Confrontation with police officer closes Building 6

By Max Dubbeldam
Staff Reporter

A Des Moines Police officer resorted to using his TASER and his pepper spray after an incident with a man in Building 6 last week.

At 2:26 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 26, a 24-year-old male was being contained in the security office in Building 6. The man was reportedly being overly friendly with female students on campus.

The man was registered at Highline, but he never attended any of his classes, police said.

The man had asked one female student to go out and take a walk with him. Sgt. Robert Collins of the Des Moines Police Department said that the student reluctantly said OK, but when they were out on a walk he tried to hold hands with her and became overly touchy.

It was at this time that the student went to the security office and reported the man. The man agreed to sit and wait for a police officer to come to the scene. However, when the officer arrived at the scene and told the man that he had to come down to the police department, the man attacked the officer, police said.

“As soon [as] the cop came in, that’s when the drama started,” said Highline student Rashid Abdullah, who was working at the Intercultural Center as the confrontation happened.

He got him under control,” said Collins. “Since they were in physical combat, there were no handcuffs applied.”

Collins added that it is very rare and scary that someone can overcome one TASER shock, if not two.

Rashid Abdullah said that he didn’t like how the situation was handled because it jeopardized the officer’s safety.

Former Highline chief dead

By Jaren Lewis
Staff Reporter

Dr. Shirley B. Gordon, former Highline president, died Sept. 20 in Burien at age 86.

Services will be held Oct. 4 at 11 a.m. on campus in Building 8.

Dr. Gordon became president of Highline in 1976 and retired 14 years later in 1990. She was the first female president of a public college in Washington history.

Before serving as president, Dr. Gordon was a part of the group that originally established Highline in 1961.

Retired engineering professor Phillip Bell said she was “a great lady who probably had more impact on HCC than any other individual in its history.”

Between the college’s establishment at Glacier High in 1961 and Dr. Gordon being named president in 1976, she served various posts at the college including dean of instruction, director of curriculum and vice president.

“The amiable and collegial atmosphere that exist now at HCC between the faculty and the administration is due to the leadership and the direction of Dr. Gordon,” mathematics instructor Ed Morris said.

Outside of her career at Highline, Dr. Gordon also served in a number of other positions, such as being a member of the American Association of Community Colleges board of directors, and being the only community college representative serving on

Enrollment could be down this quarter; too soon to tell for sure

By Sidney Pacampara
Staff Reporter

Student enrollment appears to be down 500 students this quarter, but looks may be deceiving.

Enrollment for the first day of fall quarter last year was 7,353 students, down from 7,872 on the same day a year ago.

However, Jason Prenovost, director of Communications and Marketing at Highline, said the first day numbers may not reflect the true census of students currently in classes at Highline. He said that it is still too soon to determine the actuality of enrollment being down. This is because the process and timing of how enrollments are recorded differs each year.

“Last year we gained 500 FTEs (full-time equivalents) after day one of fall quarter,” Prenovost said.

Also, he added that changes have occurred this year in terms of coding, notably Adult Basic Education/English as Second Language, which makes up as much as a third of the student population.

The college had a total of 1,346 ABE/ESL students at the end of Fall Quarter last year; currently 370 ABE/ESL students are formally enrolled. Many more will be added before the quarter is over, however.

“This is, in fact, a pattern that’s when the drama started,” said Highline student Rashid Abdullah, who was working at the Intercultural Center as the confrontation happened.

“He said he wasn’t gonna be taken to jail,” said Collins. “So the officer brought out his TASER.”

The officer shot his TASER into the man, but he ripped off the probes and kept coming.

The officer then threw a table between the two of them to buy himself time to reload his cartridge.

The officer shot another round into the man, but when he ripped off the probes once more, he resorted to using pepper spray on the man.

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Save three lives: Give blood this Wednesday

The Fall Quarter blood drive will be held on Oct 8.
The “blood bus” will park on the west side of Building 6.
Walk-ins will be welcome, or you can schedule an appointment at http://www.securedata-trans5.com/ap/puttosound-bloodcenter/index.php?page=10&ec_id=1347.
The drive is hosted by the Student Nursing Club.

Student Programs teaches leadership once again

A new leadership workshop series begins this Friday.
The “Leadership off the Grid” series will present a workshop on the first Friday of every month,
starting with Oct 3, from 2 to 4 p.m.
Friday’s workshop will be called “Servant Leadership: Why the World Needs Leaders,” and will be presented by Student Programs faculty Jona
than Brown, Natasha Burrowes and Jodi Robinett.
The workshop will focus on “servant leadership,” and the ability to lead by empowering others.

The schedule for the rest of the year is as follows:
• Nov 7: Politics and civic engagement
• Dec 5: What’s Your Leadership Style?
• Feb 6: The Power of Non-Violence
• March 6: Active Listening
• April 3: Communities as a Leadership Tool
• June 5: Transformational Leadership

The deadline for voters wishing to visit is www.vote.wa.gov.

Correction
James Rodgers’ name was misspelled in last week’s issue.

Highline explores history of disability through film

October is Disability Awareness Month, and Highline is celebrating with a number of events.
The Disability History Time Line will be on display until Oct
ber 7. It is a 21-panel exhibit tracing the history of disability, both moral and medical.
Three films will also be shown throughout the month.
The first, Murderball, will be shown Oct 10 for Movie Fri
day. The film is about Richard Pimentel, a deaf Vietnam vet
er who wrote the Americans with Disabilities Act.
The second, Not Just Ramps, will be shown Oct 22 at 10 a.m.
in Building 2. It is a the
torical documentary that takes a tongue-in-cheek approach to disability stereotypes.
The third film, the Movie Fri
day for Oct 31 is Marvells, a documentary about wheelchair rugby.

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– Karen Casey, from Achievement of a Life Goal

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Campus to explore politics, elections throughout October

By Liviu Bird
Staff Reporter

Highline students looking to get involved in the 2008 elections need look no further than their own campus in the next month.

Highline Votes: Defining Democracy 2008 is a series of lectures, films and discussions related to the local and national elections, touching on issues such as understanding how democracy and elections work, foreign policy, and the science of polling that runs right up to Election Day.

“We care about the issues and the purpose of providing people information - students, employees, and community members,” said Dr. James Peyton, one of the program’s coordinators. “We hope to help students in becoming more informed and critically thinking citizens.”

In 2002, Highline writing and journalism professor Susan McMannon wrote up a proposal to have a program on the elections and went around campus to gather signatures from staff and faculty. Her idea was to have an informative program because citizens - students included - run this country.

She presented her idea to former Highline President Dr. Priscilla Bell, and the event was created. It started out as a day-long event in that first year.

For the first time in the program’s history, there will be a student essay contest. “Who am I, politically?” is the theme of the contest, with entries of short essays and poems being admitted, as well as longer essays. Each category winner will receive $35, and the runners-up will receive $20. Submissions are due on Monday, Oct. 20 to Angi Caster in Building 5.

Essay contest coordinator Angi Caster emphasizes that international students are encouraged to get involved, even if they can’t vote, because they will bring an interesting, and possibly different, view on politics to attention.

In addition to money prizes, the top four writers will also be involved in a panel discussion to express their views on politics and read from their work.

One event that already occurred, on Tuesday, was the “OK… So Let’s Define Democracy” presentation by Dr. Tim McMannon, Highline history professor, and Ekk Sivasvathy of Highline Student Services.

One of the main points McMannon stressed in his presentation was that democracy requires the participation of the people. McMannon also argued that an educated populace is essential to democracy working.

“It is your obligation to participate,” McMannon said. “The key is to be educated first.”

For voter education and participation, there are many events this month at Highline. Legislative and judicial candidates on the ballot will also be at Highline to present ideas and explain to students why they deserve to be elected. Six documentary films will be presented throughout the program. Iraq War veteran Brian Turner will present some of his work and will be available for additional discussion.

The full schedule includes:
- Today, Oct. 2, 11 a.m.: Understanding Our Elections, Dr. James Peyton
- Thursday, Oct. 9, 9 a.m.: 9:50 a.m.: Toward a new democratic U.S. foreign policy. Professor Davidson Dodd. Building 7.
- Monday, Oct. 13, 1:30 p.m.: Documentary film, Taxi to the Darkside. Highline Student Union, Mt. Skokomish room.
- Thursday, Oct. 16, 12:10 p.m.-1:10 p.m.: State Legislative Candidate Forum, 30th, 33rd districts. Highline Student Union, Mt. Constance room.
- Monday, Oct. 20, 1:30 p.m.: Documentary film Iraq in Fragments. Highline Student Union, Mt. Skokomish room.
- Tuesday, Oct. 21, 11 a.m.: In my country we… International students discuss politics in five countries. Building 7.
- Thursday, Oct. 23, 11 a.m.: 11:50 a.m., 12:10 p.m.: 1:10 p.m., 1:20 p.m.-2:20 p.m.: Highline Listens: Poet and Iraq war veteran Brian Turner. Building 2.
- Monday, Oct. 27, 10 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.: 11 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.: Judicial Elections Panel. Highline Student Union, Mt. Constance.
- Monday, Oct. 27, 1:30 p.m.: Documentary film Who Killed the Electric Car? Highline Student Union, Mt. Skokomish room.
- Tuesday, Oct. 28, 10 a.m.-10:50 a.m.: Essay contest panel discussion. Highline Student Union, Mt. Constance room.
- Monday, Nov. 3 1:30 p.m.: Documentary film, An Inconvenient Truth. Highline Student Union, Mt. Skokomish

Moses parts waters of Belize

By Jaren Lewis
Staff Reporter

Six Highline students took advantage of a new opportunity to study abroad this Summer Quarter.

Highline professor Woody Moses inaugurated an ecology class taught in Belize over the summer.

Belize is a small country in Central America, bordered by Guatemala, Mexico and the Caribbean Sea. Its tourism industry has grown over the years due to its rich history and biodiversity. Each student chose a research topic and area to study. Every student chose a Mayan ruin, and studied the region’s current conservation efforts.

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It was really, really nice,” Moses said.

The second week was spent at Spanish Look-Out Caye, a 136-acre island near the Belize Barrier Reef. The reef is the second largest in the world; the class explored there as well. “That was also very nice,” Moses said.

Moses said that a particular highlight was their trip to a bat-oon sanctuary.

“The were monkeys everywhere,” Moses said. “They [the students] were just amazed.”

Students kept a field journal from day to day of what they studied. Each student chose one organism from the area on which to focus their studies, and give a presentation about at the end.

“These were busy every day,” Moses said. “I think some students thought it would be a vacation.”

The class will be taught again next year, so students interested about both science and travel,” Moses said, adding that it “highlights our [Highline’s] global connection.”

Few specifics have been released on next year’s class; some information can be found at http://ciehdine.org/ programs/?program_id_number=11.

For more information on next year’s class, contact Woody Moses at wmoses@highline.edu. There will also be a Science Seminar, “Learning in Belize,” on Oct. 24, in Building 3, room 122.
Opinion

Take college seriously, kids

Welcome, new Highline students, and welcome back to those who are returning, to the new school year.

Class has been in session for nearly two weeks now. If you haven’t yet, it still isn’t too late to take advantage of a slew of new opportunities—to take part in a diverse, thriving community, and to make each day after this another day closer to wherever it is you’re going.

You’ve likely heard this already, but it’s worth belaboring that this is not high school. It is no longer your instructor’s responsibility to make sure you are doing your work; it’s not their job to make sure you come to class every day; and it’s certainly not their prerogative to fix your grade during the last week of class if you fail to do either of these.

Your teacher is no longer your babysitter, so it’s now your job to own up to your responsibilities.

College also demands an improved level of quality from your work. You’re learning skills to apply in the real world, where the consequences for sub-par work are more severe than a few red marks. A 2.0 average won’t cut it at every job, particularly going to college for.

Of course, on the other hand, this isn’t high school. Take advantage of the freedoms adulthood and a college environment provide. If you disagree with your instructor on something, speak up—respectfully, of course. You’re no longer a child being watched over—you are a student, with opinions and a voice and avenues to make that voice heard.

And if it is, again, your responsibility to be heard. Talk with your instructors as well as your peers, whether to get help, or to help them, or simply to draw one more connection between yourself and the world. Almost all instructors have regularly-scheduled office hours where they are available every day to help with assignments, talk about the class or a myriad other things. Office hours are there so that you have a chance to do exactly that.

On that note, it cannot be stressed enough how important it is that you talk to your instructors. They don’t bite. They are here to teach you, and if you have trouble with their teaching there is nobody better-prepared to fix that trouble.

Higher education is a challenge. Rise to that challenge, carrying with you the tools you acquire, because when you succeed you will have a chance to do exactly that.

Students should get involved at Highline

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Highline seeks new softball coach after Schmidt resigns

By Carrie Draeger
Staff Reporter

Anne Schmidt

After five years at the helm of Highline softball, Head Coach Anne Schmidt has stepped down from coaching and teaching.

Schmidt resigned in summer, and the college’s Athletic Department has begun a search for a new coach. Schmidt began her Highline career as an assistant coach in the 2001-2002 season and after two years was hired as the head coach.

“It was time (for me) to move on to explore other options and spend more time with my family,” Schmidt said.

During her tenure as a head coach, Schmidt compiled a league record of 70-84 and an overall record of 20-10 and was named head coach at the NWAACC tournament four out of the five years she was head coach,” Schmidt said of her years at Highline.

Schmidt’s final season was her most successful, with the Highline softball team finishing third place in the Western division with a league record of 20-10 and an overall record of 29-24 and making their third consecutive appearance at the NWAACC championships.

Schmidt thought she was successful during her time as head coach and is pleased with the work she did while there.

“I thought I did all that I could with the program at Highline,” she said.

Schmidt said that coaching at a two-year-school is always difficult because of the turnover in recruiting.

“Highline’s next softball coach will need to have a good background in recruiting, especially when it comes to pitching.

“You have to have at least two solid pitchers, Schmidt said.

It’s all about recruiting and retaining. When the turnover at this level is very high for a variety of reasons,” she said.

Coach Schmidt said that she enjoyed watching her players improve on and off the field from fall to spring.

“There’s always a vast amount of improvement (from fall to spring),” she said.

During her five years as head coach, Schmidt saw 26 players either graduate or move on to attend a four-year-school.

“You have to find kids who want to be in school, who have a reason to be there, every year just you don’t know what you are going to get,” she said.

She also sent five players to play at the four-year-level, including infielder Jessica Ventosa, who plays NCAA Division II ball at the University of Washington and catcher Ashley Carey, who plays Division II ball at Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D.

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“It [Highline] is a great place to teach,” Schmidt said.

She said she enjoyed the atmosphere and diversity at Highline and thought that students had fun in her classes.

“I think that they also learned it’s all about attitude and being understanding. The students get it,” she said.

In the future, Schmidt plans on returning to teaching in the K-12 system and hopes to eventually return to coaching again, just not as a head coach.

“I need a break from head coaching. … I could be an assistant coach right now, I would not have no problem with that,” she said.

There is a new group of candidates currently being interviewed and processed for consideration.

The candidates that had applied for the position were interviewed, but Athletic Director John Dunn felt that none of them were right for the job.

“We don’t want to hire just to be hiring,” Dunn said. “We want the right person.”

Reporter Liviu Bird contributed to this story.

Scoreboard

Men’s soccer standings

North Division
League/Pts/Season
Whatcom 5-1-2 17 5-1-2
Everett  3-4-1 10 3-4-1
Edmonds  3-5-0 9 3-5-0
Shoreline 2-3-3 9 2-3-3
Sk. Valley 0-7-1 1 0-7-1
East Division
Walla Walla 0-0-1 19 7-0-2
Col. Basin 5-2-1 16 5-2-1
W. Valley 4-0-1 13 5-0-1
Tr. Valley 3-3-1 11 3-3-1
S. P. Sound 3-3-1 10 3-3-1
South Division
Highline 6-0-2 20 6-0-2
Bellevue 6-0-2 20 6-0-2
Peninsula 4-3-1 13 4-3-1
Tacoma 4-3-1 13 4-3-1

South Division
League/Pts/Season
Tacoma 0-0-1 7 0-0-1
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League/Pts/Season
Edmonds 2-0 19-5
Whatcom 2-0 11-3
Bellevue 1-0 8-10
Shoreline 1-1 5-15
Sk. Valley 0-1 6-6
Everett 0-2 4-8
Olympic 0-2 2-16
West Division
Tacoma 2-0 15-10
Clark 2-0 13-9
Pierce 2-0 1-6
Green River 2-0 10-11
Highline 2-0 14-12
Lo.Columbia 0-2 7-6
Centralia 0-2 2-15
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Sports

Thunderbirds overcome rain, referees, and red cards

By Max Dubbeldam
Staff Reporter

Highline fought through two tough home matches last week to retain their place at the top of the West Division in NWAC men’s soccer.

Highline is still tied for first place with 20 points from eight matches. They played Shoreline on Sept. 27, and beat them 3-1. On Wednesday Sept. 24, Highline and fellow league leader Bellevue shared the points in a 1-1 tie that saw three players seeing red, and Head Coach Jason Prenovost being sent off for dissent.

The Thunderbirds and the Bulldogs took the field on a rainy afternoon at McConaughy Field. With first place and control of the division on the line, both teams started the match with high intensity. “They came out hard and showed their desire to achieve the result,” said Prenovost. “Both teams handled it pretty well.”

The first half’s only true goal-scoring opportunity fell to Highline in the 23rd minute. Alex Bresnen passed the ball off to Ryan Kuffer, who slid in a through pass to Robbie Gouk. Gouk was one-on-one with Bellevue’s goalkeeper, but the goalkie came out and snuffed the attempt.

There were no more clear-cut chances in the first half as the field got slippery, the play sloppy, and the tackles more physical.

The second half was more of the same. Highline was putting good pressure on Bellevue’s half of the field, but they couldn’t find the final pass.

Bellevue, however, broke the deadlock. Gilberto Robayo whipped in a corner kick in the 60th minute, and it was sophomore forward Slavic Denega who headed it into the top-right corner.

Highline almost found reply a few minutes later when Fernando Gonzales took a free-kick from around 40 yards, but the shot went over by mere centimeters.

By this time it seemed that the referees had lost control over the emotion of the match. The tackles kept getting harder and some tempers flared.

In the 70th minute Highline’s Robbie Gouk received a pass in the box and before he could get a shot on goal, goalkeeper Kevin Springer took him out with a hard challenge. The referee deemed it to be such a bad tackle that he showed Springer the red card, and awarded Highline a penalty kick.

Alex Bresnen converted the spot-kick and put Highline back on level terms.

Highline also lost a man in the 71st minute when Ryan Kuffer received his second yellow card of the match for clipping a Bellevue player from behind. The on-field drama reached its pinnacle in the 90th minute of playing time. Highline left-back Bresnen Hall made a tackle on a Bellevue player and won the ball. However, his momentum on the wet surface sent him clattering into the Bellevue player.

Even though the head referee didn’t see a foul, the sideline ref said he saw a punch being thrown and the main referee was forced to send Hall off.

The decision didn’t sit well with Coach Prenovost, and he made his feelings known. The referee showed Prenovost a yellow card, and when he didn’t let up the ref showed him the red card and Prenovost was forced to leave the field.

“It was unfortunate that the ref dictated the game,” said Assistant Coach Steve Mohn. “The kids were fighting hard for first place.”

“For both teams and the ref got swept away in the emotion of the game,” Head Coach Prenovost said.

Prenovost added that the tie was a fair outcome.

“By no means did we deserve to win or to lose,” he said.

Throughout the sloppy match Highline keeper Liviu Bird had a standout performance in goal, making some amazing saves to keep the Thunderbirds in the match. His most impressive save was when he blocked a well-struck shot from point-blank range.

“By all accounts it should’ve been a goal,” said Prenovost. “[He was] unbelievable; it was his best game to date.”

The fact that Prenovost got sent off during the match meant he wasn’t on the sideline during the following match against Shoreline. The match was held at Highline on Sept. 27, and assistant coaches Mohn and Brandon Mitlals took over the reins of the team as the Thunderbirds came away with a 3-1 victory.

Highline piled on the pressure early and was rewarded in the 6th minute with a goal from freshman Andrew Hair.

For the rest of the half Highline kept up the pressure and had multiple good opportunities. A standout was freshman Daniel Ham, who cut up the right wing and left the defender marking him in knots on multiple occasions.

Highline added a second goal right before half-time when a Tony Maxwell free-kick took a wicked deflection off a Shoreline defender and flew past the goalkeeper.

Highline started the second half well, sending good crosses into the box. However, as the half went on the forwards didn’t seem to be able to get the ball out from under their feet and no truly threatening chances materialized.

In the 79th minute Shoreline’s Jeff Nissen sent in a long free-kick and highline keeper Liviu Bird misjudged the flight of the ball. The ball ended up going in, giving Shoreline hope of winning a point.

For the next 10 minutes the Highline players looked very chaotic as Shoreline started to put more pressure.

The Thunderbirds restored the two-goal lead, and secured the three points, in the 89th minute. Jarret Thomas sent Hair on his way, and Hair ripped the ball past the keeper.

Even though he scored twice in the match, Andrew Hair said that he still isn’t certain of a starting place in the team because there are so many good players in the squad.

“I have to keep fighting for my place,” Hair said. “I just have to come out here and do it again.”

Coach Prenovost said he has a good feeling about the rest of the season, and that the team hasn’t even gotten close to peaking yet.

Highline played a match at Tacoma on Wednesday, Oct. 1, with results unavailable at press time. Upcoming away matches are at Edmonds on Oct. 4 at 4 p.m., and at Peninsula on Oct. 8 at 4 p.m.

Fernando Gonzales shields the ball from Bellevue’s Slavic Denega during last Wednesday’s match.

Daniel Ham tries to shake off Bellevue’s Diego Robayo.
Lady Thunderbirds kick way into third place

By Liz Phillips  
Staff reporter

With a tie and a loss last week, Highline’s women’s soccer team nestles into third place in the West Division of the NWAC.

Highline played two of the top teams in the North and West divisions. Highline played Shoreline Saturday, Sept. 27 and Bellevue Wednesday Sept. 24, both at McConnaughey Field. Shoreline and Bellevue are both currently in first place for their own divisions.

Highline, 3-2-4, is currently trailing first-place Bellevue, 7-1-1, by nine points in the west.

In the Shoreline game, both teams started out slow. Neither team started playing aggressively until the end of the first half. Highline’s keeper, Ivanca Frerichs, saved a few good balls throughout the half, but neither team scored until the last two minutes.

With two minutes left in the half, Highline took a corner kick that scored the first goal of the game. Kelsey Lusebrink took the kick and sailed the ball into the corner of Highline’s net, splitting pass to Lusebrink, who hit the corner of Highline’s net, making the score 1-1 with eight minutes left in the first half.

In the second half, Highline stepped up the intensity with two minutes left in the game. Lusebrink sent in a free kick from just outside the 18. A Highline player did get a foot on the ball but Shoreline’s keeper had a good reflex save. This was the last play of the game.

“We did really well. we held our own for at least 85 minutes and I am happy with the way we played,” said Highline’s forward Kelsey Louvier.

Highline’s coach, Tom Moore, said that Highline out-played Shoreline in the first half with some keys saves from goal- ie Ivanca Frerich. In the second half, Moore said, Highline got caught on its heels and had its chances, but just missed them.

Highline started out their game against Bellevue a little slow. As their legs got going it didn’t take long for the Thunderbirds to match their competitor’s intensity.

Highline’s defense was truly outstanding Bellevue’s offense in the first half. Highline’s Brit- tany McKay, center back, was constantly aiding the goalie with a couple of good shots stopped with her head. Whitney Lynch also played very aggressively and constantly pushed the ball up field.

Lusebrink and Erdahl had two beautiful shots on goal about 20 minutes into the game. Erdahl’s shot knocked Bellevue’s keeper into the net which created a five-minute time-out for Bellevue.

Shortly after the time-out Bellevue scored the first goal of the game. With too many bodies in the box, keeper Frerichs just barely missed the header by Bellevue, making the score 1-0.

Eight minutes after Bellevue scored its first goal, Highline’s Lusebrink fired back with a swift kick from inside the 18 to even the score. After the tying goal by Lusebrink, both teams were firing good shots on goal.

Highline’s Erdahl and Lusebrink took shot after shot, while their own keeper, Frerichs, had numerous good saves.

The next goal came right before the end of the first half. The shot was crossed from just outside the right side of the 18 and sailed into the very left cor- ner of the goal, leaving Highline trailing Bellevue 2-1.

Going into the second half, down one, Highline’s defense really stepped it up. Starting out the second half with a corner for Bellevue, McKay quickly pushed the ball up and out, with the help of Lynch. These two have been playing very well together, especially with their constant communication with the rest of the team.

A corner kick by Lusebrink at the two minute mark dropped right to Lynch, who then struck the ball hard to score ending the match on a positive note for Highline.

Highline next plays at Edmonds on Saturday, Oct. 4 and then again at Lower Columbia on Oct. 8. Results for Highline’s Oct. 1 game versus Ta- coma were unavailable at press-time.
By Brian Grove
Staff Reporter

The Lady Thunderbirds are off to a slow start at 0-2 in the Western Division with losses to Green River and Pierce.

They are still 14-12 overall. In the past week, they have played three games and a tournament.

The Highline Lady Thunderbirds squared off against Shoreline, Spokane, and Linn-Benton on Friday Sept.19, in the first day of their two-day Bellevue Crossover tournament.

They prevailed on day one, going 3-0 and outscoring their opponents 163-134. Their only loss came in the opening round of the first game against Spokane, losing 20-25.

However, on Saturday Sept. 20, Highline lost two out of their three matches, falling to Chemeketa 25-19, 25-19 and Bellevue 25-24, 25-16. They defeated Columbia Basin 6-25, 25-22, and 15-10, bringing their two-day tournament record to 4-2.

Highline played next against Pierce on the road Wednesday, Sept. 24. Although they did not emerge victorious, the Lady Thunderbirds played down to the wire, and women's victory for the second straight game, defeating the Gators 25-21. After dropping the next two games 16-25 and 18-25, captains Amanda Hark er and Stefanie Rojas, called a huddle between games three and four.

Whatever words of wisdom the two captains shared with the rest of the team must have sparked a fire, because the next game Highline dominated 25-15. Freshmen outside hitter Shannon Fisher said that during the team-called time-out, “The captains told us we had a lot of potential and could play better. They yelled a lot, but then we felt like we had something to prove.”

Highline Coach Chris Littleman said that during the coach-called time-outs, it’s usually the coaches’ fault for the players playing how they are.

“We need to let them know what they are doing wrong and let them fix it. Refresh their mind,” he said.

Unfortunately, the fire was doused in a nail-biting game 5, where the Gators eked out a 15-13 victory to win the match three games to two.

On the bright side, Leticia Colon and Shannon Fisher led the kill count with a combined total of 25 (13 and 12). Adriana Aukusitino had another 35 assists, 16 more than the next closest player who was Whitney Volenta of Green River with 19.

Highline’s players say they can do better: “I think we played pretty well, we could have done better. We know we have to practice that much harder to show we can beat them,” said Miles.

“I think I’ve improved a lot from last game, but I need to be quicker on my feet. It’s tough to get back up after games like these, but you just got to forget about it,” said Colon.

Although it was a tough loss, the coaches said that they were very proud of their players. They know that experience comes with lots of games and veteran players, and with only two seniors in the team, the Lady Thunderbirds have a lot to look forward to down the stretch as they gain more experience. “It’s experience that counts in close matches. Experience comes through when you’ve been there 10 times before,” said one of the assistant coaches, who declined to be named.

Coach Littleman said they have lots of talent and that they are pretty strong in all areas, but they needed to take care of the ball on point opportunities. His philosophy is that, “You play one point at a time till 25, looking for consistency. We worry about what we do as opposed to the other team. The girls are working hard.”

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By Joshua K. Hauck
Staff Reporter

Highline’s cross country team is taking strides in the right direction once again.

At the Clark Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 20 the men’s team finished in third, though the women’s team wasn’t able to place due to lack of runners.

With the completion of their second meet, Highline’s new coaching staff is making tremendous progress to reestablish the illustrious tradition that is simply known as Thunderbird Cross Country.

After a year-long absence, Highline has reinitiated its long distance running program.

Under the direction of Head Coach Josh Baker, his wife Co-Head Coach Toni Baker, and Assistant Coach Sara Argyle, the team hopes to use this season to rebuild for the future.

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Volleyball team plays tough but comes up short

Lady T-Birds await a serve in practice this week.

Thunderbird runners continue to make progress in comeback season

By Joshua K. Hauck
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Kermet hits the Field House with some golden nuggets of comedy

By Eric Noble
Staff Reporter

After coming to the mainland in 1985 to go to college at the University of Washington, Kermet Apio could have left to do other things, but he decided to stay here to pursue comedy. He will be playing at the Des Moines Field House, on Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Born in Honolulu in 1967, Kermet Apio was always a big fan of comedy. He said he was always goofing around. However, he figured he would grow out of it.

By the age of 23, that did not happen. After attending the University of Washington, he went into the world of stand-up comedy. He received mixed reactions from his parents. His father, a law enforcement officer, didn’t quite understand what his son was getting into. His mother on the other hand, was always very supportive.

“You’re 23, go for it,” Kermet said of his mother’s reaction.

His influences come from his fellow comedians, but his main inspirations are Brian Regan, Garry Shandling, and David Letterman.

He said his material is truly the story of his life. It’s his upbringing, growing up with the name Kermet, and being a parent. This is the material he said he does best.

“I’ve never been good at observational comedy,” he said. To turn his simple observations into golden nuggets of comedy, his method is quite simple. “I just try and get work done,” performing stand-up comedy is an art form that requires a lot of discipline, he said.

“It’s very easy to be lazy at comedy,” he said.

He said that he doesn’t have a lot of discipline, and feels he could work harder.

The conditions of being a comedian are tough. Apio said a comic is constantly moving from city to city, hotel room to hotel room, far away from family.

However, he said he loves his job so much that it keeps him going. He said he had only two pieces of advice for aspiring comedians.

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With those problems solved, the production had “a better opening weekend than normal.”

Their next Friday is already sold out.

One guy bought a ticket for himself for every night of our run,” Cooper said.

This early success isn’t much of a surprise.

“Virtually everywhere this show plays it is a success,” he said.

Much of that is due to the popularity of the play as well as the movie based on the production. The Rocky Horror Show was a hit as a play when it debuted in London in 1973. Two years later, it was made into a major motion picture by 20th Century Fox.

“Here in America, on film, it didn’t do as well as the stage version,” Cooper said. “As audiences dwindled, the show was relegated to the late night showings.”

During one of those late night showings, a member of the audience yelled, “Buy an umbrella, you cheap bitch.”

The remark was directed at the character “Janet” as she got out of the car during the storm and put a paper over her head. After that, a new phenomenon was born,” Cooper said.

This led to more audience participation, including shadow casts who reenact the movie in front of the big screen while the film is rolling.

“Audience participation changes from venue to venue, city to city, region to region. People know lines from one place, and not from another,” Cooper said.

“I have also noticed that audiences are a bit more restrained when it comes to shouting out to live actors in a play version,” he said.

With the pressure of putting together a production that has such a history of popularity, Cooper was concerned with keeping it close to the movie version as well as making it his own.

In the end, he said, everything came together just right. “I really feel we have a good mix of things familiar to audiences and things we can truly call our own,” he said.

One thing that is original to this production is the guest narrator.

“We thought it would be a good thing to invite some local personalities to play that role,” Cooper said. “It is a fairly simple role, no singing, and no fishnets.”


The show will be running Fridays and Saturdays starting at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. from now until Nov. 2 at the Burien Little Theatre, located at 4th Ave Southwest and Southwest 146th Street.

Tickets can be purchased at the window or online at www.burienlittletheatre.com.

Expect a rockin’ horror-filled time at the Burien Little Theatre

By Rochelle Adams
Staff Reporter

The Burien Little Theatre is bringing sex, drugs and rock to the stage in their rendition of The Rocky Horror Show.

Steve Cooper is directing the play which debuted for the first time at the Little Theatre on Sept. 26 and will run until Nov. 2.

The play was written by Richard O’Brien in the early 1970s, when the actor and writer “decided to write a play paying homage to two of his favorite topics: Rock and Roll and ’30s, ’40s, and ’50s horror movies.”

This production is the guest narrator’s first, relocating to San Francisco.

Then a phantom chorus member dropped out.

“The next three weeks were spent in trying to fill those roles,” he said.

Despite these setbacks, the production carried on with little difficulty.

“I need to take this time to really plug the cast’s efforts during this time. They started learning the music and doing the musical direction virtually on their own. They really banded together and what could have easily become a genuine disaster was overcome by their strong belief in themselves and this project.”

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The show will be running Fri, No. 1: “Jot everything down, even if it’s silly.”

No. 2: “You gotta get on stage, even if you fail.”

Tickets for Apio’s show are $10 in advance and $15 at the door. Tickets are available at the Des Moines Field House, at 1000 S. 220th St.

For more information, visit the website of the Des Moines Arts Commission at http://www.desmoinesarts.gov/artcommission.
Arts Calendar

Local comedian Kermit Apio will perform at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 10, at the Des Moines Field House, 1000 S. 220th St. Tickets are $10 in advance and $15 at the door.

Tickets for ages 25 and under are $10.

To purchase tickets, call Taproot Theatre’s box office at 206-781-9707 or Ticketmaster at 206-292-ARTS.

Tickets are $20 for adults and $16 for seniors and youths. Tickets are available online at www.kentarts.com, by calling 253-856-5051 or in person at the Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N.

Got arts news? Contact Rochelle Adams at roadams@highline.edu, or call 206-678-3710, ext. 3317.

 crosses across the border in which winter sport?

Answers

Across

1. Wolf group
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of creature is a kookaburra?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the Koh-i-noor?
4. POETRY: What was poet Octavio Paz’s earlier profession?
5. RELIGION: Which religion espouses the Eightfold Path?
6. OLYMPICS: A “salchow” jump is employed in which winter sport?
7. HISTORY: How many banks of oars were used in a trireme?
8. SYMBOLS: What is the shape of a trefoil?
9. SCIENCE: What is phototropism?
10. LANGUAGE: What does the acronym BTU stand for?

Down

1. Greece and Turkey
2. A bird
3. Among the British crown jewels
4. Diplomat
5. Figure skating
6. Clover, or three-leafed shape
7. Three
8. British Thermal Unit
9. An organism’s response to a stimulus
10. Travelocity’s mascot

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the students in Building 6.

During the struggle the offi-
cier called in for back-up and
the Police Department called in
a 243, which is an assault on a
police officer.

Officers came down from all
over King County, including
from Federal Way and Kent.
In total there were around 20 offi-
cers were on the scene.

The officers moved the per-
petrator outside of the building
where he continued to struggle.

“They repeatedly told him
to get down on the ground,” said
one bystander.

Sergeant Collins said that
obody was seriously hurt dur-
ing the commotion, and that the
man was released from custody.

During the struggle the of-
forcements is barred from return-
ing to the

students in Building 6. The
same man had
approached his girlfriend earlier
in the day.

“She said that he looked
weird,” said Keef. “He asked
her if she was 18 … and was
standing uncomfortably close.”

Collins said that the man
is barred from returning to the
n campus.

After the perpetrator and all
the police officers left campus,
iffs were brought in to air out
Building 6 from all the remain-
ing pepper spray.

Enrollment
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last year,” Prevorovst said.

Kate Bligh, associate dean for
Enrollment Services, adds
that majority of the ABE/ESL
enrollment numbers will start
to come in the second week,
at the earliest, and will manu-
ally be filled in throughout the
quarter. This will greatly affect
the number of enrolled students,
she said.

Bligh also said that another
group to consider is Running
Start students. This class is
slightly up from 919 in fall 2007
to 927 for Fall 2008.

As for state-funded resident
students, there is not much
change. According to Bligh, there
are as many as there usually are at
Highline.

Bligh declined to disclose the
specific changes in coding, but
did say it is for the better. She
said that these changes are ad-
ministered by the president and
he knows the numbers.

“It is not an unusual circum-
stance to change the coding,”
said Jeff Wagnitz, interim vice
president of Academic Affairs.
It started Summer Quarter and
is a routine to periodically ad-
just the coding.

Wagnitz explained the rea-
sion for the coding is to meet the
categories needed by Highline.
The college targets to fulfill dif-
ferent categories of enrollments,
and by adjusting the coding, the
college is able to balance these
categories as well as closely seeing if they are meeting, short
of, or close to where they need to
be.

For example, International
students are now coded differ-
ently and show up in a different
place in enrollment.

“There are multiple ways of
counting International students
in categories,” Wagnitz said.
Although they might not be
found in one part of enrollment,
they are in a different category.

Bligh, Prevorovst, and Wag-
nitz all expressed no concern about
whether enrollment is down and
do agree that it is too soon to
actually tell.

“It isn’t the bottom line,” said
Prevorovst.

There is no concern. The
president (Dr. Jack Berming-
ham) has no concern, and I don’t
either,” Bligh said.

“We are watching carefully,
but my colleagues and I have
no concern. There is no big in-
crease in low-class enrollment,”
Wagnitz said.

If Highline were to be in fact
down in enrollment there would
be a number of negative effects
for the college, largely finan-
cial in terms of tuition dollars
received and concurrent state
support.

Students, meanwhile, don’t
report that the campus seems
to be any less crowded than usual.

“Highline’s not crowded at
all,” said Shawn Austin.

“I’d say classes are more or
less crowded,” said Jesse An-
drews.

Class sizes seem to be just
right, students say, with very
few classes closed due to a lack
of enrollment.

One place where crowded-
ness is a problem is the parking
lot. Every student who drives to
school knows this.

“If you come late you can’t
find parking,” Roderick Branca
said.

“The parking lot is super-
filled. The best time to find
parking is after the Running
Start students leave,” said
Shawn Austin.

Of the students enrolled at
Highline, 52 percent are non-
white and 59 percent are wom-
en. Students attending full-time
(12 credits or more) make up 46
percent of enrollment and 63
percent indicate that they intend
to transfer after Highline.

As of the first day of school,
Highline had 389 international
students.

Half of all students reported
that they had jobs outside of
school.

Reporter Logan Leeder con-
tributed to this story.

Dr. Gordon
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President Reagan’s National
Commission on Excellence in
Education.

On Reagan’s commission, Dr.
Gordon was a part of the team
that wrote A Nation At Risk.
Dr. Gordon was also very in-
volved with Phi Theta Kappa,
an honor society for two-year
colleges that she encountered at
Grays Harbor College.

She was appointed to their
board of directors in 1986, and
named chairman in 1988. Her
20 years in this position were
the longest a Phi Theta Kappa
chairman has served.

Phi Theta Kappa now pres-
ents an award in her name, the
Shirley B. Gordon Award of
Distinction, to community col-
lege presidents and CEOs who
provide strong support to the or-
ganization.

Dr. Gordon received the 2005
National Leadership Award
from the American Association
of Community Colleges; she
was the third woman to receive
the award.

Memorials to her name will be
accepted by two organiza-
tions: the Phi Theta Kappa Hon-
or Society Foundation and the
Highline Community College
Foundation’s Shirley Gordon
Scholarship Fund.

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The Duwamish River may never be safe enough for humans to eat from regularly, BJ Cummings, the coordinator of the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition, said here last week.

Cummings, and reporter Robert McClure of the Seattle PI, talked about the Duwamish River at a lecture in Building 13 here on Monday last week.

The Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition, Cummings said, is a community advisory group. It consists of the Duwamish Tribe, community organizations, environmental groups, and small businesses. Their mission is “to ensure a Duwamish River cleanup that is accepted by and benefits the community and is protective of fish, wildlife, and human health.”

“We reported on this for about six months,” McClure said.

The Duwamish River is a part of the Environmental Protection Agency’s Superfund program, which works to identify and clean up abandoned hazardous waste dump sites. The river is fed from the Green River and it runs through Seattle’s Elliot Bay—and along the path it cuts through Western Washington is the industrialized estuary known as the Duwamish Riverway.

The Duwamish River has not always looked the way it does now. According to the EPA’s website, the river was straightened and dredged to enable industrial development in the Seattle area in the early 1900s. Cummings said that this was when pollutants began being introduced into the river.

“We destroyed 98 percent of the original habitat,” Cummings said.

This development created the Duwamish Waterway. The mud of the Duwamish River at and near the waterway is contaminated with a variety of chemicals, including chromium, mercury and Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs).

PCBs are man-made chemicals that, according to the EPA, have been shown to cause cancer. Studies indicate that they may also have detrimental effects on the immune and reproductive systems. The commercial manufacture and use of PCBs were banned by the EPA in 1976 under the Toxic Substances Control Act—but banning production does not take care of the PCBs already in the water.

“All the water in the river you can find PCBs,” BJ Cummings said.

“We are looking at toxic chemicals built up since about 1960,” Cummings said.

Toxins in the river come from a variety of sources, ranging, Cummings said, from waste dumped by the industry that grew up around the river to oil and other chemicals that have washed off from the streets into the river during storms.

“Since 2001, we have been working on a plan to clean up the river. Very little cleanup has actually been done,” Cummings said.

An attempt was started to dredge the river in November 2003—however, by June 2004 the cleanup was halted. Cummings said that the cleanup was spreading the contaminants in some areas of the river instead of removing them.

“Every single day that they were out dredging, we had people out taking notes,” Cummings said.

As a result of the contamination, there are restrictions concerning what can be eaten from the river. The only fish you can safely eat from the Duwamish River, the EPA says, is salmon. All other fish and shellfish are too toxic. The salmon itself can only be eaten occasionally. Coho and sockeye salmon can be safely eaten up to three times a week, non-resident Chinook once a week, and resident Chinook (blackmouth) twice a month.

Despite this restriction, Cummings said, subsistence fishermen and Seattle’s homeless still fish from the Duwamish River. The Duwamish River, whose members in many cases are subsistence fishermen.

In 1974, as a part of the Boldt Decision, the Muckleshoot Tribe was given the right to fish the Duwamish River. Members of the Muckleshoot Tribe in some cases will eat fish from the river almost every day of their lives, such as Phil Hamilton, the vice chairman of the Muckleshoot Fishery Commission, who told McClure of the Seattle PI he did last November.

The Muckleshoot Tribe also has an agreement with the Safeway supermarket chain. Safe- way has an agreement to buy all the salmon that the Muckleshoot Tribe will sell. However, according to Cummings and McClure, Safeway only labels these fish as coming from the Muckleshoot Tribe, not the Duwamish River.

The cleanup may not make the Duwamish River safe to eat from, however. The more PCBs that are removed from the river, McClure said, the more expensive it becomes to remove the remaining PCBs. To completely clean up the river may be too prohibitive—too expensive.

Before the cleanup can even begin, however, there is also the issue of some businesses continuing to pollute the river.

“There are a lot of people who still have permits to pollute,” McClure said.

“Originally we thought there would be another public meeting about now—but that’s been pushed back,” McClure said.

What Cummings and McClure want most, they said, is for the public to be the ones to answer whether a complete cleanup is worth the cost.

“We think this is a question the public should answer,” McClure said.