Students tripping into pitfalls of credit

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.

Some students 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.

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.

“Our goal is to teach students to be aware of giving,” Kim said.

A lot of 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 naomietienne@highline.edu or call 206-870-3710, ext. 5357; 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.

Obama win excites community

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,” he said.

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
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 pub-lic 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 be-fore 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 Abeleson, chairwoman of The Veterans Committee.

There will more than likely be a choir or soloist per-former to sing during the ceremony, said Abeleson.

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.

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None of the students were hurt, just shaken up.

One of Highline’s mathemat-ics instructors called to notify Highline’s Security Department of what had happened.

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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 bath-room stall on the fifth floor of the library.

Security checked the bath-room after receiving complaints of smoke on the fifth floor.

Security plan to increase pa-trol and check that area more often.

Student loses items

A Highline student lost some belongings on campus on Mon-day.

Some of what he lost in-cluded 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

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She hurt her shoulder and elbow and declined medical at-tention.

No sleeping in parking lot

A man sleeping in his black Honda Civic was roused by Se-curity and was told that he could not sleep in the parking lot over-night.

The man immediately coop-erated by leaving campus.

Students have been honored. Brennan Hall, from the men’s soccer team, made the list with a 3.35 GPA.

From the women’s soccer team, two players, Kelsey Lou-vier and Kelsey Lustrebrink, were honored, with respective 3.81 and 3.68 GPAs.

The requirements for eligibil-ity 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 maintaining medical equipment. 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 para-medical 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 classrooms; a third in the Respiratory Care lab; and the rest in hospitals working with real patients, Bonner said.

“There is a pretty brisk demand for medical people these days.”

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

There have received support from various student programs, world class 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 at bobbonner@highline.edu or visit the Respiratory Care Program’s website, http://flightline.highline.edu/respiratory/
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.

Write to us
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Editorial comment
Veterans deserve our thanks

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 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 reference to “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 excessive, secretive executive branch, and a burgeoning budget, the NSA launched Operation Highlander in the months following 9/11.

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, 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 is on, 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.

Vaughn Profit-Breaux is the opinion page editor of the Thunderword, and he doesn’t want to listen in on your phone calls. Send comments or questions to vbreaux@highline.edu.
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Arts Calendar

•Living Memory: The Photography of Carrie Hall Tomberlin will be shown through Nov. 30 at the Highline Library Fourth Floor Gallery. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; and Feb. 1 at 1 p.m. Call 206-824-9462.

•Burien Little Theater presents Jacob Marley’s Christmas Carol, Nov. 25-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 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. 281.

Crossword 101

By Bill Deasy

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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 by 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 communications) program,” Hawasli said. He met with Gary Nelson, Visual Communications department coordinator, and enrolled in 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 Communications portfolio show last year. He also did the cover art and contributed his own art to Arcurus, an annual publication highlighting many works in the writing and visual communications 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 that is something Hawasli says he gets out of it.

“The learning experience is important,” Hawasli said.

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.”

R&B artist Mycle Wastman will be the next performer at Highline’s Blend series of mid-week 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 who 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.

“We want to bring a variety of music, but that is easier said than done,” Saireh said.

With more styles of music coming to Highline every other week, Saireh said more students will become involved more 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 dichard musician.

As a person who lives 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 Histro next Wednesday between 10 a.m. and noon to support local music at Highline.
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 Ernemo 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 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 in 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 Oliveira.

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 press time.

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 in 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 Kreskian 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.

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

Bellevue Coach Adam Fensler 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 Pierson 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.
Wall Walla likely favorite in tourney

Undated Warriors lead field of 12 teams into NWAACCs

By Liz Phillips

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 Nov. 12.

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 Warrior’s 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 unbeaten the last few years, but they are going to be the favorite,” Highline Head Coach Tom Moore said.

Moore said that Treasure Valley could surprise some people.

“Their coach, Ryan Masin-gill, 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.

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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 competitions from Clark, Everett, Green River, Lane, Mt. Hood, Olympic, Skagit Valley, Spokane, SW Oregon, Treasure Valley and Whatcom.

“I am excited for this race,” said 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.

“Has been in a while. Light years better than it has been in recent years. I think 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.

Liva Mahalle and Anna Redzend 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 Eidson 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 Has seen confidence, one can only wonder who will actually get first on this young, talented Highline team.

But as competitive as it gets amongst each other, the goal’s to finish off the season strong.

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

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Lady T-Birds continue to work hard for West Division 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 playoff hopes alive, although they are still in fifth place.

Right on the cusp of the playoffs, 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.


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.


Over the next three weeks, 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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Election

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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 hoped 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 result. “I didn’t really pay that much attention to it,” Alex said. Another undergraduate student, Christy, shared her apathy and was also indifferent to the election. Not all students found themselves interested in voting last Tuesday, however. Brian was excited by the results, although somewhat critical of the outcome. “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 revolution, 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.

Barack Obama won, and he did it 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 Garries. “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 that the outcome is “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 66-68 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. “This 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 Orwell, 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,” she 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,” Orwell said.

Reporters Jaron Lewis, Liviu Bird, Nicholas McCoy and Quilina Dorse contributed to this story.

Credit Card

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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.

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 $1,109.79 in interest alone to pay off that $1,000. Experts say there are four key points to think of when getting a credit card:

- Understand how the interest rate is calculated,” said Minks. The usual starting interest rate for someone who has a “blank slate” — 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.

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“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 revolution, 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.

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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. 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,

“People 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.

“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 66-68 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. "This 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 Orwell, 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," she 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," Orwell said.

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