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 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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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 Facilities and Operations.

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.

“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 Holdorf, director of Facilities and Operations.

“We’re never going to be as prepared as we should,” Holdorf 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.
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 male 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.

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 3:30 to 5 p.m.

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

To meet with college representatives 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-minute 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.

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POW/MIA plaza rededicated

By Brittany Jenkins
Staff Reporter

The sacrifice of America’s Missing in Action and Prisoner 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 Philip Thelin, the drill team from Joint Base LewisMcCord, 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. 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 Holdorf, 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 updated 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 respondent, or 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.

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 equivalency 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 Washington resident students must pony up $279.26 per credit hour, while Washington resident students pay $102.75 per credit hour. 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 when I signed up 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.

“I take the bus because 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 Hougary.

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 Iamami makes public transportation to save money.

“I take the bus because it’s much cheaper,” she said.

Iamami 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 Iamami.
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?

One recent study at the University of Chicago found that the rate of mass shootings has tripled since 2010. 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 his 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.

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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 world 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 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.

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 exhibition first began last year when Dr. Gloria Koepping, Highline counseling psychologist, sought a way to talk about 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.

“Tattoos are a unique form of self-expression and excitement,” said Carrera.

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, colorful, whimsical and 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 exhibitions 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 tcarre@highline.edu with subject heading “Tattoo Stories.”
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 for the 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 disappointed. 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 convenient 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.
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 Ian Djamuj Malhara scoring a goal assisted by sophomore Alvaro Osorno. That tied the game 1-1 in the 61st minute.

After a challenging battle, Osorno 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 Columbia Basin first.

“Despite being in second place in our division, we are ranked first in the coaches poll in the NWAC,” said Coach Mohn. The team had a much easier win the following day, defeating South Puget Sound 5-0, for the Thunderbird’s second shutout of the 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 Malhara scoring in the sixth minute and Osorno scoring in the 21st minute, putting the T-Bird’s ahead 2-0 at halftime.

In the second half of the game, Osorno 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, Osorno scored the final goal of the night in the 78th minute. That was Osorno’s first hat-trick of his college career.

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

The next game for Highline is a non-league game against Pierce, which 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 in 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 T-Birds 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 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.

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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 us, and 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 T-Birds have a home game on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 2 p.m. against Tacoma.

The next game for Highline is a non-league game against Pierce, which the Thunderbirds have a home game on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 2 p.m. against Tacoma.

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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 Littelman said, “It’s good and bad. Good, because we get them for another year; bad, because they sometimes make freshman mistakes.”


Coach Littelman 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 serving to finish and take the win.

“That was my first time jump-servicing and I just did what Coach Littelman 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.


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

“We just motivated each other and put the ball were Coach Littelman 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 17.

Highline wrestlers are eager to hit the mat

By Olivia Jollimore
Staff Reporter

Highline wrestling team has big expectations for themselves this year, including making it to nationals and winning the national academic award for the third straight year.

Highline wrestlers plan to go from Des Moines to Des Moines for the season and 4-0 in league.

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 Weidig 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,” Luvas 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 in the country to win the award in three consecutive years.

“We take pride in the fact that we are student athletes,” said Assistant Coach Luvas.

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 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 go to the wrestling program.
**Go Figure!**

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:** ★

**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. Equine
8. A sentence that uses every letter of the alphabet.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
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15. 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.
16. Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) With education 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.
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18. 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.
19. 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.

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**Difficulty This Week:** ★★

**Puzzle answers on Page 11**

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 an 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.
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**King Crossword**

**Across**
1. Dinner for Dobbin
4. Anger
8. Old portico
12. Anger
13. Stench
14. Seafood selection
15. Healthify
16. Withered
17. Ceremony
18. 1939 Shearer/Gable movie
21. Last (Abbr.)
22. Hurry along
23. Succulent
24. Lair
25. Shril bark
26. Pruritic feeling
27. Mongrel
32. Points of concentration
33. Spellbod
34. Cranberry territory
35. GPS offering
36. Total
37. Pair
38. Delusory happiness
39. “MIA’S” star
40. Bank transaction
41. Bear hair
42. Property claim
43. Oklahoma city
45. To and —
46. Missing
52. TV’s warrior princess
53. “Absolutely”

**Down**
1. Stereo setup
2. Saharan
3. Bigfoot’s cousin
4. Pretty much
5. That is (Lat.)
6. Han Solo portrayer
7. Refrigerator section
8. Temporary
9. Money
10. Advanced math
11. Point of view
12. Drive the getaway car, maybe “That hurts!”
13. Jeremy of the NBA
14. Triangular sail
15. Multipurpose truck
16. Lemieux milieu
17. Shovel person
18. Performance
19. Slapstick missile
20. Intricate
21. Comestibles
22. Clear the tables
23. Kigal’sland
24. Plummet
25. A little of everything
26. Rhyming tributes
27. Top-notch
28. Uncertain
29. Certain
30. Cupid’s alias

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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 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.

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The MaST Center is at Re dondo 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.

Olivia Jollimore

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 Musley on Oct. 23; The Science of Forensics, presented by Steve Lettic on Oct. 30; Saving Lives Through Organ Transplants, presented by Mary Graf 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.

Got news? Us neither. So send some along!
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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.


“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 Education 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 for 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 $45,000, 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 tuned 18, 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.

With this new five-year lease agreement, the college has been able to continue serving students and not be homeless as the lease agreement needs to be approved.

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 McManus, 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 Pollution; Nov. 4 will explore the History of Auto Emissions Standards; Nov. 18 will be with Almeta Pitts on an undetermined topic; Dec. 2 features Vonnie 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 Ave.
venue South and South 236th Lane, a quarter mile from campus.
Representatives for High-
line 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 sta-
tion will cost $1.45 billion to
construct.
The potential 30th Avenue sta-
tion 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 stu-
dent'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 box-
es, new well-lit walkways, eas-
ily identifiable crosswalks, and a revised South 236th Lane en-
trance.

An additional bus stop is
being discussed along the 30th Avenue stop if it is chosen. This bus stop will be in addi-
tion to the bus stop along Pa-
cific 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 sur-
rounding area, rider safety, cost and distance that riders may have to walk from several key locations around the area, including Highline.

Among the groups attend-
ing the meeting were represen-
tatives from Kent; Des Moines; Highline staff, faculty, and students; the Washington State Department of Transporta-
tion; the Puget Sound Regional
Council; the King County Ex-
ecutive's Office; King County
Metro Transit; Transportation Choices Coalition; Futurewise; Commencement and the Urban Land Institute.

In order for the develop-
ment 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 meet-
ings.

So far two meetings have
been held with a third and po-
tentially 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 imple-
tmentation of the Light Rail for the past decade.

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Another student thinks that
the station's distance from the school is dangerous, due to what we've seen happen over the past few years.

"All community colleges are
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States, there have been more than 40 school shootings. High-
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ty Department, however its offi-
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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 evacu-
tion tactics and how to have Public Safety posted in the north, east, and south entrances of the campus to direct the po-
lace to the area of the shooter," he said.

Sgt. Curtis purchasing 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 mandato-
ry for all public safety," he said.

Pham and Sgt. Curtis en-
courage the Highline commu-
nity to visit the college website for preparedness and safety tips.

Students express
opinions after shooting
By Jacqueline Robinson and Jacqueline Kemp

A horrifying school shooting
last Tuesday at Umpqua Commu-
nity 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 ri-
fe. The shooter killed nine peo-
ple, both students and faculty.

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

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