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Highline Community College

The Thunderword

Students tripping into pitfalls of credit Obama win excites community

By **Spencer Chambers**
Staff Reporter

A credit card will make you or break you.

Experts say credit cards are great for building credit. But if you are irresponsible and spend more than you can pay off at the end of each month the credit card will ruin your credit which will hurt your financial well-being.

Students today have more debt than ever, said Bruce McClary with Clear Point Financial Solutions, a debt consolidation firm. The average college student has an average of four credit cards with an average balance of \$2,785 on their credit cards.

A study by Nellie Mae, a student loan company, shows that 23 percent of graduating college students have debt in excess of \$3,000 carried on their credit cards. Some of them (24 percent) are using the cards to cover part of their tuition expenses.



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Some students here at Highline are reporting similar experiences.

A student wanting to remain unnamed said he has over

\$1,000 in credit card debt due at the end of the month and is going to try to pay it off.

Another student remaining unnamed said, "I have over

\$3,000 carried on my card due to unforeseen circumstances of life."

Another student said she put her tuition on her credit card, but makes sure to pay it off as soon as possible.

Credit cards were first created for two main reasons: to pay for planned expenses that can be paid off in a month and for unforeseen emergencies such as you get a flat tire or need road side assistance for example, experts say.

Today people use their credit cards for everyday living expenses and frivolous items such as "beer and pizza," said McClary.

If you don't have enough money to pay cash and it is not a necessity you should not get the item, Linda Minks said, the Columbia Bank vice president for merchant cards.

Minks said buying the items in credit you will pay a much

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By **Thunderword Staff**

President-elect Barack Obama has energized many at Highline, both students and faculty.

"I'm absolutely pleased," said Alexis McMillan. She said she wasn't surprised by the election results.

As far as what Obama should do first as president, she said it was a toss-up between economic reform and dealing with the war situation.

"I think it bodes well for the community college environment as a whole. It shows that anybody can do anything," McMillan said.

Professor Terry Nuzzo, who teaches accounting, was also pleased with the results.

"Economy, the wars, health care. To me, those are the top three priorities," Nuzzo said.

"It's a tall agenda. I'm not so certain he can get it all taken care of quickly," he said. He's going to need people's support, Nuzzo said.

Political science professor Artashes Boyajian had mixed feelings about the results.

"Everybody's excited and happy," he said.

"It looks like there will be a real majority in the House," as well as a "filibuster-proof Senate."

Boyajian, who identified as a Republican, said this was an interesting election for a number of reasons.

"A lot of moderates and Republicans voted for Obama," he said, seeking "change in domestic and foreign policy."

"The president should work with Congress not just to promote a partisan Democratic agenda," Boyajian said. He said President Bush has failed in this respect, campaigning as a uniter but governing in a very partisan way.

"But think about it -- 7-, 8-, 10-year-olds -- growing up with an African-American president," he said. "They will take

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Giving Tree looking for help to spread holiday cheer

By **Liviu Bird**
Staff Reporter

Highline's Giving Tree program is spreading holiday cheer to those in need.

Student Programs and Women's Programs are looking for volunteers to buy gifts, sponsor children and families, donate money, and help set up a tree and wrap presents.

On Tuesday, Nov. 4, Giving Tree had a bake sale in the Student Union to raise money for their cause. Student volunteers helped sell the goods.

"Getting more students involved" is both a goal and an achievement of the program so far," Highline Student Programs Promotions Consultant Dahe Kim said.

"We want to raise awareness to get people to sponsor children or families," Highline Student



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From left to right: Dahe Kim, Raphael Linhares, Thiare Costa, and Joel Kalouji

Programs Events Consultant Naomi Etienne said.

At each event, staff will have a sign up sheet for those interested in sponsoring children and families.

"[We realize] students have limited disposable income, so they are reluctant to sponsor,"

Etienne said.

However, Etienne said the program needs more students willing to sponsor children or families to step forward.

"Sponsorship is like a support network for students to realize that they are not alone," Etienne said. "It gives them a sense of

community."

Students interested in sponsoring a child or a family should contact Naomi Etienne at netienne@highline.edu or call 206-870-3710, ext. 3537; and provide their name, e-mail address, and phone number.

The sponsor must determine if they want to sponsor a child or a family. If they want to sponsor a family, they must specify how many children they can sponsor.

The amount of money sponsors spend is up to them; the program is run on donations.

In addition to the bake sale, on Nov. 17 children will have an opportunity to have their picture taken with Santa. On Dec. 1, Giving Tree will have a toy drive. Both events will be in the Student Union.

CSI: **H**ighline

Brake failure causes two-car accident

Seven Highline students were going to a Christian retreat and got into a car accident on Hal-loween.

Both vehicles involved in the accident had Highline students inside.

None of the students were hurt, just shaken up.

One of Highline's mathematics instructors called to notify Highline's Security Department of what had happened.

Brake failure in one of the vehicles, which the seven students were in is, was caused the accident.

GPS stolen from car

A 1999 Buick was broken into in a Highline parking lot on Sunday.

The driver's side window was broken and a GPS system worth \$1,100 was stolen.

Smoker sneaks in room

Security found a cigarette butt and wet toilet paper used for an ashtray in a men's bathroom stall on the fifth floor of the library.

Security checked the bathroom after receiving complaints of smoke on the fifth floor.

Security plan to increase patrol and check that area more often.

Student loses items

A Highline student lost some belongings on campus on Monday.

Some of what he lost includes house keys, car keys, and a USB drive with a black and white Highline key ring.

If any student finds any of these things, security asks that they turn them in to lost and found.

Faculty member hurt

A Highline faculty member fell on a sidewalk for medical reasons on the north side of Building 2 on Wednesday.

She hurt her shoulder and elbow and declined medical attention.

No sleeping in parking lot

A man sleeping in his black Honda Civic was roused by Security and was told that he could not sleep in the parking lot overnight.

The man immediately cooperated by leaving campus.

Veterans Day ceremony pays tribute to heroes

By Jessica Lovin
Staff Reporter

A special ceremony to help honor American veterans will be held here at Highline next Monday.

The Rededication Ceremony will be an event open to the public to celebrate Veterans Day

and everything veterans have done for the country.

The Rededication Ceremony will be held on Monday, Nov. 10, at 12 p.m. noon (the day before Veterans Day) at the MIA/Veterans pond next to Building 6.

Students are encouraged to come observe the ceremony, and to help honor and remember the

veterans, said Rachel Abelson, chairwoman of The Veterans Committee.

There will more than likely be a choir or soloist performer to sing during the ceremony, said Abelson.

Larry Yok, Vice President of Administrative Services, will be the speaker for the ceremony.

Held at the MIA/Veterans

pond, the ceremony will be a place for veterans to gather and meet one another.

"It will be a great opportunity for veterans on campus to socialize and come together," said Abelson.

The ceremony is open to the public, and is a good way to let American veterans know that they are appreciated.



Local gamer makes good

The King of Kong: A Fistful of Quarters will be shown for this Movie Friday.

The film follows Kirkland science teacher Steve Wiebe in his effort to beat Billy Mitchell's high score in the arcade game Donkey Kong.

The film has done well with critics, with a 97 percent "fresh" rating on ratings site Rotten Tomatoes and an 83/100 on review collator Metacritic.

Wiebe will be speaking to Highline instructor Craig McKenney's video games class on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 5:15 p.m. in room 14-106.

McKenney said anyone interested in attending is free to.

Science Seminar goes treasure hunting

Geocaching, a form of worldwide treasure hunting, is the subject of the next Science Seminar.

The seminar is Friday, Nov. 7 at 2:20 p.m. in room 3-102.

Geocaching uses GPS receivers to indicate a treasure's loca-

tion. The coordinates are often listed on web sites.

The "geocache" is often a small, waterproof box or container filled with various toys of little monetary value as well as a logbook. The cache can be hidden in plain sight on the ground, underwater, in a tree or in a variety of other places to customize the challenge.

"Geocachers," people who search out these containers, are expected on finding a cache to leave items of equal or greater value than what they take so there is something for the next geocacher to find.

Carla Whittington and Chris Gan will be running the seminar.

Domestic violence workshop in Seattle

The King County Non-Profit Staff Development Coalition will be presenting a workshop on domestic violence next week.

The workshop, part of the Special Issues series, will be held Thursday, Nov. 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Seattle Vocational Institute.

It will "provide an overview of domestic violence, focusing primarily on topics most relevant to human service providers in a variety of settings," according to their release.

Topics will include interventions, safety planning and resources for victims and abusers.

To register for the workshop,



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Autumn's colorful leaves mirror America's own recent change.

visit their site at <http://www.learningconnections.org/Coalition/workshops/2008/Nov13/index.htm>.

NWAACC honors clever Highline athletes

The Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges has announced its "all-academic" teams, and three Highline

students have been honored.

Brennen Hall, from the men's soccer team, made the list with a 3.35 GPA.

From the women's soccer team, two players, Kelsey Louvier and Kelsey Lusebrink, were honored, with respective 3.81 and 3.68 GPAs.

The requirements for eligibility call for a sophomore with at least 36 credits and a minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA.

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Program brings fresh breath of success for students

By S. Russell Gregory
Staff Reporter

For the sixth year in a row 100 percent of Highline’s Respiratory Care graduates have passed the National Board of Respiratory Care Exam, said Bob Bonner, department coordinator of respiratory care.

A respiratory care therapist is in charge of running and monitoring breathing machines. They work with patients who have trouble breathing on their own.

They aid people with asthma, lung disease, chronic disease and acute disease, said Bonner.

“If you’ve read about someone who has been injured on the freeway and airlifted to Harborview and is on life support equipment, we are the group who runs the life support.

“We are a licensed medical profession.

“We work alongside of physicians, nurses and other paramedical people,” Bonner said.

The Respiratory Care Program is seven quarters long. The students learn how to manage, manipulate and calibrate breathing machines.

A third of the program is spent in the classroom; a third in the Respiratory Care lab; and the rest in hospitals working with real patients, Bonner said.

“There is a pretty brisk de-



Ami Nguyen/THUNDERWORD
Bob Bonner is the department coordinator of respiratory care.

mand for medical people these days.

“All the hospitals are getting bigger so they will need more therapists,” Bonner said.

“Some of our students luck-

ily have been employed even before they graduate,” Bonner said.

After the students have graduated, they must pass the National Board of Respiratory

Care Exam.

The national average for passing on the first try is 86 percent.

For the past six years, the Respiratory Care students at Highline have been able to pass this on the first try, said Bonner.

There are many factors why the respiratory care graduates have been successful, Bonner said.

They have received support from various student programs, world class clinical training sites, knowledgeable and dedicated part-time faculty and “good support from our deans and VPs [vice presidents], Bonner said.

“The biggest factor is hard-working and motivated respiratory care students,” Bonner said.

Anyone interested in this program can start applying at the end of November.

The cut off for applicants will be in the middle of May, said Bonner.

The prerequisites for the program starting next fall of 2009 include, Writing 101, Biology 230 or equivalent, Psychology 100, Psychology 200, and a G.P.A. of at least 2.0, Bonner said.

“We do some math but a lot of it is addition, subtraction and some ratios,” Bonner said.

To get into Biology 230 there

is a prerequisite of Math 91 so students need at least that to get in. They need a 100 level math class to graduate, Bonner said.

About 60 – 70 people apply to the Respiratory Care Program every year and 30 students will get in.

Of the people who get into the program, a little bit of preference is given to people who have significant medical experience, such as an emergency medical technician, registered nurse and licensed practical nurse.

Some preference is also given to people who have a college degree.

Usually, these two preferences make up a third or half the class. The rest of the class is chosen by how well students answer the essay questions and what other classes students have taken, Bonner said.

Every year there is a diverse group of students.

“We have students right out of high school and students in their 40s. Most of the students are in their 20s and 30s. About a third of the students English isn’t their first language,” Bonner said.

For more information, contact Bob Bonner bbonner@highline.edu or visit the Respiratory Care Program’s website. <http://flightline.highline.edu/respiratory/>

Gandy self-care seminars reveal potential joy as present within people

By Aaron Raj
Staff Reporter

Debrena Jackson Gandy is on a mission to show students and staff that happiness is an emotion but joy is a state of being.

She has already had two sessions at Highline and is having her third and final session on Wednesday, Nov. 12 in Building 2 from noon to 1 p.m.

Gandy is a national best-selling author of two books and is a business client to companies such as Boeing, Kinko’s, Nordstrom and all major universities and community colleges in the state of Washington.

She has come to Highline for a three-part session titled Transformative Power of Self Care and Inner Renewal.

“My first session was a full house. People were sitting all around the edges of the room. It was amazing,” Gandy said.

Her sessions are open seminars where people can ask questions.

“My sessions are about how to nourish and fortify your mind, body and spirit. It’s about how to fill those things and how to



Debrena Jackson Gandy

keep it full, it makes a big difference when it is,” Gandy said.

She uses her two books, *Scared Pampering Principles* and *All The Joy You Can Stand*, throughout her sessions.

Gandy said she did not plan to be a national best-selling author.

“Writing wasn’t a goal of mine. It came out of a series of events. Speaking was always my first love. I made a little

book of thoughts and it was discovered that it could be a published book,” Gandy said.

After Gandy’s first book she went on to make another.

Gandy said her first book, *Sacred Pampering Principles*, is a summary of the phases she went through in life in forms of principles. It is also about transforming you from “unself-caring” to self-caring.

She also said her second book, *All the Joy You Can Stand*, is about how people can be obsessed with the body and physical materials. It is also about how happiness is a human design and joy is a state of being.

“Happiness is just an emotion when joy is a state of being within our spirit,” she said.

“Sometimes joy can be buried and suffocated. It’s always within us, it just needs to be liberated,” Gandy said.

Gandy also discusses the way our culture is conditioned on trying to reach happiness when it is nothing more than a pipe dream. She believes the feeling of joy is within our spirit and if people can bring it out they will

live better lives.

“We have obsessions with the body, physical, material, and health issues. These challenges wouldn’t exist if our culture considered the spirit to be full,” Gandy said.

Gandy said her sessions are very beneficial to people as they

help to empower and transform.

“There is power within us that is yet to be released. Transforming is about renewing the mind and bringing forth the power that’s already there.

“This can result in better experiences in our lives,” Gandy said.



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Editorial comment

Veterans deserve our thanks

Students should take the time to honor veterans this Tuesday. Veterans Day occurs every Nov. 11, one of the few U.S. holidays to be anchored to a numeric date rather than a day of the week. That day is this coming Tuesday.

The holiday was once known as Armistice Day. Armistice Day was implemented by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919 to commemorate World War I. Later, in 1954, the holiday was expanded to include service members of all wars and was renamed Veterans Day.

Highline, along with all state institutions, will have this coming Tuesday off in celebration of Veterans Day. This time off Tuesday affords us the opportunity to commemorate veterans.

We should remember those veterans who have died, in war and during peacetime. Remember those who are missing in action. Particularly remember the veterans that have personally and directly touched your lives.

Hug a friend or family member who has served our nation as a member of the armed services. Start a conversation with them, thanking them for their great contributions to this country. Call those in your family who are more distant but have also served.

Let us remember those brave, patriotic members of the military who are still serving their country in one of our two present wars, peacekeeping missions, or at our bases, here and abroad, on the seas, or in the air.

Our military families are severely stretched to the limit with extended tours of duty in inhospitable sections of the world. The government pays them too little for the demands placed upon them and their medical care upon return is suspect.

Veterans Day is not just another day off on the school calendar. It is a day for us to say thanks. Don't just ignore it. Pay attention and celebrate a veteran this Tuesday.

If you are a veteran, we thank you. Veterans are important people who have served their country, sacrificing their lives and the lives of their families for our rights and safety.

Happy Veterans Day.

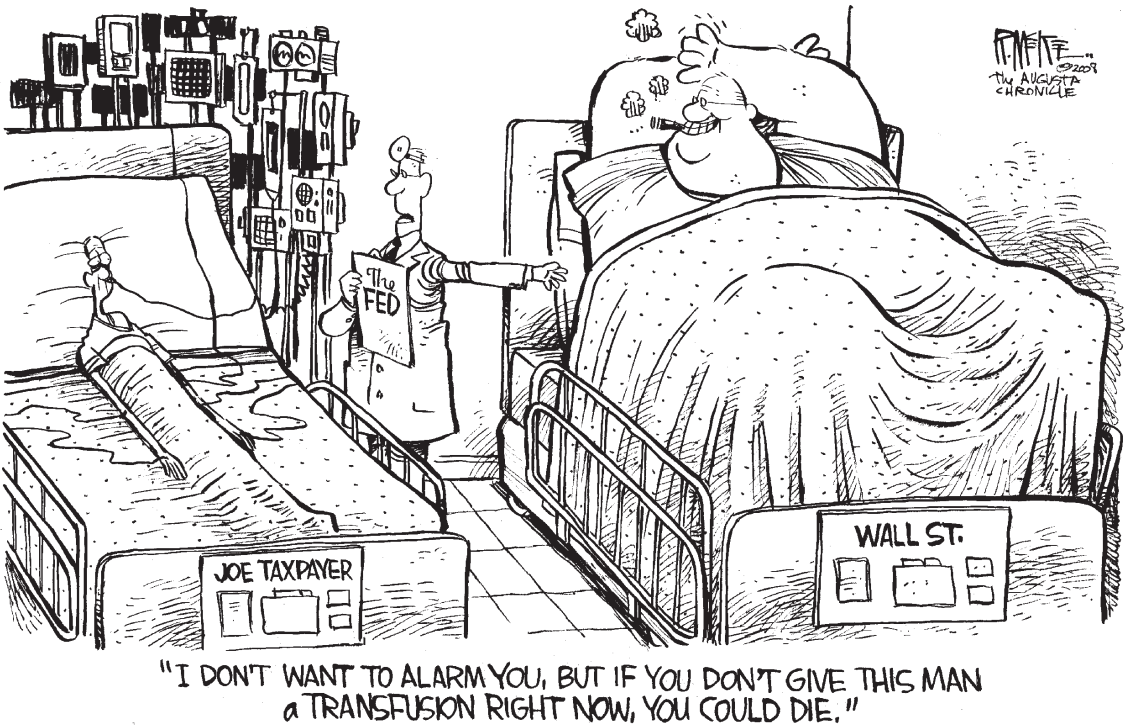
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"If you're gonna be high at school, you might as well build a fort."

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Operation Highlander: government gone wild

Many of us were awakened to horrible news the morning of Sept. 11, 2001. The World Trade Towers in New York City had been attacked, followed by the Pentagon in Washington, DC.

During that morning, Americans watched in horror as hijacked jetliners flew into our symbols of commerce and national defense.

Days and weeks after this attack, the resolve of Americans to punish those responsible for the catastrophic loss of life and property was unyielding. The president and Congress vowed to track down and kill those responsible for these acts. They were later identified as Osama bin Laden and his terrorist network known as al Qaeda.

In their zeal to prove their resolve in protecting the U.S. from further attacks, the Congress granted the president broad intelligence powers under the Patriot Act. As if that wasn't enough, President Bush made frequent use of "national security letters," which do not require probable cause or court approval, to expand the National Security Agency's power to conduct warrantless wiretaps.

According to James Bamford in his book, *The Shadow Factory*, "in 2000, the number of NSLs issued was 8,500 ... but between 2003 and 2005 the requests had skyrocketed to 143,074, according to a 2007 Justice Department inspector general's report."

The majority of those subpoenas were not in compliance with the rules for such requests.

Armed with the unquestioning will of Congress in the form of the Patriot Act, the overreaching desire of an excessively secretive executive branch, and a burgeoning budget, the NSA launched Operation Highlander in the months following 9/11. Based in a top-secret facility in Georgia and staffed

Commentary



Vaughn Profit-Breaux

with military reservists, Operation Highlander was tasked with the warrantless eavesdropping of communications involving Americans abroad and at home.

In direct violation of U.S. Signal Intelligence Directive 18, which bars overseas surveillance of Americans abroad without probable cause or court authorization, the NSA conducted, and probably continues to conduct a massive program of warrantless wiretapping of individuals and groups in the Middle East and their calls to the U.S.

Groups targeted include Doctors Without Borders, the International Red Cross, the United Nations Development Program, journalists, and U.S. military personnel. Their phone calls to the U.S. were subjected to massive data mining and even dipped to salacious eavesdropping on the part of NSA employees at Fort Gordon, GA.

Recently, after two former intelligence officers gave interviews to ABC News, U.S. Sen. John D. Rockefeller IV, D-West Virginia, said that the Senate Intelligence Committee would hold hearings on the NSA's warrantless wiretapping. The former NSA employees told of monitoring phone calls of journalists and soldiers from the

Middle East to the U.S. and inviting other intelligence officers to listen-in to calls that were juicy, especially ones containing phone sex between the callers.

No one knows how many calls are being intercepted but the NSA is said to be building a large facility in Texas to house the massive amounts of data intercepted.

The former intelligence officers did state that the NSA's needle in the haystack approach to data mining has paid off and they were able to foil planned terrorist activities. Defenders of Operation Highlander consider the potential constitutional violations necessary if it saves the lives of U.S. citizens at home or abroad. Civil libertarians warn that the breaching of protections afforded by the Constitution presents a dangerous threat to inalienable rights, afforded to all Americans.

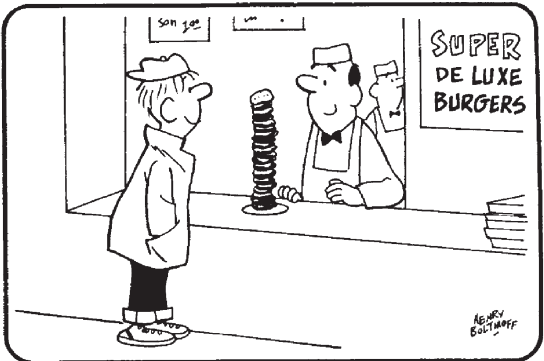
Regardless of which side one takes in this argument, it is clear that the NSA and thereby the president has usurped their authority and broken the very laws they have pledged to uphold. Our citizens and in particular international students should be prepared for this abuse when making calls to family and friends abroad or calling the U.S. from foreign soil.

Operation Highlander is one of the issues the incoming president will need to address. If the next president doesn't address it, then the next Congress should take steps to protect the ability of Americans to communicate without the fear of having their calls and e-mails subjected to illegal monitoring without probable cause.

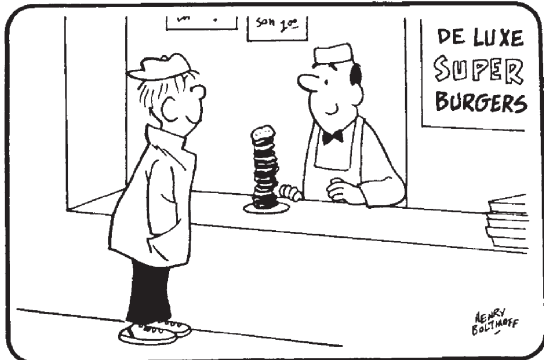
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



missing. 3. Customer's nose is different. 4. Large sign is reversed. 5. Two small signs are reversed. 6. Stacks have no cuffs. 7. Santa Carla, Calif.



1. U.S. GOVERNMENT: Seat belts were required to be added to cars as standard equipment in what year?
2. HISTORY: The ancient Inca empire was centered in which South American country?
3. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of creature is a newt?
4. RELIGION: In what year was the original Nicene Creed adopted?
5. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "sine qua non" mean?
6. GEOGRAPHY: In which U.S. state is the Acadia National Park located?
7. THEATER: Who also is

known as "The Demon Barber of Fleet Street"?

8. MOVIES: What was the name of the town in the vampire movie *The Lost Boys*?

9. TELEVISION: What was the name of Phyllis Lindstrom's husband in *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*?

10. LITERATURE: The character of Isabel Archer appears in which Henry James novel?

Answers

1. Jan. 1, 1968
2. Peru
3. Salamander
4. 325 A.D.
5. Essential
6. Maine
7. "Sweeney Todd"
8. Santa Carla, Calif.
9. Lars
10. *The Portrait of a Lady*

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Crossword 101

By Bill Deasy

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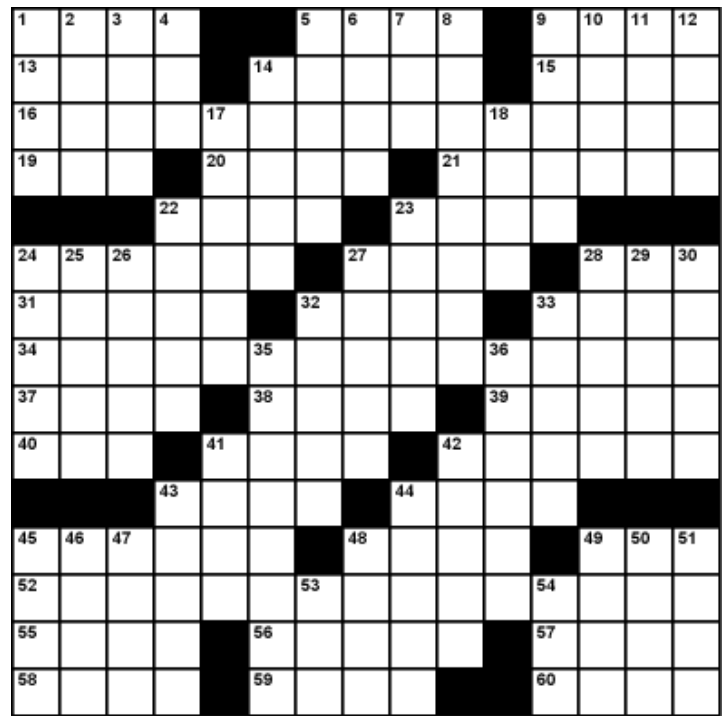
Across

1. Bear of a story
5. Type of bargain
9. Twinge
13. Cuts from the staff
14. "Slanche," for one
15. Sheltered, at sea
16. Charismatic person, perhaps
19. Capital of Sweden?
20. "Darn!"
21. Compares
22. Revolution-era loyalist
23. Doris Day's "will be"
24. Tell ammo
27. Snack
28. Hammarskjold of the U.N.
31. Perform well
32. Delhi wrap
33. Good pitcher?
34. Wedding reception party favor, perhaps?

37. &&&&
38. Blood line
39. Link (with)
40. '70s Rock band
41. Pot covers
42. Alternative to gelato
43. Fashion
44. Hoover and others
45. Each
48. Wise guys?
49. A wee hour
52. Chuck Norris 1984 film
55. Cooking pot
56. 2008 NBA finals team
57. Sock color
58. Dates
59. Ultimatum word
60. Poses

Down

1. Like some ales
2. WWII side
3. Cribbage markers
4. Camel's end?
5. Like a brooding child



6. Swimming units
7. NYC hours
8. Fit
9. Skier's wear
10. Burn balm
11. Dodge model
12. Things on rings
14. Rulers of yore
17. Gardener's need
18. The Old Sod
22. Patio hangers
23. Police warning
24. Appraise
25. German wine valley
26. Outer layers
27. Foundation
28. Nerd
29. Mountain home
30. Face on a fifty
32. Jacket material
33. Arab leaders
35. Exhibit A, for example
36. Kind of number
41. Centers
42. Epics

43. Southwestern sights
44. *The Inferno* author
45. "Famous" cookie maker
46. Heap
47. Cruise stop
48. Wire measures
49. Some blinks
50. Type of horse
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... Burt Reynolds

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Arts Calendar

•Living Memory: The Photography of Carrie Hall Tomberlin will be shown through Nov. 30 at the High-line Library Fourth Floor Gallery.

The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; and 2-10 p.m. Sunday.

•Burien Little Theater presents *Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol*, Nov. 28-Dec. 21. Showtimes are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays.

Tickets are \$18, and \$15 for students, seniors and matinee performances.

The theater is located at 437 SW 144th St, Burien. Call 206-242-5180 for information.

•Magical Strings 22nd Annual Celtic Yuletide Concert returns to Kent on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. at the

Kent-Meridian Performing Arts Center, 10020 SE 256th Street, Kent.

Tickets are \$20 general, \$16 senior, and \$16 youth. Tickets are available by calling 253-856-5051.

•Tickets are on sale now for Breeders Theater's new production, *Prairie Heart*.

Show dates are Jan. 16, 17, 21, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31

Last week's Weekly SUDOKU

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at 7 p.m.; Jan. 18 and 25 at 2 p.m.; and Feb. 1 at 1 p.m.

The show is at E.B. Foote Winery, 127B SW 153rd St., Burien.

Tickets are \$20, including wine tasting. Tickets are available at the winery, 206-242-3852, and at

Corky Cellars, 22511 Marine View Dr., Des Moines, 206-824-9462.

•Got arts news? Contact arts editor Rochelle Adams at roadams@highline.edu or call 206-878-3710, ext.

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On-campus events get priority listing but all events are welcome to be submitted.

Last week's crossword solution

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

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Highline's artist in residence

By **Sidney Pacampara**
Staff Reporter

You have probably seen Abdul Hawasli's art without even knowing it was him. His work can be spotted throughout campus. Walking through the Student Union or looking at the map outside of Building 7, you are most likely going to see a piece of his work.

Flyers promoting events and clubs posted around Highline are usually done by Highline's own team of graphic designers. Hawasli is one of the four that make up that team.

"We work with many people designing for their events and groups," Hawasli said.

Hawasli is a 24-year-old artist and student at Highline who not only does what he loves but says has the privilege to be able to have a job doing what he loves. As well as for Highline, he is working as a freelance graphic designer.

Hawasli said he started his interest in art at a young age and credits this to his mother.

"My mom gave me Play-Doh instead of toys," Hawasli said. "This may be the reason for my attention to detail."

Hawasli said that it was his mother that noticed his talent at a young age and attributes her to putting work into it. "I always had artwork done. She told me to date and keep it," Hawasli said. "I didn't listen to her until the beginning of junior high or high school."



Sidney Pacampara/THUNDERWORD

Abdul Hawasli at his and Clemens' art exhibition last week.

That's when Hawasli said he made the transition of having art as a hobby to recognizing himself as an artist.

Hawasli designed the website and flyer for the hip-hop band he's been a member of for seven years, Sons of Hagar.

"It was done just be eye and helped by getting into design," Hawasli said.

After graduating high school, Hawasli attended DeVry University for computer networking and was a student at Bellevue Community College before completing his associate of arts degree in general education at Highline. He is near the end of finishing his degree in visual communications and looking into another degree in 3-D Animation.

"For three years, I didn't know what exactly to do. This is until I found out about the VCOMM (visual communica-

tion) program," Hawasli said.

He met with Gary Nelson, Visual Communications department coordinator, and enrolled into his classes.

"Abdul is a bright, intuitively creative, hard worker who displays fundamental aptitude," Nelson said. He said that after noticing Hawasli's work ethic and passion, they soon developed a relationship.

"I kept pushing him to work hard and he rose to the occasion with no excuses," Nelson said. "I get someone like Abdul in my classes every four or five years."

Hawasli was awarded first place in Highline's Visual Communication portfolio show last year.

He also did the cover art and contributed his own art to Arc-turus, an annual publication highlighting many works in the writing and visual communica-

tions department of Highline. Hawasli said his relationship with Nelson helped open doors for him and eventually led to the job as graphic designer for Highline.

"A position as graphic designer opened, and Gary was the one that told me about it," Hawasli said.

Hawasli works with the other three designers through requests from different people and clubs.

Depending on what the request is, they are given guidelines towards what it looks like. Hawasli said this can range from total freedom to specific color and shapes.

It is the different clients and the way to deal with them is something Hawasli says he gets out of it.

"The learning experience is important," Hawasli said.



Hawasli and Clemens' painting

Hawasli said he is constantly trying to experiment with his art. Hawasli recently had a joint art exhibition in the Inter-Cultural Center, Building 6, last Thursday with Sean Clemens, another artist at Highline and founder of the Evolution of Art Club. Both Clemens and Hawasli exhibited their own pieces as well as pieces they collaborated on.

"We came out with stuff we didn't know we can produce," Clemens said. Hawasli said they plan on collaborating again because of the different style they were able to make.

Nelson said he was impressed with the collaboration.

"It gave the general student population an opportunity to ask question to their peers. The perspective from another peer is different from a teacher. It may be a credibility issue – students can tune out instructor and listen to their friend's more," Nelson said.

Hawasli said he wants to continue doing freelance work and hopefully art direction. He plans on transferring to either the University of Washington or Western Washington University's art program. Although he said art should be unrestricted and not limited to a certain way to paint, he said it is important to learn the foundation in order to be comfortable and enjoy your own style.

"Anyone can do it. It's not just being born talented," Hawasli said. "You have to maintain it or you'll lose it."

The Blend is mixing it up again with a brand new coordinator

By **David McIntosh**
Staff Reporter

R&B artist Mycle Wastman will be the next performer at Highline's Blend series of mid-day concerts on Nov. 12.

The biweekly concert series takes place at the Student Union from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Wastman is a soulful R&B artist based out of the Seattle area.

His full length album, *The Beautiful Stay*, was released in April 2008.

With 12 songs on the record, reviews have been overwhelmingly positive.

Seattle listeners that reviewed the album on www.cdbaby.com say that they are grateful of such talent in the area. Most fans that have seen him live said he gives a great performance.

New Blend Coordinator Rob Saireh said he wants to keep things fresh.

"I want to bring a variety of music, but that is easier said than done," Saireh said.



David McIntosh/THUNDERWORD

Matthew Winland performing last week at the Blend.

With more styles of music coming to Highline every other week, Saireh said more students will become more involved in the Blend.

Within the next couple weeks, the Blend is going to try to get Highline favorite, Clinton Feron, a Seattle reggae artist who performed for the Blend last year.

He is also trying to get Cary Johnson, a performer from California.

Last week, Saireh introduced himself as the new coordinator and welcomed Matthew Winland, an acoustic guitarist who played cover songs for about an hour.

The crowd of about 35 eager students gave Winland a warm

welcome.

Many students stayed around for a few songs and filtered out to go to class.

As a local musician himself, Rob Saireh knows how hard it is to book a show and promote it.

That is why when a listener at last week's Blend, after watching Matthew Winland's set, asked Saireh if he could play the Blend in the near future.

Saireh is excited to work something out for a diehard musician.

As a person who loves metal and grindcore music, Saireh said he will not discriminate against anyone who wants to play the

Blend.

"I will let anyone that has love for music and loves to play live sets, perform at the Blend," Saireh said.

Saireh believes that his musical background and love for music helped him get the job as the Blend coordinator.

He hopes that after his band is more established, they will play a lighter set for the Blend in winter or spring quarter.

Even though Fall Quarter is halfway over, Rob Saireh asks that you bring a friend to the Bistro next Wednesday between 10 a.m. and noon to support local music at Highline.

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Highline hangs onto first despite loss

By Max Dubbeldam
Staff Reporter

After dropping points at Bellevue it seemed the men's soccer team had given up control of the division, but they caught a lucky break and are still in first place.

Highline is in first place in the West Division with a record of 12-1-3. Highline has earned 39 points on the season so far, and with it they have the highest point accumulation in the NWAACC.

On Wednesday, Oct. 29, Highline played against second-place Bellevue. They lost the match 3-2 in the dying minutes and with it Highline's lead diminished to only one point.

Highline had a bye over the weekend and Bellevue played Whatcom. If Bellevue won, then Highline would've surrendered its top spot.

But Bellevue lost to Whatcom 1-0 and the Thunderbirds remain in control of the west.

The match against the Bulldogs was played at Bellevue.

"Bellevue came out with a ton of energy and intensity," said Highline Head Coach Jason Prenovost.

Bellevue pressed and received a free kick at the top of the 18-yard box in only the second minute of play.

Freshman defender Matt Eronemo took the shot. Highline keeper Liviu Bird was close to stopping it, but was unable to control and keep the ball out.

After the goal Highline woke up and started to take control of the match.

Eight minutes later Ryan Kuffler found the equalizer for



Max Dubbeldam/THUNDERWORD

Ryan Kuffler, left, takes a shot on Liviu Bird, center at practise while Robbie Gouk, right, looks on.

Highline after receiving a pass from Alex Bresnen and slotting the ball away in the top corner.

Highline kept pressing and Bellevue goalkeeper Kevin Springer made some key saves to keep the Bulldogs in the match.

In the 26th minute Highline took the lead after a scorching shot by Robbie Gouk beat the

keeper at the near post from 20 yards out.

"After that Bellevue started to fall apart," said Prenovost. "We were very dangerous the first half and we controlled the play in the second."

By controlling the midfield, Highline was able to sever the lines between the Bellevue players and their top striker Vini Ol-

iveira. Oliveira is tied for most goals scored in the NWAACC with 22 goals.

In the 82nd minute, however, Oliveira received the ball on the right wing. After deceiving Highline defenders, he passed the ball to teammate Diego Robayo.

Robayo tried to control the ball but the ball ended up hitting his hand. The handball was not called and Robayo finished the shot to put the score level at 2-2.

In the 86th minute Gilberto Robayo sent Oliveira on his way, and when it seemed like he had no angle for a shot, Oliveira scored the match winner.

"We played very well. Our forwards looked dangerous," said Prenovost. "We need to work on killing off the game."

Prenovost added that both Kuffler and Gouk had a good match.

Prenovost said that the team can draw a lot of experience from playing against Bellevue. He said that they are a good team, and that it's good preparation for the playoffs.

The Thunderbirds played away against Shoreline on Wednesday, Nov. 5, but results were unavailable at presstime.

Highline has one last match to play. They play at home against Edmonds on Saturday, Nov. 8, at 2 p.m.

T-Birds head to tourney ranked No. 1

By Max Dubbeldam
Staff Reporter

Highline is ranked first in the coaches' poll going into the NWAACC tournament and six coaches picked the Thunderbirds as the No. 1 seed.

Highline received 76 votes, followed by Bellevue with 56, and Walla Walla with 51.

The top three teams from each division go to the tournament, and the first placed teams will have a bye in the first round of the tournament. The highest placed teams get home field advantage.

Highline are currently is first place in the West Division and Head Coach Jason Prenovost said that they are prepared for the tournament.

"We have a lot of depth, we're a little older, and we have the experience," he said.

Spokane Coach Kenny Krestian said he thinks anyone who made it to the finals can win it.

"I think whichever team is [good] on that day has the ability to beat anybody," he said. "Sometimes the top team loses to the bottom team and I think anyone can beat anyone this year."

He added that his team's sense of togetherness is what makes them strong.

Bellevue Coach Adam Fenster said that the team who is most focused will win.

On his team's chances he added that it "helps having many sophomores. We for the most part are very disciplined. We're willing to work for each other."

A few different coaches picked newcomers Chemeketa to be a surprise team.

"I think Chemeketa should be a dark horse. [They are] a first year program and [have] a talented squad," said Walla Walla Head Coach Chad Bodnar.

Pierce Coach Bill Pier-son also said that even though Chemeketa is a new team, they are very good.

The first round takes place on Nov. 12, where the second and third placed teams will face off against each other.

The winners of the first round will face the division winners in the quarterfinals that take place on Nov. 15.

The semifinals take place on Nov. 22 at the Starfire Sports Complex in Tukwila. The championship match as well as the match for third place will take place on Nov. 23, and will also be at Starfire Stadium.



Max Dubbeldam/THUNDERWORD

Daniel Nam takes a shot after getting in front of Andrew Hair at a practice session last week.

Walla Walla likely favorite in tourney

Undefeated Warriors lead field of 12 teams into NWAACCs

By Liz Phillips
Staff Reporter

Walla Walla is the clear-cut favorite going into the NWAACC women's soccer tournament.

The NWAACC tournament begins Wednesday, Nov. 12. The champion of each division will have a bye the first round.

Highline will play the No. 3 from the South Division, likely either Clark or Lane. The game will be either in Vancouver, Wash. or Eugene, Ore. on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 1 p.m.

The winner will play Shoreline, the North Division champs, on Nov. 15.

Walla Walla, however, looks like the team to beat.

Walla Walla has a 20-0-0 record and are the East Division champions. They scored 87 goals and gave up only six, while recording 14 shutouts.

The Warriors are led by Tahlia O'Laughlin, who scored 21 goals and added seven assists. Teammate Caitlyn Bersing had 18 goals and 10 assists, while the Warriors' Katie Lucas tallied 17 goals and 10 assists.

"I would say Walla Walla [is the favorite], considering the record they put up this year. They have been unlucky the last few years, but they are bound to get a title sometime," Highline Head Coach Tom Moore said.

Beyond Walla Walla, Columbia Basin (13-3-3) is ranked second in the latest NWAACC Coaches' Poll, tied with Shoreline (16-1-1). West Division champ Bellevue (12-3-3) and Treasure Valley (12-6-0) are tied for fifth in the poll.

Skagit (7-7-4) and Whatcom (13-4-1) could be the surprise teams of the NWAACCs, opposing coaches say. Skagit is still currently fighting to clinch its position at the tournament, battling with Edmonds (9-8-1), who is currently three points ahead in the standings.

"Skagit could really surprise some people. They have team speed that I haven't seen out of other teams I've watched," Moore said.

Moore also said that Clark (9-7-2) could pull a few tricks out of its sleeves that might surprise a few teams.

Treasure Valley might be another team to watch out for; Tacoma Head Coach Ken Fox



Tom Moore

said that Treasure Valley could surprise some people.

"Their coach, Ryan Masinelli, is very smart and is a terrific coach," Fox said.

Highline Coach Moore said the Lady T-Birds bring some strengths into the tournament, along with an 8-5-5 record. The Thunderbirds finished fourth in the NWAACCs in 2007.

"I think we have some good team speed in our attack," he said. "We also have a variety of talent around the field. I think the versatility of our team gives us an advantage. Most of all, I think this team represents a type of strength from within that has been the foundation the last few years. We're all heart."

"We will need to make sure everyone is working together and mentally prepared for the playoffs. Once you get there, it's anyone's game. As an old coaching mentor always told me... 'you need a little luck if you're going to win this thing'," Moore said.

T-Bird women nail down playoff spot

By Liz Phillips
Staff Reporter

Highline women clinched a spot in the NWAACC tournament.

T-Bird women sealed the third place position for the West Division. After having the weekend off the T-Birds return for a week of hard work and preparation.

"We are just getting to practice, working hard and working together," Highline player Whitney Lynch said.

Last week Highline's women soccer team played against Bellevue, the West Division champion.

The game was played on Wednesday, Oct. 29 at Bellevue's home field. Highline lost to Bellevue 1-0. It was a good game for Highline to play so close to playoffs Head Coach Tom Moore said.

For this game Moore decided to switch up his defensive line-up due to the upcoming NWAACC tournament.

In hopes of finding a more solid line up for Highline, Moore moved up defender Brittany McKay to the midfield area.

"I thought the switch went well and we were unfortunate to give up a free kick that led to the only goal of the match," Moore said.

The game was evenly played: both Bellevue and Highline were taking good shots, but the shots weren't on. Highline was having difficulties finishing its shots.

At the 65-minute mark of the game, Bellevue scored. The shot was fired off of a free kick by Bellevue's Daniela Gonzalez, from about the center of the 18 yard box.

"I had my fingertips on it, but I didn't save it," Ivanca Frerichs, Highline's goalie, said.



Brittany McKay

With about a minute left in the game, Highline had an opportunity to score off of a corner kick. But Highline just couldn't get it in the net.

"Brittany McKay did an excellent job as midfielder. She really helped out in the middle," Frerichs said.

In the end, the women had just become frustrated with each other said Frerichs.

She added that there was a lot of back-and-forth passing, which resulted in nothing.

Although Highline lost the

game, it wasn't a total loss.

"I thought we had quite a few players step their game up and play well. Our next few games will be a good test for us, since we play Shoreline and Edmonds who we lost [to] both times we played [them] earlier this season," Moore said.

Highline had a bye this past Saturday, so Moore gave the women the weekend off to mentally prepare and to rest for the playoffs.

"I believe the whole team was excited to get four days off this weekend to rest and enjoy the holiday," Lynch said.

"The team is excited for the Shoreline game; these next two games are very important pertaining to NWAACCs," Lynch said.

Highline played away against Shoreline on Wednesday, Nov. 5. Results were unavailable at press time.

The women also play Edmonds on Saturday, Nov. 8, at home. The game starts at noon.

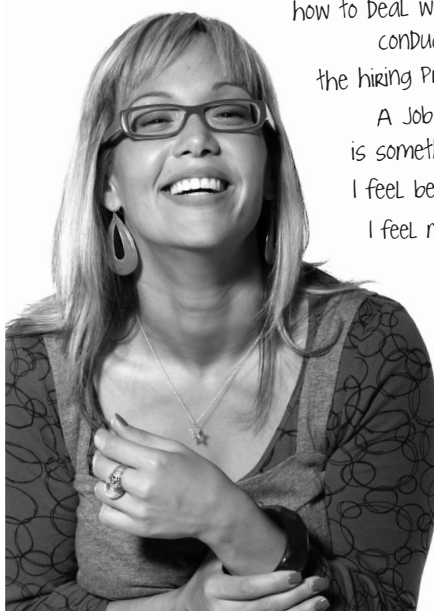
"We just have to play our game. When we play Highline soccer, we are great," Frerichs said.

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Spokane is the frontrunner at NWAACC xc meet

By Joshua K. Hauck
Staff Reporter

Powerhouse Spokane, who has finished among top position in every race they’ve competed in this season, is once again the favorite for the NWAACC cross country championships.

The championships for men’s and women’s teams will be Nov. 8 in Battle Ground, Wash.

“Spokane is the dominant cross country team in the NWAACC. I would be surprised if anyone knocked them off,” said Highline Head Coach Josh Baker.

Highline will be attending this last race, along with competitors from Clark, Everett, Green River, Lane, Mt. Hood, Olympic, Skagit Valley, Spokane, SW Oregon, Treasure Valley and Whatcom.

“I am excited for this race.



Josh Baker

Our runners are excited. This is what it is all about,” Baker said. “Train your heart out and then leave it all on the course.”

This year is Highline’s first season back after the program’s one-year absence.

“This has been a good year.

We would like to be better, but we have accomplished our first year objectives,” Baker said.

Baker isn’t the only one noticing his team’s progress this season. Opposing Head Coach Matt Koenigs of Everett liked what he has seen.

“I’m just glad to see Highline back on the map this year. Josh has done a fantastic job recruiting. The sky’s the limit,” he said.

Koenigs also believes this year’s competition has improved from recent years. “I think this year is a lot stronger than it has been in awhile. Light years better in the region,” he said.

Baker said his freshmen team has been competitive, even against the best of programs.

“Our men’s team is strong. They have knocked a few established programs and people have taken notice. We are busy

recruiting for next year’s team,” he said.

“We return a good group and we anticipate adding some very talented student athletes.”

In this final race, Baker said that he has high hopes for his team.

“I hope every single one of our runners can get a PR for this final race. We have battled a lot of sickness and distractions this past month,” he said. “The runners will need to dig deep to find the strength to finish strong.”

At the beginning of the season, the women’s team found it difficult to compete because of a lack of runners.

Throughout the year, this has certainly changed.

“We were able to field a full women’s team, which isn’t easy,” said Baker.

Livia Mahaffie and Anna Resendiz have continued to place

first and second amongst their teammates continuing to challenge each other during each race to get the best out of one another.

On the men’s team, Kevin Clancy and Ryan Eidsmoe have battled for first on their team.

Both have continued to improve as the season’s gone on. This last race will finally determine a winner.

With Colby Peters feeling much better as the season comes to a close, and Abdi Hassan feeling confident, one can only wonder who will actually get first on this young, talented Highline team.

But as competitive as it gotten amongst each other, the team’s goal is to finish off this season strong.

“Highline’s comeback team, that’s what they call us,” said freshman Abdi Hassan.

Scoreboard

Women’s Volleyball				
North Division				
League/Pts/Season				
Edmonds	9-0	1.000	33-9	
Whatcom	8-2	.800	21-23	
Bellevue	7-2	.778	21-16	
Sk.Valley	4-5	.444	14-11	
Shoreline	2-7	.222	10-29	
Everett	2-8	.200	6-18	
Olympic	1-9	.100	3-30	
East Division				
Walla.	10-1	.909	26-8	
Col.Basin	8-3	.727	22-16	
Tr.Valley	7-5	.583	33-12	
W.Valley	7-5	.583	27-16	
Spokane	6-5	.545	26-18	
BlueMt.	5-6	.455	12-21	
BigBend	2-9	.182	7-19	
Yak.Valley	0-11	.000	2-29	
West Division				
Gr.River	9-2	.818	22-15	
Pierce	8-3	.727	24-13	
Tacoma	7-3	.700	27-16	
Clark	7-4	.636	21-19	
Highline	6-4	.600	26-19	
Lo.Col.	5-6	.455	16-16	
G.Harbor	1-10	.091	1-22	
Centralia	0-11	.000	3-28	
South Division				
Chem.	7-0	1.000	42-0	
SWOre.	5-2	.714	17-12	
Clack.	5-3	.625	35-13	
Linn-B.	2-5	.286	10-27	
Umpqua	2-5	.286	8-20	
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Wenatchee Valley def Yakima Valley (25-17, 25-27, 25-19, 25-14)

Treasure Valley def Blue Mountain (17-25, 27-25, 25-13, 25-19)

Walla Walla def Columbia Basin (25-22, 25-12, 25-17)

Spokane def Big Bend (25-22, 25-14, 25-12)

Whatcom def Everett (25-17,

25-10, 25-21)	
Skagit Valley def Olympic (25-22, 25-15, 25-18)	
Bellevue def Shoreline (25-20, 25-11, 25-16)	
Chemeketa def Clackamas (25-20, 25-21, 28-30, 25-18)	
Lower Columbia def Centralia (25-22, 26-24, 25-17)	
Highline def Clark (25-15, 25-16, 30-28)	
Green River def Pierce (25-20, 18-25, 25-22, 21-25, 15-13)	
Tacoma def Grays Harbor (25-7, 25-8, 25-14)	

Men’s soccer standings				
North Division				
League/Pts/Season				
Whatcom	9-3-4	31	9-3-4	
Shoreline	6-6-4	22	6-6-4	
Edmonds	6-9-1	19	6-9-1	
Everett	5-10-2	17	5-10-2	

Sk.Valley	1-14-1	4	1-14-1	
East Division				
Walla.	12-3-1	37	13-3-2	
W.Valley	11-1-4	37	12-2-4	
Spokane	11-5-1	34	11-7-2	
Col.Basin	8-7-2	26	8-8-2	
Tr.Valley	6-6-4	22	6-6-4	
West Division				
Highline	12-1-3	39	12-2-3	
Bellevue	12-2-2	38	12-2-2	
Peninsula	10-3-3	33	10-5-3	
Tacoma	8-6-3	27	8-6-3	
Olympic	0-15-1	1	0-15-1	
South Division				
Chem.	9-2-6	33	11-2-6	
Clark	7-8-2	23	7-9-3	
SWOre.	3-12-2	11	3-12-2	
Pierce	3-12-1	10	3-12-1	
S.P.So.	1-15-1	4	1-15-1	
Walla Walla 5, Treasure Valley 0				
Spokane 4, Pierce 2				
Peninsula 1, Shoreline 0				
Clark 1, SW Oregon 0				
Chemeketa 8, S.p.Sound 1				
Whatcom 1, Bellevue 0				
Everett 3, Olympic 1				

Columbia Basin 2,			
Wenatchee Valley 2			
Tacoma 4, Skagit Valley 0			
Women's soccer			
North Division			
League/Pts/Season			
Shoreline	16-1-1	49	16-1-1
Whatcom	13-4-1	40	13-4-1
Edmonds	9-8-1	28	9-8-1
Sk.Valley	7-7-4	25	7-7-4
Everett	2-15-1	7	2-17-1
East Division			
Wa.Walla	18-0-0	54	20-0-0
Col.Basin	13-3-3	42	13-3-3
Tr.Valley	12-6-0	36	12-6-0
W.Valley	5-10-3	18	5-10-3
Spokane	4-12-3	15	5-13-3
Yak.Valley	2-12-4	10	2-12-4
West Division			
Bellevue	12-3-3	39	12-3-3
Tacoma	10-5-4	34	10-5-4

Highline	8-5-5	29	8-5-5	
Olympic	6-10-2	20	6-10-2	
Gr.River	4-13-2	14	4-13-2	
Lo.Col.	1-17-0	3	2-18-0	
South Division				
Clack.	11-5-2	35	11-6-3	
Lane	9-4-6	33	10-4-6	
Clark	9-7-2	29	9-7-2	
Chem.	4-13-3	15	4-13-3	
SWOre.	2-17-0	6	3-17-0	
Spokane 4, Yakima Valley 0				
W. Walla 3, Tr. Valley 0				
Olympic 4, Everett 1				
Clark 1, SW Oregon 0				
Lane 3, Chemeketa 0				
Whatcom 2, Bellevue 0				
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Shoreline 8, Lo.Columbia 1				
Green River 2, Edmonds 1				
Tacoma 4, Skagit Valley 3				

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Lady T-Birds continue to work hard for West Divsion playoff berth

By Brian Grove
Staff reporter

The Highline volleyball team had to beat Clark last week in order to keep their chances for making the playoffs.

They plucked the Penguins in three straight games last Wednesday, keeping their play-off hopes alive, although they are still in fifth place.

Right on the cusp of the play-offs, it could seem frustrating for the Lady T-Birds to continually be just one place away from being eligible for the NWAACC playoffs. However, the women continue to play hard for the elusive fourth place, and a spot in the playoffs.

Last Wednesday, Highline showed off their grit and determination to Clark, who currently stands in fourth place.

The Lady T-Birds defeated Clark in three games, 25-15, 25-16, and 30-28.

Shannyn Fisher led the team in kills with 12, while Adriana Aukusitino had 27 assists. Also, Leticia Colon, Adriana Aukusitino, and Brittany Menard had 8, 3, and 3 blocks respectively.

Brittany Menard also had three aces.

Highline was proud and excited regarding their win over Clark.

“It feels good to beat Clark, since they really stuck it to us when we went to their house,” said middle blocker and Co-Captain Stefanie Rojas.

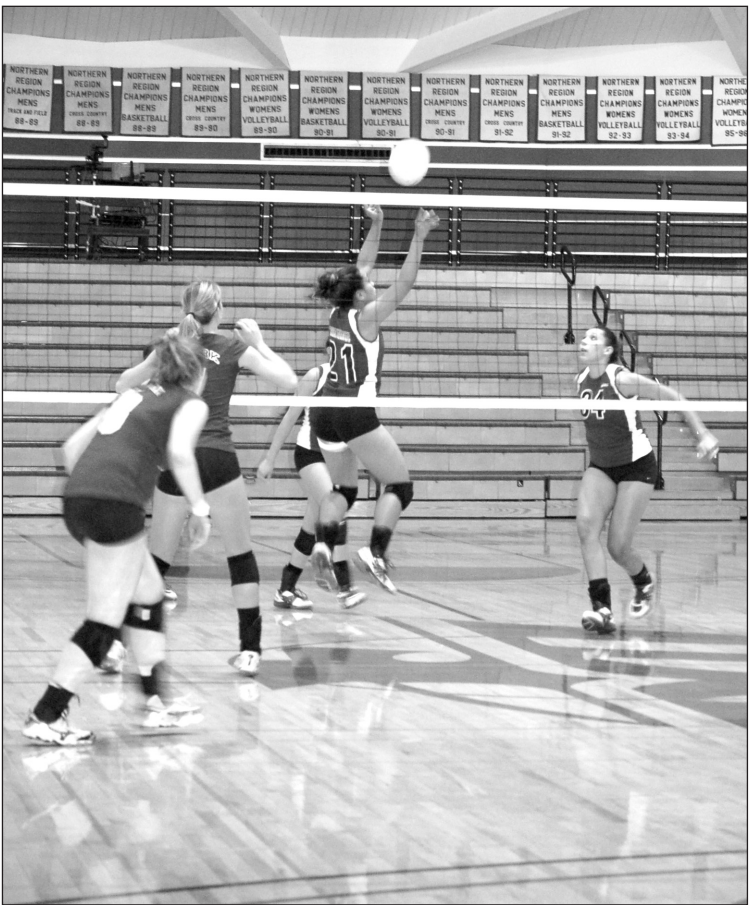
“In volleyball, the hardest thing to do is win three straight games, because in that third game, the other team’s back is against the wall, and it’s easy to get caught coasting,” Head Coach Chris Littleman said.

This past weekend, Highline played in the Dorian Harris Tournament in Gresham, Oregon.

On day one, Highline went 1-1, defeating Whatcom, 22-25, 23-25, 25-19, 25-20 and 15-12 but losing to Clackamas, 25-18, 25-19, 25-27, 17-25 and 9-15.

The second day, Highline went 1-2, besting Lower Columbia, 25-17, 22-25, and 15-10 but falling to Pierce in two matches, 25-21, 23-25 and 9-15 and 23-25, 18-25, 25-23 and 23-25 respectively.

Over the next three weeks,



Ami Nguyen/THUNDERWORD
Highline’s Adriana Aukusitino sets the ball for Leticia Colon.

Highline, 6-4, is looking forward to playing three teams that are below them in the standings, Lower Columbia, 5-6; Grays

Harbor, 1-10; and Centralia, 0-11.

The Lady T-Birds have beaten every team in their division

at least once, aside from first-place Green River.

Also, Highline’s match with Tacoma, which was protested and upheld earlier this season, will be replayed Thursday, Nov. 13, if necessary for seeding in the Western Region.

The only team Highline must surpass in order to make it to the playoffs, Clark, will have to play Pierce, 8-3; Tacoma, 7-3; and Green River, 9-2.

Mathematically, the Lady T-Birds could finish first. However that would require Green River and Pierce to drop their next three games and Tacoma to drop two, which is highly unlikely.

Highline’s players and coaches believe they can make it to the NWAACCs.

“As a sophomore, it’s really exciting because we didn’t quite make it last year. We have a lot of potential this time,” said Rojas.

Highline played at Lower Columbia on Wednesday, Nov. 5, with results unavailable at press time. Next week, Highline goes against Grays Harbor on Friday, Nov. 7, on the road.

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Credit Card

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higher price for it.

For example, according to an on-line CNN debt calculator, if you spend \$1,000 on a credit card that has a 20 percent interest rate and only pay the minimum payment of \$20 it will take you eight years eight months and \$1,072.70 in interest alone to pay off that \$1,000.

Experts say there are four key points to think of when getting a credit card.

•Don't bite off more than you can chew," said McClary.

This means don't get a big credit limit that will tempt you and one that isn't too big that you can't pay it back with your disposable income.

"Don't carry a revolving balance," said Sarah Byrne with Americans for Fairness in Lending, a group raising awareness of abusive credit and lending practices.

"Pay the balance in full every month," said Minks.

•Read everything before you sign anything, said Byrne. In 2008 a consumer research group, found that the majority of college students who obtain credit on campus are doing so because of the free gifts.

"Don't fall into the marketing gimmicks," McClary said.

In most cases where the credit card company is offering you a free gift for signing up they are banking on the fact that you will just sign up and you will not read any of the paper work. And in most cases the colleges

where you sign up are getting paid from that credit card company for you signing the dotted line.

You will in pay for that free gift on the back end through your interest payments, so really it's not free. You can look at it as that being your first purchase on your new credit card, experts say.

"There are no laws against credit card companies and what they can do," said Byrne.

"Students are vulnerable," said Byrne.

Don't be an impulse buyer. Impulse purchases represent almost 40 percent of all the money spent on e-commerce sites, according to recent tests were conducted at User Interface Engineering, a research, training, and consulting firm.

•"Understand how the interest rate is calculated," said Minks. The usual starting interest rate for someone who has a "blank slate" -short, or no credit history- is around 18 percent, said McClary.

If you are faithful and pay your credit cards monthly and on time every month, your credit score will go up, which means your interest rate goes down.

The average credit score is 720. With that score your interest rate would be around 13 percent to 15 percent on average. The highest credit score is 850, with only 1 percent of the country attaining that perfect score.

"Ask as many questions that you need, the credit card company is there for you. Don't feel like you are bothering to answer your questions in their job," said

Minks.

•"Always read your statement and keep adequate records," Minks said.

This is a multi-purpose point: this will help you analyze the way you are, and what you are, charging that you can possibly fill the holes in your bucket.

This key point will help you with the fight against identity theft. If you're aware and keep track of what you're spending and at what stores you will then be able to identify any fraudulent charge that have or may occur.

The moral to this story is the credit cards are not designed to be use for every day living. If you really want to be successful in life and get out of the rat race of life; you need to start putting your money for you.

Election

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it for granted."

Some students were not able to vote. This was because they were either too young, or not yet U.S. citizens.

Theo, although too young to vote, was pleased with the election results. He said that he hopes that Barack Obama will work on the economy first.

Alex, another student who was also unable to vote this election because of age, was indifferent to the results.

"I didn't really pay that much attention to it," Alex said.

Another underage student, Christy, shared his apathy and was also indifferent to the election.

Not all students found themselves unable to vote last Tuesday, however.

Brian was excited by the results, although somewhat critical of Obama.

"I think Barack Obama needs to learn speak without dropping his voice at the end of every sentence," Brian said.

He has been a devoted voter for a long time.

"I have only missed one opportunity to vote since 1968," he said.

"I have now been through a parliamentary revolt, with Richard Nixon. I have been through a revolution in Eastern Europe. History is as much a part of this generation as any other generation," he said.

"It was my first time voting and I was happy to know that I made a difference and that I was part of this historic time in America," Stefanie Rojaz said.

"I was very proud of myself and my peers for voting," Rojaz said.

"I was so proud to be part of a generation that took stand and let their voice be heard," said Carlo Arapon.

Many students are deeply excited about Obama's victory.

"I was overwhelmed and

filled with a lot of emotions," student Keanna Blackwell said. "I expected Obama to win, and when he did I just felt even more blessed and proud that I lived to see a black man become president and that I was part of this change in America."

"With Barack Obama winning, this shows that America has changed in a massive way," Ismail Yusuf said.

This sentiment was not unanimous, though.

"I'm just really scared, because I believe that Obama is a socialist," said Shoshana Garies.

"I'm upset that Barack Obama won," said Samantha Potter. "I just really wanted McCain to win because I'm a Republican."

State Sen. Karen Keiser, D-Des Moines, said, "The reason we have the outcomes today is because the young voter was activated and motivated."

"It's a very good outlook for the nation, state, and Highline Community College," Boyajian said.

"Having the Obama administration in government will turn the arrangement so that we have a partnership with the federal government instead of a tug-of-war."

Keiser said Democrats now have 32 or 33 seats in the state Senate, depending on the outcome of Pierce County's race.

State Rep. Dave Upthegrove, D-Des Moines, estimates that his party will have 60-66 House seats, with 32-38 seats for the Republicans.

"The Democrats are now in complete control in Washington D.C. and Olympia," said Chris Vance, former chairman of the Washington State Republican Party.

Vance was much less optimistic about the results, saying "if you're a Democrat, you should be very happy."

"We're going to get more government. If you think that's a good thing, then you should be happy," he said.

Newly elected State Rep. Tina Orwall, D-Des Moines, was positive about the election.

"I think overall I'm just so grateful for all the support we've received and I'm looking forward to representing the people in Olympia," Orwall said.

"I think the result means that people will have a representative who will work hard on behalf of

working families," she said.

"Overall we're just very positive about the outcome of the race," Orwall said.

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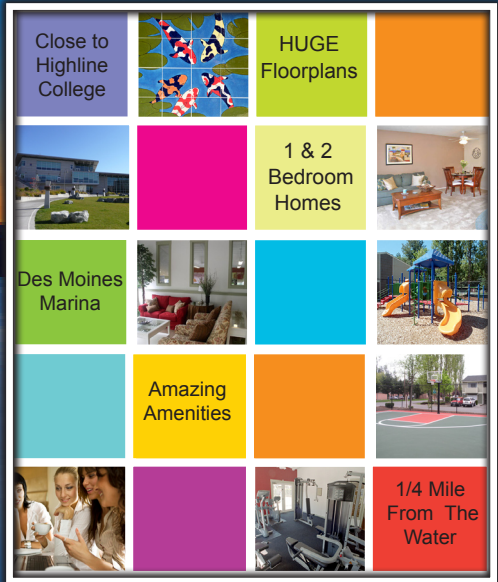


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