Students host bake sale to help needy kids

By Kiya Dameron
Staff Reporter

The young boy had taken a tumble on his bicycle.
The apartment manager asked if he was OK. The boy said yes.
"Let's go see your mom," said the manager. The boy repeated that he was OK.
The manager wasn't sure, so he took the boy to the family's apartment unit.
"Go get your mom."
The boy came back shortly.

"She's asleep."
After a few more questions, the manager determined that the boy's mother hadn't been home for several days. "What have you been eating?" The boy held up a backpack.

That backpack, and stories like this one, have led people in the community to support a program run through the Des Moines Food Bank that feeds low-income children on the weekends.

Although Washington state pays the highest minimum wage in the nation, the 2010 Census showed that the percentage of population under poverty in King County was at 12.2 percent, a 2.5 increase since 2009. And the poverty percentage is higher among minorities: 24.7 percent of African Americans, 19.9 percent of Hispanics, and 10.1 percent of Asians.

"Families are living on food stamps, and the homeless population has jumped dramatically," said Kathy Allen, family support liaison at Madrona Elementary School.

"You have to meet the hunger needs of children."

In southwest King County, the population under poverty ranges from 10.4 percent

Some 70 percent of students in the Highline School District qualify for free- and reduced-price lunches at four elementary schools in Des Moines and SeaTac.

Police Department, said Jim Baylor, director of Campus Security.

"This case was assigned to the same detective as all the other ones," said Sgt. Doug Jenkins, public information officer for the Des Moines Police Department.

Jenkins said that this was another case of an individual being taken advantage of because they were too lost in their phone.

"I don't want to diminish the victim, but it was a crime of opportunity," he said.
Child left alone in running car

Someone reported a child alone in a running vehicle in the East Parking Lot around 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 14.

Security officers responded at the same time the parent returned to the vehicle. The parent said they were just dropping something off and Security advised them not to leave a child alone in a vehicle.

A person dropping kids off at the Child Care Center in Building 6 was confronted by a man around 8 a.m. on Nov. 13.

A male in his 30s walked by and grabbed his own privates then walked away.

Cell phone stolen by juvenile

A cell phone was stolen from Building 29 on Nov. 15 at 3:30. The owner placed the phone down and a male juvenile grabbed the phone and ran off.

Male walks into women’s restroom

A female student filed a complaint after using the restroom in Building 17 on Nov. 18.

She said a male came out of one of the stalls and joined a group of males and females outside the restroom who were laughing.

She said she didn’t think it was voyeurism, and the group might have dared him to do it.

Graffiti on campus

There were two instances of graffiti on Nov. 14 and Nov. 18. Graffiti was found in a men’s restroom in Building 5 and more was found in an elevator in Building 26.

- Compiled by Sam Hong

Apply for winter leadership retreat

The Center for Leadership and Service has opened applications for their annual winter leadership retreat.

The retreat is meant to help better students’ understanding of leadership, including what constitutes a leader, and recognize how leadership qualities grow and strengthen the student community.

To attend the retreat, students must submit an application that can be seen at clc.highline.edu/retreat.php by Nov. 25 by 5 p.m.

The retreat is from Dec. 16 to Dec. 17 at the YMCA Camp Seymour in Gig Harbor.

Any additional questions can be sent to Leisha Valencia, assistant director for the Center for Leadership and Service, at valencia@highline.edu.

Workshop talks picking colleges

The Transfer Center is trying to help students pick what universities they want to attend.

The “How to Select a Four-Year College or University” workshop will teach students the process of choosing a college that is right for them.

The workshop will be on Nov. 21 in Building 6, room 164, from 12:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Workshops cover critical reading

Faculty and staff can meet twice before the end of the quarter for the workshop, “Faculty and Staff Learning Community on Reading Apprenticeship.”

The workshop will discuss ways to increase the effectiveness of their teaching by focusing on the Reading Apprenticeship framework.

The RA framework is meant to help instructors teach their students critical reading skills.

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Two vehicles stolen from parking lot

Two vehicles were stolen from the North Parking Lot and an area near the Human Services building on Nov. 18 between 9 in the morning and 7:30 at night.

The first victim parked his vehicle at 9 a.m. and returned at 1 p.m. to find his ignition sitting on the floor of his vehicle.

The second victim parked at 11:30 a.m. and returned at 1:45 p.m. to find his vehicle stolen.

The last victim parked at 4:40 p.m. and returned at 7:30 p.m. to a missing vehicle.

All the targeted vehicles were Hondas and Des Moines Police is investigating.

Black Hawk soars again through History Seminar

The war ended after two disastrous battles at Wisconsin Heights and Bad Axe, in which most of Black Hawk’s people were killed by both the U.S. Army and the local militias.

Black Hawk was eventually captured and sent to a military prison. He was later summoned to Washington D.C. by President Andrew Jackson, and later was given a tour of the East Coast and became a big celebrity.

Afterwards, he was given permission to go back to his people and he died shortly after writing his autobiography.

Dr. Somer said that one village that was briefly occupied by Black Hawk was discovered in Illinois in the late 1950s, but before the site could be fully excavated, the owner of the land sold it and a highway was put in. It wasn’t until a century later that the Illini Department of Archaeology hired an expert on Native American history to go over what was left of the items that were excavated.

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Event discusses choosing a career

The Inter-Cultural Center continues its series of events with the second “Counseling Wisdom Series” of the quarter, co-sponsored by the Counseling Series.

The event will discuss the importance of money and personal drive that motivates people to follow a certain career path.

The event will be on Nov. 26 from 11 a.m. to noon in Building 8, room 204.
Physicists show electrics full house

By Ben Knapp
Staff Reporter

A powerful force was felt during last week’s Science Seminar. Hosting Highline’s sixth Nearly Annual Physics Show, Engineering Professor Rich Bankehead and Science Professor Greg Reinemer demonstrated various experiments last Friday. The Physics Show began with a race. A soup race. Using a table tilted at a downward angle, the cans of soup were held in place at a starting gate constructed at the top of the table. Contestants included chicken broth, tomato soup, and a hollowed-out soup can. When released, the chicken broth made it down the table the fastest.

For an object to be the fastest, there has to be less energy in rotation. The rolling speed is a function of the geometric distribution of mass and since the chicken broth is more liquefied, there is mass in the center of the can that doesn’t rotate, creating an 80 percent free fall,” said Reinemer. Reinemer then went on to demonstrate a new gravitation experiment. He attached four strings to each corner of a checkerboard and placed a wine glass filled with water in the center of the board.

To demonstrate centripetal force, Reinemer began to whirl the checkerboard around in a circle vertically to the ground, much like a jump rope, while the wine glass remained standing upright without spilling a single drop.

“The acceleration in the curved pathway helps create a force directed toward the center of curvature of the path to keep the filled glass upright,” said Bankehead.

For their next experiment, Bankehead brought out the Van de Graaff generator and chose a young woman to volunteer from the audience. After placing her hand on the spherical generator, one could see the static electricity travel throughout her hair, making it stick straight up as if it were from a cartoon.

“The charge on the sphere is going up her arm and all the way throughout her body. When the charge reaches the hair, it separates more, creating this visual effect,” said Bankehead.

For the final experiment of the show, Reinemer and Bankehead brought out an 8-foot tube to serve as a cannon that would launch a ping pong ball out of nothing but compressed air.

They started up the generator and covered up any opening that could potentially leak any of the compressed air.

After the cannon was ready, they released the cap on the end of the cannon, sending the ping pong ball flying out along with a tremendous boom.

“The ball leaving the cannon is travelling at roughly 400-500 miles per hour,” said Bankehead.

The force of acceleration caused the ball and the cap to shatter into fragments.

The next seminar will be on Friday, Nov. 22 on the topic of "From Concept to Marketing - Developing, Manufacturing, and Marketing an Idea: One inventor’s journey," presented by James Peet, a local inventor and Geography professor at Highline.

This week’s one-hour seminar will be held at 12:03 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 102 and begins at 12:20 p.m. The seminar is free and open to the public.

New safety director wants changes in campus security plan

By Sam Hong
Staff Reporter

Jim Baylor wants to bring the philosophy of community policing to Highline. Baylor, the new Highline director of Safety, Security and Emergency Management has been at his new position since the beginning of November.

Originally from Austin, Texas, he received a bachelor’s degree in criminology and justice from Sam Houston State University.

“My dad wanted me to go into business administration,” but he wasn’t really interested in it, and Sam Houston State had just started a criminal justice program that he decided to take, Baylor said.

Baylor also received a master’s degree with dual majors in psychology and sociology from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio.

Baylor started out working for a crime prevention association for the energy and construction industry and moved on to become an instructor at a regional academy.

He then taught and was also the Police Operations Commander at Rice University in Houston for 18 years before becoming the Chief of Campus Security at Wharton County Junior College.

The move from Rice to Wharton County was a big change, said Baylor.

“It prepared me for this job. It took me out of a private college into a public state college,” Baylor said.

It also took him out of an “armed mentality at Rice into an unarmed one at Wharton,” he added.

Rice University has armed university police officers while Wharton had unarmed security officers.

Baylor’s move to the Northwest happened by chance.

“My wife and I wanted to retire to the Northwest,” said Baylor.

He said he saw the job offer and it was similar to what he was doing at Wharton County.

“You could say it fell in our lap and the timing was right,” Baylor said.

Officer safety and strategic training for officers are some changes Baylor said he hopes to implement at Highline. Baylor also said he wants to “not necessarily change but enhance communication with the student body.”

The issue of students not reporting incidents right away has come up in the Security Office. Baylor said he wants to change that and make officers more approachable and the Security Office more accessible.

Baylor said some people might be hesitant about approaching security and police officers and in some cultures the police can’t be trusted.

The more barriers you have between the Security Office and students, the harder it will be for everyone, Baylor said.

As the Director of Safety, Security and Emergency Management, Baylor said his current project is updating the emergency action plan, which explains what to do during armed intruders, bomb threats, fires, volcanic ash and other emergency procedures.

He also added that he wants to make the emergency action plan more accessible to students so they can be familiar with what to do in these incidents.

Gender inequalities featured in new/old class

By Rennie Wallin
Staff Reporter

Highline’s Women & Society class has been reborn. This Winter Quarter Highline will be offering Diversity and Globalism 210: Women & Society, which has not been offered for several years since the class was a way to bring it, said Rosemary Adang, a professor at Highline and the person teaching this class.

This is because both teachers who have previously taught it, Adang and Teri Bakken, have not had enough time to teach it recently.

The class has been brought back because Adang finally has the time to teach it and because women have different experiences in life compared to men.

“We need to be looking at women’s issues,” Adang said.

It is a five-credit class that counts toward social science area one and diversity and globalism.

There are currently five students signed up, 33 spots left for students to register, and there are no prerequisites.

For Winter Quarter the class runs from 11 a.m. till 12:03 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is a hybrid class, which is a five-credit class that’s part in online and partially done online.

The class has a $37.70 instructional technology fee. Its location is still to be determined and its item number is 1072.

For more information about the class you can email Adang at radang@highline.edu or call her at 206-592-3822.

By Ben Knapp

THUNDERWORD

The Physics Show demonstrates the power of static electricity in a hair-raising experiment. Highline professors Rich Bankehead and Greg Reinemer wowed a capacity crowd with multiple experiments.
Don't be afraid to seek help for holiday blues

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I thought I’d be bored. I mean come on, jazz music is for old people.

But, boy was I wrong. Handcuffed put on a free live concert and anyone who missed out surely made a mistake.

The cohesiveness of the band mixed with the upbeat tempo of the music electrified the whole room.

My doubts about jazz music were all proven wrong when I finally seized the moment and just went for it. If I had let the opportunity pass I would have never realized how much I enjoyed that concert.

I need to stop living in a box and open up my mind to all the things the art world includes—things such as live theater, concerts, art galleries, exhibits, film, and literature.

We’ve all had to read a book for class and dreaded every single bit of it.

Initially, when I was told I had to read the Lord of the Rings, I think I almost dug my eyes out of the sockets.

However, after reading the book, it became one of my all time favorites. I learned once again, to not judge a book by its cover both literally and figuratively.

Don’t judge something because you think you might not like it. Try new things because you never know what you will love.

One day I’ll have to go to the opera or the ballet, because I must know that I won’t know if I will enjoy it until I’m actually there.

Bailey Williams is the too-spicy-for-virchaka arts editor for the Thunderword.

Got art news?
Call the Thunderword at (206) 592-3317

Aunt Dottie says it’s time to sing and dance

By Bailey Williams

If you’re ready to sing or even if you’re not, Aunt Dottie has an opportunity for you.

Local actor Michele Greenwood Bettinger and local pianist Aaron Buckner come together as Aunt Dottie and Nephew Aaron, to perform their latest showing of Aunt Dottie’s Sing-a-Long Cabaret at the Renton Civic Theatre, 507 S. 3rd St., on Sunday Nov. 24 at 1 p.m.

This show is filled with improvisation, singing, dancing and all around fun, said Bettinger.

This show was thought up five years ago when Bettinger was having a hard time finding work. “I loved entertaining people with an alter ego, but I wasn’t getting along, said Bettinger. “Sometimes people get scared when they hear it’s a sing-a-long, but it’s not forced.”

If setting down and enjoying the music is more comfortable for an audience member, then that is one of the reasons why you will want to walk into Aunt Dottie’s Cabaret.

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New film class focuses on chick flicks

By Nichole Johns
Staff Reporter

Film Studies 112 is now titled “Chick Flicks with Professor Rich” and emphasizes the roles of women in film.

The term “flicks” refers to films that explore the hopes and dreams of women, but Susan Rich said, the class will go beyond that.

Some popular ladies that Rich will be discussing include Mae West, Tilda Swinton, Audrey Hepburn and Charlize Theron.

She will take movies such as She Done Him Wrong and analyze how Mae West is portrayed on and off camera.

“Most of the class time will be [spent] watching movies but also to get students to discover women filmmakers who continually inspire and intoxicate students,” said Rich.

The class will be looking at women not just from America but from different countries so that it adds to student’s diversity and globalism credit, she said.

This film class is also good if students are interested in film, history of cinema and want to be better critical thinkers, Rich said.

“Guys are welcome [too], I have had guys take the class and like it,” said Rich.

Class begins Winter Quarter and is Monday through Thursday at 12:10-1:13 p.m.

Squid-A-Rama makes a big splash

By Bailey Williams
Staff Reporter

Students can enjoy a free night of dancing, art galleries, snacks, and glassblowing this Friday at the Museum of Glass.

The second annual Gather event is on Nov. 22 from 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. The museum is at 1801 Dock St. in Tacoma and the event is for college students with an active college or university ID. However, you’re allowed a plus one.

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This is the second event and last year there were around 350 people in attendance, said Aamidor.

"Last year we got students up and dancing, and it was a bunch of fun," she said. "We’re hoping that happens again. We want it to be as good or even better."

There will be an information desk to learn about internships at the Museum.

The Museum of Glass is a non-profit and a lot of the people who work there are volunteers, Aamidor said.

Building a strong relationship with the community and the students is the goal of Gather, she said.

“We want to maintain a relationship with the students and continue interacting with them through the Facebook page,” Aamidor said.

“The museum is free to students on Sundays, and we would love to see more students there.”

Overall, the goal is to “bridge the gap” of communication with students, she said.

For more information about Gather visit facebook.com/gather-event2013.
by Justin Kemp
Staff Reporter

The Highline men’s soccer season came to an end with a heartbreaking loss in the semifinals to Clark last Saturday afternoon.

After a strong start to the NWAACC playoffs with first round win against Columbian Basin, 2-0 on Nov. 6, and second round win against Skagit Valley 2-0 on Nov. 9, the Thunderbirds fell just short of making the finals with a 2-1 loss to Southern Division Champion Clark in the semifinals.

It was a cold and windy day at Starfire in Tukwila when the Thunderbirds and Penguins took the field.

From the opening whistle, overly aggressive contact seemed to be fair game in the first half with the refs letting several likely penalties go unnoticed.

However, when the second half kicked off the refs started cracking down with six yellow cards being handed out, two for Highline and four for Clark.

Highline managed to get the edge early with a goal from Jordan Cohen in the 19th minute.

Cohen managed to find the back of the net with a lobbed kick over the head of a Clark defender and past the goalkeeper from about 20 yards out.

“As soon as I kicked it I knew it was going in,” said Cohen. “I felt like it was deserved after all the hard work we put in.”

This spectacular goal managed to give the Thunderbirds the swing in momentum as well as getting the crowd on their side.

“We truly believed we were going to win the whole time,” said Head Coach Jason Prenovost.

Unfortunately for the Thunderbirds it was in the fourth minute of stoppage time that those beliefs were proven false.

As time ran out and stoppage time came into effect, a full five minutes were allowed by the refs.

During these five minutes, Clark was given four free kicks.

On the final kick Highline goalkeeper Nick Rosato was met by a mob of Clark defenders who managed to dislodge the ball and knock Rosato to the ground, sending the ball to the ground where it was then deflected off the leg of Clark player Abdiel Morfin, and just barely rolled across the goal line.

“Right before the free kick Clark moved all their guys so they were crowding the goal so

I did not have as much room to make a play on the ball,” said Rosato.

“When the ball came I had no momentum to go get it, it was knocked from my hands and I was hit in the ear so I don’t really remember what happened after that.”

As the teams got a short break to prepare for overtime, the tension and anticipation filling the stadium was running so thick it could be felt.

“I told the guys to keep their heads up,” said Prenovost.

However, that was easier said than done.

“We weren’t ready to flip the switch because we were in the mode of trying to kill the clock, not score another goal,” said Rosato.

As overtime began it didn’t take long for Clark to find its rhythm. In only eight minutes, Bernardino Ayala-Jimenez of Clark scored the sudden-death goal, which gave Clark the 2-1 victory and a berth into the finals on Nov. 17.

As the Thunderbirds licked their wounds from a heart-breaking loss, their division rivals Peninsula matched up against Clark in the finals on Nov. 17.

Peninsula came away with a 1-0 victory and its second straight NWAACC title.

Highline coaches, athletes winfall honors

Several Highline coaches and players earned end-of-the-season awards from the NWAACC for fall sports.

Highline athletics has been recognized for its success not only by the three all-stars chosen, but through this award as well. It reminds me that we are doing something right with these teams and the athletics program,” said Head Coach Tom Moore.

Highline female soccer players Jessi Beverlin, Emily Hanna and Eacee Malmanger were also named All-stars this season.

“I’m very proud of everyone who played this year, and it is an excellent tribute to Emily, Kacee, and Jessi for all the hard work and effort they have demonstrated toward the program and themselves throughout this year,” said Moore.

Highline Head Coach Jason Prenovost was named the men’s West Region soccer coach of the year.

Prenovost led Highline into the semi-playoffs against Clark where they lost 2-1.

Highline ended its season with a 9-4-0 league record and 15-7-1 overall record this season.

Men’s soccer team All-star players were Scottie Inthoulay, Vincent Nguyen, Cole Madden and Jacob Thoreson.

Volleyball Head Coach Chris Littleman was chosen as West Region volleyball coach of the year.

Littleman led Highline volleyball to the NWAACC West Division championship and a berth in the NWAACC tournament. Volleyball All-star players have not yet been named.

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Highline begins season with win

By Jay Doull  
Staff Reporter

How hard the Highline men's basketball team works this season will help determine their success, their coach said.

"Our biggest obstacle this year will be figuring out how hard we want to consistently work. That will directly correlate to our success. We have a lot of potential," said Head Coach Che Dawson.

The team recently started the season with a win over Olympic by a score of 102-57. Before the season started, Highline played a few scheduled scrimmages to help tune up for the season.

The most recent scrimmage was at home against Wenatchee on Nov. 10, this time by an unofficial score of 91-73.

League play for the Thunderbirds begins Jan. 2 at Pierce. Last season Highline finished sixth in place in the West Division with a record of 6-10, missing the playoffs.

This year's team consists of 12 freshman and four sophomores with one player redshirting from each grade. The redshirted players will sit out one year of competition to extend their college eligibility but they are able to practice with the team.

Even though the players come from different walks of life, half of them come from the area.

The players from Washington are 6'8'' forward Joseph Stroud from Rainier Beach, 6'2'' guard Daryon James from Thomas Jefferson, 6'2'' guard Jalen McGruder from Garfield, 6'6'' forward Isom Brown from Curtis, 6'5'' forward Martel Taylor-Barone from Kent-Meridian, 6'3'' guard Jimmy Keuer from Lindbergh, 5'10'' guard Harold Lee from Auburn and 5'8'' forward Ryan Swanstrom from Mountlake Terrace.

A couple players come from just outside of Washington, including 5'9'' guard Madison McCaffrey from Century, Ore. and 6'6'' forward Ben Tucakovic from Boise, Idaho.

There are also three guards from Alaska, 5'9'' AJ Banks, 6'1'' Keeanee Rowland, and 6'2'' Xavier Johnson.

A couple players are from Texas, 6'3'' guard Doug McDaniell and 6'3'' guard Brenton McBride. The team has one international player, 6'6'' forward Brinsley Walker from Lakenheath, England.

The sophomores are Banks, Stroud, Swanson and Davis. The latter three return from last year's team.

"We should have great versatility. So far the guys have done a nice job of being coachable and putting the team ahead of themselves. That needs to continue," said Coach Dawson.

"This year's team has a lot of qualities that we didn't have last year. We are more talented, skilled, experienced, mature and unselfish," he said.

In any case, "When you aren't as good as you should be, which has been the case the last couple of years, nobody is your rival, and everybody is your rival," said Coach Dawson.

The Thunderbirds play an away game against Clackamas on Nov. 22 and then will be at home to host the Alumni game on Nov. 30 at 2 p.m. in the Pavilon.

Volleyball

West Division

League Season

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North Division

W L

Olympic 11-1 41-4
Bellevue 11-1 27-5
Shoreline 8-4 21-13
Everett 5-7 6-19
Edmonds 3-9 7-23
Skagit Valley 2-10 6-23
Whatcom 2-10 3-26

South Division

West Division

League Season

W L W L

North Division

W L

Everett 0-0 1-0
Shoreline 0-0 1-0
Bellevue 0-0 1-1
Olympic 0-0 0-1
Edmonds 0-0 0-1
Peninsula 0-0 0-0
Skagit Valley 0-0 0-0
Whatcom 0-0 0-0

East Division

Spokane 0-0 1-0
Yakima Valley 0-0 1-0
Wenatchee Valley 0-0 1-1
Blue Mountain 0-0 0-1
Columbia Basin 0-0 0-1
Big Bend 0-0 0-0
Treasure Valley 0-0 0-0
Walla Walla 0-0 0-0

South Division

Clackamas 0-0 1-0
Lake 0-0 1-0
Mt. Hood 0-0 1-0
Port Orchard 2-10 1-0
SW Oregon 0-0 1-0
Umpqua 0-0 1-0
Chehalis 0-0 1-1
Linn-Benton 0-0 0-0

Highline assistant coach Dave Denny runs a drill during practice with players Doug McDaniell, Jimmy Keuer and Xavier Johnson. McDaniell, Keuer and Johnson all play as guards.

Lady T-Birds prepare for hoop season

By Bayonne Beninger  
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's basketball team has a lot of new parts to add to the machine during this upcoming season.

The Lady T-Birds begin the 2013-2014 season by playing Whatcom on Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. Highline sees Clark, Columbia and Centralia as strong competitors in the NWAACC West Division.

Highline finished fifth place in the West Division with a 9-7 league record and 15-12 season record last year, but didn't make the NWAACC tournament.

"We have been putting a big focus on defense thus far in the practice. It has paid off in the scrimmages we have had. Although our offense now needs to become more skilled, experienced, mature and unselfish," said Bayonne Beninger/THUNDERWORD.

Point guard Kayla Ivy takes a pass in practice for the Highline women last week.

By Jay Doull  
Staff Reporter

"With so many new players, we need to tackle the basics first. We have also placed a strong emphasis on team ego instead of personal ego," said Mosely.

The Highline roster includes four guards: 5'10'' Jada Piper from Thomas Jefferson, 5'8'' Cali Remitz from Enumclaw, 5'3'' Maddy Maley from Auburn, Mountaineer and 5'3'' Shiccia Harris-Grant from West.

The roster also includes two forwards: 5'10'' Alana Christy from Christian Faith and 5'10'' Kendall Watts from Kiona-Benton, five guard forwards: 4'10'' Lanae Adams from Prairie, 5'11'' Sienna Pollard from Auburn, 5'9'' Ali-of Funk from Franklin and 6'0'' Ionna Price from Bellarmine Preparatory.

Highline also has two point guards: 5'5'' Kayla Ivy from Franklin and 5'3'' Jordan Armstrong from Renton on this years roster.

"Our biggest obstacle this season is our West Division with a 9-7 league record and 15-12 season record last year, but didn't make the NWAACC tournament," said Head Coach Amber Rose Mosely.

"They predict that Highline's strongest competitors in the West Division will be Centralia, Clark and Lower Columbia, who finished first, second and third in the West Division last year.

"In order to be more successful than we have been in recent years, we need to buy in and place the team first," said Mosely.

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Highline wrestlers pin down victory over Pacific

By Ryan Macri  Staff Reporter

Edwin Torres got Highline's win in overtime against Pacific University in the T-Birds' first dual meet of the season. Torres is a heavyweight and wrestled Aaron Beadle and won by decision, 3-1, in overtime.

Highline won with an overall team score of 18-17. The match took place in Forest Grove, Ore. last Friday. Pacific is a four-year, Division III school.

Highline had three of its starters out: Josh Romero at 149 pounds, Anton Yates at 184, and heavyweight Michael Henry. "The lineup should be back to the way it usually is (for the next meet)," said Brad Luvaas, Highline assistant coach.

Against Pacific, Highline's Alex Herrera at 125 pounds won by pin against Davlin Ruggerio, earning Highline six points. Pacific's Eric Harder at 133 pounds won by decision against Kompers Hopkins, 9-6, giving Pacific three points making the score 6-3. Pacific's Shawn Speer at 141 won by decision against Eric Garcia, 5-7, earning Pacific three points and tying the score at 6-6. Pacific's Ryan Baxter at 149 pounds won by decision against Josh Smith, 6-1, giving the host school the lead, 9-6.

"We wrestled well, but 141 and 149 could have wrestled better," Luvaas said. "We were better at almost every weight class and we should have had more points."

Highline's John Hedge at 157 pounds won by decision against Devon Silva, 11-3, giving Pacific a 13-9 lead.

Highline's Elias Mason at 174 pounds won by decision against Michael Tyner, 5-2, pulling Highline within one point of Pacific with a score of 13-12.

Pacific's Caleb Malychewski won by major decision against Zach Brickford, 11-2, giving Pacific a 17-12 advantage.

"We should have won almost every match," said Luvaas. "The only match I could see us losing was at 184 pounds. Caleb Malychewski [of Pacific] is a national qualifier and their team captain. [Brickford] wrestled well for a wrestling a national qualifier."

Tyler Cormier at 197 pounds won by decision, 10-4, against Chris Harlin, giving Highline a chance to win going into the last match putting the score at 17-15, which led to Torres winning in overtime.

"Tyler Cormier had a chance to pin his opponent and probably should have," Luvaas said. Highline's next meet is on Nov. 23, in Courc d’Alene, Idaho, against North Idaho College. North Idaho is ranked No. 2 in the NJCAA, and will be competing for their 14th national tournament championship. North Idaho is a national powerhouse; they always compete for national championships and they have a very good program, Luvaas said.

"I think our kids have to wrestle very well to win," said Luvaas.

Correction: Last week's issue of the Thunderword had Jason Gray from Highline placing first for the 157 pound weight class. Meet officials from Pacific University apparently had an old roster.

Highline among several volleyball favorites

By Joel Jessen  Staff Reporter

Blue Mountain and Mt. Hood have dominated the last three years of the NWAACC championship, but coaches around the league say that this year is anybody's shot.

After an impressive, hard-fought season, the Lady T-Birds emerged as champions of the Western-Division, with a record of 13-1. Despite these impressive numbers, Highline is still in for a challenge.

Everyone is 0-0 at NWAACC and whoever what your record is before," said Highline Head Coach Chris Littleman. In a tournament of winners, the ones that separate themselves from the pack are the ones that have more than a winning record, coaches say.

The co m p e - tition at NWAACCs is always high no m a t t e r which team you are and what you go in at," said Olympic College Head Coach Beth Donnelly. "I think it's the atmosphere and the pressure these ladies feel. Some kids thrive on it and those are the teams that do well."

"Experience at high-level competitions does give a bit of an edge, added Donnelly, and those are the teams that are expected to do well.

"Blue Mountain and Mt. Hood are definitely up there...I think RM and MH will be a little more mentally comfortable in the setting as their programs are used to being successful at NWAACCs," she said.

Highline draws its confidence from a combination of experience and youth, a mix that coaches and players agree makes this team more dangerous than teams in the past.

"We are stronger than in years past. We have a nice mix of sophomores who have been there [NWAACCs] before and a strong group of freshmen who have all played in big matches," Littleman said. Last season, the Highline women also went in to the tournament as the No. 1 seed out of the West Division. After a win against Everett, the Lady T-Birds were kicked down to the loser bracket after a loss to Spokane, who went on to take second in that tournament.

A n o t h e r victory over defending champions Donnelly W e n a t c h e e Valley team kept Highline in the tournament enough to face west divisional rival, Tacoma. Although it was a close match, Highline lost to the Titans, which brought their season to an end. While this year's champions can't be decided based on the season so far, every team entering has victory on its mind.

"It can't comment on who will take it all, but I hope to see Blue Mountain and Olympic in the final. ... It would be a great match no matter who comes out on top," said Donnelly. The Lady T-Birds are no different and say that they have one of the best chances of winning the tournament since they last won in 1990.

"We have played all the top seeds in this year and lost close each time. That has not subdued us since being at full strength," said Littleman.

The NWAACCs are a double elimination tournament and will begin today at 9 a.m. and will last until the final match on Sunday, Nov. 24 at 3 p.m.
1. SCIENCE: What is the function of the amygdala in the brain?

2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many member states belong to the United Nations in 2013?

3. LANGUAGE: What is a pugilist?

4. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Canada?

5. ENTERTAINERS: What is Donald Duck’s middle name?

6. TELEVISION: What was the name of the spaceship on *Lost in Space*?

7. LITERATURE: Who wrote the 19th century novel *The Pathfinder*?

8. EXPLORERS: What was the name of Sir Francis Drake’s ship, which he sailed around the world?

9. SLOGANS: What company uses the slogan “Imagination at Work”?

10. MATH: How many faces does a cube have?

Answers

1. The almond-shaped brain portion is known as a “fear center” that tells us whether to fight, flee or be afraid.

2. 193

3. A boxer

4. Ottawa

5. Fauntleroy

6. Jupiter 2

7. Jim Henson’s frog

8. Recluse

9. Youngster

10. Use the microwave

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Volunteers from the Des Moines Area Food Bank deliver backpacks full of food to SeaTac’s Madrona Elementary School for distribution.

King County wants residents’ opinions

By Ryan Johnston
Staff Reporter

King County government wants to know what citizens think, and is employing several methods to engage with the public.

“Collectively, we want to know the overarching priorities of the public. King County serves people who love here, and needs to know that their needs are being met,” said Meagan Eliot, project manager for the public engagement effort.

One part of the engagement effort was the creation of onecountyinfo, a crowdsourced website that lets people start and join discussions based on the topics, “Challenges You Face,” “Big Ideas,” “Feedback,” “Great Place to Live,” and “About You.”

The website has approximately 11,000 hits in total for all five topics, “Challenges You Face” having the highest at around 5,000 hits. “All of the information goes to all county officials,” she said. The data will provide feedback to officials in various services in King County so they have an idea of what needs fixing, she added.

“We have at most 250 people having their voices heard, [and] we wanted to represent more people,” Eliot said. “We thought it would be good to reach out to people that don’t normally participate in local politics.”

The other half of the effort has consisted of a variety of workshops, focus groups, and surveys. The survey took place last spring. The opinions of more than 1,000 residents were sampled.

“We asked about overall satisfaction in King County… the value from tax dollars, general satisfaction questions, things like that,” said Lynn Argento, performance analyst for King County. Overall, residents have a positive feeling about King County, she said. “Our satisfaction improved whereas Pierce County’s decreased. We rated fairly strongly in local service delivery.”

“Taxes are fair,” Champion said. “Joy and I are the only faculty who oversee the entire process in a tight schedule, and we do our best to have the backpacks out on time.”

Although the hourly minimum wage in the state is $9.19, an MIT study states that the living wage in King County should be much higher: $20.53 an hour for a single parent with one child, $24.76 for a single parent with three children, $19.63 for two parents and two children and $24.14 for two parents and three children.

You can just make rent and electricity by living on the current minimum wage,” Champion said. “Some of these families can’t apply for state help.”

Madrona Elementary School has 97 percent of their students on free and reduced meals. This means that out of their 629 children, 610 of them meet the need-based eligibility to qualify for this program.

“In some of our really down-and-out families, the kids even tried to sell the items,” said Champion. “Though we discourage that behavior, we can’t say it doesn’t happen.”

With contributions from the City of SeaTac, United Way and the local Rotary Clubs, the program has reached success in spite of obstacles.

Even Exchange answers

1. Brand, Bland
2. Jugglin, Jungle
3. Strike, Strive
4. Patch, Parach
5. Musty, Misty
6. Kermit, Hemit
7. Gripes, Grime
8. Frost, Crown
9. Chill, Child
10. Repeat, Reheat

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Crime or near campus has been a weekly event throughout Fall Quarter.

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Bake Sale

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The backpacks contain six child-friendly meals. Students check out the backpacks on Friday and return them the following Monday.

“If you can’t eat, you can’t concentrate. If you can’t concentrate, you can’t learn. If you can’t learn, you will always be poor,” said LaTonya Brubane, one of the students involved in this year’s drive.

They deliver these backpacks to students that are from low-income families and who are on the free-and reduced-lunch program, and they give these students backpacks over the weekend for food,” she said.

“We have a bake sale, so everyone who wants to contribute is able to make any type of dessert that’s non-dairy,” said Brisbane.

Change for Change raised $1,100 in its first year and $1,200 last year.

So now we’re looking to raise more than that,” said Brisbane.

The Changes for Change bake sale is on Dec. 2 at 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second floor of the Student Union where home-baked goods will be for sale, or your can just make a donation. Donations of home-baked goods also are welcome.

The forum on Nov. 25 will feature students and community representatives to talk about the backpack program and the impact of hunger and poverty on the community.