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# Eyman tries to cement anti-tax measure again

By HIEN HONG  
Staff Reporter

Come November, Washington voters will decide whether to reinstate a requirement of a supermajority to raise taxes and fees.

If Initiative 1185 is approved, legislative actions pertaining to raising taxes could only be approved either with a two-thirds majority vote of the Legislature or through a simple majority of the people’s vote. Tax exemptions, however, would only require a majority vote for approval.

“Voters have said that if the

government is taking more of the voters’ money, it should be tougher [for them to do so], and [raising taxes] should be the last resort,” said Tim Eyman, co-sponsor of I-1185.

Voters have approved initiatives similar to I-1185 four times in the past; in 1993, 1998, 2007 and 2010.

In 2010, 64 percent of voters approved Initiative Measure No. 1085, which also required either a two-thirds vote or the majority vote of the people in order to raise taxes.

“[It’s] an emphatic message that voters want this policy,” Eyman said.

However, “In 2010, the Legislature suspended the two-thirds requirement.” said Eyman.

“They went hog-wild and didn’t debate on whether to raise taxes, but which ones to increase,” he said.

As a result, it led to a \$6.7 billion tax increase.

Voters don’t like that the Legislature does not prioritize taxes, Eyman said. “They [the voters] prefer reforms.”

“[Taxing should be] a last resort, not a first resort,” said

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# Budget balancing act

By JOSH NELSON  
Staff Reporter

Highline’s operating budget is a balancing act between state funding, student tuition and fees, and local funding.

As such, decreased state funding is causing the college more and more to rely on tuition and local funding.

Lisa Wolcott and Larry Yok are responsible for preparing and presenting the college’s operating budget each year, the budget is proposed to Highline’s Board of Trustees, and this year’s budget of \$37,741,975 was approved on Sept. 20.

State allocated funds for Highline have decreased by more the \$4 million since the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

“It’s all part of the state budgeting process,” said Yok, vice president of Highline’s administration. “There are certain parts of the state’s budget that they are obligated to pay for, but higher education is one place where they [legislators]

have room to move.”

In an attempt to mitigate budget shortfalls and the recent economic stress, the Legislature trimmed support for colleges state wide.

“But, they did not make further cuts to higher education last year,” said Wolcott. Something she and Yok attribute to community colleges taking more of a forefront in the media and political arenas.

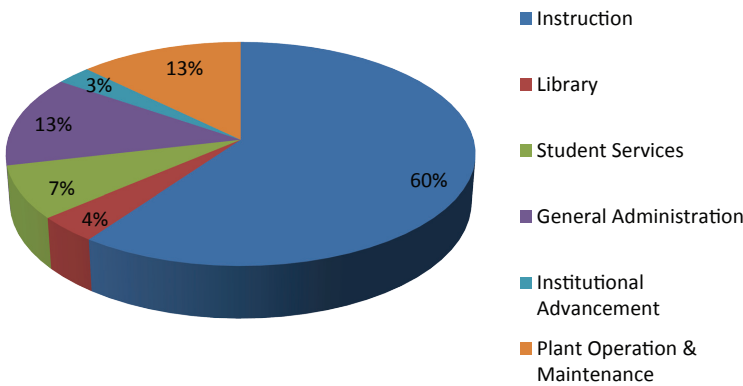
“The majority of the budget goes towards instruction,” said Wolcott, Highline’s budget manager. When the budget is broken down by division, Instruction and Instructional Support are responsible for \$22,622,992 of the fund.

While the college is able to pay its teachers, faculty has not seen a salary increase in the last three years.

Even so, in response to Highline’s reduction of state support, students have seen an

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Highline's General Fund Budget, shown by Division



Graphic by Lisa Wolcott

# Highline students give opinion on I-1185, mixed response

By THUNDERWORD STAFF

Highline students have mixed opinions about Initiative 1185, which would once again require a super majority vote of both houses of the Legislature to raise taxes and fees.

Currently the state has been invoking a clause allowing it to pass tax law on an “emergency basis” by a simple majority.

The Thunderword conducted an unscientific survey of the student body about the issue. Some students felt it would be better to require a super major-

ity.

“I think that a super majority would be great,” said student Evan Pitzner. “That way Democrats and Republicans would have to agree for something to pass.”

“A super majority would be better because it should

be everyone agreeing,” said Tommy Jracey, another student at Highline.

Ben Dumbache went a step further, “The state should have required a super majority from the beginning.”

“I think a super majority would be best,” said Austin

Harris. “Because that means more people have to be involved.”

Peter Bue, a student enrolled in the computer science program, said “A super majority is the better way. It carries more

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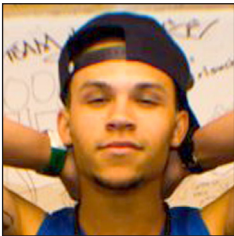
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This is the time of year when marine life gets stranded



P11

Lady T-Birds remain undefeated



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Highline's own hip-hop sensation





## Crime and Punishment

### Highline computers stolen from Building 16

Two Highline computers were reported stolen from Building 16. The first theft occurred on Oct. 6 and the second occurred on Oct. 8. Neither of the computers has been recovered.

### Ceramic statue stolen

A ceramic statue was reported stolen from Building 16 on Oct. 8. It has not been recovered.

### iPhone and keys are still in the lost and found

Several items were recovered last week and are still in the lost and found. An iPhone 4 was found in the gym. In Building 6, a Ford car key was found. To anyone who thinks the items belong to them, go to the Campus Security office on the first floor of Building 6.

### Cars needed jumpstart assistant in East lot

Two cars had to be jump-started by Campus Security. The first incident was on Oct. 8 and the second was on Oct. 9. Both incidents happened in the East parking lot.

### Fire started on campus

A fire was started by someone who dropped a cigarette on bark by Building 17 yesterday. The fire was quickly put out and did not injure anyone.

### Des Moines police could use help on hit and run

A hit and run collision happened at 22700 Block of Marine View Drive on Oct. 4. The victim was hit by a vehicle heading southbound on Marine View Drive when she stepped into traffic. The victim died two days later at Harborview Medical Center. According to the Des Moines Police Department, the possible suspect vehicle is a tan or yellow four-door, older model of Toyota with damage in the front. Anyone who has information on this hit and run can contact the police department at 206-878-3301.

-COMPILED BY HIEN HONG

# Highline students register to vote on campus

By **ERIKA WIGREN**  
Staff Reporter

Highline's Student Union was crowded last Thursday with students registering to vote for this year's presidential election.

The Student Union had three registration tables set up for online and mail-in voter registrations.

"Highline is a very special community with students from many different countries and different parts of the country," said Linda Golley, a volunteer county voter registrar.

"I have been a community activist for 35 years, and I feel that voting is the fundamental rock of a free society."

Golley, who works for the University of Washington Medical Center said she took Oct. 4 off work to register Highline students to vote.

"I am excited about helping students find their voice and giving them the chance to vote," Golley said.

Golley explained to students who were registering what they should expect with the voting process. Her husband, David McDougall was also there to help register students.



Joseph Park/Thunderword  
*Student Mira Dashkel registers to vote with the help of Doug McDougall, a volunteer registrar in the Highline's Student Union.*

"It's my civic duty to vote, and to encourage others to vote," McDougall said.

Golley and McDougall collected the registrations at the end of the day and took them straight to the county elections office.

"Students can expect the ballots to arrive in the mail on the second or third week of October," Golley said.

"They will have about two to three weeks to mail them in before Nov. 6."

Student Rachelin Clement and Student Government President Raphael Pierre also volunteered on Thursday to

register students.

"Students have a choice on who the next president is," Clement said. "It is really exciting."

Most students who registered said they were mostly interested in the presidential election, rather than the initiatives.

Newly registered student Peter Han said that he feels it is his civic duty to vote.

"I care about some of the issues that are in this election, specifically on the presidential level," said Han.

"I feel it is our civic duty to vote, and people should vote."



### Visit Transfer Fair today

The Transfer Fair unfolds today in Building 8 on the first floor between 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

The fair will feature admissions office representatives from more than 25 four-year universities, primarily from in-state institutions.

The representatives will have brochures and information for those interested in knowing more about how to transfer.

### Celebrate National Coming Out Day today

There is a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, Queer and Questioning, and Intersex allies social reception today in Building 2 from 11-1 p.m. in observance of National Coming Out Day.

Students, staff and faculty are invited to come learn about the history of National Coming Out Day and ways to help students, staff and faculty come out. Allison Lau and Josh Magallanes from the Counseling Center will speak.

### Student representative to be selected for food services committee

The Student Body Government president Raphael Pierre will select a student representative for the Food Services Request for Proposal Committee by Tuesday.

Members of the committee will be working towards a new food vendor contract. Highline's contract with the current food vendor, Chartwells, will end at the end of the year.

The student representative that is selected will be expected to go to meetings every other week for a year. For those interested in becoming a student representative, contact Pierre at [rpierre@highline.edu](mailto:rpierre@highline.edu) or call 206-878-3710 ext. 3215.

### Ramp reconstruction causes water disruption

Water service to Building 21 was disrupted on Oct. 3 when workers accidentally struck two un-marked water mains, forcing the shutdown of restroom facilities. Water service was restored on Oct. 5.

Workers are in the process of rebuilding ramps to the buildings 21 and 22 which complies with Americans with Disabilities Act regulations for wheelchair access. While the disruption was inconvenient for

students and faculty still using the building during construction, the disruption isn't expected to affect the completion date, which is sometime near Thanksgiving, said Facilities Project Manager Michael Dooley.

### No classes next Friday

Oct. 19 is Professional Development Day. There will be no classes.

### Corrections

Jean Munro of the Women's Program is the Program Coordinator/Advisor & Retention. Deana Rader is the director.

Due to a production error in the newsroom, the feature on Thunderweek did not print properly.

A corrected version will be posted online through the Library.



## WHAT'S NEW AT THE MaST CENTER?

Highline's MaST Center, located in Redondo, has lots going on if you are interested in your local environment.

**WATER WEEKEND** - Every Saturday from 10am to 2pm. Open FREE OF CHARGE to the public to view more than 100 local species in our aquarium.

**SCIENCE ON THE SOUND SPEAKER SERIES** - Saturdays throughout the month. Local scientists and environmental educators discuss the health of Puget Sound.

**LIVE DIVER** - 2nd Saturday of every month. Shows at 11 and noon.

**WORK STUDY OR INTERN OPPORTUNITY** - Work with the animals of Puget Sound while earning work study \$\$ or Intern credit! Contact [mast@highline.edu](mailto:mast@highline.edu)

**VOLUNTEER STEWARDS** - Most of the work at the MaST Center is done by our team of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering you can come and visit the Center, or e-mail us at [mast@highline.edu](mailto:mast@highline.edu)





## ‘Clothesline Project’ and domestic violence workshop will focus on aiding victims

By **KIYA DAMERON**  
Staff Reporter

Domestic violence is the focus next week for two events next week sponsored by Women’s Programs and WorkFirst Services.

T-shirt painting to pay homage to victims of domestic violence will highlight the



Munro

Women’s Programs Clothesline Project on Oct. 16-17. Coordinated by Women’s Programs and WorkFirst Services, the

event runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days in Building 6 in front of Women’s Programs offices on the lower level.

“All students are invited to pay homage to those who have lost their lives to domestic violence and to encourage those enduring it now to gain the necessary resources to get out to safety,” Jean Munro, the WorkFirst coordinator and Women’s Programs adviser, said.

Possible t-shirt messages include encouraging and inspirational words or phrases.

Munro said, “After shirts are displayed students can come back and get their shirts to take home.”

Shirts already paying homage to domestic violence victims are already on display



Last year, student Bradley Nelson, above, painted a shirt that would later be hung in Building 6 along with others painted by staff and students.

in Building 6.

Also on Oct. 16, the Women’s Program will conduct a Domestic Violence 101 workshop with an advocate from DAWN- Domestic Violence Abuse Women’s Network from 11a.m.-1p.m. in Building 26 room 213.

This workshop focuses on recognizing domestic violence, reading key scenarios and learning about available resources.

Munro said that it basically tells people how to get help if they need it.

According to thefreediction-

Erika Wigren/THUNDERWORD

ary.com, domestic violence is “any abusive, violent, coercive, forceful, or threatening act or word inflicted by one member of a family or household on another can constitute domestic violence.”

A lot of people believe that domestic violence is only

physical and that’s not the case said Munro.

She said that domestic violence is any way one person may have control over another.

An example of this may be over-texting or over-calling by someone, if they call or text an excessive amount and want to know where someone is, what they’re doing and who they’re with all the time, can be a form of domestic violence.

Both men and women assault each other, it’s not just one sided.

No less than 35 percent of domestic violence victims are male victims, according to the National Coalition For Men. And according to domesticviolencestatistics.org, “every nine seconds in the United States a woman is assaulted or beaten.”

Although women are the more common victims of domestic violence, statistics on men are harder to find because many men do not report domestic violence whether out of shame or other reasons.

According to domesticviolencestatistics.org, “Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women—more than car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined.”

And that “studies suggest that up to 10 million children witness some form of domestic violence annually.”

Visit [womenswkfirst.highline.edu/index.php](http://womenswkfirst.highline.edu/index.php) for more information.

## Campus welcomes Chinese teacher Wenjie Hu from Shanghai for Fall

By **MARQUES DINAPOLI**  
Staff Reporter

A new instructor from Highline’s sister school in China, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, has arrived on campus to teach Chinese language courses.

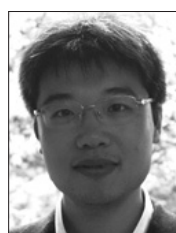
Wenjie Hu, a professor of English and English translation at Shanghai Jiao Tong University, is teaching the Chinese 121 and 221 classes this Fall Quarter.

Hu is here as part of an exchange program between the two schools which aims to share language and cultural aspects.

Hu said he will be here for Fall Quarter only.

A new teacher will take his place for Winter Quarter, followed by a new teacher in Spring Quarter.

“It’s a nice campus. It’s quiet, peaceful and the people are very diverse. Also, the



Wenjie Hu

Chinese food on campus is acceptable,” Hu said, jokingly.

Hu’s classes will primarily focus on the Chinese language, but as with any language class, emphasis will also be placed on the culture and customs.

According to Hu, the Chinese language consists of eight distinct language groups.

Between these language groups there are at least 80 different, mutually unintelligible dialects, meaning that although someone may technically be speaking Chinese, someone else who speaks a different Chinese dialect won’t necessarily be able to understand them.

Hu said Seattle is different

and similar in some ways to his home.

“[Shanghai and Seattle] are much the same,” said Hu. “The way the buildings are built is very similar. Tall skyscrapers, magnificent buildings, the sports stadiums. Even the parking fees are similar.”

The major difference Hu noticed between the two cities was population.

Shanghai has a permanent population of more than 16 million people.

At different times of the year that number can jump to over 20 million Hu said.

Seattle has an average population of only 600,000 people.

The level of interest in the Chinese language has surpassed Hu’s expectations he said.

There are 25 students enrolled in the two Chinese 121 classes this quarter, Hu said.

## Preview

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**Editorial comment****First debate was yin vs. yang**

Both Presidential candidates laid out very different plans for the nation during the first 2012 Presidential debate.

The customary red and blue hues assigned to the Republican and Democratic parties can be taken at a deeper meaning when it comes to this debate.

Romney's red tie not only represented the traditionally more conservative of the two parties, but also seemed to set the mood for his arguments as he seemed more passionate and full of energy during the debate.

Obama, on the other hand, was more somber and unexcited throughout the first debate, which matched the energy of his blue tie very well.

Many view that Romney won the first Presidential debate because of this liveliness, and Obama's lack thereof, but not all of us see it that simply.

Not only was Romney passionate, but he was also rude by going over time in many of his segments and interrupting the President during his allotted time.

Romney's arguments also seem to be based less on economic problems and more on moral and social issues that may, or may not, be related.

From our viewpoint, Obama was the calm and polite victor of the debate. His plan is to stay the path which we have been on for the past four years. He has created a specific \$4 trillion reduction plan that is open for the public to view.

As a whole we were of mixed opinion, but a majority viewed Obama's calm mannerism as confidence and his attention to etiquette as a win.

We view the two candidates as the yin and the yang. Romney, the yang, is more passionate and overbearing with new ideas to shake things up, and Obama is the relaxed and patient yin.

Both fit together well and bring strong arguments and ideas to play, but in this competition only one can come out as champion.

Others among us judge the candidates by their ability to make change during their short time in office. Over the past four years, Obama has only added to the giant deficit facing our nation. As the governor of Massachusetts, Romney was able to enact change as needed and he has a five-step plan for reversing the deficit should he be elected President.

Romney wants to cut spending to any and all unneeded programs that add to the deficit. One of these programs would include public television. His reasoning is that even though he loves PBS, it is not worth borrowing money from China to pay for.

Romney returned to this plan over and over throughout the debate, but did not give any specifics as to how he hoped to accomplish it.

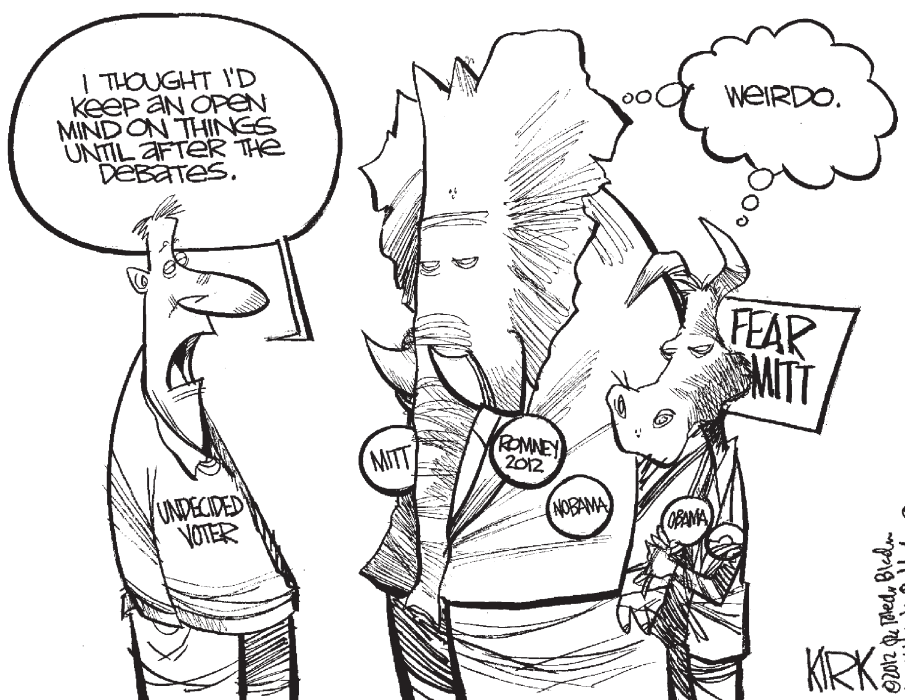
Obama's plan is detailed and specific, and includes the cutting of waste. His view of waste however, does not include PBS, which helps to educate children across the nation who may not have books to read.

Now is the time for the American people to make up their minds. Should we continue along the course that has already been laid out for us, or subscribe to a new plan to cut spending. Only the election can decide.

**Got something to say? Write to us**

Do you have something you want to say to the student body? The Highline Thunderword is asking for students to voice their opinions on what matters to them. We're accepting submissions in the form of letters and columns.

Letters to the editor should be about 200 words, columns should be no more than 600 words. Send submissions to thunderword@highline.edu by Monday for print on Thursday.

**Think deeper than just the skin**

Tattoos make up an estimated \$2.3 billion dollar industry in the United States that has grown dramatically in popularity over the past years.

Today about 40 percent of adults age 26-40 have at least one tattoo. This compares to a mere 10 percent of 40- 64-year-olds that have tattoos.

All statistics are from dailyfinance.com.

Although this form of self-expression has grown more and more popular in recent years, it are still not approved of by many.

"I feel like it's kind of sad in a society this very independent and based on the individual that it is looked down upon for people to express themselves," said Savanna Mackenzie, who works as an assistant manager of four Body Jewelry Plus locations in the area. "It is getting better and better, but a lot of people still don't accept it."

Mackenzie will soon have eight tattoos.

She has two tattoos on her shoulders, one on her upper back, one on her lower back, one on the back of her neck, one on each of her ankles, and one on her pinky finger. She says that, "all of them," are her favorites. She can't choose just one.

"The one on my upper right shoulder is a raven in stained glass form that has a fox and a moon inside of it," said Mackenzie. "It's my two animal spir-



**Commentary**  
**Micah Morrill**

its. The raven is my guiding spirit and the fox is my spirit. The moon represents my star sign, cancer."

The most popular places for tattoos are on people's arms and back, she said.

"People get stupid tattoos all of the time," Mackenzie said. "The funniest tattoo that I've seen tattooed on somebody by an artist who is a friend of mine was a block of cheese."

"My friend, the artist, took a picture of him and edited in two girls holding cheese behind him, cheese all over the picture, a crown on his head, and wrote in 'King of Cheese,'" she said laughing.

Tattoos may have become more popular, but does that mean they should be more accepted in society? Maybe all of the blocks of cheese and similarly stupid tattoos constitute enough of a reason for them to be looked down upon to some extent.

I'm not trying to bash self-expression, and I do think there are plenty of tattoos that are expressive and have good meaning and reasons behind them, but as a whole I believe that people need to think more before they get something permanently etched onto their body.

For every artistic, expressive, and genuinely cool tattoo there is in the world there are at least two "blocks of cheese."

If people want tattoos to be a more accepted form of self-expression, then there is going to have to be a lot less stupid tattoos.

I've heard way too many stories of people who have nothing to do on a Saturday night, so on a whim they decide to get a tattoo. Not only is this a waste of \$50 or more, but it is something you'll have to live with on your skin.

Tattoos are either with you for life or expensive and a pain to remove.

This spring I plan on backpacking through Europe and while I'm there I want to get my first tattoo. I want to do it then because that way it will be a special experience and I will be less tempted to get more tattoos without planning them out thoroughly.

I have been thinking about getting a tattoo for more than a year now. I want to get a quote from Ghandi, "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

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2. **MUSIC:** Which three-member '70s-'80s rock band had a

1978 hit with the title *Roxanne*?

3. **HISTORY:** Where did the Battle of Waterloo take place?

4. **SCIENCE:** What does a mycologist study?

5. **TELEVISION:** What was the name of the boyfriend in the *Gidget* surfing series?

6. **COMPUTERS:** What does it mean when you get the message

At The Zoo

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19 Stealthy one

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31 Pass with flying colors

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13 Judge Judy's home

20 Maverick

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25 Tubs

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28 Baseball killer

29 Cravat

33 New Haven landmark

35 Houston landmark

36 Camping equipment

37 Newts

39 Pittsburgh player

40 Cocktail party offering

41 Marilyn Monroe's birth name

46 Univ. of Wisconsin player

48 Dennis of the Bulls

49 Antiseptic

50 *Stars and Stripes* star

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53 Not a soul

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61 Game cube

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

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Quotable Quote

Man is a rational animal who always loses his temper when called upon to act in accordance with the dictates of reason.

• • • Orson Welles

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Arthurian wizard

2. "Blue Hawaii" actor

3. Rub clean

4. Substance

5. Pathway

6. Pursue

7. Bumper

8. Mason's block

9. Subsequently

10. Freezing cold

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7. **LANGUAGE:** What does the acronym "radar" stand for?

8. **LITERATURE:** When was *The Cat in the Hat* first published?

9. **TEAM SPORTS:** How many members does a cricket team have?  
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# Exploring the beauty of M.C. Escher's metamorphosis art



Sherry Holt/THUNDERWORD

*Ed Morris shows the audience M.C. Escher's art via powerpoint.*

By **SHON TORRES**  
Staff Reporter

M.C. Escher's art just grabs the eye.

There is math behind the wonders he created, and one just can't help but stare.

Ed Morris, a member of Highline's math instructors, has been staring for nine years trying to figure out the science and math behind the genius of Escher.

He shared his fascination at last Friday's Science Seminar.

"I have a great deal of empathy for what he did," said Morris.

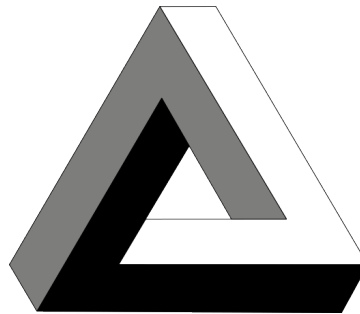
The basis of Escher's art is tessellation.

Tessellation is the effect of covering an entire surface with geometric shapes.

Morris showed how, if one trimmed a piece off of a shape and added it somewhere else on the piece, they could be fit all together in a way that makes patterns.

Escher's art is mostly woodcuts that show transitions and transformations that boggle the mind and eye.

Morris explained in detail



*Penrose Triangle*

that no one has come forward saying they know how Escher made his art or that he ever revealed how he made it.

Morris said "if he could figure out a pattern, he could figure out what to do with it," speaking of Escher.

Escher's work has been emulated by others.

The Penrose triangle was created by an artist inspired by Escher.

It's a triangle that looks 3D and one can't quite tell what the orientation is.

Escher created an image with water flowing up and falling down in response to the Penrose Triangle.

Morris explained parquet deformation as well, how removing part of a shape leads to transitions and metamorpho-

sis that play with the mind's perception.

Some of the basic shapes looked like old 8 bit graphics game characters from an Atari 2600.

Some of the transitions were done by not just making a mirror image, but by mathematically inverting the base image and creating images that looked like 3D moving shapes.

"I can't do it as well as he does it," Morris said as he showed how he tried to emulate Escher and try to recreate Escher's effects.

Morris said he started doing these pictures in 2003.

"It was kind of like peeking down the rabbit hole," Morris said.

He never knew how far he would fall.

As the seminar closed, he shared some of his own art.

He learned to make the pictures as he studied how Escher made his.

Morris said last Friday's Science Seminar was his last at Highline as he will be taking two quarters off then deciding if he will retire.

## If they're on the beach, they're still out of reach

By **REBECCA TRIPOLI**  
Staff Reporter

Stranded marine mammals and creatures have been washing up on the beach a couple of times a week at Redondo in Des Moines.

Every Saturday, at Highline's MaST Center, stranding teams and groups of volunteers gather to find stranded sea creatures that may be lying on the shore.

If the stranded creatures they find are dead, the teams try and figure out what the cause of death was.

Often times, the team does a necropsy on them.

"The ones that are most vulnerable are the harbor seals," said MaST Center Manager Rus Higley.

The seal pups are usually not even a year old and most likely were abandoned by their mother and left to fend for themselves, Higley said.

These creatures almost never survive.

"There have been 50 calls of strandings in the past month," Higley said.

People need to be very cautious when they see marine mammals or other creatures on the shore.

Many of the creatures die because humans or their pets encounter them.



MaST Center Stranding Team photo

*In 2009, a whale was found stranded on the Puget Sound shore. The bones of the whale are now on display at the MaST Center.*

Creatures that are in close contact with humans get very nervous and stressed and will die from the anxiety of human contact.

Citizens who see stranded creatures on the shore should stay at least 100 feet away.

Creatures can also die from a disease called brusella, which comes from dog feces.

Signs are posted along the Redondo board walk urging dog owners to scoop up after their animals.

Most of the creatures will

eventually go back into the ocean, unharmed, if left alone.

To contact the MaST Center on any stranded sightings by the Puget Sound, call 206-592-3135.

Those interested in volunteering for the stranding

teams can contact the MaST Center on Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. For more information, visit the Fish and Wildlife and marine stranding websites at fws.gov and marinemammalstrandingcenter.org.



# MADD as hell and out to walk it off

Local mother brings attention to her son killed by drunk driver

By ERIKA WIGREN  
Staff Reporter

This Saturday, Oct. 13, Seattle will be the home to a mass number of MADD mothers.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving, a non-profit grassroots organization, will be hosting its annual Walk Like MADD at the Seattle Center's Founder's Court.

MADD's mission is to raise awareness about drunk driving, to support and remember victims, to end drunk driving in the United States, and to prevent underage drinking.

According to walklikemadd.org, last year 10,839 people died in drunk-driving crashes - one every 50 minutes.

"Walk Like MADD is a really awesome way to get awareness out there," said Mary O'Toole Bobbitt of Federal Way, whose son, Nick Hodgins was killed by a drunk driver in June 2010.

"MADD wasn't in Washington until a few years ago, and they really bring people together for the same, meaningful cause. It offers a way to honor those whose lives were taken from them, while raising awareness."

On June 9, 2010, Decatur High School graduates Hodgins, Anthony Beaver and Derek King were coming home from a graduation celebration when a drunk driver, Alexander Peder, rear-ended them.

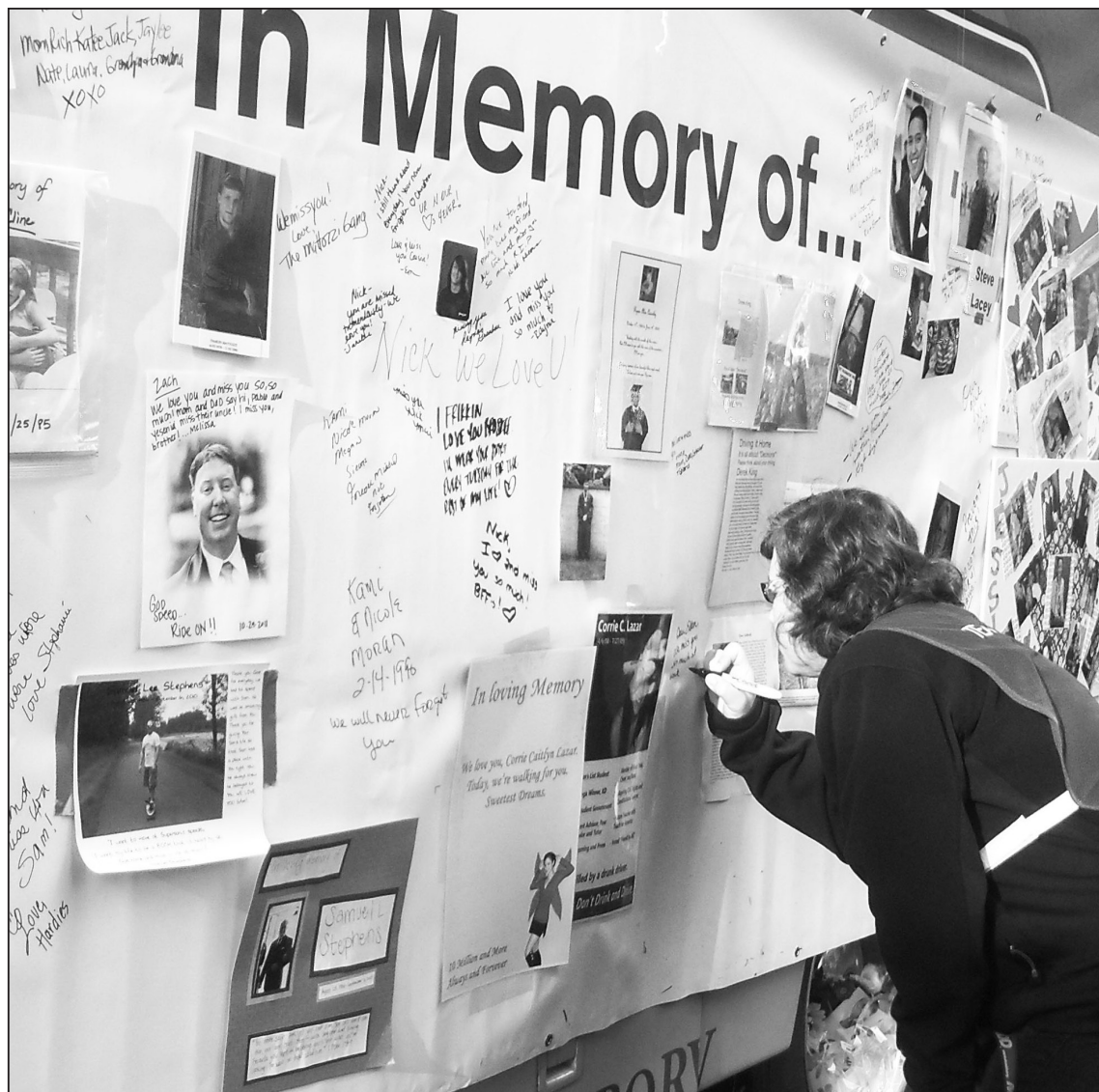
King, 18, was killed on impact and Hodgins, 18, died at Harborview Medical Center the next day.

18-year-old Beaver was treated at Harborview for injuries and later released.

"Nick [Hodgins] had went to Sky High as a last high school hurrah," said Bobbitt. "That night, we received a phone call from Harborview that he had been in an accident. We raced to the hospital, in hysterics, and we eventually were told by the doctors that he wouldn't survive."

Bobbitt and her husband made the decision that night to donate Hodgins' organs and allowed for friends and family to visit him and say a final goodbye.

"We didn't find out it was a drunk driver, or that he was in the same hospital, until later," Bobbitt said. "We also found out that he was going to get



Erika Wigren/THUNDERWORD

Last year's Walk Like MADD in Seattle had a poster with images of drunk driving victims. Friends and family wrote thoughts and letters besides the victims photos.



Mary O'Toole Bobbitt, left, lost her 18-year-old son Nick Hodgins to a drunk driver in June 2010.

only a short amount of time for killing Nick and Derek and permanently changing Anthony's life."

In May 2011, 51-year-old Peder was convicted of two accounts of vehicular homicide for the deaths of Hodgins and King, as well as a pair of two-year enhancements for two prior DUI-related convictions.

On the night of the accident, Peder's blood alcohol level was reported to be .16, double the legal limit.

Peder is serving 8.5 years in prison.

"I recently found out that Peder is appealing his sentence," Bobbitt said. "He recently filed paperwork and is fighting his two enhancements. If he is approved, he could get out next year, after only serving two."

Bobbitt and her family are working to change DUI laws in Washington and will continue to fight for changing the laws.

"Last year, we went to Olympia to get the laws changed. Now, the convicted time has doubled for vehicular manslaughter," Bobbitt said.

ton State Patrol, Davis Law Group and Washington's Injury Lawyers.

The overall goal for the Walk Like MADD Seattle event is to raise \$35,000, and they have currently already raised \$25,645.

"Anyone can volunteer to walk and donate. The money is needed to get things going. MADD has really done a lot of work and it is amazing what they have accomplished," said Bobbitt.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving serves a victim or survivor of drunk driving every nine minutes.

MADD offers support programs to help victims cope with their tragedy and loss at no charge, and legal support to victims as they go through the judicial process.

The organization also offers equipment to help local police forces better detect and arrest drunk drivers.

The program actively works with state and local legislators to adopt tougher laws against drunk driving and implements educational programs.

"At the walk, volunteers and walkers will be bringing and donating shoes to put along the walk area to signify those who can't walk for themselves," Bobbitt said.

Registration for the walk is at 8 a.m. at the Founder's Court, and the opening ceremonies will begin at 8:45, followed by the walk around 9.

"Nick's birthday is Oct. 14, the day after the walk. He would have been 21 this year," Bobbitt said.

To register and/or donate to Mothers Against Drunk Driving or Team Nick Hodgins, go to support.madd.org.

Last March 29, the Legislature unanimously passed House Bill 2216, which increases the prison sentence for Vehicular Homicide DUI from 31-41 months to 78-102 months, which is the same standard-range sentence for First Degree Manslaughter.

Bobbitt, as well as friends and family will be attending the walk in Seattle under Team Nick Hodgins.

There are also 30 other teams including the Washing-

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BY JOSH NELSON  
Staff Reporter

Whether expressing love, enshrining a memory, showing pride, or commemorating accomplishment, Highline faculty and students wear their emotions on their sleeves – or rather their skin.

Through a shift in the societal paradigm, tattoos are becoming more acceptable, breaking through both professional and personal boundaries.

“The norms in society are changing,” said Darryl Brice, a sociology instructor at Highline. “It wasn’t too long ago that women wearing pants was out of the ordinary.”

Brice, himself sporting a shoulder cap tattoo, also said that there are generational shifts like this all the time, that there is a constant struggle between normal and deviant behavior.



Jamie Kendall (lower left) celebrates the memory of her grandfather. Danny Hodge (far left) expresses her love and devotion to video games. Highline instructor Ben Thomas (left) showing his love of dance. A student that wishes to remain anonymous (top center) gives an example of a tattoo removal and cover-up in progress. Keith Schlyer (bottom center) demonstrates his pride for Seattle. Sociology instructor Darryl Brice (right page, middle) presenting an amalgam of memories and inspirations. Melissa Gibb (far right) showing off a tattoo she partly designed.

photos by Josh Nelson and Sherry Holt



“It’s kind of a tipping point,” he said. “Teaching isn’t really a conservative field, so there wasn’t a problem for me when it came to getting this job.”

However, Brice admitted that there are professions that may require one to cover up their ink. In those cases it is best to plan ahead and consider getting a tattoo in an area that is normally covered by clothing.

Regardless of professionalism, Brice said that his tattoo carries a lot of meaning. It consists of his school mascot, a family member’s name, and other aesthetic principles that help him express himself.

Brice isn’t alone in his perspective. Ben Thomas, a music instructor at Highline, is another member of the inked community. He sports tattoos on his left forearm and right upper-arm.

“I’ve devoted most of my life to music, and the vibraphone seemed it fit,” said Thomas. “I’m also addicted to dance, and I feel dance is the flip-side of music, so that’s why I have the other one.”

Thomas admitted that growing up around musicians for most of his life meant that seeing people with tattoos was almost normal. And as far as professionalism is concerned, he said it is important to understand one’s desired industry – and whether or not tattoos are acceptable.

“I know lawyers, teachers and even waiters. People from all walks of life, all with ink,” said Thomas. “But the choice is permanent, so it’s definitely something to consider.”

While Brice and Thomas see the issue from different perspectives, they both agree that there is more ink in their respective futures. A trend that is also reflected in a few Highline students.

Jamie Kendall, a returning Highline student, said that even though she already has tattoos there will be more to come. “I’ve got one to celebrate the memory of my grandfather, and a picture of my daughter Layla,” said Kendall. “But it’s not even a question of if, I’m getting more. I have so many ideas.”

Kendall, who works both at Highline and for Staff Pro, said that she doesn’t need to cover her ink at school, but once she goes to her other job they require her to cover them up.

“It’s appropriate in other places, it really depends on the job. Sometimes it’s not necessarily professional,” she said.

However, sophomore Keith Schlyer said his profession almost welcomes ink on the job.

“I’m a bartender, they really don’t care whether or not I have any tattoos,” he said.

For Schlyer said that there is a deep meaning behind each of his pieces.

“I travel a lot, so the tattoo of Seattle is my way of representing home, while I’m out and about,” he said.

“You’re starting to see tattoos everywhere,” said student Danny Hodge. “It’s just becoming more and more accepted.”

Hodge, who sports a Hylian crest between her shoulder blades, said that her ink signifies her intense love of gaming and how it has shaped her life.

“The tri-force is made up of power, wisdom and courage,” she said. “And you need all three to succeed in life.”

Whatever the reasons, Highline students and faculty believe that their ink has a place in society and they are proud to show it off to anyone who asks.





# Thunderbird women move up in west division

By **JACOB SCOTT**  
Staff Reporter

The Lady Thunderbirds kicked their way into third place with two wins and a tie in the last week.

After tying Bellevue 1-1 on Oct. 3, Highline thumped Yakima 5-1 on Oct. 6 before trampling Tacoma 5-0 on Wednesday.

The last win leapfrogged Highline over Tacoma and into third place in the NWAACC West Division.

Highline's Kyla Kitts earned the shutout in goal. Thunderbirds Marissa Pighin, Rebecca Burns, Kristen Peiphoff and Rachel Neira all scored for Highline. The last Highline score came on an own-goal against Tacoma.

Against Yakima, Peiphoff, Bailey Hutton, Mackenzie McNeal, Burns and Neira scored goals.

Highline is now 3-2-3 in league, and 5-3-4 overall.

Against Bellevue, Highline salvaged a tie when Taylor Holtman scored in the 88th minute.

The two sides appeared headed for a scoreless tie until Bellevue's Gabriella Rodriguez scored in the 81st minute.

Bellevue stole the ball just within Highline's half of the field and executed a series of



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*Forward Rebecca Burns runs the soccer ball down the field fending off Tacoma Titans.*

one-two passes and Rodriguez was able to slide a shot in from up close.

Moments later, Bellevue blocked a Highline shot and cleared the ball out of their box to dispose of the threat,

but by doing so they gave a corner to Highline. As Holtman stepped up to take the corner, the wind was blowing hard. Her kick sailed into the box and curved over the heads of the defenders to go in at the

far post.

Highline's major scoring opportunities for the first half went for nothing. Natalie Lawrence's shot in the fifth minute hit the crossbar and the ball went out. Another great

opportunity came in the 23rd minute with a shot from Marissa Pighin, but it was kicked just a little too high.

Highline continued to play aggressively but failed to finish its opportunities for the remainder of the first half.

Bellevue was also able to create a few chances but was forced on the defensive for the majority of the game, being allowed only a couple of shots as it was unable to grab possession.

The Thunderbirds continued to dominate at the start of the second half but still lacked the finesse to finish their chances in front of goal, despite the numerous opportunities.

"We've got to score this far into the season," said Highline Coach Tom Moore.

The Bellevue game's first goal didn't come until the 81st minute. But as in the game versus Walla Walla, the Thunderbirds did not quit. They kept the tempo high and made sure to hold onto possession as they tried to find the equalizer they needed so late in the game.

Right when the 87th minute hit, The T-Birds travel to Oregon to play against Treasure Valley on Oct. 13. They will also play Lower Columbia on Oct. 17.

# Men's soccer loses a game, wins a game

By **BRENT VANWECHEL**  
Staff Reporter

This season, Highline's men's soccer team has gone through its peaks and valleys.

The Thunderbirds were 4-2 in league play before toppling rival Bellevue 4-1 on Oct. 3.

Despite a shot early on that was ruled not a goal, the T-Birds rallied. Sophomore midfielder Kyle Danielson said, "I believe it was already in, but either way, we reacted with maturity and scored two other goals to put them [Bellevue] away."

Also noted in the game, freshman forward Jimmy Oganga scored three goals against the Bulldogs.

"Jimmy had a great game. It was nice to get him going [with the goals]," Coach Jason Prenovost said.

"He's been making great runs, and we're finally started finding him."

Coach Prenovost also praised Valentyn Shymko for his two assists.

Comparing the win against Bellevue with the most recent loss to Walla Walla, freshman defender Jacob Thoreson said, "we lacked a little focus towards the end of the game against Walla Walla Coach got on us after the game, [and] we responded great against Bellevue and kept our energy and focus the entire game."

The Thunderbirds played the Tacoma Titans late yesterday at Highline. Results were unavailable at presstime.

Tacoma was in third place with a 3-3 record and the game determined which team would be in second place going into the final three weeks of the regular season.

On another note, the Alaska Airlines Coaches Poll ranked Highline fourth in the NWAACC power rankings of all men's soccer teams within the 16-team league. Peninsula, Clark and Walla Walla were first, second and third. Of the three, Highline will only see conference leader, Peninsula, before the end of the season. That contest is on Oct. 20 at Peninsula.

In the meantime Highline will play Treasure Valley on Oct. 13.

The games players are looking forward to, sophomore goalkeeper Tanner Fairweather said, "I feel like we look at every game as a chance to get better as a team and every game is a game we look forward to. We play every game tough and we don't look past any team; always the game ahead of us."



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*Midfielder Esteban Tobin runs in to take control of the ball.*

Sophomore forward Austin "Ace" Egerton said, "They're all real important, but second game against Peninsula at their field."

Coach Prenovost and many of the players have stated that

the team goal is "to win the championship." Most of the men have also stated that they would like to win the division, but that it is a secondary goal to winning the trophy at the end of the season.



# T-Birds net three more victories

## Highline holds onto first in West Division

By ANGELA STONE  
Staff Reporter

The Highline volleyball team won out all three of its games last week to remain atop the West Division of the NWAACCs.

The victories included a match against second-place Green River game on Oct. 3 and was a hard fought game with five sets. Highline won the first set 25-16, only to lose the next two sets, 26-24 and 25-23. The Thunderbirds were able to make a comeback and win with scores of 25-15, and 15-13.

The T-Birds will again face the Green River Gators at Highline on Oct. 29.

Setter Miranda Grieser identified Green River as the clear rival to Highline's volleyball team.

Not only was this game the first time that Highline went on to play five sets (at least since the league games started), but Grieser also said that it is intimidating to play against the Gators because, "Green River has so many families that come out and watch the games."

Grieser said that it would really motivate her to have people rooting for her team, but she said that Highline never has a good turnout. Still, "I have no doubt we'll make it to the play-offs, and that we'll be undefeated cause we've already played all the teams [in our division]."

Highline also had a win-



Sherry Holt/THUNDERWORD

Highline players celebrate a point in Monday's victory over the Pierce Raiders.

ning game against Centralia Friday night with scores of 25-21, 25-17, and 25-20.

T-Birds struggled to win Monday's volleyball game against Pierce.

With five league games and two tournaments before the playoffs, Dickinson said that "it was a wake-up call [tonight] for us before we get to NWAACCs."

The T-Birds started out strong working their way up to a 10-point lead. Pierce called for two timeouts before Highline had even reached 15 points in the first set.

Shortly after their second timeout, Pierce started getting some traction. Pulling up from 14-4, Pierce and Highline were within one point of each other from 21-21, until Highline won the set 30-28.

The second set went better for the T-Birds, who won the second match 25-16. However, the third set ended up being just as tricky as the first. Highline and Piece were nearly tied on the scoreboard for the whole match.

Once again, however, Highline pulled ahead at the end, winning 27-25.

"We played a tough team," Assistant Coach Russ Dickinson said.

"We started off pretty good. We had a couple of rough parts in the middle, but we pulled through," said outside hitter Mikaela Ballou.

Ballou was named offensive player of the week for the NWAACC West.

Pierce is fourth in the West Division of the NWAACCs at 3-3, and Highline is still No. 1 at 6-0.

"It wasn't what we expected," Dickinson said.

"We could have been better with our passes our blocks and our serving. We weren't as strong in those categories as we usually are in the past. We will be working much harder in practice on those things."

Grieser said at first she was pretty consistent with her sets, but then she started setting the ball all over the place. For the next game she said, "I just need to work on my consistency and setting. I'll be consistent for a little while and then I'll be all over the place."

The T-Birds, now 18-5 on the season, travel to Oregon this weekend to play in the Southwestern Oregon Tournament on Friday.

Highline is tied for third with Mt. Hood (16-6) in the latest NWAACC Coaches poll, behind undefeated Blue Mountain (25-0) and Walla Walla (19-5).

## The Scoreboard

| Women's volleyball           |       |        |
|------------------------------|-------|--------|
| North Division               |       |        |
| Bellevue                     | 5-0   | 17-6   |
| Olympic                      | 4-1   | 16-6   |
| Shoreline                    | 4-1   | 7-9    |
| Everett                      | 2-4   | 2-11   |
| Skagit Valley                | 1-4   | 4-11   |
| Edmonds                      | 1-4   | 3-10   |
| Whatcom                      | 1-4   | 2-10   |
| EAST                         |       |        |
| Blue Mountain                | 7-0   | 26-0   |
| Walla Walla                  | 6-1   | 20-5   |
| Spokane                      | 5-2   | 17-5   |
| Wenatchee Valley             | 4-3   | 8-11   |
| Columbia Basin               | 3-4   | 6-6    |
| Yakima Valley                | 2-5   | 10-12  |
| Big Bend                     | 1-6   | 2-16   |
| Tr. Valley                   | 0-7   | 2-18   |
| WEST                         |       |        |
| Highline                     | 6-0   | 18-5   |
| Green River                  | 5-1   | 13-6   |
| Tacoma                       | 4-2   | 17-5   |
| Pierce                       | 3-3   | 11-8   |
| L. Columbia                  | 2-4   | 6-14   |
| Clark                        | 1-5   | 4-11   |
| Centralia                    | 0-6   | 3-13   |
| SOUTH                        |       |        |
| Mt. Hood                     | 5-0   | 17-6   |
| Linn-Benton                  | 4-1   | 18-10  |
| Umpqua                       | 3-2   | 17-11  |
| Chemeketa                    | 2-3   | 6-16   |
| Clackamas                    | 1-4   | 13-18  |
| SW Oregon                    | 0-5   | 2-16   |
| Men's soccer                 |       |        |
| North Division               |       |        |
| Edmonds                      | 5-1-1 | 6-5-2  |
| Whatcom                      | 5-2-0 | 5-3-1  |
| Everett                      | 4-2-1 | 5-3-1  |
| Skagit Valley                | 2-4-1 | 4-6-1  |
| Shoreline                    | 0-7-0 | 0-10-0 |
| EAST                         |       |        |
| Walla Walla                  | 4-1-2 | 9-1-2  |
| Columbia Basin               | 3-3-1 | 6-4-2  |
| Spokane                      | 2-4-0 | 4-5-1  |
| Treasure Valley              | 1-2-3 | 1-3-4  |
| Wenatchee                    | 0-3-1 | 2-6-1  |
| WEST                         |       |        |
| Peninsula                    | 6-0-0 | 13-1-0 |
| Highline                     | 4-2-0 | 7-2-1  |
| Tacoma                       | 3-3-0 | 5-4-0  |
| Olympic                      | 2-3-1 | 3-5-1  |
| Bellevue                     | 0-4-2 | 1-7-2  |
| SOUTH                        |       |        |
| Clark                        | 6-0-1 | 9-1-2  |
| Chemeketa                    | 5-0-2 | 5-3-5  |
| Pierce                       | 3-4-0 | 5-7-0  |
| SW Oregon                    | 1-5-0 | 2-6-0  |
| S. Puget Sound               | 0-6-0 | 0-11-1 |
| Women's soccer               |       |        |
| North Division               |       |        |
| Whatcom                      | 6-1-1 | 8-1-1  |
| Everett                      | 5-1-1 | 5-3-2  |
| Shoreline                    | 4-1-2 | 5-2-2  |
| Skagit Valley                | 3-3-2 | 4-5-3  |
| Edmonds                      | 2-2-3 | 4-3-4  |
| Green River                  | 1-6-0 | 3-7-1  |
| EAST                         |       |        |
| Spokane                      | 6-1-1 | 7-1-2  |
| Walla Walla                  | 5-1-2 | 6-2-2  |
| Treasure Valley              | 3-4-1 | 4-5-1  |
| Columbia Basin               | 2-4-2 | 3-4-2  |
| Yakima Valley                | 2-5-1 | 2-6-2  |
| Wenatchee                    | 0-6-0 | 0-9-0  |
| WEST                         |       |        |
| Peninsula                    | 7-1-0 | 12-1-0 |
| Bellevue                     | 5-1-1 | 7-2-1  |
| Highline                     | 3-2-3 | 5-3-4  |
| Tacoma                       | 4-5-0 | 5-6-0  |
| Olympic                      | 1-4-3 | 2-5-4  |
| Lower Columbia               | 1-5-2 | 2-7-3  |
| SOUTH                        |       |        |
| Clackamas                    | 6-2-0 | 7-3-0  |
| Lane                         | 5-2-0 | 6-2-2  |
| Clark                        | 2-6-0 | 3-8-1  |
| Chemeketa                    | 1-5-2 | 1-7-2  |
| SW Oregon                    | 0-6-1 | 0-8-1  |
| Results                      |       |        |
| Highline 5, Tacoma 0         |       |        |
| Highline 5, Yakima 1         |       |        |
| Walla Walla 1, Peninsula 0   |       |        |
| Bellevue 2, Columbia Basin 0 |       |        |
| Treasure Valley 3, Lower Co- |       |        |
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Sherry Holt/THUNDERWORD

Highline's Taylor Johnson goes for a dig against Pierce.





• **Public Porter Blues** began Sept. 27 at The Seattle Repertory Theatre. The production is written by Cheryl L. West and runs every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. until Oct. 28. The play also runs Sunday at 2 p.m. Ticket prices cost between \$12-\$45.

The Seattle Repertory Theatre is at 155 Mercer Street in Seattle. For more information about tickets and showtimes, call 206-443-2222.

• **The Turn of the Screw** began Oct. 6 at The Family Knutzen Theatre at 3200 Dash Point Road in Federal Way. The production is put on by Centerstage Theatre and runs through Oct. 31. The play runs every Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Join them for a costume party on Halloween night, Oct. 31. Tickets cost between \$10-\$28. For ticket information visit centerstage-theatre.com or call 253-661-1444.

• **Historic Denny and Barker Cabins** Come tour these fully-restored historic cabins that reflect the local history of early Federal Way and the regional history of the Washington Territory and Seattle.

Saturday, Oct. 13 noon to 4 p.m. West Hylebos Park

• **5th Avenue Theatre** Starting Oct. 24, 5th Avenue will begin its production of the new musical comedy, *The Addams Family*. The show runs through Nov. 11 on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8 p.m. As well as Sundays at 1:30 and 7 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$95-\$160. 5th Avenue Theatre is at 1308 5th Avenue in Seattle. For more information on tickets and showtimes call 206-625-1900.

• **The Civil War in Washington Territory** Award-winning historian Lorraine McConaghy discusses how the Civil War affected the Washington Territory. Carl R. Hicks Jr., Civil War Reenactor will be in uniform, demonstrate artifacts and tell stories.

Saturday, Oct. 27 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Federal Way Library

• **Music Matters in Federal Way** The conductor series *A Christmas Party with the Symphony* starts Dec. 2. A mix of holiday classics, festive orchestra works, and great singers. Includes a video of the Nutcracker accompanied by the Federal Way Symphony. More events and ticket prices can be found at federalwaysymphony.org

• **Group tickets for ELF — The Musical** at the 5th Avenue Theatre are now on sale. The holiday favorite runs Nov. 30 to Dec. 31.

A group of 10 (or more) can lock in great seats now and save on both ticket prices and handling fees. For more details or tickets, call 888-625-1418.

• **Shop-O-Rama** join the Wing Luke Museum for a shopping experience that includes one-of-a-kind gift ideas, cookies, ciders, and much more. Shop-O-Rama kicks off with a visit from Hello Kitty herself, 1-4 p.m. With \$15 purchase (\$10 for Members) receive a free digital photo with Hello Kitty and special gift (while supplies last). Kids' coloring stations plus all Hello Kitty items 10 percent off.

Saturday and Sunday, Nov 3-4

# Rapper aspires to change hip-hop

By TYLER PERSONS  
Staff Reporter

Highline rapper Shelton Harris isn't slowing down anytime soon.

With multiple sold-out shows alongside Macklemore and Hoodie Allen, and upwards of 60,000 views on YouTube, he is only getting started with his career as an artist. Harris has only been making music for a little over a year now, but things have escalated quickly for him.

"It was just something I was doing for fun at first. Nothing serious," he said. But what made him decide to pursue hip-hop as more than just a hobby?

"It's all about the feeling you get when you connect with a song. I want to give that feeling to other people," said Harris. He explains that he does not try to portray himself through his music as an image that isn't real. He is just a regular kid, with big dreams, like everyone else.

"I want to show kids that anybody can make it big. If they listen to me, and decide they want to make music, how cool is that?" Harris is attending Highline so that he can transfer to a university and get a degree in social sciences. One of his goals is to be able to tour schools and motivate kids by talking to them.

"The two go hand in hand — public speaking and hip-hop. If I can make it big as a musician, what a better way to get my message out to



Madcats Galore

Rapper Shelton Harris poses confidently for his fans.

kids," he said. Harris preaches positivity and love in all of his music.

"Hip-hop is a community that is filled with hate, and judgment towards different styles of music," Harris said. This is something that he would like to see change.

"Music is music. It needs to be a community. Everybody is

just trying to keep their fans happy. People need to stop hating, and just support it all. I've always thought it was dope to mix genres. That's definitely something I want to do in the future," he said.

Harris has an ear for a wide variety of music, and knows that mixing genres, and experimenting with his music can

potentially bring him fans from other spectrums of music.

Harris recently played a leading role in Macklemore's newest music video supporting same-sex marriage. The song is called *Same Love*, and is nearing the 3 million views mark.

"Same-sex marriage and equal rights are something I'm a strong supporter of, and I'm proud to be part of something like *Same Love*." After his 9-track EP *Nothing Better* dropped Sept. 12, fans are already giddy for more music.

"I'm jumping right into the next project. Consistency is everything in the music business. An artist could put out a hit song, but if he doesn't continue releasing material, people will forget about him. So, I'm going to be putting together a bigger mixtape with about 15 songs, and visuals."

Harris said that connecting and interacting with his fans is important, and he definitely does just that. His fans can find him on Twitter (@sheltonraps).

"It's crazy. I've had people from as far as Norway and Australia hit me up and tell me that they love my music. My fan base is small, but dedicated. I have a seed planted everywhere. My fans are my main source of promotion."

Harris' EP is available at sheltonraps.bandcamp.com, and his Facebook page is at facebook.com/SheltonHarris-Music.

He will be performing live Oct. 31, at The Vera Project in Seattle at 7:30 p.m.

## Music Department adds Human Spirit

By JOSEPH PARK  
Staff Reporter

Highline's Music Department presents jazz group Human Spirit.

They will perform at Highline next Monday in Building 7 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Human Spirit is comprised of three men whose backgrounds are as diverse as their resumes.

Trumpeter Thomas Marriott has won the prestigious Carmine Caruso Jazz Trumpet Competition in 1999.

Earshot Jazz Magazine has hailed saxophonist Mark Taylor as Northwest's Jazz instrumentalist of 2008 and named percussionist Matt Jorgensen's band as the winner of the "Acoustic Jazz Group" in 2003.

Marriott, Taylor and Jorgensen have been travelling the country performing the new trends and trendsetting tunes of



Lance Mercer

From left Thomas Marriott, Mark Taylor, and Matt Jorgensen.

21st century jazz.

"Jazz with an edge; it is intense and has energy," said Jorgensen. "We are taking from the jazz tradition and then adding our own musical influence to it."

The trio has been immersed in modern jazz for more than 20 years. Monday's performance will combine a "very rich mix of musical influences

and styles," said Jorgensen.

Marriott, Taylor, and Jorgensen have released several albums as leaders of their own bands.

"All three of us were playing in each other's groups for many years and sometimes we'd be on tour one week with my band and the next week with Thomas' band," said Jorgensen.

A few years ago, Marriott

had published a record titled Human Spirit, which featured Taylor and Jorgensen.

The name Human Spirit has tagged along with the musicians ever since. Their numerous concerts have earned them a reputation for fierce innovation with a touch of intimacy.

"People are sometimes afraid of 'Jazz' or automatically think they won't like it. I encourage people to take a chance and step out of their comfort zone," said Jorgensen.

Human Spirit officially has three members, but they also hire other musicians to perform with them. For the Oct. 15 concert, pianist Orrin Evans and bass player Essiet Essiet will also perform.

If Jorgensen could describe Human Spirit's music, he said it would be, "Good music. I like to think of music not by genre, but simply as good or bad. This is good music."



# Woman’s soccer team fit to be tied

By JACOB SCOTT  
Staff Reporter

With a goal apiece last Saturday at McConnaughey Field, Highline’s women soccer team tied Walla Walla, 1-1.

After finding themselves down quickly in the first three minutes, the Thunderbirds weren’t startled and played tough for the remainder of the first half.

“I feel like we had the potential to beat them. They got lucky,” midfielder Marissa Pighin said.

It wasn’t until the 51st minute that the Thunderbirds were able to draw level with their opponent.

A quick “give and go” pass on the top of the box sent Taylor Holtman into open space with only the opposition’s goalie standing in her way. Taking her chance, she rifled the ball into the back of the net and was immediately swarmed by her teammates.

Both teams continued to exchange hits but the score at the end of the game remained tied.

“I feel it was pretty good,” said Highline Coach Tom Moore.

“They’re the No. 2 ranked team [in the NWAACC] and I feel the girls played well,” Moore said.

“We went from a letdown versus Olympic who are the second worst team in the division to playing the second best; I feel we handled them well.”

Highline got its first league win of the year when they beat Columbia Basin 2-1 on Sept. 22.

Kristen Piephoff and Rebecca Burns scored for the T-Birds



Virginia Parenteau/THUNDERWORD

Highline’s Marissa Pighin goes for the ball against Bellevue.

in that game.

The Thunderbirds tied Olympic 0-0 on Sept. 26, before also earning a draw against Bellevue, 1-1, on Oct. 3.

Against Olympic, Highline’s Kyla Kitts earned the shutout in goal, while Taylor Holtman scored for the Lady T-Birds against Bellevue.

Highline is now 1-2-3 in West

Division play, in fourth place and three points behind third-place Tacoma. The T-Birds are 3-3- overall.

The Thunderbirds have two games this week. First, they travel to Yakima on Oct. 6 to face the Yaks, who are 2-4-1 and fifth in the East Division.

Highline hosts Tacoma, 3-4 in the West, at 2 p.m. on Oct. 10.

Highline has scored 12 goals this year while allowing eight. Holtman leads Highline in scoring with six goals and three assists.

In the latest NWAACC coaches’ poll, undefeated Peninsula (11-0-0) remains ranked No. 1, followed by Spokane, Clackamas, Walla Walla and Lane.



Virginia Parenteau/THUNDERWORD

Highline’s Lauren Johnson, 18, and Kristen Piephoff defend against Bellevue in recent action.

## The Scoreboard

| Women’s volleyball |     |      |
|--------------------|-----|------|
| North Division     |     |      |
| Olympic            | 4-0 | 16-5 |
| Bellevue           | 3-0 | 15-6 |
| Shoreline          | 2-1 | 5-9  |
| Whatcom            | 1-2 | 2-8  |
| Edmonds            | 1-3 | 3-9  |
| Everett            | 1-3 | 1-10 |
| Skagit Valley      | 0-3 | 3-10 |

| EAST           |     |      |
|----------------|-----|------|
| Blue Mountain  | 6-0 | 24-0 |
| WallaWalla     | 6-0 | 19-4 |
| Spokane        | 4-2 | 16-5 |
| Wenatchee      | 3-3 | 7-11 |
| Columbia Basin | 2-4 | 5-6  |
| Yakima         | 1-4 | 9-11 |
| BigBend        | 1-5 | 2-15 |
| Tr.Valley      | 0-5 | 2-16 |

| WEST        |     |      |
|-------------|-----|------|
| Highline    | 3-0 | 15-5 |
| Green River | 3-0 | 11-5 |
| Pierce      | 2-1 | 10-6 |
| Tacoma      | 2-2 | 16-5 |
| Clark       | 1-2 | 4-8  |
| L. Columbia | 1-3 | 5-14 |
| Centralia   | 0-4 | 3-11 |

| SOUTH       |     |       |
|-------------|-----|-------|
| Mt. Hood    | 4-0 | 16-6  |
| Linn-Benton | 2-1 | 16-10 |
| Umpqua      | 2-1 | 16-10 |
| Chemeketa   | 1-2 | 5-15  |
| Clackamas   | 1-3 | 12-17 |
| SW Oregon   | 0-3 | 2-14  |

| Men’s soccer   |       |       |
|----------------|-------|-------|
| North Division |       |       |
| Edmonds        | 4-1-1 | 5-5-2 |
| Everett        | 3-2-1 | 4-3-1 |
| Whatcom        | 3-2-0 | 3-3-1 |
| Skagit Valley  | 1-3-1 | 3-5-1 |
| Shoreline      | 0-5-0 | 0-8-0 |

| EAST            |       |       |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| Walla Walla     | 3-0-2 | 8-0-2 |
| Treasure Valley | 2-1-3 | 2-2-4 |
| Columbia Basin  | 2-2-1 | 5-3-2 |
| Wenatchee       | 0-1-1 | 2-4-1 |
| Spokane         | 0-4-0 | 2-5-1 |

| WEST      |       |        |
|-----------|-------|--------|
| Peninsula | 4-0-0 | 11-1-0 |
| Highline  | 3-2-0 | 6-2-1  |
| Tacoma    | 2-2-0 | 4-3-0  |
| Olympic   | 1-3-1 | 2-5-1  |
| Bellevue  | 0-2-2 | 1-5-2  |

| SOUTH       |       |       |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| Clark       | 5-0-1 | 8-1-2 |
| Chemeketa   | 3-0-2 | 3-3-4 |
| Pierce      | 3-2-0 | 5-5-0 |
| SW Oregon   | 1-3-0 | 2-4-0 |
| S. P. Sound | 0-5-0 | 0-9-1 |

| Women’s soccer |       |           |
|----------------|-------|-----------|
| North Division |       |           |
| Everett        | 4-1-1 | 4 - 3 - 2 |
| Shoreline      | 3-1-2 | 4-2-2     |
| Whatcom        | 3-1-1 | 6-1-1     |
| Edmonds        | 2-2-3 | 4-3-4     |
| Skagit Valley  | 2-2-2 | 3-4-3     |
| Green River    | 0-6-0 | 2-7-1     |

| EAST            |       |       |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| Spokane         | 5-1-1 | 6-1-2 |
| Walla Walla     | 3-1-2 | 4-2-2 |
| Columbia Basin  | 2-2-2 | 3-2-2 |
| Treasure Valley | 2-4-1 | 3-5-1 |
| Yakima Valley   | 2-4-1 | 2-5-2 |
| Wenatchee       | 0-5-0 | 0-8-0 |

| WEST        |       |        |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| Peninsula   | 7-0-0 | 12-0-0 |
| Bellevue    | 4-1-1 | 6-2-1  |
| Tacoma      | 3-4-0 | 4-5-0  |
| Highline    | 1-2-3 | 3-3-4  |
| Olympic     | 1-3-3 | 2-4-4  |
| L. Columbia | 1-4-2 | 2-6-3  |

| SOUTH     |       |       |
|-----------|-------|-------|
| Clackamas | 6-1-0 | 7-2-0 |
| Lane      | 5-1-0 | 6-1-2 |
| Clark     | 2-5-0 | 3-7-1 |
| Chemeketa | 1-4-1 | 1-6-1 |
| SW Oregon | 0-4-0 | 0-7-0 |

| Results                     |  |  |
|-----------------------------|--|--|
| Highline 1, Bellevue 1      |  |  |
| Yakima 3, Treasure Valley 1 |  |  |
| Spokane 13, Wenatchee 0     |  |  |
| Peninsula 10, Tacoma 0      |  |  |
| Olympic 1, Lower Columbia 1 |  |  |
| Shoreline 1, Edmonds 1      |  |  |
| Clackamas 3, Clark 0        |  |  |
| Everett 6, Green River 0    |  |  |



NOTE 2012

# Education and small business health are top issues in District 30 races

By **ERIKA WIGREN**  
Staff Reporter

The state needs to help small businesses and improve funding education, candidates for state representatives in District 30 agreed at a forum on Oct. 3.

The candidates debated at the Federal Way Chamber of Commerce's monthly membership luncheon at the Twin Lakes Golf and Country Club.

The four candidates shared their views on business-related issues for the district and state.

Though the candidates disagreed on some aspects, they all agreed on supporting small businesses and funding education.

Democrat Roger Flygare is running for State Representative position 1.

A Vietnam veteran who received a Purple Heart, Flygare is a small business owner and a community activist.

Flygare stressed that his main focus and first priority is education, followed by transportation and small businesses.

"Education is No. 1," said Flygare. "No. 2 is transportation solutions... followed by empowering small businesses to get situated and getting a finger on top of taxing because the economic engine of the future is small businesses."

As a family man, Flygare said his first and foremost priority is funding K-12 education.

"This will be my first priority. We have to tackle that issue number one and get that taken care of in the budget process," Flygare said.

Because Flygare owns a small court reporting business, helping small businesses owners is also one of his main goals.

"I am a small business owner," said Flygare. "Both presidential candidates have been talking about small business leading way to economic recovery. We are going to do that. We need to take the burden off small businesses to make sure they can succeed... Its not a year that it takes a small business to be successful, its three, four years."

Running against Flygare is Republican Linda Kochmar.

Kochmar has served on the Federal Way City Council for 14 years. Kochmar has served as chairwoman of the City's Land Use and Transportation



Linda Kochmar



Roger Flygare



Roger Freeman



Katrina Asay

Committee, chairwoman of the Parks, and Recreation and Human Services Committee.

Like Flygare, Kochmar stressed education as a priority.

"We need to prioritize our budget and put education first. To improve our education system, there are numerous things to do. Throwing money at it is not always the case," said Kochmar. "There is something wrong with the formula that funds are schools. We need to put more of our educational future in the hands of our principals. They know their schools the best."

Kochmar said that in addition to education, she wants to help make more jobs for citizens and get the economy moving again.

For health care, Kochmar said the government needs to improve on offering more affordable health care.

"It's difficult to be a person with no health benefits, especially when you have children. We need to improve health care for families and provide affordable health care for all of our citizens," said Kochmar. "Our children should not be going without proper health care."

Running for State Representative, position 2, is Democrat Roger Freeman.

Freeman has been a councilmember on the Federal Way City Council since 2009 and

is on the Parks, Recreation, Human Services and Public Safety Committee, the Finance, Economic Development and Regional Affairs Committee, and is a former attorney.

Freeman said, if elected, his main goals as a state representative would be supporting small businesses and funding education.

"We need measurable outcomes for our children," Freeman said. "What we have now is a system that is inadequately funded, that is struggling in trying to make ends meet with what they have. I believe the money should be used for more staff, more qualified teachers. Budgeting starts with education at the top. And it's not more money but how [that money] is going to be applied."

Freeman said he feels education is very important followed by growing businesses.

"The government's job is not to create business but to create an environment where they can prosper and develop," said Freeman.

Taxes, Freeman said, are the biggest issue when it comes for small businesses and their growth.

"If there is no money made, you still have to pay taxes," Freeman said. "We have to make sure that our small business can have income and we need to reduce taxes and make

sure our health care system doesn't drive businesses into bankruptcy."

Also in the run for State Representative, position 2 is Republican and current State Rep. Katrina Asay.

Rep. Asay was the mayor of Milton and was involved in her first time with passing two major pieces of legislation dealing with property crimes and non-profit organizations for kids that were being unfairly taxed.

Rep. Asay, like Freeman, said she is focused on funding education, helping small business, transportation and taking care of the vulnerable.

"There is one reason why government is here, and that is to do what an individual cannot do for themselves," said Rep. Asay. "If we can take care of something ourselves, the government should stay out of it."

Rep. Asay said that education is an issue that everyone is concerned about.

"If we could take 50-55

percent of new funding over next 10 years, which is about \$11 billion, and put that aside for education, slowly but surely get to where we need to be with funding," Rep. Asay said.

For small businesses, Rep. Asay said that she feels there are too many rules and regulations for businesses, which creates uncertainty.

"There is a lot to do in Olympia to create stability for businesses. We need to enforce two-year monitoring on all rule-making because there are numerous rules being written and rewritten every day and that creates uncertainty for the businesses," Rep. Asay said.

"Starting a business is difficult enough dealing with employees and work. The government makes it harder. We need to simplify regulations so they are written strongly and can help businesses prosper."

For more information on these candidates visit [www.sos.wa.gov/elections/](http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/).

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# Professor explains influential election of 1912

By **RACQUEL ARCEO**  
Staff Reporter

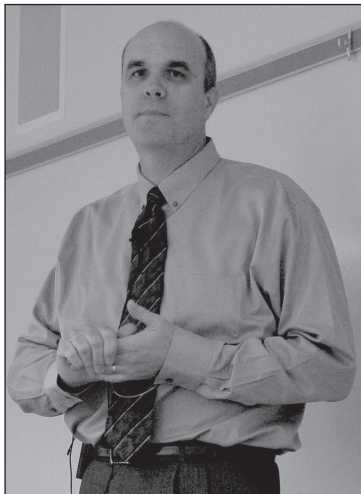
The presidential election of 1912 changed the country, Highline Professor Tim McMannon said.

The election of 1912 took place at the high point of the Progressive Era, right after the Civil War.

"The election of 1912 was actually a pretty big deal," Dr. McMannon said.

"It was 100 years ago and anniversary things are fun to look at."

Running for office was Woodrow Wilson, Theodore Roosevelt, Eugene V. Debs and William Howard Taft.



Tim McMannon

The Progressive Movement was a reform movement that took place in the first couple of decades of the 20th century.

Dr. McMannon said "it was an urban movement, it was based in the cities."

The movement "was a political response to industrialization and its social response," said Dr. McMannon.

It was an urban movement occurring in cities.

Last Wednesday McMannon, who teaches history at Highline, spoke to a group about why the election of 1912 was so influential.

History Seminar is a series of weekly discussions open to all students hosted by Highline faculty and guest speakers.

It is held on Wednesdays 1:30-2:40 p.m in Building 3, room 103.

Prior to the election, from 1860-1912, Republicans dominated the presidential politics.

Between the four presidents Woodrow Wilson represented the Democrats, Theodore Roosevelt represented the Progressives, Eugene V. Debs represented Socialists and William Howard Taft represented the Republican Party.

McMannon created the "Great Political Bell Curve" which illustrated where each candidate sat on a line from more radical to more conservative with the bell being where the voters go.

On his curve, Debs sat on the far left, Roosevelt sat on the left side of the curve, Wilson on the

right side of the curve and Taft off the right.

On the curve the two candidates that sat on the center of the bell, Roosevelt and Woodrow, were the most likely to be voted in.

Roosevelt, winner of a Nobel Peace Prize in 1906, Wilson, who studied law and political science in school, preferred the British Parliament.

Yesterday's History Seminar featured Highline professor Ellen Bremen speaking about the history of Twitter, a social networking site.

To view this seminar online and for more information go to [historyseminar.highline.edu](http://historyseminar.highline.edu).

## Workshop encourages students to serve community

By **HIEN HONG**  
Staff Reporter

Servant leadership is about listening to people as much as telling them what to do.

Servant leadership was the topic of the First Fridays Leadership Institute's first monthly workshop.

More than 80 people attended the workshop, which focused on the Power of Servant Leadership.

The workshops are formatted to be an interactive presentation aimed at teaching attendees about leadership skills.

Last Friday's workshop was led by Natasha Burrowes, director of Multicultural Affairs and Leadership, and Jonathan Brown, the associate dean of the Center for Leadership and Service, Engagement, and Assessment.

The Center for Leadership and Service has adopted the servant leadership style and encourages it among student leaders at Highline.

Servant leadership is "when you listen to the vision of the community," Burrowes said.

The term was coined by AT&T corporate executive and writer Robert Greenleaf in

1970.

Greenleaf believed that "real power came from the people," said Burrowes. Servant leadership comes from "the idea of serving our community," she said.

Before Greenleaf's revelation, servant leadership existed in indigenous communities, said Burrowes.

"Servant leadership comes from collectivist culture," she said.

Indigenous communities would choose their leader, who was called upon to serve the people, she said.

The leader had a different level of accountability than what we might see today.

For example, the leaders of the Iroquois Indians thought about the impact their decision would make seven generations later, said Burrowes.

The leadership style presents the question "What could be different, not just for me, but for the community?" said Brown.

Servant leadership requires empathy, intuition and listening skills, Brown said.

To demonstrate servant leadership, an activity involving all the attendees was conducted.

Twelve people volunteered to be leaders while everyone

else was split into 12 groups. The leaders were blindfolded and had to draw an image at the direction of the group members.

But there was a catch, the blindfolded leaders received specific instructions to draw a house using one marker, whereas the group members were instructed

to tell the leaders to draw a flower using three markers.

Eleven of the 12 groups succeeded in directing their leaders to draw a flower.

The activity posed the questions, "Who's the leader? Is it the person with the pen or the [team members]?" asked

Brown.

"It's both," he said.

For the sake of the community, leaders have to "listen, hear affirmation [and] surrender your own vision," said Burrowes.

The next First Fridays workshop is Nov. 2.

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Tim Eyman

## I-1185

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Eyman.

Meanwhile, “1185 is more decrease in revenue,” said Brianna Thomas, the campaign manager of Vote No 1185.

I-1185 will allow the Legislature to “create a new tax exemption with a simple majority vote,” said Thomas.

She called it wrong that a simple majority is all that would be necessary to open loopholes, but it would require a super majority to close one.

“[It] is generally unconstitutional,” said Thomas.

A King County judge recently ruled just that way, that requiring a super majority is unconstitutional because the Washington state constitution requires legislation to be approved with a simple majority vote.

Furthermore, I-1185 might cause “underfunding of education and social programs,” Thomas said.

Years ago, the state of Colorado passed an initiative that also required a super majority to raise taxes and fees.

“It put a cap on what they [the Legislature] should spend,” she said. The initiative later was suspended because their “education [system] was in shambles,” Thomas said.

“[The] constitution says we as the state of Washington should have enough funding for education and must carry a balanced budget,” said Thomas.

Going back to why I-1185 should be approved, “[Whatever party you associate with as a voter,] can’t we all agree it’s better to spur the Legislature to reform government and prioritize spending, rather than just raising taxes?” Eyman asked.

“If you don’t like the job your legislator is doing, you have a right to vote them out... [I-1185 is] not the right tool,” said Thomas.

## Student Poll

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weight behind it, and requiring a 66.7 percent vote doesn’t rely on a single vote to effect the issue. It’s a better margin of error.”

However, some students that felt a super majority was a bad route to take.

“Keeping it a simple majority would be better,” said Simphiwy Dube. “The state has enough problems getting things done.”

One student, who wished to remain anonymous, said, “This state has so many problems with anything concerning the budget, adding further constraints will only delay the process further.”

“I’m in favor of a simple majority,” said Monica Wanoyike.

Allison Bentler said, “Keep it at a simple-majority, that seems like what will be the better strategy in the end.”

“Keeping it a simple majority would be best,” said student Dwayne Gilbertson. “That is what our country was founded on and we should keep it that way.”

*Reporters Rajnish Walia, Yuri Hoang, Natalie Campbell, Tyler Persons, and Josh Nelson contributed to this story.*

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Lisa Wolcott (left), Highline’s budget manager, and Vice President of Administration Larry Yok explains the 2012-2013 General Fund Budget.

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increase in fees and tuition. Students this year have paid \$2.3 million more in fees and tuition than three years ago.

While tuition and fees have risen, there are efforts in place to increase local funding to make the college more self-sustaining.

For example, the \$622,688 received from parking fees and fines covers the \$553,249 it costs to maintain Highline’s parking lots and security to police them. But what happens to the \$69,439 in profit from parking fees and fines?

“Every three years the college uses that money to fund further maintenance,” said Yok.

“Each year we re-stripe one lot, at a minimum, but we also fix potholes.”

Another method for making the college services more self-sustaining can be seen at the Bookstore.

The Bookstore brought in \$2,849,915, but the cost of running the Bookstore is 2,838,414. This means the Bookstore is projected to make a profit of \$11,501.

“This helps build a cushion into the Bookstore,” said Yok. “There have been years when the Bookstore didn’t make a profit.”

Yok further explained that Laura Nole, Bookstore manager, has been working extremely hard with the Highline faculty to keep costs low.

This includes encouraging faculty to use textbooks for more than one year, as well as

finding online outlets for students to get their materials.

Both Yok and Wolcott explained that at the core, students are the key to helping the college keep costs low.

This is especially true when it comes to the Legislature, students need to be involved.

Yok also said that there were a small amount of students who contacted their legislators.

“...but it still has a disproportionate effect. I can be a bureaucrat and bend their [legislators] ears all day, but it means so much more coming from students and their constituents.”

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