By NICHOLAS MCCOY
Staff Reporter

This is a tough year for the Des Moines Area Food Bank, the program’s director said.

“We provide emergency food assistance,” said Barb Shimizu, the program’s assistant director.

“The Des Moines Area Food Bank covers Des Moines, most of SeaTac, and a little bit of West Hill in Kent, as well as any current Highline students,” she said.

All food banks in South King County are in need of donations this season, Shimizu said.

“All the food banks in South King County are at the lowest level they’ve ever been in terms of food on the shelf,” she said. Shimizu estimated that the bank probably has about 15,000 pounds less food this year compared to last year.

Shimizu said that the lack of donations is probably because of the economy.

“A lot of people have been laid off of work, and gas prices are rising,” she said. People have less money to spend on donations.

“The use of food to create bio-fuel has caused an increase in food prices,” Shimizu said. “We’ve seen a 40 percent cost increase in the food that we purchase,” she said.

Shimizu said that the food bank expects an increase in regular monthly clientele, but a slight decrease in people seeking to receive a Thanksgiving meal, because of an increase in Hispanic clients who may not yet be aware of the holiday.

“We served 849 families in August, 939 in September, and 1,206 in October,” she said.

“Normally, this time of year we might be at 1,000 families,” Shimizu said.

“For October, in a non-holiday month, we have never seen those kinds of number,” she said.
Non-compliant juveniles without ID in library

The library has had many issues recently with unruly doorbells refusing to leave the premises.

Library faculty requested a security officer in reference to nine juveniles re-entering the library and being a disruption on Nov. 12. One of Highline’s security officers arrived and walked the juveniles out of the main library entrance to the South Lot.

Monday, Nov. 17 was also disrupted — a few juveniles, after being told to leave, returned back into the library.

One juvenile, wearing a red hat and a red coat, approximately 5’6” and with a stocky build, refused to show his identification.

Security finally got the juvenile to leave, and said they would call police if they returned.

Library administration also called security that day in reference to several teens screaming in the library. Two Highline Security officers arrived and escorted the teens to the bus stop. They were not Highline students.

Faculty assistant locked in

A Highline faculty assistant was locked in the business office of Building 1 on Monday. A custodian unintentionally locked her in and there were no doors to get out.

Security arrived at 6:30 p.m. and let the faculty assistant out.

ATM unlocked

The ATM company called Highline on Nov. 13 to alert security that the ATM in Building 8 on the upper floor was open.

Security immediately investigated the ATM, but there were no signs of break-in attempts. However, the outer lid of the ATM was unlocked, so security locked the machine.

Graffiti on doors

Graffiti saying “G status” was found on two doors on the west side of Building 28 on Nov. 16. Maintenance was able to wash off most of the graffiti.

Belongings found

A cream-colored sweater and a set of house and auto keys with alarm remote control attached was found on the bottom floor of Building 8 on Nov. 15. To claim lost belongings, go to the Security Office in Building 6.

Movie Friday moves to Siberia

Japanese film legend Akira Kurosawa’s Soviet-Japanese collaboration film, Dersu Uzala, will be shown this Movie Friday.

The film is an adaptation of the novel by Vladimir Arsenyev about survival in Siberia. It follows a troop on a topographic expedition led by Captain Arsenyev and their meeting with aborigine Dersu Uzala.

Dersu Uzala was critically acclaimed on its release in 1975, winning the Grand Prix and the Moscow Film Festival and earning Kurosawa his only Oscar award for a single film.

It sold over 20 million ticket stubs in the Soviet Union, and made over $1.2 million in North America.

The film will be shown this Friday, Nov. 21, at 12:30 p.m. in room 262-213.

Haggerty teaches how to network

The Counseling Center will be offering a workshop focused on how to interview people from careers of interest.

The workshop’s press release states, “This is your opportunity to learn how to interview someone performing your ideal dream job.”

Faculty counselor Patri Haggerty will cover in the workshop “one of the best strategies for networking and future employment.”

The workshop, “Informational Interviews,” is today, Nov. 20, from 11 to 11:50 a.m. in the Mt. Skokomish room of Building 8.

Science Seminar explores secret world of pack rats

This week’s Science Seminar will explore the nesting habits of pack rats.

The seminar, called “Rat Middens,” examines pack rat nests, called middens.

“Come learn about these rodent archivists and the diaries they leave behind,” says the press release.

Tatiana Matsumoto-Maxfield will present the seminar this Friday, Nov. 21 from 2:20 to 3:10 p.m. in room 102 of Building 3.

Relief worker speaks about recovery from Vietnam War

Southeast Asian relief worker Anne Thomas will speak at Highline today, Nov. 20, about the continuing recovery of southern Asian countries after the Vietnam war.

Thomas has lived for almost 20 years in Cambodia and Laos, working with the Reconstructions and International Security through Education (RIS) Institute.

She has started schools and trained teachers in remote parts of southern Asia.

Proceeds from Highline’s used book sales have gone to support her work before, to purchase supplies and solar-powered lights to help schools in those areas function.

Thomas will speak on Nov. 20, in the Skokomish room of Building 8, at 1:00 p.m.

Hand-made gifts such as scarves and coin purses will be sold to support her work outside the bookstore.

Culture shock discussion to help with adjusting

Highline International Ambassadors will be hosting a discussion on culture shock today.

STUDENT JOBS:

- **Campus Life**
  - **Textile Work Detail**
    - Location: Renton Wage: DOE Hours: 20/40 flex.
    - Responsibilities: Must have an outgoing personality.
    - Equipment skills. Flexible schedule for the right candidates.

- **Computer Tech**
  - Location: Federal Way Wage: DOE Hours: 20-40 during the day.
  - Responsibilities: Work with center management on accounts receivables, filing, and providing customer service.

- **Book Keeper** ~ 4873 ~ Part/Fulltime ~
  - Location: Federal Way Wage: DOE Hours: 20-40
  - Responsibilities: Must have computer skills and basic office equipment skills. Flexible schedule for the right candidates. Must have an outgoing personality.

- **Office Asst./CSR** ~ 4875 ~ Part-Fulltime ~
  - Location: Renton Wage: DOE Hours: 20/40 flex. TBD. 2 position available.

For more information about co-ops, these jobs and more, log on to www.myinterface.com/highline/student.
Rosendahl shows tolerance for chaos

By SIDNEY PACAMPARA
Staff Reporter

Patti Rosendahl says there is no usual day when you are the executive assistant to the president.

“My friends would say that I have a high tolerance of chaos,” Rosendahl said.

She attributes this to her ability to adapt to different scenarios and when needed, change her focus instantly. Both are important parts of working as support staff in executive affairs in administration, she says.

Rosendahl is the executive assistant to Highline President, Dr. Jack Bermingham. Her many duties include preparing for meetings and the calendar and working, as she says, as the “liaison to the Board of Trustees.”

“I communicate not only with the public, but internally with faculty and staff,” Rosendahl said.

Although the structure of executive affairs in administration isn’t chaos in and of itself, it is the concept of tolerating multiple activities that Rosendahl said makes up her day.

“Having different tasks don’t bother me,” Rosendahl said.

She says her day consists of anticipating what is being given to her at that moment, whether it be projects or meetings. Yet, Rosendahl said that you can only anticipate so much and that’s normal when you’re supporting the head figure of Highline.

“Sometimes it doesn’t work the way you plan,” Rosendahl said. “There may be a change in the schedule, a change in meetings, or even a change in government ways made that day.”

Rosendahl said that the ability to adapt and change focus is important in times like those.

“You have to be able to be flexible,” Rosendahl said.

A colleague from her previous career in teaching had described her as having a “high tolerance of chaos.” Rosendahl says it comes from dealing with a lot of disruptions found in an elementary school class.

She says she believes that same description to be of herself as well.

“I believe it stems from my drama background,” Rosendahl said.

Rosendahl received her bachelor’s degree in drama from the University of Washington.

She said her roots are in the Northwest, despite being born in the Midwest. However, she says her best experiences were in New Orleans.

“I miss the music and I miss the food,” Rosendahl said.

Rosendahl attended the University of New Orleans and received her master’s degree in liberal arts and communication. She said she is glad she went into liberal arts because it gave her the chance to do something new each time.

“We (people at the time) were not as focused on our careers as compared to young people today,” Rosendahl said. “Education was a good opportunity in trying different things.”

While in school, she supported herself with many different jobs. She worked at hotels and was able to experience different groups of people and cultures, she said.

Rosendahl also had a brief stint as a radio news reporter in New Orleans.

“They said they hired me because they really liked my accent,” Rosendahl said.

While working on her master’s, she worked for the CEO of an import and export business in New Orleans.

“I was lucky,” Rosendahl said. “It was one of those ‘right place at the right time’ kind of situations.”

She said it was her first experience of working for both a major group and as executive assistant.

After receiving her master’s degree, Rosendahl stayed in New Orleans and spent a year working for a talent agency.

Rosendahl then began teaching elementary school and later adult communication. She continued her teaching when she moved back to the Northwest.

She began working at the University of Washington for the Research Unit Health Sciences as executive assistant to Dr. William Morton, director of the unit. Rosendahl worked for the research unit for 10 years.

She said that her time at the research unit was one of her main experiences as working as executive assistant.

After working for the research unit, Rosendahl came to Highline in June 2007 to take over the position of Sandy Moser, who served as executive assistant before retiring in 2007.

Rosendahl currently serves as a volunteer on the board of the University of Washington’s School of Drama Advisory, a fundraising organization for the school, as well as a member of the One Earth Institute, a nonprofit organization that focuses on conservation of the ecosystem.

Rosendahl says she likes working at Highline and enjoys interacting with the different students at Highline when she can.

“It is a pleasure to get to know the leaders,” Rosendahl said.

“The students at Highline are pleasant, exciting young people.”

President’s assistant keeps things moving

Rosendahl currently serves as an on-campus liaison to the Board of Trustees.

Alicia Baker will be teaching these courses. Parenting Education 025 (2-3), Parenting Education 028 (3-4), and Parenting Education 031 (4-5) are based on different age groups.

This program is open to anyone with children. The only requirement for the family is “to participate in their child’s classroom a specified number of times for the month and attend the parent education seminars,” Baker said.

For Parenting Education 120 you don’t need a child to participate in this class. “It is helpful, however, to have access to children to do some of the assignments. Students observe younger siblings, cousins, nieces and nephews, or their friends’ children,” she said.

This is an online class only.

“The purpose is to gain a deeper understanding of children and the student’s approach to parenting,” Baker said.

Topics in this class include, “the basics for effective parenting. Some are child development, parenting styles, discipline, communication, anger management, problem solving and self-care,” Baker said.

Currently, the only cooperative preschool affiliated with the college is located at the Tukwila Community Center. “The preschool serves as a lab experience for the parents enrolled in the class,” she said.

The child care center on campus is a part of student services, but not Parent Education.

Their discussions in class are based upon what is observed there, as well as what they observe about their child at home.

“Top discussions are discipline, how children learn and school readiness. Others are more class dependent -potty training, language development or media issues,” Baker said.
Editorial comment

Give to others for holidays

Be charitable this difficult holiday season, and contribute to any of the many charities operating in the Des Moines area.

The economy is down this holiday season. The national unemployment rate was 6.5 percent last month, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics—up from 6.1 percent in September.

You can help families hit by the economic fallout this winter by contributing (even a little) to the following organizations. Your contributions could give a disadvantaged child the opportunity to experience the joy of receiving gifts this season, or a family the opportunity to eat this Thanksgiving.

Highline’s Giving Tree program is an excellent example of a charitable program that can help give troubled families some joy.

The Giving Tree program is run by Student Programs and Women’s Programs. Students can apply to sponsor a child or family by contacting Naomi Etienne at either netienne@highline.edu or 206-870-3710, ext. 3537.

The organization runs several events leading up to the holidays to raise money and awareness of the program campus-wide.

On Dec. 1, Giving Tree will conduct a toy drive in the Student Union.

Alternatively, you can contribute to the Des Moines Area Food Bank. They are in need to canned foods, such as canned meats, fruits and vegetable, and dry goods such as rice, pasta, cup-a-soo- dell and Mac-N-Cheese. They would also like donations of baby food and pet food.

The food bank also needs donations of non-food items such as toilet paper, small shampoo bottles, soaps, and most especially diapers.

Money can be donated either via its website at http://dwp.bigplanet.com/dmafb/food/ or by mail at The Des Moines Area Food Bank, P.O. Box 98788, Des Moines WA, 98198.

The food bank is also seeking money or volunteers for its Week-end Backpack Program, which provides backpacks of child-friendly food to children who are at risk of going hungry over the weekends. Contact the bank at dmafb@bigplanet.com for more information.

Please, donate whatever you can this season — your money, some cheap food or supplies, or even just your time. Bring a little joy to a child this season. Give someone the gift of a full belly this season, or a family the opportunity to eat this Thanksgiving.

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Staff

"Unplugging the toaster really doesn't help."

I don’t like Sarah Palin. I’ve lived with her as my state’s governor for the last two years, but my least favorite thing about her is the image of Alaska that she has given the rest of the world.

In the run-up to the presidential election two weeks ago, Palin is being hailed for saying many outlandish things about our state. Observers have especially latched on to her comment about being able to see Russia from Alaska.

From the city of Diomede on Little Diomede Island, residents can look across a portion of the icy Bering Sea and see a piece of land that is technically Russian territory but has no residents. However, only 146 people (according to the 2000 U.S. Census) have this privilege.

For many Alaskans, life is similar to what people living in the lower 48 are used to. We get up in the morning, go to work, then come home and watch some TV.

Despite recent popular belief, average citizens do not shoot wolves from helicopters. A few animals are hunted regularly — dall sheep, bears, moose, caribou, reindeer — but wolves are not one of them.

Most people have never seen a polar bear, which only live in the northernmost regions of the state, and we don’t have any penguins.

The most annoying statements I hear, usually from tourists in the summer, are, “I thought Alaskans live in igloos. I thought there’s snow on the ground all year.”

Nobody in urban areas live in what most people would think of as an igloo. The Inuit word iglu means “house,” but Native Alaskans only use them as hunting shelters in the winter — outside the cities, on the tundra.

In the summer, there is no snow in most places, making any year-round snow and ice construction impossible. Besides, houses are so much warmer.

There are differences that set Alaskans apart from the average American. Surviving a winter in temperatures as low as 40 degrees below zero is no easy task.

In that kind of cold, there is no time to stand around outside. It’s hard to see, thanks to the ice fog, which happens when water droplets freeze in midair, creating a thick, white sheet of air all around people. People go from house to car to school or work and don’t come out again until the end of the day.

The air is so cold that as somebody walking outside breathes in, the inside of their nostrils begins to freeze. Not to mention the darkness, black as midnight, anytime before 11 a.m. and after 3 p.m.

But it’s not all bad. The winters are great conversation starters outside the state.

I can remember the numerous times in elementary school when the other kids thought it would be a good idea to lick snow off the frozen handrails in front of the school. I never did that, but it was fun to watch the teachers run outside with a cup of hot water to help them un-stick their tongues.

Here’s my favorite Alaskan trick: going outside in subzero temperatures with a cup of hot water, throwing the water above your head, and watching it evaporate instantly. This is possible because it is not only very cold in the winter, but also very dry, with humidity rarely reaching 30 percent.

When temperatures reach around 45 below, which I have seen almost every winter in Fairbanks, cars parked outside often suffer from “square tires.” This happens when air in the tire freezes in place, including the bottom part in contact with the ground. When one drives a car like this, it feels like you are driving on square tires.

Automobiles are equipped with a special type of blanket covering the battery, which can be plugged in, much like a normal electric blanket. If a driver wants to leave his or her car out in the cold without plugging it in, there is a good chance it will not start without a jump.

Generally speaking, life is very typical of any other place, but just like any other place, there are differences that set Alaskans apart.

There are few gun-toting, wolf-shooting hockey moms running around. My mom gave that up years ago.

Liviu means “run wolf run!” in a native language somewhere.

Write to us

The Thunderword invites letters and guest commentary from members of the campus community.

E-mail your submission to: thunderword@highline.edu. Please limit your submission to no more than 400 words. Please provide contact information for confirmation purposes.
Pulling Rank
Across
1. Unedited version
2. Yankee’s Derek
3. Teacher’s favorite
4. Part of TNT
5. Say “y’all,” say
6. Elem. school trio
7. International yachting regatta
8. “___ Pottables” (Jeopardy category)
9. Fifth-cen. canonized pope
10. Cole slaw and fries

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Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

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1. Franciscan hang outs
2. Transport to Oz
3. PBA kill
4. “If all ___ fails…”
5. Quirk
6. Teachers
7. Lies down
8. Hammer and Spade
9. Film star Flynn
10. Airline seat parts
11. Indian tourist site
12. Order member
13. Colorado Rockies in ’07 Series
14. One ___ (poor odds)
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Assorted Puzzles

Arts Calendar

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Trivia Test by Rick Rodriguez
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row, each column and each small 3x3 box contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ***

Moderate *** Challenging **** HOO BOY!

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Native talent
Singer Pura Fé comes to Highline for Arts & Lecture event

By ROCHELLE ADAMS
Staff Reporter

International singing artist Pura Fé will perform at Highline during today’s Arts & Lecture presentation.

The event will take place first at 10 a.m. and will have a second showing at 11 a.m. in Building 8 in the Mt. Olympus and Mt. Constance rooms.

Pura Fé’s event is expected to be particularly popular because of her status as an international singer who has toured worldwide and appeared on Jay Leno’s Tonight Show, the UK’s The Late Show, and Brazil’s Joe Suares Show.

She is also a founding member of the a capella group Ulali. Rashidi Abdullah, who coordinates the events, said Pura Fé coming to Highline will be a historical event.

“What’s cool about this is, this is the first Native American artist to come to Highline,” he said.

Pura Fé is a descendent of the Tuscarora Nation.

As well as singing, Pura Fé may be speaking on social topics such as Native American issues during this event.

The Arts & Lecture events are a new series of artistic junctions organized by the Inter-Cultural Center.

Abdullah, the Inter-Cultural Center student who coordinates the events, said he wants to present different art forms to the community at Highline.

“Our main objective is to bridge the gaps between all the different programs at Highline,” Abdullah said. “We want people to be more aware of what’s going on here.”

Abdullah was chosen to coordinate these events because of his own creative background. He said he “uses different mediums of expression.” The different mediums include music, writing, poetry and just about any artistic expression.

The last Arts & Lecture event featured two Highline students, the graphic designer Abdul Hassan and the graffiti artist Sean Clemens. The first one had the illustrator Dahe Kim, from Student Programs.

Pura Fé’s event will be the third and last Arts & Lecture event of 2008.

The opportunity to get Pura Fé to come to Highline came through the library circulation staff member Dana Rollins.

“He had the connection,” Abdullah said. “He came to us and it was good timing. Timing, that’s what’s most important. After we got all the scheduling issues worked out, it was on.”

Based on the success of the last two Arts & Lecture’s, Abdullah anticipates a large crowd at this week’s event.

“It’s going to be packed in there,” he said.

He hopes the next event after this one will be in a bigger space since these events are drawing in such large numbers.

Abdulla is already making plans for more Arts & Lecture event to come in the new year. He said he is in talks with an artist who writes with his mouth. He also has some upcoming events already planned but won’t divulge any details as of yet.

To check out the latest Arts & Lecture with Pura Fé, you can see her at Highline in Building 8 in the Mt. Olympus and Mt. Constance rooms from 10 a.m. to noon.

Library Gallery displays vivid, confused memories

By ROCHELLE ADAMS
Staff Reporter

The Library Gallery has been displaying the work of Carrie Hall Tomberlin throughout the month of November.

This was her first exhibit at Highline, though she has shown her work nationally.

In describing the photography currently on display, Tomberlin said, “This body of work builds narratives through the association of people and places, addressing mortality and the transient nature of our culture.”

Tomberlin is a photographer and writer who teaches Art and Global Health, English, and Photography. She has taught at Green River Community College, Puget Sound Early College High School and Bellevue Community College.

She earned her Master of Fine Arts degree at Clemson University in 2005.

“I have always felt that my calling is with the arts, and have studied art and writing throughout my academic career,” she said.

Tomberlin said her influences come from all of her experiences including her traveling, all the people she has met and the questions she has asked.

To have something to say, I feel that you should have new experiences and push yourself outside your comfort zone,” she said.

The photographs in this exhibit were filmed through a Holga camera. She said the pictures haven’t been digitally manipulated apart from the use of basic color corrections.

She said the pictures appear exactly as they did on the original film.

The message and purpose behind her art is in capturing a memory.

“Photography allows one to still a moment on paper and make that memory tangible,” Tomberlin said. “These images allude to visual memory and how it permeates daily life. In these images I show how that memory is vivid, yet at the same time, often confused and non-linear.”

Tomberlin’s work can be seen from now until Nov. 30 on the fourth floor of the library. The gallery is open Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Shape the future of hip-hop with Hip-Hop Summit

By ERIC NOBLE
Staff Reporter

Highline is looking for people to submit ideas for the upcoming Hip-Hop Summit, taking place Feb. 26-27.

The Hip-Hop Summit is “a two-day event showcasing the different elements of hip-hop culture,” according to Tony Innouyong, the recently-installed chairman of the Hip-Hop Summit committee.

The event is meant to educate people about the hip-hop culture, eliminate stereotypes, and discuss the future of hip-hop, Innouyong said.

While hip-hop related events have been going on at Highline for a long time now, the Hip-Hop Summit started only a few years ago.

Plans for events at the summit include workshops on break-dancing, hip-hop artwork, the history of hip-hop, and writing plus singing hip-hop music.

They hope to have a panel of speakers talk about these artists, and they will also try to coax some local hip-hop artists to perform. At the end, there will be a break-dance battle.

These events are just some of the ideas put on the table. None of them are official. “It’s not set in stone. A lot of it is subject to change,” Innouyong said.

The summit is a student-based program, with a few faculty members involved as well.

There are student organizations working with the program, including Ace Crew and Verse, Innouyong said.

All are welcome to come to the Hip-Hop Summit. It’s not limited to students. “We are going to be promoting and marketing outside the school,” Innouyong said.

The audiences are those who are interested in hip-hop, or would like learn more about hip-hop.

To submit ideas, you can join the hip-hop committee every Wednesday in the Students Program Conference Room at the Student Union from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.

‘The Trial’ starts today

The Drama Department’s production of The Trial begins today, Nov. 20.

The play is based on a work by Franz Kafka.

It will be performed in Building 4, room 122 at 8 p.m. on Nov. 20-22 and Dec. 4-6.

Ticket prices are $7 for students and $8 for general admission.
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By BRIAN GROVE
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Their top scorer, Chelsea Forback, who has 212 kills in 63 games, which is 99 more than the second leading scorer on the team, Emily O’Neal, with 124.

Edmonds, who is 11-1 in league play and 35-10 overall and seeded first in the North Division, will play a possible surprise team, Columbia Basin, in the opening round.

Edmonds’ kill leader, Mindy Rencher, racked up 267 kills over 75 games this season, with much credit given to Glenda Schuster, who had 464 assists in 65 games.

Walla Walla, from the East, who is 13-1 in league and 29-8 overall, will face off against one of only two tournament teams who have sub a .500 winning percentage in league play, Skagit Valley.

Walla Walla’s Jenna Kragt and Sarah McLean provided a winning attack combination for Walla Walla this season. Kragt had 297 kills in 106 games and McLean had 558 assists in 49 games.

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Highline coaches believe that although they are an underdog in the tournament, they have strong chance in the tourney.

"I think we could [win] or any team from the West could be a surprise team. The West is underestimating because we all beat up on each other. Columbia Basin could be also a surprise team," Littleman said.

Highline has been to the NWAACCs three times since 2003 and is back this year after losing a tie-breaker for the fourth seed against Green River last season.

Teams from the West believe that although their records may not be as pristine as some of the other teams among the NWAACC, they still have a lot to bring to the tournament.

“Speed. Offensively, we’re probably one of the fastest teams in the NWAACC,” McLean had 558 assists in 94 games.

NWAACC volleyball places third in West Division

Highline volleyball places third in West Division

By BRIAN GROVE
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The Highline volleyball team solidified the no. 3 seed in the West Division last week after defeating Centralia, but losing to Tacoma.

The Lady T-Birds knocked off the Trailblazers in three straight games, 25-9, 25-7 and 25-17.

Shannyn Fisher led the attack for Highline with 11 kills, while Paula Miles and Shannyn Fisher lead Highline’s kill totals with 170 in 69 games and 147 in 66 games, respectively.

"We need to play consistent, we need to play up-beat and cocky. As long as we’re active and competing for every point. It’s hard to win three in a row," Littleman said.

The tournament format is double elimination bracket works; A team will lose once, it drops into the loser’s bracket. If a team loses twice, they’re eliminated. Even if a team loses once, they can still come back to the championship, but they must win the next to get into the winner’s bracket.

The first matches will take place Nov. 20-21 at Mount Hood Community College.

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Even if Highline falls to Clackamas in the opening round, Highline’s coaching staff knows the reality will eventually be set in for the players when their backs are against the wall, making them play harder than ever not to get eliminated.

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Spokane visited Highline to play the quarterfinal match of the NWAACC tournament on Saturday, Nov. 15.

Highline had a bye in the first round of the tournament due winning their division. Spokane played Edmonds in the first round; the match ended in a 2-2 draw and was decided in the Sasquatch’s favor after a penalty shootout.

Highline controlled the pitch for most of the match, and the defense controlled the rare Spokane attacks. Player to player distance action had to be taken in the ensuing scuffle, but no disciplinary action had to be taken by the referee.

Highline’s defender Joshua Hauck started the first dangerous attack when he sent in a long ball for Daniel Nam to chase.

Ryan Ditzler, the Spokane defender marking him, slipped in trying to give Nam a free shot. Nam dribbled past Ditzler for most of the match, and the Sasquatch were unable to put the ball in the goal.

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Spokane started pressing more in the second half, and started to get more opportunities. In the 50th minute, Spokane got a corner kick. The kick was poorly executed and allowed Highline to come out and counterattack.

Gouk received the ball around the halfway line and chipped to Gouk, who controlled it but saw his shot saved again by sophomore goalkeeper Josh Peck.

Kuffler dribbled and controlled the ball right at the touchline in the 19th minute and slid the ball to Gouk.

Gouk lifted the ball over the keeper, but his shot was wide of the goal. Spokane’s only scoring opportunity in the first half came in the 21st minute.

A Spokane midfielder sent a cross from deep and it fell to TJ Rensleigh, but his shot was blocked by an oncoming Hauck.

In the 74th minute Gouk received a through pass from Fernando Gonzales, but he was off balance and the shot went over. In the 75th minute, Highline sent a cross into the box. The ball went through the keeper’s hands, and Nam put the ball into the open net.

The Thunderbirds thought they had scored, but the referee said that he saw an obstruction on the goalkeeper and the goal didn’t stand.

In the 83rd minute, Spokane had another gilt-edged opportunity, but Nick Reilly shot the ball over from close range.

The score was level after 90 minutes, so there were two 10 minute extra time halves. Ryan Kuffler had a golden chance to kill off the match when Spokane was unable to deal with a Highline cross.

Kuffler received the ball around the six yard line, but with all of the ball part of his foot and stayed down.

For the penalty kicks Josh Peck stayed in goal for the Sasquatch, but reserve keeper Dave Lugo stepped into goal for the Thunderbirds. Zachary Taylor took the first penalty for Highline, and beat Peck. Adam Zakrzewski kept the score level by putting the ball past Lugo.

Alex Bresnen stepped up to take the second kick, but his shot was saved. Spokane went one up in the series when Travis Green scored.

Fernando Gonzales scored Highline’s second, and Lugo came up with a save on Ryan Ditzler’s shot to put the score level at 2-2.

Tony Maxwell was the fourth person to take a kick for Highline, but his shot was blocked by Peck. Matt Miller put Spokane 2-3 up after scoring passages.

Robbie Gouk took the last shot for Highline and put the score level at 3-3, but TJ Rensleigh sealed the victory for Spokane, making the final score 3-4 on penalty kicks for the Sasquatch.

“It sucks losing when you know you’re the better team,” said Lugo. “We had them from the get-go, from the first minute to last.”

The Thunderbirds’ heads hung low after the match.

“We should’ve had the game during regulation time,” said Joshua Hauck.

“We worked hard,” said Highline’s Marco Heredia. “We really thought we were gonna win the championship. We never expected it.”

“It’s frustrating. PKs are a terrible way to end,” said Assistant Coach Steve Mohn. He added that it was a tough fought match, and that the playoffs often bring the best out of teams.

Head Coach Jason Prenovost said that the team had a lot of good opportunities, and that they were clearly the better team.

“The longer you leave a team that aren’t as good in the game, the better they become,” he said.

Prenovost added that the feeling might be bitter right now, but that he is proud of his team and has enjoyed the season very much.

“It was a group of guys that fight hard for each other, they love each other,” Prenovost said. “It is a little bit of an unjust ending. These boys should’ve won.”

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Spokane stops Thunderbirds’ title run

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Gouk received the ball around the halfway line and chipped two defenders to give Kuffler a straight run at the goal. Kuffler was one-on-one with the keeper, but was unable to put the ball in the net.

In the 61st minute, Spokane carved out their best opportunity of the match. Freshman defender Matt Miller received the ball off of a corner kick, and smashed the ball point blank toward the goal.

Highline goalkeeper Liviu Bird was well positioned to save the shot, and he hung on to the ball.

In the 65th minute, Kuffler sent Nam down along the right wing. Nam sent a tight cross into the box. The ball cleared to Gouk, who controlled it but was unable to put the ball in the goal.

Defender Marko Heredia played Edmonds in the semifinals will be held on Nov. 22, at Starfire Stadium in Tukwila.

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## Highline women expect excitement

By CHRIS WELLSSn Staff Reporter

Expectations are high this winter for the Highline women’s basketball team. They are coming off a season last year in the West Division of the NWAACC and an 11-17 season overall.

Coach Amber Rowe Mosley is entering her sixth season as head coach at Highline, currently carrying a career record of 85-57. She said that her players have unique goals in mind.

“I asked the girls at the beginning of the season what their goals were and I was getting answers such as having pressure defense, to be scrappy on defense and to work hard in practice,” Coach Rowe said proudly. “I asked them if they wanted to win the league, and they felt like if they do all of the above, the wins will come.

“The women’s first official season game will be against Lane Community College on Nov. 21 at 4 p.m. at the Shoreline Tournament. That women’s game will take place on Dec. 4 against Lane as well, at a time that has yet to be determined.

Coach Rowe said the toughest competition this season may be against some of the traditional powerhouse schools of the NWAACC.

“Centralia and Lower Columbia Community Colleges are always top in our league. Tacoma is a game that our players always look forward to because a lot of our players are from the Tacoma area,” Rowe said.

Highline, whose team will have 10 home games this year, expects to run a fast-break offense, and a lot of our players are from the Tacoma area.”

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Although the team may be young this season, they are bringing in some talented freshmen: 5’9” guard Arianna Wilson and 5’8” forward Lauren Hill, both received first-team all-NWAC honors. Tera McCann-Soushak, a 6’0” forward from Auburn High School, received second-team all-South Puget Sound League 3A honors. Patrice McKinnon, a 6’0” guard from Newport High School, earned all-King County 3A honorable mention.

Other freshmen who are new to Highline this year are Jordan Beale, 5’4” guard from Pomroy High School; Arianna Wilson, 5’7” guard from Foss High School; Adriana Aukustino, 5’8” guard from Service High School in Anchorage, Alaska; Jaki Fairfax, 5’7” guard from Auburn Riverside High School; Garlena Taova-Fiatoa, 5’9” forward from Rainier Beach High School and Cassie Fontenot, 6’3” center from Chief Sealth High School.

Before Coach Rowe came to Highline, she started her coaching career at Georgia Southern University as an assistant coach and a graduate teaching assistant.

This year Coach Rowe will be bringing back two coaches that have been here for multiple seasons and two new coaches.

Damen Crump will be returning for his sixth season as an assistant coach. Crump, who played at Shoreline and Highline Community Colleges before finishing at Concordia University in Minnesota, has been an assistant coach at Concordia and Federal Way High School.

Nadeau will be returning for her fourth season as a Highline assistant coach. Nadeau played college basketball at Highline before going on to Colorado State University in Pueblo. At Colorado State, Nadeau was the team’s leading scorer two years in a row and was an all-region candidate for the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

Taryn Plypick is a first year coach this year at Highline. Plypick is also a former Highline student. During her time at Highline, she competed in basketball and track and field.

This year Coach Rowe will have them ready.”

Barry Carel guards a T-Bird women’s player.

### Lady T-Birds lose for a good cause

By LIVI BIRD

Staff Reporter

Although a team of faculty and staff members defeated the Highline women’s basketball team 56-48 in a charity game on Friday, Nov. 14, the real winner was the fight against breast cancer.

Jean Munro from Women’s Programs worked a booth at the gym’s entrance, selling $50 worth of t-shirts, said.

The proceeds will go to the Puget Sound branch of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

In the game, the Highline women took an early 3-0 lead and held onto it until the faculty and staff took a 20-18 lead with five minutes left in the first half. They never looked back, leading 29-22 at the break.

The game was punctuated by many smiles and jokes on the sidelines.

“It’s a good thing I had that pizza,” Assistant Coach Josh Baker from the men’s team said.

He walked off the court at half time.

After a sluggish period of play in the second half, the faculty and staff team found the energy to bring their lead back up to 11 points with seven minutes left in the game and eventually won 56-48.

“The faculty and staff weren’t bad at all,” Head Coach Amber Rowe Mosley said afterwards. “It was their best effort ever.”

Coach Rowe also said Randy Olson had a good game for the women and Facilities Manager Barry Carel had a good game for the faculty and staff.

“It was great,” Carel said. “In my seven years, this was our youngest team, which makes a difference.

“Next year, we want to take on the men’s team because we think ‘that’s good,’ he said, smiling.

Athletic Director John Dunn said the faculty and staff won because of “superior athleticism and basketball IQ.”

“We just have big heart,” he added.

However, he was optimistic about the season ahead for the women’s team.

“They’re a young team, but Coach Rowe will have them ready,” Dunn said. “They will be there when it matters.”

Dunn also said the cause for the game, breast cancer awareness, is very important for him.

“My mom had breast cancer,” he said. “It’s a big deal for me.”

“We [the Athletic Department] want to be a part of every- thing that goes on, on campus. We wish we could do more.”

### Scoreboard

**Women’s Volleyball**

North Division

League/Pls/Season

- Z-Eddoms 11-1 917 35-10
- X-Belllev. 10-2 833 24-16
- X-What. 9-3 750 22-24
- X-Sk.Vil. 5-7 417 15-13
- Shoreline 4-8 333 12-20
- Everett 2-10 167 6-20
- Olympic 1-12 077 3-33
- East Division
  - Z-Walla 1-3 929 29-9
  - X-Vale. 9-5 643 29-18
  - X-Tr.Valley 9-5 643 35-12
  - X-Col.Bas. 9-5 643 23-18
  - W-Valley 8-6 571 28-17
  - Blue Mt. 6-8 429 13-23
  - Big Bend 2-12 143 7-22
  - Yak.Valley 0-14 000 2-32

**Men’s soccer NWAACC results**

2008-11-12

- Bellevue-3 def SW Oregon-1
- Walla-0 def Bellevue-3
- Yakima-0 def 0-23
- West Division
  - Z-Tacoma 11-3 786 31-16
  - Z-River 11-3 786 24-16
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  - Clark 7-7 500 21-22
  - L.Col. 7-7 500 18-17
  - Centralia 1-13 071 4-30
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**GE SC 105 Environmental Science**

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**OCEAN 101 Survey of Oceanography**

6069 Mon/Wed 12:00pm-2:00 pm 5 credits
6071 Wednesday 5:30pm-7:30pm 5 credits (hybrid)

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**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:**

How serious is bipolar disorder? Can you control it? — L.R.

**ANSWER:** Bipolar is a disorder in which people experience spells of deep depression alternating with spells of great energy and unbridled enthusiasm. It’s an emotional teeter-totter. In the high-energy phase, people feel invincible, are confident, impulsive and make hasty and poor decisions. Sometimes they hallucinate, seeing things not present and hearing things not spoken. In the depressed phase, the opposite holds. People become reclusive, feel that all is hopeless, don’t want to get out of bed and are reluctant to interact with others. Those extremes are the two poles of bipolar disorder.

Yes, it is a serious illness. It can disrupt a person’s life. Brain chemistry is involved, but the exact mechanisms are not completely understood. People can’t control these mood swings by themselves. There are medicines helpful in restoring stability to people’s lives — especially Lithium, but there are other alternatives.

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**Bipolar disorder is an emotional seesaw**

By GRACE DEWITT  
Staff Reporter

The Mt. Skokomish room swayed to the beat of musical rhythms on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

A small group of women came to Building 8 to learn how to reduce their stress through dance movement.

The five rhythms, developed by dance instructor Gabrielle Roth, are named flowing, staccato, chaos, lyrical and stillness.

For each rhythm, there was a different song and dance.

The five dance movements were led by the assistant director of student programs, Natasha Burrowes. Although Burrowes led the rhythms and was in charge of music selection, each person moved to their own internal beat, while connecting to the beat of the music.

For example, one of the participants incorporated square dance steps into her dance movements.

Theresa Alston, a Highline faculty counselor, gave a brief introduction of the five rhythms before the dancing began.

“The important thing is listening to our bodies,” Alston said.

Alston described flowing as releasing energy when you are feeling cramped or confined by becoming flexible and loose. Staccato is all about action. It is about taking your energy and directing it into an objective.

“It’s fiery, it’s passionate,” Alston said.

Chaos is where flowing and staccato energy meets. It is about letting go of uncertainty and breaking bad patterns such as holding on to bitterness.

“Sometimes in the midst of chaos is a quiet storm,” said Alston.

She described lyrical as when a person feels fun, light, and free.

The dances ended with the stillness rhythm, which Alston described as when you reach a peaceful place where you get in touch with your breath.

She asked the participants to close their eyes and pay attention to their breathing as they relaxed their bodies and minds.

Afterward, all of the women expressed how calm and stress-free they felt and told each other how they would take this feeling into their day.
Science Seminars feature mystery and magic

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Geocaching revives treasure hunting

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Geocaching and its benefits

Geocaching is a modern treasure hunting that involves using GPS receivers to find caches placed throughout the world. The concept is simple: you find a cache, sign the log book, and leave something behind. Geocaching has become increasingly popular in recent years, with over 575,000 caches worldwide, according to Chris Gan, a science instructor at Highline.

Carla Whittington, a science instructor at Highline, talked about the global positioning system (GPS) and its role in geocaching. GPS is a technology that uses 24 satellites orbiting the Earth to determine a person's location. This technology allows anyone with a GPS receiver to travel anywhere in the world and find out their current location within 50 – 100 feet of any location they may want to travel to.

Initially, civilians only had select availability of this technology, which only allowed them to receive four satellite signals to determine their current location and any location they may want to travel anywhere in the world. Whittington said.

With a GPS receiver, both military and civilians must receive four satellite signals to ensure that all 24 satellites are working properly, Whittington said. If a satellite is not functional, the whole system is not fully functional until 1995, Whittington said.

A number of monitoring stations and ground antennas constantly monitor the satellites to ensure that all 24 satellites are working properly, Whittington said.

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The next Science Seminar will be held Friday Nov. 21 in Building 3, room 102 from 2:20 – 3:10 p.m. Tarisa Matsumoto-Maxfield will be talking about rat middens.
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Students test their math skills in AMATYC

By NICHOLAS MCCOY  
Staff Reporter

You may think the tests in your math class are tough, but on the AMATYC competitive math test, getting 25 percent right is good, and 50 percent is amazing.

In a class, those would be failing grades, but on the American Mathematical Associate of Two-Year Colleges’ competitive test, those scores are solid.

The AMATYC test is given to students in two-year colleges nationwide twice a year: first in the spring, and again in the fall. The student in the country with the highest combined score receives a scholarship.

Last year, no one in the nation achieved 100 percent on the test. The AMATYC website is mum on details concerning individual scores in previous years.

Here at Highline, 38 students took the test this quarter. The average score was 7.5 percent.

“Any score that’s over a 10 [out of 40] is considered a pretty good score,” said Professor Ter-ry Meerdink, who coordinates the AMATYC test at Highline.

The questions start simple, then get progressively more complex. The final question required a lengthy half-page proof.

“I took the test because my math instructor, Allan Walton, recommended his students to do that,” she said. She attends Walton’s Math 124 class.

“I found it really interesting; the questions are so challenging and motivate me to think critically, quickly and creatively,” Tran said. Those skills are important in science, she said.

She has been interested in math ever since she was a little girl, she said, when she would absorb herself in puzzles and games, especially IQ tests.

“We will take the second test in spring, for sure, and want to be in the top three. And I believe that I can make it,” she said.

Hyo-woon Jung, the winner of first place, is an international student from Korea.

“I came here to America one and a half year ago to study my major, mechanical engineer-
ing,” Jung said.

“Since childhood, I have been interested in math and physics,” Jung hopes to transfer to the University of Washington in fall 2009 in order to further pursue his major, he said.

“I hope to get hired by Boeing after graduating from a four year university,” he said.

He transferred to Highline in Fall 2007, after attending a pro-
gram to help him learn English. He is currently in Dusty Wil-
son’s Math 225 class.

“The biggest struggle I have gone through was the English because I studied it for just two years,” Jung said.

“However, I keep trying to overcome it, and tutoring phys-
ics and math at the tutoring center, I improved it a lot even though I still feel lack of it,” he said.

Jung took the AMATYC test earlier this year, achieving sixth place. Since then he has taken Math 125 and 126, and is currently attending Math 225.

“I am going to take it again at spring, and hopefully, I want to get first place again,” Jung said.

As a result of making it in the top five, Jung and Tran are members of Highline’s AMATYC team.

Colleges are rated based on team scores. The score of the team is a composite of the scores of all the members of the team. Highline’s team score for the Fall segment of the test this year is 85.

National and regional stand-

ings for the first test this year have not yet been released.

“We expect to place between third and seventh in the state,” Professor Jerry Meerdink said. Highline usually places in that range, she said. She said that ranks are expected to come out sometime in the next few weeks.

Last year, Highline placed fifth in the state. Highline did not place nationally. Bellevue Community College placed ninth in the nation, tying with New Jersey’s Brookdale Community College.

The date for the next test has not yet been released. According to the AMATYC website, it will take place between Feb. 17 and March 7 next year. Anyone can take the test.
### Food

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“It’s safe to say the lines are out the door,” Shimizu said. Shimizu said that she estimates that there will be close to 1,250 families seeking assistance in each November and December, with an additional 700 families seeking Thanksgiving assistance and 500 seeking Christmas assistance. This comes to a total of 3,700 families over the next two months.

Shimizu said the bank expects fewer people on Christmas because of parallel Christmas meal programs run by the Salvation Army in White Center and Federal Way.

“We need everything. Whatever people would like to have for themselves, donate that,” she said.

Shimizu said that people can donate anything such as canned meats, fruits, or vegetables, pastas such as macaroni and cheese or instant soups, baby food, and pet food.

Other items the bank is in need of include shampoos, toilet paper, soups, and especially diapers.

The food bank also runs a second program called the Weekend Backpack Program. The bank partners with the Highline School District to distribute backpacks filled with kid-friendly food to kids at two elementary schools who are at risk of going hungry over the weekends.

Backpacks are given out on Friday and returned by the children on Monday. Each pack contains six kid-friendly meals. To contribute to the Weekend Backpack Program, you can either volunteer via email at dmafb@bigplanet.com to help pack backpacks with food, or you can donate $5 or more online, or by mail at The Des Moines Area Food Bank, P.O. Box 98788, Des Moines, WA, 98198.

Shimizu said that although the food bank is worried about meeting demands in November and December, it is even more worried about the months after.

“People tend to forget about us once the holidays are over,” she said.

Although the bank can set aside items that are not immediately needed, Shimizu said the bank would appreciate donations throughout the year.

The Des Moines Food Bank is located in the basement of the Des Moines United Methodist Church, at 22225 9th Ave. S. You can also donate money via its website at http://dwp.bigplanet.com/dmafb/donor/.

### Local food banks

**Des Moines Area Food Bank**

In the basement of the Des Moines United Methodist Church, 22225 9th Ave. S., Des Moines. 206-876-8301. www.myfoodbank.com

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The Summit students said they want to be involved in Highline just like the average student.

Linhares, said that he has started a sports club with Thiare Costa. They wanted to start an outdoor club to stay active and meet new people. The club will have outdoor activities that vary every session.

“It’s an outdoor club, just for everyone,” Costa said. He said he wants the club to draw people from all backgrounds and cultures.

The students in the Summit Program said people at Highline are excited to meet someone from a foreign country.

“Students ask about our homes and what we think of the Highline area,” Karen Fuchiga said.

Costa said that he likes how Highline is so diverse, and hopes he gets to continue to meet more students here.

As the Fall Quarter comes to a close, the students will begin searching for internships and start their community service. Their experience here is once in a lifetime; however, it is not as big as a contrast as they thought.

“It’s not weird for us to come here,” said Mohammed Hassan, a student from Egypt.
Dancing around the world

Highline students in the Summit program put on a variety of internationally themed events this week. Highline student Oznur Aydin, top, shows off her belly-dancing skills on Monday. Gigi Gubba, a local Turkish dancer, leads a line of students, lower left. Highline students Mohammed Hassan and Waleed El-Sahry, lower right, explain their country at a booth on Wednesday.

Highline trustee receives national honor

New Highline Trustee Dan Altmayer was recently honored for his efforts as a volunteer for the Highline Foundation. He was awarded the 2008 Campus Impact Award on Nov. 6 by the Council for Resource Development during their annual Washington, D.C. conference.

The Council for Resource Development works to network community college development professionals.

Highline President Jack Birmingham said, “clearly this award is well deserved and a great recognition of Dan’s leadership on our foundation board and in our community.”

The press release cited Altmayer’s lead role in raising $2.5 million to build the MaST Center and “create an operating endowment.”

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