who had a better night.

"The two teams are pretty much as far as skillwise I think it is going to come down to who has a good night," said Littleman.

Highline will be competing in the crossover tournament at Lane Community College in Eugene, Oregon this weekend, Oct. 6 and 7. This will be a non-league game.

The team will take a break until Friday, Oct. 11 when they play an away game against Clark.

Cross country continues, despite lack of runners

BY JESSICA FRANZ

Highline’s men and women's cross country team face good and bad news.

The bad news is both teams are still struggling to find capable runners.

Currently the team only has three women runners and three male runners. While each team needs five runners in order to place in competitions.

"I think it is really a mental test for us because if we don't have enough people. Then we must focus on our individual times and that push us to get better on our own," says team member Victor Kimahu.

That isn't the only piece of bad news the team faces.

Tyler Eidsmo started the season off on the injured list because of knee pain.

He had hoped to still run this season but a trip to the doctor changed all of that. Eidsmo is now not allowed to run for at least two months because of a knee strain from excessive running.

Despite the set back Eidsmo is not giving up.

"I am definitely planning on running track this year and cross country next year," Eidsmo said.

Even though the bad news there is still a light of hope for the cross country team.

The team may have lost Eidsmo but they also recently gained another.

Alex Laros graduated from Sumner High School last year and is now a freshman here at Highline.

He has only been to a few practices so far this season, but Head Coach Keith Paton can already see potential.

The team recently ran at the St. Martins Invite in Lacey. For the men's team Kimahu ran 28.53 in the 8 kilometer race. Rosie Meeker ran 27.16 and Melissa Better ran 28.18.

Even though the times don't reflect it, the team as a whole ran stronger and better than the last meet, Paton said. The team will be running this weekend at the Clark Invite at Lewisville State Park.

If anyone is interested in cross country they should contact Paton at 206-878-3710, ext. 3473, or kpaton@highline.edu.

St. Martins Invite in Lacey. For the men's team Kimahu ran 28.53 in the 8 kilometer race. William Anderson ran 31:07, a 13 second improvement.

For the women's team, Sherree Barbouer ran 26:34 in the 6 kilometer race. Rosie Meeker ran 27:16 and Melissa Better ran 28:18.

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## Fastpitch team hosts annual fall tournament

The Lady T-Birds fastpitch team is in full swing for fall. The T-Birds host their annual fall tournament here this Saturday, Oct. 7, with games at Highline's home field and at Steven J. Underwood Park in Des Moines.

Games are 2 p.m. at Highline's field, and 4 and 6 p.m. at Underwood, 21800 20th Ave. S.

This year's fall team boasts two returning players from last year's 11-30 team, Amanda Hooper and Keressa Stechen.

Last year's team finished fourth in the Western Division of the NWAACC and qualified for the league championships. At the tournament, the T-Birds bowed out in two games.

Six teams are participating in this weekend's tournament: Highline, Bellevue, Everett, Grays Harbor, South Puget Sound, and a club team from Washington State University. If last season is any indication, South Puget Sound and Bellevue are the best two teams in this weekend's tournament with 28-2 and 31-5 records respectively.

If you are interested in playing fastpitch this fall or spring, contact Head Coach Ann Schmidt at 206-878-3710 ext. 3459.

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### Intramurals offers hoops and nets

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By Jessica Franz

I have a ball this fall with Highline intramural sports.

Basketball was the game of the day and there was a good turn out said Karen Nadeau, head of intramural sports. Between 25 and 30 participants enjoyed playing 5-on-5 or shooting around.

Nadeau said this year a large number of international students are participating in the program.

Three different intramural sports offered during Fall Quarter. Basketball is offered on Tuesdays, volleyball on Wednesdays and badminton/pickleball on Thursdays.

Intramural sports are a way to participate in an activity that interests you without having the stress of being on a competitive sports team.

The great thing about intramurals is that in order to participate all you have to do is show up and the cost is free. No black-soled shoes or street clothes are allowed.

The goal is to provide opportunities for recreation, exercise and fun in a relaxed but structured environment.

"Look at it like a free membership to a gym where you can come and enjoy a different activity each day," said Nadeau.

During Fall Quarter intramural sports are every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1:20-1:10 p.m. in the Pavilion (Building 28).

If you have any additional questions about intramural sports please contact Karen Nadeau at 206-878-3710, ext 6046 or knadeau@highline.edu.

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**Highline Women's Soccer needs you!**

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Global warming is a gas, Baer says

BY JEFFREY BENNER

Professor Eric Baer looked to the light to explain how greenhouse gases heat up the Earth at the first in a series of Science Seminars held every Friday.

"I find a lot of folks don't understand some of the basic science behind what makes a gas a greenhouse gas and why particular gases heat up the earth and why some don't heat up the earth," said Baer, a geology professor at Highline. "I think the reason is a lot of people don't understand light too well."

In order to explain light, Baer detailed four terms which he would use to explain what defines a greenhouse gas: absorption, reflection, transmission and emission.

Absorption is when something retains light. Things which retain light tend to become hotter.

"You shouldn't wear black in the Sahara because it absorbs heat," said Baer.

Reflection is when light bounces off of something else. Almost all of the light we see is reflected. Something that appears white is reflecting all of the light, something that appears black reflects no light and something that is green is only reflecting green light.

Transmission, Baer explained, is when light is able to pass through something such as glass or air. "The cool thing is, air — most gases, at least for us in the atmosphere, transmit all visible wave lengths of light. That's a good thing, because if they didn't, we wouldn't be able to see anything."

Lastly, emission is when something gives off light. Objects of different temperatures emit different wavelengths of light.

For example, on an electric stove, the black element is much cooler than the element that emits orange light. Of course, that doesn't mean the black element isn't hot; it may be producing infrared light.

We can't see infrared light because it's outside of the visible spectrum, but we can feel the heat it produces.

The human body produces infrared light as it does the Earth. "Go out for a nice hot day, put your hand over the asphalt, [and] feel the heat radiating off. That's infrared radiation," said Baer.

While most gases in our atmosphere transmit this infrared light, greenhouse gases absorb it. As these gases absorb the light, they begin to heat up. This effect is what's commonly referred to as global warming.

Not all gases contribute equally to global warming, Baer explained. The different greenhouse gases vary in their ability to absorb infrared light. In our atmosphere, water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane and ozone absorb the most infrared light.

Baer identified carbon dioxide as the greenhouse gas most important to long-term climate change.

In the period between 1750 and 1998, the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has increased by 87 parts per million.

"Carbon dioxide is the big gun," said Baer.

Acknowledging that some people are skeptical about global warming, Baer questioned whether some policy makers understood greenhouse gases.

"You can deny certain things, but if you've got a greenhouse gas, the Earth is going to be warmer," Baer said.

Highline to read about the flattened world

BY KORY FARRELL

Highline Reads' newest book selection is The World is Flat, by Thomas L. Friedman.

Highline Reads is a faculty sponsored campus-wide reading group with a "two-tiered mission," Literacy and Writing professor Dr. Tommy Kim said.

Dr. Kim is the new head of the Highline Reads program, succeeding Pat Phillips.

The program's mission is to bring the Highline community together over an important issue, and more specifically bring together different minds from different areas of education to reflect on issues affecting all of us.

Highline Reads' method of reaching this goal is to have everyone attending Highline read the book faculty and staff voted in as their featured book this year.

Last years selection was Fast Food Nation by Eric Schlosser, a critical outlook on the negative effects of fast food on our diet, economy, and culture.

On this year's menu is "controversial" and "provocative" best selling author Thomas L. Friedman.

The issue Friedman brings up in his book, The World is Flat, is globalization.

Globalism is a complex series of economic, social, technological, cultural and political changes seen as increasing interdependence, integration and interaction between people and companies in disparate locations.

Thomas L. Friedman stresses the importance of adapting to globalization or being left behind the new "Flat" world.

"Jobs are moving around," Dr. Kim said, "and the economy from other countries affects us especially here in the Seattle-Tacoma area because they are port cities."

This Thursday, Oct. 5 at 10 a.m. in Building 7, Highline Reads has put together a panel of experts for a globalization roundtable discussion to further address the question: "What does globalization mean to you personally and professionally?"

The panel includes speech professor Dr. Barbara Clinton; Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Jack Bermingham; economies professor Phil Drake; and professor of political science and journalism Dr. T.M. Sell.

The World is Flat by Thomas L. Friedman can be purchased at Highline's bookstore for $22.50 used to $30 new. Highline Reads, however, has already distributed well over 300 copies to the faculty and staff of the college, and Dr. Kim hopes that instructors will bring classes to this roundtable.

"It is easy to say we're all connected somehow, but we don't normally take time to really consider just how much we influence each other's lives in the world today," Dr. Kim said about the meeting.
Politics, religion do and don’t mix, panel says

BY KORY FARRELL

Politics can give religion a bad name, a panel said at High-line on Tuesday. “I don’t believe that any one party should look at religion or their belief in God and say, ‘I know what, my political party is better than yours because God just told me so.' And to me, that is really kind of absurd,” panelist said Le Roi Brashears, a member of the governing board of the Washington Association of Churches.

Defining Democracy is a fall series of events put on by High-line leading up to the elections in November. The first session of Religion and Politics took place in the Student Union Mt. Constance room, Oct. 3 at 10 a.m. About 200 people attended.

Panelists included Highline’s own instructor of anthropology, history, and political science Emmanuel Chiabi; Tarek Dawood from the Islamic Speakers Bureau; organizer for the Washington Association of Churches Richard Wells; and Brashears.

“Religion can have a role in its absolute values of upholding common good,” Brashears said, “the values that I talk about really transcends a political party. All panelists agreed that religious beliefs have their place in politics. Panelists also agreed, however, that church and state should be separate.”

“The founders of the United States did not believe we should be establishing a theocracy,” Wells said. “There should be no official state religion ... but you should still bring your religious value to the democratic process.”

Panelists next discussed the impact that increasing cultural and religious diversity will have on the Republican and Democratic parties.

“The Republican and Democratic parties have to paint their message to appeal to more people,” Dawood said, “but each party will still have to deal with something that is not appealing politically, whether it be abortion, gay and lesbian rights ... I don’t see that changing.”

Chiabi agreed. “The lines between Republicans and Democrats will blur,” he said. “We are going to be voting on issues and not on party lines. Politicians will be caught in the middle.”

“Acrotities in the past like lynching are practically an inconceivable event right now,” Brashears said. “But that wasn’t always the case. This change was brought about by a broad-based moral and religious opposition to the brutality of racism in this country. Political leaders will listen and will change when that fire and that passion boils up, and it is my hope that all of you here will be part of that.”

One audience member asked, “do you ever think there will come a time in this country when we don’t claim red or blue, but that we claim we’re one people under a democracy and that we have issues that we all care about or will we be so polarized in the future that we just cannot cross party lines?”

“Why not right now? We can all have a part in making that happen,” he said. “Politics were not always polarized as they are right now.”

Nearly all of the audience raised their hands agreeing they had been raised with a religious background.

“We all have a chance to become leaders and to participate in the political process,” Chiabi said.

“The question then is: Are you going to have your religion influence your issues, or are you going to take issues based on your religious beliefs?”

Defining Democracy will explore major issues and educate

BY DAVID BIEN

Highline is going to try to define democracy this fall and give at least three examples.

Defining Democracy is a series of programs and discussions exploring major issues in the current election and in our political times. It is designed to educate students, staff, and other attendees about political issues relevant to them.

Journalism Department Chairwoman Susan Landgraf’s passion for democracy is what got the program started.

“My grandparents were immigrants,” Landgraf said. “Grandma spoke of how great America was and I believed that, and I still do.”

Over time lies, deceit, and scandals in the government frustrated Landgraf.

She took action. She spoke to the president of Highline and got the proposal for the first Defining Democracy program approved.

Over the years, many of the staff and faculty have volunteered their time to keep the program alive, Landgraf commented.

This events week are specially scheduled hopes of getting non-registered voters signed up.

The deadline for voter registration is this Saturday.

The events featured this year are as follows:


• Who votes? Who doesn’t? US and international perspectivists, Monday, Oct. 9, 11-11:50 a.m., Student Union, Mt. Constance. Jennifer Jones and T.M. Seley of Princeton University who doesn’t vote, why they don’t, and how why other democracies around the world have higher voter turnouts.

• Empire and Democracy: Are they compatible? Wednesday, Oct. 11, 10-10:50 a.m., Student Union, Mt. Constance. Dawood said he will discuss the paradox and lessons of the simultaneous growth of the U.S. and European integration.

• Democracy and Education, Wednesday, Oct. 18, 11-11:50 a.m., Building 2. Tim McDonald and Parnes will discuss the problems with under-educated people and how it effects our democracy.

• Latino Awareness Week, Oct. 16-20. Additional programs sponsored by the student United Latino Association.

• State Legislative Candidate Forum, Monday, Oct. 23, 12-1

9-11:50 a.m., Student Union, Mt. Constance. Short candidate presentations followed by legislative district conversations.

• Current Issue Town Hall Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 25, evening. Sponsored by the student Paralegal Association.

• Defining Democrat, Defining Republican, Thursday, Oct. 26, 10-10:50 a.m., Student Union, Mt. Constance. Jeff Ward discusses what it means to be a liberal, conservative, progressive, and libertarian in the U.S.

• Immigration and our Democracy: A panel, Tuesday, Oct. 31, 9-9:50 a.m., Student Union, Mt. Constance. Rollta Ezemz will the moderating a panel that will discuss issues and challenges surrounding who gets to stay in the United States.

• Visual and Information Literacy: The current campaigns Thursday, Nov. 2, 11-11:50 a.m. Student Union, Mt. Constance. Susan Landgraf and a speaker from the Society of Professional Journalists goes the question, “How do we know what we read and see about candidates and initiatives is true?”

Updated information can be found on the website at http://www.highline.cc.wa.us/de-mocracy.

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Hopes are high for caucuses to inspire change, leadership

By SHIRVONI HAYNES

Four groups of students hope to make changes on campus and in the community.

As part of last year's reorganization of Student Programs, a series of student leadership caucuses, have replaced Team Highline, Ambassadors Club and Student Government.

"These changes were done with the intention of including more leadership opportunities for students," said Natasha Burrows, assistant director of Student Programs.

"We will continue to host The Blend, a musical concert series performed live in The Bistro Coffee Lounge, and we are currently looking for students to help plan the Spring '07 boat cruise," said Burrows.

The caucuses were organized at a Student Program Conference in August.

Several students were invited by Student Program officials to attend the conference and help create ideas that would influence more students to become leaders and get involved on campus.

As a result, Student Programs established caucuses by connecting students with similar interests to become active in bringing awareness to social issues.

Student Programs supports each student caucus by providing building space for meetings, financial support, faculty guidance and instruction.

"The goal and focus of Student Programs is to empower students to become leaders by helping them create their own events from a grass roots level," said Burrows.

Currently there are four established student caucuses.

The Empowered Education caucus hopes to help disadvantaged students overcome obstacles that would hinder their education.

The Helping Hands caucus is a group of students who are concerned with meeting the basic needs of others, by providing resources for food, clothing and shelter.

Rich has new book

Susan Rich introduces her new book, "Curate Include Travel" with a poetry reading.

The reading will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 8 in Seattle at Open Books Poetry Emporium located at 2414 North 45th Street. All are encouraged to support Rich.

Global Health caucus members plan to educate and discuss major health concerns such as AIDS awareness, eating disorders, and cancer/disease prevention.

The Political Action caucus seeks to get others involved with political issues, organize voter registration and discussion panels.

"One challenge is that the idea of caucuses is so new that the implementation of the new program is still evolving. It is sort of like building a race car while driving it," said Jonathan Brown, Associate Dean of Student Programs.

If students are interested in joining a caucus, they should contact the Caucus Director Graybill at jgraybill@highline.edu.

Graybill was appointed by the Student Government president, Daniel Nordstrom, and Vice President Paul Pittman.

She is responsible for providing resources, support and representation for all the caucuses at Student Government meetings.

"Our vision is to have at least 50 students, including night and weekend students, in each caucus participating in the caucuses. It not only looks good on a resume, but it gives students the basic leadership skills they will need in life," said Graybill.

If a student would like to create a new caucus, they must attend an Student Government meeting to become recognized and approved.

They should also have a mission statement regarding their purpose and comply with the regulations of the college.

"There is power in numbers, and if students would join forces based on their common interest, they could make a positive impact on campus and in the world," said Graybill.

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For more distance learning information and for registration go to http://highline.hilghlin.edu/distanted
Help wanted: Center seeks more tutors

By Ashley DeMan
Staff reporter

As it opens, the Tutoring Center is actively seeking more tutors.

The Tutoring Center is open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday until 1 p.m. and closed on weekends. You can just drop by; no ap- pointment is necessary.

The Tutoring Center is located in Building 26, room 309 and there is no fee for the use of the Tutoring Center.

"What is a better place to provide you with a good learning community than the Tutoring Center?" asks Co-Director Sara Alkhalili.

Right now there are 40 to 45 tutors, and more are needed.

Alkhalili, and the center's other co-director, Kate Skelton, are looking for responsible students with good people skills.

Christopher Thomas, who is the lead tutor for the Writing Center (which is located within the Tutoring Center), says that his department is looking for tutors as well.

"We've been really short-handed," Thomas said.

"There hasn't been a lot of turnover from old writing consultants. We have a lot of new courses, but not enough of them," Thomas said.

Despite the lack of tutors, Thomas plans to continue serv- ing students.

"We want to help people become better writers by helping them understand their own writing," Thomas said.

Thomas said that helping writers understand their work means addressing issues on all levels, not just helping someone work out grammar patterns.

Sometimes, Thomas said, writers just need a new perspec- tive on their work.

"You don't have to come in with a bunch of problems on your paper. You can come in to get some feedback on it, to get another set of eyes.

All you have to do is fill out an application, have at least a 3.0 GPA, and a recommendation from an instructor who knows the subject you would like to work with.

At this moment tutors are needed in every subject. The pay for being a tutor is $7.63 per hour.

Remember "education is what you invest in it. The more you invest the greater the award," said Alkhalili.

The Tutoring Center provides a place and resources towards that goal.

For more information about how to become a tutor, contact the Tutoring Center at 206-878-3710, ext. 3444.

State board calls for standardized course numbers

By Joce Olson
Staff reporter

Some state officials think that all community and technical colleges should have similar course numbers. But some college officials don't feel that way.

Common course numbering is a renaming of the community and technical college's equiva- lent courses with the same course identification number and title.

Washington has 34 commu- nity and technical colleges.

The director of Educational Services for the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, Jan Yoshi- wara, explained that the new numbering system will make it clearer to students on what they have taken.

"Common course numbering is primarily for students who move between two-year colleges," Yoshiwara said.

Students won't have to go to a translation table to see if a course they took at one college is called something else at another college, Yoshiwara explained.

At Highline Writing 101 would be similar to English 101 at Bellevue and English 100 at Green River.

Some college officials believe that common course numbering is not necessary.

"The goal of common course numbering is to ease student transfer," said Highline Presi- dent Dr. Priscilla Bell. "Every president of transferring students. However, I don't see common course numbering as the best vehicle towards that goal."

"The negatives would far outweigh any little benefit that would result," said President of the Highline College Education Association Ruth Windhover.

Windhover said that Highline doesn't believe there is a problem because there is already an agreement between the commu- nity college and the state uni- versities about transferring. "Whether the common course numbering goes through or not, the student's transcripts will still have to be evaluated," Windhov- er said. "We believe that a system is already in place and that common course numbering is not needed."

Highline is not the only col- lege with concerned officials.

"The current plan for common course numbering will have very little positive impact on students, because it is being done without the participation of the four-year universities," said Art Goss, curriculum ad- visory committee chairman for Bellevue Community College.

Goss explained that the plan would force colleges to change about 90 percent of all the courses names and numbers.

"The only possible value to changing all our courses' names and numbers would be to help students transfer between the 34 state community and technical colleges," Goss said.

The numbering system is de- signed to help students transfer, Goss said that some students will only become confused.

"Many students self-advise, and often waste time and money taking courses they don't need. Such students will be espe- cially hard-hit by the chaos that will result after we change all the names and numbers of our courses," Goss said.

Windhover explained that the solution for students is more advising.

Also officials are concerned with the lack of faculty input. A number of colleges have expressed concern because facul- ty have not been involved, Windhover said.

"All other states who did this had heavy faculty participation and the four-year institutions on board," said Goss.

"If the program goes through for Highline it means a great deal of work and expense to make the change over," Windhov- er said.

Common course numbers is starting at some schools. "The colleges are working right now to change their course num- bers," said Jan Yoshiwara.
Sleep study program off to fast start

BY BETH S. ELLIOTT
staff reporter

Students are rapidly waking up to Highline's new Polysomnography Technology Program. After three years of planning, the new program made its debut this fall. So far, the program has been a success, a director says. With more than 50 applicants this year, Program Manager Nicki Bly says the program should continue to succeed.

Polysomnography is used to diagnose sleep disorders through monitoring brain activity. Students interested in the medical field may want to consider becoming a Polysomnographic Technologist. As the field continues to grow, technicians are in high demand, Bly said.

"Polysomnographic technologists are medical professionals that work in state-of-the-art laboratories where they assess patients and prepare them for sleep studies," Bly said.

"They use highly sophisticated computer monitors to monitor and analyze sleep patterns to help physicians diagnose and treat sleep disorders." Bly warns students to be prepared for the unusual schedule. Most will work overnight in these clinics. An ideal candidate for polysomnography will also possess computer skills and work well with people.

These classes work well for people with hectic schedules. The courses begin with on-line lecture classes. Following the lectures, students will be lab experience and clinical internships.

Because all major hospitals have some type of sleep program, internships are available in all areas, Bly said. Entry-level technicians can average $20 an hour. These positions can also lead to other careers in the field, Bly said. The Polysomnography Department offers two degree programs. The first is a three-quarter certification course, ideal for someone with medical experience. The second is a seven-quarter associate of applied science program more ideal for new students.

The program is funded by a High Demand grant. Highline received $128,000, Bly said.

Highline will receive the grant every year, as this is a continuous grant.

If you think you may be interested, Bly strongly suggests taking a tour of a sleep clinic. There are more than 30 in Washington. Once a student, you may also sign up for an overnight observation.

Suicide
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wasn't going to jump immediately they would begin to start yelling "jump."

When people passing by realized what the man was doing up there, they either responded with laughter or with shouts of "jump.

Several people got out of their cars and sat on the ground yelling profanities and "jump" at the man.

People walking across the street near a bar and a drive-through espresso stand, also yelled at the man.

One man going into the bar yelled, "You think you've got problems? Look at me, and I'm not up there."

Every time people got too loud the police cleared the area saying given that the extra attention was only encouraging him.

Cars lined up in the parking lot of Sze Wo Chinese Restaurant to watch the spectacle.

One customer in the restaurant was Highline Employment and Retention Coordinator Aaron Reader.

Reader was in the restaurant for almost the whole duration of time the man was on the roof.

"I was pretty surprised. I got there when it was just him talking to the one security guard," Reader said. "I was a little confused because I didn't know if he was a student."

Reader said he'd never seen a person like that before. "It's like something you see on TV," said Reader. "I had a lot of mixed thoughts after watching it."

Reader said he didn't himself hear people yelling jump, but he heard about it later.

"There were a lot of things that I saw and I heard that surprised me," Reader said.

Class soaks up remaining sun

Highline Community College/Central Washington University

FALL JOB FAIR

When? Oct. 18, from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm
Where? Highline Student Union Building

This event is open to the general public as well as Highline and CWU students

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