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Weekend Weather



Mostly cloudy on Friday, mostly cloudy on Saturday, mostly cloudy on Sunday.

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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.

The additional criterion is a major step to the Running Start admissions process.

"In the past, the criteria was primarily permission from a parent or guardian and compass scores of 65 in reading and writing," Spencer said.

However, many of the students who passed the previous criteria may not have been fully prepared to the transition to college life, she said.

"About four years ago, we started looking at how our Running Start students were performing academically," Spencer said. "So we collected high school transcripts from Running Start students, to see if there

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La Niña to bring snow

By **VICTORIA DOM**
Staff Reporter

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 on 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 be expect-

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Higley



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Although students say they don't see or experience bullying at Highline, it's common in high school.

Bullying is not an issue at Highline

By **RASCHELLE CASEBIER**
and **VICTORIA DOM**
Staff Reporters

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

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-

eler, 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 themselves," 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 Fowler 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

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Crime and Punishment

Construction site theft

During a foot patrol on Oct. 23, a male and a female juvenile were spotted on the bottom floor by Building 10 wearing 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 stating that Highline was not a state park.

Graffiti found on walls

Graffiti was found in several buildings on Oct. 23, 24, and 26. The word "BERK" was written on restroom walls and under staircases in buildings 6, 8, 23, 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.

—Compiled by Susane Huang and Skyler Nichols

First Fridays Leadership Institute wants you

By **TAYLAR WHITE**
Staff Reporter

The Center for Leadership and Service, formerly known as Student Programs, will be holding First Fridays Leadership Institute which started in October.

The next meeting will be from 2-4 p.m. on Nov. 5 in Building 8, Mt. Constance room.

All students are welcome who wish to "enhance and deepen leadership skills," said Jonathan Brown, the associate dean of Student Programs.

"We either pay for or coordinate all the extracurricular or co-curricular activities on campus," Brown said of The Center for Leadership and Service.

They are also responsible for the event weeks that go on such as Welcome Week at the start of the Fall Quarter, where they passed out student planners, informative flyers and ice cream to returning and new students.

In Winter Quarter they will help produce Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration week which will host a variety of activities, speakers and performances.



The Center for Leadership and Service photo

Right now, The Center for Leadership and Service is trying to form a committee for an annual event called The Giving Tree Program, a holiday gift drive for needy families here at Highline.

Last year 100 families were

helped thanks to sponsoring and donating. The committee needs all kinds of help such as planning, advertising, and gift wrapping.

As for getting involved, "People should come up to our office if that's something their interest-

ed in," Brown said of their open door policy.

"Consultations or involvement opportunities, we'd be happy to assist," he said.

The Center for Leadership and Services is located in Building 8, third floor.



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 International 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 send 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., womens 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 rstephen@highline.edu

All-USA Scholarship applications due Nov. 1

The All-USA 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, tbalkenende@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 being 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



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Members of Campus Crusade for Christ Club explore various passages from the Bible in small meeting groups.

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 col-

lege 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 difference on campus and the community on things that really matter, he said.

Campus Crusade for Christ meets on Wednesdays 1:30-2:45 p.m. and the 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.



Cody Sun/THUNDERWORD

Club members begin meetings with food and fellowship.

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 the time to warn these students that they are not at 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 adviser 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 to this standard.

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.

the Staff

Don't be too scary, or the sexy will go away.

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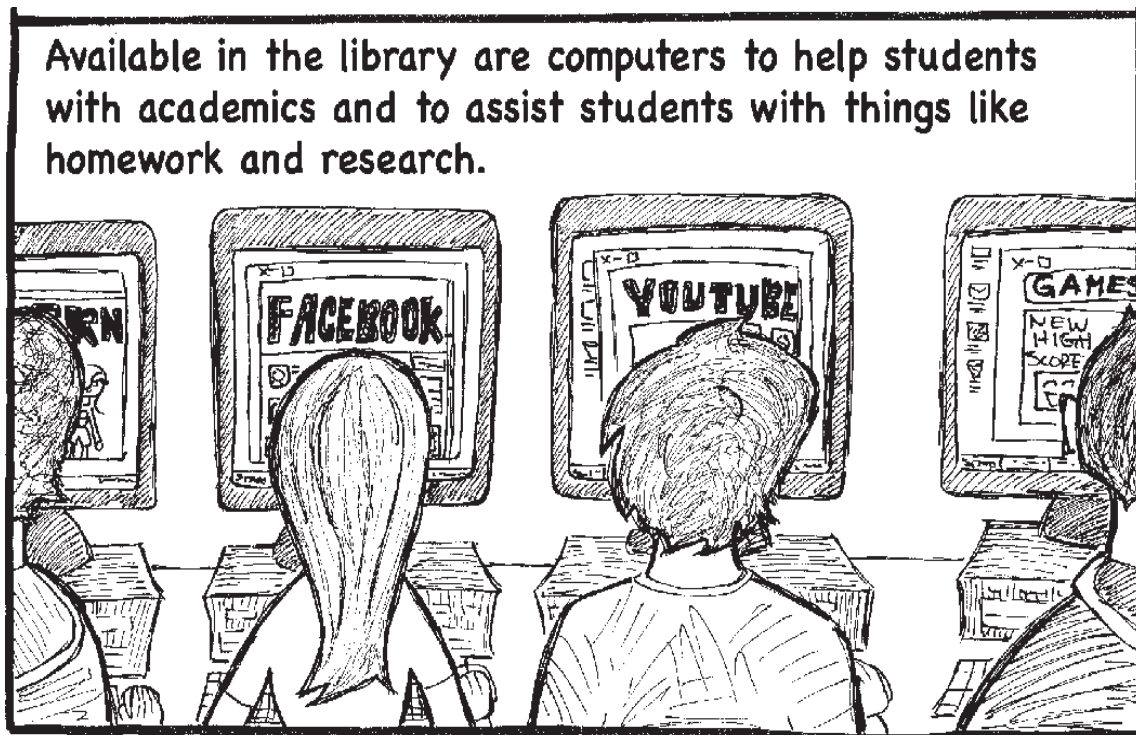
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**Racism ruins soccer game at SPU**

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 Hawaii 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 Hawaii 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 sat in a secluded area of the bleachers, away from the rest of the crowd.

I assume they were 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 Hawaii Pacific players.

Some of these students began yelling things such as, “What are you guys? Polynesian? 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 Hawaii Pacific’s African-American players. The fact that a college student going to a Christian university would say this shocked me.

What was even more shocking was that members of Seattle Pacific’s Safety and Security Department were standing in front of these students and

**Commentary**

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didn’t do anything to get them to stop. The only time they stepped in was when one of Hawaii 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 Hawaii 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 was 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, Noyer said.

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 they 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 has been increasing,” she said.

A lot of Seattle Pacific reaction to the incident has been a surprised “What?”

“Compared to Highline, this place is not diverse at all,” said former Highline student and SPU goalkeeper Liviu Bird.

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

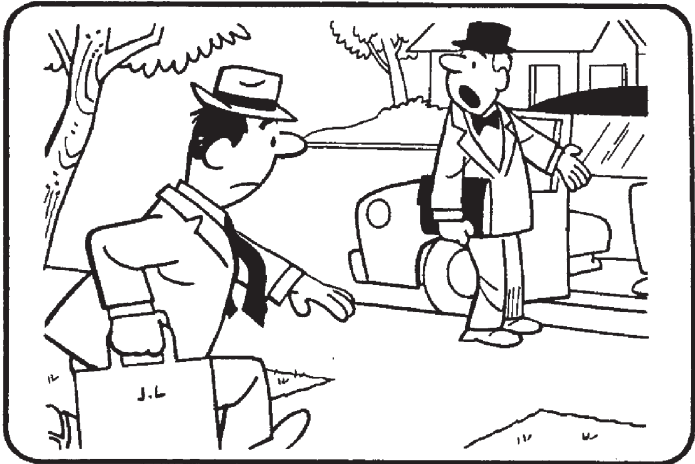
“It sucks, racism and stuff like that. There’s no place for that stuff in a game,” he said. “If anybody hears anything like that, we’d turn around and tell them to stop it.”

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.”

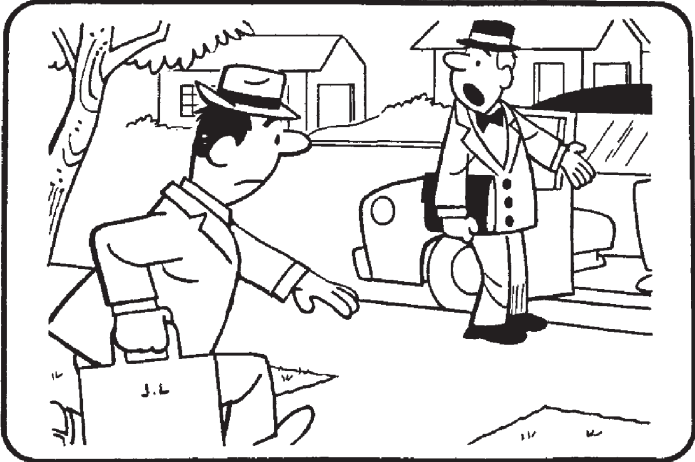
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Knock on Wood

Across

- 1. Spikes, in volleyball
- 6. Big galoots
- 10. Rts. protector
- 14. Author Asimov
- 15. Faucet brand
- 16. Clark's girlfriend
- 17. 3-D illusion
- 18. Wooden martial arts actor?
- 20. Diet busters
- 22. Inner city area
- 23. The Simpsons barkeep
- 24. "... long, long ____"
- 25. Sanford and ____
- 26. Wooden hotel heiress?
- 31. After, but before ski
- 32. "O" may open it
- 33. Acts sheepish?
- 37. "Agreed!"
- 38. Feudal drudges
- 40. "Nay" sayer
- 41. Act like a bear
- 42. A legume
- 43. Bank exam
- 44. Wooden Men in Black actor?
- 47. 1972 Nixon host
- 50. "Happy Days" diner
- 51. 6-pointers
- 52. Spinning
- 54. "No kidding"
- 59. Wooden detective?
- 61. Clock watcher
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- 63. "Warm"
- 64. City NNE of Paris
- 65. Stone and Stallone
- 66. Ice cream brand
- 67. Attempt Everest

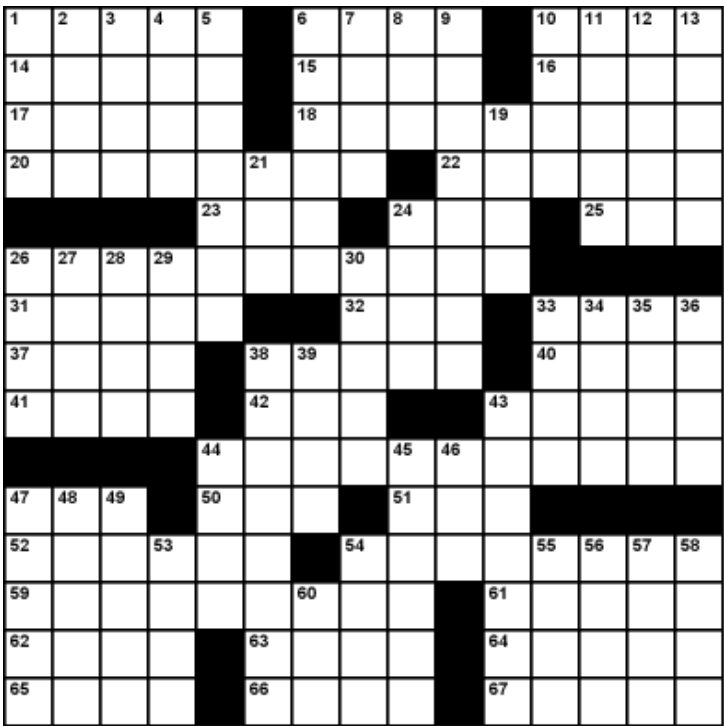
Down

- 1. Big name in piracy
- 2. "Aha, now ____"
- 3. Baby seats?
- 4. Back muscles
- 5. Frameworks
- 6. Big Dutch export
- 7. Boston ____
- 8. "Always" to a poet
- 9. Cuddles up
- 10. Avoiding the draft?
- 11. Manning's team
- 12. "Would I ____ You?"
- 13. Ointment label words
- 19. Bok ____
- 21. '73 plaintiff
- 24. Left half of the home keys
- 26. Certain clan kids
- 27. Shakespeare in Love prop
- 28. Big exam
- 29. 1994 Foster film
- 30. Aesop's lesson
- 33. Creator of Oz
- 34. "The King ____"
- 35. "Look ____ this way"
- 36. "Revenge of the ____" ("Star Wars" film)
- 38. Mike Hammer's creator
- 39. Conger and moray
- 43. Bombards
- 44. Affectionate
- 45. Aquatic animals

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Crossword 101

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- 46. Dict. entries
- 47. Cass & others
- 48. "Where there's ____"
- 49. Anthem start
- 53. MSN and AOL
- 54. "Now ____ me down..."
- 55. Abbr. on a bank door
- 56. "... and to ____ good-night"
- 57. Biology topic
- 58. Ash and a hint to 18A, 26A, 44A and 59A
- 60. Bi or mo ending

Quotable Quote

It's not so important who starts the game but who finishes it.

... John Wooden

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. MOVIES: In what Disney movie was Earth referred to as "Section 17, Area 51"?
- 2. MUSIC: What does the musical direction "subito" mean?
- 3. ACRONYMS: What does B.P.O.E. stand for?
- 4. SCIENCE: What term describes a plant's involuntary tendency to grow toward light?
- 5. TELEVISION: What popular 1970s TV show featured a news writer named Murray Slaughter?
- 6. COMMUNICATION: What is the code word for the letter "V" in international radio alphabet?

- 7. COMICS: Who was The Green Hornet's sidekick?
- 8. U.S. STATES: Which of the United States has the nickname "Old Dominion State"?
- 9. RELIGION: Who was the founder of the Methodist Church?
- 10. HUMAN ANATOMY: What is a more common name for the nares?

- 1. Lilo and Stitch
- 2. Suddenly
- 3. Benevolent and Order of Elks
- 4. Tropism
- 5. The Mary Tyler Show
- 6. Victor
- 7. Kato
- 8. Virginia
- 9. The Rev. John Wesley
- 10. Nostrils

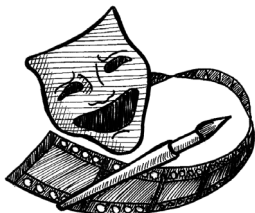
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Last week's answers

Weekly SUDOKU

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Arts Calendar

•Highline students can get free tickets to the Tacoma Opera Student Night, Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Rialto Theatre in Tacoma.

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 must arrive at least 15 minutes before curtain time

or they will not be allowed in the theater until intermission. Interested students should contact Dr. Sandra Glover at sglover@highline.edu or in person in Building 4, room 102.

•Burien Little Theatre presents Late 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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by Linda Thistle

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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. Being of average height and weight, with slightly wavy,

brown hair and the scruffy beginnings of a 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



Keane

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.

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 Café 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



Carly Henley performs at the Hard Rock Cafe in Seattle.

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 Carly Henley Project was started on Kickstart, an online fund-raising site on Oct. 19 at 5 p.m. By 11 a.m. the next morning, they had already raised more than \$9,000.

The Henley family's goal was to aim to raise \$12,000 by Dec. 7 over a 50-day period. As of Oct. 26 the project raised over \$23,000 with 411 people donating.

"It's unbelievable. We didn't

expect this at all. The support is amazing," Blake Henley said.

The project's plan is to come out with three new CDs of Carly Henley's work.

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 encourage those who haven't to listen to Carly Henley's music and go to Kickstart 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/projects/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.



Carly Henley, Dede Henley-Norris, her mother, and sister Blake Henley.

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 upcoming 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, not long after Dr. Ben Thomas, the jazz music instructor, began teaching at Highline.



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Thomas Tobin Jr. plays the guitar at Jazz Club.

Jean-Baptiste does not have high hopes for the club, with this year being his last at Highline.

"Once I leave, I don't know

what's going to happen to it, it's out of my hands. But if things continue the way they are going, I don't see Jazz Club starting anytime soon again."

Jazz Club is one club that is dependent upon the level of musicianship of the students involved.

It is based upon passion and dedication in order for the club to be successful and move from being a club to a band, Jean-Baptiste said.

"It takes dedicated musicians to want to excel in this, to really give high productivity and high product out of this club to where you're learning a lot," he said.

The club has its fair share of bass players, drummers, and pianists, but the one area they are lacking in is horn players.

"I've never had a single year with no 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.

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.

Allen Braden, the author of *A Wreath of Down and Drops of Blood*, came back to Highline to read selections of his works on Thursday, Oct. 21.

Coming back to Highline

was like visiting a part of his past, he said.

He was a part-time English professor at Highline for a few years in the '90s and now works at Tacoma Community College.

Braden was first published at the age of 14.

In college he fell in love with poetry, Braden said, the rhythm, the rhymes, and the point of view it provided.

"I hope to go back some

day," Braden said about writing fiction.

Most of his poetry comes from past events in his life.

Growing up in a small town in Eastern Washington, he and his friends had to come up with their own entrainment, 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 in-

spiration, go through a magazine or a family album," 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.



Braden

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 you know they shouldn't open, it's dramatic but also distant. When you play a video game, you often have to personally initiate the action that opens the (sometimes literal) door to hell.

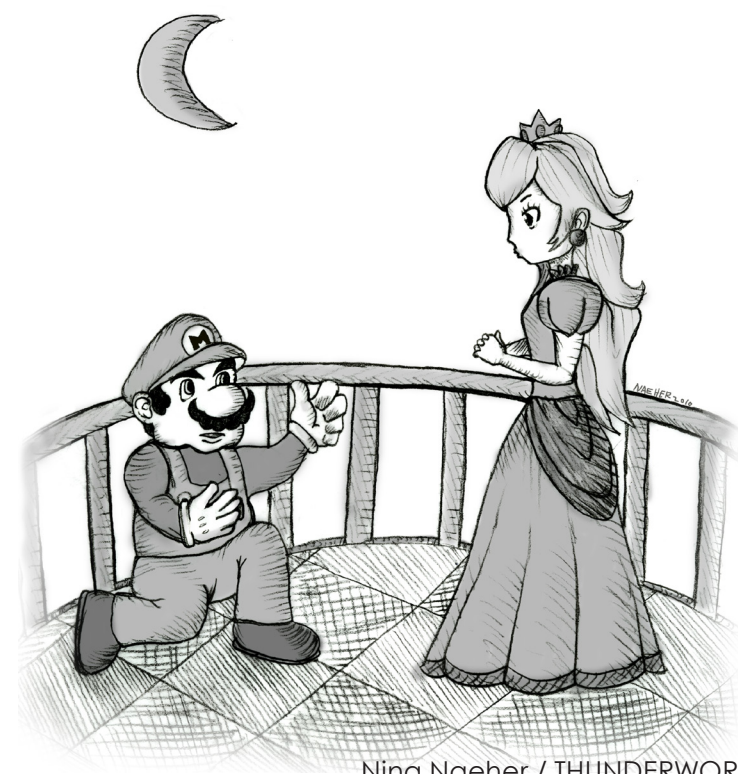
The story may not give you the option to ignore the door—

much as a protagonist in a movie may have no choice but to move forward—but unlike in a movie or a book, you choose when it opens. You become complicit, and subconsciously responsible, for the fear you feel later.

One game I've played that I can never stop analyzing is *Silent Hill 2*. *Silent Hill 2*, released in 2001, is a very graphically violent survival horror game. It also has the kind of subtext and emotional effect that many (if not most) novels and movies never achieve.

The story follows James, who believes he has received a letter from his dead wife telling him to find her in the city of Silent Hill. There he encounters horrifying monsters, some of which try to attack him and others that attack each other. The game, despite its context, doesn't focus on combat. Players are more likely to avoid injury and survive if they simply run away instead of trying to violently engage the game's creatures.

It is also 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,



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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 be consumed by it, committing suicide out of guilt and grief.

Or he can suppress it, leaving *Silent Hill*, but not the guilt or its hell-narrative, behind.

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 results 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.



Halloween Happenings

Halloween party promises to be hell

By **EVA ZHANG**
Staff Reporter

Highline is going to host a free Halloween party and will include food and drinks on Saturday, Oct. 30.

The event will be from 7-11 p.m. in the Student Union.

Tanokura Yuta, the main host of Halloween party said, "The theme for the Halloween party this year is Hell, and will have a lot 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.

Frightening venues await you

By **KANDI CARLSON**
Staff Reporter

Several places are looking to help you face your fears. Haunted and horror opportunities are abundant this weekend, but there are a few stand-outs.

•The Scrap Yard Massacre - You will have to travel the distance but it is worth it if you are looking for true terror this Halloween. They offer real guts and gore; I will leave it up to your imagination. Admission is \$15 with a \$1 discount available if you donate a can of food. It is open Friday through Sunday from 7:30-10 p.m. It takes place inside the fences of the BelFair

Auto Wrecking Yard located at 25603 N.E. State Route 3, BelFair.

•STAR 101.5 - Ultimate Haunted Hospital- Located in the abandoned Seattle General Hospital, this haunt is the talk of the town this year. You will be given a pair of 3-D glasses to wear as you tour the different floors. Admission costs \$9 with a \$1 discount available if you donate a can of food. It is open Friday through Sunday from 7-10 p.m. The hospital is located at 401 Northeast Northgate Way in Seattle.

•The Fright on 44th - This is a local home and the homeowner, known only as Matthew, provides all the thrills and chills. Admission is free. This fright is only open on Halloween from 6:30-9:30 p.m. This fright is located at 5036 44th Ave. Smith St., Seattle.

•KUBE93 Haunted House- Children under the age of 12 are not recommended to attend this fright. Admission is \$15. This haunt is open every day until Halloween from 6 p.m. to midnight. It is located at 5000 E. Marginal Way S., Seattle.

•Dark Hallow Haunted Forest - If you are looking for something a little different, this is for you. It is not recommended for children under 10. Admission is \$15 with a \$1 discount available if you donate a can of food. It is open Thursday and Halloween from 7-10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 7-11 p.m. The forest is located in the Royal Arch Park at 20021 Renton Maple Valley Highway S.E., Maple Valley.

•The Museum of Fright - The Museum of Flight is offering family-friendly frights. Dancing, storytelling treats and games are offered for the entire family. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for youth 5-17 and children under 4 are free. Frights only take place on Friday, Oct. 29 and it is open from 4-8 p.m. The museum is located at 9404 E. Marginal Way S., Seattle.

Most venues are taking donations for local foodbanks in order to receive a discount.

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 because 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



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Children carefully selecting their pumpkins from the Carpinito Brothers pumpkin patch for Halloween.

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.



Christina Gramling/Thunderword
Pumpkins at Carpinito Brothers Farm

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 3104 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 can also 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 family 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 age 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 6868 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.

Carnival promises Des Moines residents fun and thrills for the entire family

By **CHRISTINA GRAMLING**
Staff Reporter

This year the Des Moines Halloween Carnival will be a thrill at the Haunted Castle at the Landmark on the Sound.

For the sixth year the Des Moines Food Bank and the Landmark Event Center will host the event Oct. 31 at 23660 Marine View Dr. S.

The suggested cash donation is \$5

for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under or equivalent non-perishable food items. All of the proceeds will go to the Des Moines Food Bank.

The spooky fun will go from 6:30 -9 p.m.

Volunteers from the City of Des Moines, Alaska Airlines and Landmark on the Sound will put on an all ages carnival and haunted walk where guests can seek out the resident ghost, George.

George is said to have lived and died on the fifth floor many years ago. "A few staff members claim run-ins with George," said Amber Fish, event coordinator for the Landmark.

Guests are encouraged to take the haunted elevator ride to the fifth floor and take a spooky walk back down a dark ramp. Last year 1,050 people took the walk, raising more than \$700 cash and 2,000 pounds of food for the food bank, Fish said.

The carnival room will include Halloween-themed games and activities for kids of all ages and treats for everyone.

Families are encouraged to join the fun and donate to the Des Moines Food Bank this Halloween.

The more food donations that you are able to bring, the more families the Des Moines Foodbank will help.

T-Bird Men extend winning streak to six

Highline upsets second place Bellevue, 2-1

By **WILLIAN 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 to win on the road against such a strong team. "We were all pumped up because it was the second place team. We let some points slip so we really needed

these points to better our play-off position," Bodle said.

Highline's win over Bellevue has the men remaining in a tie for third place with Tacoma.

Highline played Peninsula Wednesday, Oct. 27, with results unavailable at press time.

The Thunderbird men are gearing up for their rematch against Tacoma this weekend.

The last time the T-Birds played the Titans the game finished even at 1-1. Both teams scored beautiful goals in a very tightly contested match.

"We need 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, having strung 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 play-offs," 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 Auburn Riverside who competes at 157, and Kyle Stultz, 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 with what we have," 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 Stulz 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



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

to prepare them for their first meet next week, Norton said.

"Our focus so far has been conditioning," he said. "Team-

wise 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."

"We run a difficult wrestling room and the freshmen aren't always used to it. They aren't used to the practice hab-

its and there is a lot more live wrestling, condition and college wrestlers are a lot more physical. It takes some time to adjust," Norton said.

With Highline's first meet Friday, Nov. 5 in Coeur D'Alene, Norton plans on gauging where the team is and working towards improving, he says.

"I don't want to make a habit of losing. We have to keep things in perspective even though we are shooting for the end of the year," he said. "We want to pick up as many wins as possible through the season, but our main goal remains constant: improve throughout the year and we should."

While the overall team goal is to be complete and improve 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 its 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 Friday, Dec. 10.

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Highline midfielder Kayla Berg clears the ball down field against Green River.

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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 37th 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 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 Green River 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 adver-

sities 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 that shouldn’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 down to the last games. 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.”

the Scoreboard				
Men's Soccer				
NORTH	LEA	PTS	SEA	
Shoreline	4-4-2	14	4-7-2	
Whatcom	4-5-1	13	5-7-2	
Edmonds	4-6-0	12	4-7-1	
Sk.Valley	2-5-2	8	6-5-4	
Everett	1-7-2	5	1-10-3	
EAST				
Col. Basin	8-0-2	26	10-2-3	
Tr. Valley	6-2-2	20	7-5-3	
Spokane	5-2-2	17	8-4-4	
Walla Walla	5-3-2	17	8-4-2	
Wen. Valley	2-7-1	7	4-8-1	
WEST				
Peninsula	7-2-1	22	9-2-3	
Bellevue	7-3-0	21	10-3-1	
Highline	4-3-2	14	8-3-2	
Tacoma	4-4-2	14	6-5-2	
Olympic	2-5-3	9	2-7-3	

SOUTH				
	LEA	PTS	SEA	
Clark	6-1-3	21	8-2-4	
Chemeketa	6-1-2	20	12-2-2	
Pierce	3-4-3	12	4-5-5	
SW Oregon	2-8-0	6	2-11-0	
S.P. Sound	0-10-0	0	1-14-0	
Woman's Soccer				
NORTH				
	LEA	PTS	SEA	
Everett	8-2-1	25	10-3-1	
Edmonds	6-4-1	19	7-4-3	
Shoreline	4-6-1	13	6-6-1	
Whatcom	3-7-1	10	6-8-1	
Sk.Valley	0-9-1	1	0-12-1	
EAST				
Walla Walla	9-0-2	29	13-0-2	
Col. Basin	6-2-3	21	7-5-3	
Spokane	5-3-3	18	8-3-3	
Yak. Valley	5-4-2	17	5-4-2	
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Wen. Valley	2-9-0	6	3-10-0	

WEST				
	LEA	PTS	SEA	
Bellevue	8-1-2	26	10-2-2	
Highline	6-3-2	20	7-4-2	
Peninsula	4-4-3	15	4-6-4	
Tacoma	4-5-2	14	4-7-2	
Grn. River	4-6-1	13	4-8-1	
Olympic	1-8-2	5	3-9-2	
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Green River 1, Olympic 0				
Walla Walla 5, Treasure Valley 0				
Volleyball				
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Clark	5-4	.556	11-16	
Centralia	3-5	.375	5-21	
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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, Carol 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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Cory Sun/THUNDERWORD

Leini Tukutau, right, shoots a lay up. The team, above listens to instructions from their coaches at a recent practice.

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 to not 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 non-league 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 scrimmaging Oct. 30, the preseason Nov. 20 at the Clackamas Thanksgiving Invitational and league play Jan. 3 against South Puget Sound.

Volleyball moves into second place

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.

Highline took on Green River on Wednesday, Oct. 20 winning in four games: 25-18, 25-14, 17-25, 25-20.

Captain Davina 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 their 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.

Highline also won Friday's Oct. 22 match against Pierce in four games, 25-19, 23-25, 26-24, 25-21.

The first time that Highline played Pierce they beat they them in straight sets.

"Everyone is stepping up their game, it's not that we got worse just that the pressure is on and teams are getting better... we need to start going all out,

no mercy," she said.

Fuiava said she wants the team to work on consistency in their upcoming games.

"We can't expect teams to lose, we need to beat them," she added.

Highline only has four more league games before NWAACC and with their current standing will make it there.

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.

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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 it's culture.

The men's basketball team has a rich tradition of winning, with four NWAACC titles over the past 17 years. However, last year was far from what's expected of Highline. Men's basketball Coach Che 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.

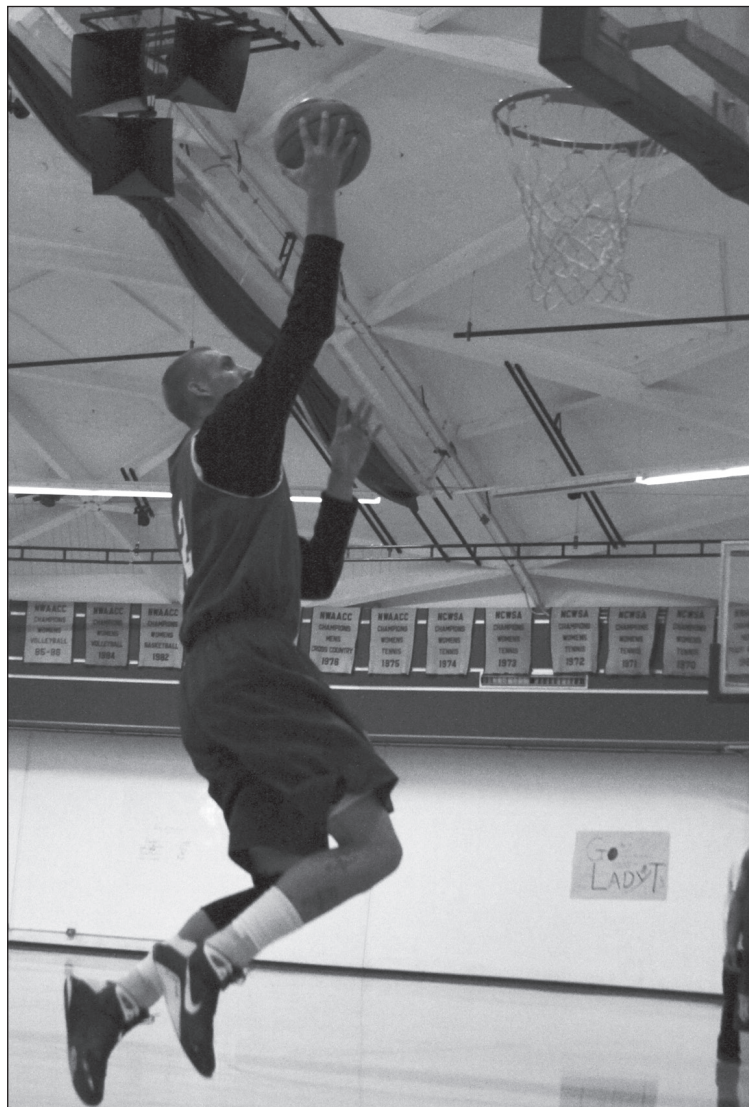
"A lot of guys didn't take pride in the way they did things last year," Dawson said. "They just couldn't grasp the concept of being a part of something bigger than themselves. So this year they are no longer apart of the team."

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 his 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 reutrn from last season: guard Stephan Reinheart, who was first-team All-Metro league at Bishop Blanchet High School; post



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

player Jon Morine, of Mt. Rainier High School; and the pride of Auburn's Mountain View High School, guard Jerome Bland.

At this point in the offseason the roster has not yet been made official by Coach Dawson as he continues to get the players to buy into the new team mantra.

However, Dawson says that he has high hopes for this team and believes this team has the talent to improve.

"I expect this team to be one of the best defensive teams we've had. We are quick, deep and strong," Dawson said. "We need to continue developing a sense of what it takes to consistently win at this level, namely attention to detail, focus and mental preparation."

"I expect this team to maxi-

mize its potential. This team has the potential to be very successful in the win column," Dawson added.

Dawson says that the team has worked hard to prepare for the season by weight lifting and doing individual drills.

But work done on the court isn't the only thing Dawson focuses on. Having the players hit the books is just as important, Dawson says. He believes that it's paramount for the overall success of the team.

Highline doesn't begin the season until Decemeber, but will be hosting its annual intrsquad scrimmage, The Green and White game on Nov. 5 at 3 p.m. at the Pavilion. Highline scrimmages Bellevue, Thursday, Nov. 11.

five years partnered with 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.

Runners ready for regional championship

By **EMILY HUYNH**
Staff Reporter

Highline's cross country team will be competing once more before the NWAACC 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 NWAACC 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 then 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. "Newcomer 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 real-

ly 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 NWAACC all season, she said.

"I have seen my athletes work hard, buy into my system, which is far from the tradition-



Plypick

al 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 NWAACCS."

"Everyone has bought 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 a lot 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 NWAACC 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 Programs and WorkFirst services.

Last year, the women's basketball team raised \$1,000 with donations alone. The goal is to see if they can raise as much as last years total or even top that amount, Munro said.

"This game has been played for over 20 years but the proceeds went to various causes in the past. It has been at least

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.

Science Seminar is a weekly event, featuring Highline faculty who present topics in their fields of expertise.

Neanderthal gets its name from the Neander Valley in Germany where some of the first remains were found.

"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 dol-

lars 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.

"Also from the DNA samples it was found that most of them had fair skin and red hair, looking more Norwegian," he said.

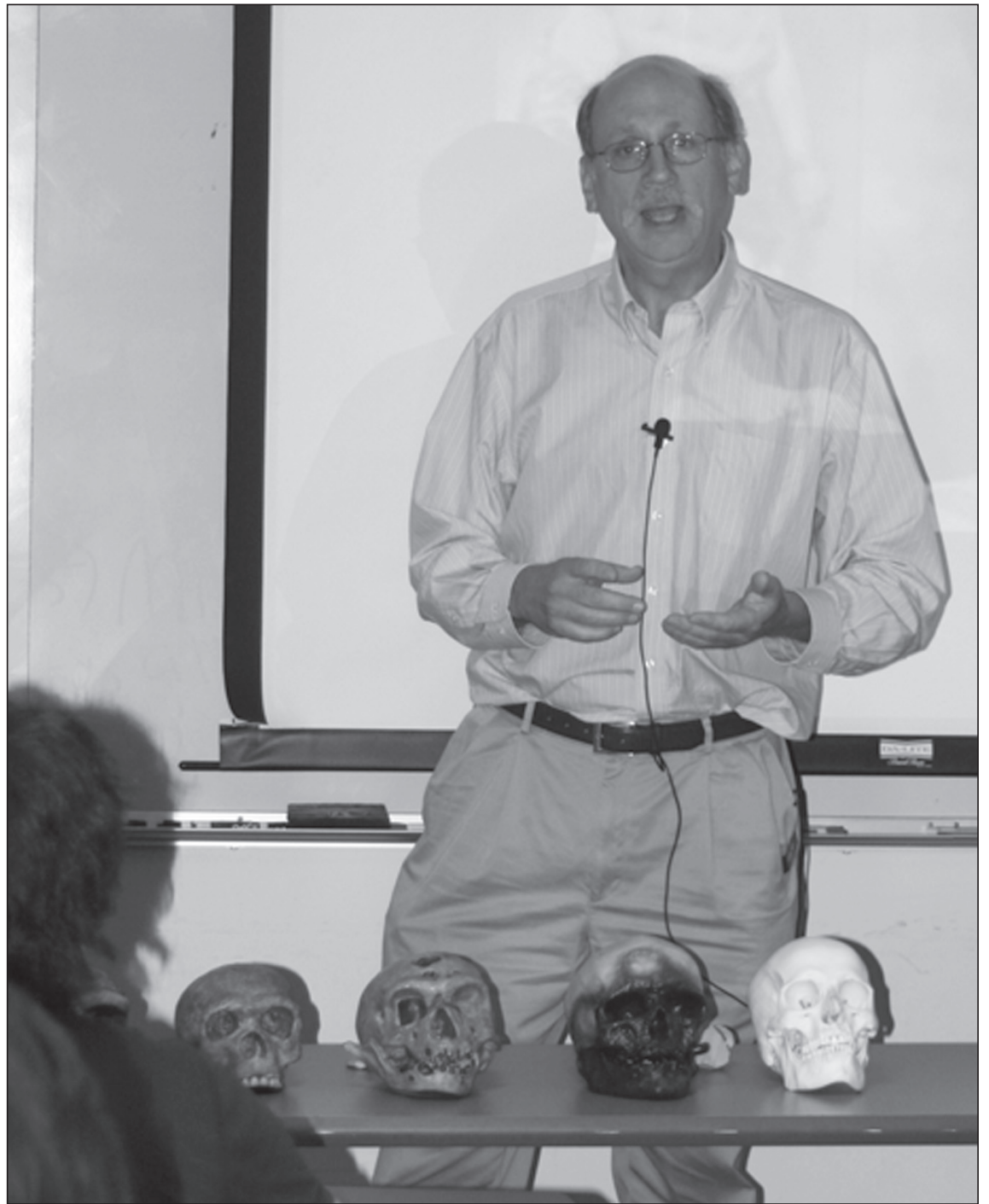
Aside from physical appearance, other discoveries have been made. There have been shells and painted animal teeth found in caves in areas close to skeletal discoveries of Neanderthal remains.

They didn't show many advances in their way of thinking or technology.

"I find the most interesting question to be: Where did they go?" Somer said.

Scientists are continuing research to find out the reasons for the disappearance of the Neanderthals. They suspect that the severe temperature changes and ice ages could have been a reason. Also their lack in advancement and technology could have kept them from adapting and surviving.

Carla Whittington, Highline geology instructor, will speak on dinosaur fossil discoveries



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

made during her trip to Utah on Friday, Oct. 29.

To find out more information on future Science Seminars or watch videos of past events, visit flightline.highline.edu/scienceseminars. It is held in Building 3, room 102 from 2:20 to 3:10 p.m.

BSU club awaiting certification

By **MICHAEL McDONALD JR.**
Staff Reporter

The Black Student Union is currently waiting to receive official club certification from the Student Government.

Club President Angel Nalagon represented the Black Student Union at a meeting that was held on Tuesday, Oct. 26. Certification is expected soon.

The group is one of the oldest student organizations on campus.

The vision of the Black Student Union is to encourage men and women of African heritage to become positive role models, its members say.

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.

The mission of the club is to build and maximize participation among students on campus, working as a whole to improve the welfare of our communities.

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.

The essence of union is to provoke productive discussion, Vice President Thomas Tobin Jr. said.

"We have the means to expand to difference areas such as outreach programs like blanket drives and fund raisers to be a positive entity of the community," Tobin said.

He encourages new membership.

Tobin said the goal of the

Black Student Union is to give people the medium to express their opinions.

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

"The club is a motivating factor that gives a person a good sense of belonging and the experience that you can take with you throughout life," Tobin said.

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 highlinebsu@gmail.com.

The Black Student Union is constantly looking for and encouraging fresh new members and volunteers.

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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 “fidfad” 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 fad products die out 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, coonskin caps 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 Furbys. Lastly, this century has had Spongebob, iPods, 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,” “homo” and “fag” 26 times in a day, 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 heterosexism. 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 aware-

ness of various communities; promote a safe place for students, staff and faculty of diverse backgrounds; interrogate 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, but he says our society should build acceptance. “The problem with tolerance is that it’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



Gwen Spencer

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 which 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 signed a contract saying they understand,” she said.

The appeal process adds 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 are in 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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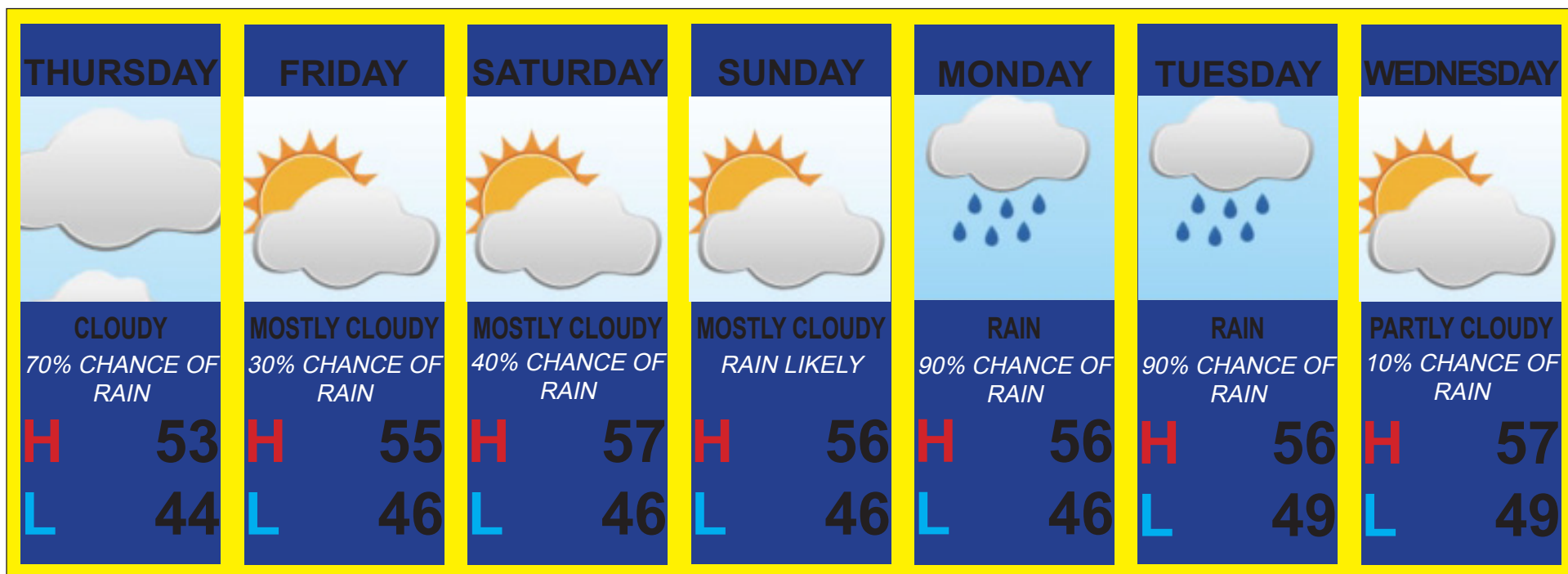
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Weather

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ing much more snow compared to last year's El Niño winter, Higley said.

"El Niño gives us warmer, drier years," he said.

The snowfall will be above normal, especially in the mountains.

The likelihood of seeing more snowfall than last year is very probable, Mass said.

The cycles of El Niño and La Niña tend to last three to seven years, so two years from now we will no longer be experiencing a La Niña.

However, the outlook for next year's winter is not clear, Mass said.

Depending on the combination of the temperature and rainfall, this winter may also be potentially bad winter for flooding.

With 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 that 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.

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others.

Many students said that 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.

Chorale selling wreaths to pay for trip

The Highline Chorale is selling holiday wreaths and decorations in hopes of being able to accept an invitation to perform in New York City in May 2011.

For more information, or to

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

Many students say that something should be done to help prevent bullying in society, but add that bullying likely will always occur.

"No matter what the circumstance, there will always be that one person who feels the need to belittle someone else," Highline student Nathaniel Padre said.

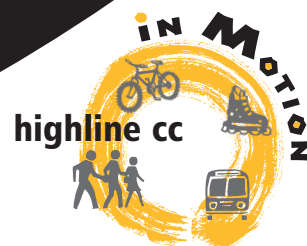
place an order, contact Dr. Sandra Glover at sglover@highline.edu or call 206-878-3710, ext. 6170. The Chorale also continues to seek more singers for its current season.

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