ESL helps assimilate Highline students

By David Olerich
Staff Reporter

Imagine yourself as a newly arrived foreigner here in this country and you need a job, you don’t have a car and you have kids to take care of. Your only transportation is by bus and yet you don’t know the language to be able to communicate to any-one where you are trying to go.

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See ESL / P12

SBDC helps plant seeds to make businesses grow

By Jaren Lewis
Staff Reporter

Aspiring business owners may be overlooking some valuable help right under their noses.

The Small Business Development Center, or SBDC, is stationed in Building 99 and acts as a free service to assist small and growing businesses.

“We work with business owners,” SBDC adviser Zev Siegl said. “Our mission is to help them succeed and grow.”

Highline’s SBDC is part of a network of centers across Washington, which “promote economic vitality by providing one where you are trying to go.”

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Charges pending in Building 6 conflict

By Liviu Bird
Staff Reporter

Misdemeanor charges are pending against the 24-year-old male suspect involved in an incident in Building 6 on Sept. 26.

The man was reportedly being overly friendly with female students on campus. When a Des Moines police officer arrived on the scene, the man resisted arrest and ripped off TASER probes from two separate shots. The man was eventually contained with pepper spray.

“The subject was arrested for a possible assault on an officer,” said Sgt. Robert Collins of the Des Moines Police Department.

However, none of the charges pending include an assault on a police officer, which is a class C felony.

“The King County [Prosecutor’s Office] declined to file any felony charges,” Collins said. “Recommendations were made to charge him for resisting arrest, harassment, and assault fourth.

Assault in the fourth degree is the least serious assault charge and a gross misdemeanor, while assault in the third, second, and first degree are all felonies.

The detective in charge of the case is unsure if the harassment charge is for actions against the female student or the police officer.

When it became apparent that the suspect was going to be resistant to police, the officer called in a Code 2, which prompted 18 officers to begin driving in Highline’s direction.

Three Trees Yoga in Federal Way was another example Siegl gave: the well-established local studio was approached by their landlord, who offered to sell them the lot the studio was on.

“We set up a loan application package and they applied at three banks. All three said yes, and they negotiated the loan with one of the banks, and they bought the building.”

See SBDC / P11

See Police / P12
Irate student; no gun to shoot librarian

Security officers received a call from an administrator last Thursday, requesting that security respond to an irate student. The student was involved in a dispute with two administrators in reference to something which had happened in the library.

The student refused to cooperate or tell what happened, and didn’t want to be assisted. He was escorted off campus.

He had previously been in two arguments in the library with staff members, stating that if he had a gun with him he would have shot the librarian.

Tobacco smearing revenge

A female student came to the office on Oct. 2 to report that a Hispanic male cursed at her because she thought he had bit her bumper.

He later apologized and said it would not happen again.

Later that day, the female student came back to report that her car had had chewing tobacco spilled all over the left side of her vehicle.

Car crashed against tree

Someone observed a Buick in the grassy area not far from Building 1, up against a large tree.

Three Des Moines police officers responded to the scene.

The tree’s bark was torn off by the bumper. There was no other observed damage to Highline property.

Des Moines police officers conducted an interview with the driver, and the vehicle was impounded.

Suspicious person sighted

A student in Building 29 reported a white male adult with dark hair going into room 109.

The only other person on the first floor at that time was the custodian.

An officer checked the floor, and found a Central Washington University employee in room 108.

Library getting crowded

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Find the college of your dreams at transfer fair

Governor names new trustees for Highline

Dan Altmyer and Barbara Reid have been named as Highline’s newest trustees.

The normally five-member board has been down to three since the death of Trustee Rita Creighton and the Karen Vander Ark’s resignation last spring.

Gov. Christine Gregoire made the announcement of the appointment late Thursday afternoon.

Altmyer, a financial adviser, has a long connection with the college, having served on the Highline College Foundation Board of Directors.

Both Reid and Altmyer are from Federal Way. Reid is retired from the marketing and communications field and has been active in Federal Way political affairs on behalf of the community. They are appointed to four-year terms.

Job fair hopes to spread information, employment

Highline will be hosting a job fair today in Building 8 from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Over 50 employers will be present, representing a variety of fields such as health, business, travel, government and retail.

Businesses present will include names such as Best Buy, H&K Block, the Good Samaritan Hospital, Auburn Valley YMCA, McDonald’s, Sam’s Club and the U.S. Navy.

Movie Friday finds music within for Disability Month

Movie Within will be shown for this week’s Movie Friday, Oct. 10. The film is shown as part of Disability Awareness Month.

The movie starts at noon in Building 7.

The film explores the true story of Richard Pimentel, a veteran of the Vietnam War. Pimentel returns from the war hearing-impaired, which seems to stand in the way of his passions for public speaking.

Through his friends, Pimentel overcomes this challenge and eventually becomes a major part of the movement to pass the Americans With Disabilities Act.

The film won an Audience Award at the American Film Institute Dallas film festival.

This Movie Friday marks the first supervised by film studies faculty Tommy Kim, who is taking the program over from previous supervisor Roman Wright.

Hard-working students get free tuition for winter

The Winter 2009 Highline Academic Achievement Award scholarship application form has been released.

Fifteen tuition waivers are available to full-time Winter Quarter students with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5. Running Start and International students are ineligible.

Interested students must complete an application form, answer some short essay questions outlined on the form and provide a transcript as proof of their GPA. They must also collect two letters of recommendation relevant to their academics.

Dodd defines democracy

Highline Professor Davidson Dodd will speak on “Toward a new democratic US foreign policy,” today in Building 7, from 9 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.

The event is part of the Highline Voices series of events.

STUDENT JOBS:}

Co-Op Opportunity

Cooperative Education

Want to find out more information about doing an internship? Check us out!

Contact Merridy Rennick, Career Specialist 206-870-3710 ext. 3148 mrennick@highline.edu

Free Tutoring!!!

Feeling overwhelmed? Get help!

Visit the Tutoring Center in Building 26, Room 319

TIP OF THE WEEK:

"One part at a time, one day at a time, we can accomplish anything we set for ourselves." ~ Karen Casey, from Achievement of a Life Goal

Sign up for help in:

Accounting/Business, Languages, Math, Science, Computers, Writing, and more!

Mon-Thurs 8am-7:30pm & Fri 8am-5pm
http://tutoring.highline.edu

22 at 12:15 p.m. or Nov. 13 at 1:15 p.m.

On Nov. 19 at 12:15 p.m. in the Mt. Olympus room you can learn how to write a winning personal statement. Because writing a personal statement is so essential to the transfer process, this would be a great event to attend.

The new transfer website is up. Here students can access details on the information and more. The site address is www.highline.edu/stugov/transfer/index.htm. You can also access all the dates and times on the Transfer Center calendar on its website.

STUDENT JOBS:
Thinner, greener computers may save money

By Christina Bradley
Staff Reporter

Kurt Giessel is helping to make Highline greener by using virtual servers to save energy and money.

Giessel is a server administrator for Instructional Computing at Highline. The virtual server is a computer file that acts as a physical computer. One physical server can run about 10 virtual servers.

“Using fewer physical servers will benefit Highline by using less electricity because less heat is generated, which means less air conditioning is used and it costs less,” Giessel said.

The students at Highline will not notice any difference while using the computers on campus.

“It is completely seamless—there is no difference between them, but there will be less failure and less Blackboard crashes,” said Giessel.

There is really no downside to this change on campus, he said.

“If one physical server goes down then they all go down, but if one does, another one immediately runs, so it isn’t even an issue,” said Giessel.

These changes will be happening soon and ready to use.

“It is in place now and will be done within 30-60 days, so by the end of the Fall Quarter and ready for winter,” said Giessel.

There will also be changes in classrooms and in lab computers.

“Phase two is in the classrooms. There will be a thin client instead of a full computer. The thin client doesn’t have fans so they will generate less heat, less noise, and use less power.”

A thin client takes the place of a full-size computer, using one to five watts, while a full-size desktop computer uses between 20-60 watts. It is also much smaller and lighter, weighing about one pound, and is less than half the size of a laptop computer. Thin clients allow the mouse, keyboard and monitor to connect and act just like a normal computer.

“The thin client is the same quality as a PC and the name really reflects what it does. It is called thin because it is small, and client because it acts as a client to connect to the server. The server holds the information and the client connects to the server to retrieve the information,” Giessel said.

The server is like a PC, but much more powerful.

“Servers allow multiple PCs to connect to it. They support high-end databases and websites,” said Giessel.

Even though the servers can support much more information than a PC, they don’t cost more.

“Over a five-year period Highline would spend $3.5 million on the PCs that are currently being used, whereas with the thin client they would only be spending $1.2 million every five years, and that doesn’t include how much money Highline will save in energy,” said Giessel.

Highline will start with a test program on a few computers to make sure they are working properly, and the way people want. If the new program works with the thin clients, then all of the PCs will be replaced with thin clients, which is about 3,000 PCs campus-wide.

Highline has decided to use this technology because of the increasing energy costs.

“Saving energy will save money and allow better use of the state resources. The savings allow money to be invested in other areas,” said Giessel.

“Virtual servers are going to use less electricity and cost less,” said Giessel.

“Being greener always makes people smile.”

Education on domestic violence is the goal of Women’s Programs

By Aaron Raj
Staff Reporter

Women’s Programs hopes to educate Highline students on Domestic Violence Awareness for the new school year.

The program is holding annual Domestic Violence Awareness events for the month of October and for the first time ever a Community First event was held on Oct. 1.

The events are organized by a collaborative effort of Highline’s staff and faculty members, Highline’s Outreach Department, and a non-profit agency called Servanthood Ministries.

Domestic Violence Awareness month is an event that provides a statement to Highline about what domestic violence is and how to stop it, said Women’s Programs staff.

The awareness month is a subject that needs to be discussed; it provides information on how it affects men and women, and gives resources, said organizers of the events.

The event has a project that’s been around since the 90s, said Jean Munro of Women’s Programs.

Women’s Programs and Work First Services; a clothes line project which has students and staff make t-shirts to show people about domestic violence. The shirts have pictures and/or descriptions about people who have suffered domestic violence. The shirts are color-coded to show the form of abuse and whether the victim survived the abuse they experienced.

White represents women who died because of violence.

Beige represents battered or assaulted women.

Red, pink and orange are for survivors of rape and sexual assault.

Blue and green t-shirts represent survivors of incest and sexual abuse.

Purple or lavender represents women attacked because of their sexual orientation.

Black is for women attacked for political reasons.

“You would be surprised by how many of our students and staff were touched by domestic violence,” Munro said.

The event has done well in the past, said Aaron Reader of Women’s Programs and Work First Services.

“Turnout is always pretty good,” said Deana Raider, director of Women’s Programs and Work First Services.

Students are welcome to help with the events. They can attend the events to show support or even volunteer. Students who choose to volunteer can go to the Women’s Program office downstairs in Building 6 for more information.

Domestic Violence Awareness month is not just an event for women. The event gives men a chance to learn about the subject; it’s a chance to learn what is going on around the community, said Reader.

“It educates me; it gives me the courage to be an advocate for those people in the situations. It also allows me to teach others what I’ve learned,” Reader said.

Also, the Community First event on Oct. 1 gave away school supplies to Women’s Programs students who were in need for college school supplies. The supply give away was a chance for women to receive pens, pencils, notebooks, binders, hygiene packets and various school items.

Women’s Programs is a good place to go for women who need help, whether it is emotional or for supplies, said organizers.

“It’s definitely a place to go for resources. We’re here for women that have needs and we do what we can to help,” Reader said.
Editorial comment

Highline students need to vote

Oct. 4 was the final day to register to vote online or by mail in Washington State prior to the Nov. 4 general election. Let us just say for the sake of argument that you have followed that advice and have registered. Now that you have bought the cow, do you plan to milk it?

This past week has seen its amount of turmoil for the United States. Our economy has tanked. The Dow Jones Index has continued plummeting, setting historical records.

Jobless rates have continued to increase and an estimated 159,000 jobs were eliminated in September alone. Car dealerships are closing in record numbers and the auto manufacturers claim they will sell 600,000 fewer units per month.

Major banks, including Washington Mutual, have been taken over by federal regulators and have begun tightening credit on the loans they make to each other and downright denying loans to previously “prime” customers. Students have had difficulties getting access to student loans.

The U.S. commander of our troops in Afghanistan is asking for more troops but they are nowhere to be found because of our obligations in Iraq. We continue to spend $10 billion per month there despite the Iraqi government’s $80 billion surplus.

There is a crisis in health care as those who have lost their jobs are also losing insurance coverage for themselves and their families. The cost of health care continues to bankrupt thousands of American families on a monthly basis.

So much is at stake in this upcoming election and if history is any indication, you don’t care. You see, it is one thing to register to vote but “you have to use the franchise once you purchase it,” according to David Ammons, communications director for the Secretary of State.

Ammons pointed out that turnout in the Aug. 19 primary for the “millenials,” those 18-24, was a dismal 18 percent of the total amount registered to vote. He said that “the turnout of the 24-35-year-old group was roughly the same compared to a turnout of three-fourths of the registered voters in their 60s and 70s.” The state Democratic Party provides a turnout number of 16 percent of registered 18-29 year olds.

If you are registered, please exercise your right to vote. If you aren’t registered, you can still register in person at the King County elections office through Oct. 20. Their address is 919 Grady Way, Bellevue, or if you are out of the immediate area, there is an office in Renton.

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“Whataisy mean that ‘one’?

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Ayunas was the helm of the World Bank after the invasion and conduct of the war proved to be widely unpopular with American voters and led to the dismissal of Donald Rumsfeld.

Two years later he was forced to step down after a controversy regarding the pay and promotion for his partner, who also works for the World Bank.

We ponder the mess surrounding Michael Brown, who was appointed to head FEMA after a tenure at the International Arabian Horse Association, which we were told made him perfect to help distressed Americans. The famous line, “Brownie, you’re doing a heck of a job,” was uttered by the president as victims of Hurricane Katrina drowned, went hungry and thirsty, and eventually were given trailers made with formaldehyde to live in.

The same party that brought us those shining points of light is asking us to accept a wink, a smirk, and a flip, non-responsive answer as a substitute for experience, judgment, and intellect. Perhaps intellectual elitism is what we need when the opposite is mediocrity.

We are facing the darkest days in over 100 years of our country’s history and I have no need to vote for someone with whom to sit around the table and have a cup of coffee.

Gov. Sarah Palin may make “Joe Six-Pack” feel like she is winking at and talking directly to him. So she didn’t fall off the stage. Her performance brings to mind a Mad TV skit, “Lowered Expectations.”

Here we have a perfect example of a Stepford Wife gone wild. She has thrown down the gauntlet by saying about Obama “This is not a man who sees America like you and I see America.” Continuing on she said, “We see an America of exceptionalism.”

“Exceptionalism” is not what you get when you draft a person to be vice president whose major claim to fame has been that of a runner-up beauty queen, mayor of a very small town, and governor of a very small (population) state.

Neither Sen. John McCain nor Gov. Palin desire being tied to their party’s dismal record of governance. They would prefer we forget which party has had exclusive power six of the last eight years.

We are now asked to believe that Ms. Palin, the butt of Tina Fey’s skits on Saturday Night Live, is ready to assume the presidency should something happen to Mr. McCain if he is elected. That idea is incredulous.

We have had eight years of a president that was elected because the voters felt he was the type of guy one could share a drink with. After this mess, the country has a hangover and the fizz of a shiny smile doesn’t work nearly as well as an Alka Seltzer.

Vaughn Profit-Breaux prefers wine to whining.
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 $18 for seniors and $20 for adults. Tickets are available on-line at www.kentarts.com, by calling 253-856-5051 or in person at the Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N.

• Taproot Theater Company presents a new production of Rachel Crothers’ 1930s Broadway hit, Susan and God. Tickets for ages 25 and under are $10. Susan and God runs through Oct. 25. To purchase tickets, call Taproot Theatre’s box office at 206-781-9707 or Ticketmaster at 206-292-ARTS. The new $10 25-and-under price is a significant saving over Taproot’s normal tickets, which range from $20-33.

To get arts news, contact Rochelle Adams at road-ams@highline.edu, or call 206-687-3710, ext. 3317.
T-Birds continue on the winning path to NWAACCs

By Max Dubbeldam
Staff Reporter

The Thunderbirds are still tied for first place after securing six points from two matches. Highline and division rival Bellevue are tied at 26 points from 10 matches. The Thunderbirds’ record is 8-0-2 for the league season. Highline won at home against Tacoma last Wednesday and beat Edmonds away on Saturday.

Highline came away with a 3-1 victory at home against Tacoma on Wednesday, Oct. 1. The Thunderbirds came back from a slow start and a one-goal deficit to clinch the win against the Titans.

Head Coach Jason Prenovost said that the first half was uneven.

“We played OK in the first half, but not great,” he said. “The second half we came out very flat; it was the worst second half opening all season.”

Tacoma took advantage of Highline’s slow start in the 51st minute and scored what Prenovost described as a very soft goal.

The goal was set up when Highline defender Ricco Sanchez missed-kicked the ball, and goalkeeper Liviu Bird was unable to clean up the mess. Tacoma’s Frank Tayou popped up in between them and tapped the ball into the goal.

Prenovost said that the goal seemed to wake the team up, and Highline started putting the pressure on the Titans.

Four minutes later Highline struck back when Fernando Gonzales set up Brandon Areola to tie the match in the 55th. Highline took the lead around the 60th minute mark when a Tacoma defender headed a Highline cross into his own goal putting the score at 2-1.

“The own goal was a result of us putting a lot of pressure on them,” Prenovost said. Highline kept the pressure on and the Titans started to show their frustration near the end of the match. Highline was awarded a penalty kick in the 90th minute. Tony Maxwell dispatched the opportunity, even though the Tacoma goalkeeper was close to saving it.

On Saturday, Oct. 4, Highline played away at Edmonds, and they won 4-0.

“We started off slow,” said sophomore Ricco Sanchez. “It took us some time to get going.”

Prenovost added that during the first half they were being outplayed in some ways.

He said that a lot of teams play well against Highline because of the Thunderbirds’ reputation and the fact that if they can get a result, it would be a big deal.

Even though Edmonds came out hard, Highline opened the scoring and took the reins of the match.

Freshman Andrew Hair scored in the 34th and the 43rd minute to give Highline a comfortable two goal lead going into the second half.

In the second-half Highline kept control of the match and Brandon Areola scored the third goal about 10-15 minutes into the half.

Freshman Jay Hardy slotted the fourth goal in the latter stages of the match to give Highline a comfortable 4-0 win.

All four goal-scorers came in from the bench, and Prenovost was happy to give different players their chance.

“We haven’t had any one player stand out. Different players step up at different times,” said Prenovost. “We’ve had 14 different goal scorers, and none have more than four goals.”

Even though Highline is winning most of their matches, Prenovost said that they still have to work on communicating with each other.

“We have a lot of athleticism and skill,” he said. “If we can tie it together with communication, we’ll do very well.”

Prenovost said that the team still needs to gel together and find their groove.

“Head Coach Jason Prenovost gives instructions at practice. "If we put it all together at the right time we could win the championship," Prenovost said. Highline played away at Peninsula on Wednesday, Oct. 8, but the results were unavailable at press time.

On Saturday, Oct. 11, Highline plays at home against Everett at 2 p.m. On Wednesday, Oct. 15, they play away at Whatcom at 2 p.m.

The Thunderbird / Oct. 9, 2008

By Joshua K. Hauck
Staff Reporter

Highline’s cross country team continued to improve at the Charles Bowles Invite in Salem, Ore. on Oct. 4.

Head Coach Josh Baker found progress from this race with most runners setting not only season records, but also personal bests as well.

The men’s team finished 10th overall, and the women finished in 16th at the biggest meet they have participated in thus far. Some 49 colleges with 946 individual runners participated in the meet.

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As a result from the sheer size of the meet, it was split into two different races. Highline competed in the Gold CC Run which was compiled of only NCAA Division I and community colleges, leaving the Division II and Division III schools to contest in the Cardinal CC Run.

For the Gold CC Run, Eddie Earnest-Jones of Greater Boise RC finished in first place with a time of 24:10.01. However, Portland was able to seize first place in the overall team score for the men’s eight-kilometer race.

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Cross Country

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Finishing right behind her in 102nd was Livia Mahaffie in 21:03.27.

Kim Barney was able to finish the race in 120th with a time of 21:59. In 151st was Catherine Nalley with a respectable time of 26:47.26. Completing the race in a time of 28:42.73 was Krysta Rention in 154th.

All and all, it seems that with the sufficient numbers, the Lady Thunderbirds are only able to progressively get better as a team. Although all runners on Highline cross country equally helped the team, two names stood out in Coach Baker's mind. Catherine Nalley was able to improve her time by shaving off an amazing five minutes from her own personal record. Also making an impact was Bill Macdonald. "Bill Macdonald had a big race for us. He hasn't raced in a few years and we barely got him eligible, but he really did good. He was wearing small shoes and his feet were torn open and bloody," said Coach Baker.

Cross Country's next meet will be on Oct. 18 in the Bellevue Invitational held at Lake Sammamish Park.

Competing against the Thunderbirds will be Bellevue, Everett, and Skagit Valley community colleges.
Living and learning, Lady T-birds still have hope for this season

By Brian Grove
Staff Reporter

The Lady Thunderbirds have dropped to 0-4 in the Western Division, falling to Tacoma and Clark.

“They are still very much alive in their playoff hopes, with three more games left in the first half of the season.”

Last Wednesday, Highline faced off with Tacoma on the road looking for their first win. They played hard but were unsuccessful, losing in a four game set, 25-23, 25-18, 25-27, and 25-19.

On a positive note, Highline’s top setter, Ade Aukusitino had another 31 assists to add to her already staggering season total. Paula Miles recorded 10 digs, and Brittany Menard had another 31 assists to add to her already staggering season total. Paula Miles recorded 10 digs, and Brittany Menard had another 31 assists.

Unfortunately, Clark had something else in mind, sweeping Highline with a .500 conference winning percentage. Along with their pending re-test in the bottom four teams in the division, and near the top five teams in the division, they’ve got to figure out right now, what that means.

“We’ve been in close games, and we’ve won the top four teams in the division. We’ve got to figure out how to win. The last 2-3 points, it seems as though we stop playing.”

Highline may get another shot at Tacoma due to a controversial call by one of the refs, which is currently being contested by Highline.

“The referee misapplied the rules, took the ball away and gave it to Tacoma along with another point at a critical time in the game when the score was 13-14, Tacoma,” said Coach Littleman.

When asked about what’s missing from the team right now, Coach Littleman said, “the main thing that’s not there is that killer instinct to put the game away. Towards the end of the game, points are so important. We’ve got to get tougher. We need a play maker.”

That brings us to Adriana Aukusitino. As one of the best setters in the division, and near the top 3 in assists, Aukusitino may be the “playmaker” that Coach Littleman needs.

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**Drama to bring Kafka to life in fall production**

By Katherine Partington

Staff Reporter

The Drama Department is being put on trial.

_The Trial_ is a play version of the German novel of the same name by Franz Kafka.

The protagonist is a man named Joseph K (played by Highline student Mathew Hopkins) who is higher up in a bank. One morning he is arrested for unknown reasons. What follows is the story of how he discovers why he was arrested and how he deals with the situation.

“This is an extremely important piece of modern literature,” said Dr. Christiana Taylor, coordinator of music, art and drama at Highline. “Elements of existentialism, perhaps gloomy, are combined with a sense of humor that explodes with the ridiculous. We intend to emphasize especially the ridiculous and grotesqueness of the original.”

Dr. Taylor said, “They will be using the concept of ensemble meaning everyone in the cast is on stage most of the time, with one character always on stage.”

Other students who will be in the play are Sophia Villanueva, Jared Stratton, Megan Krogstad, Anthony Keane, Brenan Grant, Paul Kalchik and Ashlee Owen.

The play will run until playtime Dec. 4-6 at 8 p.m. in The Little Theater, Building 4, room 122.

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**Blend on hold for fall**

By David McIntosh

Staff Reporter

The Blend is on hiatus until early November.

The bi-weekly event that takes place in the Bistro every other Wednesday at 10 a.m. has been at Highline since 2004. The Blend is looking for a coordinator for the Fall Quarter to start things off right.

Naomi Etienne, an event planning consultant for Student Programs, says they are having a lot of students sign up. Around 60 students are interested, but Lee makes a point that more than likely, not all 60 are going to be regulars. “Let’s say half of them are there all the time, if I could get 30, even 20 committed people, that’s honestly enough… but the more the better,” Lee said. “I will be happy to though with however many we get.”

Even though the club was created on the spur of the moment, Lee said that “Everything is going good so far. It’s like ideas are popping, all my friends are getting involved, and everything’s just doing it on its own and falling into place.”

Anyone interested is welcome to join the club. “If you appreciate music and words, then Verses for you. The club will be meeting weekly, and experienced students will be there to help beginners map out their ideas and create melodies to their words if they want to add more flavor and rhythm. Contact President Stephen Lee at ureadyforbowflex@gmail.com for more information.

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**New club hopes for tuneful times**

By Jessica Lovin

Staff Reporter

Club Verse wants to bring people together to make music.

Aimed at those who like composing original lyrics and poems, Verse will help students put together their creativity into something they can use to spotlight themselves.

Everybody likes music, so of course... it’s going to be extraordinary. It’s something unique,” said member Alexia Jo.

The club was only formed two weeks ago, but already has quite a few members who are very passionate about it.

The club’s ultimate goal, said president and founder Stephen Lee, is to establish a group of people who can showcase their ideas in a lyrical form.

This group can be used as “a resource for all sorts of people to vent out what’s inside of them, [and] do something they wouldn’t normally do,” Lee said. “Honestly, it would just be cool to have more songs be original, like something personal to them.”

In the long run, Lee hopes that Verse will turn into something official that Highline can look up to.

“All would be cool to eventually make something like the hip hop summit, but our own thing,” Lee said. But as of right now, he is still figuring everything out and just taking it one step at a time.

Coming up with the name and concept of Verse was very spontaneous, Lee said. “The whole thing alone pretty much happened in five minutes.”

Two faculty members are interested in advising this club, and Lee is considering having them as co-advisers.

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Some have used science to further racist agendas

By S. Russell Gregory
Staff Reporter

Scientists are supposed to gather information and honestly report the data, but science has a history of hidden truths with the intent of doing harm to race, a Highline professor said here last week.

Lonnie Somer, a third-year Highline anthropology instructor, gave a brief history of bigotry in science at last Friday’s Science Seminar.

“Eugenics,” which states that not all races evolved from the same creatures and therefore aren’t of the same species, Somer said. One polygenist was Swiss scientist Louis Agassiz.

“He said black people and white people should never be allowed to have children together, because if they did their joints would be misshapen, the jaws wouldn’t work, the arms wouldn’t work, ignoring all the evidence around him otherwise,” Somer said. The ideas and theories like these lead to the ideas of eugenics.

“Eugenics is the study of hereditary improvement of the human race by controlled selective breeding,” Somer said. In other words, we can improve ourselves genetically by breeding the best traits in humans and therefore allowing the inferior traits to die out because no one who has them will be allowed to have children,” Somer said.

The Nazis took this to the extreme by killing the breeds of people they felt were inferior. This included the Jews and many others. Somer said that Nazis probably would have done this anyway, but admits that we have no idea of what would have happened if the Nazis didn’t use the theories of eugenics.

Less extreme actions were taken with the eugenic theories in the United States. If a physician or direct relative felt that a person was crazy or somehow disabled, they wouldn’t be allowed to have children. In 1944, 30 states allowed sterilizations and 18 of those states forced sterilizations. This went on until the 1960s, Somer said.

“The current example of bigotry in science that Somer came up with was Dr. James D. Watson, who was one of the main discoverers of DNA. Watson said that black people aren’t in labs because they aren’t as intelligent. Because of his extremely racist opinion, Watson was fired from his position at the Coldwater Creek lab in New England, Somer said.”

The next Science Seminar will be on monitoring gas and chemical levels leaking from the Midway Landfill. The contaminants from the Kent Highlands Landfill include heavy metals made up of cadmium, copper, nickel, iron and zinc. It also leaks various chemicals Toluene, phthalate, vinyl Chloride, Manganese, Anoxic Water and Ammonia.

“T he landfill drains to the Green River, which is a spawning, nursing and fishing area for Coho, Chinkon, and Chum Salmon,” Baer said. “No one is allowed on either one of these sites but the gates and signs don’t stop wildlife from entering. Eagles, hawks and other birds of prey will eat fish from the Green River, which cause further contamination problems,” said Baer.

Nursing professors offer new health seminar

By Jessica Malfitana
Staff Reporter

The facts and the myths of health care will be discussed in the first Nursing faculty seminar next week on campus.

Nursing Professor Elise Muller-Lindgren will speak on Health Care and Health Status in the United States on Wednesday, Oct. 15, in Building 19 room 102 at 2:30 p.m.

“We will be looking at how many people have health care and how many don’t, and what happens to the people that do not, and how much we as a nation spend on health care,” Muller-Lindgren said.

“The seminar is open to anyone on campus. Muller-Lindgren said it should be of particular interest to “anyone going into a health care position.”

Muller-Lindgren said she hopes that this will be the first of many such seminars, depending on “attendance and response from the campus community.”

Nursing faculty will rotate in presenting the seminars. No subject has been chosen for the next seminar, but “anybody on campus could suggest a topic for the next seminar,” she said.
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Similar success stories include The Soggy Doggy, a dog grooming business established in Des Moines who are working with the center to open their third branch after five years; and Durham Upholstery in SeaTac, a car and boat upholstering business established in Des Moines who are working with the center.

“Owners of small businesses have to do so many things every day to survive, that it is hard for them to find the time to work on the long-range health of the business,” he said.

Siegl has his own background in business: before working with the development center, he had been part of five different independent businesses – including Starbucks.

Siegl was one of the three founders of Starbucks in 1971, when the small coffee shop sold only whole beans and brewing accessories.

He left Starbucks in 1980, years before salesman Howard Schultz began shaping the company into the massive coffee house franchise it is today.

“Although the election of Barack Obama would represent a historical milestone, it was not a national company. It was in Seattle,” Siegl said.

He noted that Starbuck would not have been a perfect client for the center, had it existed then. “We wanted to grow, we were energetic, and we were in business.”

“I think that my real life experience with independent businesses is a tremendous help in helping my clients,” Siegl said.

“The owner of a small business has to know more things than anyone can know,” Siegl said. “Smart business owners recognize that and go looking for resources that can help them.”

One service the Small Business Development Center network provides is a statewide resource center, which can provide useful information to small businesses.

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The research center can provide information ranging from the kind of population it would help to the kind of people to do this for, Siegl said. “The owner of Jack’s Auto Glass up the street does not have that kind of resource, so he comes to us.”

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Obama election won’t eclipse nation’s issues, professor says

By Nicholas McCoy
Staff Reporter

A Brown University professor said race and gender inequality issues will not be fixed by this year’s presidential election, at a lecture here Monday.

The election of Barack Obama for president, or Sarah Palin as vice president, will not cure problems of racism and sexism, said Dr. Tricia Rose of Brown University at a presentation Building 2 on Monday, Oct. 6.

“It’s important that we be excited by this, but let’s not be naïve about this,” Rose said.

Although the election of Barack Obama would represent a historical milestone, she said, it will not suddenly eradicate racism overnight. Nor would the election of Sarah Palin as vice president eradicate sexist oppression. The election of a single person will not eliminate sustained historical institutionalized oppression, she said.

“There’s a deep sense of denial about race and gender,” Rose said.

People keep saying this is a historical year, she said.

“We need to figure out what a non-racist, non-homophobic, non-sexist society really looks like,” she said.

“Will Obama be allowed to talk about racial oppression? Or only white oppression?” Rose asked.

Female politicians, she said, such as Hillary Clinton, face a particular hurdle when running for office. They must, she said, appear to be both mother and sex-object in order to be elected.

The presentation of Gov. Palin as an “everywoman.” Rose said, is false. Palin’s husband is a stay-at-home dad, Rose said. Because of this, she said, Palin cannot really understand the difficulty that most women face trying to balance their careers with the care of their children.

Historically, she said, men have never been expected to have a domestic responsibility. Women do not have the same privilege, she said.

The “Highline Votes” series will continue throughout the election. Events coming up this week:

• “Science Seminar: Polling.” It will present a panel discussion called “Toward a new democratic US foreign policy.” It will seek to answer the questions “What would a truly democratic foreign policy look like? How do people in other places view US foreign policy?” Then, on Friday, Oct. 10, in building 3-102, Dr. Helen Burn of the Mathematics department will explain the science of polling, including “how it works and when it doesn’t,” in the lecture “Science Seminar: Polling.”

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“We have some folks who come in with pretty good English skills,” said Washburn.

“We do get level one, very minimal English skill, and even pre-ilt, which are those that are not literate, in their own native language,” he said.

Linda Faaren, the ESL program manager, said they encounter a wide range of educational backgrounds in the ESL program.

“We have people who are doctors, lawyers, engineers, who are professionals in their own country,” said Faaren.

“But, it’s very different if you have a person who is just transferring what they know in one language to a new language versus the idea of the whole language, learning reading and writing for the first time,” she said.

Faaren also said their students from Africa speak seven to eight different languages while having never been readers or writers.

Highline’s ESL program faces many challenges in its effort to accommodate each student.

Stephen Washburn said one challenge is making classes available during times in which students can attend.

He said most of the families are working at different times in the day, having different jobs, having to deal with their kids and child care.

Faaren said, “This is a real focus that we’re having. Our ESL world, ABW world, and GED world is all about access.”

Once they get the students in the classroom, the ESL program focuses on the essentials of everyday living and helps to equip students with survival skills.

“As far as actually learning the language, we really focus at lower levels on life skills and language that relates to navigating everyday life,” Washburn said.

“At the very lowest level you’re talking survival English, typical language you need to get around in life,” he said.

Washburn said that the ESL program targets the goals of each student for a point of reference to start from, in determining how to assist them in the program.

Linda Faaren said that the program carries a $25 tuition fee per semester, which can be waived depending on the student’s financial situation.

“We have a very generous worry policy if a person can’t pay,” she said. “Paying should be the last thing they have to worry about.”

The ESL program has five progressive levels to work through for students seeking to progress in their skills and attend career classes afterwards.

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Washburn said that most students do not continue past level three because of priorities they have outside of school.

“We see a tremendous drop off at level three,” he said.

“The reason is, that for a new immigrant to be in training, that’s about the level where they have enough language to get another job and be functional to make a living.

“So, there’s some just attrition based on getting jobs, but they tend to bounce back,” he said.

Washburn said that the rate of transition to regular college classes is very low for ESL students.

“Every ESL student might be learning about child care and cleanliness from an I-BEST teacher, for example, an ESL teacher will be making sure the English terms are written on the board for that subject. The ESL teacher also will make sure the students understand all that the I-BEST teacher had been teaching during the class.

She said students who are on level three have become discouraged because they were ineligible to take I-BEST classes due to their level.

What we’ve found was when a person needed to be at a level four to get into the I-BEST class and they were level three, they got discouraged,” Faaren said.

She said that they decided in the program to do a bridge class, which is a class that prepares level three ESL students for career classes by granting them an overview of the career.

“These bridge classes are pathway classes kind of giving them [students] their ‘taste’ of this field, of nursing, health care, business technology or education,” Faaren said.

So we also work with all the community-based organizations that deal with immigrant refugee populations,” Washburn said.

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“The support has been the difference in how we’ve done.”

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Washburn said that Highline’s ESL enrollment has increased every year by 10 percent.

The program has doubled in size over the last four years.

“We are an effective program because we’re grant-funded through the state and federal government,” he said.

“We deeply feel that students [are] making progress, not just from some standardized text but really from their feedback to us about the overall tactics from the class.”

Washburn said that the program has an 80 member faculty working both full-time and part-time who are a vital part of the success of the program.

He said that they are “really proud of the last four years.”

That program doesn’t consist of one person but rather a “partnering with the Federal Way School District, Highline School District, Toyo’s Literacy Grant and Para Los Ninos” programs that make the ESL program what it is.

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Highline police officers have a new weapon that they say will help them make more arrests.

Collins recalled the fatal shooting of Des Moines police officer Steve Underwood, 33, on Mar. 7, 2001. Underwood called out a Code 3 and over 100 officers in the area responded, Collins said.

Police records show that officers were en route from many departments in the area, including Kent, Des Moines, Federal Way, and Tukwilla.

“Des Moines prosecutors will review [King County] recommendations and ultimately make the final determination on charges,” Collins said.

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