Highline sets new standards for Running Start

By DAVID LUGO
Staff Reporter

New Running Start students must make the grade before coming to Highline.

“We have established another criteria for having students admitted into Running Start,” said Director of Educational Planning and Advising Gwen Spencer.

The new criteria is a minimum high school cumulative grade point average that the prospective student will need to have before their admittance to Highline.

“In spring, we got information out to all the counselors at the high schools, that if a student did not have a 2.0 they would not be admitted into Running Start,” Spencer said.

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Prepare for a cold, wet, and snowy winter this year due to La Niña, an ocean cycle in which the cold water in the Eastern Pacific Ocean comes north.

As the weather experiences different cycles, the ocean goes through cycles as well. La Niña is a circulation pattern in the ocean, opposite to El Niño.

“La Niña causes areas of warm and cold water to shift, bringing colder weather to the West Coast,” said Rus Higley, an oceanography instructor at Highline and manager at the Marine Science and Technology Center.

“The Central Tropical Pacific is cooler, and the weather becomes colder than normal,” said Cliff Mass, meteorologist and professor of atmospheric sciences at the University of Washington.

The atmospheric circulation causes more cold air to come to the Northwest, Mass said.

The climate change of La Niña affects the weather and will make the conditions harsh. This year we will expect

La Niña to bring snow

By VICTORIA DOM
Staff Reporter

Bullying is not an issue at Highline

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As students leave high school and move on to Highline, they leave their bullying behind.

Bullying doesn’t seem to be a prevalent or noticeable problem here on Highline’s campus, according to the students interviewed over the past couple of weeks.

“I used to see people get bullied at my high school, but haven’t seen it happen here at Highline,” one Highline student said.

Students gave a variety of reasons to explain this change in interaction from high school, where students reported more scenes of bullying.

High school students are cru

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...ell, Kendall Hutchins said.

“In high school you see people every day, but when you’re in college there are so many people and no one cares,” Hutchins said.

Some students suggested that the more mature influence of older college students in the classrooms has an effect on the younger students.

“Bullying is a big problem in high school because everyone just wants to fit in, but in college people mature and want to focus on what is good for them selves,” Amanda Mendoza said.

Most of the students here worry more about schoolwork than insignificant social issues, Tacha Pradappet said.

“I think the students here at Highline feel the need to be more mature being in a college setting,” a Highline student said.

It’s immature to worry about other people and create petty problems when there are so many more important things to be focusing on, Nathaniel Padre said.

“I think bullying in college is juvenile, and bullying in general is just stupid,” Mark Fowl er said. Students pick on other people who are different from them, he said.

People are bullied because of differences that others can’t understand, from physical appearance to religion, Hutchins said.

Though there hasn’t been a problem seen on campus, some students reported that they do see cyber-bullying quite a bit. On different blogging sites and social networks, people will anonymously insult and bully...
Crime and Punishment

Construction site theft

During a foot patrol on Oct. 23, a male and a female juvenile were spotted on the building floor by 10:00 a.m. barren hard hats and carrying a toolbox. When they noticed security the two teens began to run away, throwing the hard hats and a case containing miscellaneous items from the construction site, and a blow horn. The female juveniles yelled after the males and proceeded to leave campus, leaving behind a purse and beer can.

Later on a male and female student were found at the same bus stop and stated they had not been on campus earlier, however the female was confirmed to be the owner of the purse by ID. The two students then admitted to being involved in the incident. The students agreed to ask the other students involved to retrieve the stolen property in exchange for the female student’s purse by Monday, Nov. 1.

Rooftop laptop stolen

A construction superintendent reported a black 17-inch IBM laptop belonging to the company was stolen on Oct. 23. The laptop was reported to have been stolen while on the roof of Building 9.

Camping on campus

A tent was found outside of Building 29 on Oct. 19. When security approached, a man on a bicycle rode up and explained the tent was his. The man further explained that he was a former Highline groundskeeper who had fallen on hard times. Security informed the man to pack up his tent and leave since Highline was not a state park.

Graffiti found on walls

Graffiti was found in several buildings on Oct. 25, 24, and 26. The word “Berk” was written on restroom walls and under staircases in buildings 6, 8, 25, 29, and 30. In building 29, on the second floor men’s restroom and in Building 8, on the first floor men’s restroom the word “Berk” was also accompanied by other racially derogatory remarks.

News Briefs

Transfer fair returns

There will be a college transfer fair open for all students with over 20 Washington colleges and universities to browse. The transfer fair will be in Building 8 today from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Students can stop by and ask questions pertaining to their transfer such as deadlines, majors, admissions requirements and financial aid scholarships.

Academic Achievement Awards are here

The Academic Achievement Award applications for Winter Quarter are now available for students to pick up.

This program is offering 15 full time tuition waivers to students with a 3.5 or better cumulative grade point average.

Students can pick up applications from Teri Balkenende in Building 11, room 203.

The odds of a student receiving the scholarship is one in three and the application is due by Wednesday, Nov. 10.

Personal statement workshop offered

Professor Siew Lai Lilley will be hosting a personal statement workshop on Nov. 3 in Building 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come prepared with materials to work on your personal statement.

Whistler ski trip near

The Whistler ski trip application is due tomorrow. The trip is to Whistler, Canada from Dec. 10-12 which is three days and two nights.

To sign up go to the Inter-National Student Programs in Building 25, room 506.

Security Office changes

The security office will soon be dealing with faculty, students and staff through a service window similar to the cashier and registration windows.

As of Nov. 1 the main security door will be locked unless individuals need to speak in privacy to a security officer or if it is a medical emergency.

This change will make the security office more efficient and will be able to help more customers.

Any thoughts or suggestions are welcome, please submit them to Richard Noyer, security and safety supervisor at rnoyer@highline.edu.

Fire affects student

Highline student Artur Bureacov and his family lost their family home and all their belongings in a house fire recently.

Instructor Rus Higley is asking for clothing donations.

The sizes needed are: men’s pants size 38/32, shoes size 10.5., women’s pants size 9, medium to large shirts, and 8-8.5 and 9 size shoes. Lastly, they are in need of youth size 8 pants, youth medium shirts and size 2 shirts.

Donation can be left in the office of Woody Moses in Building 29, room 233, or dropped off at the MaST Center.

Fund-raising campaign under way again

Highline is starting its 49th annual fund-raising campaign to further benefit our college community. The goal of the fund-raiser is to get all of campus to participate at 100 percent.

Every donation from students, faculty, staff, community leaders, trustees and foundation board members will be an investment in Highline to help the campus community.

Your donations can be designated to the area of your choice.

If you have any questions about donations call 206-870-3774 or email rtsthen@highline.edu.

All-US scholarship applications due Nov. 1

The All-US Community College Academic Team Scholarship Competition rules and deadlines have been changed this year.

“This year’s process is different because instead of using old-fashioned snail mail for the applications, the application process has been moved online,” said History Professor Teri Balkenende.

The deadline is creeping up fast so students interested in the scholarship competition will need to have their application submitted online by Monday, Nov. 1.

This scholarship is open to students with a 3.5 grade point average who are enrolled through December 2010, and are on track to earn an associate or bachelor’s degree, and have not been previously nominated, Balkenende said.

Students who are new to the All USA, but want to apply should contact Dr. Barbara Clinton, director of Highline’s Honors Program.

“The All USA Community College Academic Team is a way of bringing recognition back to our best and most determined students,” Balkenende said.

Balkenende can be reached by e-mail, balkenende@highline.edu. She may be reached by phone by calling 206-878-3710 at ext. 3137.
Campus Crusade for Christ offers more than prayer

By PAUL HUYNH  
Staff Reporter

Campus Crusade for Christ is a club for people to share their faith and it offers opportunities for those wanting to explore God and help others.

Campus Crusade, commonly known as CRU, is a student club that discusses God and is open to anybody that is interested in participating, regardless of religious beliefs.

Dusty Wilson, a math professor at Highline, has been the adviser for Campus Crusade for the past 10 years, and said he looks forward to the group now more than ever.

“A lot of times things get old, but I can’t even begin to describe how much more excited I am about the opportunities going on now then 10 years ago,” Wilson said.

Campus Crusade allows people to socialize. Typically, a meeting begins with socializing time followed by food. It then moves on to community building time, which allows further mingling.

Upcoming events are then announced. Usually, somebody will speak about their experience about God for approximately five minutes, said Wilson.

Following beginning social time, there is an interactive study to connect with God and the Christian community. The meeting then adjourns with a closing prayer, Wilson said.

Other new things about Campus Crusade this year is a Korean Campus Crusade for Christ, which is led by and is for Koreans looking to participate in the Christian faith on campus, Wilson said. The Korean Campus Crusade for Christ is led by Young Shin, who is Campus Crusade’s vice president.

While Campus Crusade does not directly recruit members, they encourage people to try it out. Wilson said Campus Crusade members will often find out if people might be interested by giving them spiritual interest surveys. Campus Crusade provides the opportunity and an open door for those people who are not sure, he said.

Campus Crusade is about exploring, growing, and going out into the world with God, Wilson said.

Campus Crusade follows three visions. The first vision is helping people explore their relationship with God; the second vision is to grow in their understanding of God and the knowledge to serve him; the third vision is to go and tell others about the great things God (and Jesus Christ) has done, Wilson said.

About 25 people who are actively participating in Campus Crusade this quarter seem to be especially strong and dedicated, Wilson said.

Kyle North is the president, although there are about 10 club members who are “exceptional leaders,” Wilson said.

North is in his first quarter as president of Campus Crusade. North said he was encouraged to run for president, yet he was surprised to have won.

North is a physics major and intends on pursuing a bachelor of science degree from Central Washington University in Ellensburg after he earns his associate of science degree at Highline.

“CRU helps bring people to the knowledge of who God is and helps build leaders. CRU is unique in that it helps people find God and become a servant leader,” North said.

“CRU students are usually very focused and driven people,” North said. Campus Crusade helps people focus and develop a path, connect with others on campus, and pushes people to be more involved with the campus community, which increases participation in college activities, he said.

Campus Crusade benefits Highline by helping students grow, North said; it helps them to figure out Christ and themselves. It gives students a sense of direction and what they want to do with their life, he said.

“CRU has given me the best experience at Highline I could imagine. Clubs are the best way to make new friends. You always meet new people and make friends,” North said.

As he got more involved, Highline began to feel more like a university and not just a place where he took classes, he said.

North said he is excited for Campus Crusade for Christ’s Fall Halloween Retreat.

“There will be a speaker at the retreat [who] is famous for his analogies,” North said.

“The retreat provides growth with God and the community,” Wilson said.

Campus Crusade for Christ has several activities planned such as off-campus dinners. They have served at community meals.

“On Nov. 5 Campus Crusade for Christ will go to a skeptics quest,” Wilson said.

A skeptics quest is intended to help people explore the question of God, Wilson said. The feature speaker will be Josh McDowell, who reportedly has spoken to more college students than anybody else in history.

There are a lot of opportunities for people curious about God or already established Christians, Wilson said.

At a four-day retreat in December, Campus Crusade clubs participate in a conference being held in Spokane this year, where up to 500 students from other colleges will attend, Wilson said.

While the Highline Campus Crusade for Christ has no direct affiliation with the international Campus Crusade organization, it functions as a local chapter, carrying out the same principles and mission, Wilson said.

Students have taken large steps to take Campus Crusade for Christ’s vision elsewhere, said Wilson.

Members of the Highline Campus Crusade have been sent to work with the National Campus Crusade. These students went to places such as Mexico for service and others even worked at the world headquarters of Campus Crusade in Orlando, Wilson said. Others went as far as Australia to give aid, while others traveled closer to home to Tahoe or San Diego.

“I have really grown in my passion and desire to help encourage,” Wilson said. Campus Crusade for Christ is important because they strive to make a difference on campus and the community on things that really matter, he said.

Campus Crusade for Christ meets on Wednesdays 1:50-2:45 p.m. and The Korean Campus Crusade for Christ meets on Thursdays at 2 p.m. Both of the clubs meet in Building 14, room 103 and welcomes everyone.
Available in the library are computers to help students with academics and to assist students with things like homework and research.

Editorial comment
Running Start students should be held to higher standards
The Running Start program, which allows high school juniors and seniors to enroll in college level classes (up to 18 credits) for free, is in need of more reform.

Highline has taken the first step in this process this quarter by requiring students to have a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) at their high school before they become eligible.

We believe that this is a good start, but does not go far enough. A “C” average is not deserving of what amounts to an academic scholarship. Academic scholarships should be based on merit, not age.

There is also the issue that many high school aged students are not as mature as their older classmates and do not take their opportunity to go to college seriously. Some instructors even have to take their time to explain that they are not in high school.

A simple solution to this problem is to drastically heighten the standards for incoming Running Start students.

The simplest solution that we believe in is a higher GPA. In the real world, getting an academic scholarship requires having a GPA closer to 4.0 than 2.0.

We believe that a fair minimum GPA be at least a 3.5. If a student cannot master their curriculum at high school, are they ready for college?

Also, the rules regarding academic probation for Running Start students need to be tightened.

Under the current system, a student who receives a GPA below a 2.0 is placed on first quarter probation and must meet with an academic advisor to discuss ways to improve their academic performance.

If a student again receives a GPA below a 2.0, they go through the same process and are placed on second quarter probation. If they blow it yet again, they are finally suspended, and must wait three consecutive quarters after the end of the quarter they were suspended before they are allowed to enroll again.

We believe that a Running Start student should only be allowed a first quarter probation before they are suspended from the program. If a Running Start student will not take their opportunity at Highline seriously, they don’t deserve to be here.

Currently, only students who have appealed to enter Running Start with a GPA below 2.0 are held in this regard.

Running Start is a great program, so long as the students that utilize it truly are here to learn and gain the most from their Highline experience.

If we make the program more competitive, it will benefit the entire campus community.

Racism ruins soccer game at SPU
Sporting events are generally a place people can come together and have a good time, regardless of which team they are rooting for. However, this was not the case when I went to a Seattle Pacific University men’s soccer game against Hawai’i Pacific on Oct. 8.

Never having been to a soccer game before, I didn’t know what to expect. I figured I would see a good game and everyone, including the players, would have fun. It was a heated game and players from both Seattle and Hawai’i Pacific appeared to be getting frustrated. But it was the reaction of some fans that was most surprising.

At Seattle Pacific’s Interbay Stadium, all fans sit on the same side of the field, with the bleachers divided into three sections. Approximately nine people, who appeared to be Seattle Pacific students because most of them were wearing SPU sweatshirts, shorts and hats.

The game’s intensity rose by the end of the second half and the score remained 0-0. By this time, the nasty nine began taunting some of the Hawaiian Pacific players.

Some of these students began yelling things such as, “What are you guys? Polyne-sian? Asian? You guys don’t even know what you are.”

As if degrading their culture wasn’t bad enough, some of the students yelled the N-word at one of Hawai’i Pacific’s African-American players. The fact that a college student going to a Christian university would say something like this shocked me.

What was even more shock ing was that members of Seattle Pacific’s Safety and Security Department were standing in front of these students and didn’t do anything to get them to stop. The only time they stepped in was when one of Hawai’i Pacific’s players had a confrontation with one of the students who was yelling at him.

Violence is not the answer to solving any type of problem, but I could understand the Hawai’i player’s frustration.

Seattle Pacific Assistant Director of Security Vic Peirsol denied that any of his officers knew what was going on. Peirsol said he had heard “rumors” that some of the SPU fans were getting “a little out of hand.”

“You can’t disturb school events,” Peirsol said. “If the SPU students were causing a disturbance, they could have been asked to leave.”

Peirsol argued that just because some of these nine students “appeared” to be saying racist comments, they couldn’t know exactly who was saying what. “Could you personally tell me what he was wearing?”

“Was he wearing a yellow sweatshirt with a red hat?” Peirsol asked in response to my questions.

He argued that it’s difficult for security to hear exactly who wasn’t saying what. “If the officers heard it and we could have identified who said what, the officers could have asked them to leave,” Peirsol said.

Highline’s Campus Security has a very different approach to how they would have dealt with the situation.

“We would have a conversation with the student. The only clear way is to have a conversation with them,” said Security Supervisor Richard Noyer.

If students or faculty continued to disturb others after they have been approached, they would be asked to leave the event.

Security would then follow up with the vice president for both students and faculty.

Seattle Pacific University’s men’s soccer coach and athletic director did not respond to requests for an interview.

Seattle Pacific Director of Multi-Ethnic Programs Susan Lane said the university doesn’t condone that kind of behavior.

Lane attended the game, but sat in the section with most of the other Seattle Pacific students and fans, so she said she didn’t hear any of what happened.

“The university has a zero tolerance of racial harassment,” Lane said. “This type of behavior is completely unacceptable and we will be monitored from now on.”

SPU is 20 percent non-white, not as diverse as Highline and some other universities, but the campus culture has changed and will continue to change, Lane said. “SPU’s diversity is increasing,” she said.

A lot of Seattle Pacific reaction to the incident has been a surprise! "When compared to Highline, this place is not diverse at all," said former Highline student and SPU goalkeeper Livin Bird.

But, he added, he has never heard of incidents like this in the past. “It’s not something that happens at every game.”

“It sucks, racism and stuff like that. There’s no place for that stuff in a game,” he said. “If anybody hears anything like that, we’d turn around and tell them to stop it.”

Highline has not dealt with this sort of incident, Noyer said. “We’re so diverse here we’d have no problem striking up a conversation with them.”

Stephanie Kim is editor of the Thunderword.
Crossword 101

Across
1. Spikes, in volleyball
2. Big galoots
3. Rts. protector
4. Author Asimov
5. Faucet brand
6. Clark’s girlfriend
7. 3-D illusion
8. Wooden martial arts actor?
9. Diet busters
10. Inner city area
11. The Simpsons bArkpark
12. “...long, long ___”
13. Sanford and ___
14. Wooden helium? 
15. After, but before ski
16. “O” may open it
17. Acts sheepish?
18. “Agreed!”
19. Feudal drudges
20. “Nay” sayer
21. Like a bear
22. Legume
23. Benevolent and Order of Elks
24. Tropism
25. Victor
26. Clock watcher
27. Kato
28. City NNE of Paris
29. Wooden detective?
30. Mike Hammer’s creator
31. “Revenge of the ___”
32. “Look ___ this way” 
33. Creator of Oz
34. Wooden hotel heiress?
35. “The King___”
36. “Take ___!”
37. Acts sheepish?
38. “Nay” sayer
39. Feudal drudges
40. “No kidding”
41. Acts sheepish?
42. A legume
43. Wooden
44. Wooden martial arts actor?
45. Aquatic animals
46. Dict. entries
47. Cass & others
48. “Where there’s ___”
49. Anthem start
50. MN & AOL
51. “Now ___ me down...”
52. Abbr. on a bank door
53. “...and to good-night!”
54. Biology topic
55. Ash and a hint to 18A, 44A and 59A
56. Bo or mo ending

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1. Big name in piracy
2. Highline students can get free tickets to the Ta- coma Opera Student Night
3. No tickets are being sold at the box office that night; students must surrender their tickets with a show of their Highline picture ID. Students may arrive at least 15 minutes before curtain time
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Burien Little Theatre presents Night Zombie through Oct. 30.
Burien Little Theatre is located in the Burien Community Center, in the northwest corner of the intersection of 4th Avenue Southwest and Southwest 146th Street in Burien.

All tickets are $10, under 16 admitted without parent. For more information, call 206-242-5180, or email info@burienlittletheatre.org.

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Fulfilling a dream

Friends and family of Carly Henley hope to complete the late singer’s musical legacy

By MARIE THOMA
Staff Reporter

The family of recently deceased musician Carly Henley is trying to complete her work in the studio.

Henley was an aspiring musician who died on Oct. 6 at the age of 20 of an apparent suicide.

She was a junior at the University of Washington, but was well-known in the Southwest King County area.

Music was a large part of Henley’s life, family members say.

She grew up in Normandy Park and graduated from Highline High School in 2008. She learned to play the guitar during her sophomore year at Highline High School and began to sing and write her own music.

Henley performed at different places over the years; her last performance was at the Hard Rock Cafe in Seattle this past August.

She also released her album She’s Beautiful on iTunes in July of 2009.

The Henley family started the Carly Henley Project in her and in honor of her music. Her family members didn’t want Henley’s talent to go to waste, they said.

The goals of the project are to record all of Henley’s unfinished music and turn the songs into a CD.

“We want to finish what she started and get her music out to the world,” said Blake Henley, Carly’s younger sister and a student at Highline.

In a recent interview, Blake Henley talked about how much she loved her sister.

“She had such a good heart and was such a good person, the happiest person I know,” she said.

The proceeds from Henley’s CD sales will be donated to organizations engaging in youth music and art programs, which have not been selected yet, Blake Henley said.

The first will include the five songs she recorded in studio as well as the songs she has posted on YouTube, Blake Henley said.

The second is a CD of all the songs she played with friends and family but never recorded. This music will be performed by friends of Carly Henley’s.

The third CD will be songs that most people haven’t heard Carly Henley sing before, songs that she played with her sister Blake and family, but had yet to show others. This CD will be sung by family members.

“The songs on the last one are songs me and Carly played together, and it’s going to be the best because no one has heard them before,” Blake Henley said.

The family plans to keep the project open for the remaining days until Dec. 7.

“The more that is donated, the more we can do, and more of Carly’s music we can get out,” Blake Henley said.

Other than the plan to produce three CDs in Carly Henley’s honor, the family has also designed shirts and bags to sell and raise money. The items have the phrase “Love Wins” on them because that was a motto Henley loved.

Five people have given over $1,000 to the project, which Blake Henley said was mind blowing to see.

“Knowing that someone would be willing to do that for our family and getting Carly’s music out there is amazing,” she said.

The family wants to thank everyone who has donated to the project so far and encourages those who haven’t to listen to Carly Henley’s music and go to Kickstarter and read about the project and all they have planned to do.

“Our family has gotten stronger through all this...some days are good some are bad. One day at a time is our family motto,” Blake Henley said.

To find out more information about the Carly Henley Project and how to donate go to www.kickstarter.com/project/1267646260/the-carly-henley-project.

To listen to her music you can go on iTunes and look up her CD She’s Beautiful or you can also go to www.youtube.com/user/carcarisastar.

A change of art: Psych major finds his muse in drama class

By DANIELLE NOWLIN
Staff Reporter

Anthony Keane came to Highline to major in psychology but was bitten by the drama bug.

Keane is playing the role of Mr. Zero in Highline’s upcoming production of The Adding Machine.

Looking at Keane, it might be hard to distinguish him from any other student on campus.

No beard, you might not necessarily tag him as an actor.

When he started at Highline two years ago, Keane was going for a degree in psychology.

But that changed halfway through after he took his first drama class. Since then he has taken multiple acting classes at Highline.

The majority of Keane’s acting career has been while at Highline, his first role being a double one in the winter 2010 production of Antigone. His next gig was multiple roles in the Spring One Acts.

Mr. Zero will be his first lead role.

“It’s getting to do something out of my box,” Keane said.

The character of Mr. Zero is so different from himself and will be a challenge, Keane said.

If you get a character close to yourself, you have the tendency put yourself out on stage rather than the character, he added.

He is hardworking, inspiring, constantly working on lines, good friend, and funny, fellow actors say about Keane.

Keane has great respect for his fellow actors like they have for him.

He has learned from everyone here He now knows how to be a better actor and how to be a better director, Keane said.

“I would like to try my hand at some video, he said.

He added that he would also like to try directing.

“I can’t say I’ve never had a negative experience,” Keane said.

You can see Antony Keane play his role of Mr. Zero in the upcoming production of The Adding Machine. It opens Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. It will continue Nov. 19, 20 and Dec. 2, 3, 4 with a preview show Nov. 17.

General admission is $8 and student admission $7.
**Jazz Club up and running, but jazz band put on hold**

*By KATIE ADAMS  Staff Reporter*

It’s time to dust off your trumpet, saxophone, or clarinet that’s been sitting in the back of your closet because the Jazz Club is now meeting.

The Jazz Club is up and running, with the first meeting Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 1 p.m. in Building 4, room 104.

"Right now I’m looking to see if we can spark it," Dio Jean-Baptiste, the club president, said. "For this fall and up until winter, we want to see if we have any life left in it [the club]."

The club was originally formed eight to ten years ago, and former Highline professor, a poet, began teaching at Highline.

The Jazz Club is up and running, but jazz band put on hold.

"I hope to go back some day," said a past event in his life.

Growing up in a small town in Eastern Washington, he and his friends had to come up with their own entertainment, Braden said.

During the poetry reading, he read selections from his book, "A Wreath of Down and Drops of Blood," and a few new poems.

Braden writes a variety of different types of poems, from descriptive poems to list poems.

He said that narrative poems describe an event that has happened. List poems, as the name implies, use lists as a device to convey poetic meaning.

Some list poems may have a sense of rhyming poems, but that is not necessary, he said.

Braden also mentioned image poems.

"If you’re ever stuck for inspiration, go through a magazine or a fan magazine," he said, describing another type of poem.

Image poems are when people look at a picture and write about the feelings or thoughts that come to you when you see.

**Former Highline professor and local poet says images can inspire**

*By DANIELLE NOWLIN  Staff Reporter*

The past can serve as inspiration for future writings, a poet and former Highline professor said here last week.

"I've never had a single year where horns. Not a sax player, not a trumpet player, not a clarinet player, not a guy that blows his nose really hard, none of that. It’s my thing to know all of the musicians, and I don't even know any horn players in the school," he said.

That is a bit frightening for Jean-Baptiste, who said he would be happy with even a kazoo player.

He puts a great deal of emphasis on the benefits for musicians in being involved with Jazz Club.

"If you stick with it, you’ll quickly learn real working experience: What does it take to learn jazz standards, what does it take for you to actually operate a band, what does a rehearsal look like, things that you will immediately start using on your own," he said.

For more information on jazz club, you can contact Dr. Sandra Glover at 206-878-3710, ext. 6170.

**Commentary: Video games deserve same analysis as films and books**

*By NICHOLAS MCCOY  Staff Reporter*

Video games are more than just an easy source of entertainment; they’re a source of narrative depth that deserves closer analysis.

There’s a long established history of literary analysis and film analysis. People look at the themes of a work, at the emotional efficacy, at the story it tells and the metaphors it uses. The authorial (or directorial) intent is examined.

I don’t see that process happening as often for video games and I think that’s a shame—because interactive fiction provides avenues for effective storytelling that aren’t available elsewhere.

One of those avenues for storytelling is the creation of user complicity. That is, making the consumer of a story personally responsible for the actions that occur. When a character in a horror movie opens that door—"I actively choose to turn the (sometimes literal) door to hell."

You become complicit while also giving a sense of responsibility, the fear you feel later.

I often have to personally confront with and feel the horror or crime, sometimes turning away from the game if I feel uncomfortable with the attack or the other character.

The game, despite its context, doesn’t focus on combat. Players are more likely to avoid injury and survive if they play run away instead of trying to violently engage the game’s creatures.

It also is implied during the game that what James sees is not reliable; in the beginning of the game, the character is confronted with and forced to kill one of the monsters. If the player returns to the site later, they’ll find police crime scene tape blocking off the scene.

Silent Hill 2 is a story about the destructive nature of guilt. The protagonist, James, is consumed by anguish over his complicity in the death of his wife.

The endings of the game reflect the possible outcomes that guilt can take; he can leave it, and Silent Hill, behind. He can he consumed by it, committing suicide out of guilt and grief or he can suppress it, leaving Silent Hill, but not the guilt or its consequences.

The player’s actions as James, and how he treats himself, influence the ending. If James heals himself immediately after injury, he’s more likely to leave Silent Hill behind—he’s showing a desire for self-preservation rather than punishment. If the player chooses to have James walk around injured (and presumably in pain), the suicidal ending becomes more likely.

When I play Silent Hill, and even non-horror video games, I find that by initiating the actions that result in a given storyline unfolding, they hold a certain kind of power over me. What I’m seeing isn’t just the result of what a character I sympathize with has done; often, in a video game, it’s the result of what I’ve done, for better or worse. It taps into my brain more directly than passively experiencing something in a movie or book does.

I find playing a game more like reading a book than watching a movie; when I read a book, I actively choose to turn the page or read the next section. A video game increases that complicity while also giving the director increased access to evocative techniques often used in film.

Video games have the unique ability to flesh out possible divergent story lines and the consequences of actions in ways other media do not. As video games continue to boom, it’s important to begin to place them in a more analytical context.

Nick never loses at games.
Highline is going to host a free Halloween party and will include food and drinks on Saturday, Oct. 30.

The event will be held at the Student Union.

T a n o k u r a

Yuta, the main host of Halloween party said, “The theme for the Halloween party this year is Hell, nd will have alot of games.”

The Halloween party will include several activities.

Among the activities there will be a haunted house, costume contest, and pumpkin carving.

“This is [the haunted house] popular in Japan. So, be ready to go to the hell,” Yuta said. The location will be room Mt. Constance and Mt. Olympic in the Student Union.

Wearing a costume isn’t required, but encouraged.

“There is no better feeling than to dress up as creative as you can and walk in the costume parade as you hear people clap, laugh and cheer for you. Your judge will be the people who attend, said Chun Hung Peter Hsieh, the Chairman of the Costume Contest, from Taiwan.

The pumpkin carving is another way for you to get creative.

Pumpkins and carving tools will be provided at no cost. Individuals or teams are welcome to enter the contest, said Huy Nguyen, the organizer of pumpkin carving contest.

There will be many games to choose from this year.

Games that you will find at the party include Spider Web Darts, Shave the Clown, Mummy Game, Pumpkin Bowling, Mystery Box and Chinese Ping-Pong.

“This will be a great experience. trust me,” said Alex Birch, with Games from America.

“We do need more volunteers for the decoration team in order to create a fun night. You will make lots of friends and share American traditions,” added Leewan Li, the decorations team leader.

“It’s going to be a crazy night and the sexiest event ever,” Huy said.

For more information, visit the International Student Programs (ISP) office located on the fifth floor of the Library. You may also contact Yuta at ytanokura@highline.edu.

ISP hopes to scare you there this coming Saturday.
Local pumpkins add special Halloween flavor

By CHRISTINA GRAMLING
Staff Reporter

Pumpkins are plentiful this year in Washington despite the state's late, wet summer, local farmers say.

The cool, damp summer weather this year did cause smaller than usual pumpkins and a decreased yield in crops for the state, however local farmers say that it won't affect the area much for Halloween.

"The last couple weeks of September offered a surprise boost in the pumpkins' developments," said Andy Carpinito of Carpinito Brothers, Inc.

Carpinito Brothers have been growing pumpkins in the Kent area for over 40 years and said this year was bad, but not ruined.

At one point they were nervous about the weather's effect on crops, but things proved to be okay, Carpinito said.

"Our u-pick pumpkin patch and wholesale division is in full swing," said Carpinito.

Washington state's yearly pumpkin crop is small in comparison to many other states, such as Illinois, which is the largest commercial grower of pumpkins in the U.S.

Many states have suffered bad growing conditions this year. It has been the cause of fungus and field rot in many Midwestern states, reducing yield by as much as 50 percent in some places.

The effect on local consumers is greater than just a smaller choice of large and bright orange carving pumpkins for Halloween.

Last year was also a bad growing year and the cause of a canned pumpkin shortage in the U.S. in June, the Washington Post reported that there were only six cans of Libby's 100% Pure Pumpkin in their factory.

Libby's is the nation's leader in canned pumpkin production. You can currently find their canned pumpkin on eBay for as much as $10 per can be cause of the shortage.

Another shortage of canned pumpkin is likely considering the growing conditions nationwide. Creamy pumpkin pies at Thanksgiving may not be so common place this year.

Luckily, according to Burr Mosby of Mosby Farms in Auburn, "Most all pumpkins grown in this area are for Halloween only." Although pumpkins are smaller in size this year there are plenty for the big day this Sunday, Mosby said.

Mosby Farms has been growing pumpkins for 30 years and has had their fields open for u-pick for the last 20 years.

"This year's planting season was the worst I've ever encountered," Mosby said.

He said that planting on time is the most important thing for pumpkin growing, the next being consistent warm weather with time to grow. The ideal planting time is the end of May and this May was unusually rainy, not ideal for planting.

Most of the large pumpkins are still green and never got a chance to get bright orange in color. The last couple of weeks the smaller pumpkins brightened up and they were lucky for that, Mosby said.

"Green is the new orange. Support local farmers. Carve a green pumpkin," according to Mosby Farm's website.

This year, Mosby Farms will offer all sorts of Halloween fun for the family through Oct. 31. The pumpkin patch and corn maze are located at 3014 Auburn-Black Diamond Rd. Auburn.

The farm is open daily from 10 a.m. to dusk. A picnic area is available and refreshments and snacks are offered at their farm stand.

The farm stand offers a variety of fall time vegetables and treats and is known for its hand-harvested produce, including butternut squash and cucumbers.

Families also can take a ride on the tractor-pulled hayride around the farm.

"Admission into the corn maze is $8 for adults and $5 for kids. This year there will also be a flashlight tour of the corn maze on Oct. 30 from dusk to 10 p.m. Carpinito Brothers has a u-pick pumpkin patch and will also continue their fall of Halloween activities through Oct. 31. They are open from 9 a.m. to dusk.

The farm offers tractor-pulled hayrides and over 10 acres of pumpkins to choose from. Fresh treats such as kettle corn and fresh roasted corn on the cob are also available.

Fresh seasonal vegetables such as winter squash, cabbage and Brussels sprouts are also for sale at the farm stand at the pumpkin patch.

There are two corn mazes on their farm and they close one hour before dusk. Admission is $7 for adults and $5 for children ages 5 to 12. Children under 4 are free.

A $1 off coupon can also be printed from their website at www.carpinito.com. The pumpkin patch is located at 6686 S. 277th St., Kent.

Carpinito Brothers U-Pick Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze is open daily until Oct. 31 from 9 a.m. to dusk and entrance to the corn maze closes an hour before dusk. It's located just off of Highway 167 at 27600 68th Ave., Kent.

They also offer hayrides, and have a variety of gourds and fresh fall-time vegetables. A dollar off coupon for the corn maze can be found on their website at www.carpinito.com.
T-Bird Men extend winning streak to six

Highline upsets second place Bellevue, 2-1

By WILLIAM BROKAW  Staff Reporter

The Thunderbird men’s soccer team defeated second-place Bellevue last week and have stretched their unbeaten streak to six consecutive games.

Highline beat Bellevue 2-1 on Wednesday, Oct. 20.

The Thunderbirds went into the game focused and prepared, players said.

“We had a game plan going in because we knew what formation they were running: three-five-two [three defenders, five midfielders, and two forwards], so we pushed our outside midfielders up to pressure their defense,” said Highline defender Kevin Bodle.

Ten minutes into the game, Highline’s Kyle Danielson finished on the far post after teammate Lalo Morales headed the ball into a scoring position, putting Highline up 1-0.

“We had been working on runs into the box throughout the week at training. Kyle crashed into the box and scored,” Bodle said.

Looking very promising, the T-Birds came into half time with a 1-0 lead and were looking to expand their lead in the second half.

“Up 1-0 we were all confident we were going to win. We should have pulled away but missed a couple of opportunities,” Bodle said. “Near the end of the game they pressured us hard. We were very defensive and went away from our attack-minded game plan.”

In the second half, the goals didn’t come until late in the game.

Devin Thomas scored in the 87th minute putting Highline up 2-0. The Bulldogs replied with a goal just one minute after in the 88th, leaving the game at 2-1.

After the game, the Thunderbirds said they were very happy they were able to win.

“We needed to come out hard this time. We were flat and came out slow the first game,” Bodle said. “We play better on turf because we can move the ball around better.”

Highline will host Tacoma this Saturday, Oct. 29 at the Starfire Complex in Tukwila.

Although the T-Bird men got off to a slow start in league play, they are finding their form, hanging strong together six unbeaten matches consecutively.

“Jason [Head Coach Prenovost] sat us down and gave us a choice. We can curl up into a ball and end the season now or we can play and make the playoffs,” Bodle said.

With just three games remaining, every point now is crucial.

The next games are going to decide the season, said Highline defender Dustin Hill.

After Tacoma, the Thunderbirds travel to Olympic who held Highline to a 0-0 tie their last meeting.

Highline wrestlers may be inexperienced, but don’t lack talent

By RICHARD MEIER  Staff Reporter

The Highline men’s wrestling team may be a young team in comparison to last year’s edition, but the expectations haven’t changed.

Last year the Highline wrestling team boasted three two-time All-Americans, this year’s team has only one.

Jason Gray, who compiled a 26-3 record as a freshman at the 149 pound weight class, is the only returning All-American from last year’s team and the only All-American on the roster.

However, don’t mistake this year’s team as an inexperienced one. In addition to Gray, the Highline team does return three national qualifiers with Zach Burnett, who competes at 195, Caleb Padgett, who competes at 184 and; Daren Faber who competes at 197. Also Highline added two transfer students who were also national qualifiers with Eric Jones, who wrestled at Wyoming and is a former two-time state champion at Alaburn Riverside who competes at 157, and Kyle Stults, who transferred from Yakima.

“We have about five returners who should be in the lineup. With five national qualifiers, I think our team is going to make good to very good this year,” said Scott Norton, the men’s wrestling coach.

“We have had a couple of guys who have stepped up and replaced some of the wrestlers from last year with Stults and Jones and we have some good freshmen who have come in,” he said.

The men have been practicing with one another, lifting and running for about two months to prepare them for their first meet next week, Norton said.

“Our focus so far has been conditioning,” he said. “Teamwise at the start of condition we weren’t where we want to be but we have been making gains and I think we are better prepared.”

Highline’s Casey Park, left, practices take downs with teammate Jason Gray, right.

“We run a difficult wrestling schedule throughout the season, coach Norton has expectations for a few of his wrestlers.

“We need our guys to go out there are wrestle outside of what they are used to. If we can do that we can be ready for Spokane,” Norton said. “I think Daren [Faber] and Jason [Gray] can win nationals and I think [Eric] Jones will make an impact too.”

Highline follows it’s first Nov. 5 meet with the Yakima Duel in Yakima and the Pacific Open, Nov. 7 in Forest Grove, California. Highline’s first home meet is Frday, Dec. 10.

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T-Bird women remain in second

Lady T-Birds tie top-ranked Bellevue and beat Green River

By RICHARD MEIER  Staff Reporter

The Highline women's soccer team opened up last week with a 1-1 draw against first place Bellevue before defeating Green River 2-0 later on in the week.

After Highline's draw against Bellevue and its win over Green River, Highline remains in second place with a league record of 6-3-2. With the regular season coming to an end the Lady T-Birds are six points back of first-place Bellevue and five points ahead of third-place Peninsula.

Entering last Wednesday’s game against Bellevue, the Thunderbird women took aim to gain ground against top ranked Bellevue, however Highline was unable to gain ground on the Lady Bulldogs after a 1-1 draw. Bellevue struck first in the 27th minute with a goal from Abigail Stuart. Highline responded in the 57th minute with a goal from freshman forward Nicole Brunette.

“Any time you go into a game you have the mentality of winning… anything less and you're losing… anything less and you're selling yourself short,” said Tom Moore, Highline women’s coach. “I think we were capable of a win and that’s the most important thing to think about following the game. It was a back and forth game between two very competitive teams and that’s what it's all about,” he said. “It was a play-off atmosphere and I think the fans got what they were hoping for, a good game.”

Moore said he was proud of his team’s effort and how they were able to elevate their play to meet the challenge of first-place Bellevue and execute the game plan. After tying the game, the Highline women were able to control the tempo and gain momentum toward the end of the game, Moore said.

“I think something we did well against Bellevue was lifting our level and competing against them,” he said. “I wouldn’t change anything from that game. I think the outcome was just.”

Highline followed up the draw with a match against fifth-place Green River this past Saturday with a 2-0 win at Starfire. From the start it was obvious how physical a game this would be after Green River’s Cheyenne Gautney received a red card and was ejected from the game after punching a Highline player. Toward the end of the game the Thunderbird coaching staff urged Green River players to take out a Highline player, which resulted in a concussion to Highline’s goalkeeper.

“When you can deal with that pressure and those adversities and still put yourself in a good spot by playing the game well and scoring your goals, it’s a good day,” Moore said.

In a dirty, physically played match, Highline struck for the first goal just before the half, when Danielle Steuli sent one into the net in the 43rd minute. Highline added an insurance goal to put the game out of reach when Maddie Davila scored in the 71st minute. Highline’s goalkeeper Brianna Slavik recorded her fourth shutout of the season after suffering a concussion late in the game.

“This was a big game for us,” Moore said. “We needed to send a message and at the same time show ourselves that we are definitely a team. It wouldn’t be taken lightly. Our team did a great job of keeping our composure in a very hostile environment that Green River was trying to enforce.”

Highline squared off against third place Peninsula on the road Wednesday afternoon. Results were unavailable at press time.

“The preparation for this game [Highline vs. Peninsula] is no different than any other at this point,” Moore said. “These games are all playoff atmospheres and everyone must win to go on. I expect us to not make many mistakes and to take advantage of the mistakes they [Peninsula] make.”

Highline hosts Tacoma at Starfire on Friday Oct. 29. With three games left in the season after Wednesday’s game against Peninsula, Coach Moore says the team can’t be looking in their rearview mirror.

“I think it’s going to be a tight race to the down the line. Injuries are present in many teams and it’s a dog-eat-dog road to the playoffs,” he said. Our team is definitely poised to make a run at the playoff picture. This team is growing in many ways and I’m still very excited to be where we’re at, and believe that we have much more room to grow.”
Highline women hoping to build on last year

By RICHARD MEIER
Staff Reporter

The Highline women’s basketball team expects to build off last year’s trip to the playoffs.
The Lady T-Birds captured the final playoff spot in the West Division with a 9-7 record in league play and an overall record of 13-14.

They have an experienced squad returning eight players from last year’s roster. In addition to the returning players, Highline welcomes two transfers to the team as well as four freshman and two redshirts.

“We are very pleased with the team that we have assembled this season,” said women’s basketball Coach Amber Mosley.

Between the experience of its returning players and the talent of the incoming class of transfers and freshman, Highline has the ability to improve off last year’s success, she said.

“We feel like we have a very talented incoming class,” Mosley said. “We feel like we can compete for a league title and place at the NWAACC Tournament.”

“We expect our sophomore post players to battle down low, especially Heather Hitch who put in a tremendous amount of work this summer,” she said.

“Our two sophomore transfers, Cortl Howard and Jocelyn Jones are expected to contribute heavily,” Hitch is one of the returning sophomore leaders and is a factor in the post as a 5’11” forward.

Transfers Howard and Jones both played their high school ball at Franklin, but Howard went on to play for Hawaii Hilo.

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Highline will be participating in a tournament this weekend in Mount Hood.

The team is excited for the tournament because it is Halloween-themed tournament where the teams play in costumes.

Highline hosted Centralia last night with results unavailable at press time. The next women’s volleyball game is at Tacoma on Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. University before transferring to Highline and Jones played a year at Yakima Valley.

Mosley also says that a couple of the newcomers could end up getting major playing time throughout the season as well.

However, Coach Mosley understands that in order to improve off last year’s success the team needs to develop better chemistry.

The team needs to buy into the team philosophy and learn to come together as a team and not play as individuals, she said.

Buying into the team’s philosophy and building team chemistry starts with leadership from the veteran players. Even though the women haven’t selected captains there is no shortage of leadership from the sophomore players, Mosley said.

“We haven’t voted on captains yet. I want them to have a good idea of who they want to follow. So we wait to assign captains,” she said. “The sophomores however, are leading by example every day in practice with their hard work.”

However, the success of the team extends past the hard work on the practice court and carries over into the mental game as well.

The women have had to learn not to repeat last year’s mistakes and learn from the mistakes that they made, she said.

To continue to lay the foundation for success, the women have had to work throughout the offseason to improve their skills.

“Many of them [the players] worked hard this offseason to better their game and it’s really showing in practice,” Mosley said.

“We just finished a four-week conditioning class which pushed the girls physically and mentally. We just began contact practice and we play our first scrimmage the 30th,” she said.

Highline has a strong nonleague schedule, which Mosley says will prepare them for the upcoming season and league play as well.

“We play a tough preseason schedule to get us ready for league with games against Columbia Basin and Clackamas, who have both won the NWAACC Championship in recent years,” she said.

Mosley says not one game is more important than the others because each team is different. For Highline to build on last year’s success the women must continue to build chemistry and improve as the season looms.

The Lady T-Birds begin swimming Oct. 30, the preseason Nov. 20 at the Clackamas Thanksgiving Invitational and league play Jan. 3 against South Puget Sound.

By MARIE THOMA
Staff Reporter

Highline’s women’s volleyball team moved into second place in the NWAACC west, winning both of their matches last week.


Captain Daveina Fuiava said that the team played well against Green River in the first two games, but fell apart in the third.

Winning the fourth game of the match meant Highline beat Green River for the first time this season.

“It felt great to beat them,” said Billie Walter, Highline’s right side hitter.

Walter also said that she felt what changed from the loss to Green River in the beginning of the season to their win on Wednesday was the team had figured out chemistry.

“The first game against Green River, we were still getting used to how people play and who was next to us on the court,” Walter said.


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Men's team seeks change

By MICHAEL MCDONALD Jr. and RICHARD MEIER Staff Reporters

The focus of this year's Highline men's basketball team is to change its culture. The men's basketball team has a rich tradition of winning, with four NWAC titles over the past 17 years. However, last year was far from what's expected of Highline. Men's basketball Coach Dave Dawson said that "last year was unacceptable," as the men failed to make the playoffs for the first time in recent memory.

Last season the team finished with a 9-7 record in league play and an overall record of 12-12, landing them in fifth place, one spot out of the playoff picture. "A lot of guys didn't take pride in the way they did things last year," Dawson said. "They just couldn't grasp the concept of being a part of something bigger than themselves. So this year they are no longer apart of the team." Dawson has made an effort to learn from the mistakes the team made last year and ensure that this year's team doesn't make the same mistakes.

He preaches to the team the importance of playing for the team instead of playing for individual success. Those who were unable to do so are no longer with the team. "We got rid of several players and made a concentrated effort to change the culture of our team," Dawson said. "We brought in players who are expected to buy into something bigger than themselves, conduct themselves like student-athletes on and off the court, and deal with adversity in a way that demonstrates a high level of pride."

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PJ Bolte goes up for the lay up in a recent practice.

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Sports

Runners ready for regional championship

By EMILY HUYHN Staff Reporter

Highline's cross country team will be competing once more before the NWAC meet at the North Regions Championships at Willis Tucker Park this Saturday at 11 a.m. "My expectations for the team are for them to go out, have fun and do the best they can. If they do that the times and team scores will take care of themselves," said Highline's Cross Country Coach Taryn Plypick. "This team has worked harder than any team in the NWAC this season and they know that and take pride in that. I have seen them grow from new comers who were somewhat unsure of themselves to fit, confident, competitive athletes who hate to perform any less than they are capable of.

The men's team has improved throughout the season, she said. "On the men's side our top seven are solid and anyone can finish faster than anyone on any given day. Khalid Abebe and Nick Lipinski have finished up on top for us all year and are both running awesome," Plypick said. "New comer Luke Martin has been a pleasant surprise. Also watch out for CJ Timm and Anthony Bertolucci as both have worked hard all season and could really surprise some teams."

The women will be putting in their best and showing other teams how practice pays off, she said.

"I expect all of our women to be competitive," Plypick said. Practices have been tough and the team has been training for NWAC all season, she said.

"I have seen my athletes hard work, buy into my system, which is far from the traditional cross country training program and commit to the team," said Plypick. "Their hard work will pay off this time of the year as I have them geared up to peak come NWACCS."

"Everyone has brought into the concept that 'No one works harder or smarter than we do, no one.' We are going to really mix things up at championships and surprise and throw off all of teams," said Plypick. "I am so excited to see what my kids can do. They have worked so hard and deserve every bit of success."

The NWAC Championships will be held in Portland on Nov. 13 at 11 a.m.

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Lady T-Birds raise money for hope

By VICTORIA SADDLER Staff Reporter

The women's basketball team starts their season by playing faculty and staff to raise money for breast cancer. The game will be on Wednesday, Nov. 5 from 1-3 p.m. Admission is free.

All the money that is raised during the game will go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation to help women with breast cancer. T-shirts will be available for purchase at the game.

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Sports

Runners ready for regional championship

By EMILY HUYHN Staff Reporter

Highline's cross country team will be competing once more before the NWAC meet at the North Regions Championships at Willis Tucker Park this Saturday at 11 a.m. "My expectations for the team are for them to go out, have fun and do the best they can. If they do that the times and team scores will take care of themselves," said Highline's Cross Country Coach Taryn Plypick. "This team has worked harder than any team in the NWAC this season and they know that and take pride in that. I have seen them grow from new comers who were somewhat unsure of themselves to fit, confident, competitive athletes who hate to perform any less than they are capable of.

The men's team has improved throughout the season, she said. "On the men's side our top seven are solid and anyone can finish faster than anyone on any given day. Khalid Abebe and Nick Lipinski have finished up on top for us all year and are both running awesome," Plypick said. "New comer Luke Martin has been a pleasant surprise. Also watch out for CJ Timm and Anthony Bertolucci as both have worked hard all season and could really surprise some teams."

The women will be putting in their best and showing other teams how practice pays off, she said.

"I expect all of our women to be competitive," Plypick said. Practices have been tough and the team has been training for NWAC all season, she said.

"I have seen my athletes hard work, buy into my system, which is far from the traditional cross country training program and commit to the team," said Plypick. "Their hard work will pay off this time of the year as I have them geared up to peak come NWACCS."

"Everyone has brought into the concept that 'No one works harder or smarter than we do, no one.' We are going to really mix things up at championships and surprise and throw off all of teams," said Plypick. "I am so excited to see what my kids can do. They have worked so hard and deserve every bit of success."

The NWAC Championships will be held in Portland on Nov. 13 at 11 a.m.

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Lady T-Birds raise money for hope

By VICTORIA SADDLER Staff Reporter

The women's basketball team starts their season by playing faculty and staff to raise money for breast cancer. The game will be on Wednesday, Nov. 5 from 1-3 p.m. Admission is free.

All the money that is raised during the game will go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation to help women with breast cancer. T-shirts will be available for purchase at the game.

“We will have 50 T-shirts students and staff can purchase by a donation and those who would like to donate at the game can voluntarily [do so],” said Jean Munro of Women's Athletics for Susan G. Komen, Munro said.

Amber Mosley, who coaches the women's basketball team, partners with Women's Programs every year to support the Susan G. Komen Foundation. "I choose to continue it and it eventually goes onto a charity game with all funds being donated to the Susan G. Komen foundation," Mosley said.

By playing this game, “it helps build a support network on campus and the community,” Mosley said.

Men's team seeks change

By MICHAEL MCDONALD Jr. and RICHARD MEIER Staff Reporters

The focus of this year's Highline men's basketball team is to change its culture. The men's basketball team has a rich tradition of winning, with four NWAC titles over the past 17 years. However, last year was far from what's expected of Highline. Men's basketball Coach Dave Dawson said that "last year was unacceptable," as the men failed to make the playoffs for the first time in recent memory.

Last season the team finished with a 9-7 record in league play and an overall record of 12-12, landing them in fifth place, one spot out of the playoff picture. "A lot of guys didn't take pride in the way they did things last year," Dawson said. "They just couldn't grasp the concept of being a part of something bigger than themselves. So this year they are no longer apart of the team." Dawson has made an effort to learn from the mistakes the team made last year and ensure that this year's team doesn't make the same mistakes.

He preaches to the team the importance of playing for the team instead of playing for individual success. Those who were unable to do so are no longer with the team. "We got rid of several players and made a concentrated effort to change the culture of our team," Dawson said. "We brought in players who are expected to buy into something bigger than themselves, conduct themselves like student-athletes on and off the court, and deal with adversity in a way that demonstrates a high level of pride."

Only three players return from last season: guard Stephan Reinheart, who was first-team All-Metro league at Bishop Blanchet High School, guard Jerome Bland, and center PJ Bolte.
Neanderthals were like us, but not really us

BY RASCHELLE CASEBIER  Staff Reporter

Scientists have discovered evidence proving Neanderthals did once exist but are still unsure as to how or where they disappeared to.

Highline anthropology professor Lonnie Somer talked about the Neanderthals’ existence and gave a clearer picture on what they were like at the Science Seminar on Friday, Oct. 22.

“The very first skeletal remains were found in 1856,” Somer said.

Though prior discoveries were probably made, the scientists of that time just didn’t realize what they were looking at.

The common image to come to mind of a Neanderthal is something similar to that seen in a Geico commercial. But this may not be the case.

“Neanderthals look different than the typical human. They have a big brow but smaller forehead,” Somer said.

Scientists have gotten a clearer picture of what the appearance of a Neanderthal would’ve looked like through DNA samples.

The process of extracting DNA from bone fragments has grown more efficient since 2005 when it used to take one year, 150 people, and millions of dollars to recover a sample. Now it only takes a couple days and the costs are drastically lower.

Studies show their bones were quite thick and they were very strong. The skeletal remains show that they were barrel chested, which could give indication that they had a greater lung capacity for aerobics, Somer said.

They also had shorter limbs, and were built for keeping in heat. The average height for a male was 5’6” and a female was 5’1”.

Neanderthal women needed about 350 more calories a day than do average human women.

“The club is a motivating and fund raisers to be a positive role model, to become positive role models, to become positive role models,” Tobin said.

Vice President Thomas Tobin said the goal of the club is to encourage men and women of African heritage to give the Black Student Union its members say.

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They hope their vision will be realized by raising cultural awareness, mentoring the youth and offering a network that supports progressive leadership, club officials say.

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This encourages leadership skills and offers an opportunity to be a part of something bigger than themselves.

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The Black Student Union will be meeting on Thursdays at 3 p.m. at the Intercultural Center, located in Building 6 on the first floor.

For those who wish to be put on the club’s mailing list a request can be submitted at highline.edu/scienceseminars. It is held in Building 3, room 102 from 2:20 to 3:10 p.m.

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Highline professor Lonnie Somer presents models of what Neanderthal skulls were like.

BSU club awaiting certification

By MICHAEL McDONALD JR.  Staff Reporter

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The club also encourages men and women of African heritage to use their sources of strengths and be motivated by desire and stimulated by action, club officials say.

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From the Beatles to Spongebob, fads change

By JOSH BECKER
Staff Reporter

Every decade has had its own fad products, an expert said last week.

Last Wednesday, Jeff Ward of the Highline Business Department gave a talk on “A Brief History of Fad Products,” a part of a series of history seminars which takes place every Wednesday.

According to Ward, the word “fad” comes from the word “fiddle-faddle,” an interjection meaning “nonsense.” Over time the word was shortened to “fiddad” and then to just “fad.”

A fad product is anything that enters the market quickly, becomes extremely popular, peaks early and then declines fast.

“Most fads produce decline quickly,” Ward said. A fad product will grow quickly until everyone has one, then slowly decline as people lose interest.

For the past 50 years, each decade has had its own fad products, Ward said. The ’50s had TV dinners, Ant Farms, cowboy hats and bomb shelters. The ’60s had the Beatles, lava lamps and miniskirts. The ’70s had disco, Star Wars and streaking (Ward was kind enough to show a video of such a fad). The ’80s had the Smurfs, glitter rock and Chia Pets. The ’90s had body piercing, Beanie Babies and Furby. Lastly this century has had Spongebob, iPads, and texting.

Ward explained how fad products can be extremely profitable for their inventors. For example, there was the Pet Rock; a common river rock sold in a straw-lined pet carrier with a 60-page “training manual.” The rocks cost about 95 cents to make and sold for about $3.95; the inventor made about $16 million (about $56 million in today’s money) in profit.

“Most fads, if not useless, have utility as a small part of its appeal,” said Ward. “Fads are fun first and a statement second. Unlike most products, fads are in no way an innovation.”

However, fads are not completely useless, “[fads] create jobs, raise standards of living in third-world countries, and help to pay for better ways of utilizing resources,” Ward said.

Highline creating a Safe Zone

By STEPHANIE KIM
Staff Reporter

On average, a typical student hears the terms “gay,” “homosexual” and “fag” 26 times a day in a high school, Highline’s Joshua Magallanes said.

Magallanes and Aaron Reader will be holding a Safe Zone Workshop tomorrow, Oct. 29 at 11 a.m. He encourages all staff and faculty to participate to learn how to create a safe environment for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning and intersex (GLBTQI) students, staff and faculty.

Safe Zone is a part of a national program, whose mission is to educate people on gender and sexuality concepts; definitions; theories and building skills to confront homophobia and biphobia. Highline adopted the Safe Zone program last year.

Magallanes said the only way a student facing gender and/or sexuality issues would be comfortable to talk to a staff or faculty member is for the people they talk to be educated on the issues.

By attending the workshop, Magallanes hopes faculty and staff to at least learn to differentiate terminologies associated with gender and sexuality.

His objective goals for the workshop are: increase awareness of various communities; promote a safe place for students, staff and faculty of diverse backgrounds; introduce conscious and subconscious biases; and provide practice for when working with diverse populations.

“Safe Zone allows students to feel comfortable to go to, to talk to,” Magallanes said. “And have a place to be.”

He said he hopes to get more staff and faculty there. “My dream is that every individual and office will have support. Every department should have a Safe Zone.”

“When we think about something that is anti-moral, we tend to just attack it,” Magallanes said. “It’s important to keep the mind open and really listen. Listen to what individuals are saying and don’t react.”

He said he thinks these kinds of students are more “accepted” than they have been in the past, making their voices heard, in society and build acceptance. “The problem with tolerance is that’s only there for a while,” he said.

“We have a long way to go still. This is just one way.”

“We can start to build some momentum,” Magallanes said. “We can move this awareness across or forward.”

The workshop will be held tomorrow in Building 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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was a certain GPA that indicated or could predict success in Running Start.

“The vast majority of students were performing very well, but there was a significant group that was struggling,” she said.

As a result, Highline began investigating any possible connections between the students that were struggling.

“What we discovered is that two-thirds—three-quarters of students that had below a 2.0 as their cumulative GPA in high school got below a 2.0 in their first quarter at Highline,” Spencer said.

Highline’s findings prompted the college to consider a major change to the admittance policy for Running Start students.

“After three years of consistently seeing that pattern, we thought it was time for a change,” Spencer said.

However, proposed changes were a serious step and approval would be needed by the Washington state Attorney General.

“We needed to go through our Attorney General and present a good case that this was in the best interest of the student,” Spencer said, “and the Attorney General supported us.”

“Community colleges have had a long standing tradition of access, and we needed to see if we were putting up barriers,” Spencer said. “In the end, we hope that this is going to help students, because most of these students were not only struggling at Highline, but in high school as well.”

There is an appeal process where prospective students can undertake if there are special circumstances that made them ineligible for admission based on the new criteria.

“There is an appeal process and the students could appeal if there were unusual circumstances for why their grades were not at a 2.0,” she said. “I think about a dozen students appealed, and of that group, around four or five got in.”

However, the appellants who have been admitted must maintain satisfactory academic progress apart from other students.

“Unlike the Highline Satisfactory Academic Progress policy where there are two quarters of probation before suspension, the students [who] appealed and got in only have one quarter before they are sent back to their high schools,” Spencer said.

“The group that came in the fall, if they don’t get a 2.0 they will go back to high school. They understand, and have a contract saying they understand,” she said.

The appeal process ends even more time to the standard Running Start admissions process.

“These students need to appeal at least four weeks before the start of the next quarter,” Spencer said.

However, the affected population of students affected by the criteria is not large. Approximately 25-50 students a year had less than a 2.0, out of about 850 total Running Start students, she said.

Former Running Start students were not subject to the added criteria.

“Former Running Start students are subject to Highline’s guidelines for academic progress,” Spencer said. “So once they go into the program they are only subject to that.”

High school reception to the addition has been mostly positive.

“Certainly the counselors and teachers are happy that the policy has been put in place,” Spencer said.

“The counselors are very happy with us, because it sort of sets an academic goal,” she said.

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Heavy rain comes heavy weather, and the lowlands could be expecting severe floods this year, Higley said.

“La Niña brings moisture – the low areas get rain and the high areas get snow,” he said.

Looking back at the snowy winter of 2008, this winter could be comparable.

“This winter will be wetter, colder, and snowier than normal,” Mass said.

“After Jan. 1, it will begin to get much cooler and that is when we will see the most snow,” he said.

“The La Niña of this year is stronger than the past year. It is looking to be the strongest La Niña in 50 years,” Higley said.

“Everyone should have kits at their houses,” he said.

In case of an emergency, kits should generally include food, water, blankets, as well as other immediate necessities.

Be smart, and be prepared for the heavy weather, Higley said.

Think of it as three days, three ways, he said.

Three days, three ways is a public motivation campaign urging the community to ready themselves for any emergencies that may come.

If the storm lasts a minimum of three days, get prepared in three ways: make a plan, build a kit, and get involved.

For more information on three days, three ways visit www.govlink.org/3days3ways.

Be ready to be stuck in the snow. Have chains for your car, warm clothes, blankets, sleeping bags, and good shoes, he said.

As for other preparations, there is no better time to buy a season pass to the mountains, Higley said.

Bullying
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Many students said the anonymity of the internet encourages users to say and act in ways that they wouldn’t if they were standing face to face with the person.

“Bullying online can be just as hurtful as face-to-face,” Highline student Nathaniel Padre said.

People should be aware of what they say to others and how it could affect them,” a Highline student said.

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