



Campus critters bring life to biology department



Don Walter, affectionately known as "Papa Smurf" holds Squawky-Dude, his pet parrot that he keeps in his office.

By **MARQUES DINAPOLI**
Staff Reporter

Building 12 is home to some 15 reptiles and amphibians either rescued from various neglectful or abusive situations, or donated because of an inability to care for them.

Oh, and then there's Jericho, the cat.

One of the most popular of the animals in the Biology Lab, "[Building 12] got Jericho when his former owners were forced to leave their neighborhood rather quickly and into an apartment that didn't accept pets," Donn Walter, the biology lab coordinator said.

Although he initially had a problem with spraying indoors, he has since stopped and is now one of the most familiar faces of Building 12, the latest in a long line of Biology Lab residents.

"I always say, biology is the study of life," Donn Walter, the biology lab coordinator said, "and how can you study life

without having any to look at. That's one of the reasons we have so many animals."

When Walter started at Highline, more than 11 years ago, Highline had only two cats, some lizards and toads, and a few bugs.

"Shortly after I started we acquired a Ball Python name Monty that had been left behind in a hotel room in SeaTac," Walter said. "We joined the Pacific Northwest Herpetological Society after that to learn more about it and we realized that there was a need for animals to be adopted."

There have been a number of animals rescued or donated over the years, at one time almost 30 different animals were placed throughout the Biology Lab.

The Biology Lab gives these animals a place to live, Walter said. "This isn't just a cage for them. It's their home."

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Spring graduation moved up a day

Scheduling conflicts lead to changes for ceremony

By **ERIKA WIGREN**
Staff Reporter

Students anticipating a raucous celebration following commencement ceremonies next spring face a daunting prospect: they may have to wake up early for a final the next morning.

This year's commencement

ceremony has been moved from the usual Thursday date in June to Wednesday, June 12 at 7 p.m.

The ceremony will still be held at the ShoWare Center in Kent.

The change was based on the venue's availability, Rachel Collins, the commencement chairperson said.

"There was reasoning behind the choice, we didn't change the date just to change it," Collins said. "The date we requested at the ShoWare Center was already taken so we

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Murder trial is delayed yet again

By **ERIKA WIGREN**
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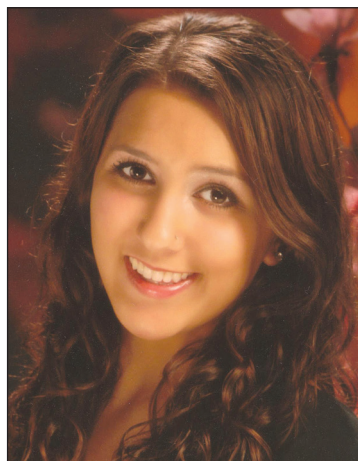
Thirteen months after Highline student Jayme Thomas was shot in a parked car at Redondo, 24-year-old Johnny Rourn awaits trial on second-degree murder charges.

Rourn's final pre-trial hearing has been rescheduled once again, this time to Dec. 3 at the Maleng Regional Justice Center in Kent. And Thomas' family continues to await justice.

Rourn remains in custody on \$1 million bail.

In addition to second-degree murder, Rourn is also charged with second-degree assault for wounding a 24-year-old man who allegedly had offended Rourn by calling him a name.

Thomas and the man were both shot in a vehicle at Re-



Jayme Thomas

dondo across the street from the MaST Center on Nov. 5, 2011.

Thomas, 19, suffered two gunshot wounds to the back and one to the arm.

Both Thomas and the man were taken to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle where Thomas later died from

her injuries.

"Right now, the court date has been moved again. He [Rourn] has fired his attorney and hired a new one," Joe Thomas, Jayme Thomas' dad, said. "He wants more time so they keep getting another month to review the case."

Joe Thomas said that with Rourn's new attorney, it might take even longer for the trial to commence.

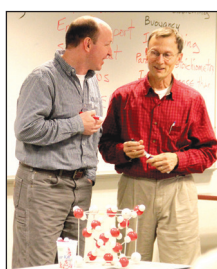
"Each month we have been trying to set a date, and each time they have wanted more time. He [Rourn] keeps prolonging it," Joe Thomas said.

The prosecutors are trying to get the case to move quicker, Joe Thomas said.

Jayme Thomas was a gradu-

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Three car assists needed from security

This week there were three dead car batteries that security had to jump. The car assists were needed because students forgot to turn off their headlights. Two of the cars were in the East Parking Lot and one was in the South Parking Lot.

Medical responses by buildings 5 and 29

Two medical responses occurred last week. One female had a seizure in Building 5. Her current condition is unknown. Another student tripped outside near Building 29 and bruised a knee. The student is currently doing well.

Items found and returned to owners

A wallet was found and returned to its owner on Nov. 16. In addition, an identification card and coffee mug were found in Building 6 and were returned to their respective owners on Nov. 19.

Items that still need to be returned

Several items in the Lost and Found haven't been returned to its owners. Items include umbrellas, flash drives, cell phones, calculators, money, and glasses. Sometime in the first week of December, Campus Security will donate items that were found in September and October.

Reminder for students from Campus Security

Campus Security Supervisor Richard Noyer also mentions that as finals are approaching, students often get anxious, nervous and become extremely forgetful.

Students should remind themselves about keys, coats, books, and other belongings to avoid losing them.

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Instructors, students celebrate Indonesian culture

By **YORDANOS BEYENE**
Staff Reporter

Indonesian clothing and accessories were on display and lessons in speaking Bahasa Indonesia, one of the 583 languages of the country were prominent as Highline Indonesian students shared their culture and language last week.

The event was hosted by the Community College Initiative and Community College for Faculty and Administration Program.

CCFAP is a group of faculty and administrators that came from Indonesia to observe and learn about the American community college system.

There are 10 faculties from Indonesia currently at Highline and 10 Indonesian administrators in Hawaii at Kapiolani Community College, said Andi Musdariah, an English instructor from State Polytechnic of Ujung Pandang.

"My hope is to learn about



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From left to right, Indonesian instructors Andi Musdariah, Liyushiana, and Bayu Mutki dance with CCI student Fadine Ergun.

the community college system and bring it back to Indonesia. Also, while I am here [I am teaching] students here about Indonesia and its great culture," said Musdariah.

Students who attended the

event also learned a cultural dance and played classic Indonesian games.

"I had a lot of fun at the event and there are so many facts about Indonesia that I didn't know, like the fact that

they have the largest Islamic population in the world," one attendee said.

For more information about the program or the Indonesian culture, the CCFAP and CCI offices are in Building 9, room 104.



Winter Quarter enrollment open now

Registration for Winter Quarter classes is under way. Tuition is due on Dec. 6.

No History Seminar today

History Seminar is not happening today.

Next Wednesday, on Nov. 28, History Seminar's topic is "Dead Sea Scrolls" and will be presented by anthropology professor Dr. Lonnie Somer.

For those interested, go to Building 3, room 102 from 2:30-3:23 p.m.

Learn to cite correctly and write cover letters

The Writing Center offers workshops to help students write better.

The "Quoting and Citing Your Sources" workshop will take place from 10-10:50 a.m. today in Building 26, room 319I.

Students will learn how to effectively use their sources at this workshop.

Next week, the "Self-Assessment and Writing Portfolio Cover Letters" workshop will

take place from 1:30-2:20 p.m. on Tuesday, 10-10:50 p.m. on Wednesday and 4-5 p.m. on Thursday in the same location.

Highline Bookstore offers discount on Monday

The Bookstore is giving a 25 percent discount to all supplies, clothing, gifts, and electronics on Monday, Nov. 26.

Textbooks, calculators, software, and items in the clearance section are excluded from the discount.

For those interested, the Bookstore is on the second floor of the Student Union, Building 8.

Food For Thought

"The AIDS/HIV Epidemic" will be the topic at the next Food for Thought discussion on Nov. 27.

Psychology professor Dr. Bob Baugher will present.

For those interested, go to Building 8, the Student Union, in room 204 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Talk and eat lunch with Accounting Club

The Highline Accounting Club is meeting on Nov. 30 from 12-1:30 p.m.

Anyone who wants to learn more about accounting and meet accounting students is invited.

For those interested, go to the Mount Skokomish room on the second floor of the Student Union, Building 8.

Lunch, cookies and beverages are provided for free.

For more information, contact Martin Mertens at martinmertens@juno.com or Debbi Perkins at DLPerkins@students.highline.edu.

Thanksgiving Holiday means no classes

As a reminder to all students, there are no classes tomorrow or Friday this week

due to the Thanksgiving Holiday break.

The Computer Lab, Building 30, closes at 5 p.m. on Wednesday and reopens on Saturday at 7:45 a.m.

On Saturday and Sunday, the Library, Building 25, will be open during regular hours.

Additionally, the parking lots will be open as usual.

Correction

Viktoriya Rossiytseva's name was spelled incorrectly in the Nov. 8 issue of the Thunderword.



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

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



Seminar pours information on states of water

By **SHON TORRES**
Staff Reporter

Given the recent downpours, it was probably appropriate that last Friday's Science Seminar was about water and its three basic states: solid, liquid and gas.

Highline instructors Richard Bankhead and Dr. G. Reinemer dove head first into their topic, describing water as "one of the most important compounds on earth. Life cannot exist without it," Bankhead said.

The two have worked together for eight years. This is apparent the way each can pick up where the other left off in any of the concepts.

Dr. Reinemer has worked in the physics department at Highline for 10 years. He has a doctorate in physics from the University of Montana. He is a former plumber and he lives part time on a tulip farm.

Bankhead has a Master of Science Degree in Paper Sciences. He taught at Green River Community College and has been at Highline for nine and a half years.

The pair usually gives a demonstration involving explosions, but the remodeling of Building 4's theater space caused the duo to tone down the presentation this time.

"We have done things like



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Richard Bankhead, left, and Dr. G. Reinemer talked about the three forms of water last Friday.

crushing a barrel with atmospheric pressure, a flame tube that dances to music and a ping pong ball cannon," said Dr. Reinemer.

The subject of the Science Seminar was about water.

The duo covered some of the properties of water and some of its interesting or unique qualities.

Water is great for cooling other objects because it has very high heat capacity. The duo showed how this has great

effects on the environment.

"Heat capacity is the amount of heat required to change the substance one degree," said Bankhead.

"It takes nine times the heat to make water temperature raise one degree as compared to iron," Dr. Reinemer said.

"We can use Puget Sound to show how water keeps the climate steady," said Bankhead. "Cherry trees bloom one month earlier here than in Auburn, due to [Highline's] proximity

of Puget Sound," Bankhead said.

"Water has three states, solid, liquid and gas," said Dr. Reinemer.

"The three states have different uses for us," said Bankhead. "What are some of the uses for water in each state?" asked Bankhead.

Showers was one answer for the liquid state from the audience.

"Showers is a good one. I take showers," said Dr. Reinemer. The audience giggled at the response.

"Water is a universal solvent. [With] the leveling effect, any base becomes less basic and any acid becomes less acidic if they are mixed with water," said Dr. Reinemer.

"Water is [also] the transit system of the body, its like blood in our body for energy generation," Bankhead said.

This is why people need to keep hydrated all the time. Sugar is dissolved in the water of the body, allowing people to fuel their cells.

What is dissolved in the body affects one's appearance. This is made apparent by looking at fish.

"Water and light affect what sea life is colored," Bankhead said.

The two then joked about how making a roof in sugar

would not be a good idea because of its solubility.

"Sugar roofs would be big business but we'd need a lot of suckers," Dr. Reinemer said.

Moving on to water as a solid. "Ice has less density than water. Ice also acts as an insulating blanket," Dr. Reinemer said.

"Skaters move across ice in a way that is surprising to most. The blades of the skate create friction and the friction melts the ice so the blade basically floats in a groove of water," Dr. Reinemer said.

Ice crystals form on top of water because of the density.

The crystals also prevent heat from escaping and can insulate a lake to keep all the fish from dying.

There was also a visual representation on refraction. Refraction in water droplets is what causes a rainbow.

"Leprechauns keep you guessing because a rainbow is a circle," Dr. Reinemer said.

In light of the jovial nature of the presentation and in reference to water's three forms an audience member said, "Beans also come in three forms."

"How so?" asked Bankhead. "Solid when you buy them, liquid when you cook them and gaseous after you eat them," the audience member replied.

The audience laughed.

Center hosts day of workshops

By **KIYA DAMERON**
Staff Reporter

Wrestling with depression, surviving the holiday and winter season, and suicide prevention highlighted the Counseling Centers' workshop yesterday.

There were also mental health screenings available where counselors from the Counseling Center talked to and made recommendations based on the results of the individual screening results.

With the holiday season here, some people may be suffering from seasonal affective disorder.

"SAD occurs from October/November to March/April (5-6 months) and is characterized by feeling depressed, sluggish, weak and craving carbohydrates," according to a flyer from the Student Success Workshops.

A flyer for the holiday stress workshop said that the key to surviving the holiday season is to BE NATURAL, an acronym for Breathe Exercise Nutrition Attitude Time management Uniqueness Relaxation Associations and Laughter.

During the second part of the workshop Dr. Gloria Rose Koepping, a counseling psychologist here at Highline discussed Depression 101.

"Depression is the common cold of mental health concerns," said Koepping at the beginning of her presentation. "There is no one kind of depression," she said "it is subjective and individual."

According to the American Association of Suicidology, "Depression is the most prevalent mental health disorder. The lifetime risk for depression is 6 to 25 percent."

In addition, the National Institute of Mental Health said, "9.5 percent or 20.9 million American adults suffer from a depressive illness in any given year."

The final workshop focused on suicide and ways to prevent it.

"Suicide is the ninth leading cause of death in the United States, claiming approximately 30,000 lives each year," according to the Screening for Mental Health.

Many people who commit suicide are depressed at the

time of their deaths and have given warning signals of their suicidal intention, but others often remain unaware.

"Suicide occurs across ethnic, economic, social and age boundaries," according to the AAS. There will be flyers available at the Counseling Center for information about all three parts of the workshop.

In addition, Highline also has a Suicide Prevention and Awareness Club.

Participants get together to discuss ways to avoid suicide, find routes away from suicide and to share their stories.

Will Brown, vice president of the club said that he has attempted suicide and has shared his story at the club and now has come to a place where he is happy in his life and is helping others reach that point as well.

The club is also "trying to find hospitals and clinics to go to in the future to speak to the patients there and let them know they are cared about outside of their own families," said Brown.

"Live your life to the fullest and live your life to the best of your ability," Brown said.

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Historic law creates controversy

Come Dec. 6, state-regulated cannabis will be legal for Washington citizens 21 and older.

Opinion on this new law is mixed as far as the Thunderword editorial board is concerned. Is this a good law for our state? Only time will tell, but here's what we think:

More than half of the Thunderword editorial board has no opposition to marijuana in the first place. We view cannabis as a plant, not a drug, and any of its affects are natural and non-harmful.

This faction believes that marijuana should be legalized, and considers the state's cannabis reform as a step in the right direction, although the law itself has some flaws.

Whether it is legal or not, people will still smoke it, so why not regulate it?

The law as it stands will allow state citizens 21 and older to purchase and use marijuana from state licensed dealers. An ounce of cannabis will be the legal carrying limit. These 21-year-and-older citizens will be able to get high in the privacy of their own homes and enjoy marijuana without having to be paranoid about the police.

All of this sounds well and good, so where are the flaws?

There are also provisions in the law that set the basis of DUI at five nanograms of THC per millimeter of blood, an amount that is not based on science and can be found in a cannabis user well after they no longer feel or exhibit the effects of using cannabis. Sharing, even by simply passing a pipe, is also outlawed by the new state reform, and marijuana will still be considered a schedule 1 narcotic in Washington if it is not purchased through state licensed dealers or is in excess of one ounce.

This means that cannabis will still be considered as harmful as drugs such as cocaine and heroine for those younger than 21 and in the circumstances mentioned earlier, and will be punished as such.

The driving-under-the-influence provision of the law will allow officers to give out devastating DUIs to people who aren't actually even driving under the influence, because THC is fat soluble and can stay in a user's blood for up to a month after consumption.

In Nevada, a similar THC blood level DUI law passed and that same year the state had 4,000 more DUIs than the previous year.

Supporters of marijuana reform feel that the plant's commercial and monetary potential are good reasons for legalization, but if this many cannabis-related DUIs are reported in 2013 in Washington it is likely that the state will bring in more revenue from these DUIs than the sale of marijuana itself.

Hopefully these issues will be resolved as reform continues.

Some members of the newsroom are against cannabis in any form and feel that the new law is off-base and bad for our state.

These Thunderword editorial board members don't like the way that the majority of people act when they are high. They may be "chill" but marijuana users act just plain stupid for the most part, they say.

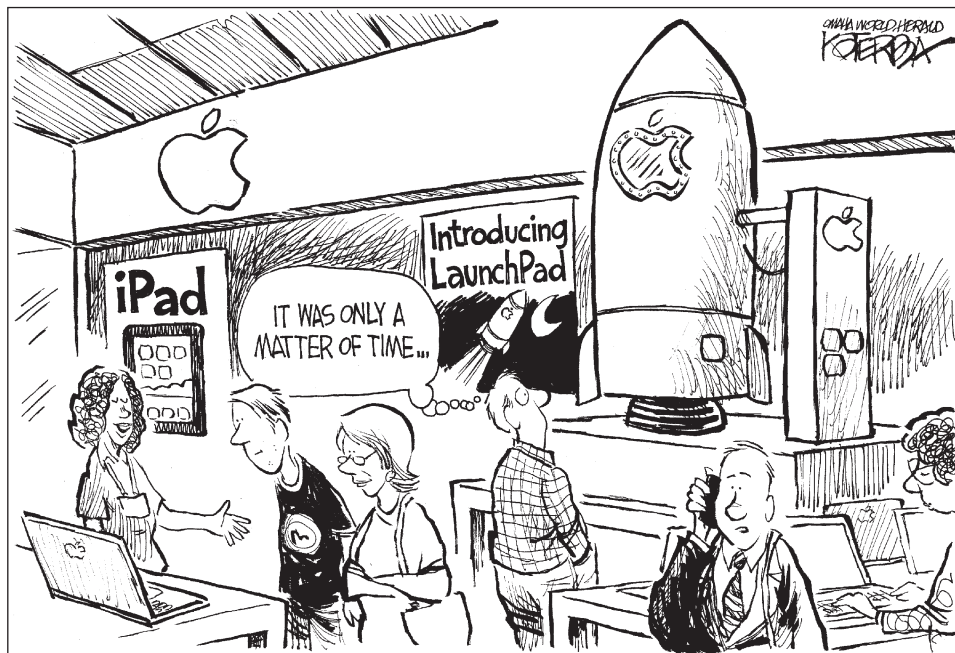
In the long run, if users are not dependent on marijuana to be happy and feel good then they're probably in the clear.

Initiative 502 marks a historical piece of legislation in this state's history and we hope the law will be remembered in a positive light and not as a mistake.

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.



Turning 21 isn't only about being able to buy alcohol

Bar hopping, buying alcohol, and hitting the clubs are all things that people look forward to on their 21st birthdays.

Your 21st birthday is the last one to look forward to, at least until you're old enough to get a senior citizen discount that is.

I turned 21 last month on Oct. 23, just in time for Halloween, and entered the world of bars, booze and scantily clad broads. I also entered a world of new responsibility as being able to buy alcohol can be not only a blessing, but also a curse.

Chelsea Rheume works at bar and restaurant Amber in the Belltown area of Seattle. She has "been working in the restaurant industry for the last 10 years," said Rheume, "I've been working in the bar for about a year."

"I love that it's fun. I love that people come in there to celebrate and have a good time enjoying other people's company," she said. "I also like that it's laid back, the management doesn't try to micromanage you."

"I had a couple 21st birthdays," Rheume said. "I had, of course, the very safe and casual going to a restaurant with your parents 21st birthday, and then I had my going out with friends 21st birthday, where you don't remember anything after a



Commentary
Micah Morrill

certain point in the night.

"For that part my brother took me out and we met up with friends and just went bar hopping. Every bar has a different vibe and environment, and it was cool to get a feel for the scene at 21," said Rheume.

"At work I deal with 21 to 60-year-olds and it's funny to see middle-aged uptight people get drunk and just let loose," she said. "One of the effects of over-consumption is adults turning into children, which can be interesting to see... Seeing 45-year-old men trying to hit on scantily clad 22-year-olds is kind of strange."

"Another cool thing about my bar is sometimes we get celebrities. We've had Seahawk players, Mariners players, we had the whole Mariners team in the night Felix Hernandez threw his perfect game,"

Rheume said.

"I served a millionaire once who came in with his financial adviser and ordered 20 shots of vodka right off the bat. He also tipped one of the security guards a lot of money to go around the bar and bring pretty girls over to his table," she said.

"I think at 21 people think, 'why can I go to the bar? Because I'm legal now and can drink and get drunk,' but really going out to a bar is to socialize and have a drink with good friends," said Rheume.

So really, it's not about the alcohol, it's about the people. This is a lesson that I have learned for myself recently.

The week of my 21st birthday I went out every night, whether it was bar hopping or going to a concert. I found out pretty quickly that not only is this an expensive habit, but it also made getting my schoolwork and other responsibilities done a lot harder.

This is the curse of turning 21, you're able to go out every night, but if you want to keep productive in life then you need to learn how to go out at the right times.

Looking back I don't reminisce over my first drink in the bar, I hardly remember what it was, but I do remember the people who were there when I had it.

The Staff

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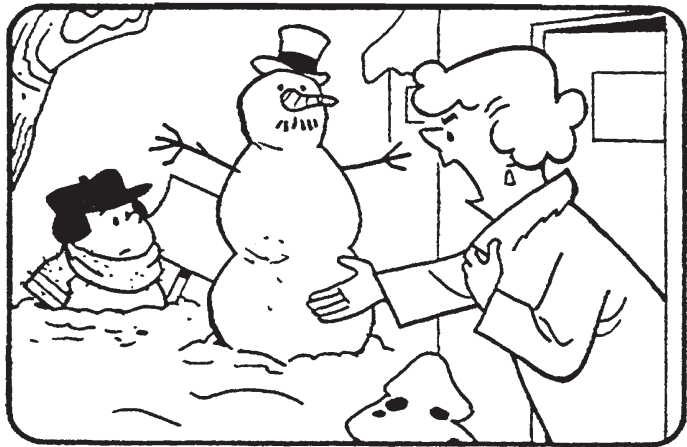
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- 10. Word with blood or boy
- 13. Deep-____ (threw away)
- 14. Senate attire
- 16. "Evil Woman" singers
- 17. KIT in an e-mail
- 19. Particular specialty
- 20. 'The lamb was ____ go'
- 21. Really dry
- 23. M-R connection
- 25. AC/DC power
- 26. Pennies: Abbr.
- 29. Enlists anew
- 32. Former acorns
- 34. "It's a crock!"
- 36. 12-time Pro Bowl player Junior
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- 41. Rooter preceder
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- 58. High-end Hondas
- 62. Year in Madrid
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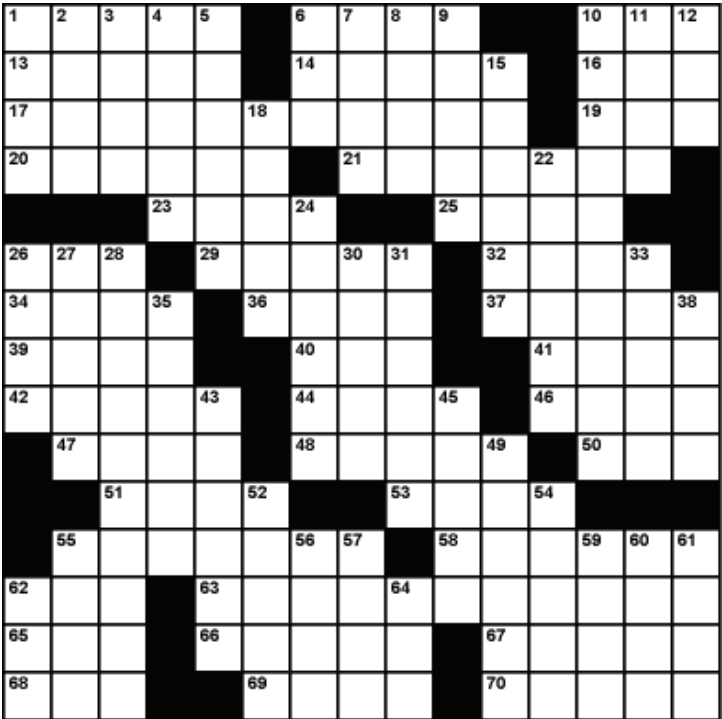
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- 55. Golden rule preposition
- 56. Parisian hub
- 57. Cambodian currency
- 59. Water fall?
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- 61. Show unfairly
- 62. "Ready, ____...!"
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Quotable Quote

Silence is a text easy to misread.

... A. Attanasio

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by Linda Thistle

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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.

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| 7. Hotel guest | __ O __ _ _ | Accountant's book | __ E __ _ _ |
| 8. Scanty | __ _ _ G _ | More unkind | __ _ _ N __ |
| 9. Provide food | __ _ T __ _ | Prank | __ _ P __ _ |
| 10. Park warden | __ A __ _ _ | Horseshoes score | __ I __ _ _ |

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- 1. ENTERTAINERS: Which actor's birth name was Ramon Estevez?
- 2. MUSIC: What was the name of Smokey Robinson's group?
- 3. INVENTIONS: Who is credited with inventing bifocal lenses?
- 4. PSYCHOLOGY: What irrational fear is manifested in peniaphobia?

- 5. LITERATURE: In which of Shakespeare's plays does the character Shylock appear?
- 6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: During which war did Harry Truman fire Gen. Douglas MacArthur?
- 7. HISTORY: When did Australia become a commonwealth nation, largely gaining independence from Britain?
- 8. ANATOMY: About how long are the intestines in an adult male?
- 9. FAMOUS QUOTES: What American psycholo-

- gist/philosopher once once said: "Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."?
- 10. MEASUREMENTS: Which month is named for the Roman festival of ritual purification?

Answers:

- 1. Martin Sheen
- 2. The Miracles
- 3. Ben Franklin
- 4. A fear of poverty
- 5. "The Merchant of

- Venice"
- 6. Korean
- 7. 1901
- 8. About 28 feet
- 9. William James
- 10. February (Februa)

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• **Triple Espresso - A Highly Caffeinated Comedy Triple Espresso.** A highly caffeinated comedy, tells the rags-to-rags story of Hugh Butternut, Buzz Maxwell and Bobby Bean, an aspiring comedy trio whose bid for showbiz fame and fortune ended in four minutes of magnificent failure on national television. Event is at Temple for Performing Arts, 7:30 p.m., prices starting at \$32.50.

• **Cinderella.** Holiday production by Centerstage Theatre, done in the 'English Holiday Pantomime' style. Various dates and times through Dec. 23. Admission cost is \$28 for seniors, \$28 for military, and \$10 ages 25 and younger. The theater will perform on Friday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. Look at Knutzen Family Theater website to see full schedule.

• **Movie Fridays.** Meets almost every Friday for a low-key non-credit class through Extended Learning. The International Student Programs tries to select films that are both entertaining and good for discussion afterwards. This Friday, Nov. 30, ISP will present *The Nightmare Before Christmas* at 12:30 p.m.

• **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 federalway-symphony.org

• **Saint Lucia Pageant.** Candlelit pageant which re-enacts the story of St. Lucia, complete with live Nordic music and refreshments. Children are invited to take part in the procession; practice for this event is at 1 p.m. Event officially begins on Sunday, Dec. 2, 2 p.m. Admission is free.

• **The Nutcracker by Evergreen City Ballet.** The whole family can enjoy this magical production of The Nutcracker. Their period production includes the beautifully costumed party scene, the traditional Madame Bon Bon, mice that escape into the audience, the gorgeous Snow Scene and the Waltz of the Flowers. The performance schedule for this production is 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 8, 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. Dec. 9. \$15 to \$31. Visit evergreencityballet.org for more information

• **I'll Be Home for Christmas.** Annual family-friendly Christmas concert from ChoralSounds Northwest. 7:30 p.m. Dec. 8, 2 p.m. Dec. 9. \$15 to \$25, free ages 17 and younger with paying adult. Location is at Highline Performing Arts Center.

• **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. Prices vary.

• **Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Carol.** After being presumed dead for three years, a hardened Sherlock Holmes resurfaces, turning his back on the people who need him most. Three unexpected callers arrive on Christmas Eve uncovering clues from the detective's past, present, and future. Show runs from Nov. 23-Dec. 29; previews run on Nov. 16 and 17.



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Patricia Overman's father once flew on a military glider like the one displayed in the library during World War II.

Highline instructor puts her family's World War II history on display

Library gallery showcases pictures, books, planes, medals and more

By **ASHLEY LARSON**
Staff Reporter

Photos in both color and black and white, along with a few artifacts under glass, reveal elements of Patricia Overman's forthcoming book on her parents' World War II experiences.

The exhibit is on display on the fourth floor of gallery of Highline's Library through the month of November.

Overman is the Administrative Assistant/Application Developer at Highline and she is also a member of the Instructional Computing Application Developers Team.

It took Overman six months to complete her mother's story and it took her and her husband, Bruce, more than a year and a half to collect all of the information about her father.

"My research began when my mother was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer; I very much wanted to document her experience during the war," she said.

Overman wrote her mother's

story for her family members in France.

"I then began research my father's involvement but that required a lot of digging because I had nothing to work with since my father died when I was young."

"It took me a year to make up my mind to display it because I couldn't figure out how to display something that is not art, but history," said Overman.

"I was asked to give a presentation last month to the National WWII Glider Pilots and Troop Carrier Groups reunion in San Antonio, Texas, on the results of my research," said Overman.

She took copies of pages from her book to put on display at the reunion and at Highline.

"We have spent six weeks in Europe on field research over the last two years," Overman said.

"Our first field research was in 2011, in France. The modern color photos for the book were taken of the places my mother traveled as a refugee."

Overman said she received historical photographs of her father's history from some of his veteran colleagues.

"I contacted who were in my dad's squadron as well as



Jasmine Cawley/THUNDERWORD

Highline instructor Patricia Overman's father leaves his mark proudly wearing his aviator suit.

from authors, Maxwell Air Force Base and the National Archives."

"It is very satisfying to get to a level where you can put events together and make conclusions that no one else has put together," said Overman.

Overman says she is very proud of her work, but she knows that it is far from complete.

Her and her husband are trying to locate a major who was sitting in the back of the jeep in the glider.

"I would like to have the list of the crew members on the four C-47 combat missions my father flew," she said, and "some documentation of the capture and escape of my dad's glider crew during the Varsity Operation."



Jasmine Cawley/THUNDERWORD

Historical photographs of Patricia Overman's family in black and white, and color photographs (above). Overman's exposes the struggle her family had to go through during World War II (right).



Thunderbirds take down alumni

By **JACOB SCOTT**
Staff Reporter

Age proved to outmatch experience as the men's basketball team defeated Highline alumni 93-85 in a scrimmage on Nov. 24.

Brandon Brown, Kelly Edwards and Zach Bruce put on a strong display for the Alumni squad, which took on the current Thunderbird roster.

Even though the current team won by eight points, the game statistics would have one thinking otherwise.

The alumni had fewer points off turnovers but had more rebounds and more points off the bench.

While the 2012/13 roster dominated its opponent with second chance points and three pointers, the rest of the statistics show the game being close but giving the alumni a slight edge.

But stat sheets do not win games.

The first half started slowly and finished with the Alumni in the lead 37-35 but once the second half started, the Thunderbirds made their mark.

Starting the second half like they had something to prove, the Thunderbirds quickly found the rhythm to their play on offense and defense.

Successfully finding the baskets the Thunderbirds needed on the attack while effectively shutting down their opponents.

While only scoring 35 points in the first half, they nearly doubled that in the second with 58 points.

The Alumni also improved from their first half of play but were limited to scoring 48 points as the Thunderbirds enabled their lockdown defense.

For the Alumni, Kelly Edwards scored a total of 22 points and finished with 5 rebounds while Brandon Brown scored a total of 20 points and had four steals and two assists.

Abdi Mohamed proved to be a huge factor in the Thunderbirds' performance as he played for a total of 31 minutes, knocked down all his shots from the foul line and finished the game with 25 points, 14 rebounds and three assists.

Ira Haywood also made an impact for the current squad with his 20 points and 6 rebounds.

Highline is midway through the Pre-Divisional games, as they travel to Whatcom on Nov. 30 to take on the Orcas.

Dec. 1 the T-Birds play the North West Indian College in the Pavilion at 3 p.m. They travel on Dec. 5 play Everett.



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An alumni basketball player attempts to make a basket on Highline's current basketball team on Saturday afternoon, in the Pavilion.

Wrestling Schedule

The Highline wrestling team takes on Pacific University on Dec. 2 in Forest Grove, Ore.

Then Highline will host the dual against Southwest Oregon Community College on Dec. 9 at 3 p.m.


Highline will host three more duals in January.

A dual against Pacific takes place on Jan. 5 at 7 p.m.

A dual against Clackamas takes place on Jan. 11 at 7 p.m.

A dual against North Idaho College takes place on Jan. 17 at 7 p.m.

The rest of the wrestling duals are scheduled to take place at the rivals' school.



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The
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North Division

Olympic 11-1	32-11
Bellevue 11-1	28-11
Shoreline 8-4	14-20
Everett 5-8	6-23
Edmonds 4-9	9-23
Whatcom 3-9	9-22
Skagit Valley 1-11	7-20

EAST

Blue Mountain 14-0	43-4
Walla Walla 11-3	34-12
Spokane 10-4	31-11
Wenatchee Valley 7-7	15-19
Yakima Valley 6-8	16-18
Columbia Basin 6-8	14-17
Big Bend 2-12	4-27
Tr. Valley 0-14	4-29

WEST

Highline 10-2	31-13
Green River 10-2	28-10
Pierce 8-4	21-17
Tacoma 8-4	27-11
Clark 3-9	8-19
L. Columbia 3-9	8-23
Centralia 0-12	4-23

SOUTH

Mt. Hood 10-0	33-11
Umpqua 6-4	31-19
Linn-Benton 6-4	24-16
Chemeketa 4-6	13-29
Clackamas 3-7	21-25
SW Oregon 1-9	4-24

Men's soccer

North Division

Edmonds 9-2-2	12-8-3
Whatcom 8-3-2	8-5-3
Everett 7-5-1	8-7-1
Skagit Valley 4-8-1	6-11-1
Shoreline 0-12-1	0-15-1

EAST

Walla Walla 9-1-3	16-2-3
Columbia Basin 6-4-3	12-7-4
Spokane 6-5-2	8-7-3
Treasure Valley 4-5-4	4-6-5
Wenatchee 0-12-1	2-15-1

WEST

Peninsula 12-0-1	22-1-1
Highline 7-4-2	12-5-3
Tacoma 5-7-1	8-9-1
Olympic 3-8-2	4-11-2
Bellevue 2-8-3	3-10-3

SOUTH

Clark 12-0-1	15-2-2
Chemeketa 10-1-2	11-5-5
Pierce 6-7-0	8-11-0
S. Puget Sound 2-10-1	2-15-2
SW Oregon 1-11-1	2-12-1

Women's soccer

North Division

Everett 11-2-2	12-5-3
Whatcom 8-3-4	11-4-4
Shoreline 8-3-4	10-6-4
Edmonds 7-3-5	9-4-6
Skagit Valley 4-8-3	5-10-4
Green River 2-12-1	4-13-2

EAST

Spokane 13-1-2	16-1-4
Walla Walla 12-1-3	14-3-3
Treasure Valley 7-8-1	8-10-1
Columbia Basin 6-7-3	8-7-3
Yakima Valley 2-11-3	2-12-4
Wenatchee 0-15-1	0-18-1

WEST

Peninsula 15-1-0	22-1-1
Highline 8-4-4	10-6-5
Bellevue 7-5-4	9-7-4
Tacoma 6-8-2	7-9-2
Olympic 2-9-5	3-10-6
Lower Columbia 2-10-4	3-12-5

SOUTH

Clackamas 12-2-0	14-4-0
Lane 7-5-2	9-7-4
Clark 5-9-0	6-12-1
Chemeketa 3-7-4	3-9-4
SW Oregon 0-13-1	0-15-1

Results

Peninsula 1, Spokane 1
Peninsula 3, Everett 1
Spokane 1, Clackamas 0
Spokane 3, Whatcom 1
Peninsula 3, Lane 0
Everett 1, Walla Walla 0
Clackamas 1, Shoreline 0

By JACOB SCOTT
Staff Reporter

Highline's men basketball team overwhelmed the Skagit Valley Cardinals with a late run on Nov. 17, beating them 78-76 as the Thunderbirds opened Pre-Divisional play at home in the Pavilion.

Although they trailed by three at halftime, Coach Che Dawson directed his team to play simple, fundamental basketball offensively for the second half while focusing on defensively on shutting down Skagit's offense. The plan proved effective as the Cardinals quickly saw their lead disappear and the Thunderbirds grab the lead for good.

"It has showed us that we can win close games if we play smart down the stretch. But we also have to put ourselves in a position to where it won't have to come down to a last shot situation because we can just as easily lose close games too if we don't execute," said Highline guard Jerrom Smith.

Skagit finished last season second to last in the North Division of the NWAACC and a majority of the Cardinals roster this season consists of

freshmen. That said, the Thunderbirds did not take their opponent lightly and weren't too surprised with how competitive the game was.

"I don't underestimate any team and Skagit is not a bad team, so when the game was close I was not surprised. At the end of the day I just knew we were capable of playing better," said Highline guard Malik Rodgers.

Going into the Skagit game, the Thunderbird players felt they were ready to take on their opponent as Head Coach Che Dawson gave them the low-down of Skagit's type of play and its players. Each player for Highline took time before the game to prepare both physically and mentally.

"I like to have a few minutes to myself to think about various things that I can do individually to help the team win. After that I'm pretty much focused and ready to go out to help my team win," said Smith.

Highline's next Pre-Division game is against Highline's alumni on Nov. 24 at 3 p.m. in the Pavilion. On Nov. 30 the Thunderbirds travel to Whatcom to play the Orcas.



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Guard Jerrom Smith making a basket, during Highline's first Pre-Division game against Skagit in the Pavilion, Saturday afternoon.

Wrestlers lose, despite wrestling better

By ANGELA STONE
Staff Reporter

Facing down the No. 1 community college wrestling team in the country, the Highline wrestlers lost 29-18 against North Idaho, Nov. 17.

That followed a loss (45-4) against Clackamas on Nov. 10.

"North Idaho and Clackamas will always have the upper hand against our team [against North Idaho]," Coach Scott Norton said.

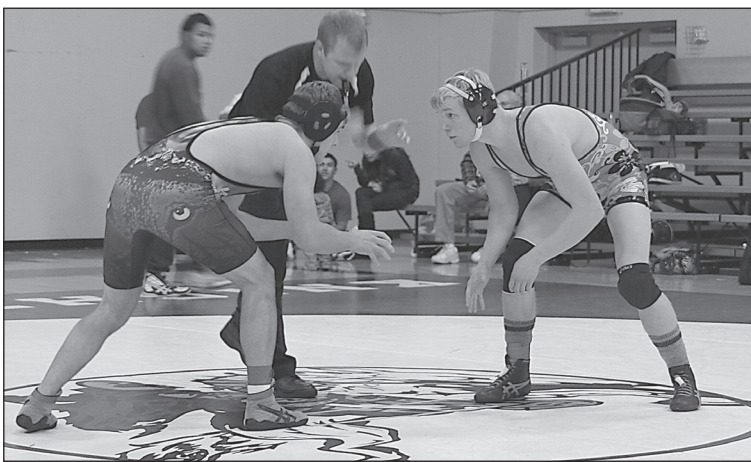
"They have 16 Full Tuition Waivers and dorms. We have two full tuition waivers and no dorms."

However, Norton said "they [Highline's wrestling team] wrestled way better against North Idaho, which is ranked number one in the nation."

"We definitely were the underdogs," sophomore 133-pounder Brandon Leach said.

"I think our team was more unified and prepared overall [this week]," Leach said. "More confident overall."

"Last week was our first tournament, and getting back into the flow," 125-pounder Ruben Navejas Jr. said.



Deondre Sparks

Wrestler 165-pounder Micah Morrill takes fifth place in tournament Sunday against Great Falls.

Leach pinned 125-pounder Blake Adams of North Idaho in 3:43 minutes.

North Idaho's 141-pounder Jarrett Morrill scored by taking a major decision against Highline's 141-pounder Max Welsh.

North Idaho's 149-pounder Jeremy Goldning also scored by beating Highline's John Hedge, 10-1.

North Idaho's 157-pounder Nicholas Moreno pinned Highline's Lonnie Hurley.

Highline's 165-pounder Kario Wallin scored with a decision against North Idaho's 157-pounder Connor Pelzel, 5-1.

North Idaho's 174-pounder Kyle Sweedman scored against Highline's 165-pounder Cole Swartz, 8-1, with a decision.

Highline's All-American 184-pounder Lucas Huyber scored against North Idaho's 197-pounder Caleb Rivera, 8-6, with a decision.

Highline's 197-pounder Ben Tynan pinned North Idaho's 197-pounder Guiseppe Dipolito.

In an extreme weight mismatch, North Idaho's 285-pounder Bryan Smith pinned Highline's 215-pounder Andrew Weitzel in 3:47 minutes.

"I did my best for not com-

pleting for a year and moving up in the class," Weitzel said.

"No [I didn't feel I was evenly matched], but it's OK. Got to do what you can for the team," Weitzel said.

This week Weitzel said that he is going to focus on, "gaining and lifting more [weight], and working out on my technique."

"We really improved this week," Weitzel said. "Everyone was more focused."

Sophomore 165-pounder Craig Dyess, who did not wrestle at the dual, said that the training this last week has been a lot more intense, "[plus] a lot of improvement in our technique."

"I competed in the tournament [on Sunday] and I took fifth," Navejas said.

Navejas still sees room for improvement in his performance but he says, "I don't want to be 100 percent now, I want to be 100 percent at the national tournament." Navejas said. "I want to win when it counts."

The men will wrestle against Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore. on Dec. 2. The first dual held at Highline will be Dec. 9, at 3 p.m.

Thunderbird men kick way to third place

By **BRENT VANWECHEL**
Staff Reporter

Highline's men's soccer team fell 3-2 to the Walla Walla Warriors in the semifinals of the NWAACC tournament to end the season.

Walla Walla went on to lose, 1-0, in the championships to Highline's division rival, Peninsula. Highline finished tied for third with Edmonds, which lost its semifinal match to Peninsula, 2-0.

The Warriors were the champions of the East division and unbeaten in their last eight games going into the semi-final game. The Thunderbirds were on a six-game streak of their own, knocking both Everett and No. one seed Clark out of the tournament.

The semifinal game was played under rain and wind, in the late afternoon at Starfire Stadium in Tukwila.

The game started out pretty even, with both teams having chances but not quite finding the goal. Until, in the 27th minute, Highline got a corner kick and midfielder Kyle Danielson lined up to take it. He sent it into the box and to the head of freshman Cole Madden, who sent the ball flying into the back of the net to put the Thunderbirds up 1-0.

"The cross was pretty perfect," said freshman midfielder



Jack Harton photo

Highline Head Coach Jason Prenovost, center, encourages his team at halftime against Walla Walla.

Dan Tran. "The pace on it was great and as soon as Cole went up for it, you could tell it was going in," he said.

The lead was short-lived, however. Off of a corner kick 15 minutes later, the Warriors scored. It bounced around in the box a bit and finally dropped to Walla Walla's top goal scorer Max Smith, who found the back of the net.

The game was tied 1-1 going into half time.

"Coming out of the half

time talk into the second half, we were all really optimistic," said sophomore forward Austin "Ace" Egerton. "We knew we were playing well. We were feeling good. We knew it was just a matter of time until we would get a goal if we could keep playing the way we were."

The second half began and the fans saw a goal 12 minutes in, but it was the Warriors who scored first. The ball had been cleared to Walla Walla's Johnathon Rodriguez, who advanced

down the field and fired a shot from about 20 yards out that flew past Highline goalkeeper Nick Rosato to put the Warriors up 2-1.

That lead was also short lived. The Thunderbirds were pressing hard and eight minutes later, in the 65th minute, freshman John Monroy was able to even the game again at 2-2.

In the 85th minute, Walla Walla was given a free kick within striking distance of the goal. Freshman Jhony Mendoza

stepped up and curled the ball in toward the far post, putting Walla Walla up for good.

Five Highline players were named to the NWAACC All-Star Team. That's the second highest number of players sent by one team for the East/West division, one player behind Peninsula. T-Birds named to the team included freshmen Jimmy Oganga, Scottie Inthoulay, Jacob Thoreson, Cole Madden, and sophomore Kyle Danielson.

Highline women find a little heaven in seventh

By **ANGELA STONE**
Staff Reporter



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Highline's Mikaela Ballou was named West Division MVP.

Highline's volleyball team placed seventh at the NWAACC championship at Mount Hood Community College in Gresham, Ore.

Blue Mountain Community College of Pendleton, Ore. won the tournament.

The T-Bird volleyball players fell short of their goal last weekend with two wins and two losses. Nonetheless, Highline captured the West Division championship with a 10-2 record, 31-13 overall.

"The first game we won in three sets," outside hitter Haley Dunham said.

"The two games that we won, they were the ones we were expected to win," setter Ashley Barnum said.

Highline won, 25-23, 25-23, 25-21 against Everett on the opening night of the tournament.

On Friday, Highline won against Wenatchee Valley, 25-15, 25-20, only to slip that evening to Spokane, 25-21, 25-21, 25-17.

"[When] we played Spokane,

most the time I didn't even notice we were falling behind, because we were coming together as a group. We were meshing really well," Dunham said.

"[With] Spokane, we were expected to lose that one but we ended up battling with them at the end. It ended up being a close game," Barnum said.

The most disappointing match though, was the loss to Tacoma, 25-17, 25-21.

"The TCC match we definitely should have won," Barnum said.

The championship games were really good for libero Taylor Johnson, middle blocker Kathleen Kent and middle blocker Rebekah Young, Dunham said. They earned a higher percentage of successful blocks, hits and passes on their personal records.

Even though the T-Birds didn't make it as far as they were hoping to, they won several awards. Mikaela Ballou was named Most Valuable Player of the year in the West Division, and Coach Chris Littleman won the Coach of the Year Award in the West Division.

Barnum said that, over all, this season was "a really good experi-

ence. [Even though] we had a lot of ups and downs," Barnum said.

Starting out the season strong, Dunham said that she felt a lot of pressure to keep that up. She said that anytime they didn't do well, she felt the urge to step it up.

Barnum said that the game the team played best this season was the Green River game on Oct. 29 when they played the Gators here.

"We definitely grew. Even though it was a close game our passes, our hitting was on point and made us really successful."

"I just feel that that was a really good game," Dunham said, "because we finally had a crowd."

"I feel like I became a smarter player, [placing] focus on placement and reading the players," Dunham said.

Barnum said, "I grew a lot in confidence." Coming in as freshmen, Barnum said that several of the women didn't have the experience to support the confidence they now share.

"I'm pretty sure all of us are returning," Barnum said of the freshmen.

Des Moines nerf arena provides safe place to make war

By **REBECCA TRIPOLI**
Staff Reporter

Each kid lined up on either side of the room like young soldiers ready for battle. At the sound of “go,” the serious looks on their faces were replaced with bugged out eyes and chaotic excitement as they took down each competitor one by one with their weapon of choice: nerf guns. This is just another day at The Tag Zone in Des Moines’ Marina District.

The Tag Zone is a place where both kids and adults can play a variety of games in the setting of a battlefield-like arena. Although the competition is fierce, the staff always ensures safe play and an enforced set of rules.

Johnny Basco, former U.S. Army 2d Ranger at Ft. Lewis and owner of The Tag Zone was inspired by his son to open the arena.

“My son was 10 at the time and I was bored with the parties I went to, so I decided to have my own nerf party,” said Basco.

That sparked the idea of starting his own nerf arena, which he officially opened in January 2011.

Basco and his staff introduce and lead the games that go on in the arena. Their goal is to make the games both fun and safe and all participants leave the arena as winners, said



Sherry Holt/THUNDERWORD

Children fortify their position behind cover at The Tag Zone last weekend. The Tag Zone, which opened in January 2011, is the brainchild of former Army Ranger Johnny Basco.

Basco.

“Nobody leaves with a trophy, so there’s no need to keep score,” said Basco.

In the Tag Zone’s open play, participants are divided into teams of two as soon as they walk in the door.

The staff then rotates games

for the players from these four categories: squad vs. squad, protect the leader, capture the flag and the prison.

Once a game is established, participants break off into position and begin tagging away.

But this nerf arena isn’t simply a place for drop-in

play. The Tag Zone can set up events such as birthday parties, sleepovers, tournaments or corporate events.

“It’s a really fun place to take kids or go with a friend,” said a nerf arena participant.

The Tag Zone hours are Mondays and Wednesdays 3-7

p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays 6-10 p.m.

The cost of one hour of play is \$10 per person. The two hour rate is \$17 per person.

The Tag Zone is at 605 S. 223rd St. For more information, visit the website at: thetagzone.com or call 206-719-4632.

Highline alums credit college for accounting passion

By **SHON TORRES**
Staff Reporter

A pair of Highline alums own a local accounting firm, but for at least one of them the route to success didn’t add up to his original aspiration. Jason Soper and Kevin Schuyleman own K and J accounting with offices in Des Moines and Burien. They have 10 employees, many of them former Highline students. But for Soper accounting was an acquired taste.

Jason Soper came to Highline on a soccer scholarship, unsure of what field he wanted to pursue.

“I wanted to build roller coasters but calculus changed my mind. It was really tough,” said Soper.

Soper says he still loves roller coasters and travels to theme parks around the world to ride them.

“I completed my Associate degree with an emphasis in engineering in 2000,” said Soper. He continued to explore for another two years.

“I never considered another



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Jason Soper (left) and Kevin Schuyleman run a local accounting firm and are both Highline alums.

school,” Soper said. “For better or worse. There was nothing that jumped out to make me go somewhere else. Highline was in the right place and had all the right things for me,” said Soper.

“I played soccer and worked,” Soper said. “I was studying freight forwarding because that was what I was doing at the time. I was taking one or two classes a quarter. I spent five years at Highline,”

said Soper.

“I broke my arm playing at Grays Harbor. I lost my perfect attendance because of a broken arm,” said Soper.

“[Learning] Sign Language was tough with a broken arm,” Soper said.

Then Soper took a series of accounting classes with former Highline professor Cathy Pitts.

“Her classes made me want to be an accountant. I found what I really liked to do,” Soper said.

“I met Kevin when I graduated from Highline. I got hired during my last quarter and he already had worked for Blair and Company Accounting Firm for a while and was their No. 2 guy,” Soper said.

For Schuyleman, there was no question that he would become an accountant.

“I knew I wanted to be an accountant,” said Schuyleman about his decision about what to study at Highline.

Schuyleman also took Pitts’ accounting class and credited her for helping him along with being an accountant.

“It was most convenient,” Schuyleman said about going to Highline.

According to their website the company was originally started on April 1, 1982 by Wayne Blair. Starting in his basement, Wayne worked for more than 25 years and the firm grew.

“When he decided to retire, Kevin and I were brought into the office. It was like a gift basket. We worked really hard and it was recognized,” said Soper.

They renamed the firm after their first initials.

“Kevin and I are almost complete opposites. While we both handle clients and do accounting, Kevin is more the technical specialist and I am more the customer service guy,” said Soper about the way they work together.

Schuyleman gives advice to students on how to use their time at Highline.

“Study hard. Don’t waste time while you’re here. Make efficient use of your time. Avoid distractions” said Schuyleman.

Robin Hood unmasked; he was a thief, killer

By **RACQUEL ARCEO**
Staff Reporter

The mysteries behind the legend of Robin Hood were revealed by Teri Balkenende, Highline history professor, during last week’s History Seminar.

When trying to find the real Robin Hood there is a lot to consider. First, was Robin Hood a real person or was he just a fictional character?

Looking for him as a person who actually once existed is trickier than expected.

Other important points to consider, which are heard from different versions of the tale are whether he was an earl or a yeoman, what time period he was really from and from where.

Possible time periods for Robin Hood’s existence found in the tales go from the reign of King Richard to the reign of King Edward.

“So that’s a good century of more to work with,” Balkenende said.

The legend of Robin Hood is made harder to unravel with all the different parts. There are six separate fictional tales



Actor Errol Fynn played Robin Hood in The Adventures of Robin Hood in 1938. In the film, along with many other films and books, Robin Hood was portrayed as a man that stole from the rich and gave to the poor.

and three histories. The written stories came from between 1450 and about 1512.

“That makes a lot of sense actually, that’s the given date for the invention of the printing press,” said Balkenende.

Unlike what most people believe, in these stories Robin Hood does not rob from the rich and give to the poor. What the stories tell is him taking from those who denied they had money when first asked. There is nothing that shows he was trying to spread the wealth.

In the story of Robin Hood’s

death there is one major theme to acknowledge and that is his great devotion to Saint Mary.

There are a few recurring things to take note of, for one, some of the tales are based in Barnsdale while some are based in Nottingham. This is a really conflicting part of the legend, Nottingham is about 45 miles south of Barnsdale.

“Unless he was traveling by floo powder or something it’s really not clear how he would have gotten that kind of distance in the 13th, 14th century,” said Balkenende.

Other details found in the stories repeatedly are archery contests, something he is well known very well for, his constant use of disguises, his chivalrous attitude toward women, and his constant conflicts with the sheriff.

“All of this will show up again and again in the Robin Hood tales,” Balkenende said.

One thing that was done when attempting to find the true facts of the legend, was that all parts of the story that were attributable to other people were taken out.

When this is done it became plausible that Robin Hood could have really been in Barnsdale, not Nottingham.

“Turns out that that is the more probable locale for this guy,” Balkenende said.

Something these stories never say is that Robin Hood was working for social justice. Actually, according to the stories, he was quite a malicious person who constantly killed others. Putting Robin Hood in the early 1300s, historians pulled up a list of eight names.

“Six are all mentioned in conjunction of some sort of crime,” said Balkenende.

With the list it was discovered that the name Robin Hood was likely to have become a nickname for criminals. This was by 1262. This left one Robin Hood. His crime was unspecified: Robert Hod of York.

With the information found on him there was enough to match up with the legend.

There was very little information left about him but Robert Hod is thought to be the real Robin Hood.

Next week’s History Seminar will be on Nov. 28 in Building 3, room 102 and feature Dr. Lonnie Somer talking about the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Payroll system gets upgraded, going all online

By **MARQUES DINAPOLI**
Staff Reporter

Tack on another learning opportunity for the approximately 300 student employees here at Highline—they now have to learn a new process for getting paid.

The payroll system used by all faculty, staff and student employees is going through major changes, which are projected to be finished during winter quarter.

The payroll system is being switched from a paper system to an all online system. Most campus employees have already switched. Now, however, it’s the students’ turn.

“The new system will get rid of a lot of paper as well as help [employees] get paid more accurately,” Larry Yok, vice president for Administration, said.

According to Diana Baker from Student Employment, the system will “tentatively be switched over during Winter quarter.”

“Ultimately it will be a great system,” Baker said. “But the last thing [anyone] wants is to have bugs in the system when it goes live. That’s one of the reasons the date is only tenta-

tive.”

Another reason for the tentative date is the need to train students in the use of the new system.

There will be training provided for current student employees later this month, Baker said.

Currently, time sheets are distributed to student’s supervisors who then give them to their student employees. The students fill out the time sheets, which are then vetted by the supervisors and sent to the Student Employment and Payroll departments.

The majority of this process will stay the same, Yok said, “except we will be losing the paper.”

Students will have to set up an account online where they

will be able to fill out their time sheets and submit them to their supervisors.

“It will make the process much quicker,” Yok said, “the most time-consuming part of it will probably be setting up [a student’s] account.”

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ate of Mount Rainier High School and was studying nursing at Highline.

“Jayme was a girl with a compassionate heart and compassion for people. She wanted to see people smile and be the best person they can be,” Joe Thomas said. “She was in the nursing program because she had a passion for helping the elderly and children. She had a good heart.”

Thomas’ father said that she loved people and that a person like her would have been a positive thing for the community.

“She was an amazing asset to our community, and a compassionate person. To have her taken away like that, I don’t understand why,” Joe Thomas said. “Jayme wanted to be a positive influence in people’s lives.”

Joe Thomas said Jayme Thomas was selfless and always wanted to help people and that she volunteered often with her youth group to feed the hungry.

“She would give the last \$20 in her pocket to a homeless person and when people questioned her, she would say, ‘he looked like he needed it more than I did,’” Joe Thomas said.

“Jayme was kind hearted, compassionate, caring, happy and loved by so many,” Carrie Thomas, Thomas’ mother said.

Lynne Boettcher works at Highline’s Workforce and Education Services and is a family friend of the Thomas family.

“The hole in a family unit is never filled, but people remembering those who are gone, I believe help,” Boettcher said. “Jayme was kind, caring and smart. Jayme [as a nurse] would have been a gift that would of touched lives forever.”

Jayme Thomas’ father said he would like to see this case finally come to an end and for Rourn to admit to killing Jayme.

“I would like to see the guy fess up to it and be a man,” he said. “I would not like to see myself hate. It is not what Jayme was about, and I don’t want it to consume my family or me. I just want to see him [Rourn] admit to what he did.”

Carrie Thomas said she wants to see Rourn plead guilty so that they wouldn’t have to have a trial at all.

Joe Thomas said that he has loved all of the support he and his family have received in the past year.

“It helps when I see a lot of people want to do things to honor Jayme, to know people cared for her and loved her. It helps us to know she touched so many lives,” he said.



photos by Sherry Holt and Virginia Parenteau/THUNDERWORD
Jericho the cat (top), who handles security for Building 12, Malachite (bottom), Highline’s iguana, can peel flesh from a human arm like a banana.

Critters

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And for some of the animals, like the Ball Python named Balak, it’s a much better home than their first.

“We acquired Balak from PNHS about eight years ago. He had been seized during a drug raid, and what they found was that he was extremely dehydrated and had several cigarette burns along his body,” Walter said. “Now he’s perfectly healthy and has grown

quite a bit.”

Another case of neglect can be found in the Bearded Dragon named Kedaka. His owner was extremely afraid of him, Walter said, to the point that his entire life he wasn’t allowed out of his cage.

Unfortunately, he said, that kind of treatment has left him aggressive and fearful of being in contact with humans.

“Normally, a Bearded Dragon is pretty docile, and you can pick him up and hold him for a while. It took me almost a year and a half to get Kedaka comfortable enough with me to let me hold him for just a few

minutes,” Walter said.

Although the majority of the animals are quite docile, he said, the iguana that was acquired about five years ago can be another story.

“We got Malachite [the iguana] from another case of neglect,” he said. “When we got him he was covered in parasites and had a number of diseases. The medication he was on when we got him made him calm and docile, but once we took him off, he got a little more active.”

Malachite was only around a foot long when he came to the Biology Lab, Walter said. Now he is almost four feet long and can grow as long as seven feet and double in girth.

Not all of the animals in the Biology Lab come from such sorry circumstances. Some, like the three Axolotls and the Chinese Box Turtle Sam, were donated by former students who simply weren’t able to take care of them any longer.

“We got the Axolotls from a former student who raised them to sell, so that he could have money for college,” Walter said. “After he was finished though, he didn’t really need them any longer and asked if we would like them.”

By far the oldest of all of the animals, though, is the Russian Tortoise, Shoorik.

“I don’t know exactly how old he is, but I counted up all the growth rings on his shell one time and we think he is around 65 years old,” he said.

Lastly there is the most notorious inhabitant, Walter’s parrot.

“Squawky-Dude is perhaps the meanest animal I’ve got,” Walter said. “His favorite game is biting people.”

Squawky-Dude is actually Walter’s pet, and travels between work and home.

Graduation

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were given another date. It was out of our control.”

Collins said that Highline has held the commencement ceremonies at the ShoWare Center for the past few years.

“There aren’t very many choices, venue wise, with amount of time we have. Also, most venues will give the date that you have set away unannounced so that’s why the ShoWare Center works for us, they won’t give our date away,” Collins said.

Collins said committee members are hoping it works out.

Final exams were an issue the committee faced with the changing of the graduation date.

“We are hoping that because we are giving such an early heads up, the professors will arrange the final exam schedules to hopefully wrap it up early,” Collins said.

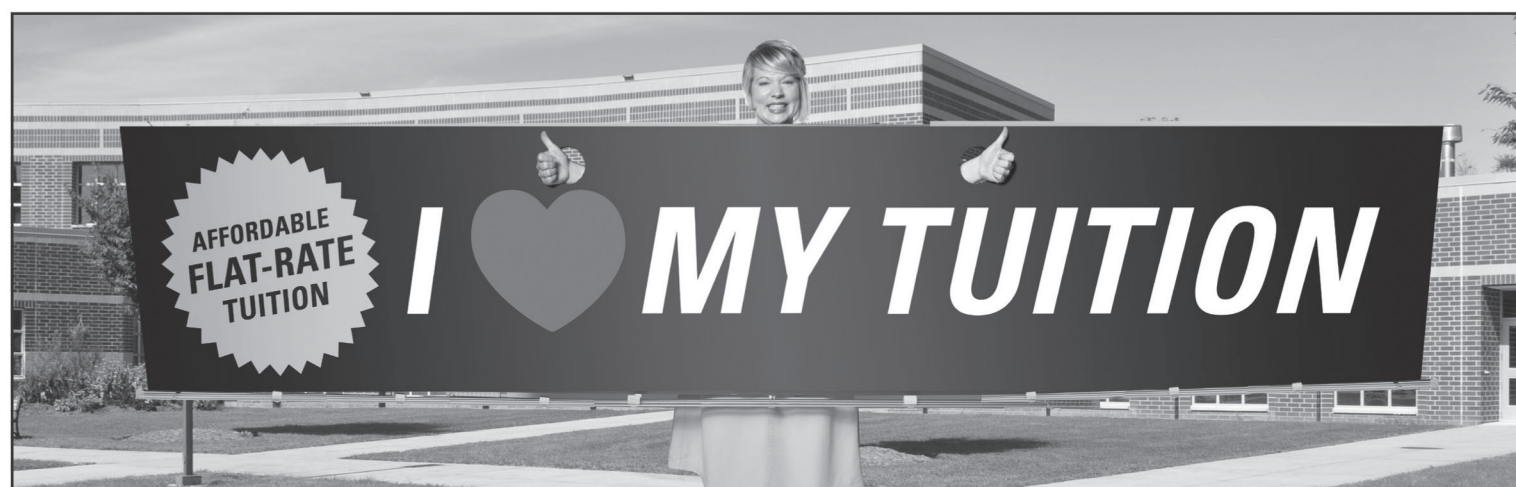
Collins said that even if professors don’t change the dates of their final exams, it wouldn’t make that much of a difference.

“Regardless, even if the date was on Thursday, students would still have to take finals that morning,” Collins said.

One of the positive aspects of the schedule change is the time, Collins said.

“The timing will work well for family and friends to attend the event because it is in the evening [7 p.m.]. So we are expecting a great turnout. Most of the graduates’ family and friends will be able to attend because it is after work hours,” said Collins.

Though the graduation date has changed, the faculty and staff luncheon will still be held on Thursday, June 13.



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