

Tragedy sparks safety concerns

By **Tiffany Thompson**
Staff Reporter

Highline is prepared as much as a campus can be for a potential gun threat incident, an administrator said this week.

"We are all in shock and saddened by the tragedy," Highline Vice President of Administration Michael Pham said following the Oct. 1 mass shooting at Oregon's Umpqua Community College.

"We just need to be as prepared as we can if something like this happens on campus," said Pham.

"We are trying to implement first response bags, which is a ready-made bag with key cards and access for police to enter buildings that are on lockdown," he said.

The campus will be closed for its annual Professional Development Day on Oct. 16, and Pham has a change in plans.

"We are going to use that time to do drills and educate

Highline will be showing solidarity with Umpqua Community College with a moment of silence today at 11 a.m.

our faculty and staff," he said.

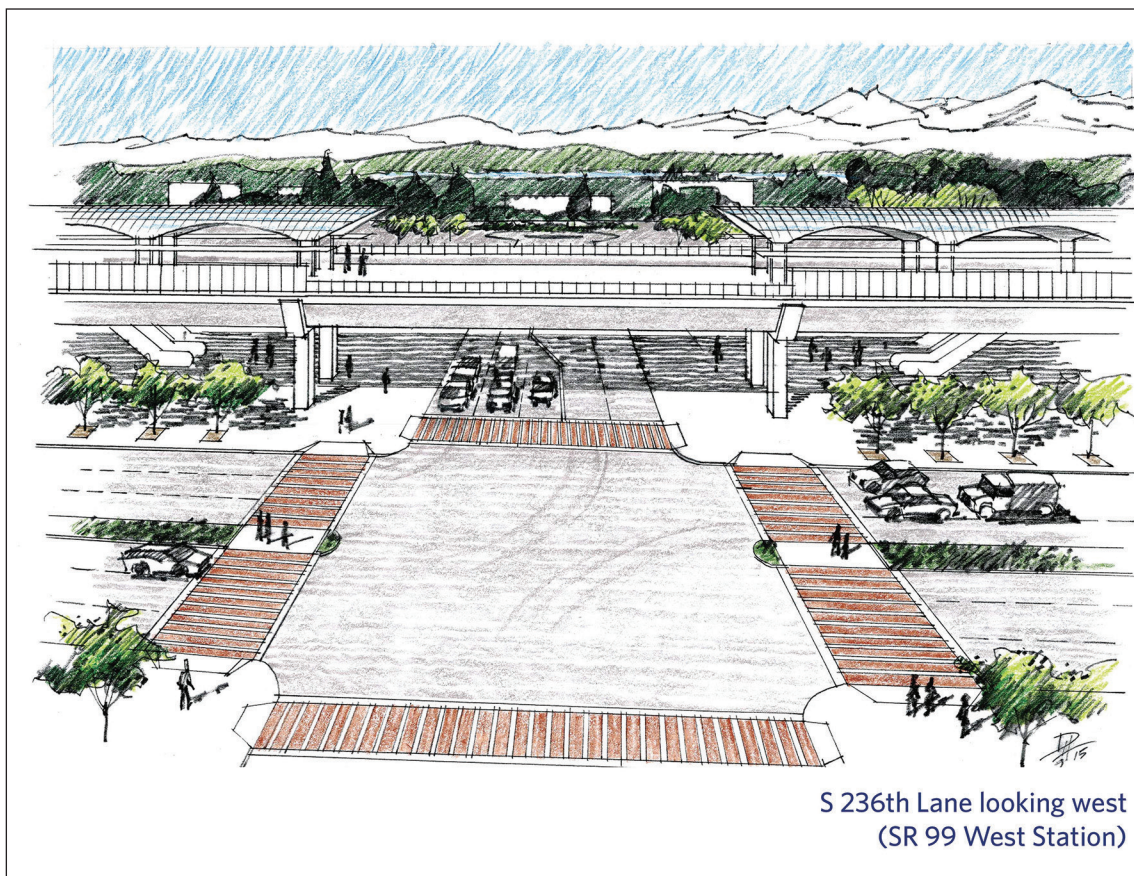
"I also have a working relationship with the city of Des Moines Police Chief George Delgado," said Pham.

"We are going to have the police get familiar with the campus and possibly host some training," he said.

When it comes to arming Public Safety, Pham said, "It is not part of the state law. We don't have the authority like a university to arm our Public Safety."

"However we are looking into arming our public safety with non lethal weapons like tasers or mace, through Washington state standard certification," Pham said.

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S 236th Lane looking west
(SR 99 West Station)

Sound Transit photo

Sound Transit has been holding stakeholder meetings to determine where to put the station near campus.

Sound Transit to make decision

By **Michael Muench**
Staff Reporter

Students can expect a long trek from 30th Avenue if Sound Transit's decision doesn't go

their way.

Sound Transit has been discussing the southward construction of the Light Rail with the public, the stakeholders, and amongst themselves since

October 2012 and, as these talks reach their end, decisions are being finalized.

The station will either be

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Duck, cover and hold during Great Washington Shakeout

By **Luke Field**
and **Sam McCullough**
Staff Reporters

Highline students, faculty and staff will learn to duck, cover and hold during the Great Washington Shakeout drill happening on Thursday, Oct. 15 at 10:15 a.m.

"We're not asking anyone to evacuate. It's a duck, cover and hold drill," said Francesca Fender, executive assistant for Administrative services.

Last year, just the staff participated in the earthquake drill, while faculty and students weren't included.

This year, the whole campus will be participating.



Alvin Indalecio/THUNDERWORD

"I've had a year to communicate with them [professors], so they know when it is and can prepare their class," Fender said.

The drill will start at 10:15 a.m. when emergency alert systems sound out.

"You will know the drill has

begun because you will hear a message over the intercoms, phones, and computer screens," Fender said.

Buildings on campus meet strict state and local regulations that are in place because of the earthquake risk in the area.

Buildings 0, 8 and 29 are the most recently built buildings and are up to modern code, said Barry Holldorf, director of Facilities and Operations.

"We're never going to be as prepared as we should," Holldorf said.

Highline has had two earthquakes in the past – one in 1965 and one in 2001.

"Highline will have another earthquake. We've had two

significant ones already that caused damage to the campus," said Dr. Eric Baer, a geology professor.

Dr. Baer said that earthquakes are not predictable and we need to be prepared for when one hits.

"We cannot predict when they're going to happen or how big they're going to be," Dr. Baer said.

"It will happen, so as a result we absolutely need to prepare and practice."

Dr. Baer is presenting a Science Seminar on earthquake preparedness called "Are you Ready To Rumble?" this Friday from 1:30 to 2:35 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.

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Students play bumper cars in parking lot

By Bryce Sizemore
Staff Reporter

A student witnessed a hit and run in the East Parking Lot at 10:50 a.m. on Oct. 5. A silver vehicle struck a parked Honda while trying to park.

The silver vehicle left campus before the witness was able to fully identify the vehicle, which may be a Honda.

The silver car had four female occupants who remain unknown.

Public Safety responded to assist a student who struck a parked Cadillac with her Ford mid-sized truck at 10:09 a.m. on Sept. 28. The Public Safety officer assisted the student in parking her car without striking the Cadillac again. Information was exchanged.

Public Safety responded to a three-vehicle collision that occurred in the East Parking lot, near Baskin-Robbins at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 29. All parties exchanged information.

A student found her parked car had been hit by another vehicle that left without providing information at 2:45 p.m. on Sept. 30.

Skateboarder gets gnarly injury

A student who fell off his skateboard was transported to the hospital at 12:02 p.m. on Oct. 2.

Public Safety responded to the South Parking Lot to render aid to the fallen student.

The student was transported to St. Francis Hospital with injuries to the right hand, shoulder and head.

Phones plus foot equal collision

A student reported to Public Safety, and stated that her foot was run over in the East Parking lot at 4 p.m. on Oct. 6.

The woman was walking on a crosswalk, looking at her phone, when a car, whose driver was also on the phone, ran a stop sign and struck the student.

The driver stopped and offered to provide her information and involve the police, but the woman declined.

Students strummin' and smilin'



Shiloh Reash/THUNDERWORD

Students were hanging out and playing guitar in front of the Student Union Building earlier this week. With the start of Fall Quarter, students are finding multiple ways to unwind and hang out in the last few days of sunshine.

Make sure you're prepared at the transfer fair

By Tiffany Thompson
Staff Reporter

The Highline Transfer Center is hosting its College Transfer Fair and Transfer Portfolio Review Day on Oct. 28.

The Transfer Center is offering help leading up to the main event, with a chance to sit down and receive help from Siew Lai Lilley, director of Transfer Programs, or Leida Arciniega, academic adviser.

"We help with personal

statements, college applications; basically everything a student needs to transfer to any four-year university or college," Arciniega said.

"Now that we have a center we can offer students more resources and help, which is why I was hired to assist Siew Lai Lilley," Arciniega said.

"We have plenty of workshops coming up to help students with transferring," she said.

The Transfer Center will be

hosting a workshop in the Writing Center on Oct. 22 from 1 to 2 p.m. The Writing Center is in Building 26, room 319i.

The College Transfer Fair will kick off at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Union Building 8, Mt. Townsend, followed by the transfer portfolio review day at 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

"We have over 25 four-year colleges and universities that will be in attendance," Arciniega said.

To meet with college rep-

resentatives for a portfolio review, students have to pre-register in the High School Program Office located on the second floor of Building 6 or in the Transfer Center located on the first floor.

"Students will get a 15 minutes session for feedback and questions," Arciniega said.

For a full list of upcoming events held by the Transfer Center check out their website at transfercenter.highline.edu.



Relax with a flick this Friday

Catch a flick this Friday in Building 8, Mt. Constance room, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Flick Fridays are an event in which students can kick back and relax by watching a movie.

In honor of Disability Awareness Month, the film this week is *Fixed: The Science/Fiction of Human Enhancement*.

For more information, call the Inter-Cultural Center at 206-592-4350.

Spice up your writing skills

The Writing Center is host-

ing a workshop today to help students learn to jazz up their descriptions in their writing.

The workshop is in Building 26, room 319i, from 11 to 11:50 a.m.

The workshop plans to teach students to go from dull to dazzling in their essays by using specific details.

The Writing Center also aids students one-on-one in their writing.

For more information or to make an appointment to go over an assignment, visit writingcenter.highline.edu.

Learn about sex trafficking in film

A documentary hopes to shed light on human trafficking today from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Building 7.

The film is called *Chosen*. Produced by Shared Hope International, the film teaches viewers about sex trafficking in the United States.

After the film, there will be a question and answer session with special guests, which include Laura Conner from the Genesis Project, a non-profit

which helps victims of human trafficking, and Federal Way detective Raymond Unsworth.

For more information, call 206-878-3710.

Welcome to fall 2015!

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POW/MIA plaza rededicated



Jessica Strand/THUNDERWORD

The Veteran's Memorial was rededicated this Tuesday.

By Brittany Jenkins
Staff Reporter

The sacrifice of America's Missing in Action and Prisoners of War should not be forgotten as Highline took a step in that direction with the rededication of the updated Veterans Memorial Plaza on Oct. 6.

"The memorial was originally created to honor fallen members of the armed forces from Washington state," according to the Highline College website.

Since the original installation of the memorial in 1968, it slowly faded into the background of the nearby smoking area and became covered in over-grown shrubbery.

The rededication included a bagpipe performance by Highline alumnus Phillip Thelin, the drill team from Joint Base Lewis-McCord, and keynote by Brenda Milewski, vice president of the Women Veterans Advisory Committee.

Milewski urged attendees to be intentional in adding value to people's lives, integrity and respect.

She said the POW/MIA memorial could be seen as representing the weeding out obstacles and opening the pathways to freedom. She also expressed her excitement about what Highline has done for veterans.

"It's not just a man's world. Not just a woman's world. It's a human world," Milewski said.

The Veterans Memorial Plaza faces west in the center of the campus. The design represents a folded flag that is given to the families of the fallen soldiers.

Nearby, the POW/MIA flag flies next to the American flag. It has the words "You are not forgotten" written on it.

There is also a wall with the words Past, Present and Future prominently displayed. And the two plaques from the original memorial are now displayed on a raised pedestal.

The concept of an improved Veterans Memorial Plaza began in 2013.

Two students, Kendall Evans and Nikolaos R. Hendrick, saw the condition of the original Veterans Memorial and had

many concerns about its upkeep. Their thoughts were that a simple pressure wash might make things better.

Evans brought up his concerns about the memorial to Jonathan Brown, the associate dean of the Center for Leadership and Service. Around this time Barry Holldorf, the director of Facilities and Operations was becoming concerned about the old plaza as well.

The memorial was not accessible by wheelchair and therefore not available to wounded veterans that the memorial represented.

Although it was students who originally brought up the idea, it became strongly supported by the staff.

When the original plan was discussed it was a sketch on the back of a napkin.

In full, updates to the updates to the plaza took two years to complete.

As for student Kendall Evans, his goal is to now try to get veterans together in an enriching and supportive community."

New conduct code takes aim at cyber bullying, harassment

By Sam McCullough
Staff Reporter

Cyber-stalking could get you kicked out of college, thanks to Highline's new Student Conduct Code.

"It was created by an assistant attorney general to be aligned with what the laws are," said Dr. Allison Lau, associate dean for Counseling and Student Judicial Affairs.

The code describes the violations resulting from use of newer technologies. Cyber-misconduct is one such new violation.

Cyber-misconduct is defined as cyber-stalking, cyber-bullying, or cyber harassment.

"Our code has not been updated since cyber-bullying, cyber-stalking and social media have been big," Lau said.

The updated code also includes new procedures for sexual misconduct cases, which are reflected in sections 400 through 430 in the Student Conduct Code.

Code 400 states that both the complainant and the respondent must be provided the same procedural rights to participate in disciplinary hearings and appeal processes.

"We have to have our conduct code more aligned with the rights of the respondent

and complainant," Dr. Lau said.

If a student commits a violation, the student conduct officer will call them to a disciplinary hearing.

At the hearing, both the respondent and complainant can present their cases.

After all sides are presented, the student conduct officer will present the verdict, which can include exonerating the charges, a written reprimand, probation or suspension.

The appeal process itself has been updated to be simpler.

After receiving a decision from the student conduct officer, a student has 21 days to file a written appeal, explaining why they want to appeal.

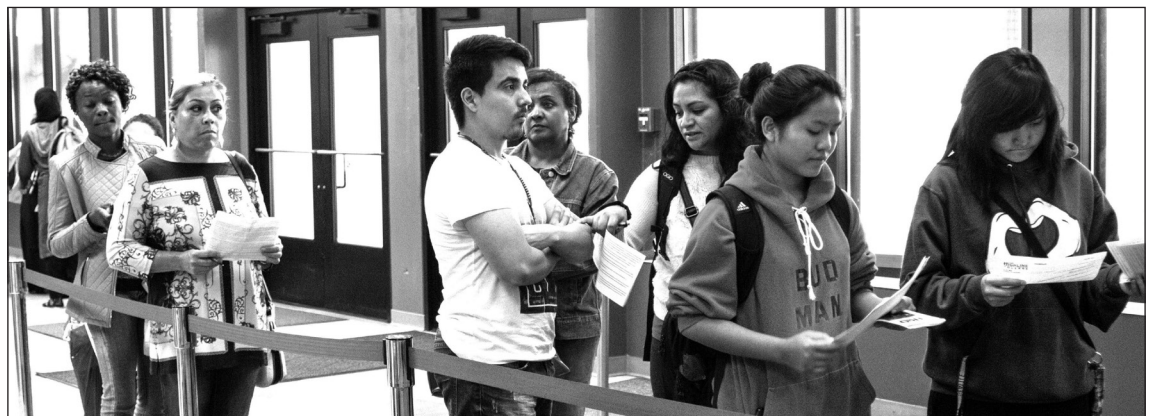
If they fail to file before the 21 days are up, the student waives their right to appeal and whatever decision was made in the disciplinary hearing is final.

"It works in a layer where the appeal process is less bureaucratic, and more accessible," Dr. Lau said.

Highline started the approval process for changes to the Student Conduct Code in January 2015.

The board approved the changes in July 2015.

To view the Student Conduct Code, visit apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=132I-125.



Jessica Strand/THUNDERWORD

Student enrollment numbers have increased from last year.

Enrollment, congestion up

By Jessica Strand
Staff Reporter

Highline's fall enrollment is up over last year, and that has students echoing the quarterly admonishment to register and get to school early — because classes and parking lots fill up fast.

The increase this year is due to greater international and Running Start enrollment. The number of state-funded students is actually down.

The college's total full-time equivalents at the beginning of Fall Quarter last year were 5,201.91; this year's FTE numbers rose to 5,376.59. Running Start saw the biggest increase, with a 1.73 percent increase; going from a FTE of 1,045.53 to 1,218.8. This quarter there is a head count of 1,377 Running Start students. There are 544 International students enrolled, up from 506 from last fall. While the State-funded FTEs have dropped from 3,646.41 to 3,610.03.

The categories are tracked sep-

arately because each classification pays a different tuition rate.

International students must pony up \$279.26 per credit hour, while Washington resident students pay \$102.75 per credit. Local school districts cover the cost of Running Start students at a rate just under that of Washington resident students per credit hour.

Regardless of the rate all are subject to waitlists.

"I was on the waitlist, but on Sunday I was [finally] accepted," said freshmen Jennifer Barrera, referring to her English 101 class.

Barrera said she was on the waiting list for two months before being accepted. She said that because English 101 is a class every new student needs to take it tends to fill up quickly.

Ivan Pavlun had similar experiences with his classes.

"I was on a waitlist and the day before I got in the class," he said.

While freshmen are experiencing Highline for the first time, returning Highline stu-

dents have noticed a difference in volume of students this year.

"It's actually fuller, a lot more people," said Ronzel Navarro, a sophomore who takes public transportation to Highline.

Other students who drive say they have noticed an increase in cars in the parking lots as well.

"You used to be able to get here around 8 and be fine. This year, not so much," said Andrew Hougardy.

Other students are opting to take public transportation to Highline to save time and money.

"I start at 11 so the parking lot is packed," said Barrera.

She takes the bus so she doesn't have to deal with finding parking in an overfull lot; while Tai Iamanu chooses public transportation to save money.

"I take the bus because it's much cheaper," she said.

Iamanu is a new student to Highline, as well as to this state.

"This is my first time here in the state and I love it here at Highline," said Imanu.

Time for tougher gun control laws

The United States should be focusing on how to prevent future gun violence.

A mass shooting at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Ore. on Oct. 1, resulted in the death of nine people, and nine more injured.

This event raises the question: could more have been done?

In a recent study at Harvard, research found that the rate of mass-shootings has tripled since 2011.

The perpetrator brought six guns with him on campus, five handguns and one long gun, a flak jacket, and lots of ammo. He also had seven more firearms at home.

All of the guns in possession were legally purchased by the perpetrator and their relatives.

It raises a question of how many guns a person should legally be allowed to have in their home.

Guns have only one purpose: to kill, whether it be for game or protection. How many different guns does a single person need?

On Dec. 4, 2014, Washington state implemented Initiative 594. This initiative requires all people purchasing guns to be subject to a background check that looks for convicted felons, people with severe mental illness, domestic abusers, and other dangerous people.

This measure was a step taken to try to reduce gun violence in Washington.

Oregon recently implemented a similar law in August.

Even with these laws in place, guns are still too easy to obtain.

If a gun can rip someone’s life away from them permanently, then it shouldn’t be an easy thing for someone to get their hands on.

Other countries with a lot stricter gun control laws have substantially less gun violence than the United States.

Actually, keeping a gun for safety doesn’t increase your chance of survival at all.

The idea that a good guy with a gun is going to save everyone from a bad guy with a gun is absurd and romanticizing a violent crime.

Gun control laws need to be stricter. That doesn’t mean that the government should come and take away all your guns, but people should definitely have to earn them.

The sad truth is that guns are never completely going away. Whether legal or illegal, people will always have a way to obtain them.

But in gun violence cases, the guns themselves aren’t the issue, the people behind them are.

That’s why it would be a good idea to apply requirements to guns that are similar to driving.

Make firearm safety classes required and easily available, like driver’s ed.

Then, after taking the appropriate classes, people wielding weapons should have to take a test to prove their knowledge and skill with firearms to receive a license to own a gun.

Also, just like with a driver’s license, you should be able to lose your gun license and weapon for wrongful offenses, such as accidental discharge or making threats.

Another idea would be to require gun insurance. If you are required to have auto insurance when driving a car, why shouldn’t the same standards be held to firearms?

It would definitely be expensive, but if someone harms someone or causes property damage with a gun, the insurance would cover the gun owner and reimburse the victim.

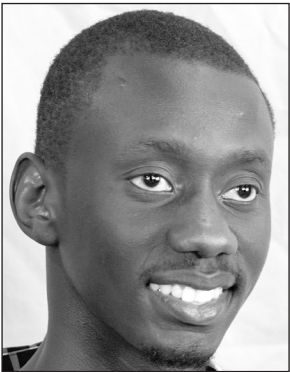
As of now, however, owning a firearm is a constitutional right.

In response to the incident at Umpqua, President Barack Obama is proposing new gun control laws in hopes of abolishing gun violence.

Clearly, the United States needs to re-evaluate our firearm policies and make some changes before a worse tragedy occurs.

Get involved at Highline

Guest Commentary



Pa Ousman Jobe

It’s with great pleasure that I welcome you to another year at Highline. I hope everyone had an exciting and relaxing break. Now that the summer is over, I anticipate your readiness for a year filled with opportunities and outstanding achievements.

To our new students, welcome to the Thunderbird family at Highline College. I hope the next couple of years you spend here be some of the most memorable and life-changing ones of your lives; may they strengthen the pillars on which this institution was built upon.

Our campus is filled with numerous opportunities to grow as both an individual and a community. However, the college mindset may be a shock to some; it’s an entirely different lifestyle than that of other educational environments.

The first couple of weeks are crucial to your development as a Highline college student, therefore I encourage you to ask as many questions as you possibly can. I encourage you to attend all the welcome back events, step out of your comfort zone, meet someone new, make new friends, learn or share interesting things and most importantly, take pride in the steps you are taking.

One phenomenal thing about Highline is our integration of international students from so many countries rich with cultural backgrounds and various global views. We love to connect and share all of our unique stories. So, please, say hi when you see us! We won’t bite!

To all returning students, I’m thrilled you chose to continue your education at our breathtaking campus. I truly believe we will work hard to ensure an eventful year while we openly embrace the newest members of our Highline family.

I urge you to reflect on your very first day of college. Recall the words of wisdom you wish you had and share that with those students who are struggling. Kindly offer them help when you can; point them in the direction of the security office, bookstore, gym, tutoring center, library, cashiers’ office, Honors Program, Center for Leadership and Service and Multicultural Affairs. Sometimes even a smile can help

settle the nerves of first year students. Make them feel safe and welcome, just as you first were.

Highline’s Student Government executive council consists of three members: Abdul Aziz Bah serves as the speaker of the caucus, Richelle Enriquez as our vice president, and I serve as the president. Together, we represent student voices on and off campus. We are all passionate about helping students attain their academic and personal goals. We hold bi-weekly meetings on the second floor of the Highline Student Union in the Mt. Skokomish room, so please feel free to stop by and see what student government is working on. More than anything we love suggestions, comments, concerns, and questions. Our mission is make your voice heard, loud and clear. Our success as students is a collaborative effort and your participation is vital!

Participation is key to anything, especially growth, both educationally and personally. I encourage you all to be involved and take charge of your education. I believe everyone is a leader, the question is what are you going to do with your potential? Are you willing to create a better society with it? Find your passion and have fun doing what you love. There are an abundance of opportunities to be involved within our community at Highline.

The perfect place to start your search is through the Center for Leadership and Service, on the third floor of the Student Union. You will encounter amazing advisers with a vast wealth of knowledge on engagement, involvement, and

leadership. They can also direct you to other campus partners if what you are looking for is not within our center.

Maybe you feel better connecting with a peer? Don’t worry, there are always fellow students working on campus that are more than willing to help; they are all friendly and passionate in what they do here. There are also student leaders all around that are here to help; our resources are readily available to assist in any way possible.

Don’t forget to like and follow our social media pages. You’ll never be without a Highline update again! Looking for a hangout spot? Also, on the second floor is a space called the Intercultural Center, a space dedicated to community, social justice, and student success. Make sure to check it out, it was my hangout spot last year and I made a lot of friends there.

With that, I’d like to personally invite you to join in our Thunderweek celebration. During the first week of school we excitedly welcome new and returning students back for the year. Please take this invitation to explore the many involvement opportunities offered on campus. There’s no doubt college can be stressful, but we can get through it as long as we remember to care of ourselves. Take some time for yourself; sleep as often as you can, breathe, and drink some water. Continue to diligently work on your homework and remember that procrastination is not your friend. Trust me, I speak from experience.

We, as student leaders on this campus, strive for equity and social justice. With that in mind, let’s practice inclusion in all we do. I wish you a beautiful and fruitful year ahead with outstanding grades with fun, fun and more fun. Please don’t hesitate to stop Richelle, Abdul Aziz, or Ime and say “hi.” We might not know you at first ,but we certainly look forward to meeting and building a relationship with you. Email us at STUGOV@highline.edu. Now go on and get to class! You don’t want to be late, do you?

Pa Ousman Jobe is president of the Associated Students of Highline College.

the Staff

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Arts
Calendar

- They're creepy and they're kooky, and *The Addams Family* arrived at Burien Actors Theatre last week for a month-long run. *The Addams Family* runs until Nov. 1 and includes a Halloween show. This show is aimed towards all audiences, and should be appropriate for children. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students, and \$17 for seniors. They are available online at burienlittletheatre.org. Burien Actors Theatre is at 14501 Fourth Ave. S.W.

- Auburn Community Players present *Oklahoma!* through Oct. 18, at Auburn Avenue Theater. *Oklahoma!* is a western-style musical about the love story between a farm girl and a cowboy. Shows run at 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$13 for students and seniors. They are available online at auburnwa.gov. Auburn Avenue Theater is at 10 Auburn Ave.

- The musical group The Fuzzy Monkeys will preform at Renton Civic Theater this Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. Inspired by many different cultures and taking references from all over popular culture, the group will preform an original script reimagining the popular '70s and '80s show: *The Love Boat*. Tickets are available at <http://renton-civictheatre.org/fuzzy-monkeys-2015/>. The theater is at 507 S Third St Renton.

- World-famous taiko drummer Kenny Endo, preforms Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Kent-Meridian Performing Arts Center. Endo's performance utilizes elements of jazz, and contemporary Japanese taiko drumming. Tickets can be purchased online at: kentwa.gov/arts/spotlight/. Prices are \$27 general admission; \$25 seniors; and \$15 youth. The theater is at 10020 S.E. 256th St.

- The Highline Music Department has procured tickets for students to attend Tacoma Opera on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m. The venue is Tacoma's historic Rialto Theatre at 11th Street and Broadway. Students will see the final dress rehearsal of Mozart's finest opera, *Don Giovanni*, the quintessential Don Juan of Spanish renown. Students may come to see Dr. Glover in Building 4, room 103, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., to receive a complimentary ticket, until all tickets have been disbursed. Students must present SID to receive a ticket.

- Send arts items to thunderword@highline.edu.

Walk to the beat of Kenny's drum

By Jacqueline Kemp
Staff Reporter

World-famous taiko drummer Kenny Endo performs in Kent on Oct. 16.

To celebrate 40 years of performing taiko, Endo is visiting Washington as part of his worldwide tour. Taiko drumming is a cultural Japanese musical art form.

Though he was born in California and originally studied jazz, Endo spent a decade in Japan — the land of his heritage -- studying from masters of taiko. Having studied both the ancient and contemporary styles of music, he would not choose one over the other.

"I'm interested in collaborating with other musicians, music forms, and cultures," said Endo.

Studying one form of music gives a musician great knowledge. Studying multiple forms of music doubles that knowledge. Endo says he has learned many lessons from combining



Kenny Endo, a world-famous taiko drummer, is performing on Oct. 16 in Kent. Endo is celebrating 40 years of playing and performing taiko, a genre of Japanese percussion instruments.

various types of music in his performances.

"Give and take without compromising your own art form. Be respectful of other cultures. Create something new," Endo said.

Endo shares his knowledge with audiences and students

alike. He says that the key to enjoying music is to have an open mind.

"In the United States, we need to be flexible and accept other cultures. Come with an open mind," Endo said.

The performance will be Friday, Oct. 16. The music will

begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. at the Kent-Meridian Performing Arts Center, 10020 S.E. 256th St. Kent.

Tickets can be purchased online at: kentwa.gov/arts/spotlight/. Prices are \$27 general admission; \$25 senior; and \$15 youth.

Local dance group to show some monkey love

By Brittany Jenkins
Staff Reporter

Belly dancing will take center stage when *The Love Boat... Monkey Style* sails into the Renton Civic Theatre this coming Friday and Saturday night.

The Fuzzy Monkeys is a local belly dance group that has a diverse and unique performance style.

This show will have a "Great deal of silliness and fantastic dancing," said Eula Monkey, one of the belly dancers in the group.

The show is an original script of *The Love Boat*. The theme of the show may remind many people of an old show that was once popular on television. The incorporation of dance, props, and an influence of theater are aimed to entertain all ages.

The group's performance is inspired by multiple cultures as noted on its website <http://www.fuzzymonkeys.com/>:

"Our extant choreography covers a truly eclectic variety of music: traditional belly dance; Celtic- flavored folk; movie musicals; klezmer; Bollywood; Icelandic rap; hip-hop; Doctor Who (yes, we said Doctor Who); video games; and many other inspirations."

The Fuzzy Monkeys have been preforming themed bel-



Monkeys will take on Love Boat.

ly dancing for six years. Three of the five members have a history in theater leading to group's theatrical inspiration when selecting the music. The group's past performances have expressed a strong sense of self-expression and excitement.

Each year the Fuzzy Monkey's preform an end-of -the-year show and in past years proceeds from their performances have gone to different organization such as Seattle Children's Theater and a dance school in Everett.

This time, all proceeds will go to the Renton Civic Theatre's Go Fund Me page at www.gofundme.com/curtains-and-alarm. The proceeds will help make updates to the Renton Civic Theatre such as the 20-year-old security system and the curtains because schools and children's programs use its facilities. The Fuzzy Monkeys urge the community to support Renton Civic Theatre.

'Tattoo stories' to open new gallery

By Mai Lam
Staff Reporter

Tattoos and how they represent individuality will be the focus of an exhibition launching the Building 16 Student Art Gallery on Oct. 22 from noon to 2 p.m.

The idea for a tattoo exhibit first began last year when Dr. Gloria Koepping, Highline counseling psychologist, sought a way to focus on tattoos and the stories they represent. The exhibition is co-sponsored by the Counseling Center and Department of Art and Design.

"We encourage all Highline students, faculty, and staff to participate and we are open to suggestions," said Tracy Carrera, an art professor at Highline.

"Artists like to showcase their works. Professor [Tamara] Hilton [interior design professor] and professor Carrera want to promote art and design, and to bring students together," said student and art gallery assistant Sofiya Yakubovskaya.

"There's a stigma of having a tattoo. Depending on your culture, a tattoo can be embraced or they can be rejected," said Yakubovskaya.

"She's always been interested in tattoo. What they represent and the whole aspect of tattoo," she said of Carrera's vision for the exhibit.

Carrera said that the inspiration for the project was "to celebrate the art of tattooing. It kind of celebrates diversity in a personal way. Everyone has a story and a tattoo tells it."

Various categories of tattoos will be displayed, such as tribal, classical, traditional, modern, black and gray, colored, whimsical and also serious tattoos.

"We're looking at them all, from the most simple to the most intricate tattoos," said Yakubovskaya.

Future exhibitions at the new gallery will feature the works of art and design students.

"It's open for all students who have created art works at Highline," said Carrera.

The requirement for gallery exhibits is that everything has to be handmade with traditional media such as paints and sketches with no computer-related works.

With the renovation of Building 16, Carrera said she hopes "to continue to build a vibrant art program" for art students at Highline.

To enter the tattoo exhibition, submit a photo of your tattoo including name, email, phone number and the story or meaning of the tattoo. The deadline is today at 11:55 p.m. Email your submission to tcarrera@highline.edu with subject heading "Tattoo Stories."

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Farmers Market festivities in full-swing

By Olivia Sullivan
Staff Reporter

As October brings in the chilly air, the Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market is also bringing the chili.

With the arrival of fall and dropping temperatures, things will heat up with for market's ninth annual Chili Cook-off competition on Halloween.

Ten teams will compete for the title of Best Chili. All of the proceeds will go towards a local non-profit, Dollars for Scholars. Tasting for the event is \$5 and served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until it's all gone.

Regular 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. market hours still apply. Oct. 31 will be the market's last day for 2015 and it has been a good year, market managers say.

On any given weekend, families can be found roaming the venue with children of all ages, friends share lunch on the boardwalk, and since the market is pet-friendly, there are plenty of four-legged friends in the crowd, too.

With stunning views of the Puget Sound and Maury Island, the north side of the Des Moines Marina undergoes a weekly transformation into a community extravaganza.

From June through October the market unfolds every Saturday. And just this past summer, the market added Wednesday nights to its calendar. The Sunset Market ran from 3 - 7 p.m. during July and August and will be continued next season.

"They were good for a first year, midweek market. The folks that expect it to be like Saturday's are a little disap-



Olivia Jollimore/THUNDERWORD

Kids get their face painted at the Des Moines Farmers Market.

pointed. It is as busy and as big as we were when we first started the Saturday market. There is a ton of potential for growth on Wednesdays," said Rikki Marohl, the market manager.

The opening day of the market in June tends to bring in the largest attendance of the season with 7,000 people, said Wayne Corey, the president of the market. Peak season is from July to

August and the market generally brings in 3,000-5,000 people per weekend.

The market started up 10 years ago by a community group and Marohl has been the manager since then.

"Rikki is one of the best managers out there," said market vendor Jack Armstrong, president of 18th Ave Pasta Company. Armstrong said there are

several things about the Des Moines market that make it a better experience compared to other markets in the area.

"The location is great and the market brings a positive, certain, local center so people have access to small businesses," said Armstrong.

The market is a non-profit organization separate from the city that primarily supports local and small businesses, as well as farmers. Nine board members and an abundance of volunteers run the market.

Over the last decade, the market has tripled in size and continues to grow each year. One of the main goals of the market is to become a sustainable enterprise for the city for Des Moines in the future, Corey said.

Another main goal is to build community.

"We want people to feel at home," said Corey. "To the people in Des Moines, it is a festival every week. We want people to come here and eat, shop, see friends, enjoy themselves."

Due to the location, the market draws a diverse crowd. Corey said people from all over the world have visited the market simply because it is conveniently near Seattle Tacoma International Airport. Recently, the city renovated the Marina and created a promenade and plaza, which allows market-goers a

chance to watch the boats pass or get a bit of exercise by walking along the water.

"This is unlike any market I've been to before," said Jennifer Brindle, a first-timer. "Such a picturesque spot with lots of friendly faces. And the food is delicious."

The vendors of the market say they enjoy the atmosphere just as much as the market-goers.

Many of the florists also work booths at Pike Place Market in Seattle, but ultimately prefer the Des Moines market, Corey said.

"The atmosphere is upbeat and very happy. Pike Place can be stressful and fast paced, but here it's more relaxing," florist Sidney Barrett said.

A multitude of goods are available for all including fresh produce, colorful bouquets, homemade jewelry, art, bakery breads, face painting, an espresso stand, wood fired pizza, BBQ, sandwiches, ice cream, doughnuts, live music, and even wine tasting featuring the Des Moines Farmers Market's very own signature wine.

The market hosts about 60-70 vendors and always makes room for community groups or charities; Corey said this is the market's way of giving back to the people who helped the market become the tradition it is today.



Olivia Jollimore/THUNDERWORD

Bouquets of flowers for sale by a vendor at the Des Moines Farmers Market.

Men’s soccer team back to winning ways

By Olivia Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Highline Men’s Soccer team is back with a vengeance. The team dominated South Puget Sound 5-0 on Sept. 30 and secured their second win of the week against Bellevue 2-1 on Oct. 3. The first half of the game against Bellevue was a struggle, with Highline giving up a goal during a penalty kick in the 38th minute.

The score remained 1-0 at halftime with Bellevue in the lead. After a pep talk, the men had a “very strong” second half, said Highline Head Coach Steve Mohn.

The T-Birds quickly gained control over the game, with freshman Jandjamuj Maharero scoring a goal assisted by sophomore Alvaro Osornio. That tied the game 1-1 in the 61st minute.

After a challenging battle, Osornio scored the game-winning goal in the 87th minute, with assistance from sophomore Isidro Prado-Huerta.

“It was a great second half effort by the whole team to pull out the 2-1 victory,” said Coach Mohn. This victory now puts the Thunderbirds in second place in the league rankings, with Tacoma in first.

“Despite being in second place in our division, we are ranked



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The T-Birds have scored seven goals in the last two games since losing to Tacoma back in September.

first in the coaches poll in the NWAC,” said Coach Mohn.

The team had a much easier game last Wednesday, again defeating South Puget Sound 5-0, for the Thunderbird’s second shut out against the Lacey team this season.

The Thunderbirds played aggressively throughout the game, while the Clippers couldn’t quite rise to the occasion.

The T-Birds were quick to dominate the field, with Maharero scoring in the sixth

minute and Osornio scoring in the 21st minute, putting the T-Bird’s ahead 2-0 at halftime.

In the second half of the game, Osornio scored his second goal in the 49th minute, followed by a goal from sophomore Alex Lewis in the 61st minute.

Refusing to show the Clippers any mercy, Osornio scored the final goal of the night in the 78th minute. That was Osornio’s first hat-trick of his college career.

“We had a good performance

today, but I’m never satisfied. Always more work to be done,” Osornio said.

“This game against South Puget Sound was intense, they were ready to take us on. It took us a little bit to get going, but we did well.”

The two wins last week make Highline’s record 6-1-1 for the season and 4-1-0 for the league.

However, the T-Birds paid a price for these victories.

In the Sept. 30 game, freshman Tino Lopez-Slish injured

his ankle late in the second half and was unable to finish the game. It is still unknown how long he will be out for, said Coach Mohn.

During the Oct. 3 game, Alex Lewis broke his collarbone after landing incorrectly going for a header.

Lewis said after he has corrective surgery for the break, he will be out for six to eight weeks.

The intense game also took a toll on sophomore team captain Jacob Jones, leaving him with a broken wrist.

He is going to be out for three to four weeks with the possibility of needing surgery, Jones said.

“It’s a big disappointment knowing my role on this team, being one of the captains and one of the leaders of this team. It’s frustrating knowing I can’t be out there with my teammates but I know they’re going to fight and continue to win,” said Jones. “Now it’s time for me to focus on coming back fit and ready to play when I’m available.”

The team had a game Wednesday, Oct. 7 against Pierce with results unavailable at press time. This was the second match up against Pierce, which Highline beat 5-0 on Sept. 19.

The Thunderbirds have a home game on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 2 p.m. against Tacoma.

Lady T-Birds keep the wins going

By Charles Prater
Staff Reporter

The women’s soccer team extended their win streak to seven games last week after beating Green River and Columbia Basin.

Highline, 5-0 (9-2-5 overall), defeated Green River 5-0 on the road on Sept. 26 to stay undefeated in league play.

The T-Birds got off to their usual efficient start, playing offense and scoring goals, and playing defense and recording another shutout.

“Our team defense is very good as a whole. One of our goals this year was to force other teams to work harder than they want to against us,” said Highline Head Coach Tom Moore. “We also have some team goals that we set at the beginning that we use as motivation each game.”

T-Bird sophomore Madison Gale got things started scoring



Jessica Strand/THUNDERWORD

T-Bird freshman Maya Gray handles the ball against a Columbia Basin defender.

the first two goals at the 13-and 23-minute marks.

Highline sophomore Dulce Armas finished the first half off scoring a goal at the 31-minute mark.

The T-Birds kept their defensive pressure up in the second half and were finally able to put away the Gators by scoring two goals to finish 5-0.

Highline goalkeeper Rachel Thompson had three saves in the game and recorded the shutout.

The next game for Highline was a 2-0 home win against the Columbia Basin Hawks

This was a non-league game for the T-Birds as the Hawks,

2-3-1 (4-5-2 overall), are from the East Division.

Winning or losing this game wouldn’t affect the T-Birds point total toward their playoff run.

Highline’s Nikole Cruz got things started early, scoring at the seven-minute mark off an assist from Maya Gray.

The final goal for the T-Birds came just as the first half ended from freshman Arianna Fiorillo. The T-Birds didn’t score a goal in the second half, which is a rarity for this team.

Thompson put in another solid performance with two saves and a shutout.

“This was a non-league game that we were playing, so this allowed us to play 20 players and try some things out,” said Coach Moore.

“These games are very beneficial as we move through the season as it allows for players to rest, other players to get valuable playing time, and keeps everyone on the same page.”

Coach Moore said that, while the offensive looked to find its groove, the defense was solid by not giving up any goals and only allowing four shots.

“I’m pleased with our defensive unit to this point,” said Moore. “They have worked

hard to listen and achieve a lot of what we have asked as a coaching staff.”

Highline played it’s next game Wednesday, Oct. 7 against Pierce, 2-2-2 (4-4-2 overall), with results unavailable at press time.

The T-Birds are first in the West Division, but Bellevue, who equal Highline in points with 15, are quickly coming up from their second spot in the division.

Halfway through the season, the T-Birds will need to keep up their winning ways to stay in the lead.

“I feel like we are in a good spot. There are things we still need to get better at, and the way we are headed shows that we will continue to get better,” said Moore.

“Most importantly is that we stay focused on the prize, winning the championship. In order to do that, there are a lot of things that must happen for us, and that we must accomplish,” he said.

“Knowing that it is extremely hard to win a championship has kept us improving each and every game. Peaking at the right time will be the key, and I see us headed in that direction.”

After the game against Pierce, the T-Birds have a home game on Oct. 10 at noon against Tacoma and an away game Oct. 14 at noon against Grays Harbor.

T-Birds extend win streak to 12

By Tiffany Thompson
Staff Reporter

Highline volleyball team remains on a roll, standing 23-2 for the season and 4-0 in league. Most recently, the Lady T-Birds beat Pierce, Centralia, and Green River.

With a mainly freshman team, Head Coach Chris Littleman said, “It’s good and bad. Good, because we get them for another year; bad, because they sometimes make freshman mistakes.”

Highline defeated Pierce 24-12, 25-13, 15-25, 25-22 on Sept. 25.

Hosting the Centralia Trailblazers, the Lady T-Birds won in three sets, 25-13, 25-13, 25-18 on Sept. 30.

Coach Littleman said during half time of the Centralia game, “We need to be consistent and try not to change up and keep doing what’s working.”

Despite the struggle in the last set, the Lady T-Birds came together, with Pumehana Nedlic serving four aces to kick the lead up, with the rest of the team making sure she kept



Jack Horton

T-Bird sophomore Cheyanne Haas delivering a swift forehand towards a Centerialia opponent.

serving to finish and take the win.

“That was my first time jump-serving and I just did what Coach Littleman said, which is try and be consistent,” said Nedlic.

Team Captain Cheyanne Hass is very excited about the new team.

“After our trip to Rio de Janeiro we are very close and have

a mental connection. It’s like we can just give each other a look and understand,” said Hass.

The Lady T-Birds kept that momentum going on Oct. 2, overpowering Green River 25-14, 23-25, 26-24, 27-25.

“We started out terrible and after the third set we just lost focus,” said Emi Atanoa, freshman outside hitter.

“We just motived each other

and put the ball were Coach Littleman suggested,” she said.

The Lady T-Birds played an away match on Wednesday against Lower Columbia, with scores unavailable at press time.

Highline has a home game against Grays Harbor Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. and plays in the Chemeketa Crossover tournament in Salem, Ore. Oct. 16 and 1

Highline wrestlers are eager to hit the mat

By Olivia Jollimore
Staff Reporter

Highline wrestlers plan to go from Des Moines to Des Moines this season.

This year, the wrestlers plan on going from Washington state to Iowa for the national wrestling championships in February.

Highline has six returning wrestlers and eight recruits. Two of the returners, Justin Weiding and Elias Mason, were national qualifiers last year.

Mason, 195 pounds, is looking forward to the season. He qualified for nationals his freshman year but wants to take the championship this year. Because this is his sophomore year at Highline, this will be his last chance.

“I’m ready to get going,” Mason said.

Especially for the incoming wrestlers, getting to nationals as a college student will be harder than getting to the state championships as a high schooler.

“In high school, 90 percent of the kids you wrestle are jokes, 10 percent are good. In college, 90 percent are good, 10 percent are jokes,” Luvaas said.

Not only do the wrestlers and coaches want to make it to nationals, they also want to receive the national academic award. Highline is the only college to receive it four times.

“We take pride in the fact that we are student athletes,”



Olivia Jollimore/THUNDERWORD

The T-Bird wrestlers have big expectations for themselves this year, including making it to nationals and winning the national academic award for the third straight year.

said Assistant Coach Luvaas.

Freshman Richard Bondurant, 149 pounds, from Mt. Spokane High School, said he enjoys being part of the team, and everything that goes along with it.

“I enjoy being with my bros. Everyone likes each other,”

Bondurant said.

He said he is excited for the season and his first match of the year, and is aiming to be All-American.

The first tournament the team will be hosting is the Thunderdome Throwdown at home on Oct. 17.

It’s a wrestling tournament that will allow those between the ages of 4 to open to wrestle each other.

This will be the fifth year that the team will be hosting the tournament. All proceeds will be going to the wrestling program.

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Scoreboard

Men’s soccer

NORTH DIVISION

	LEA	PTS	SEA
Peninsula	6-0-1	19	8-1-2
Whatcom	4-1-2	14	5-2-2
Edmonds	3-2-2	11	3-4-3
Skagit Valley	2-4-1	7	2-6-1
Shoreline	1-3-3	6	1-3-6
Everett	0-6-1	1	0-8-1

EAST

	LEA	PTS	SEA
Spokane	4-2-1	13	6-3-2
WallaWalla	3-1-3	12	5-4-2
North Idaho	3-2-2	11	5-4-2
Columbia Basin	3-4-0	9	4-5-1
Treasure Valley	2-4-1	7	5-6-1
Wenatchee	2-4-1	7	4-4-1

WEST

	LEA	PTS	SEA
Tacoma	4-0-1	13	6-1-4
Highline	4-1-0	12	6-1-1
Bellevue	3-2-0	9	5-3-1
Pierce	1-3-3	4	2-5-2
South Puget	0-6-0	0	4-4-1

SOUTH

	LEA	PTS	SEA
Clark	5-0-1	16	6-2-2
Portland	4-1-0	12	5-2-1
SW Oregon	2-2-1	7	3-5-2
Chemeketa	1-3-2	5	4-4-2
Rogue	0-6-0	0	0-7-1

Women’s soccer

North

Peninsula	6-1-0	18	11-1-0
Everett	3-1-0	9	8-1-0
Shoreline	2-2-0	6	4-3-1
Whatcom	2-2-0	6	3-3-1
Edmonds	1-3-0	3	2-4-0
Skagit Valley	0-4-0	0	2-4-0

EAST

Spokane	5-0-0	15	8-0-1
Treasure V.	3-3-1	10	6-6-1
Walla Walla	3-2-0	9	4-4-2
North Idaho	2-1-1	7	4-3-2
Columbia Basin	2-3-1	7	4-5-2
Yakima Valley	1-3-1	4	5-3-2
Wenatchee	0-4-2	2	1-5-2

WEST

Highline	5-0-0	15	9-2-1
Bellevue	5-1-0	15	7-2-1
Tacoma	4-2-1	13	6-6-2
Pierce	2-2-2	8	4-4-2
Green River	1-3-1	4	1-5-3
Lower Columbia	1-4-0	3	3-8-0
Grays Harbor	0-6-0	0	0-10-0

SOUTH

Lane	5-0-0	15	6-3-1
Clark	4-0-2	14	7-0-3
Chemeketa	3-1-1	10	6-2-2
SW Oregon	3-4-0	9	3-7-1
Clackamas	2-2-1	7	2-5-3
Portland	1-5-0	3	1-9-0
Rogue	0-4-0	0	0-6-0

Volleyball

WEST

	League	Season
Highline	4-0	23-2
Tacoma	3-1	18-2
Pierce	2-1	8-9
L. Columbia	2-2	11-10
Centralia	1-2	4-11
Grays Harbor	0-3	9-12
Green River	0-3	4-15

NORTH

Bellevue	3-0	13-9
Shoreline	3-1	17-5
Skagit Valley	3-1	12-9
Everett	2-2	8-5
Olympic	1-2	11-14
Whatcom	0-3	4-13
Edmonds	0-3	3-13

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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- 1. THEATER: Which musical featured a song with the lyrics, "I feel pretty, oh so pretty"?
- 2. MEDICAL: In human beings, what causes a goiter?
- 3. GEOGRAPHY: In what city would you find the Brandenburg Gate?
- 4. MUSIC: Which Southern rock band had a hit single with *Imaginary Lover*?
- 5. MOVIES: In which movie did longtime game host Bob Barker make his debut?
- 6. SCIENCE: What does an ornithologist study?
- 7. COMPUTERS: What kind of computer file carries the extension ".wav"?
- 8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the adjective used to describe horses?
- 9. LANGUAGE: What is a

pangram?
10. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Who once said, "Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read"?

- Answers
- 1. *West Side Story*
 - 2. Usually a lack of iodine
 - 3. Berlin
 - 4. Atlanta Rhythm Section
 - 5. *Happy Gilmore* with Adam Sandler
 - 6. Birds
 - 7. Audio
 - 8. Equine
 - 9. A sentence that uses every letter of the alphabet.
 - 10. Groucho Marx

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Puzzle answers on Page 11

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★
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King Crossword

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- 26 Lair
- 27 Shrill bark
- 30 Pruritic feeling
- 31 Mongrel
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- 38 Delusory happiness
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- 46 Bank transaction
- 47 Bear hair
- 48 Property claim

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- 50 To and —
- 51 Missing
- 52 TV's warrior princess
- 53 "Absolutely"
- 9 Advanced math
- 10 Solemn promise
- 11 Drive the getaway car, maybe
- 19 "That hurts!"
- 20 Jeremy of the NBA
- 23 Triangular sail
- 24 Multipurpose truck
- 25 Lemieux milieu
- 26 Shoveled
- 27 Second person
- 28 Performance
- 29 Slapstick missile
- 31 Intricate
- 32 Comestibles
- 34 Clear the tables
- 35 Kigali's land
- 36 Point of view
- 37 Teach by repetition
- 38 Plummet
- 39 A little of everything
- 40 Rhyming tributes
- 41 Top-notch
- 42 Uncertain
- 43 Certain
- 44 Cupid's alias

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A workplace change doesn't seem to have turned out quite as you'd hoped. Never mind: Just treat yourself to a healthy dollop of that Aries self-confidence, and you'll soon view things differently.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Some of the support you might have hoped for in a difficult situation might not be there. But you have the strength to rely on your own capabilities if you must. Good luck.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A disagreement with a longtime friend can be painful, but it also can be a learning lesson. Insist on a full and complete airing of views. You'll both come away the better for it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A stalled relationship can be restarted with some give and take on both sides. And while it could take more time than you expect, don't rush it. Be patient, and let it happen naturally.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) An opportunity to move a long-stalled project from concept to construction might be



opening up for the Big Cat. Meanwhile, be prepared to spend more time dealing with family matters.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Use your Virgo organizational skills to line up support to help you deal with a sticky workplace problem. A personal matter also might be helped with friendly intervention.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Trying to resolve a workplace problem with a longtime associate can be difficult. Consider bringing in an impartial third party to help you both reach a mutually acceptable solution.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) This is a good time to assess your current career situation. Consider whether you have a chance to move up where you are now, or if you should look elsewhere.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) With ed-

ucation being a dominant part of this week's aspect, one of the things you might want to think about is taking courses to enhance your career opportunities.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might have a problem trying to stay focused on a matter you'd rather not deal with. But the sooner you do, the sooner it will be resolved and out of the way.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An unforeseen complication creates a difficult problem. But things get resolved once you use your ability to turn negative situations into positive experiences.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The Pisces penchant for doing the right thing at the right time helps you deal with a particularly troublesome situation. Consider your best option, and act accordingly.

BORN THIS WEEK: Although you might sometimes seem rigid in your views, your love of justice makes you a trusted friend everyone can rely on.

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Seabird numbers recover

By Micah Litowitz
Staff Reporter

Ospreys and bald eagles are making a good come back in recent years, after a decline due to use of pesticides such as DDT, said Biology Professor Woody Moses at last Saturday's Science on the Sound.

Moses' presentation on Seabirds of the Sound included information on the seabirds in our area and how to identify them, including the Great Blue Heron, the official bird of Seattle.

The lecture also included how biologists use seabirds to learn about the ocean.

"Seabirds tell us a lot about the ocean by their health. If a seabird's health declines, it is probably something from their environment," Moses said.

The lecture room was full by the time the presentation started with people of all ages, including a mother and her two young boys, along with older adults who came prepared with binoculars for the bird watching at the end of the presentation.

The MaST (Marine Science and Technology) Center is a branch of Highline that holds marine biology and oceanography classes along with a free aquarium that is open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the public. It includes a touch tank and an octopus.

Science on the Sound is a monthly series of presentations on topics relating to the local



Olivia Jollimore/THUNDERWORD
Biology Professor Woody Moses talks about the recovery of seabirds such as osprey and bald eagles at last Saturday's Science on the Sound.

marine environment.

The next free lecture at the MaST Center will be Nov. 7 at noon, about the local effects of climate change and ocean acidification.

There are additional lectures offered on: Dec. 5, concerning the restoration of the Elwha River Restoration project, and on Jan. 2, on piloting underwater remote-operated vehicles,

and how anyone can learn.

All lectures are held at the MaST Center.

The MaST Center is at Redondo Beach next to Salty's about five minutes southwest of the main Highline campus.

More information on the MaST Center and other free marine-oriented events are available on the center's Facebook page.

Fall seminars will have you quaking in your boots

By Ryan Johnson
Staff Reporter

Earthquakes, fire, and saving lives will be among the topics covered in Fall Quarter's Science Seminar, which begins this Friday from 1:30-2:35 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.

The first seminar, Are You Ready To Rumble, will focus on what to do in, and immediately after, an earthquake or landslide. It will stress the importance of the drop, cover and hold method of self-preservation, which has been shown to increase your chances of survival in the event of a geological catastrophe.

Dr. Eric Baer, a long-time presenter at Science Seminar, will cover the imminent danger that landslides and earthquakes present to the area and Highline in particular.

The campus, located on a hill overlooking the Sound, makes it a prime candidate for damage if the earth really gets moving.

"This will be an especially interesting quarter for Science Seminar," said Dusty Wilson,

mathematics instructor, who put together the lecture lineup. "Taylor Hodges' Alaskan Way Viaduct seminar and Commissioner Goldmark's wildfire seminar will be particularly fascinating."

Future seminar topics will include sleep apnea, presented by Kayoko Mozley on Oct. 23; The Science of Forensics, presented by Steve Lettic on Oct. 30; Saving Lives Through Organ Transplants, presented by Mary Graff on Nov. 6; an as-of-yet undetermined presentation on Nov. 13; A Bertha-sized Update presented by Hodges focusing on the Alaskan Way Viaduct Project on Nov. 20; and Public Lands Commissioner Goldmark's presentation on Dec. 4 about the Okanogan fires that ravaged Eastern Washington this summer.

Anyone is allowed to attend and students may register to receive a general science credit for going to the lectures.

Grades are based on number of lectures attended. Attending all lectures will result in a 4.0.

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Highline includes the disabled

Highline is honoring the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act with a series of presentations in October.

The events center on the theme Moving Beyond Inclusion.

On Oct. 9, the film *Fixed* will be shown in Building 8 in the Mt. Constance room.

Other presentations include "True Inclusion," by Ivanova Smith, activist and instructor, Oct. 14, 11 a.m. in Building 8, Mt. Skokomish room.

"Beating the Odds: My Journey to Higher Education" presented by Devon Adelman, Highline College student, Oct. 21, 11 a.m. Building 7.

"Celebrating the History of the ADA" presented by Michael Richardson, director of the Northwest ADA Center, Oct. 26, Building 8, Mt. Constance room.

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Building 99’s lease was up at the end of the summer, but an agreement was reached to extend the lease.

Highline not homeless as lease agreement is reached

By Bryce Sizemore
Staff Reporter

A tentative lease agreement has been reached between Highline and the landlord of Building 99.

Building 99 is home to administrative offices, Continuing Educations programs and three classrooms.

It is located on the east edge of campus off of Pacific Highway South, the building is also the only building on campus not owned by Highline.

This agreement comes after several months of negotiation between the college and building owner, Mclean Highline Properties LLC.

This new five-year lease agreement needs to be approved by the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services, an agency responsible approving acquisition and lease agreements by state agencies.

With this new contract, the rate will remain \$24 per square foot annually, equating to around \$800,000 per year.

“I was able to negotiate the removal of the tenant improvement fee,” which equates to around \$5,000, said Vice President of Administrative Services Michael Pham.

In exchange, the school has agreed to allow Mclean to perform upkeep work on Building

99 over the course of the lease, rather than having it all completed at the beginning of the lease.

Such an arrangement allows Mclean to invest less money upfront into the building, and allows work such as repainting to occur during months that are more conducive to doing so.

The landlord has been very responsive to issues with Building 99, so Pham is not concerned about all the necessary work being completed.

“We appreciate working with the Mclean family,” said Pham. “We look forward to working with them in the future.”

Register to vote to let your voice be heard

By Jessica Strand
Staff Reporter

Although the Nov. 3 General Election deadline for mail-in and online registration was Monday, would-be voters can still register in person until Oct. 26.

If you recently turned 18, will turn 18 before Nov. 3, or recently moved to Washington and haven’t yet registered to vote, you can go to one of two locations to sign up in person.

Registrations are being accepted at King County Election headquarters, 919 S.W. Grady Way in Renton, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or at the Voter Registration Annex, 500 Fourth Ave., Room 440 in Seattle, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 2 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

To be eligible to vote one must be: a U.S. citizen, legally reside in Washington State, at least 18 years old by the date of the election, not have a court order that disqualifies you from voting, and not be under supervision by the Department of Corrections for a felony conviction.

After standing in lines over the last couple of weeks for school registration this should be a pretty easy registration, said King County Elections Communications Manager Kim van Ekstrom.

“At this time I wouldn’t ex-

pect there to be lines,” said van Ekstrom.

She said unless its right before a presidential election there usually aren’t lines in the voter registration offices, and the process is relatively fast.

Although the in-person registration deadline is only for new voters, van Ekstrom said if you’ve recently moved, and missed the deadline to update your information, you can still vote.

There are many reasons to vote said Highline political science Professor Dr. Ben Gonzalez.

“The thing that’s important to consider is the smaller the group that are voting, the smaller the number of people that are making decisions on behalf of all of us,” said Dr. Gonzalez.

He said there are initiatives the public votes on which affect everyone, as well as the policies elected officials put into place.

“If you’re intent on receiving a college education, that’s always a reason to vote,” he said.

The funding for education is voted on at the ballot box, Dr. Gonzalez said. Whether it’s a bill on education, or voting for a public official campaigning to make community college free, it’s important to have your voice heard, and not let others speak for you, he said.

“Regardless if you vote or don’t vote, policies are being passed that affect you,” he said.

Learn about blasts from the past

By Trevar Jordan
Staff Reporter

The Vietnam War and Migration of Vietnamese Americans will be explored in future Highline History Seminars this fall, which kicked off Oct. 7.

Every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. a different instructor will present a historical synopsis on their topic of choice. The seminars, held in Building 3, room 102, provide an opportunity for students to gain one history credit.

“I wanted to give instructors a chance to present topics they

are passionate about and have an expertise in,” said Tim McManon, History Seminar coordinator. “Usually what happens is an hour-long seminar accompanied by a PowerPoint, open to questions to a varying degree, and a Q-and-A afterwards.”

History Seminar is a one-credit course. The grade is based on attendance and two short summaries on topics of their choosing out of the eight seminars. Students can register by using the item number 1288.

The Oct. 14 History Seminar will feature Michael Pham on The Vietnam War; Oct. 21

features Savio Pham on Migration of Vietnamese Americans; Oct. 28 with Jennifer Jones will focus on the History Of Prohibition; Nov. 4 will explore the History of Auto Emissions Standards; Nov. 18 will be with Almetta Pitts on an undetermined topic; Dec. 2 features Lonnie Somer on The Influence of the Jacobean Court on Shakespeare’s Plays; and on Dec. 9 Sue Frantz will discuss Technological Change: Everything Old is New Again.

There will be no seminars on Nov. 11 and Nov. 25 due to holidays.

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placed on Pacific Highway South and South 236th Lane next to campus, or at 30th Avenue South and South 236th Lane, a quarter mile from campus.

Representatives for Highline staff, faculty and students have made clear from the start that the Highline stop should be built next to campus, for the sake of students safety and for ease of access.

They have also made it clear that the station's distance from the school should be a main concern to Sound Transit.

The potential campus station will cost \$1.45 billion to construct.

The potential 30th Avenue station will cost \$1.4 billion to construct.

"None of the stations are more than a quarter or a third of a mile from Highline," said Cathel Ridge, development manager for Sound Transit.

During the stakeholder meetings, representatives from cities of Kent, Des Moines, Federal Way and SeaTac have all expressed their opinions that the Light Rail stop should end east of Pacific Highway on 30th Avenue.

Non-student riders safety and ease of access should be considered along with student's concerns.

Many locals felt unsafe walking on Pacific Highway, or in Highline's east parking lot at night, Ridge said.

Suggestions to resolve this issue were emergency call boxes, new well-lit walkways, easily identifiable crosswalks, and a revised South 236th Lane entrance.

An additional bus stop is



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Sound Transit has held multiple meetings to aid them in making a decision in where to place the new station,

being discussed along the 30th Avenue stop if it is chosen. This bus stop will be in addition to the bus stop along Pacific Highway and South 240th Street.

Per the Sound Transit board's direction, the a series of meetings are being held in order to engage with "key stakeholders" on the subject of the development of the surrounding area, rider safety, cost and distance that riders may have to walk from several key locations around the area, including Highline.

Among the groups attending the meeting were representatives from Kent; Des Moines; Highline staff, faculty, and students; the Washington State Department of Transportation; the Puget Sound Regional Council; the King County Executive's Office; King County Metro Transit; Transportation Choices Coalition; Futurewise; Oneamerica; and the Urban Land Institute.

In order for the development to go smoothly, Ridge said, it's going to require co-operation between all of the stakeholders.

Only stakeholders and Sound Transit representatives were allowed into these meetings.

So far two meetings have been held with a third and potentially final meeting to be

held at Highline next week.

After these meetings have been finished, stakeholders and the public will no longer be able to formally comment and the final location of the Highline station will be left in the hands of the Sound Transit board.

These stakeholders are all heavily invested in the success of the Light Rail, whichever way it may go.

Kent and Des Moines have been planning for the implementation of the Light Rail for the past decade.

When you hear the cities supporting a particular station or station location, Ridge said, it's based on discussions made during the last four years and on its recently implemented land use guidelines.

All of this conversation is informing decisions that will be made by Sound Transit in 2017 and 2018, said Kimberly Reason, public information officer for Sound Transit.

Students express opinions after shooting

By Jacqueline Robinson and Jacqueline Kemp
Staff Reporters

A horrifying school shooting last Tuesday at Umpqua Community College left nine dead, seven injured and many questioning just how safe they really are.

In Roseburg, Ore. a man showed up to school--not with books and a backpack--but with a variety of handguns and a rifle. The shooter killed nine people, both students and faculty.

This shooting is one of many school shootings in recent years.

"It makes you think it could happen here. It was another community college pretty close to us," said Highline student Deven Plunkett.

Another student thinks that all campuses are dangerous, due to what we've seen happen over the past few years.

"All community colleges are dangerous," said student Megan Stein, who said she thinks the threat is always expected.

This year in the United States, there have been more than 40 school shootings. Highline students had ideas on how to solve the epidemic.

"It's not a gun law thing," said Stephen Gerretson. "We as a society need to care more

about people with mental issues and using more resources to helping them be more stable. Situations like this would probably not happen."

Student Dinh Chung says that guns are not the problem.

"Gun laws have nothing to do with this. It's people who kill people; not guns," Chung said.

Other students disagreed.

"There should be way-strict-er gun laws. If I have to sign my life away just to get Sudafed, why is there not stricter protocol to get guns?" student Julie Redrini asked.

The rising number of school shootings has students wanting more when it comes to safety at their own schools.

"I think our school needs more [security]," Christina Stamps said. "I would not mind metal detectors at all. In fact I would love it if our school had them. It would take one less worry off of my mind.

Some students proposed an armed security force on campus.

"I feel like we need to have armed security here at school. Armed security could respond quicker to situations like this," Gerretson said.

Highline has its Public Safety Department, however its officers are unarmed.

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Sgt. George Curtis said, "We held a very informative training about 12-18 months ago, which then-director Jim Baylor called the tabletop exercise.

"Our training involved evacuation tips and how to have Public Safety posted in the north, east, and south entrances

of the campus to direct the police to the area of the shooter," he said.

Sgt. Curtis purchased a "gun shot kit," which is a first-aid bag that will allow him to respond to a wounded victim in the case of an emergency.

"I'm trying to get it mandatory for all public safety," he said.

Pham and Sgt. Curtis encourage the Highline community to visit the college website for preparedness and safety tips.

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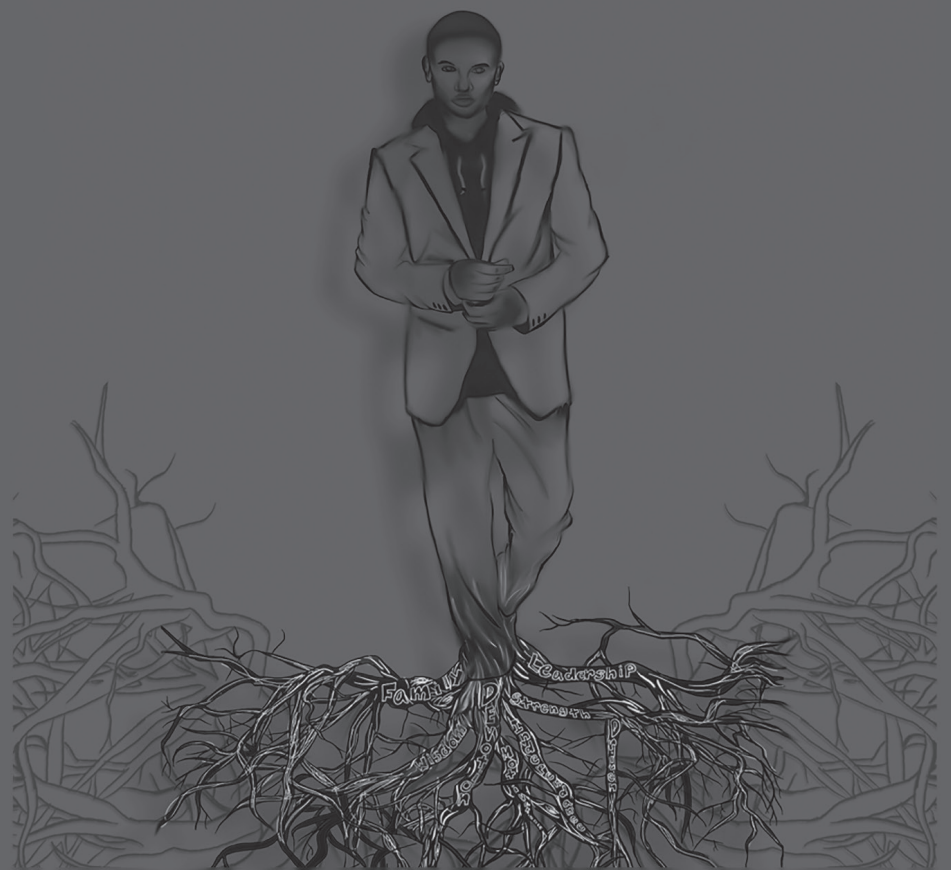
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