Students divided about drug legalization on campus

By Quilina Dorsey
Staff Reporter

Some 55 percent of students say they do not use drugs, but 45 percent of students agreed that legalizing marijuana on campus is acceptable.

In a non-scientific survey in which 100 students gave their thoughts, 60 percent of students agreed.

Forty percent out of the 45 students who said they did use drugs, said they preferred marijuana to other drugs.

The remaining 5 percent said that they preferred hooka and pain killers.

Seventy percent of the students surveyed said that they have never been pressured by peers into taking any drugs and 30 percent said they have.

Some 43 percent of students said they have never taken more than one drug at once.

"If I was to ever do multiple drugs at once, I don’t think I would be here today," Highline student Dante Nelson said.

Another 45 percent of students said that legalizing marijuana on campus is OK while the remaining 55 percent disagreed.

"I would not want any type of drugs to be legalized on campus because school is a civilian place where people come to get an education,” student Stedman Richardson said, "If there are people coming to school under the influence of something, it makes it harder for other students to learn because they may cause distractions, and they may even put other students’ lives in danger.”

"Drugs are not good to use anywhere, especially at school because drugs ruin your everyday living," second-year student Joe Tito said.

"Drugs should not be used at school because school is not the place for that type of doings," David Reader said.

"Students are at school for a reason and that reason is to get an education and an education only, so to do drugs on campus defeats that purpose," said Highline student JT Hong.

Others disagreed.

"I wouldn’t mind if weed was legal on campus because it is everywhere already and it doesn’t do any harm to anyone,” student Leonia Coleman said.

Coleman was not alone in her thoughts.

"Weed is a natural plant that doesn’t have any long term affects on the human body. There has never been any death documented in our time that has been caused by weed where as alcohol, which causes thousands of deaths a year," said Huan Nguyen.

First dude was a dud at Highline

By Liviu Bird
Staff Reporter

Todd Palin has won multiple Iron Dog snowmobile races in Alaska but he did not last a full school year at Highline.

Sarah Palin entered the national spotlight in the run-up to the presidential election this year when Republican nominee John McCain introduced her as his running mate and vice president.

Sarah Palin’s husband, Todd, the self-proclaimed “First Dude” of Alaska, attended Highline in Fall quarter 1983. He was re-recruited to play basketball for former coach and athletic director Fred Harrison.

“He was a nice person, a nice guy,” Harrison said. “We had a real good ball club with a lot of returners, [so] we redshirted him.”

Joe Callero, current Seattle University men’s basketball coach and former Highline player and coach, was Todd Palin’s roommate during his stay at Highline.

“It was a short-lived experience,” Callero said. “I think he just wanted to get out of Alaska. I lived with him for two or three months before he moved back. I haven’t talked to him in about 20 years.”

As an Alaskan citizen, Palin would have been receiving a Permanent Fund Dividend every year, as long as he maintained resident status. This annual check was $1,000 in October 1982, its inaugural year.

However, as part Alaska Native, Palin would have given another check to help pay for education costs.

Callero said that Palin used part of the money he received from the state to buy them furniture. He also had a pick-up truck that he drove down from his home in Wasilla.

“I think the volleyball players were impressed with the truck,” Callero said.

Callero also recalled Palin’s
Science seminar tests the odds, grades answers

By S. Russell Gregory
Staff Reporter

Polling is a random selection of people to estimate what the entire population feels or believes, a math instructor said last week.

Dr. Helen Burn, a math instructor and chairwoman of the pure and applied sciences division at Highline talked about the subject of polling during last Friday’s Science Seminar.

Science Seminar is held on Fridays from 2:20 – 3:10 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.

During elections pollsters will contact people using random digital dialing. An area code is selected and a computer will select seven random digits to call homes and cell phones of registered voters to ask questions about the election, Burn said.

The ultimate goal is to find 1,000 random people to equally represent gender, age ethnicity, income, and party affiliation. The data retrieved is not equally represented though, Burn said.

“If 800 females and 200 males answered the poll questions then weight can be applied to the males to make the numbers equal,” Burn said.

The number of males could be multiplied by four turning it to 800 males. This means each male polled would then represent the data of four males, said Burn.

“How these corporations actually put weight on the data is a secret of the trade,” Burn said.

A group of people could be under represented but heavily weighted. If a person who represents a heavily weighted group isn’t honest it creates a lot of garbage data making it inaccurate, Burn said.

Polls will have a plus or minus 3 percent margin of error. An example of this is if a poll shows 45 percent support John McCain and 46 percent support Barack Obama. If McCain’s percentage points are dropped by 3 and if 3 points are added for Obama the data would then read 40 percent McCain and 46 percent Obama. If the opposite is done to each candidate then McCain would be at 46 percent and Obama 40 percent, Burn said.

The overall collection of data and applying it mathematically to come up with results gives a 95 percent confidence that it is true.

“This also means that there is a 5 percent chance of it being inaccurate,” Burn said.

Some people may feel that there is no reason to vote if the polls show that one candidate is ahead. Statistically the polls are at a tie for both presidential candidates and it’s not certain how the youth vote is actually counted.

Next Friday the campus is closed so there won’t be a Science Seminar.

The next scheduled Science Seminar will be Friday, Oct. 24, 2:20 – 3:30 p.m. in building 3, room 102. Woody Moses will be speaking on his experience in Belize last summer.

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Student’s Jeep stolen

A female student returned to the east lot where she parked her Jeep eight hours earlier to find it missing.

She called 911 and Des Moines Police officers arrived to assist her.

Athletes’ lockers robbed

Highline’s cross country coach reported lockers broken into in the Building 27 men’s locker room.

At least nine lockers were cut with bolt cutters and robbed of their contents.

A cross country member stated that he had $30 and a personal lock taken. The locker room was unlocked and the burglary happened between 1:45 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Juveniles fight in library

Security responded to a disturbance in the library when two teenage boys were messng around and fighting.

One of the boys, who is 14 and had no I.D., said that he was sitting at a computer and was tapped by the other boy, so he got up and said “what’s up.” The other boy who left before security arrived shoved him and put him in a headlock.

The boy said that they didn’t know each other. Other witnesses said that they saw both juveniles running around together before.

A female student helped break up the disturbance.

Unidentified person causes concern

A female in her mid-30’s wearing a gray jump suit was walking into conference rooms on the third floor of the Building 8 and appeared disoriented with her surroundings.

Student union administrators called security to report the disruption. Security couldn’t find her. She was last seen near Building 1.

Student threatens another

A Highline female student was upset after an altercation with another female student in their speech class.

They disagreed on a topic in the classroom and the threatening student stated, “I’ll talk to you in the parking lot and I’ll beat your ass.” The other female left the campus without an escort.

By compiled by Viktor Dzenzhnyuk

science seminar -- compiled by Kim, in his office in Building 5

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Tip of the week:

"Women are more likely to..."
Metro seeks feedback for new transit routes

By Danielle Warf
Staff Reporter

Metro Transit is looking for community input for plans in changing and dropping routes, including some that would affect students at Highline.

Metro Transit and Sound Transit have suggested a series of changes to bus routes in Southwest King County. Metro officials say they hope to eliminate duplicate, and make the system work better at less cost.

Metro has invited public input through a mail-in questionnaire and through a series of community forums beginning next week.

Possible route changes include:

• Route 174 could be eliminated and replaced with a new “RapidRide A Line,” which would continue service to the college from Federal Way. The new route would run every 10-15 minutes, as opposed to every half hour for the 174.

• The 174 is popular with Highline students.

• Route 175, which also serves the college along Pacific Highway South, would leave the highway for Interstate 5 at South 272nd, stopping at the Kent-Des Moines Park and Ride instead near South 240th Street.

Metro wants community members to voice their opinions regarding the proposals. Metro has offered several different ways you can voice your opinion: filling out the questionnaire Metro sent in the mail by Nov. 6.

Public hearings include:

• Wednesday, Oct. 22 at the Federal Way City Hall, 33325 8th Ave. S., from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

• Thursday, Oct. 30 at the SeaTac City Hall, 4800 S. 188th St., 1:30-3:30 p.m.

• Thursday, Oct. 30 at Foster High School, 4242 S. 144th St. in Tukwila, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The other option you can use is leaving your comments on the Metro message line at 206-296-4511.

Once the public comments are all taken in by the South-west King County Transit Connections Soundboarding Board, they will revise a new proposal to make the community aware of any changes.

The proposals will then go to King County Executive Ron Sims, and the ultimate decision will be made in April or May of 2009 by the Metropolitan King County Council. Any approved changes will begin in February 2010.

Women’s Programs plans events

By Aaron Raj
Staff Reporter

Women’s Programs has events coming up next week to help educate students and staff on many subjects such as domestic violence and health issues.

• Women’s Health Issues for the 21 Century event will be Tuesday, Oct. 21, from 11 a.m. to noon in the Mount Skokomish Room in Building 8. It will be in a dialogue setting for questions, answers and concerns and will be hosted by nursing Professor Marie Esch-Radlue.

The event will show women what they can do to live happier and stronger lives.

• A Deepening Up Your Procrastination work shop on Tuesday from noon to 12:50 p.m., also in Mt. Skokomish.

• A session on Domestic Violence Advocacy will be Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 11 a.m. to noon in the Lecture and Performance Hall, Building 7.

The check-up helps to build and maintain good study habits. It will be hosted by Lance Gibson, director of the Counseling and Career Resource Center.

The event helps students who struggle with their classes and gets them back on track.

• A session on Domestic Violence Advocacy will be Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 11 a.m. to noon in the Lecture and Performance Hall, Building 7.

The event is designed to show the role advocate plays in domestic violence.

The workshop will be hosted by Milena Chausheva and Simone Tais, legal advocates for the YWCA.

• An open discussion on various topics will be Thursday, Oct. 23 from 11 a.m. to noon in Building 8, Mt. Skokomish room.

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Dr. Gloria Koepping, faculty counselor, will talk about how to stay safe while using web forums such as MySpace and Facebook. She will discuss privacy and safety tips and guidelines for meeting new people online.

New psych professor applies profession to life

By Christina Bradley
Staff Reporter

Garth Neufeld has more in common with students than meets the eye.

Neufeld is a new psychology professor at Highline this Fall Quarter.

Neufeld began his college career wanting to major in business, but later switched to psychology.

“I wanted to go into business at first, but I sucked at economics. At the same time I was taking a psychology class and found in very interesting so I switched, and that was at about age 20,” said Neufeld.

Neufeld grew up in Canada and also did some of his school ing there.

“I did my bachelor’s degree in Canada at the University of Saskatchewan, and my master’s degree in marriage and family counseling at a seminary in Fresno, Calif. called Memori- mite Biblical Seminary,” said Neufeld.

“Religion is in my background, one of the reasons that I moved out here to Seattle was because my friend is starting a church here within a year.”

Neufeld then lived in Fresno for a year and started his clinical work along with teaching.

“I did professional work as a therapist for four years with a little teaching on the side. Now I switched them and teach majorly of the time with a little counseling on the side,” said Neufeld.

After living in California, Neufeld relocated to Washing ton.

“I moved from California to enjoy the Northwest. Highline came as a reputable college in the area. I heard about the great quality of people and the diversity,” said Neufeld.

Neufeld is at Highline for a one-year contract, but would like to stay for a longer period of time.

“I was hired for a year, but my wife Danielle and I have re- located, and from what I see at Highline I love it. I love the stu dents, and I can see myself here for a long time,” said Neufeld.

This Fall Quarter Neufeld is teaching Introduction to Psychology, but for Winter Quarter he will also be teaching a person- ality class.

“I think Intro to Psych is an interesting class because there are some people who are there because they have to take the class, then there are some peo ple who share my heart and have empathy for people with mental illnesses. This class will also open the eyes of the people who will only take this one psychology class,” said Neufeld.

Neufeld said he has a strong passion for psychology. The complexity of humans is what makes him so interested.

“There is complexity to the soul, and there is so much more than what meets the eye,” said Neufeld.

Even though some people may not have an interest in psychology it can be important for everyday life.

“Psychology is one of the most applicable classes to rel evant life. People live and breathe psychology every day. My goal is to find a point of connection with everyone to see where psychology can apply to their life,” he said.

Neufeld has many reasons that psychology is so important to him.

“It is important for people to understand who they are, and why they are the people that they are. It is also important to dig deep and figure out your meaning. People use their strengths and weaknesses to get better,” he said.
**Editorial comment**

ESL, college do good job for region

Highline is to be commended for a program of great value to this community, especially in a time of economic downturn. The English as a Second Language program provides the ability of our diverse community to communicate across language barriers. Participants, mostly new immigrants to the area, are given English skills and a first step toward careers in the United States.

Highline’s ESL program is the largest in the state, educating thousands of students per quarter. These students range from those with professional backgrounds in medicine, law, and engineering to those that were barely literate in their native language. Highline’s ESL program has managed to develop a program that reaches all these diverse needs.

The ESL program is partnered with a diverse group of other programs such as the Federal Way School District, the Highline School District, the Toyota Literacy Grant, and Para Los Ninos. The program’s service area is equally diverse, extending from Seattle, south to Pierce County. This is accomplished while still keeping the tuition at a low of $25 per student.

The participants in the ESL program are able to transition to career and college level courses after completion. The ESL program employees encourage further educational opportunities, through Highline Community College, for most of their students. A component of the ESL program is the I-BEST program.

I-BEST stands for Integrated Basic Educational Skills Training. Highline’s ESL program was the first in the state to incorporate a program that allows ESL instructors to assist participants in the professional technical classes they take. It was designed by the State of Washington to help students’ chances of success in their career choices.

The area south of Seattle is rapidly becoming the most diverse area of the state. Highline Community College is the most diverse college in Washington. The ESL program enhances the region’s ability to compete in a global market.

As the global financial crisis continues to produce stresses on the pyramid of economies that support it, it is of utmost importance that our region be prepared to compete across regional, state, national, and global lines. Having the best educated workforce is the most effective way to encounter those forces of competition. Highline’s ESL program is invaluable in that process.

Highline is providing the area with an educated, diverse workforce during an important time.

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**ASHCC Caucus program generates ideas**

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The attendees exhibited a thirst for positions that were not limited to those put forth by King County lawmakers have placed eight charter amendment on the ballot. These are important because the County finds itself in an enormous budget get hole. Layoff’s in the hundreds, including the sacred cow of public safety, have been announced.

One of the students attending the first caucus, Nick Burns said, “A tree that grows out too big will eventually topple,” in an argument against involvement in the affairs of other nations before taking care of our own. The students who have been attending the caucuses have shown that they do care about what happens in the world, nation, state, and on campus at Highline.

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**Puzzles**

**Arts Calendar**

- **Champions of the Dance**, a ballet dancing exhibition, comes to the Kentwood Performing Arts Center, Tuesday, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m. The center is at 25800 164th Ave. SE, Covington.
- **Tickets** are $30 for adults, $28 for seniors and $25 for youths. 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.
- **Kent Parks’ 19th annual Halloween Party** presented by the Kent-Meridian Performing Arts Center, 10020 SE 256th St. Tickets are $20 for adults, $18 for seniors and youths. Tickets are available on-line at www.kentarts.com, by calling 253-856-5051 or in person at the Kent Commons.
- Tuesday, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m. Performers Friday, Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 26 at 3 p.m.
- **Tickets** are $20-33. For more information, call Taproot Theatre’s box office at 206-781-9707 or Ticketmaster at 1-800-982-2787.

**Last week’s crossword solution**

**POLICY MATTERS**

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- **SLEDS**
- **ARC**
- **ATONE**
- **PETRO**
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**Quotable Quote**

_The illegal we do immediately. The unconstitutional takes a little longer._

- **Henry Kissinger**

5. **Politics**
6. **DURING**
7. **Oxen**
Still blooming

Amid high gas prices, financial meltdown and chilly fall weather, the Des Moines Farmers Market endures

Story by Catherine Dusharme
Photos by Ami Nguyen
Staff Reporters

The Des Moines Farmers Market is getting ready to finish its third season.

“It went really well,” said Season Market Manager Rikki Marohl. “In spite of the economy, our sales actually increased - we had over 900 shoppers every week.”

“Plus we had quite a few new vendors: grass-fed beef, ice cream, lavender, and a new bakery, which everyone was very excited about,” Marohl said.

She said she was also very pleased with a number of market events this past season.

The June 7 opening day festivities included the Waterland Children’s Festival, a strongman competition, and Safety on the Sound, which was put on by the fire department and the marina.

“It was an unbelievable day,” Marohl said excitedly. “The Seattle P.I. came down and took pictures of the strongman competition and we had so many people that, for the first time, we actually had parking problems. We’re already planning on partnering with everyone again for next year.”

For July 4, the market hosted a fireworks cruise fundraiser aboard an Argosy ship. “It was great,” said Marohl. “There were over 100 people on board and we had a fabulous time.”

For the final market day, Oct. 25, the market will be hosting a chili cook-off, which will benefit the Des Moines Food Bank.

“I’m very excited – it’ll be a lot of fun. Last year the food bank got $300 and over 500 pounds of food donated,” Marohl said.

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The Des Moines Farmers Market is held at the Des Moines Marina, located at South 227th Street and Dock Street, and is open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Oct. 25.

A vendor prepares kale for sale at the market.

The market occupies a series of tents erected on the southeast corner of the Marina parking lot.

Highline instructor wins award from Seattle Art Museum

By Rochelle Adams
Staff Reporter

New Highline art instructor Eric Elliott recently won the Kayla Skinner award from the Seattle Art Museum.

His work consists mainly of oil paint still life and interiors.

He said, “There is a heavy build up of paint that becomes almost relief, as I search for the balance between focus and letting the composition fuse into one.”

Elliott graduated from the University of Washington in 2007 with a master of fine arts degree. From there, he began teaching art at various institutions including the UW, Gage Academy, and North Seattle Community College.

“I teach mainly drawing and painting classes,” Elliott said.

At Highline, he teaches Art 100 once a week on Saturdays and will teach during Winter Quarter.

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The Kayla Skinner Award “is basically a runner-up award to the Betty Bowen Award,” he said.

Isaac Layman won the Bowen out of 524 entrants. Elliott was one of five finalists, and was given the Skinner award for his work.

The contestants competing for this award were judged on a body of work they submitted that could represent their work as a whole, said Nicole Griffin, Seattle Art Museum spokes-woman.

Layman received $15,000, while Elliott and his fellow runner-up, Wynne Greenwood, received $2,500. The awards were presented on Friday, Oct. 10.

Elliott will also participate in Tacoma Art Museum’s North West 9th Biennial which opens Jan. 31 2009 and lasts until May 25.

A cheese vendor serves a customer at last Saturday’s Des Moines Farmers Market.

Peppers and carrots are among the bounty still for sale at the market.
Many of you may be ready for a fright this Halloween season, and these local haunted houses are ready to scare you out of your skin.

The scariest house this season may be the Kube 93 Haunted House located in South Seattle.

“Whenever I go to a haunted house, I want it to actually scare me. Something that will keep me paranoid while walking down the halls… it’s a good thrill for this time of year,” said Highline student Tiffany Genzlinger.

The Kube House is actually located in the legendary Georgetown Mongre. That itself may be scary enough for some students.

“Between one and five, I would definitely rate this one a 7.5 in terms of scariness,” said Darryl Rogers, director of events for Seattle Haunts, coordinating company for the Kube 93 and KJR 95.7 haunted houses.

For something a little less scary that still keeps the hairs raised on the back of your neck, the KJR 95.7 attraction is located in a colonial themed house next to the Tulalip Casino.

“This one is still pretty scary, but not as intense,” said Rogers. It has a little less gore, but there are still plenty of ghosts who will give you a fright.

“A thing I really hate when I go to attractions like a haunted house is when they steal like 20 bucks from you, you have to wait in line… a two-hour line, and when you finally get in, it’s all over in the blink of an eye. Like eight minutes the most,” said Highline student Gabriel Garcia.

The traditional Maris Farms Haunted Woods should be well worth your money. For $15 with an online $5 coupon, this attraction takes about 25-35 minutes to walk through.

“This is pretty scary. It’s meant as an ‘around the corner’ kind of startling experience rather than a bunch of blood and guts,” said Steve Templeman, Maris Farms director of events.

“We also have some lower tone entertainment for the whole family to enjoy. There are live house music bands that play in the front during the night, we’ve got pig races, and a corn maze you can go through at night.”

For something similar but a little less expensive, another haunted Forest is located in Maple Valley. For $9, you should expect about an hour’s worth of entertainment.

“We try to entertain everyone from the moment they step out of their car until they drive away,” said Erik Tavares, director of the Dark Hollow Haunted Forest.

The price of the attraction is usually based upon how scary the house is, so keep that in mind.

Local Halloween attractions include:

- Kube 93 Haunted House, 5000 E Marginal Way S Seattle. Tickets $14; discounts available online at www.kube93.com KJR 95.7
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By Jessica Lovin
Staff Reporter

It’s hard to tell whether director Oliver Stone’s biopic of George W. Bush or to poke fun at him relentlessly.

In truth, it does both while still managing to stay relatively close to the current president’s real life story.

The movie skips back and forth through time and is separated into three acts by the recurring image of Bush on an empty baseball field.

The jumps in time create a difficult job for the make-up artists who had to age the actors as their characters shot back and forth between the time span of 1966 to the early 2000s. For the most part they were successful.

Make-up not only helped Brolin look like Bush, but also helped him pass as a college kid and a 50-something man.

The time shift magnifies the fact that there is very little contrast between the George W. that Josh Brolin portrays as a college kid and the one he portrays as an adult president.

Much of the movie is devoted to making fun of George W.’s irresponsibility and lack of intelligence. He’s shown as an overweight child who bases his presidential schedule around his sports shows, wears t-shirts with puppies on them, is easily led by Dick Cheney, has deep daddy issues, and holds onto simplistic views of the world.

Phedon Papamichalou’s excellent cinematography magnifies these qualities. The same shaky camera techniques used during a drunken card game where George W. decides to run for office are used in a scene taking place years later when he’s having a meeting in his oval office.

The message is pretty clear: He’s the same guy in one scene as he is in another that supposedly took place years later.

Another point where cinematography played a major role was in the scene where Colin Powell makes a long speech on why the country shouldn’t go to war.

George W.’s response was a complaint on being “misunderestimated.”

By the end, all the jokes at George W.’s expense and the overall theme that he is a grown-up child helps the audience sympathize with this controversial historical figure. The war he started is pretty much blamed on his gullibility and the immature belief that good always triumphs over evil. He meant well, seems to be the overall theme, he just bit off more than he could chew.

Oliver Stone and Weiser do a good job making this controversial historical figure into a sympathetic character. It only took a lot of jokes targeted at his intelligence to do it.

If opens this Friday, Oct. 17.

Renowned author, poet coming to Highline

By Katherine Partington
Staff Reporter

Iraq vet and author Brian Turner is coming to Highline on Thursday, Oct. 23.

Turner spent seven years in the Army and is a veteran of the Iraq war.

His years in the army included one year as an infantry team leader in Iraq with the Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division.

He also was deployed in Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1999-2000 with the 10th Mountain Division.

He graduated from the University of Oregon with a master of fine arts degree and has lived abroad in South Korea.

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The book has received several awards, including, 2005 Beatrice Hawley Award, 2006 Maine Literary Award in Poetry, 2006 PEN Center USA “Best in the West” Literary Award in Poetry, 2007 Poets’ Prize and most recently the 2008 Charity Randall Citation.

Turner will work with classes and will speak at noon as part of Highline Listen’s Writers Read their Work in Building 2.

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Jokes and stupidity: A recipe for sympathy

By Rochelle Adams
Staff Reporter

The whole scene has George W. deciding to run for office are used in a scene taking place years later when he’s having a drunken card game where George W. decides to run for office.

Josh Brolin as President George W. Bush.

This one is still pretty scary, but not as intense,” said Rogers. It has a little less gore, but there are still plenty of ghosts who will give you a fright.

“A thing I really hate when I go to attractions like a haunted house is when they steal like 20 bucks from you, you have to wait in line… a two-hour line, and when you finally get in, it’s all over in the blink of an eye. Like eight minutes the most,” said Highline student Gabriel Garcia.

The traditional Maris Farms Haunted Woods should be well worth your money. For $15 with an online $5 coupon, this attraction takes about 25-35 minutes to walk through.

“This is pretty scary. It’s meant as an ‘around the corner’ kind of startling experience rather than a bunch of blood and guts,” said Steve Templeman, Maris Farms director of events.

“We also have some lower tone entertainment for the whole family to enjoy. There are live house music bands that play in the front during the night, we’ve got pig races, and a corn maze you can go through at night.”

For something similar but a little less expensive, another haunted Forest is located in Maple Valley. For $9, you should expect about an hour’s worth of entertainment.

“We try to entertain everyone from the moment they step out of their car until they drive away,” said Erik Tavares, director of the Dark Hollow Haunted Forest.

The price of the attraction is usually based upon how scary the house is, so keep that in mind.

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Lady Thunderbirds break through with two wins

By Brian Grove
Staff Reporter

The Lady Thunderbirds finally got two well-deserved wins last week against Lower Columbia and Grays Harbor.

The wins bring their current play-off hopes into clearer focus, as at least one of the games was considered a “must win.”

In last Wednesday’s game against Lower Columbia, the Lady Thunderbirds finally got the division win they were looking for.

Highline vanquished their opponents in only four games, 22-25, 25-16, 25-19, and 25-14.

Highline’s Paula Miles and Stephanie Rojas led the kill totals with 14 and 11 respectively.

Adriana Aukusitino had 37 assists. The next closest assist total was Kacie DeRosier (Lower Columbia) with 19.

Miles also had 12 digs while Jessica Alvarez racked up eight aces and Stephanie Rojas got three aces.

The Lady Thunderbirds faced off against Grays Harbor on Friday, Oct. 10.


Three players reached 10 or more in kills, assists, and digs, and three or more in blocks and aces. Out of the three, two of them were Highline’s own.

Adriana Aukusitino had 21 assists and four aces, while Leticia Colon had 11 kills and three blocks.

Both of these victories set Highline back on track to reach the NWAACC tournament.

Both the coaches and players had something to say about the recent turn-around that will hopefully give them enough momentum to propel them into the play-offs.

“When we play upbeat, when we are talking, when we’re loud, we play better. We’re playing more consistent. The girls have stepped up to the challenge of wanting to make it to the play-offs. Lower Columbia was a big match. If we didn’t win, it was doubtful we’d make the play-offs,” said Head Coach Chris Littleman.

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Lower Columbia felt like a really big game for us. We were very intense about it. We’re becoming more of a team now instead of individuals,” said Highline’s middle blocker, Leticia Colon.

Highline in fifth place in the Western Division of the NWAACC Conference, a half game behind Clark. The top four teams make it to the playoffs.

Meanwhile, Lady Thunderbirds may get to replay their Oct. 1 match against Tacoma.

The Highline coaching staff challenged the match after a referee misinterpreted a substitution rule, giving Tacoma the ball and a point at a crucial time in the match. Highline went on to lose the match in four games.

According to NWAACC officials, the protest is being upheld.

The Lady Thunderbirds will also play in the Wenatchee Valley Crossover Tournament, which takes place Friday, Oct. 17 through the weekend. After the weekend tournament, the Lady Thunderbirds will kick off the second half of their season against Green River on the road, Friday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.

“If we win against Centralia, and we win the Wenatchee tournament, that’s really gonna pump us up. We play up a lot at tournaments,” said Colon.

Power producer

Highline setter Aukusitino drives T-Bird volleyball attack

By Sara Lentz
Staff Reporter

Adriana Aukusitino has traveled a long way from Alaska to play on Highline’s volleyball team.

She came down this July after graduating from Service High School last year in Anchorage, where she first started playing volleyball. Originally she didn’t intend to ever play volleyball but her sister tempted her into it.

“She told me that if I would try out for volleyball with her, she would try out for basketball with me,” she said.

She made the team, and not only that, she was the only freshman to do so. During her freshman season, the team took the regional, state, and conference titles to round out a Triple Crown winning year.

She got recruited to come to Highline when the women’s basketball coach, Amber Moseley, came up to Alaska for an exposure camp.

“I wanted to experience something new and different. That’s what ultimately led to Highline,” Aukusitino said.

Standing at 5’7”, and wearing jersey 21, Aukusitino plays the position of setter.

“The setter is also like a leader, or a point guard on a basketball team,” she said

The setter’s role in the game is to deliver the ball to another player so that they can go in for an attack.

The team’s league record is currently 2-4 but Aukusitino remains positive.

“We can do better. We have the girls to do it,” she said.

Her hopes for the team are to ultimately reach NWAACC championships at the end of the season.

The main highlight for Aukusitino of the season so far would have to be when the team traveled to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for a two week stay and international competition back in August.

The team got a chance to play against Brazilian violinist, and even got the chance to watch some Olympic contenders in action.

Besides volleyball, Aukusitino will also play as point guard on Highline’s basketball team, which also played back in Anchorage. She even has been splitting some of her time with the volleyball team so that she can make it to some of the basketball pre-season practices twice a week.

Since her move from Anchorage, she lives with five other women in a house near campus. After obtaining her associates degree here at Highline, she intends to transfer over to a four-year school and continue her education for a currently undecided major.

Looking ahead, Highline played Centralia this Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. with results unavailable at presstime.

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Lady T-Birds keep third place with two game win streak

By Liz Phillips  Staff Reporter

With nine goals and two wins in the past week, the Lady T-Birds are climbing the playoff ladder.

Still in third place in the NWAACC’s West Division, Highline recorded two shutouts against Everett and Lower Columbia. Everett is currently in last place in the North Division and Lower Columbia is also currently in last place in the North Division.

Highline defeated Everett 7-0 and beat Lower Columbia 2-0, with Ivanski Forrest recording the shut out for both of these matches.

Currently Highline is on track to go to the NWAACC tournament, however, as Coach Tom Moore said, “Nothing is for sure until it’s all said and done.”

Moore said he was very thrilled with the performance of the girls put forth in both games last week. “We have battled through some tough games, and I’m glad that the hard work they have put in is paying off.”

Highline played Everett this past Saturday, Oct. 11, at Highline’s home field.

The entire game was filled with excitement. Highline started out the game hard. With a full team and one sub, the women were ecstatic to be fully equipped said Frerichs.

Erdahl was playing with only 10 players and was taking a beating.

Highline player Andrea Erdahl dribbles the ball down field against Everett. (Max Dubbeldam/THUNDERWORD)

Highline player Andrea Erdahl dribbled the ball down from Sammi Borgstrom, then Erdahl continued to beat the keeper at the near post, making the score 1-0 Highline.

Hot on Erdahl’s heels with another goal three minutes later was Kelsey Lusebrink. Lusebrink received the ball from D. Guerra to score, making the score 2-0 Highline.

Erdahl’s defense was very uneasy with the ball, and Highline had multiple steals which ended in outstanding plays. Like every other game, Erdahl continued to show off her hard work ethic and speed by putting in another goal to end the half.

The half time score had Highline leading 3-0. After the half it was evident that Highline really shut Everett down, offen- sively and defensively, granting literally no scoring opportuni- ties for Everett, Highline was planting a seed of confidence.

“The girls put forth in both games thrived with the performance and Lower Columbia helped Highline to see that perseverance on offense will pay off in the end.”

Frerichs as usual did well in goal and continued the positive vibe the team has when she is in goal Moore said.

“Whitney Lynch did a great job coming back from injury to score with a full squad that eventually led to her goal and many other opportuni- ties for other players,” Moore said.

Coach Moore said, “Slowly, but surely, we are putting the pieces together and I think we’re moving in a good direc- tion. This was a much more enthusiastic as we get closer to playoffs. We will have our ups and downs, and just hope that the ups come when we need them and the downs don’t hold us back from our potential.”

The results for Highline’s game against Olympic on Oct. 15 are not available at press time. Later in the week the T-Birds will be playing at home versus Whatcom on Saturday, Oct. 18 at noon and rival Green River at home on Oct. 22 at 2 p.m.

Highline’s wrestlers and coaches are ready for the upcoming season

By Joshua K. Hauck  Staff Reporter

Highline wrestling is returning bigger and better than ever for their upcoming winter sea- son. With a roster of 31 wres- tlers, coaches expect this season to go exceptionally well.

“From looking at our schedule, there isn’t any reason we shouldn’t win every meet,” said Assistant Coach Matt Hoover.

Athletic Director John Dunn believes that with the team’s il- lustrous history, success within the program should come at ease.

“I am very proud of the fact that we are one of the only two collegiate wrestling programs left in the entire state of Wash- ington. I am also proud to have such quality leadership within the program. Coach Norton is everything that you want in a head coach, and has proven this time and time again. Head Coach Scott Norton has been coaching at Highline for six years. His background includes being a three-time Pac 10 champion, and currently holding second place on Or- egon’s all-time career wins with a record of 111-28 at the Uni- versity of Oregon.

Hoover has been a part of the coaching staff for about two years. Hoover also represented the U.S. in 1994 at the Junior World Championships in Buda- pest, Hungary. A recent addition, Assistant Coach Brad Lauvass has returned to Highline after wrestling here for two years.

Currently, Lauvass is an ama- teur mixed martial artist special- ist with a record of 6-2 and will be turning professional this No- vember.

“Of course we’re confident. If the coaches aren’t confident, then how do we expect our kids to be?” said Coach Hoover.

Although the team has lost many returns, the coaching staff still believes this to be one of the largest and most skilled teams in recent years. This is because of the fact that recruiting has gone remarkably well.

“Coach Norton brought in some great kids this year. We’re just trying to get kids to nation- als,” said Hoover.

This would seem to be a dif- ficult task with only one other collegiate wrestling program within the state. However High- line travels to nearby states like Oregon and Idaho, to as far as Canada and Michigan to find other programs to wrestle against.

“We want to appear to be a dying sport in our state, the coaches have done numer- ous things to keep it alive. One of those is the establishment of a dedicated wrestling team at Highline in an attempt not only to keep their athletes in top physical condition, but to sim- ply continue to keep the sport aware to others. Even though there may be in- individuals on the team who will surely stand out, like returning All-American Marshall Giavan- ni, who placed second at the NJ- CAA championships last year in the 157 pound weight class.

The coaches consider all of their wrestlers to be outstanding, and encourage people to look out for all of them.”

“We want to encourage people to come out and sup- port. Wrestling is kind of over- looked,” said Coach Hoover. “As usual, students should come out and support you guys and girls teams.”

Highline’s first meet will be held on Nov. 2 at Yakima Com- munity College. Their first home meet will be on Dec. 2. also against Yakima.
Highline is left chasing in second place after they dropped points in only one of their matches.

For most of the season Highline has been tied with Bellevue, but after the Thunderbirds tied at Peninsula, Bellevue went up two points.

On Wednesday, Oct. 8, Highline played the match away at Peninsula and fought back from a 2-0 deficit to end the match 2-2.

“We came out flat,” said Head Coach Jason Prenovost. “We were fortunate to get a tie.”

Peninsula’s Omar Anderson opened the scoring in the 24th minute after receiving an assist from Teagan Cambr.

Peninsula further took control of the half with a second goal in the 39th. It was Luis Heredia who pulled one back in the 75th.

“The first half we were losers,” said Prenovost. “And in the equalizing goal in the 75th. It was Luis Heredia collected the ball and passed it back to Nam, who slid it through to Gouk. Gouk was one-on-one with the goalkeeper and scored. Freshman midfielder Alex Bresnen made it 2-0 after receiving a cross from Nam in the 44th minute.

In the second half Everett came out pushing, Everett midfielder Jeffers Haile crossed the ball deep into the Highline box, Abou Khan headed it on goal but Highline keeper Liviu Bird was equal to it.

In the 51st minute Highline’s Brandon Arreola dribbled into the Everett half and passed the ball off to Robbie Gouk. Gouk dribbled into the box but his shot ended up in the side netting.

In the 55th minute Highline had some good build-up play and Fernando Gonzales shot from outside the 18-yard box, but the shot blazed over.

Everett would have the Highline lead in the 57th minute when Eric Hawks chipped Liviu Bird from outside the 18 to put the T-Birds up 3-1.

After the goal, Everett kept pushing and becoming more aggressive. Soon after the goal, Jake Berg shot a ball into the side netting, and the tempo of Highline’s play kept going down.

Highline was having less influence on the match as it went on. Even though Everett kept pushing, the Thunderbirds came away with a win at the end.

“We were cruising the first half,” said Robbie Gouk. “But we dropped off during the second half.”

Prenovost said that it never should’ve been a match, but that Highline let Everett back into the match.

Highline played away at Olympic on Wednesday, Oct. 15, but the results were unavailable at press time.

The Thunderbirds play against Whatcom on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 2 p.m.
History Club looks to the future

By Jessica Lovin
Staff Reporter

Many of them want to major in history, but some just do it for the extra credit points. History Club gets together once a week to talk about historic events, argue about them, and occasionally watch movies.

“We don’t debate, it’s never that formal,” said Dr. Tim McMannon, history club adviser of three years.

McMannon thought it would be a cool idea to form a club in which the students will actually learn something substantial.

Last year they covered topics such as The Cold War and the Romans. They also had a show and tell where members brought in historic items and artifacts such as old paintings and M.L.A. bracelets for children.

The number of members who showed up to the first meeting earlier this fall, McMannon said, was a lot higher than last year. They had about 30-40 when they usually have had 15-20.

“It’s going to be the best history club Highline has ever seen,” said Leah Hatcher, treasurer.

The members want to put together a time capsule for future members to open later on. If interested in joining, the club meets Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. Contact Nick Burns for more information at nicolas.burns@yahoo.com.

Peyton takes reins at extended learning

By Sidney Pacampara
Staff Reporter

Dr. James Peyton is the new interim director of the Center for Extended Learning. He replaces Mary Averett, who retired last summer.

“I’m very excited and still learning on the go,” Peyton said.

Learning is nothing new to Peyton. He was part of the Center for Community Research and Evaluation, which works in conjunction with the CEL, while on the economics faculty.

Peyton has worked at Highline for 11 years. He got his Ph.D. from the University of California, Davis, in environmental, and response economics.

“The Center for Extended Learning is a place that builds a bunch of pathways for students to come into the institution,” Peyton said.

The Center is located in Building 99 and offers non-credit classes and programs with the emphasis on business, technology, and personal enrichment.

The three focuses of the CEL are each headed by a program manager with a teaching staff supporting them. Gale Woods is the program manager of business; Susan Sittner for technology; and Alana Morrison for personal enrichment.

Their training focuses on the advancement of the skill and knowledge in these areas. They work in unison with Highline’s own mission of instilling life-long learning ideas, Peyton said.

For business, the CEL has programs that include contract training, job skill training, business training, plus the Small Business Development Center.

The SBDC focuses on existing small businesses. There is also a closely related program called StartZone that was added in July of this year. StartZone offers the opportunity for entrepreneurs to turn their ideas into businesses.

“These two small business programs complement each other, but they are different in their focus,” Peyton said.

Technology training deals with a wide range of subjects, from computer fundamentals and operating systems to web and graphic design.

“Technology training is really a specialized part of the others,” Peyton said.

The personal enrichment programs offer classes in art, fitness, and personal development, among other topics.

“It is a way for people to just do what they want to do whether it be dance, language, or photography,” Peyton said.

Classes are offered at Highline’s Federal Way campus, Highline High School, as well as the main campus.

In order for each to run correctly, they all work in cooperation with each other under the same operation.

“I oversee, manage, and participate in the ongoing design, development, and evaluation, of the programs. I also promote internal and external partnerships,” Peyton said.

The CEL currently offers around 155 non-credit classes with 328 students enrolled.

Peyton’s term as interim director for the Center of Extended Learning is for this academic year, 2008-2009, and Samuel Le will be the next director.

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Dr. James Peyton
International programs has many events planned for Fall Quarter

By Hanna Jazzyca
Staff Reporter

The International Leadership Student Council has several programs for Fall Quarter.

A Mount Rainier day trip will be held on Oct. 18. Sightseeing and hiking are a few activities participants can do. There will be a $10 fee for transportation, entrance, food and drink. Registration is open.

A Halloween party will be held on Oct. 31. Takuya Kawamura is the social and cultural event coordinator in charge for Halloween 2008.

“We’ve already started to prepare. I think it’s going to be free. Last year we had pumpkin carving, and now we’re going to have a haunted house,” he said.

He also mentioned that he needs the help of volunteers.

“For Halloween, we need about 40 volunteers for set up, cleanup and decoration,” added Ha Truong, the Volunteer Bank coordinator. The first meeting for Halloween volunteers was held on Oct. 10.

To celebrate Thanksgiving weekend, International Student Programs invites student to join the Leavenworth trip. This trip will be held on Nov. 29-30. The cost is $60 for transportation, accommodations and one lunch.

Volunteer programs are also available this quarter. The “Giving Tree” program returns in December. The purpose of this program is to get donations to buy presents and wrap them into Christmas gifts. These gifts will be given to the children of Higline’s students.

For volunteer programs, students are welcome to register in the International Student Program office.

Olivia Ho emphasized that some programs have limited participants, so students who are interested should sign up as soon as the registration opens.

Promotions will be conducted by the International Leadership Student Council in order to encourage students to participate. Those programs are created to help students adjust in their transition.

“Just come and talk to us,” Truong said.

The International Leadership Student Council has showed its efforts in creating positive programs for students. Now it is up to the students to take part.

Updated information will be posted on Highline’s website, or students can simply drop by the International Student Program office in Building 9.

On Oct. 25, the International Student Programs office will move to Building 25 (the library), on the fifth floor, for more space.

Altmayer

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Jones encouraged Altmayer to take up a position on the board.

Altmayer accepted the offer, becoming an active member.

“The more I got to know about the college, the more it interested me and intrigued me,” Altmayer said.

“I ended up getting more active and involved primarily up until just a couple of weeks ago through the Foundation.”

Altmayer says he carries a deep belief in the college’s mission with him to this position as trustee.

Altmayer realized that everything this college offers in the way of innovative education, training opportunities and helping others becoming successful sums up what he’s looking to be a part of.

“Who wouldn’t want to be aligned with an organization that does that? A great organization that’s known not just regionally but nationally,” Altmayer said.

“It kind of makes you want to jump on a bandwagon.”

Altmayer played a key role in funding for the Marine Science Technology Center that is located at Redondo Beach.

“I was the capital campaign co-chair for the Marine Science Technology Center,” he said.

“We [the Foundation] basically provided the funds to have the Marine Science Technology Center.

Altmayer says the foundation has only about a $1 million endowment now, which is actually smaller than it was due to the funding used for the center.

“I’ve got a big interest in marine life. I’m a master scuba diver and I’ve dived all over the world,” he said.

“It just seemed like a great way to be involved very locally in being able to impact what’s happening in Puget Sound,” Altmayer said.

He said that due to his involvement with the Foundation, he’s had an opportunity to attend several regional and nationwide conferences, becoming familiar with other community colleges and their programs.

“We’ve got a number of people who do a wonderful job of being involved with the Foundation, he said.

The college has raised money that benefit the college students overall,” Altmayer said. “I don’t see that at all at the other community colleges.”

“One of our strengths is we have the very first community college in King County,” he said.

“It was initially born back in 1961 and then moved over to this campus in 1964 where they actually got their own buildings and campus and started growing.”

“At that point of legacy builds on itself over time,” he said.

Altmayer says that until he has an opportunity to assess Highline’s background in both its financial standing and programing as a college, he’s not able to comment on where Highline’s weaknesses may lie.

“Hopefully, I’ll garner a better understanding shortly about what areas we may need to improve in,” he said.

“I do have a firm belief that no organization is perfect and it’s one of those things you have to look through and always try to strive to get better.”

Altmayer is a Chicago native having graduated Northern Illinois University in 1984 with a political science degree and also with both an emphasis on international relations and a minor in German.

He was on active duty in the army and stationed in Germany and later became an intelligence officer in 1992.

Altmayer believes that the college has lived up to its name as a community-based college and continues to exhibit a good example as a multicultural educational outreach center.

“I think one of the roles that we have as a community college is to provide a place for workforce redevelopment and retraining,” he said.

“I suspect over the next couple of years that will become a very important part of what we do.”

“I think it is vitally important to be involved in the community, especially now, where we’re looking at tough economic times,” he said.

Altmayer said that he was former Board of Trustees President Karen Vander Ark who had approached him six to eight months ago if he would consider a trustees position before both vacancies actually occurred.

“That’s how I kind of made it over to the trustees or having an interest in the trustees,” Altmayer said.

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The Iron Dog is a 1,971-mile race, contested once a year in February. The longest snowmobile race in the world, the Iron Dog winner was awarded $25,000 in 2008. Palin won the race in 1999, 2000, 2002, and 2007.

In 2008, Palin was racing to defend his crown when he broke his arm in a crash. On Feb. 18, the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner reported that Palin estimated he was going 50 to 60 miles per hour when he hit a metal drum hidden under fresh snow outside the village of Galena and flew 70 feet from his machine before landing.

The News-Miner reported Palin finished the race in fourth place, but not before his machine died completely. He had to be towed across the Chena River and over the finish line in Fairbanks.

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