Lower enrollment leads to tight budget

By Olivia Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Declining enrollment numbers have put a squeeze on the Highline budget.

Although Running Start numbers are on the rise, the number of students continues to drop which leaves the budget in risk of not meeting state enrollment requirements this year.

"I believe enrollment has dropped because the economy has improved," said Cathy Cartwright, the Highline director of financial services. "People are back to work, when they go back to work, they don’t go to school. [They think] I can go get a job and make money, I don’t need further education."

Highline does not have the excess funds that it has had in past years, but that doesn’t stop Highline from putting money where it matters.

"About 70 percent of our budget is for people," said Cartwright. "We’re a heavy-people based service, because what we’re doing is providing a service to our students."

Highline’s funding comes from three main sources: $25.47 million comes from state funds, $11.76 million comes from tuition and fees, and $7 million comes from dedicated local support and contributions, such as Running Start, International Student Programs, and other local resources.

The budget totals $44.23 million for general operating funds.

"Running Start and international students [are] the majority of that money," Cartwright said about the Dedicated Local Support and Contribution category. "They also play a big role in projects on campus."

Expenditures in the budget are broken up into categories.

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Lack of funds hinders disabled assistance

By Michael Simpson
Staff Reporter

Washington’s ability to help the disabled is limited by a lack of tax dollars, a state official said last week.

Toby Wilson, the executive secretary of the governor’s committee on disability, visited Highline for Disability Awareness Month, a campaign to celebrate the achievements of the disabled and examine the leading obstacles to equal treatment.

This is an issue that tends to affect everyone, Wilson said before a standing room crowd in Building 8, Mt. Skokomish.

Approximately one in five adults in the United States has a disability, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A disability is any restriction one has in any activity, because of physical, mental, emotional problems, according to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System.

Anyone over the age of 40 has a 50 percent chance of acquiring disabilities and many will need tax dollars to adequately fund programs such personal assistance services, mental health assessment and treatment to re-

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Domestic violence victims need safe escape

By Cinthia Velez-Regalado
Staff Reporter

One in three women and one in four men have suffered from some sort of physical violence by an intimate partner, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Domestic violence can happen to anyone. "One in five women and one in seven men experience domestic violence in a way we don’t even realize," said Deana Rader, the Women’s Programs and WorkFirst director.

It’s a sticky situation to be in. It doesn’t matter what gender you are, or how old you are, experts say.

"It happens it can happen to everybody to the very rich or low income," Rader said.

Domestic violence is something that often is uncomfortable to talk about.

"It’s about power and control," said Rader. "Domestic violence doesn’t just mean physical abuse. Experts say domestic violence can be anything from financial abuse, sexual abuse, or even verbal and psychological abuse.

There are three main phases to a domestic violence cycle.

Phase one is the tension building. This means that the victim feels like their walking on thin ice. The victim knows that anything can trigger the abuser.

Phase two is the explosion. This means that the abuser unleashes their anger or frustrations on the victim.

Phase three is the honeymoon phase. This means the victim feels hopeful because the abuser has asked for forgiveness in some way.

"During the honeymoon phase, it’s perhaps the safest time," said Rader. "You need to decide when the safest time is to leave."

Counselors say people in domestic violence situations don’t like to say anything because they are afraid of what others might say about them.

A lot of time people outside

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IN THIS ISSUE
**by Kori Spencer**

**Staff Reporter**

**Medication didn’t work as hoped**

A student reported adverse effects to the medication he was prescribed on Oct. 19. The student stated that he had an appointment with his primary doctor later in the day. South King Fire evaluated the student and advised him to go get checked as soon as possible.

**Unknown vehicle hits student’s car**

An unknown vehicle hit a student’s black 2001 VW Jetta while she was in class between 8-10:50 a.m. on Oct. 19. The Jetta had some noticeable damage on the passenger side. The incident occurred in the East parking lot.

**Wheels stolen off a students car**

Public Safety was dispatched to the East Lot Section C after two wheels were stolen from the passenger side of a student’s 2013 Scion two-door sports car. The Des Moines Police were contacted and responded to the situation. Without any suspects the Des Moines Police could only file a report since there wasn’t any other information.

**Wallet stolen from students vehicle**

The driver’s side front window of a black Hyundai four-door sedan was broken and a blue leather wallet was stolen from the passenger seat. The incident occurred between 8:25-8:30 a.m. in front of Building 0 where the child care center is located.

**Missing spoiler from a vehicle**

A spoiler that was mounted on the trunk of a 2013 Scion went missing from the lower South parking lot on Oct. 21. The owner had parked his car around noon and discovered the theft upon his return at 4:50 p.m.

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**Horror film class begins Oct. 31**

**By Zico Dumo**

Staff reporter

A class that will dissect the paradoxes of the female body in American Horror films, will be open to Highline students starting on Halloween. The class will run from 1:30 to 5 p.m. on Mondays in Building 29, room 102.

Tommy Kim, professor of the upcoming class, said Paradox of the Female body in American Horror is a two-credit class that will attempt to pull apart how the objectification of a female character is used to empower her in American Horror Films.

Topics such as female sexuality, the transition from monster films to horror films and society’s influences on the genre will be covered.

“We women are seen as both subject and object,” Kim said. He said women are depicted as a typical sexual stereotype in the beginning of a movie, but that objectification serves to add a contrast that creates more depth to their character when they become the protagonist or “subject of the film.”

Professor Kim said he pulls together a class every Winter Quarter on films, and always makes an effort to connect it to current affairs. He said he chose to teach about paradoxes of the female body because of the talk in the media recently about sexual harassment.

He said society has a big influence on horror films and that modern stereotypes help build modern horror.

Stereotypes give people a familiar base and then when uncanny happenings are added, it causes fear, he said.

In this class, he hopes to teach how different female stereotypes throughout the years have affected American Horror Films.

Students interested in taking the class can register in Building 6 or online on the Highline website. The tuition for the class is $205.82 with no textbook required.

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**Mt. Rainier looms above the Highline campus on a clear autumn day. But the Weather Service predicts a wetter-than-usual winter.**

**News Briefs**

**AANAPISI has scholarship**

Students have until Monday Oct. 31 to apply to the AANAPI S scholarship. Awards range from one-time $2,500 awards and multi-year $5,000 awards. The scholarship is looking to award unserved students in the Asian and Pacific Islander community. For further scholarship requirements and to apply go to http://www. apanis. org/aanapisscholarship. html-Green

**ICC Flick Friday on race topics**

What’s race got to do with it? The Inter-Cultural Center will be hosting a video discussion focused on race and identity on Friday, Oct. 28, in the ICC in Building 8. Beverages and food will be provided for guest in attendance. The movie presented will be What’s Race Got To Do With It, hope to create dialogue between the diversity of students on campus in order to strengthen our community.

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**Correction:**

An article in the Oct. 13 Thunderword should have said that a Cascadia subduction zone magnitude 9 earthquake happens approximately every 232 years.
Student Government Speaker of the Caucasus Byron Patten, said the bathroom is planned for the third floor of the Student Union.

Patten said that a consequence of not having a gender-neutral bathroom would be that some people may feel forced to conform to an identity that they’re not comfortable with.

“He doesn’t want to force someone to choose something,” Patten said. “We believe that everyone should be comfortable in their environment, and you can’t go wrong with a gender-neutral bathroom.”

He said that the gender-neutral bathroom has not been proposed for the sole benefit of non-binary students.

“It’s not just about transgender students,” he said. “It’s also about gender issues because it addresses the fear of people who think that gender-neutral bathrooms will result in sexual assault.”

“Europe has a lot of gender-neutral bathrooms and nobody cares,” Patten said.

Patten also said that having a gender-neutral bathroom is a way to debunk alleged connections between sexual predators and gender-neutral bathrooms.

“People who are attacked in gender-neutral bathrooms aren’t attacked because of the gender-neutral bathrooms or the gender of the attacker. People are attacked because the attackers are genuinely bad people and students have to understand those types of people will always exist,” Patten said.

He said he wants to let students know that “you can’t fear someone being in the same space as you just because of their gender; having a gender-neutral bathroom doesn’t give someone the power to attack someone else.”

Patten said he believes that the gender-neutral bathroom will leave a positive impact on both the students and the image of the school.

“LGBTQIA issues are pretty controversial and hot topic right now,” Patten said. “It’s all over the news all the time.”

“I think it’ll impact the students by making them really active and aware of the current issues and political state.”

Patten said that the student government wants to help students form their opinions and hopefully start a dialogue regarding the LGBTQIA community and predator anxiety.

“We at Highline want to show that we are on the side that we believe will be more supportive to all types of students,” he said.

He said that for the LGBTQIA community and I think there will be many more steps done by the student government to help all groups who are oppressed, Patten said.

Whatever the students decide, it will be the responsibility of Director of Facilities Barry Holdorf to execute the plan.

He said the gender-neutral bathroom will be different from the several unisex bathrooms already on campus because it will combine both men’s and women’s facilities into one bathroom available for use by multiple genders at one time.

“The unisex restrooms allow gender-neutrality to happen, but they aren’t specifically gender inclusive,” Holdorf said.

As the first specific gender-neutral bathroom on campus, lots of time and consideration is being put into its design in order to insure maximum comfort and gender neutrality.

“It’s not under construction but it’s still under planning,” Patten said. “I hope it’ll be built by the Fall Quarter of 2017, but we’re not sure if it’ll happen later or sooner.”

The uncertainty comes in part because student government leaders disagreed with the design of a previous proposal that simply consisted of constricting two doors leading to two separate bathrooms. The student government reviewed the design, we didn’t feel that it gave the sense of equality,” Patten said. “What the previous architect wanted was essentially a men’s and women’s bathroom but with gender-neutral signs over them.”

The student government will have to convince students to pay for the new bathroom if they adopt a new design.

“It’s a project. From a college facilities perspective, the plans are still a little new and raw. Their vision needs to be vetted. We’ll build what the college approves it, we can build it and it’s safe to build,” Holdorf said.

The assistant director for the Center of Leadership and Service, Leslie Valencia, is spearheading the project. She’s currently visiting places that already have gender-neutral bathrooms.

“We’re revisiting with Student Government, revisiting with the architect, and revisit the site of original inspiration Green River [Community College],” said Valencia. Student Government will be taken on a quick day trip to Green River Community College.

“We’re moving forward with the students wanting to pay for the new bathroom if they adopt a new design.”

“[We're] revisiting with Student Government, revisiting with the architect, and revisit the site of original inspiration Green River [Community College],” said Valencia. Student Government will be taken on a quick day trip to Green River Community College.

“We want to support student initiatives,” Holdorf said. “We’ll execute whatever based on criteria risk management, operational capabilities, executive team buy-offs, and the students’ approval.”

Green Week helps discover the roots of our impact

By Dylan You and Cinthia Velez-Regalado
Staff Reporters

Highline is going green next week.

Green Week, an annual event presented by the Sustainability Task Force, begins on Monday.

The Sustainability Task Force is a group of six to seven staff and faculty members that really want to make sustainability a part of the Highline community and promote sustainability any way we can,” said Barry Butler, the Urban Agriculture program manager at Highline.

The annual event is a week-long series of activities and presentations to promote community engagement and sustainability.

“The purpose is to show the Highline community that there are many different ways to make a difference in your community with sustainability and get involved,” Butler said. “It’s relatively simple and can be kind of fun.”

Green Week also welcomes guest speaker Jeremy Nichols, from WildEarth Guardians. Nichols is the director of the Climate and Energy program and has dedicated his years at WildEarth fighting fossil fuels, promoting clean energy, slashing greenhouse gases, and developing innovative strategies to safeguard the climate.

Among the week’s events will be:

• On Monday, Oct. 31, at building 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. there will be a Chocolate Sustainability presentation about the truth of the chocolate industry. Yes, there will also be chocolate available.

• All of the Green Week events on Tuesday, Nov. 1, will be in building 2.

At 10 a.m. come learn about the 1732 Carbon Tax item that will be on the November ballot. At 11 a.m., learn about the Conservation Districts and how these environmental agencies help each county in Washington state. At 12:15 p.m., watch a documentary about sustainable farming, Jean’s Garden, A Permaculture Documentary. On Wednesday, Nov. 2, join in on our long distance Clean-Up beginning at 10 a.m. Participants are to meet outside of Building 8. Listen to an environmental activist lecture about climate change led by Jeremy Nichols, of WildEarth Guardians, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday.

On Thursday, Nov. 3, there will be an Ivy Snip to save many of the trees on the lower end of campus that are being strangled by the ivy. To save Highline’s woods, meet at 9 a.m. on the west side of Building 8. At 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, a presentation about how to grow your own food in the city will be held at the campus garden on the east side of Building 21.

To finish off Green Week, a presentation about the hidden toxic dangers within your own home will be held on 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 4, in Building 2.
I’ll admit it, I get excited for presidential elections. This is the Super bowl of politics, where the two best qualified (or at least most liked) candidates duke it out for the American people to prove they have what it takes to lead the country. This election is different though because it is focused on a unيفن in America, not only based on the accusations of sexual assault and lewd comments, but also because of how disgustingly racist it has been.

As a Latino and someone from a multi-racial family, I neفر dreamed I would hear things said by a major party candidate that are so explicitly offensive.

Donald Trump has proudly declared that Mexico is sending rapists and criminals across the border; he has sought to capitalize on our fear of terrorism to deny those fleeing a civil war safe harbor and suggested that people should be denied entry to the United States based solely on their religion; he has regularly made comments from the perspective of the American known white supremacists and been praised by members of the Klu Klux Klan.

I’ve even heard some of my own family parrot the words of Trump and expand on them, declaring that blacks are thugs who simply cannot live off welfare. These ugly comments have gradually worn down my empathy, my desire to try to see things from the perspective of the other side, and it has made me increasingly angry.

I feel that we, as minorities, have a right to feel this way. After hundreds of years of demonization and negative stereotyping in 2008 we saw Barack Obama become president and while I never thought this made us “post-racial,” I saw it as a sign of positive change, as a sign that we were taking a step forward in regards to race in America.

Eight years later and we have a man who regularly makes racially offensive comments receiving over 40 percent of the national vote. Sure, he will likely lose come Nov. 8, but his campaign has brought the hate of the far-right into the mainstream in a way that the KKK or Stormfront, a White supremacist website, never could.

While Trump claims he’s not just being “politically corفن”, his words have very real consequences for many of us who have been the targets of his rhetoric because of our race, ethnicity or religion.

Hate crimes against Muslims and those believed to be Arabs rose significantly between 2014 and 2015, according to the Department of Justice’s Uniform Crime Report. The hate was against Muslims, and Trump’s rhetoric appears to feed that hate.

Even his campaign slogan “Make America Great Again” nostalgically recalls a 1950s America, where the U.S. was strong and minorities (and women) stayed in their place.

The fact that more than 40 percent of my fellow Americans can support someone like this blows my mind and yes, it makes me angry because this is real to me, real to my friends, my family, and my students in a way that it will never be for many of Trump’s supporters.

We, as minorities, are the ones who face potential violence because of Trump’s irresponsi-

ble rhetoric and we’re the ones who suffer the slurs hurled at us because a candidate for president has characterized us as criminals and terrorists.

How can it not make us angry?

One of the constant realities of being a member of a minority group in America is that because of America’s history with a race a lot of people have weird ideas about what it means to be Black, or Muslim, or Latino, or Native American, or Asian.

For hundreds of years we were second-class citizens (if citizens at all) and as a country we have never truly confronted the racism of our past.

Talking to people about this history as a member of a minority group can be exhausting and this exhaustion can easily lead to resentment, which in turn can lead to anger.

But anger won’t fix the problem, it will just be used to validate the stereotypes that far too many people have of us. Even if our anger is justified, it is from empathy and compassion that will lead to change.

We, and our white allies, must work to chip away at the hate that has allowed Trump to get so close to the presidency, and the only way we will do that is to try to be the exact opposite of what Trump is.

We have to stand up to hate, but we also have to try to reach out, to challenge people’s stereotypes, and to help them see that we are no different than them.

Regardless of who wins on Nov. 8, we still have to share this country with one another.

Dr. Benjamin Gonzalez

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Have something to say? Write to us?

Do you have something you want to say to the student body?

The Highline Thunderword is asking for students to voice their opinions on what matters to them. We are accepting submissions in the form of letters and columns.

Letters to the editor should be no more than 200 words; columns should be no more than 600 words.

Send submissions to thunderword@highline.edu by Monday for print on Thursday.

The Staff

The risk of being a minority president

Donald Trump should not be president because he has no idea what he’s doing. Trump has no previous political experience. He’s a businessman. He wants to run the country like a business. In a business you tell people what to do and they have to do it or they get fired.

However, that’s not the way a country runs. In a country there are rules, there is a system. Trump graduated from Wharton School of Finance and he doesn’t know anything about running a country. A country is kept in check with the political system in place. He is only experienced in being a businessman, that’s it.

He’s only a businessman – that’s it. Not just this but he has absolutely no experience in running for office well. He is encouraging racism and objectification of women. This great country was built on the backs of immigrants. Our crops are picked by immigrant farm workers. These farm workers jobs are hard work, and are made for hardworking people. Most of them are here to start making racist comments. He has welcomed racism in this country again.

He has portrayed Muslims as terrorists and Latinos as rapists. He has forgotten about the majority of Muslims who are not terrorists. They have just come to this country again.

The majority of Muslims are not terrorists. They have just come to this country again.

He forgets that immigrants can also do good. Most do.

He is only experience is in being an author and a businessman, of Finance. He doesn’t know anything about running a country.

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Auburn Avenue Theater play crawls with flesh-eating zombies

By Kelsey Par

Auburn Avenue Theater is not only crawling with talent; it's also crawling with flesh-eating zombies.

Based on the fictional 1968 film classic, *Night of the Living Dead* written and directed by George A. Romero, Auburn Avenue Theater actors closely follow the story line in a condensed and more dramatic version.

The play starts out in the countryside on a dark stormy evening when Barbra, played by McKenna Web and her broth-er Johnny, played by Brandon Fisher are visiting their deceased father at a graveyard.

Although it seems peaceful, they soon realize they're not alone. After seeing what from a far looks like an ordinary man, they will encounter their worst nightmare.

This stage production hits nearly every element that made the original film as gripping and horrific as it was at the time.

The original film *Night of the Living Dead* premiered, there had previously been no mindless flesh-eating zombie films. Today it's a blue-print special.

The open stage allows for the audience to truly feel the emotion of the characters and makes them feel as though they're grave-side.

Technical director Austin Tay-lor, does an excellent job at creat-ing ultimate darkness among the audience while illuminating the characters in ambient lighting. He has been the light designer for all the theater's productions since early 2013. However, lighting wasn't the only aspect that made the performance realistic. Moaning mindless zombies staggered the aisle ways while a cold breeze drifted through the audience.

The main character Ben, played by Chandler Thomas did an exceptional job at portraying emotion and urgency within his character. At one point he cold-colds his leading lady in an attempt to control the panic of a life or death situation.

And Joe Blotenner excelled as a panicked father, ready to kill off the protagonist because he didn't agree with Ben's zom-bie-fighting tactics.

The event is free and will be on-the-pier at the second annual Fear on the Pier event at Highline's MaST Center at Redondo.

Fear on the Pier is a Hal-loween-themed Discovery Day event that will take place on Oct. 29 at the Marine Science and Technology Center Aquarium.

The MaST Center, one of the largest aquariums in the area, attracts approximately 3,000 gallons of Puget Sound marine life.

The MaST Center, the state’s third largest aquarium, is open to the public every Saturday and Sunday from Underwater Sports in Redondo. Visitors have the opportunity to go for an underwater escapade at the Live Dive events.

For those who like their sea creatures without skeletons, the center will host its annual Squid- a-Rama event where visitors can explore the anatomy of squid from the Puget Sound and par-ticipate in games and activities. The event is free and will be on Oct. 5, from 4-7:30 p.m. The event is free and costumes are encouraged. Fear on the Pier will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be at 28203 Redondo Beach Drive S., Des Moines. For more information, visit www.mast.highline.edu or call 206-392-4000.
By Konner Hancock  
Staff Reporter

The Highline women’s soccer team avenged its only loss of the season and clinched a playoff birth in the process.

The Lady T-Birds beat Green River 1-0 last Saturday and now are one win away from claiming the NWAC West Division title.

Highline leads second-place Tacoma by three points. Highline played Centralia Wednesday, with results unavailable at press time. The T-Birds finish the regular season at last-place Grays Harbor.

A division title gives the team a better draw in the first round of the playoffs. A victory would give Highline the crown, as they have the tiebreaker over two wins over Tacoma.

Highline lost its only match of the season back in September to the Gators, but didn’t let this one get away.

Sophomore defender Sierah Rachael Thompson with six saves, made that stand up. “It was a very good win for us. We played well, had a lot of quality chances and played with a lot of intensity. They force us to bring our game, and this time we were ready,” said Highline Head Coach Thomas Moore.

“This was a good measure of the fact we’re continuing to get better at the end of the league. It’s important that we keep moving forward and get ready to peak here in the next two weeks,” said Moore.

However, about midway through the game, defender Maya Gray was injured and had to be taken out of play.

“We don’t know Maya’s timeline to return, or if she will be able to. I hope she is able to continue on since it’s her sophomore year, and I know how hard she has worked along with everyone this season,” said Moore.

The details and extent of Gray’s injury were unavailable at press time.

“Sara Olanda stepped in for Maya. She normally plays up front, but has also helped us out in the back when needed. It hurts taking her out of [her normal position], but if it’s best for the team, then she may cover for Maya during her recovery,” he said.

The T-Birds hold the third best record in the conference at 11-1. They are ranked fifth in the latest NWAC Coaches poll. “Obviously I’m extremely proud of the girls. They have done a great job of rising to the occasion up to this point,” said Moore.

“We’ve asked them to perform and they’ve stepped up when needed. It will be a challenge to continue, but that’s what we’re all here for, to challenge ourselves and get better in the process.”

Wednesday’s game against Centralia was expected to be hard-fought, as the Trailblazers are battling Green River for the West’s last playoff spot.

Men’s wrestling team prepares for new season

By Konner Hancock  
Staff Reporter

The Highline men’s wrestling has a lot of new faces but is prepared to top last year’s national performance.

The team has been preparing with a couple of preseason meets to try to top their performance from last year.

The first preseason meet was on Oct. 15 at Highline and the second is the Inter-squad meet today at Highline, 7 p.m.

These preseason meets are aimed toward developing the wrestlers in live action matches, said Scott Norton, the head coach of the men’s wrestling team.

Last year the team placed 12 in the nation with four All Americans wrestlers on the squad.

Out of the four All Americans last year only one is returning, sophomore Andrew Ramirez, who wrestles at 133 pounds.

“Ramirez [the] returning All-American and should do pretty well this year. We also have a pretty strong transfer in heavyweight Miguel Morales. He is incredibly quick and athletic for the heavyweight division.

We have another good one in Diego Castaneda at 141. He is very strong and powerful,” said Norton.

“In addition, we have sophomore Josh Wessels at 197 and Marco Luvenza at 184, both could make some noise. The rest of our team is comprised of freshman and it will be a test for them as they look to prove themselves,” he said.

Last year the squad was mostly sophomores this year is different. Norton said he hopes to be able to develop all of the young freshmen who comprise most of this year’s team.

“I’m excited to see our guys compete. They have been working pretty hard and we’ve got a lot of talent in the room,” said Norton.

How far the team goes this year could heavily rely on how well the newest squad members do, said Norton.

“I am confident that we can place top four [in the nation] with 4-8 All Americans. But what I think doesn’t matter, performance is up to the athletes. If they can push themselves every day to be a little better than the day before they will be fine,” said Assistant Coach Brad Luvaas. “Without the work we could all be sitting at home watching the national tournament online.”

The T-Birds’ first meet of the season is on Nov. 3, at the Thunderdome, against the North Idaho College Cardinals, at 7 p.m.

“I am excited to see all of our athletes wrestle this season. This sport more than any other is either sink or swim. I am looking forward to seeing who will be here at the end of the year at the national tournament,” said Luvaas.
Champions again

Thunderbirds clobber Pierce, claim third straight west title

By Konner Hancock
Staff Reporter

With two more wins last week, the Highline men’s soccer team claimed its third straight NWAC West Division title.

“We always set team goals at the start of each season. The first was to win our division. We put in a great effort all season and reached that goal,” said Head Coach Steve Mohn. “Our ultimate goal for the season is to win the NWAC Championship.”

Highline was ranked No. 2 in the most recent NWAC Coaches poll, behind arch-rival Peninsula. The division title gives Highline a better draw in the first round of the playoffs.

The T-Birds get a first-round bye, and likely will face between the winner of a first-round game between the North Division No. 2 team and the East Division No. 3. Currently those teams are Whatcom (9-4-2) and North Idaho (6-7-4).

Another successful season reaches its conclusion, the T-Birds feel like they have a serious chance at the championship, said Mohn.

“I think we have the ability to reach that goal. There are a lot of things that have to happen for teams to win championships, it won’t be easy,” he said. “But if we keep working hard to reach that goal, I don’t see why we can’t make a good playoff run and lift another trophy.”

Highline clinched the division title with a 6-0 win over Pierce.

“We played really well as a team. We were solid defensively and we can’t make a good playoff run and lift another trophy.”

The T-Birds feel like they have a serious chance at the championship, said Mohn.

“The first two goals just helped us relax, like we weren’t on our nerves anymore. We were more calm and played the game the way we wanted to play it,” said Maharero.

The second half of the game began with freshman midfield er Brandon Gonzalez notching a goal assisted by midfielder Mohamed Jeylani. The onslaught continued with midfielder Mitchell Balmer, defender Daruss Saelee and defender Alan Curel each notching a goal assisted by Cody Parké, Rodriguez and midfielder Toyokazu Yuminaga.

“The first two goals just helped us relax, like we weren’t on our nerves anymore. We were more calm and played the game the way we wanted to play it,” said Maharero.

Fernando Sanchez, No. 22, works through dribbling drills with a teammate at practice last Monday.

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Highline College

By Aleyah Bennett
Staff Reporter

A loss to the Tacoma Titans knocked Highline into second place in the NWAC West Division volleyball standlings.

Highline lost to Tacoma, 25-21, 25-19, 25-18, 25-23, lowering their record to 7-2-5 overall.

“We need to keep fighting for each point in each set,” said Head Coach Chris Littleman said of the match, which could easily have gone either way.

But the Lady T-Birds bounced back to pound Pierce, 25-18, 25-20, 25-22.

Arypell Eneliko led Highline with 13 kills. Kathienna Ly had 16 digs.

But amid winning the first set, Highline’s Taylor Alicuben sprained her ankle, but continued playing through the pain.

“I landed on the foot of the outside hitter for Tacoma,” Alicuben said.

They continued playing but barely made it through the third set,” she said.

Tacoma took the next three sets, however, to claim the match.

“As a team we need to work on starting off strong, and finishing strong,” said Taylor Alcubern.

The T-Birds defeated the Pierce College Raiders in three sets last Friday.

Right side hitter Zoe Gains led both teams with 16 kills and 23 digs, middle blocker Megan Van Marter also had 31 kills, setter Alicuben had 42 sets, libero Lindsey Nein had 26 digs.

Highline has been playing without libero Pumehana Nedic.

“I am really sad about not being able to play, but I do understand that I need to get healthy before I can come back,” said Nedic.

Nedic will be re-evaluated Friday, Oct. 28 to see if she will be able to play again.

The fourth-ranked T-Birds played Centralia on Wednesday, Oct. 26, with results unavailable at press time.

Highline has only four matches left before the end of the season, beginning with a game at Green River on Friday at 7 p.m.

The Lady T-Birds get a chance to avenge a loss to Lower Columbia on Wednesday, Nov. 2 in Longview.

They finish the regular season with home matches against South Puget Sound on Nov. 4 and Grays Harbor on Nov. 9.

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Vegan advocate promotes no-meat diet

By Jackie Robinson
Staff Reporter

Not eating meat is better for humans and for animals is what a group tried to convince the Highline campus.

An intern from the non-profit organization The Humane League was handing out fliers that promoted a vegan lifestyle on campus Monday, Oct. 24.

Plant based eating is better for everyone, said league representative Houston Wong.

“It’s important to tell people the truth about where their food comes from, so that they can know the impact on human health, the environment and animals,” he said.

Wong works as “a grass-roots intern” for the Seattle sector of The Humane League.

“I got involved with working with them two years ago,” said Wong. “I have a bachelor’s degree from British Columbia University in computer science.”

Wong quit his job for the opportunity to work with The Humane League.

“I was working for Microsoft,” he said. “But I found out about animal rights issues. I got involved with online campaigns and then decided to leave Microsoft and take an intern position with The Humane League.”

His passion for animals fueled his job change.

“I started to realize that animals are very much so the majority that is overlooked by society,” he said.

As an intern, Wong said he promotes his job change.

“I got involved with working about animal rights issues. I got involved with online campaigns and then decided to leave Microsoft and take an intern position with The Humane League.”

Highline’s earthquake preparation needs work

By Joey Gomez
Staff Reporter

Highline’s Emergency Management coordinator graded the college’s performance in last week Great Washington Shake-Out Drill a solid B, but she admits the campus still has a lot to do to prepare for the big one.

Last Thursday was only Highline’s third year participating in the global ShakeOut earthquake drill, said Francesca Fender, Highline’s coordinator.

While the number of people participating worldwide totaled in the millions, 1,3 million Washingtonians practiced how to Drop, Cover and Hold On at 10:20 a.m. on Oct. 20.

“We consider the likelihood of certain scenarios in our region [so we] try and test a gamut of scenarios, man-made or natural disaster,” Fender said.

“For the most part, the drill was successful and went well,” Fender said. “However, we had a few hiccups with some of our technology tied into the alert system.”

Television screens not displaying properly, text message alerts to the students not being sent, and social media outlets failing to post about the drill as intended were some of the areas Fender identified as needing improvement.

“I think the important thing is not where we are at with preparedness right now, but what are we actively doing to fix our vulnerabilities,” Fender said.

She said fixing the flaws will be an immense job and one that will take much concentrated effort and prior planning.

Students made the evacuation portion of the earthquake drill difficult, Fender said. So much so, that a bull horn was needed to corral the resisting students.

How the state and region would react in the aftermath is one matter. How they would act during a severe earthquake is another. Many experts remain concerned about the area’s resilience with regard to humanitarian issues in the event of a megquake.

Washington state had its own earthquake exercise that took place in June, called Cascadia Rising. The regional exercise had approximately 23,000 participants, and involved scenarios related to a possible megquake caused from the Cascadia Subduction Zone. The scenarios were those for which most schools and homes are not prepared.

It is estimated that a megquake would have a measurement value more than a M9.0 earthquake, which the Federal Emergency Management Agency predicts that more than 9,000 people in Washington would die in such an event.

“A M9.0, is not just one measurement value more than a M8.0, it is actually 30 times a M8.0. So that makes a M9.0 - 900 times more powerful than a M7.0 earthquake,” said Dr. Eric Baer, geology professor.

Fender said some entity on campus usually goes through a drill each quarter, and although it is often not as high profile as the Great Washington ShakeOut, these are part of an ongoing effort to prepare the campus for the inevitable.

“I’d really like to have an earthquake/fault zone information gallery open for a week. Some place people could go in and look at maps of the local fault zones, see a small seismograph and maybe even practice putting a first aid kit together,” she said.
Candidate showdown at Highline

By Michael Simpson
Staff Reporter

The 30th district state House candidates disagree on how to pay for public schools and on whether the region should fund K-12 education. Two pairs of candidates competing for two state House seats came to Highline on Wednesday to talk about why they should be elected.

They took student questions in Building 8, Mt. Constance. State Rep. Linda Kochmar, Republican, and Mike Pellicciotti, Democrat, are campaigning for position one.

State Rep. Teri Hickel, Republican, and Kristine Reeves, Democrat, are campaigning for position two.

The McCleary decision and ST3 were among the issues discussed.

The McCleary decision is an order by the state Supreme Court to the Legislature to meet the state Constitution by fully funding K-12 education. Fully funding education includes operating costs, supplies, transportation and market-rate staff compensation. The office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction says it will cost an additional $3.8 billion per year to pay for this.

Rep. Kochmar, who touted her extensive record as mayor and council member of Federal Way, said that McCleary needs to be paid for before any additional projects are taken on.

Pellicciotti, currently assistant state attorney general, said the state should be fully funding McCleary, but not a via a levy swap, in which local property taxes across the state would be equalized.

Rep. Hickel has served in the Legislature for one year and was executive director of the Advancing Leadership Foundation for 15 years. She said she strongly supports a levy swap to fund McCleary.

"In a district like ours, we pay three times the amount that other districts around us pay in our local levy dollars," she said. "So it's just not fair."

Reeves is the associate director of the industry sector economic development program at the Washington state Department of Commerce.

She said her background in economic development is crucial to bringing a stronger tax base to the 30th district, which would help fund McCleary.

She said she wants to close tax loopholes to help fund McCleary.

"I want to make sure my kid and every kid in the district has the best education possible," Reeves said.

ST3 is the plan to build 62 miles of new light rail, including stops in Federal Way, Bellevue and Tacoma, plus added bus service and more transit spots. Proposition 1 will raise $277 billion in new taxes for the $54 billion project.

Rep. Kochmar said she wants to address ST3 at a future date. ST3 will trigger the biggest tax increase in history, and a family household of four will pay extra taxes of $750 to $2,500 per year, Rep. Kochmar said.

Pellicciotti said he will vote for ST3 and will respect the voters decision if it gets passed or not.

Rep. Hickel said she won't vote for ST3 because it's too expensive and she supports congestion relief projects.

Reeves said that a light rail system is an efficient alternative to roads. "As we cram a million more people into this district over the decade, we've got to figure out how to make sure we have transportation options that work for everybody," she said.

Rep. Kochmar and Reeves offered solutions on how to fund higher public education.

Reeves said that the minimum wage needs to be raised so working student can afford tuition and books.

The last day to vote is Nov. 8.

Highline offers assistance through Women's Programs. Women's Programs takes the person in and if the victim is ready to talk to someone about the abuse, the victim is encouraged to call the 24-hour hotline. If the victim chooses to, they can file a report with campus safety and file a report with Des Moines Police Department.

From there the victim can go to court and get a restraining order against the abuser. The victim may bring a copy of the restraining order with a photo of the individual who isn't supposed to be on around them to the Public Safety Office. If you know of someone who is in a domestic violence situation, offer your help. Listen to what they are going through.

Don't go around telling other people what this person is going through, experts say.

If you know of someone who is going through a domestic violence situation, make sure to ask "Do you feel unsafe at the moment?" or "Does the abuser have a weapon?"

When the victim decides to leave the abuser, they should have a safety plan. A safety plan is "what to do the moment you decide to leave," Rader said. "[You] need to figure out where you're going to go."

The most important thing is to have quick access to important documents. These documents should be kept together and secret from the abuser.

Documents that should be gathered are driver's license, passports, Social Security numbers, medical cards, any medicines, cellphone, cell phone charger, full tank of gas, cash, and shot records if the victim has any children. These documents need to be accessible to just grab and go, said Rader.

In King County, DAWN (Domestic Abuse Women Network) is an available resource to help. They have shelters, clothing, household stuff, transitional housing, counseling, parenting, domestic violence 101 classes, group sessions, and awareness classes.

"Spots at domestic violence shelters are limited," said Rader. "Shelters can be restrictive, meaning if you have a son, you won't be admitted into the shelter."

Another resource available for victims is the YWCA, which is similar to DAWN in the help it provides.

Abusers typically get help once they have been through the court system after they have been charged, said Rader. A judge could send the abuser to anger management classes. Other classes that can teach about the power and control wheel, said Rader. But some abusers might realize that they are harming someone. Here are resources that are here to help people who have realized what they're doing is wrong:

• Consejo has counseling for abusers. For more information, call at 253/579-1998.
• Loveisrespect.org
• The National Domestic Violence Hotline. Phone number is 1-800-799-7233.

It's always helpful to learn about domestic violence and educate yourself on what you could do to help domestic violence victims or help yourself if you're in a situation like that, experts say.

If you are currently in a domestic violence situation, remember that it's not your fault. Remember that there are people that are in the same situation and you're not alone in this.

"It's not the victim's fault the abuser has the abusive behavior," said Rader.
Climate change poses icy dilemma, prof says

By Jessica Strand
Staff Reporter

Although scientists are unsure how the melting of sea ice might affect the future of the planet, we shouldn’t risk it, a professor said on campus last Friday.

Climate change is a big topic in environmental science but there are many misconceptions that the public has regarding sea ice, said Rus Higley, professor of biology, during last week’s Science Seminar.

“One of the poster children for climate change is sea ice,” Higley said. “There is very much a climate change component in there, but there’s some other things that maybe we haven’t thought about.”

There are two main types of ice: sea ice and land ice, Higley said. Sea ice forms when the surface of the water freezes, and only gets up to around 20 feet thick. Land ice is what causes icebergs — when ice from glaciers falls into the sea, icebergs are formed.

“You can end up with small pieces of ice being the size of your car, to big pieces of ice being the size of the Empire State Building, to big pieces of ice being the size of Rhode Island,” he said.

The difference between the ice in the north and the ice in the south is the land underneath, or lack thereof. The Arctic is the icy regions found at the North Pole without land underneath, while the Antarctic is an icy region of land found in the south.

“If you think it’s A, and you fix A and ignore B, and B was the real deal, you may be in trouble,” Higley said. “We can look at impacts on animals, transportation, and then access to new resources.”

However, the energy absorption is only part of the story, Higley said. Another key component is water vapor, which is a greenhouse gas.

“Our water right here in the Puget Sound is right now 50 degrees,” Higley said. “In the summer time 50 degree water actually cools our air, and in the winter time 50 degrees actually warms us up — so water moderates.”

“Greenhouse gases are critical for life on this planet — if we don’t have greenhouse gases we don’t live on our planet — if we have too many we turn to Venus,” Higley said.

Human activity doesn’t modify water vapor a great deal, but has a big effect on heat absorption, especially in the Arctic, Higley said.

“There is a concept out there called abrupt climate change,” Higley said. “If you’ve ever stood up in the canoe started falling over one way if you’re not careful you may rebalance and actually end up falling over on the other side. By warming us up its possible that we can actually trigger us into the other direction.”

Another concern with the melting of sea ice is the possibility of methane being released into the atmosphere, Higley said. Pockets of methane can be found in the permafrost, which is 20 to 25 times as efficient at becoming a greenhouse gas as carbon dioxide.

The sea ice shrinking is also a big concern for polar bears.

“Why is melting sea ice a concern for polar bears?” Higley asked. “Drowning is a common one that you hear -- the reality is drowning may happen but that’s actually not what we’re concerned about. Starvation is what we’re concerned about.”

Indigenous people are also very affected by the reduction of sea ice, Higley said. Where they once could travel across the ice, they are now more confined.

However, there could be more resources available without as much ice cover, Higley said. Some of the resources that could become available are more opportunity for fishing in the region, and access to fuel sources.

“Fishing is easier if you believe that retreating ice is bad — and you want to try to fix it -- understanding the drivers behind why the ice is retreating is important,” Higley said.

“If you think it’s A, and you fix A and ignore B, and B was actually two thirds of the effect you weren’t even doing,” he said. “You need to understand the problem before you can fix it.”

Job opportunities and sweet treats draw students

By Zico Dumo
Staff Reporter

Despite a bunch of candy grabbers, yesterday’s Highline Job Fair managed to connect a lot of students with potential employers.

A job fair is held every quarter and offers employers a chance to advertise about open positions and provide information about their companies. It is open to the community, students and alumni.

Yesterday, 50 employers set up their tables, endured people just so they could grab some swag, and still managed to snag a lot of prospects.

“We’ve hired a handful of qualified students in the past, so we continue [coming] because, why not?” asked Lynessa Tingham, a representative for Advanced Health Care.

She and many other employers agreed that the job fair helps find workers, and is a good investment of time.

“We always have a good turnout of students,” she said. “I think the highest we’ve got is around 500.”

Many students agreed that it was a great way to get information about the workforce.

“I think it’s good that Highline offers this,” said Running Start student Berri Gomez-Torres. “It gives students a resource to find out information about what they need for a job.”

Other students said they were more focused on getting hired rather than just collecting information.

“Personally, I don’t find it helpful,” said Alex Ryding, a second-year returning student. “They just throw flyers at you and expect you to sign up. It’d be better if they offered applications.”

And then there were the students motivated strictly by the swag.

“If you talk to them, you can get candy and pens without the awkwardness,” said sophomore Savannah Heruska. “I guess in a sense it kind of pushes you to educate yourself, just for the candy.”

Carranco said the Winter Quarter Job Fair has yet to be scheduled.

However, information on career exploration, job search, campus employment and resume writing at Highline’s Career and Student Employment website on highline.edu.
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based on the type of expense and then by which division is using the funds.

"Almost half of the bud-
g is to instruction," Cart-
wright said. "Who gets the most 
money? Instruction. And who 
should get most of the money? In-
struction."

Cartwright said the budget accurately reflects the college's main priorities, such as academ-
ics and student performance.

"With the new allocation 
model, there's more emphasis 
on student achievement," said Cart-
wright. "Highline has al-
ways really cared about how our 
students do. I think that's what 
makes this place special. When 
you're in a class, you know the 
structor really cares how you 
do. There's even more of a focus 
now."

For program expenses, 
$2.52 million of the $44.24 
total expenditure allocation is 
spent on instruction. Money 
put toward instruction includes 
all expenses related to academic 
affairs such as supplies, train-
ing, and salaries of instructors, 
among other things.

Highline spends $4.1 mil-
 lion on academic support, $3.7 
million on student services, and 
$5.4 million on plant operations 
and safety for the campus. 
The top three categories of 
expenditure money go into ac-
ademically focused areas, Cart-
wright said, totaling almost $30 
 million of the total $44 million. 
By employment group, Highline 
spends $6.67 million on administra-
tion and professional exempt 
staff, $9.5 million on full-time faculty, $5.9 mil-
lon on part-time faculty, and $5 
 million on classified staff.

"Exempt staff are people 
like deans, directors, program 
managers, (and) executive assis-
tants," Cartwright said. "Classi-
fied staff are many of our front-
line people that are represented 
by the union. Between the two,
you are looking at the folks be-
hind the scenes that keep the 
college running."

When Michael Pham, the 
vice president of the college, 
became working at Highline a year 
ago, he redesigned the budget 
to make it easier to understand 
exact and where the college's mon-
ey comes from and goes, Cart-
wright said.

"He looks at budgets differ-
ently than our previous vice 
president – [Michael's] a bud-
ging," Cartwright said. "When 
he started at first I was 
kind of scared but then I real-
ized, he speaks my language." 
Under Pham's guidance, the 
college changed how each budget 
item is categorized, in-
stead of lumping all the similar 
categories together, said Cart-
wright.

Expenditures in 2015-2016 were not greatly different than this year's 
model, the FTE is crit-
ical. If we don't make it, we lose 
money."

For every student taking 15 
credits, Highline receives a dol-
ar amount from the state, 
said. The FTE requirement is 
given each year and monitored 
each quarter.

"It's on the downward traject-
yory," she said. "We really need 
to keep it where it is."

In the upcoming year, High-
line will start various four-year 
degree options. These programs 
can cause a spike in enrollment.

"There is a potential to in-
crease enrollment in the two-
year programs that lead into 
the BAS degrees, and then the 
enrollment and tuition for the 
upper level classes," Cartwright 
said. "It is definitely something 
that we will be watching closely."

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oxygen," he said. "[This] has the impact of forcing people 
who have the talents, desire and 
energy to support themselves, 
support family and pay taxes to 
be dependent on underfunded 
public support."

With proper public assis-
tance, people with disabilities 
can be more productive, Wilson 
said.

The resulting tax revenue 
generated by them will out-
weigh the cost of the programs, 
said.

Washington's regressive state 
tax system, where one's tax rate 
decreases as income increases, 
has created a $3.5 billion "bud-
get hole" that needs to be filled, 
said.

Taxes in Washington are the 
35th lowest in the country and 
have dropped 30 percent be-
tween 1990 and 2011, Wilson 
said.

If taxes were raised to the 
U.S. average, the state would 
have $5.6 billion to "completely 
make that $3.5 billion budget 
hole go away," he said.

Fortunately, McCleary is a 
disability issue because special 
education is included in 
basic education, he said.

This connection was estab-
lished, in part, because of a 
special education lawsuit, the 
School Districts' Alliance for 
Adequate Funding of Special 
Education v. the State of Wash-
ington, he said.

Fifty school districts out of 
285 sued because special educa-
tion money was being spent 
on other students without disabili-
ties, he said.

This contributed to the for-
ination of the McCleary lawsuit, 
said. "The court said obviously 
this basic education is part of 
the state's funding for students 
that are in special education," 
Wilson said. "It established that special 
education is part of basic edu-
cation," he said. "And that's im-
portant because the state has a 
constitutional mandate to fully 
fund basic education."