Bus routes bring outsiders to campus

Bus stop gives non-students easy access to Higher Education Center

By Angela McClurg
Staff Reporter

The end of the line is the start of events for Building 29. The bus stop directly in front of the Higher Education Center has many faculty and staff members concerned about unknown persons who come off the bus from Downtown Seattle and wander through the hallways, especially late at night.

But the security supervisor, Richard Noyer, says there are no more incidents that occur at the Higher Education Center than any other part of campus. Four main bus lines run through Highline from downtown (121, 122, 131 and 132). They start at 6:55 a.m. and run till 1:24 a.m. the next day. Each bus runs through Highline every 30 minutes. At night they stop around every 10 to 15 minutes.

It is a concern for the students who have to wait for the bus because there are so many people that don’t go to the school getting on and off said Paul Hirsh, a professor at CWU for managing and marketing. “Especially during summer time, you get a lot of unsavory characters lying around the bushes drunk.”

People are always getting off the bus and coming in here, said Lisa Conger, the faculty secretary for CWU. Sometimes faculty members will ask her to call security about unauthorized people hanging out in the hallways. One time a bum was found shaving in the bathroom. If they were to build the building over, they should put

See Bus Stop / P12

College plans to conjure up fresh marketing magic

By Carrie Draeger
Staff Reporter

Jason Prenovost and Lisa Skari are kicking around marketing ideas, hoping to score more students for Highline in the future.

“You don’t just develop a marketing plan overnight,” Director of Marketing Jason Prenovost said.

Marketing Highline involves looking at research and data to decide what the college’s needs are and how Highline can address those needs, said Prenovost and Vice President of Institutional Advancement Skari.

“One of the challenges is the involvement from sources all across campus. Student Surveys taken on campus in mid-October will be back in mid- to late December. Eight hundred students participated in the survey.

“We are making all of our decisions off of research and data,” Prenovost said.

One of Skari’s and Prenovost’s goals for the college is to create a common language for how the college communicates with the surrounding community and prospective students.

“(For example) when we talk about business pathways, they understand that can mean anything from accounting to marketing,” Prenovost said.

Prenovost plans to host a working lunch in December to discuss the importance of being consistent with terms and descriptions across campus with campus deans, staff and faculty members.

“Sometimes what you write and what they read are two different things,” Prenovost said.

Advertising is another concern for Prenovost and Skari. “Part of our job is to create some buzz,” Skari said.

The buzz may be building; visits to Highline’s website have increased over the last year. According to statistics from Google Analytics, Highline’s main webpage was visited 119,676 times in October 2007. This was over 37,000 more visits than October 2006, which only had 82,215 website visits.

One of Highline’s major online advertising campaigns is called Experiences for a Lifetime.

The Experiences for a Lifetime ads tell the stories of five people, four Highline graduates and one professor, and their interactions at Highline and beyond.

Jason Prenovost

The stories include the tale of professional basketball player
Student sustains injuries while using the stairs

A female student fell down the stairs on the east side of Building 19, injuring her head and back on Nov. 14. She had extreme pain in her lower back. King County medical arrived on the scene at 10:55 a.m. to take the patient to the Highline Hospital.

Stuck student vanishes from elevator

Security received an emergency call on Nov. 13, at 3 p.m. saying that a student was stuck in the elevator in Building 8. When an officer arrived on the south side to take care of the problem no one was there. An officer took a ride in the same elevator to check its performance, everything checked out as being normal, and the call was cleared.

Vending machine has moving experience

Security received a phone call from a printing staff member in Building 16 saying that the vending machine had been moved as if someone had tried to break into it. The call was received on Nov. 12, at 7:50 a.m.

Sparring students should get gym memberships

Men were reported fighting outside of Building 26 on Nov. 9, at 2:50 p.m. An officer made contact with three male students waiting for the gym memberships.

Careless trucker clips roof

A rental truck struck the northwest corner of the roof of Building 27 on Nov. 9, at 12:50 p.m. on the south side of Building 26. An officer made contact with three male students waiting for the Library building to open. They said that they had just been playing around. They were very cooperative with the security officer, and everything checked out as alright.

Lost and found

A silver diamond ring with a pink stone in the center was found on Nov. 12, at 10:45 a.m. in the women’s restroom in Building 19.

Highline will host an open house for Fitness Trainers

Students can learn more about a career in Personal Fitness Training at an open house taking place today.

Security received a phone call on the south side of Building 26. An officer made contact with three students waiting for the gym memberships.

Students can win free art supplies promoting MaST

Art Students can win big prizes by drawing fishes. The MaST Center on the second floor of the library will give Art Students who submit a $100 certificate, second place will receive a $50 certificate, and third place will receive a $25 certificate.

Co-Opportunity: Cooperative Education

Don’t miss out on this opportunity to assist criminal justice and social services students!

The Court Resource Center will introduce the Intern to a coordinator position that blends criminal justice and social services, facilitating resources and services. Intern will develop solid working knowledge of the Center and available community resources.

Student Jobs

Donation Center Attendant

Job #3302

Part Time/Full Time: Assist people with donations, issue receipts for goods, maintain area and communicate with dispatcher.

When: Flexible hours

Where: Puget Sound Area

How Much: $10-11/hr

Office Assistant

Job #3240

Part Time: Provide reception services for the Child Development Program. Duties include customer service, administration and clerical support such as filing and data entry.

When: Mon 12:15pm-5:00pm

How Much: $10-11/hr

For more information, log on to Interfase at www.myinterfase.com/highline/student or visit Student Employment in Building 6.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at Highline Community College

2400 S. 240th Street, Des Moines, WA 98032

on Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

in the Mt. Skokomish Room (Building 8, 2nd floor)

for the purpose of reviewing proposed revisions to the

Highline Community College Rights & Responsibilities Code

WAC 1231-120

The Public is Welcome

For questions, please call (206) 878-3710 ext. 3351
Club sets out to educate students on finances

By Melody Ericksen  
Staff Reporter

Students need to spend less and save more, and it's never too early to start investing, Leslie Lum and Bill Webster said at Investor Education Week events held last week.

Investor Education Week was an event that was put on by the Student Small Capital Investment Club (SSCIC) in order to attract people to their club. The presenters searched the law and put together a PowerPoint presentation to inform the Highline community of their rights. Information about the law and options will be given by the paralegal students.

The presentation will be broken up in three sections: The overview of the Landlord-Tenant Law, followed by the 10 most common problems tenants face with their landlords, and finished with an overview of tenants' rights in the eviction process.

The presentation is supervised by Neilson.

Know your rights as a tenant, attend paralegal presentation

By Shannon Clary  
Staff Reporter

Anybody who is confused about their rights as a tenant should attend a presentation hosted by Highline paralegal students today in the Higher Education Building.

Jessica Neilson, an instructor in the Paralegal Program, hopes this presentation will be the first of what may become a Highline Legal Clinic. The presentation will be in Building 29, room 101 from noon to 1 p.m.

Washington’s Landlord-Tenant Law is not known by everyone, and that can be a problem, Neilson said. The law defines the minimum duties of landlords and tenants in their housing situations.

If the landlord or the tenant does not carry through with their duties it can lead to solutions such as eviction or reduced rent.

The Paralegal Program at Highline wants people to know their rights as a tenant and the landlord’s rights.

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She has faced problems herself with landlords over issues such as the rules on painting walls a different color and getting her security deposit back.

“Some landlords take advantage of people who don’t know their rights,” Neilson said.

Most people who are new to renting or coming from a different country do not know their rights, and landlords most of the time will not tell them what they are.

“Students can benefit most from learning what landlords can and can’t do. The tenant has the right to withhold rent, some people don’t know that,” Neilson said.

Major problems that will be discussed are: What is reasonable wear and tear of a rental house or apartment, the conditions of painting walls, and how much of the security deposit a renter can get back.

Three paralegal students are running the presentation. This is their first year in the paralegal program. They volunteered to do this, and are not receiving any extra credit points.

However, Neilson hopes that in return they will get the experience of learning about the law, public speaking experience, and also the practice of giving a smooth presentation.

Highline, showed students several sites on the internet that could give students information on investing in stocks.

Webster said that it is important to start saving at an early age, in order to get a head start on taking control of your finances and managing them wisely.

A lot of people start saving when they are old, so they don’t have that much time to save, said Webster.

Webster said that a good way to start saving up more money is to invest it. There are a lot of different sites where you can look up stocks. Webster showed students at the event different sites that can be used as good research databases when you are researching stocks you are thinking of investing in.

Webster cited Morningstar.com as a really useful web site for researching and keeping track of stocks.

“This web site is totally free, you can create a watch list on this site,” Webster said. “All you have to do is enter the stock symbol, and it will give you the company, the market value, the going rate, the five year rate of return, and so on.”

This site allows you to keep track of how certain companies’ stocks are doing, Webster said.

It is very important to do your research before you invest, Webster said.

Another helpful place to look at stocks is the web site value-line.com; this site comes out with new stock reports every Friday.

Value Line also covers 1,700 companies, Webster said. The high and low for that stock is also shown.

“Doing it this way (researching) would take a lot of risk out of investing in stocks,” Webster said. “It still takes nerve to invest in stocks; 25-30 percent of these will probably declare bankruptcy.”

“Timeliness is very important too,” Webster said. “Stocks are rated on how they are expected to do within the next 12 months.”

“The two things I look for when buying stock is that it has a good dividend yield of 3 percent and that it is expected to increase rapidly over the next couple of years,” Webster said.

“Right now is the time to be buying.”

Webster also teaches basic money managing and an investment.

People interested in joining the SSCIC, the first meeting is on Monday, Nov. 19 in Building 10, room 101 at 1 p.m.
Editorial comment

It is time to get into the holiday spirit by giving to others

We are now approaching the holiday season, which means it’s time to give to others. Many people think giving just comes down to writing a check to some charity, but it can be so much more. Although writing checks to charities is important and is giving, it’s not the only way, and many people can’t afford to give money away, even if it’s for a good cause.

You can give by donating your time. Volunteer at some soup kitchen or homeless shelter or at some charity event. There are many food banks in the area that need volunteers. The Des Moines area food bank needs volunteers every weekday from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The Tukwila Food Pantry also needs more volunteers so they can be open one more day a week.

The Federal Way food bank is also looking for more volunteers Monday through Friday. The Federal Way Multi-Service Center is looking for volunteers to: tend, sort clothing donations, help pick up donations from houses, and help with special projects. White Center Food Bank needs more volunteers. White Center has the ninth highest rate of hunger in the nation.

Highline is having its annual Giving Tree this year. The Giving Tree is a way you can sponsor kids who otherwise wouldn’t get anything for Christmas. That is an easy and pretty inexpensive way to give this holiday season.

This year the Giving Tree is trying to sponsor 90 kids, and so far only 30 are sponsored. If you cannot afford to donate money for people and you don’t have time to volunteer, then just try to be nice to people. Open a door for an old lady, talk to a stranger, and smile at people.

These are easy things that can brighten up someone’s day. Make it a priority to spend more time with your family and friends. Get in touch with your family members you haven’t seen in a while. You can call old friends and see what they have been up to. Get in touch with the people you have been meaning to, but haven’t had the time.

The holiday season is a unique time of year where you can give to people in a variety of ways. This year make sure you give to someone.

International students struggle with English

In the Nov. 8, 2007 Thunderword, there was an article on language barriers that our international students (both immigrant and international students) encountered. It got me thinking about the increase of our immigrant and refugee population at Highline. According to the SBCTC (State Board of Community and Technical Colleges), Highline currently has the largest population of immigrant/refugee students of all the community and technical colleges in the state of Washington.

What does that mean for us as a college community?

Well, with the increase of immigrant students on our campus, we will continue to hear of language transitions that our immigrant students will encounter.

Not only that, our immigrant students are also faced with other challenges that happen inside and outside of the classroom.

For those of us who were born and raised in the United States for all of our lives, can you imagine having to leave our homeland and immigrating to another country due to war or for the hopes of having more opportunities? In this transition, it would also mean that you would have to maneuver and understand the intricate workings of educational, political, social, religious, and day-to-day systems, to name a few, along with learning a whole new language.

When I teach speech communication, our textbook by Rodman and Adler states that we have acquired over years the tools and strategies that we have acquired over years of living in the United States on a day-to-day basis.

It was Nelson Mandela who stated, “If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart.” Let us listen to one another and reflect and pause and celebrate our humanity.

Rolita Ezeonu teaches speech and communication at Highline.

Write to us

The Thunderword encourages letters to the editor and columns from the college community.

Editorial cartoons on timely subjects also may be considered.

Due to limited space, please limit your submission to 500 words or less.
Intrepid couple weave digital travel diary in Library gallery show

By Satori Johnson
Staff Reporter

S taring into the photo, you can almost transport yourself to the narrow alleyways of Provence or to the medieval cathedrals of London. For most of us, this may be the only vacation away from school work and the Seattle rain we are able to take until the quarter is over.

The November art gallery displays photographs from all over England, France and the U.S. The gallery is on display on the fourth floor of the Library for the Highline community to see, free of charge.

The featured artists of the November Library art display, Patricia and Bruce Overman, have chronicled their journeys around the world with photography.

A couple dozen prints hang on the display walls of the Library. There are photos of national monuments in Washington D.C. reflected off the midnight blue water, the sunset on the coast of Maui, and Crow Island Zoo where the World Trade Center stood. The viewer can take a journey through Europe and see its beautiful landscapes and many architectural wonders.

Their motivation for participating in the art showcase is simply to see how students, faculty and staff react to their work. They say that they want to take their photography in a direction that moves their audience.

“What we want is not the money, as much as the feedback,” Patricia Overman said.

The Overmans are graduates of Highline and continue to take classes including photography and French. Bruce Overman says that they look forward to taking a foreign language class so that they can communicate more easily with the people they meet during their trips to Europe.

Patricia Overman is administrative assistant at the Library’s Instructional Resources Administration Department. Bruce Overman retired 10 years ago as a captain in the King County Sheriff’s Office. He said that his retirement allows for more time to spend on doing what they love -- travel and take pictures.

The Overmans say that their love for photography started in high school where they spent their time in dark rooms. When they married, their family and careers took precedence. They said that this led to the loss of time and priority for their photography. Now that their children have grown up and moved out, they say their passion for photography has been rekindled.

Their passion for photography and for travel goes hand in hand Patricia Overman says. They said that the history, culture and people of these foreign places are what inspire Cardenas said that his character is the typical mafia mobster type. He said that his character is ruthless and does not care about anyone else.

“it’s a new experience,” Cardenas said of the opportunity he has to play a different role.

Cardenas said that the biggest challenge for him this quarter is the long hours he has dedicated to the production. He said that although his lines were not very difficult, he has put a lot of time into rehearsing for the play.

“I’m excited for Earth and Sky,” said Cardenas.

Earth and Sky opens tonight at 8 p.m. and is scheduled to run Friday, Nov. 16, and Saturday, Nov. 17 and after Thanksgiving weekend Thursday, Nov. 29, Friday, Nov. 30, and Saturday, Dec. 1 in the Little Theatre, Building 4, room 122. All showings of Earth and Sky begin at 8 p.m.

Ticket prices are $7 for students and seniors and $8 for everyone else.
ARTS CALENDAR

The Highline Drama Department presents Earth and Sky by Douglas Post, Nov. 15, 16, 17, 29, 30 and Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. in the Little Theater, Building 4.

Earth and Sky is a murder mystery with a romantic love story running through it. This is a tale with big surprises and fascinating characters familiar to readers and watchers of this most popular genre.

Tickets are available at the door: $7 students and seniors, $8 general admission.

Digital travel photography by Bruce and Patricia Overman will be featured at the Highline Library Gallery in November.

The Overmans have merged their love of travel with their interest in photography to create printed images that they hope will rekindle memories of places you have visited or perhaps inspire you to make your own journey.

-Douglas Remy's paintings will be on exhibit through Nov. 29, at the Kent Centennial Center Gallery, 400 W. Gowen St, Kent.

Remy creates abstract 3D mixed-media wall-art combining painted and sculpted elements to create larger-than-life mixed media sculptures.

-Magical Strings will perform its 21st Annual Celtic Yuletide Concert, Sunday, Dec. 9, 3 p.m. at the Kent-Meridian Performing Arts Center.

Tickets: $20 general, $16 student/senior, $62 family pack (2 adults, 2 children.)

For tickets, visit the Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, Monday-Friday 6 a.m.-9 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; or call 253-856-5051, or go to www.ticketturtle.com.

Quotable Quote

If at first you don't succeed, try, try, again. Then quit. There's no use in being a damn fool about it.

* * * W.C. Fields

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Place a number in each empty box in such a way that each row, each column, and each small 3x3 square contains all of the numbers 1-9.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: **

* Moderate ** Challenging *** HOO BOY!

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T-Birds freeze Penguins in NWAACC quarterfinals

Highline women beat Clark, look forward to playing Walla Walla next

By Nick Bare
Staff Reporter

SEATAC - The Lady T-Birds soccer team is one step closer to becoming a champ.

No. 1 ranked Walla Walla now stands in the way of Highline, with the two teams squaring off in a semifinal match this Saturday in Tukwila.

Highline earned its trip to the NWAACC final four with a shootout victory over Clark, while the undefeated Warriors punched their ticket with a 4-3 victory over Lane.

The third-round playoff game will be played at Starfire Stadium in Tukwila this Saturday at 11:30 a.m. The other semifinal will pit Clackamas (17-2-2) against Shoreline (13-4-2) at 9 a.m.

Shoreline ended Tacoma’s season 2-0 and Clackamas beat Columbia Basin in a shootout in the other quarterfinal matches.

Highline came through against Clark last Saturday at Valley Ridge Field in the third tight contest for the two teams this season.

After 90 minutes of regulation play, the score was tied 1-1. Highline’s only goal came off the foot of sophomore Lindsey McGlothlin on a feed by NWAACC assists leader Kelsey Lusebrink.

Clark’s goal came with only six minutes left in regulation when they took advantage of a Highline team that looked a little tired.

In front of a crowded net, Clark’s Kelsey Smith was able to punch it in off the feed from defender Katie Carothers.

Highline Co-Head Coach Valerie Muehling said the fatigue was due to the team’s lack of reserves. Hampered by injuries all year, the T-Birds had only 12 players available, leaving only one on the bench.

Two sudden-death overtime periods of 10 minutes each followed regulation play. When neither team scored in overtime, the match went to penalty kicks.

Since Highline had tied Clark twice earlier in the year, Highline’s coaching staff had the “Birds ready for a shootout.

“We had prepared all week for one (a shootout),” Muehling said.

Muehling was very confident of her team’s chances to win the shootout due to Highline’s ability to put the ball in the net.

“Every single one of our players has a strong and accurate PK (penalty kick) shot,” Muehling said.

The Lady T-Birds won the shootout 4-3 with scores by Lusebrink, Whitney Lynch, Danielle Diaz, and Maria Mazur.

Highline’s only miss was by McGlothlin, whose shot went a little high and right.

Lady T-Bird goalkeeper Brianna Lemarr denied Clark’s Christa Lopas and Cecilia Newman in the shootout.

Coach Muehling was very impressed with the team’s play on Saturday.

“The team played incredible. I am impressed with the amount of heart and tenacity they played with along with their mental toughness,” Muehling said.

Muehling said she was even more impressed with the outcome of the shootout because of Lemarr’s great saves and the team’s ability to score on their penalty kicks.

Highline will need to continue to score this Saturday as they take on Walla Walla.

The Warriors were 21-0-1 in the regular season and only gave up eight goals on the year while scoring 126.

But that was mostly against teams from the East.

Walla Walla played South Region champion Lane in their first playoff game last Saturday and pulled off a narrow 4-3 victory.

Although most teams weren’t able to keep up with the Warriors this season, Lane proved otherwise.

The Titans were tied with the Warriors through most of the game until Corrie Mcneill scored the game winning goal in the 88th minute.

Muehling predicts a good game Saturday against the Warriors and said her team will need to continue playing its game to win.

“We will need to continue to play as we have been the whole game: with mental toughness, heart and the desire to win,” Muehling said.

Another key will be shutting down the Warriors’ forwards, who led the NWAACC in goals this season. Candice Duffey led the conference with 28 goals while teammate Mcneill was second with 24 goals.

Throughout the season Walla Walla didn’t seem to have any weaknesses in its game, but Highline will be out to find some this Saturday.

“Every team has weaknesses that you can exploit, and we will do our best to exploit Walla Walla’s Saturday,” Muehling said.

Although the Warriors went through the season undefeated, Coach Muehling says she is confident about her team’s chances for a victory.

“Walla Walla is definitely beatable, and I believe we are the team to do just that,” Muehling said. 
T-birds lose in NWAACC quarterfinals

By Rachel Comstock
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's soccer team lost to the Quarterfinals of NWAACCS men's tournament to Whatcom in a shootout. The T-Birds outplayed and out shot Whatcom but it wasn’t enough, said Head Coach Jason Prenovost.

The T-Birds and Whatcom were tied 0-0 at the end of regular game time which caused them to go into a shootout. The T-Birds couldn’t pull it off at the end with Whatcom winning the shootout by a score of 7-6.

“Whatcom came out ready to play in the first 20 minutes and we just weren’t ready for them,” said Prenovost.

After seeing how fired up Whatcom was, the T-Birds stepped up their game and took control, said Prenovost. Highline and Whatcom fought back and forth all throughout the game, taking as many shots as they could, but both goal keepers wouldn’t let anything through.

“We had many chances to score but we just couldn’t finish,” said forward Edward Walugembe.

The T-Birds ended their season with a 10-2-5 record. The T-Birds had a very young team this year with only six sophomores returning and 17 freshmen coming to play.

“We had a very young team this year and they did a great job coming together as a team,” said Prenovost.

Adding to the successful season was defender Aldo Palomino, who led the team with 10 goals. Right behind Palomino was defender Josh Ambrozick and midfielder Tony Maxwell, who both had five goals.

“We had a lot of ups and downs this season, and should have won a lot of the games we tied,” said Walugembe.

The T-Birds tied with Clark twice, Bellevue, Peninsula, and Spokane. A lot of the games they tied like Peninsula they should have won they just underperformed, said Walugembe.

Even though the season is over for the T-Birds each player will have a meeting with the coaches to decide if they're coming back next year.

“Many of our players have been offered scholarships at four-year schools,” said Prenovost.

Highline wins three duals over the weekend, improving to 4-1

By Mark Maras
Staff Reporter

It is going to take much more than a head-and-arm to take down Highline's wrestling team.

On Friday, Highline wrestled Southwestern Oregon Community College in a dual meet and won, 25-18.

After Highline was done wrestling in Coos Bay, Ore. around 5 p.m. on Friday, the team drove to Salem to spend a night at a motel.

Then at 7:30 a.m. the next morning, they made a five-hour drive to Auburn, where they had another dual tournament at Mt View High School where the team was up against Yakima Valley Community College and Simon Fraser University.

Highline dominated Yakima Valley, only losing one match and forfeiting 133 pound weight class.

The T-Birds also came out on top against Simon Fraser, 27-22.

Highline ended up winning all three dual meets this past weekend, making its season record 4-1.

The individual results from this weekend were not available at press time.

Making that long commute, where the wrestlers are riding in a van for so many hours and then having to go out onto the mat and wrestle, would have an effect on anyone, but yet Highline’s team continues to stay strong, despite these long van rides.

“The wrestling team has been through hell in the past two weeks with all these long van rides. But these guys [the team] this year are competitors.

Craig Jackson tries to pin his opponent.

The commute is brutal because they’re sitting in a van for so many hours and it’s tough to go through.

But these guys this year are well-rounded and have the attitude of wanting to win,” says Highline Coach Scott Norton.

“You really can’t coach desire. But these guys want to win.

One of the things we did this year that I haven’t done in the past is talk to each of the wrestlers individually and go over the goals and expectations of what they hope to do throughout the year and Nationals,” Norton said.

The Nationals take place in February, and that is the wrestling team’s primary goal.

One of the wrestling captains, Anthony Zender, is expecting great things to come out of the team this year.

“One of the main reasons we did so well this weekend is because we’re starting to come together as a team. In the beginning of the season, you don’t know what the team is capable of, but as the season goes on, you start to bond together more and the encouragement levels go up,” says Zender.

The wrestling team will usually start out practice with running around the track for about twenty minutes, and then start drilling.

“In practice every time we wrestle in practice, we wrestle as if we’re doing a match,” says Zender. “It’s not practice that makes us perfect, it’s perfect practice.”

Despite the busy schedule of wrestling practice and meets, the wrestlers also have to focus on their school work and passing their classes.

“A lot of people think of the stereotype of a wrestler as a dumb jock. But you got to be working hard at school and doing your homework, also going to practice, as well as cutting weight, which means that you may not be able to eat as big of a meal as you wish you could. You really have a lot to juggle,” says Zender.

The next meet will be the Best of the West Tournament this weekend in Medford, Ore., where Highline will be up against some Division I wrestling teams.

“I think our team knows how to compete. I think this year’s team is better than last year’s. Our guys are confident and have an expectation to win,” Norton said. “We’re going to be a tough team to beat this year.”
Sports

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Lady T-Birds’ season opens with hopes of success

By James Jensen
Staff Reporter

The women’s basketball team hopes to repeat as West Division champs.

“Last year we had to depend on other teams to lose to become the West Division champs. We don’t want that to happen this year. We want to win it on our own. Obviously every team’s goal is to be league champs and go to the NWAACC tourney and win it,” Head Coach Amber Rowe Mosley said.

Highline finished fifth in last year’s NWAACC tournament.

The T-Birds have 12 players on the team but have been missing two players, Whitney Lynch and Anya Serebryakov, due to the women’s soccer playoffs. Vanessa Baines, a 5’7” sophomore guard, is a very experienced player. Last year she made the all-league second team.

Highline has a lot more sophomores on the team this year: Vanessa Baines, Kerstin Torrescano, Valerie Cook, Tammie Hilla, Jasamine McEachern, and Serebryakov.

The big difference between high school ball and college basketball is the speed of the game. All of the sophomores have really stepped up leadership wise and helping out the freshman, Coach Mosley said.

“I let the team vote on a captain. They voted Tammie Hilla (5’3” sophomore guard). She is one of the hardest workers on the team. She has also stepped up vocally,” Mosley said.

Highline lost some key players from last year. Olen-thia Dishmon, NWAACC all-star, graduated, and first-team all-league Kim Dodson, and Western Region MVP Samantha Tinned did not return to the team this year.

The team has been a bit and to cancel its annual women vs. faculty game last Friday. It makes it hard to run practices because the team cannot run any five-on-five drills, Coach Mosley said.

Highline opens the season this Friday in the Shoreline Turkey Shoot Out at 8 p.m.

Scoreboard

Women’s Soccer
NWAACC Semifinals Nov. 17
Clackamas vs. Shoreline 9 a.m.
Highline vs. W. Walla 11:30 a.m.
Championships Nov. 18
Third place 1 p.m.
Championship 5 p.m.

Men’s Soccer
NWAACC Semifinals Nov. 17
Jark vs. Whatcom 2 p.m.
Peninsula vs. Spokane 4:30 p.m.
Championships Nov. 18
Third place 3 p.m.
Championship 7 p.m.

Men’s Basketball
Nov. 16
Pierce vs. Whatcom 6 p.m.
NW Indian vs. Tacoma 7 p.m.
Bellevue vs. Spokane 7 p.m.
Highline vs. Peninsula 7 p.m.
Seattle vs. Portland 7 p.m.
G. Harbor vs. Edmonds 7 p.m.
Nov. 17
SW Oregon vs. Centralia 3 p.m.
Blue Mtn. vs. Chemeketa 4 p.m.
G. Harbor vs. Whatcom 4 p.m.
Shoreline vs. V. Valley 4 p.m.
Bellevue vs. C. Basin 5 p.m.

Women’s Basketball
Nov. 16
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Tacoma vs. Peninsula 5 p.m.
Clackamas vs. T. Valley 6 p.m.
C. Basin vs. V. Columbia 6 p.m.
Bellevue vs. Big Bend 6 p.m.
Shoreline Turkey Shoot Out
Shoreline vs. B. Mountain 8 p.m.

November 17
Bellevue vs. C. Basin 3 p.m.
Clackamas vs. Walla Walla 4 p.m.
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Thunderbirds’ season spiked by Gators in playoff

By Carrie Draeger
Staff Reporter

After tying Green River for the last playoff spot in the West Division, Highline’s women’s volleyball team fell just short of beating the Gators in five games.

“It’s not like we played like crap; we went to five games,” freshman setter Lyndsey Reese said.

Highline beat seventh place Centralia 30-23, 30-17, 30-17 Wednesday Nov. 7 and Green River lost to second place Clark 30-23, 30-25, 19-30, and 30-15.

Highline was led by sophomore Lindsey Hovee who had 10 kills, and Reese, who had 35 assists.

The Lady T-Birds and the Gators finished out the regular season with the same league record of 8-6, forcing a playoff between the two teams to decide who would advance to the NWAACC championships this weekend.

After losing the first game to Green River 30-21, Highline came back to win the second game 30-21.

“The first game we weren’t really ready to play in a championship game. ... The second game we woke up,” Reese said.

Highline won the second game 30-21 riding the arm of sophomore outside hitter Mercedes Fernandez. Fernandez had four kills in a row to set up a Highline win.

The Lady Gators came back with a vengeance in the third game building up a substantial lead. Highline was able to get within four before Green River pulled away to win 30-24.

Highline started off the fourth game with a 6-0 run, led by sophomore Lindsay Hovee and scoring on Green River errors.

Highline passing and serving errors allowed Green River to tie the game at 15. The two teams traded the lead back and forth until Highline grabbed the lead 28-27 off of a kill by Fernandez. Two timeouts later Highline picked up their second win of the night on a dump by setter Lyndsey Reese, winning 30-28.

The final game was to 15 points because of playoff regulations. Highline and Green River went back and forth staying tied until Green River pulled away with a 7-4 lead. Highline battled back to 7-6 on back-to-back kills from Hovee and Fernandez.

According to playoff rules, Highline and Green River switched court sides, and Highline left their momentum on the other side of the net. The Lady T-Birds only scored two more points and lost 15-8.

“We played not to lose; we didn’t play to win,” Reese said.

Fernandez led Highline with 29 kills and 17 sets, with Hovee right behind her with 28 kills. Reese had 71 sets and sophomore Chelsea Cagampang added 16 digs.

Fernandez, Hovee, and Cagampang will all be moving after this season and Shannon is nervous about the loss.

“I’m nervous (about next season). ... It’s hard to lose the three best players on your team,” Shannon said.

Fernandez and Hovee were third and fifth on the kills per game list with 4.68 kills per game for Fernandez and 4.3 for Hovee. Reese was fourth on the sets per game list with 10.35.

Fernandez and Hovee are also part of the NWAACC leader board in digs per game. Fernandez is fourth with 5.11 digs per game and Hovee seventh with 4.49.

“IT’s sad to watch our sophomores go, because they brought so much to the team,” Reese said.

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RN to BSN Info Session
Thursday, November 29, 1pm, Bldg 7
Nursing advisors from Seattle Pacific U, UW Bothell & UW Tacoma will be on campus to answer admissions questions. This session is for you if you are currently in Highline’s RN program or plan to be in the future.

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Bigfoot sighted at Highline - in Lonnie Somer's PowerPoint

By Nick Dalton  
Staff Reporter

Bigfoot isn't real, and Dr. Lonnie Somer hasn't spent years of his life trying to prove it. But it was his mentor, Dr. Grover Krantz, who is also a former Sasquatch hunter, that first got him interested in the legendary creature.

Dr. Somer talked briefly about other famous creatures such as the Loch Ness Monster and Ogopogo, but the main topic of the seminar was Sasquatch.

Dr. Somer explained that he had been interested in Sasquatch since he was a kid, having grown up in an area thought to be rife with Jersey Devil activity. He began trying to learn everything he could about Bigfoot and Sasquatch, including footprints, hair samples, and even elaborate stories about sighting the creatures. He has a collection of Sasquatch hair samples that he collected from various Sasquatch locales to a variety of labs and alleged experts, but none could offer a complete explanation about where the hair had come from.

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On that trip, Dr. Somer said he remembers hearing stories about imaginary beasts when he was a kid, having grown up in an area thought to be rife with Jersey Devil activity.

“We were among the first people at the site, and the things that we started finding were absolutely amazing,” Dr. Somer said. “This is when I started thinking, maybe they (Sasquatch) are real.”

On that trip, Dr. Somer said he found a number of details pointing to the possibility of Bigfoot, including giant footprints, and even hair samples. He reported that when he and his team sent hair samples they had collected from various Sasquatch locales to a variety of labs and alleged experts, but none could offer a complete explanation about where the hair had come from.

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**Funds raised at book sale will help Cambodian children**

By Nataliya Mozeka  
Staff Reporter

Highline’s Phi Theta Kappa chapter will have a used book sale next week to help children in Cambodia.

This book sale will be Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 19 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Union Building.

Phi Theta Kappa is a two-year honor and service fraternity. In addition to books, CDs and video tapes also will be for sale. All of those books, CDs and tapes are being donated by community members and students.

This sale project is for students, staff and faculty at Highline who want to help poor children.

“The reason we are doing this is that students at Highline have big hearts and they want to help people,” said Mouy-Ly Wong, the coordinator of this project and the adviser of the Pi Sigma, Highline’s PTK chapter.

The used book sale project started last year after one Highline student from Cambodia told her life story during the “Voice Infusion” project.

“After the girl from Cambodia told her story, the audience wanted to do something to help children there,” said Wong.

One of the students at the Pi Sigma heard about Hagar International, an organization that helps children in Cambodia. The organization is named after Hagar, a woman whose story is told in the Bible. Hagar worked for a rich man named Abraham. After she gave birth to Abraham’s child, Ishmael, she was forced to leave Abraham’s family without any help. Hagar is committed to the nowadays “Hagar’s” and “Ishmaels” around the world.

The goal of Switzerland-based Hagar is to educate, bring literacy and good health to those children.

Hagar built a small village with five bungalows for needy children in Cambodia. Now this village has 55 children, boys and girls at ages 5-18 who live there.

“All children in this village were rescued from difficult circumstances and they have no families.” This village is in the quiet place that keeps those kids safe,” said Wong. Last year the Pi Sigma earned $345 during the book sale and send that to Hagar, said Wong.

Hagar used this money to buy electricity generation for their village in Cambodia. Now children there have electrical light and they can read in the evening. This year money from the book sale will be use to buy a school supplies. Children in this village need books, pencils, pens and other supplies to be able to study.

The books on the sale are donated from community and students.

If you have books, CDs and VHS tapes that you don’t need you can donate them to Pi Sigma at Highline. For more information contact Mouy-Ly Wong by phone at 206-878-3710, ext. 3690.

Contact Carolyn at 206-433-0189 or leave a return number anytime.

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**Marketing**

Brian Scalabrine of the Boston Celtics, and Honors Program Coordinator Barbara Clinton. Scalabrine and Clinton are also featured on Highline’s bus advertising campaign, which runs during peak enrollment times.

The goal of the Experiences for a Lifetime campaign is to challenge the stereotype of community colleges as a less-than-desirable educational opportunity.

“Unfortunately some people don’t equate the community college experience as one of great opportunity,” Prenovost said.

Word-of-mouth advertising also helps combat that stereotype.

“We know that word-of-mouth is one of the most influential advertising tools out there,” Prenovost said.

A former Highline student came up to Prenovost recently and said that she had moved on to study accounting at Central Washington University and her daughter was now taking classes at Highline.

“Our communities are changing and it may influence the way people look at Highline,” Prenovost said.

In addition to competing with other community colleges such as Green River, South Seattle, and Bellevue, Highline must compete with private, for-profit colleges such as Everest College, formerly called Bryman.

For example, Highline’s advertising budget is $61,000, while schools such as Everest have the financial means to run commercials at prime time on local television.

“A lot of those colleges do a very good job of getting their students,” Prenovost said.

Enrollment is rolling at Everest, with students able to start classes almost on a monthly basis.

“If there wasn’t a need or a place in the market for them, they wouldn’t exist,” Prenovost said.

These colleges have streamlined the process of enrollment, financial aid, job placement, and scheduling, Prenovost said.

Nonetheless, Prenovost says Highline is able to compete.

“I think we have some of the highest quality education in the state,” Prenovost said.

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