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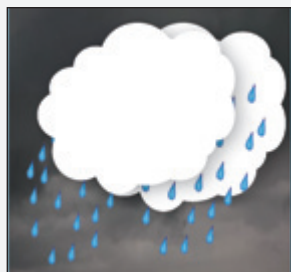


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## Weekend Weather



Rain on Monday, Fog on Tuesday.

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# Campus crime continues in summer

By **OTHMAN HEIBE**  
Staff Reporter

A murder, a carjacking and a half dozen car thefts occurred on or near campus in the weeks leading up to the end of the summer.

The murder occurred near campus; the car incidents all happened on campus. With regard to car thefts, campus officials are urging students, faculty and staff to use safety devices such as The Club, now available for order at the bookstore, to discourage theft attempts.

"I want to reassure every-

one that the campus is safe," said Sergeant Demetria Guillen at the campus security office. "We've increased our patrol all over the campus; we've installed two new emergency blue lights in the eastside lot; and, at the end of the day, it's that individual responsibility that will make a big difference.

"Everyone should keep all valuable items in their car out of sight and secured, and if they have The Club or similar device, they should use it," Guillen added.

Meanwhile, Des Moines Police are still investigating the



Jennifer Walstrand

murder of a woman who was found in her apartment near Highline on Tuesday, Aug. 31.

The King County Medical Examiner's Office has identified the murder victim as Jennifer Walstrand, 28. The victim was also known to use other aliases, such as "Roxie" and "Face," before she was killed.

"The landlord of the triplex apartment, where one unit was rented to Walstrand, called 911 just after midnight," said Des Moines Police Commander Bob Collins. "The owner, who lives in an adjacent unit, stated that he heard thumping sounds from the

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# A fall from grace

Campus Security will write tickets from the start for Fall Quarter

By **OTHMAN HEIBE**  
Staff Reporter

Campus Security is writing tickets much earlier this year in an effort to ensure parking permit owners do not have to compete with cars that do not have permits.

In the past, Campus Security allowed a one week grace period to give students, faculty and staff time to buy permits; however, beginning Sept. 20, the first day of the Fall Quarter, strict parking regulations will be enforced.

"This year, we will enforce restricted parking areas e.g., fire lanes, loading zones, etc. beginning on Sept. 20 and parking permit displays beginning on Sept. 22," said Richard Noyer, the head of the Campus Security Office.

In other words, if you do not have a current Fall Quarter per-

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Cody Warf/THUNDERWORD

*A Campus Security officer writes a ticket in spring. Security will no longer allow a one-week grace period for drivers without permits.*

# Bookstore to rent textbooks

By **DANIEL HOWELL**  
Staff Reporter

A new textbook rental program at Highline has the bookstore and Library teaming up this fall to help students save some money.

This summer, the bookstore initiated its first rental program,

but the books are not available in-store, students must order them online and then ship them back at the end of the quarter.

"About 80 people participated Summer Quarter," said Bookstore Manager Laura Nole.

With the online system, the bookstore only receives a small commission from the vendor,

with the bulk of the profits headed to the outside company.

The bookstore wanted to create a new option for students to cheaply rent books, while at the same time keeping student dollars at the school.

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# Highline honored as great place to work

By **STEPHANIE KIM**  
Staff Reporter

Highline has been named one of the top colleges to work for, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Although the "Great Colleges to Work For" article was released over the summer on July 25, Highline's administration found out in June and had to keep it confidential until the article was released.

The Chronicle teamed up with ModernThink, a human resources consulting firm to conduct surveys from four-year and two-year institutions.

Surveys were sent out to more than 100,000 faculty and staff members. Of the 100,000 surveys, more than 43,000 people responded, from 275 different institutions. 221 were from four-year institutions and 54 were from two-year institutions.

Participants "filled out a 40-page questionnaire," Highline's Vice President of Institutional Advancement Lisa Skari said. The surveys were based on random samples are confidential, she said.

The results of the survey were divided into two categories: four-year and two-year institutions. They were then divided into three subcategories: small (2,999 students or fewer), medium (3,000 to 9,999 students) and large (10,000 students or more).

Highline fell into the two-

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## Crime and Punishment



### Construction equipment stolen

Someone broke into the fenced storage near the North Parking Lot on Tuesday, Aug. 3. Seven light poles, eight cart batteries and a fence line were among the stolen properties that the thief or thieves took. The estimated value of the stolen properties is around \$5,440.

### Student saves the day

An attempted vehicle theft was foiled after a student saw it happening and called security. The suspect of the Monday, Aug. 9, attempted vehicle theft, was described as a Hispanic male adult in his mid 20s, and approximately 5 feet 6 inches tall.

He was trying to gain entry into a 1989 Honda Accord that was parked at the upper North Parking Lot. The vehicle had a Club in use at the time of the incident, however.

The student described the gateway car that the suspect used to flee the scene as white Chevrolet sedan, with a female driver behind the wheel.

The Honda Accord belongs to a Highline instructor.

### Window smashed, GPS stolen

A Highline student found her driver side window smashed out after she parked her Ford 500 car at the East Parking Lot on Friday, Aug. 13.

The student said she left her car there around 9 a.m. and returned to it at approximately 12:45 p.m., to find her driver side window smashed out and a \$300 GPS was taken out of her car. The GPS was on the driver's side dashboard when she left the car.

### Man finds home in construction site

A homeless man found a home here at Highline.

One of the construction workers working on Building 9 advised security that there may be a homeless man sleeping overnight at the construction site.

The construction worker said that he saw a man, with a gray shirt and a dark ponytail, leaving the construction area early in the morning on Wednesday, Aug. 18.

—Compiled by  
Othman Heibe

## Worker retraining closed for future enrollment

By KANDI CARLSON  
Staff Reporter

The Worker Retraining Program is no longer accepting new applicants for Fall Quarter in an effort to spread limited funds throughout the school year.

"We are not out of funds," said Kelsey Anderson, workforce funding adviser. "We are providing future opportunities by closing enrollment this quarter."

Anderson tracks how much money is being spent and closes enrollment each quarter to allow future students an opportunity to utilize the program.

"It is my goal to allow new students a chance to use our services in Winter and Spring Quarters as well," Anderson said.

Individuals currently receiving unemployment benefits, those who have exhausted their unemployment benefits within the past two years, as well as

dislocated workers can gain new job skills through this funding, she said.

The program has assisted 217 such students Fall Quarter with tuition assistance and the cost of various fees and books.

Students are allowed to enroll in any one of the professional and technical programs offered by Highline.

A positive for the future of the program was that the budget allocated for the program was increased from last year.

Anderson is working with a budget set by the state Legislature. The 2010 budget was increased from "around \$436,400 last year" to \$660,400 this year, Anderson said.

The 2010 budget is pending any further budget cuts, she said.

She projects that closing Fall Quarter enrollment will allow an estimated 150 new students to receive assistance in Winter Quarter, as well as an additional 144 students in Spring Quarter.



## News Briefs

### Budget cut means less classes at Highline

Highline executive staff will meet next week to discuss options to deal with the 6.3 percent state budget cuts that were announced last week.

Governor Christine Gregoire announced on Thursday, Sept. 16 that there will be across-the-board budget cuts.

Gregoire warned that the cuts could mean the loss of up to 9,000 slots at local community and technical colleges at a time when demand is at its highest.

At Highline there will likely be fewer class offerings and each section will be crowded.

"In the short term, we will leverage some of the additional tuition we collected to address part of the cut," said Highline President Jack Bermingham. "The next budget will be even more challenging."

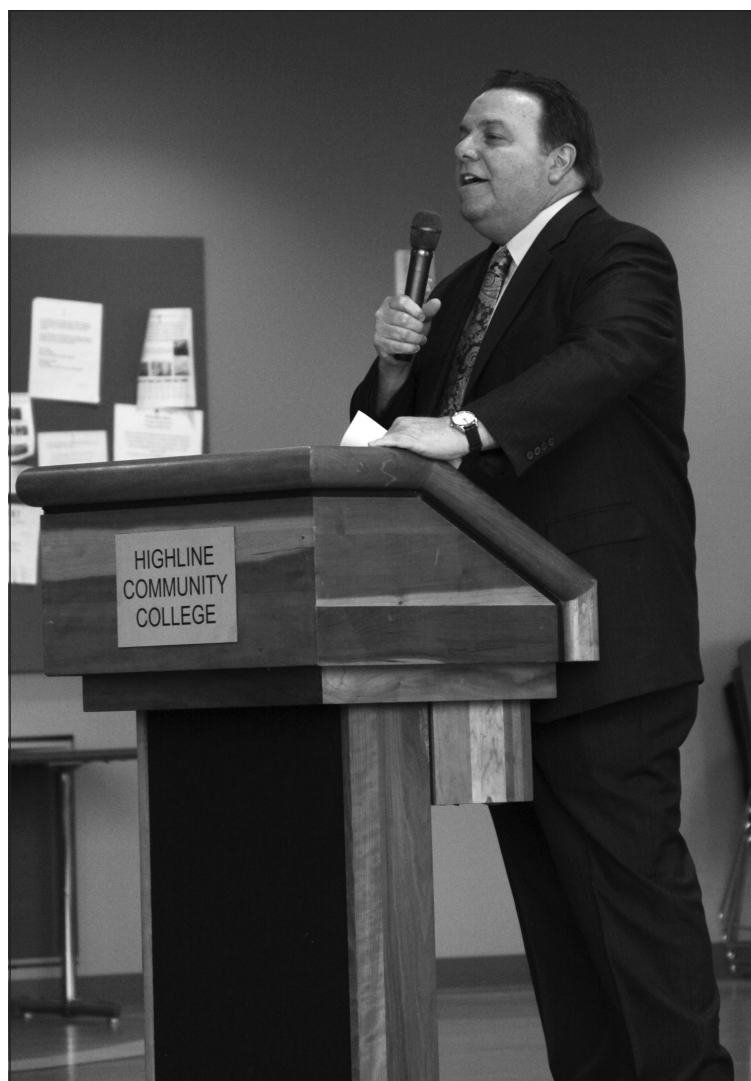
### Rapid Ride comes to Highline

Highline and King County Metro want to reward faculty, staff and students for finding new ways to get to campus efficiently.

Kick off your Fall Quarter with a pledge to drive less and you will receive a free ORCA card, preloaded with \$5 on Tuesday, Sept. 21 inside Building 8.

### Women's Programs collects supplies

Highline Women's Programs will hold its third Annual Community First Supplies giveaway. They are looking for donations including flash drives, backpacks, calculators, pens, pencils and notebooks. These items are given to low-income students who are in desperate need of supplies.



Cody Warf/THUNDERWORD

Dr. Jack Bermingham speaks at the Opening Week ceremony on Tuesday, Sept. 14 in the Student Union.

dean for Student Program and Leadership.

The fair will be held on the east side of Building 8, on the patio if it's not raining. If it does rain, the fair will be held inside Building 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Make strides for cancer

The Making Strides event is not a race. It's a celebration of survivorship. The breast cancer walk is scheduled for Sunday Oct. 10. The walk location starts in Downtown Bellevue Park. Regastration for the fund-raiser starts at 8 a.m. and the walk starts at 9 a.m.

### Bookstore offers prizes for long lines

During the first week of school, the bookstore will be giving out door prizes to customers waiting in line as a way to show their appreciation for their business and to ease the pressure of potentially long lines.

Customers with book bags will also be given a ticket and will have to show the ticket to retrieve their bag.

If you need your items picked up by a Highline representative, please call Deana Rader at 206-878-3710, ext. 3004. All donations must be in by Sept. 27.

### ThunderWeek starts off Fall Quarter

Highline's Center for Leadership and Service will hold its annual ThunderWeek this week.

Thursday, Sept. 23 at the Student Involvement Fair, students will have the opportunity to meet with leaders of programs.

The Center for Leadership and Service, clubs, Phi Theta Kappa, International Leadership Student Council, leadership programs and Student Programs are just some of the expected 25 programs to be present.

"We tried to involve everyone with a student program," said Jonathan Brown, associate

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# Get connected for college success, many say

By **S. RUSSELL GREGORY**  
Staff Reporter

Experienced students and faculty advise: Connect yourself to Highline for better success.

Attending Highline for the first time can be a fun new and exciting experience. The first quarter can also be filled with stress and anxiety. Luckily a student can breathe easy if they open themselves up to the aid of fellow students and faculty.

“Get involved in activities. Do more than just go to class. Get involved with clubs,” said Austin Yang Highline Student.

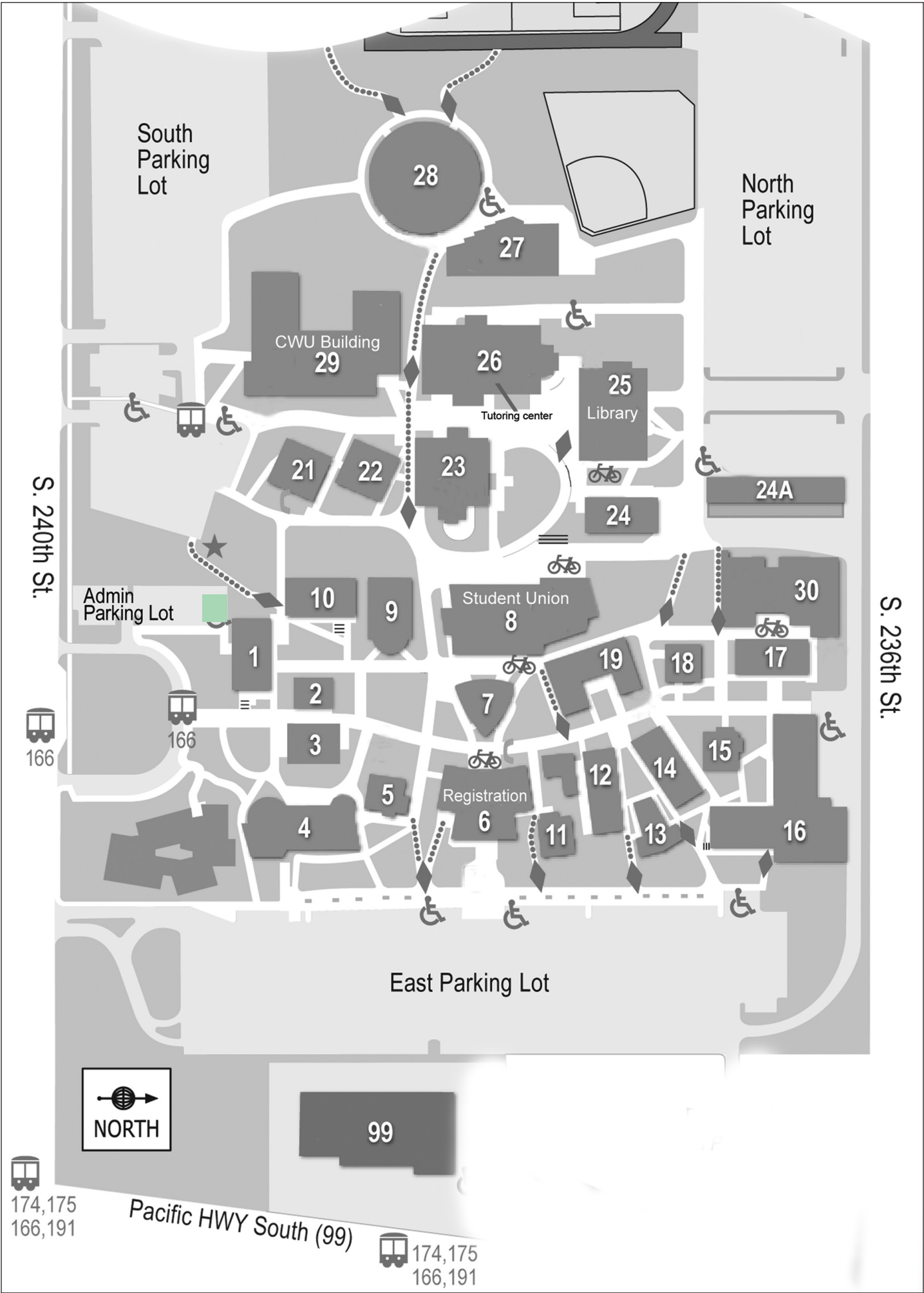
Clubs are a good way to become better acquainted with other students. All information on clubs can be found in the Student Programs office located on the third floor of the Student Union.

Another excellent way to get to know students is actually talking to people in class. “really think about what you can take out of your classes. At the same time think about what you can give back to the class. If a student has prior knowledge of the class material I tell them to help other students who don’t. Interact and get to know people in your classes. Create a study group.” Said Roman Wright sign language Instructor.

A student can also get additional help with studying and homework in the Tutoring Center, which is located in Building 26, room 319. Tutoring is free and open to all current students at Highline “There is a Writing Center, Math Resource center and a Tutoring Center for other subjects. Free tutoring, handouts and videos are available to the students.” Said Terry Meerdink, math instructor.

Other help can be found in the library. “go visit the library and use the reference librarians in picking a topic for a project, and in researching it. They are brilliant, and they seriously love helping students,” Said Laura Manning, speech instructor.

A student should feel brave and comfortable enough to meet with an instructor during their office hours for additional help, “don’t be afraid to tell your instructors if you are lost in a class or on an assignment. Of course sooner is better than later, but no matter how close the due date is, ask for help, please. Our job is to help you,” Manning said.



Michelle Lemon/THUNDERWORD  
*Marilyn Gerhardt works at the Library’s new front desk last week.*

## Science scholarship applications are due

The last opportunity to apply for the Science Scholars Programs under the existing NSF grant is Friday, Oct. 15.

Instructions and an application are available at <http://flightline.highline.edu/nsfscholarship/>.

There are some minimum eligibility requirements for these scholarships.

Students must be eligible for financial aid, be enrolled in 12 credits a quarter, have a 2.5 or better cumulative GPA, and be a citizen of the United States.

Students may be enrolled in these areas of study:

- Astronomy
- Biology
- Biotech
- Botany

- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Computer Information Systems
- Drafting Design Technology
- Environmental Science
- Engineering
- Geology
- Mathematics
- Marine Science
- Oceanography
- Physics

**Got news?**  
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Editorial comment

Weak economy should spur students to work harder

With the last quarter of the decade beginning today, students have an opportunity to close out a tumultuous decade on a positive note.

And it is something that must happen if we want to lift ourselves out of the biggest economic downturn since the Great Depression.

In the last 10 years, unemployment has jumped from 5.3 to 8.9 percent in Washington State, leaving almost 150,000 more people looking for work.

Employers today can now be much more picky about who they hire. This means that if we as students want to better our careers, we must strive to learn all that we can while we are here to make ourselves a more attractive candidate for career level jobs.

Highline is the perfect place for students to prepare themselves for the future with its transfer program and approximately 40 technical programs.

Not only that, but Highline’s incredibly diverse student body allows us to interact with people of all backgrounds.

The more that students learn not only their subjects of study, but also about their fellow students, the more we can rid our country of the bigotry and ignorance that is unfortunately still a part of our society.

We as students have a large task in front of us. We will be the ones that will have to solve the problems that are prevalent today: the economic crisis, seemingly unending war, social inequalities, global warming, mutating super-viruses, bed bugs- the list goes on.

These problems have no simple fixes, but we have a wealth of knowledge that we can draw from here at Highline if we choose to do so.

Between the excellent course selection, huge library with helpful staff, and the tutoring services available on campus, we have all the resources necessary to succeed.

So this quarter we urge you to try a little bit harder, study more, turn off your cell phone in class, join a club. Help out your fellow students if they are struggling. Try focusing more on gaining knowledge, than on trying to earn a good grade.

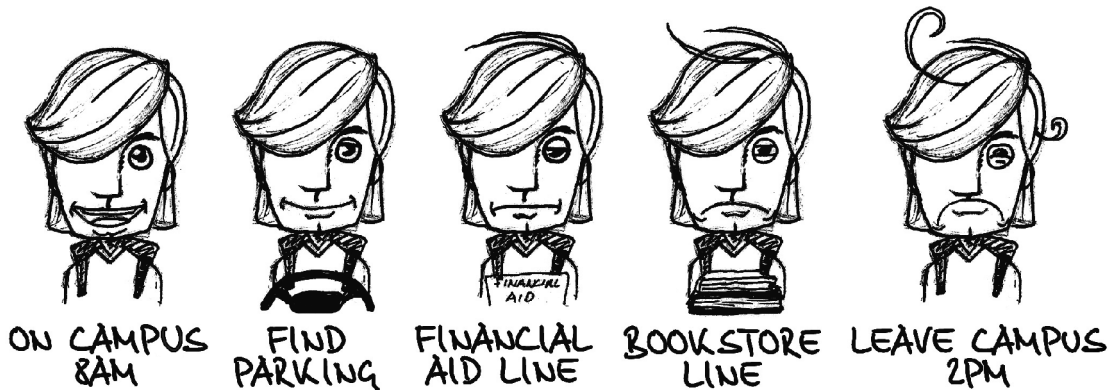
If we try a little harder to learn, the grades will take care of themselves.

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Can't Wait For School?



The Wait Isn't Over Yet...

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Highline has a lot to offer you

Welcome to Highline’s 2010-2011 academic year. My colleagues and I at the college take great pride in our commitment to student success and in our abilities to be responsive to community needs through partnerships and collaborative activities.

We recognize that in the current economy many individuals and families are struggling. While the college offers many services, state budget reductions have left staff and faculty stretched to respond in a timely manner to address the needs of many. In these challenging times civility and patience are essential. The college functions best for everyone when we all embrace this approach and treat each other with mutual respect.

Highline is the most diverse higher education institution in Washington. We strive to make the college welcoming for all. As important, we expect to engage all students so they enhance the learning environment.

Our relatively small classes allow each student to connect with the professor. This opportunity is comparable to what is best in private higher education and you will receive this tremendous benefit right here at our public college. You are also fortunate to study at an institution where so many cultures and ethnic groups are present. The richness of perspectives and the breadth of ideas create a dynamic learning environment that is a key to educational excellence. Your experience here will strengthen your competitiveness in this global economy and multicultural world.

Students, I urge you to take full advantage of all that the college has to offer---both inside and outside the classroom. Our student leadership programs provide great opportunities for students to develop important skills and gain useful experience that will improve employability.



Commentary  
Dr. Jack Bermingham

Your college is at the forefront of innovation in learning and teaching. This year we have received several competitive grants to sustain these efforts. The Gates Foundation is supporting some of the college’s research and pedagogical projects in math as well as in integrated curriculum that supports language and content knowledge.

Highline is proud to be one of the funded colleges in the national initiative, “Achieving the Dream.” This effort focuses on strategies to improve students who are at risk of not succeeding, and it supports the college’s work in collecting good data for decision making.

The U.S. Department of Education also provided a major award to assist many disadvantaged students who are first generation to participate in higher education.

The National Science Foundation has awarded Highline two major grants to support students in science, technology, engineering and math. The college’s partnerships with the State’s research universities provide a clear pathway for student transfers in these fields.

The U.S. State Department has funded the College for several public diplomacy initiatives. Its CCI program provides funding for students from Indonesia, India, Pakistan, South Africa, Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, and Brazil this year. Highline is also funded for a project supporting Indonesian faculty. The US Agency for International Development has funded the College’s new partnership in Egypt.

I believe that this amazing

sample of activities and recognitions represents one dimension of the remarkable work my colleagues do every day at the college. We expect you to benefit from this success and experience.

I hope you are proud of your opportunity to attend Highline. This college continues to move forward in fulfilling the vision of its faculty and staff, as expressed in its strategic initiatives.

We will require you to push yourself to study and to challenge yourself to take risks. You must be open to new ideas and perspectives. You should test your own perceptions against the research and data available. Take advantage of your intellectual curiosity and expand your “comfort zone.”

Get involved in your education both inside and outside the classroom at Highline this year. Welcome and engage your classmates. Make a difference in your education and theirs. Have big aspirations and make the world a little better.

Dr. Jack Bermingham is president of Highline College.

Write to us

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E-mail your submission to dhowell@highline.edu.

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Commentaries should be 600 words or less and arrive no later than Monday for publication that Thursday.

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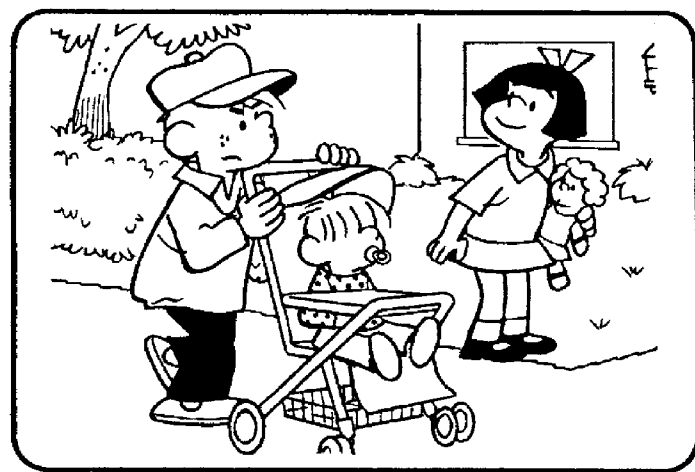
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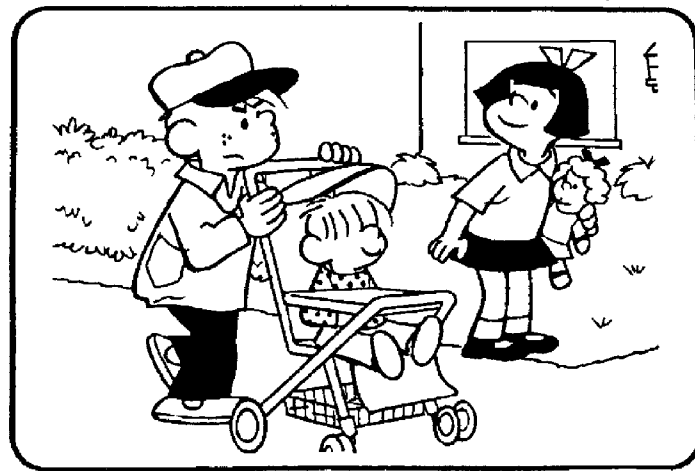


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Skirt is black. 2. Doll has bow in hair. 3. Visor is black. 4. Tree is missing. 5. Pocket added on jacket. 6. Pacifier is missing.

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Autumn Leaves

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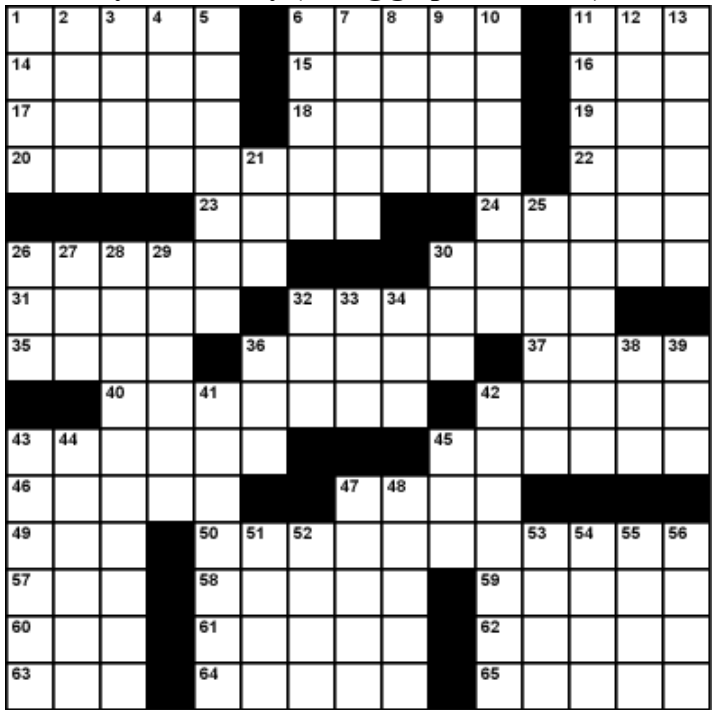
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- 6. Trig function
- 11. Some radio stations
- 14. Martini garnish
- 15. Ozzie of baseball
- 16. Cheerleader's shout
- 17. Pizazz
- 18. Former Ford model
- 19. Barely manage, with "out"
- 20. Lucifer, e.g.
- 22. Wide size
- 23. Top-knotch
- 24. Like Santa's helpers
- 26. Ties another knot
- 30. Adriatic dwellers
- 31. Pile up
- 32. Quarterback Cunningham
- 35. Stroke from the green
- 36. Foundation
- 37. Nastase of tennis
- 40. Relaxed
- 42. Upstate New York city
- 43. Milk container
- 45. More ridiculous
- 46. Surmise
- 47. Diver's position
- 49. Tiger's tour?
- 50. Accept blame, say
- 57. X-mas, e.g.
- 58. Actress Graff
- 59. Actor Sal
- 60. Building addition
- 61. San Fran. athlete, informally
- 62. Former catcher Tony, et al.
- 63. Dorm V.I.P.'s
- 64. Really irk
- 65. Autocrats of old

Down

- 1. Tip, as a cap
- 2. Earthen pot
- 3. Medicine bottle
- 4. Wicked

Crossword 101

By Pete Canty (Pete@gfrpuzzles.com)



- 5. Peruses again
- 6. Congressional channel
- 7. "Sweet Child \_\_\_\_" (Guns N' Roses hit)
- 8. Squeal
- 9. Major follower
- 10. Intestinal disease
- 11. 1989 Tom Petty hit
- 12. Succeed, in a way
- 13. Polishes
- 21. Refusals
- 25. Nabokov novel
- 26. Dr. Dre's genre
- 27. Ostrich cousin
- 28. Victoria and others
- 29. Heir's concern
- 30. LP successors
- 32. "Far out!"
- 33. Sun Devils' sch.
- 34. Partner of 47 Across
- 36. London's Big \_\_\_\_
- 38. Tend to sore muscles, perhaps
- 39. Corn unit
- 41. Laundry job

- 42. Disheveled
- 43. Thing of no value
- 44. Neighbor of Zambia
- 45. German "I"
- 47. Basic belief
- 48. In \_\_\_\_ (unborn)
- 51. "I cannot tell \_\_\_\_"
- 52. Lane's colleague
- 53. Cries of disgust
- 54. "\_\_\_\_ Karenina"
- 55. Shakespearean king
- 56. Gain offset

Quotable Quote

There should be one day when there is open season on senators.

... Will Rogers

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? Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. LANGUAGE: What is the meaning of the Latin phrase "amor vincit omnia"?
- 2. ANATOMY: What is the smallest bone in the human body?
- 3. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel *Love in the Time of Cholera*?
- 4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How long does it take a cheetah to achieve its top speed of 70 mph?
- 5. SCIENCE: What is the chemical symbol for potassium?
- 6. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Who once said, "A girl must marry for love, and keep on marrying until she finds it"?
- 7. HISTORY: What was the only part of the British Commonwealth occupied by Germany during World War II?

- 8. MYTHOLOGY: What was the Greek goddess Chloris' sphere of influence?
- 9. GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest reservoir in the U.S.?
- 10. MATH: Of the numbers 1-10, which is the only one spelled with the same number of letters as the number itself?
- 1. Love conquers all
- 2. The stirrup bone (stapes) in the ear (about one-tenth of an inch)
- 3. Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- 4. Three seconds from a stands till
- 5. K (kalium)
- 6. Zsa Zsa Gabor
- 7. The Channel Islands
- 8. Goddess of flowers
- 9. Lake Mead, created by Hoover Dam
- 10. Four

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Arts Calendar

•Taproot Theatre is offering Pizza and a Play for \$10 for its production of *Wedding Belles* on Sept. 30. In *Wedding Belles*, when a bedraggled bride is found stranded at an East Texas bus station in 1942, the determined ladies of the Eufala Springs Garden Club leap into action. Lemonade, wedding cake and a gown are easy enough to come by... but where's the groom? The show was written

by Alan Bailey and Ronnie Claire Edwards. Directed by associate artistic director Karen Lund, *Wedding Belles* opens on Sept. 24 and runs through Oct. 23, with low-price previews on Sept. 22 and 23, plus a pay-what-you-can performance on Sept. 29. Scenic design for the show is by Highline's own Rick Lorig. Showtimes are Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Saturday matinees, 2 p.m.

Taproot is located at 204 N. 85th St. in Seattle. Tickets are \$20-35. Ages 25 and under, \$10. Student/senior discount, \$3 off regular priced tickets (excludes previews). Senior matinee performance on Sept. 29 is \$20. For tickets contact Taproot Theatre's box office at 206-781-9707. Group rates are available. •Burien Little Theatre presents *Reefer Madness, The Musical*, Sept. 24-Oct. 31 at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$18 and \$15 for students and seniors, with a special \$7 show on Sunday, Sept. 26. Tickets can be ordered online at [www.burienlittletheatre.org](http://www.burienlittletheatre.org), or by mailing a check to BLT, PO Box 48121, Burien, WA 98148. The theater is located in the Burien Community Center, 4th Avenue Southwest and Southwest 146th Street.

•The HiLiners present the school edition of *Les Misérables*, an opera pretending to be a musical. The show continues 7:30 p.m. Sept. 25 and 1:30 p.m. Sept. 26, at the Highline Performing Arts Center, 401 S. 152nd St., Burien. Tickets are \$18/\$25 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors and \$12 for children 12 and under. For tickets, call 206-617-2152. •Centerstage Theatre will present *The Belle of Amherst*, starring Maria Glanz, Sept. 24-Oct. 10, at the Knutzen Family Theatre, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays with some 2 p.m. Saturday/Sunday matinees. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for senior/military/college, and \$10 for youth. Call 253-661-1444. The theater is 3200 SW Dash Point Road.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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# Poverty Bay Arts Festival celebrates local artists

By **NICHOLAS McCOY**  
Staff Reporter

The first Poverty Bay Arts Festival will take place this Saturday in downtown Des Moines, in the Marina District.

The festival will feature the works of various local artists.

“It’s similar to an art walk,” said Vickie Bergquist, a local insurance agent and one of the committee members working to put on the event.

“It’s actually gonna be up and down Marine View Drive and also on 7th Avenue. You might want to drive some of it [instead of walking],” she said. She estimated that the distance covered by the event might approximate a mile.

The event will feature the work of 38 artists, eight of whom will be operating outside, with the rest operating from inside the businesses along Marine View Drive.

“We’ve got five bands,” she said.

Two will be located at the north end of Marine View Drive, at the KaihaNa Sushi restaurant, and two others will play on the south end of the drive, at the State Farm insurance sales building. Another band will be playing at glass artist George C. Scott’s studio. Scott will also be showing his work.

The art featured during the event will include photography, sculpture and performance art as well.

“One of them [Sondra Shira] has art so tall it has to be outside,” Bergquist said.

Shira builds sculptures out of recycled materials.

“Each business that’s going to have an artist will have red and white balloons outside,” Bergquist said.

Participants can pick up a map from any of the participating shops showing the different artist locations. Participants can then get a special star, marking



Michael Brunk

*The sun sets on the Des Moines pier. This photo is one of several by Brunk that will be available for purchase at CorkyCellars during the festival this Saturday.*

the locations they’ve visited from each artist along the festival course.

Those who visit every artist and get their maps marked off will be able to receive a commemorative magnet for free at the end of the event at Barnacles Bar and Grill, which is also located on Marine View Drive.

The event hopes to bring more art to the Des Moines area and to help stimulate the local economy.

“It was a collaboration of the Des Moines Arts Commission wanting to bring art to Des Moines and the local businesses

wanting to get exposure,” she said.

The call for submissions to the event went out primarily by e-mail and word of mouth.

The event will begin with the dedication of a new mural near the QFC supermarket located at the north end of Marine View Drive.

The mural, which was designed by Anita Corby, another local artist, will be shown at 10 a.m. as the kick-off of the festival.

Later on during the festival there will be a poetry slam.

Participation in the poetry slam will be first come, first

serve. Registration for the event begins at noon, at Auntie Irene’s Ice Cream and Espresso shop, at 22504 Marine View Dr. Presentations begin at 12:30 p.m. Poets have three minutes to perform their original work and may not use props, costumes or musical accompaniment. Work will be judged both by a three-judge panel and based off of audience reactions. Winners are expected to be announced at 2:40 p.m.

The grand prize winner will receive a \$75 prize. The first place winner will receive \$50 and the second and third place winners will each receive \$25.

The event is expected to re-occur next year, although the date of the next event has not yet been determined, she said.

“This will be an annual event. We’re discussing the date and that will be chosen soon. I imagine a decision will be made in October,” she said.

“It’s been lots of fun, it really has,” Bergquist said.

“We’d like to have more Highline students [next year].”

Bergquist knew of only one participant from Highline this year, Gary Nelson from the Highline Visual Communications Department.

## Local photographer shows at Poverty Bay

By **NICHOLAS McCOY**  
Staff Reporter

Local photographer Michael Brunk will be selling some of his work during the Poverty Bay Arts Festival.

The Poverty Bay Arts Festival is a free event being held in the downtown Des Moines Marina district this Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It features artists from all around the community.

He will be located at the CorkyCellars wine shop, at 22511 Marine View Dr.

“I plan to be at CorkyCellars in person most of the day and

would love to talk about photography and share some of my tips and techniques with anyone that’s interested,” Brunk said.

Brunk works part-time as a photojournalist, with his work featured in publications such as the Seattle P.I., the online LifeHacker blog, and the local B-Town Blog.

He learned about the event on the job.

“When the planning for the art festival was starting up I knew about it early on and thought it would be fun to display some of the photos from my archives in the show,” he said.

“For me, this is an opportunity for a wider audience to see some of my work that doesn’t typically get published very broadly,” he said.

Brunk has had to try to choose what to feature during the art festival.

“It’s [sic] been an interesting process going through my collection to decide which photos I’d like to have printed for display, since normally my work remains in the digital realm,” he said.

Brunk expects to feature six framed 16x20 prints in the event, alongside a number of other, smaller pieces.

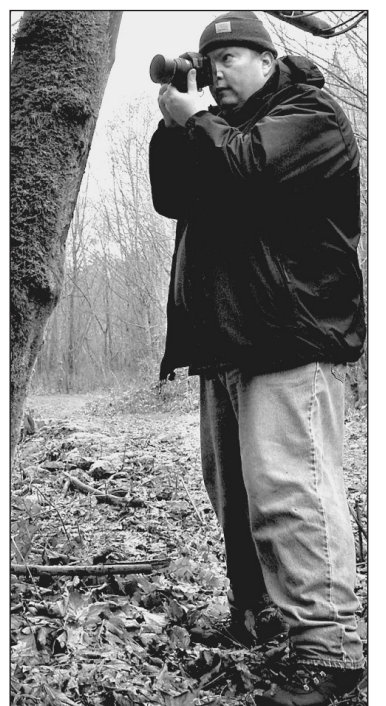
“For this show, I’m primarily going to be displaying photos taken in the local area,” he said.

“Most of the prints I’ll have were shot in Des Moines or Burien, with a few from Seattle and perhaps one from the Olympic Peninsula. They are almost all landscapes,” he said.

He said that all pieces featured will be available for purchase.

Smaller prints of his larger pieces will also be available, he said.

CorkyCellars, the venue Brunk will be operating out of, features wine tasting on Saturday from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.



Michael Brunk



# Brews and Blues raises money for kids

By **NICHOLAS McCOY**  
Staff Reporter

The Poverty Bay Blues and Brews fest will bring a taste of local hops and delta blues to the Des Moines beach this week.

The event, which will be taking place at the same time as the Poverty Bay Arts Festival, is an effort by the Des Moines Rotary Club to raise funds for local music programs. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Music4Life program, to be used to help the music programs in the Highline School District.

The event takes place this Saturday, running from noon to 7 p.m.

Fifteen breweries will have their drafts on offer during the fest, with several offering two different brews for participants to taste. Because of the alcohol available at the event, no one under age 21 may attend.

Tickets to the event, which cost \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door, come with tokens to taste five brews. The event also includes barbecued bratwurst and tri-tip roast. Outside food and drink are not allowed.

"This is the first time for this event. For six years, we have held a Poverty Bay Wine Festival in February or March, which we will continue to do," said Catherine Carbone, one of the event organizers.

"We decided to do a fall fundraiser, and decided a beer, brats, and blues festival would be fun. We are modeling it on our very successful wine festival, though the music will be more front and center in Blues and Brews," she said.

The Rotary hopes to attract about 1,000 participants to the event this Saturday.



Dudley Taft, who will perform during Blues and Brews, performs at the EMP center in Seattle.

"Putting together a new event is always a huge job," she said. "We started planning last spring."

The event will be taking place outside at the Des Moines Beach Park. People are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets to the event. Free parking will be available nearby.

"We still have a lot of last-minute details, including fencing off the Beach Park and setting up all the booths and the stage," Carbone said.

"Basically, the bands were

selected by personal knowledge or recommendation. We had a committee who reviewed the bands or went and saw them," said Scott Johnson from the event's planning committee.

"We tried to get a variety of different acts to cover the various genres of the blues. So, you've got delta guitar blues, rhythm and blues, swing, and soul. Most songs will probably be original, but some, like The Cold Shot Band, will be covers. The artists will be given free-will on their selections," he said.

There will be five bands playing at the event. Starting at noon, The Cold Shot Band will play covers of classic blues groups. They will be followed by the Stacy Jones Band at 1:15 p.m., then Rod Cook at 2:45. Becki Sue and her Big Rockin' Daddies will play at 4 p.m., and Dudley Taft will round out the evening, playing from 5:30 p.m. until dusk.

The stage the musicians will be playing on will be covered, in case of rain.

Tickets to the event can be purchased online at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/119538>, from Corky Cellars on Marine View Drive (206-824-9462), or from the Des Moines Rotary Club.

Tickets will also be available at the gate, for cash only.



•Highline's art gallery will exhibit a collection of photography of the library's own Patricia Overman and her husband. The library is open to the public and is free of charge. The gallery is located on the fourth floor of the Library. Library hours are Monday - Friday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

•Auburn Avenue Theater will run its production of *Chocolate Confessions: The Musical Comedy* this Friday, Sept. 24. The story takes place at Coco Bliss, a chocolate shop where a variety of people go tell their tales of chocolate. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m., but there will be a chocolate reception provided by Gosanko Chocolate at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for the general public and \$18 for students and seniors.

Auburn Avenue Theatre will also run its monthly Comedy At The Ave on Saturday, Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. The show will feature three comedians to bring a night of laughter to the city of Auburn. Damonde Tschritter will headline the show that evening. Tschritter won the Seattle International Comedy Competition in 2006. Tickets are \$17 for the general public and \$15 for students and seniors.

For more information, or to purchase tickets to both shows, call 253-931-30743.

•Soul and R&B artist Tower of Power will be performing at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 23-26.

The band has been recording and touring for more than 40 years.

Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased by calling 206-441-9729 or online at [www.jazzalley.com](http://www.jazzalley.com).

# Drama auditions open this week

By **NICHOLAS McCOY**  
Staff Reporter

Auditions for the fall drama production open this week.

Each fall, winter, and spring, the Highline Drama Department presents a play featuring the acting talents of Highline students. Rick Lorig, the department production manager, will be directing the play. He will be supervising the auditions alongside Debra Pralle, who will be directing the winter production.

Auditions begin on Wednesday, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., and continue through Friday, in Building 4. Auditions are open to all students at Highline.

"Prior acting experience is not necessary," Lorig said.

"If audition participants have prior acting experience they are asked to prepare a monologue that shows their strengths," he said. Prepared monologues

should be one or two minutes in length, and can be "modern or classical, comic or serious," he said.

Students without prior acting experience, or without prepared monologues, will have material provided for them when they attend.

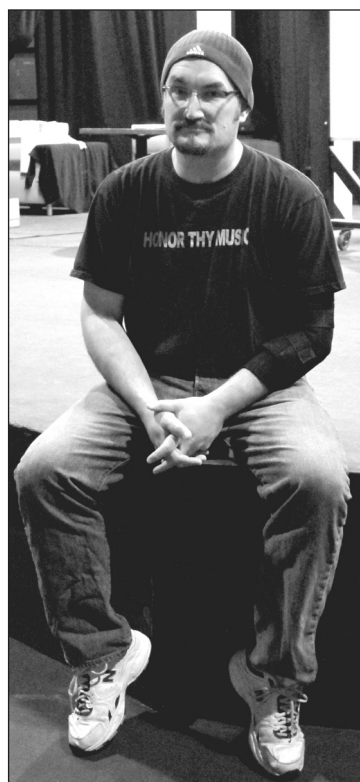
This quarter's production has not yet been selected, he said, because they want to see what they have to work with first.

"We do plan for variable student demographics in our play choices. Some years we skew heavily male or female, experienced actors versus new actors, and we have contingency plays lined up as backup," Lorig said.

It is not known how many students will be returning from last year's drama program.

The fall drama production will open Nov. 18, at 8 p.m. It will run Nov. 18-20, and Dec. 2-4. General admission tickets will cost

\$8, with tickets for Highline students discounted to \$7.



Rick Lorig

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Highline's Nicole Brunette dribbles past a Clark defender.

## Lady T-Birds pluck Penguins with last-minute goal

By TYLER SEDLACEK  
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's soccer team is looking to be a surprise team this year in the NWAACC after a tough 2009 season.

"Well, I would definitely say that my goals for the season are to win a few more games than last year and to get this program back to where it has been for so many years," said Head Coach Tom Moore.

In 2009, the Highline women's soccer team went 2-13-2 overall, giving up 53 goals while only scoring eight themselves.

"Last year was the first year we've missed the playoffs in a long while," said Moore.

This season, Coach Moore thinks the team could turn a few

heads in the league and possibly make a run to the playoffs.

"I think that the team this year has the potential to surprise a lot of teams," Moore said.

This year's team only returns eight players from last year and has 12 freshmen on the squad, but Moore isn't too worried about trying to find a balance between experience and new talent.

"This team has thus far done a great job of gelling and the success on the field will only continue as we do our work off the field in the way of building relationships among each other," Moore said. "I think the fact that we have a lot of freshman is great ... the sophomores have done a great job recruiting these players and creating an environment that has produced some early success."

This isn't a team that relies on stars to win games; they battle and use their work rate to win games collectively, Moore said.

"One of the great things this year is we have had a lot of players be instrumental in the success of our team," Moore said.

And so far this season it seems to be working. With four games played, the team has a 2-2-0 record which has already equaled their win tally from last season. The team has already scored six goals in four games, two less than their entire season tally last year.

Highline had a 2-1 comeback win in their first game of

the season against Columbia Basin. After going down 1-0 in the 18th minute of the game, goals by Micheal Paulston and Alex Drazic gave Highline the victory.

After starting the season on a high note, Highline battled to a 1-0 loss to Whatcom to bring their record to 1-1 on the season.

Highline fell to 1-2 on the season when they suffered a tough 4-1 loss to Clackamas on Sept. 10.

However, Highline was able to stop the two game slide with a last minute goal in a 3-2 victory over Clark College. Nicole Brunette scored in the 4th and 60th minutes of the game before Emilie Ludlow scored the game winner in second half stoppage

time.

It is a good, but not a perfect start and Coach Moore notes there is still room for improvement.

"I think a lot of games have been close at the beginning of this year due to organization," Coach Moore said. "Our team has some good leaders who help keep us focused in games and we have a ton of upside when it comes to work rate."

"At this point, it's been inconsistent, but that's why we will continue to work so hard at training," Moore said. "Points are huge at the beginning of the season and making sure you win the games you're supposed to is a tough idea to get across, but so far this team has responded well

in every match."

The team is optimistic about the season and they are excited too, but Moore makes sure to help them manage their emotions about the possibilities this season could bring.

"I'm looking forward to see how this all pans out," Moore said. "I'm excited...and nervous...and I always tell players that it's good to be nervous because it just means you care."

Highline looked to build on their success when taking on the Titans of Lane Community College this past Saturday. Results were unavailable at press time.

The next women's soccer game is Sept. 25 at Chemeketa at noon. They play again Sept. 29 at Green River at 2 p.m.



Tom Moore



### OPENING CEREMONY

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Highline's TJ Squires gets ready to send the ball past a Clark defender in last Wednesday's game.

# T-Bird men stumble after fast start

## Highline soccer team opens season with 3-2 record

By **RICHARD MEIER**  
Staff Reporter

This year's team is very deep and talented, said Jason Prenovost. However, so is the rest of the league, the Highline head coach said.

"This year, the league is very strong, from what I have heard and seen from around the league. There will be a lot of good teams to battle," Prenovost said. "With the price of a four-year university being so expensive, more and more players are playing soccer at the community college level."

Prenovost has only two starting players from last year's roster, but that there's still plenty of talent on this year's team and has high expectations as well, he said.

"We don't rebuild, we reload, and we expect to contend for the NWAACCs ever year," Prenovost said. "We have a good team with a lot of talent and a lot of depth. But so far, no one has set themselves apart from

the others, but as a whole we are good."

The men started off the season 3-0 with wins over Edmonds, Columbia Basin and Whatcom. But since winning their first three, Highline has dropped its past two games to conference rivals Pierce and Clark.

Highline won its first game 2-0 against Edmonds with goals from Kevin Bodle and Austin Egerton.

Highline followed its win over Edmonds by allowing an early goal to Columbia Basin's Mikey Chavez in the first minute. Highline responded though with three straight goals from Amos Nistran, Devin Thomas and Austin Egerton to cruise to a 3-1 victory improving to 2-0 on the season.

The men's team continued its winning streak with a 2-1 victory over Whatcom, where Austin Egerton scored his third goal on the season and Kyle Danielson scored his first.

After its 3-0 start, Highline dropped its first game of the season with a 3-0 loss at the hands of league rival Pierce.

Highline was unable to bounce back from its loss to Pierce, dropping a second straight game to Clark after allowing a go-ahead goal to Clark's Zimiri Mayfield in the

69th minute.

Highline currently sits at a 3-2 record on the season, but a 0-2 record in league play.

"We need better communication and to play better as a team," Prenovost said. "The first few games we played with a lot of tenacity and had a lot of swagger early on, but against Pierce it seemed like we lost some of that swagger and we need to regain that."

Even with a young roster, in the middle of a two-game skid, the goal remains the same, just win.

"We expect to win the NWAACC, work hard every game and compete with not only the other team, but with each other too," Prenovost said. "There is so much depth on the team and because of that, I expect to win a lot of close games and be competitive in each game."

While there is plenty of depth and talent on this young Highline roster, the team still lacks a definitive goal scoring threat, Prenovost said.

"We have a lot of good soccer players and good athletes, but we don't have a cold blooded scorer," Prenovost said. "We need to continue to develop our attack throughout the season as well as need to improve by playing quicker and getting our



Soccer Coach Jason Prenovost

shots."

However, even without a threat at goal scorer, Prenovost knows the importance of having a well-coached, good overall team, over a superstar-lead team.

"You can have the best players but not win," Prenovost said. "It's not a sport like basketball where you can have one or two players that control a game. If you have a solid team they can keep the ball away from those players and control the game."

There are plenty of solid players of his roster, Prenovost said.

"A lot of our players are more than capable of playing Division-III and a lot of them could have even walked onto a Division-II program as well," Prenovost said.

Talent and depth aren't the only things that are going to carry this team towards the NWAACCs Prenovost said. He also said that his team needs to be a more cohesive unit, while maintaining a high-pace, aggressive tempo in its offensive attack.

"Our style of play is we value the ball, we play fast, play off the edges and play hard and strong," Prenovost said. "I believe in a very aggressive style of soccer I like to play more aggressive than others and take gambles."

Highline looked to regain its footing and stop its two-game skid against South Puget Sound this past Saturday. Results were unavailable at press time.

Highline has 12 games remaining in the regular season before postseason play begins in November.

The men's soccer team's next game is Saturday, Sept. 25 at Chemeketa at 2 p.m. Its next home game is Wednesday, Sept. 29 against Everett at 4 p.m.



# Volleyball team aims at NWAACCs

# Scoreboard

By **RICHARD MEIER**  
Staff Reporter

The women’s volleyball team only has seven players on its roster but coach Chris Littleman has high expectations for the team.

“Our goal is to get better for when we get to NWAACCs,” Littleman said. “I don’t care about wins and losses at this point, this is all practice for the NWAACCs. If we win all our games and get bounced out of the NWAACCs then it was for nothing.”

Highline has already competed in two tournaments this season and two non-league matches.

Highline went 2-3 in its first tournament this season, posting wins against Walla Walla and Spokane, with losses coming against Shoreline, Columbia Basin and Blue Mountain.

In Highline’s second tournament appearance of the year, The Inland Northwest Communications Tournament in Spokane, the women finished 2-3. Highline defeated Columbia Basin and Treasure Valley while losing to Linn-Benton, Spokane and Mt. Hood.

In Highline’s first non-league match of the season at Skagit Valley, the women defeated



Cody Warf/THUNDERWORD

Highline players work on digs at a recent practice.

Skagit Valley in straight sets (25-19, 25-14, 25-7).

However, the women didn’t fare as well in their second non-league match of the season this past Thursday, as they dropped straight sets to Linn-Benton at home.

Even after the loss to Linn-Benton, the team is still learning to play as a team and needs to capitalize on the opportunities it’s given, Littleman said.

“This was just practice, we got better in some areas and didn’t in others.” “We had chances to make plays and we just didn’t make them.”

Even though Highline had two fewer players than Linn-Benton, that fatigue wasn’t a big issue, Littleman said

“I don’t believe that fatigue played a big factor today. I think we got tight and nervous and made a few mistakes,” Littleman said.

“We had chances to make plays and we just didn’t make them.”

Highline competed in its third tournament of the season, The Clackamas Crossover in Clackamas. Results were unavailable at press time. Highline opens up league play against Green River at Green River, Wednesday at 7 p.m and will playsPierce College at Pierce College, Friday at 7 p.m.

## Men’s soccer

### NORTH

LEA PTS SEA

Edmonds	0-1-0	0	0-4-1
Everett	0-1-0	0	0-3-1
Shoreline	0-1-0	0	0-4-0
Sk.Valley	0-2-0	0	3-2-2
Whatcom	0-1-0	0	1-3-1

### EAST

LEA PTS SEA

Col. Basin	3-0-0	9	4-2-1
Spokane	1-0-0	3	4-2-0
Walla	1-0-0	3	4-1-0
Wen.Valley	1-0-0	3	3-0-0
Tr. Valley	0-0-0	0	1-3-1

### WEST

LEA PTS SEA

Peninsula	3-0-0	9	5-0-2
Tacoma	1-0-0	3	3-1-0
Bellevue	0-2-0	0	3-2-1
Highline	0-2-0	0	3-2-0
Olympic	0-0-0	0	1-2-0

### SOUTH

LEA PTS SEA

Clark	2-1-0	6	4-2-0
Chemeketa	1-0-0	3	7-1-0
Pierce	1-0-0	3	2-1-2
S.P. Sound	0-2-0	0	0-6-0
SW Oregon	0-1-0	0	0-5-0
Peninsula 1, Clark 0			
Spokane 2, North Idaho 0			
Columbia Basin 2, Skagit Valley 1			
Chemeketa 1, Bellevue 0			
Peninsula 3, SW Oregon 0			
Clark 2, Highline 1			
Tacoma 5, SP Sound 0			

## Women’s soccer

### NORTH

LEA PTS SEA

Sk. Valley	0-2-1	1	0-6-1
Edmonds	0-1-0	0	1-1-2
Everett	0-1-0	0	2-2-0
Shoreline	0-1-0	0	2-1-0
Whatcom	0-2-0	0	3-3-0

### EAST

LEA PTS SEA

Y. Valley	2-0-1	7	2-0-1
Col. Basin	2-0-0	6	3-3-0
Spokane	1-0-0	3	4-0-0
Walla Walla	1-0-0	3	5-0-0
Wen. Valley	1-0-0	3	2-1-0
Tr. Valley	0-0-0	0	1-3-1

### WEST

LEA PTS SEA

Bellevue	2-0-0	6	4-1-0
Peninsula	2-0-0	6	2-2-1
Highline	1-1-0	3	2-2-0
Olympic	1-0-0	3	3-1-0
Green River	0-2-0	0	0-4-0
Tacoma	0-1-0	0	0-3-0

### SOUTH

LEA PTS SEA

Clackamas	2-0-0	6	3-2-0
Chemeketa	1-1-0	3	2-4-0
Lane	1-1-0	3	3-2-0
Clark	0-2-0	0	0-4-1
SW Oregon	0-2-0	0	0-4-0

## Women’s volleyball

### WEST

W-L PCT W-L

Tacoma	0-0	.000	13-5
Green River	0-0	.000	5-2
L. Columbia	0-0	.000	5-5
Highline	0-0	.000	5-7
Pierce	0-0	.000	3-6
Clark	0-0	.000	1-5
Centralia	0-0	.000	1-6

# Young cross country team makes strides

By **RICHARD MEIER**  
Staff Reporter

Despite a young roster and a new head coach, the Highline cross country team still has big goals this season.

This is a rebuilding year for the team, said the new Highline cross country coach. However, that hasn’t stopped the first year-coach from emphasizing hard work and dedication while striving to achieve the set goals throughout the season.

“Quite honestly, our goal is to be competitive at North Regionals and try and place top-three. But, if you were to put this in basketball terms, I would call this a rebuilding year,” Plypick said. “I like the group that we currently have and each person has a job and my goal as the coach is to help them reach their goals that they set for themselves.”

Highline competed in the West Coast Preview, Sept. 10 in Portland. The women’s teams finished in eighth place with 211 points, while the men’s team finished seventh with 207 points.

The women’s team was lead by Ashley Densmore who



Taryn Plypick

placed 42nd in the 5k Run and Danielle Covarrubias, who finished 68th.

On the men’s side, Khalid Abebe lead Highline men with a 47th place finish, while Nick Lipinski finished in 55th place.

The overall goal for the team is to continue to improve throughout the season with sights on having a competitive

NWAACC championship race,, she said.

Plypick has encouraged her team to set individual goals to strive to achieve throughout the thirteen week season.

“My whole focus on these first five races is to learn about what we need to do as a team and what we need to do as individuals, so we can have our best times at NWAACCs this year,” Plypick said. “Right now, we aren’t so much worried about our times, but instead focusing on individuals and improving. But, when we do get close to NWAACCs I will worry about our times.”

Plypick, who is also the assistant women’s basketball coach and a certified strength and conditioning coach, has designed a strict running regimen which focuses on strength and speed by incorporating different different terrain as well as different running exercises.

“A lot of coaches will focus on running tons of miles, but I focus on speed and strength. We do a lot of hills, we want to work hard then recover. We still do one long run a week, but I try and focus more on tempo, race pace and strategy,” Plypick said.

In addition to speed and strength training, Plypick also understand the importance of utilizing the weight room.

“Because I’m a certified strength and conditioning coach, I designed an intricate strength running and core workout program, it takes a lot of core and upper body strength to run, so we place a strong emphasis on strengthening and developing a strong core,” Plypick said.

With five races remaining this season, Plypick has high expectations for freshman, Khalid Abebe, who she believes has a great shot at contending for an NWAACC title.

For the women’s team, sophomores Ashley Desmore and Kaylee Cirpa are not only expecting to be in strong contention for a title as well, but also provide leadership to the young team by setting an example during training.

This past Saturday, the Highline cross country team competed in the University of Washington Sundodger Invitational at Lincoln Park in Seattle. Results were unavailable at press time.

Highline has three remaining races this regular season before post season races begin.



# Summer construction to fall into Autumn

By **CODY WARF**  
Staff Reporter

Highlines Facilities Department gave the campus a minor facelift by completing various construction projects over the summer.

The north road leaving campus has been improved by building a pathway with gravel and hog fuel, which is ripped up tree bark.

“At Highline we have pockets of wetlands that need to be preserved and the improvements to the road are eco-friendly,” Holldorf said.

This new pathway will help get foot traffic off the roadways to increase safety.

The north parking lot is waiting on better weather for striping new lines for parking.

The east parking lot has two new “code blues,” which are emergency calling stations.

An additional improvement in the east parking lot is the patching and striping that was done last week to prepare for the start of Fall Quarter.

The east parking lot’s carpool parking spots are in the process of being moved from the back corner near Building 99 to the front of Building 6.

The Facilities Department is making more room for carpool spots because enrollment is on the rise.

“The amount of carpool spots went from 45 to 86, which takes spots away from general parking but the way students staff and faculty are coming to school is also changing,” Holldorf said.



The Facilities Department put gravel in the dirt area northwest of the track to limit the buildup of mud, which will increase the amount of spaces in the north parking lot.

They are also posting signage around all the parking lots to help students recognize what is a legitimate parking space and what is not.

The library has received an improvement over the summer by installing a new circulation desk that sits in front of the elevators.

The elevators in the library are at 85 percent complete and are expected to be done by the end of October.

In between the Library and the Pavilion, Highline’s main sewer line had to be dug up and replaced due to some leaks.

The Facilities Department



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*Above is the new pathway crossing over the north road exiting Highline. Bottom right, Building 9 is ongoing a major remodeling project by Andersen Construction. Bottom left is the new code blue emergency stations that are now installed in all parking lots.*



also finished installing 18 new electric meters, which will help detect buildings’ energy outputs.

Building 0 the Child Care Center is getting shined up for its reopening today.

“We had to do some minor work getting this building back into shape for the child care

center to reopen,” Holldorf said.

Building 9, is being remodeled by Highline and the Port of Seattle and they have been working together to sound proof the building.

While doing so they wanted to address some other issues the building has, such as taking out the asbestos which is a hazard-



ous material used for insulation.

The building was also not accessible by wheelchair, so they are installing an automatic lift system to aid students.

The Facilities Department wants to warn students, faculty and staff that this construction site will have many trucks in and out of campus so extra cau-

tion is needed.

The roof of Building 9 will soon be the next target. Facilities warns students, staff and faculty of strong smells emitting from the construction site.

Building 9 is getting an upgraded heating and air conditioning unit along with new lights and a few new walls.



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# Child care center reopens with new vendor

By **STEPHANIE KIM**  
Staff Reporter

After two years of being closed, a child care facility will open its doors at Highline starting today, Sept. 20 in Building 0.

Children's Home Society of Washington, a non-profit organization, will operate child care services on campus.

Highline's previous child care service was shut down as a result of the school's budget reduction two years ago.

"[The previous child care] was a college operation," Vice President of Administration Larry Yok said. "We were losing money during the 2008-2009 school year. It wasn't something the college could afford."

Because the building was built specifically for a child care facility, there wasn't much Highline administration could do with the space. Their two options were to convert Building 0 to an office space, or lease the building out to a private operation.

Ultimately, the administration decided to seek a private vendor because it would cost the college more money to renovate the building for an office space.

Highline's administration advertised for a vendor and got "three or four proposals," Yok said.

Ultimately, the administration signed a five-year contract with Children's Home Society of Washington.

Children's Home Society of Washington started 114 years ago in 1896, with 35 sites. They provide Early Head Start, Head Start and private pay preschool services to more than 39,000 children statewide.

The society first organized to provide a home for children, but eventually expanded to provide early education services.

"We should start supporting parents and children earlier in their lives," Children's Home Society of Washington's Director of Early Learning Cathy



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*Potential future clients of the reopened child care center get a sneak peak at an open house last week.*

Garland said.

By providing support to parents and children, the organization hopes to reduce costs later on in society, such as drop-out rates, crimes and family struggles, Garland said. "children begin learning at birth."

The organization focuses on providing child care services to low-income families.

"The proportion of families seeking high quality child care and early learning services in South King County far exceeds the amount of child care slots available to them," Garland said.

At Highline, Children's Home Society of Washington will serve up to 110 children and offer three different programs.

The Early Head Start Program is offered for prenatal to age 3 children and also for expecting mothers and fathers. For every three children, there will be one teacher.

The organization's Head Start Program offers services for children age 3 to 5 years. This program will help children develop skills necessary for kindergarten. For every four children, there will be one teacher.

The oldest age a child can be registered at the child care center will be 5.

All of the organization's teachers have at least an associate's degree in early education, Garland said. At the location on campus, there will be a full-time cook, two family advocates, one receptionist and one site supervisor.

"We know there's a huge demand and need for child care in this area," Garland said.

This child care facility will not only provide services exclusively to Highline, but for the community as well.

The organization emphasizes the importance of working closely with communities and

serving their needs, Garland said.

Although Highline's staff, faculty and students don't have priority at the center, the organization doesn't believe that will be an issue, Garland said.

The organization has a facility at Green River Community College and Garland feels they have a good match at that location and hopes to have similar results here at Highline.

The facility's maximum capacity of children will be 110 to stay accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Currently, 25 children are enrolled in the Early Head Start Program, 10 in the Head Start program and two enrolled in the private pay preschool program.

Flat rates for full and part-days are \$775 a month for all three programs offered. Rates may vary depending on whether parents qualify for Washing-

ton's Working Connection Child Care Subsidy.

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, visit [www.childrenshomesociety.org](http://www.childrenshomesociety.org) or call 206-824-1378. The 12 parking spaces in front of Building 0 will be reserved for the child care facility.

Children's Home Society of Washington is currently working with Highline to set up different opportunities for students.

"We're very interested in providing student internships and employments," Garland said. These internships and employments will be for students in the early education program. The organization hopes to set up a volunteer program as well.

"[Our] idea is to have more continuity for children," Garland said. "[Our] vision is a world where are children thrive and this site here is perfect for our mission."

## Highline enrollment, aid requests soaring for fall

By **DAN JURPIK**  
Staff Reporter

Enrollment at Highline is up 10.4 percent from last year.

As of today, there are 7,300 students beginning this quarter.

"This time last year, enrollment was at 6,600," said Tonya Benton, Highline's director of Instructional Research.

In two more weeks (Oct. 4), Basic Skills students will begin classes, bringing the to-

tal enrollment to over 10,500 students, added Benton. Basic Skills students are composed mostly of students in Adult Basic Education and English as a Second Language programs.

The number of U.S. veterans returning this fall "will be around 180," said Edward Cabildo, a work study veteran employed at the Veterans' Services Office.

Last year's number of veterans attending Highline was 91,

Cabildo said.

Some other figures are: 58 percent of students are female; 60 percent are students of color; the total number of international students is 547; and the amount of Running Start students that will attend this quarter is 923, with the total number of credit and non-credit students at 18,993.

Also, Highline's Financial Aid office is looking at additional students requiring aid for

education. Applications for financial aid are up 13.5 percent from Fall Quarter 2009.

Highline's Workforce Development office, although limited in funding and space, is also seeing a greater amount of students searching for assistance.

The Worker Retraining program is no longer accepting requests for the Fall Quarter. Since the fall of 2008, the program has had an increase in enrollment of 111 percent. Worker

Retraining aids those that are currently unemployed or are facing a layoff, to be trained in a new job skill so they can re-enter the workforce.

In addition, there is a large waitlist for both the Opportunity Grants program and Basic Food Employment and Training program, with new students unlikely to get any financial support.

"We set a record last year, and we are likely to set records this year," Benton said.



# E-mail virus leads to spam attack

By **DAVID LUGO**  
Staff Reporter

Someone on campus opened a can of spam and unleashed millions of bugs upon the world – while making Highline look like the bad guy.

No, this isn't the zombie apocalypse you may have seen in a movie over the summer. This was a spam – unwanted e-mails – attack that infected someone's Highline account and sent out about 30 million pieces of spam over the course of five days this past summer.

The hack allowed access to Highline's internal network via a user opening an e-mail that seemed legitimate, but came from an anonymous source. The e-mail contained a link or attachment which downloaded a very small application, such as a bot (short for robot), which can be programmed to do many things. This particular bot was programmed to send out massive amounts of e-mails, said Administrative Technology Server Administrator Michael Bradley.

"The e-mail may say 'Hey remember me from high school, this is John from math class, get a hold of me at facebook,' and the facebook link is actually a link to download this application," Bradley said.

"The result is that Highline's e-mail servers send out hundreds of thousands if not millions of pieces of e-mail, and then we look like a bad guy," Executive Director of Administrative Technology Dennis Colgan said. "And then we have to deal with that after the fact."

One of the aftereffects Highline faced after this attack is a practice called Blacklisting.

Blacklisting blocks your e-mail servers from receiving mail from an extremely high

output source, said Bradley. "We would do the same thing if we were getting flooded by another institution." The block was only temporary, however.

The attack started on a Thursday night, and Highline received notification of the problem on the following Saturday, said Bradley, and the work to fix the issue started that same day. By the very next Monday virtually all of the initial attack's problems and its aftermath were repaired.

"A lot of what we do is diagnosing the problem and try to pinpoint the issue," said Bradley.

Administrative Technology looked at the symptoms from

hardware to the outside internet service provider for the source of the issue, said Colgan.

"Some of the symptoms may not say that it's a spam issue," said Colgan, "so it took a while to diagnose the attack."

"The security measures that the college has in place are very robust, but it's a cat and mouse game," said Bradley.

"I think we did pretty well in response to the attack," said Bradley, "but it's also a learning experience."

Even though Administrative Technology was quick to respond to and eliminate the threat, they know that there is always something take away

from attacks on the network.

"I would give us a B+, I think we did really well," Bradley said when grading Highline's response. "There's room for improvement, and you learn from each one of these experiences."

However, neither Colgan nor Bradley blames user error for falling for this type of trap.

"User error implies the user made some kind of wrong execution," Bradley said, "in this case there was some malicious intent on the part of the creator of the original e-mail."

Administrative technology takes precautions in order to prevent this type of security risk.



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"Highline has tools in place that block almost 90 percent of the e-mail that hits the campus, because it is spam of some type," said Bradley. "Another 2 percent is possibly spam but isn't malicious."

"Highline gets about 5-6,000 e-mails an hour over a 24-hour period. Seven or 8 percent is business-related, and about 2 percent is spam but not harmful," said Bradley. "So we are very efficient at filtering."

However, filtering incoming mail, especially malicious spam, can't prevent all future attacks from happening.

"The reality is that you will never be able to eliminate this type of thing from happening completely," Bradley said. "The best thing that you could do is to educate the users."

"Once you plug one hole there is someone out there looking for another one," said Bradley.

Individual users can help protect the whole of Highline's network by utilizing safe security practices while accessing Highline's network.

"Don't open anything if you don't know who it's from," said Colgan. "Something as simple as a greeting card can be malicious."

"We need to do a little more user awareness training," said Bradley. "We could offer some sessions on the professional development day that's coming up."

"If you're protecting your own computer, and everyone else does the same, that doesn't mean something won't happen, but it helps," said Colgan.

If you do receive an unsolicited e-mail that seems suspicious then you should contact the Highline help desk, said Bradley, at [helpdesk@highline.edu](mailto:helpdesk@highline.edu)

## Pay attention to navigate financial aid, director says

By **DAVID LUGO**  
Staff Reporter

Just like the rest of college, successfully getting financial aid requires students to do their homework, attend class, and complete required reading.

The financial aid office has many policies in place to help students apply for and receive aid, but the process can still be tricky to manage.

"Financial aid isn't easy, but it's a process," said Director of Financial Aid Loraine Odom.

"We're working with different departments. Of course we're working with the federal government, and the state of Washington," Odom said.

"It works; students just need to be careful to make sure they fill out all the paperwork they are supposed to, and pay attention to what needs to be completed," Odom said.

"It is something that takes time, and something that requires attention to detail," said Odom.

Odom has advice for students who have applied for or plan on applying for financial aid.

"Students need to make sure they check the financial aid website, and see what paperwork is required, check financial aid office deadlines," said Odom, "definitely use the website as a resource." The website is <http://www.highline.edu/stuserv/financialaid>.

[stuserv/financialaid](http://www.highline.edu/stuserv/financialaid).

"Students should attend a financial aid orientation, where we go over what we expect from the student after they have received aid, how the student remains in good standing, how they get their funding," Odom said.

The next financial aid orientation will take place Oct. 4 from 11 a.m. until noon in Building 21, room 203.

The orientation helps students understand the policies that are in place and the expectations that the financial aid office has of them.

"We expect the student to be proactive, to know what our requirements are, and how to stay

in good standing with the financial aid office," Odom said.

Staying in good standing requires adherence to the Satisfactory Academic Progress policy. This policy states the minimum number of credits a student must complete in order to avoid probation or suspension, cut-off dates, and dates to return funds. A copy of the policy can be obtained at the financial aid website or at the financial aid office in Building 6.

"We have a policy in place so that students can't take advantage of receiving aid and not continuing their education," said Odom.

A rumor circulated over the summer that the financial aid

office would no longer give aid through checks but rather credits at the Highline Bookstore.

There was never any truth to this rumor, Odom said.

However, there are some planned changes happening to the financial aid process.

"We're planning on mailing checks beginning Winter Quarter," said Odom.

"We'll be giving information out when they pick up their Fall Quarter checks, putting information on our website, on TV screens in Building 6 and on bulletin boards," said Odom. "My goal is to have us communicating exclusively through e-mail starting Spring Quarter 2011."



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# Highline to offer evening classes in Burien

By TYLER SEDLACEK  
Staff Reporter

Highline is looking to improve community engagement and allow more people to attend college by offering classes in Burien starting this quarter.

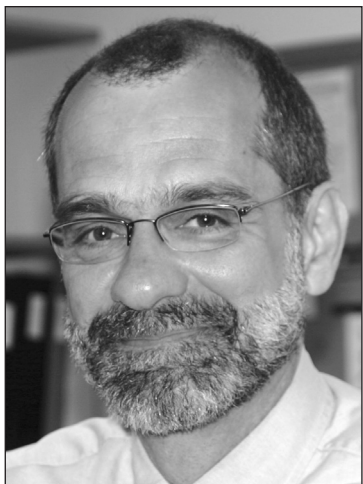
"The primary goal is to enhance our services to the communities in our district," said Highline's vice president for academic affairs, Jeff Wagnitz.

"But, in addition to that, there's an equity argument here," Wagnitz said.

Wagnitz points to a recent study by the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges that found that students who live more than 20 minutes from a community college campus often don't attend classes.

"We want to bring higher education close enough to people that they'll be encouraged to advance their education," Wagnitz said. "In other words, we want to reduce the barriers that distance creates."

The classes will be held at the Burien Community Center Annex at 425 SW 144th St.,



Jeff Wagnitz

right next to the skate park.

For now Highline will be offering two classes in Burien, or about 30 credits a year, and the classes will be across a broad range of subjects that would be useful to new students.

"We plan to concentrate first on 'the basics' — courses like social sciences, English, art, and non-lab sciences that meet general requirements for a wide range of students," Wagnitz said. "That way, they can get a good start on their degree plans

before transitioning to the main campus."

Right now enrollment in the classes is a little slow but according to Wagnitz that can be expected whenever a new program is starting up.

"We figure that it will probably take a year or two before we get a real sense of the sustainable level of demand," Wagnitz said. "We saw the same thing happen when we started offering classes on the weekends."

The decision to place the classes in Burien came about for a variety of reasons, such as community interest, community partnerships and enrollment data.

"The project started through several conversations with officials from the City of Burien who were interested in establishing a higher-education presence in that community," said Wagnitz. "Clearly, those leaders felt that there was a demand for services, and they offered to help us secure space and other resources to help us get started there."

"We also have a longstand-

ing relationship with a community-based organization, Para Los Niños that operates across the hall from our Burien classroom," Wagnitz said.

Para Los Niños is a community organization that serves the immigrant Spanish-speaking community in South King County by fostering academic achievement through community involvement.

"That's one reason we ended up there, for sure — the collaboration and support we received from community partners," said Wagnitz.

The main audience for the Burien classes is working adults. Wagnitz said that by placing classes nearby and at a time that's convenient, it opens up more opportunities for this age group.

However, these classes are not aimed solely at working adults.

"We're certainly interested in helping other kinds of students as well," said Wagnitz. "If they live in the Burien area, traditional-age students with afternoon jobs, for example,

might find these classes convenient."

The transition of technology and furniture over to Burien as well as getting the word out can be problematic but everything seems to be going well. Wagnitz has a lot of praise for the people who have helped make it as seamless as possible.

"When you're working at a remote location away from campus, all of those tasks are a little bit harder than doing them right here," Wagnitz said. "But, all in all, things have gone smoothly. Highline's staff, the City of Burien, and our other partners have all been great."

If the new classes in Burien turn out to be popular it could lead to Highline opening a satellite campus in the area, but Wagnitz said that is probably a ways off.

"If we are able to sustain the right partnerships, yes, a satellite is possible eventually," said Wagnitz. "But it's a few years off. We would also want to be looking at other communities in our area where we might launch similar pilots."

# Conversation Pal links students to learn English

By JEREMY LEE  
Staff Reporter

Conversation Pal helps international students to make new friends at Highline and gives them an opportunity to practice their English.

"I have made a lot of friends through attending the Conversation Pal by talking to new people that I have never known before," said Rina Tanaka, an international student at Highline from Japan.

Conversation Pal is a program that the International Student Program holds every quarter that assigns the participants in random groups with other students. Each group holds a meeting every week to help them to make friends and also to learn English.

"The students can meet more new people from different countries. We usually have around 200 participants per quarter and they came from more than 20 different countries. I always tried not to put the same culture-based people in the same group, so, every group is very diverse," said Crystal Kam, who was the coordinator of Conversation Pal last spring.

"Students can practice English or other languages. Since most of the participants are not native English speakers, I always try to put at least one native in each group. Then it provides an opportunity for ESL



Cody Warf/THUNDERWORD

International students engage in a tug-of-war last Friday during Opening Week activities.

students to practice their English," said Kam.

"I have learned a lot about other cultures and Conversation Pal gave me a great opportunity to practice English," said Tanaka.

The groups meet six to eight times throughout the quarter. Groups can decide what to do during the meeting.

"Some of the successful groups went to a Chinese restaurant, bowling, swimming pool party, and other activities," said Kam.

Some professors give extra

credit to students who have gotten involved in Conversation Pal consistently.

"At the end of each quarter, if your group meets the requirements, you can get a certificate from International Student Program and get an extra credit from some of the instructors," said Kam.

"Meeting just an hour a week does not affect my schedule. One of the best things is that some professors give extra credits for attending the Conversation Pal regularly," said Seung Lee, an international stu-

dent who came from Korea.

To be involved in the Conversation Pal, pick up an application in the International Student Programs office in the Library, fifth floor. The sign up period begins today; application deadline is Friday, Sept. 24.

Orientation for participants will take place on Thursday, Sept. 30.

"Attendance at the orientation is required. On the second week of every quarter, that will be your first time to meet your group mates too. All the orien-

tation date is always different, but you can get the information on the application form," said Kam.

"I was nervous at the last orientation because I didn't know who will be my partners and was worried that the other partners won't come. But everything was fine and my partners were nice," said Hyeju Hong, an international student who came from Korea.

"If you like to meet new people and learn about different customs, traditions and perspectives, give the Conversation Pal program a try," said Kam.

Anyone on campus can participate, including students, faculty and staff.

Participants will meet at least once a week during the quarter with a group of five to six students.

For more information, contact this year's Conversation Pal coordinator, Huy Nguyen, at [ilsc@highline.edu](mailto:ilsc@highline.edu).

The program offers a chance "for students to meet people from different countries and regions around the world so they can learn more about other cultures and lifestyles," said Nguyen.

It is "a chance to make new friends and have fun, an opportunity for students to improve English, communication skills and basic knowledge about other cultures."



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Walstrand unit, and her dogs inside the unit were excessively barking, which was abnormal.”

Des Moines Police arrived at the apartment in the 24000 block of 25th Avenue South at 12:15 a.m. The officers received no response after banging on the door of Walstrand’s unit and called her cell phone number, which the landlord provided to the officers.

At last, one officer was able to see the victim lying on the floor through the front window, Collins said.

“Investigators believe this was not a random act,” Collins said in a news release. “The victim had a long history of prostitution arrests and was currently involved in a dating service, which included use of the internet to arrange and meet dates.”

“Detectives are active on the case, and are studying evidence recovered from the scene, which includes computer and cell phone records,” Collins said. “And, as of now, numerous calls with information are being received, but no arrest was made yet.”

A motive for the murder has not been established. However, Des Moines Police is requesting the public’s assistance with this case.

“We are especially interested in internet and cell phone record information,” the police said. “People voluntarily coming forward with information will aid the investigation. Information can be reported anonymously.”

Anyone who believes he or she has information related to this case can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or 206-343-2020. Information can also be received online at the Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound web site at [www.crimestoppers-ps.com](http://www.crimestoppers-ps.com), or by texting TIP486 and sending your tip to 274637 (Crimes).

In a separate incident, a Highline student was forced out of his car at swordpoint in the East Parking Lot in the middle of the afternoon. The carjacker was later apprehended by police

at a nearby motel, where the suspect was hiding.

The suspect robbed a woman at the Birchtree Apartments, taking the sword, earlier in the day, then fled to Highline, carjacked the student’s car in the East Lot and drove it away on Tuesday, Aug. 10.

The suspect stuck a toy gun in the driver’s side window of the student’s car, which was parked at the time.

“The man demanded that the student drive him away from the campus, [but] the student refused to do so,” said Larry Yok, Highline vice president of Administration. “The man opened the car door and lunged at the student with a short sword. The student exited his vehicle unharmed and the man drove the car away.”

The initial robbery victim was apparently an acquaintance of the suspect. She knew him by name and told Kent Police where the suspect was staying, which was a major help to our investigation, said Des Moines Police Commander Collins.

“Kent Police, working on their side of the robbery case that the suspect committed earlier in the day, and the Des Moines Police looking for the carjacker, put two and two together and figured out that they were looking possibly for the same suspect,” Collins said.

After that helpful break and a possible destination in hand, the police then spotted the car at King’s Arms Motel, which is only a few blocks away from Highline. After looking at surveillance videos, the police was able to identify the suspect. He was standing among the motel residents, playing an innocent resident.

Kent Police arrested the man and charged him with armed robbery and carjacking.

That wasn’t the only car that was stolen on campus, however.

A total of six cars were stolen from Highline parking lots during summer, and another five unrelated but reported stolen vehicles were also recovered on campus.

“Vehicle thefts are on the rise, but it’s not a unique thing that only affects our college,”

said Richard Noyer, the head of the Campus Security Office. “This is a state and a nationwide problem. We need to deal with the problem from the personal level as well.”

Campus Security is asking all owners of vehicles parked on campus, especially older models, to consider getting The Club, which is now available at the bookstore for everyone to buy, or a similar device to protect their vehicles. This, they say, will discourage thieves from stealing vehicles.

“We have never had a vehicle stolen from our campus with The Club or similar device in use,” one security officer said.

Some of the vehicles stolen from the campus were recovered in Tacoma, Des Moines and Tukwila. Two of the stolen vehicles recovered at Highline were stolen from Renton and Tacoma.

Campus Security officials suspect that in some of the incidents, a car thief was driving a stolen car to Highline, leaving it here, then stealing a different car and driving away.

Studies by different police departments throughout King County confirmed the rise of vehicle thefts this year, up 30 percent from a year ago.

If you have any information about any of these incidents, please contact the Campus Safety Office in Building 6 or call 206-878-3710 ext. 3218. Contact the Des Moines Police Department at 206-878-3301.

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“The money spent at the bookstore goes back to Highline,” Nole said.

“We wanted to do something in-store,” she said. “But we couldn’t afford the software for an in-store rental program.”

That is where the Library stepped in help.

“The Library offered to let us use their software. Anything to help the students, they said they would do,” Nole said.

Nole is very happy at how well the faculty works together at Highline. She mentioned that the Library was not at all hesitant to help, and asked nothing in return.

“I’ve worked at a lot of different colleges [and] the co-operation here is amazing. It makes it a pleasure to work here,” she said.

“I didn’t think we would be able to get started until winter, but we were up and running in a week,” she added.

For its inaugural in-store rental program, the bookstore will have textbooks available for two classes: Business 201 (Business Law) and Psychology 120 (Psychology of Human Relations).

The Business Law book will rent for \$65 for the quarter (compared to buying new for \$169.50) and the Psychology book will rent for \$40 (\$118.50



Laura Nole

new).

The bookstore plans to expand its rental program in the future and has applied for a grant that would cover the \$30,000 cost of the needed software.

“I’m hoping once we build up the in-store program, it will eliminate the need for on-line rentals,” Nole said.

Another advantage of the in-store program is that the store will only rent new books. “You don’t know what you’re getting through [a] book renter,” Nole said.

Nole also added that for the rental program to be successful for both the bookstore and students, faculty must try to use the same books every quarter.

The high price of textbooks is something the bookstore is very cognizant of. Nole said that the bookstore does everything it can to reduce the cost of books for students.

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Parking

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In the past year, Campus Security issued 1,676 parking citations in the Winter Quarter, 1,427 in the Spring Quarter and 686 in the Summer Quarter; even though, 30 percent of all issued parking citations are still unpaid.

Noyer said he wants to en-

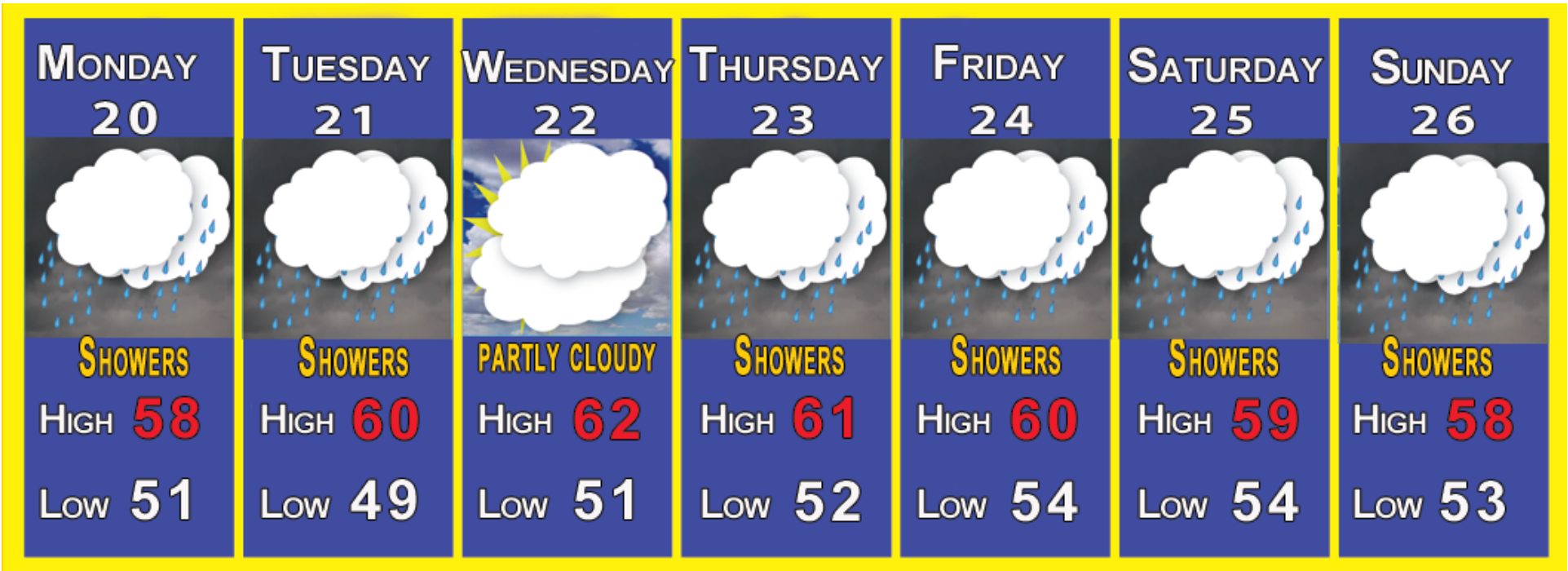
sure that parking spaces are available for those who purchased the permits first. He also wants to warn those who get tickets but don’t pay them that unpaid fines will neither be forgiven nor forgotten.

“The college does indeed follow up on citations issued to students, faculty and staff,” Noyer said, “and unpaid fines are sent to a collection agency.”

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Weekly weather forecast



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year, medium-sized category. It’s not certain whether Highline was ranked first, second or third because the list was provided alphabetically.

The college was recognized for its professional/career-development programs, teaching environment, job satisfaction, work/life balance and confidence in senior leadership.

Skari found it interesting that Highline ranked so high in the work/life balance category in light of the budget cuts our college has faced.

“People are doing a lot more to maintain a work/life balance,” she said. “It [is] a nice balance.”

“We’re the only school in Washington [that was recognized]. We were pretty proud. I can’t imagine working anywhere else,” Skari said.

Faculty and staff gave different reasons as to why they felt Highline was voted in the top three.

“I stay really excited because Highline really values what they say they value,” said Patricia Daniels, Highline’s customer service manager of Administrative Technology. “They let me do things outside of my job description.”

“[Highline] is very values-driven,” Assistant Director for Student Programs Natasha Burrowes said. “The values of the institution really align with my own values.”

“[People have] great personalities, people get along. There are a lot of faculty with different backgrounds,” biology and oceanography professor Sam Shaab said.

“[Highline] is student-focused. We’re devoted to students. We’re like a family,” Assistant to the Vice President for Administration Lois Eriksson said.

“You’re happy to work for a place with student-focused values,” Madeleine Hall said. Hall works in accounts payable for financial services.

“Highline is amazing with its flexibility,” Associate Dean for Student Program and Leadership Jonathan Brown said. “[Highline is] very progressive.”

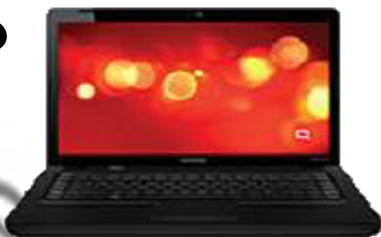
“One reason is there are so many cultures represented at the institution,” Highline President Dr. Jack Bermingham said. The different cultures “create a very welcoming environment.”

“It’s an unusual institution in that faculty and staff are supportive of each other,” Bermingham said.

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