Young black and brown men can be ambitious, respectful and responsible members of a united community despite of the low expectations society has set for them, said the keynote speaker at this year’s Black and Brown Male Summit.

The seventh annual gathering took place in the Student Union last Saturday. The goal of the eight-hour event was to empower and motivate the black and brown young men to excel in academics and exceed in whatever they put their minds to. More than 700 high school and college students from all over Washington attended the summit.

Kevin Powell, a political activist and author of 11 books, started from the bottom: the only family he knew was his financially struggling mother, who lived in one bedroom with two families.

Despite harsh living conditions, his mother was vehement: he must go to college and live
By Kori Spencer
Staff Reporter

Hit and run in the East parking lot goes unseen

A hit and run incident that occurred on Nov. 16 in the East Parking lot.

The incident occurred between 8:20 and 10:45 a.m.

There is no suspect vehicle or witnesses.

Vending machine gets broken into in Building 22

Someone attempted to break into a vending machine on the first floor of Building 22 on Nov. 20.

The vending machine door and area surrounding the lock was damaged.

It is unknown if any cash or vending machine food was missing at this time.

It’s undetermined when this incident occurred.

False alarms in the MaST Center ring

Faulty hardware or software issues involving the alarm system at Highline’s MaST center are causing headaches for both the manager and local police.

MaST Center Manager Rus Higley received a notification that the alarm had gone off and asked Public Safety to check it out on Nov. 18.

All the doors were secure and the alarm was reset.

Later that day the alarm went off again and this time Des Moines Police was dispatched.

No definitive cause has been determined.

Public Safety has lost and found items unclaimed

Public Safety has collected quite a few items in their lost and found collection that remain unclaimed.

Items that are reported found anywhere on campus are logged and kept in the Public Safety office on the bottom floor of Building 6.

After 60 days of unclaimed items are destroyed or donated.

If you are missing something contact Public Safety at 206-592-3218 for assistance.

Des Moines food bank donations

Donation barrels for the Highline Classified Staff and Foundation food drive have been placed around campus.

The food received will benefit the Des Moines Food Bank.

In previous years Highline staff and faculty have donated an average of 1,000 pounds of non-perishable foods.

Donation barrels are located in the following buildings: 1 (Testing and Placement Center), 6, 16 (Print Shop), 25 (Library), 29, 30 and 99.

Food donations for this drive will be accepted until Dec. 16.

But the print shop collects Des Moines Food Bank donations year round.

For more information contact the Print Shop Manager Dave Weber at daweber@highline.edu.

HC Foundation offers scholarships

The Highline College Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications for the Winter and Spring 2017 quarters.

The deadline is Sunday, Nov. 27 at 11:59 p.m.

Several scholarships are being offered. To be considered make sure to fill out the application completely.

To apply visit https://highlinecollegescholarships.award spring.com/

For more information contact the Foundation Office at 206-592-3774.

Latinx summit looks for a logo

Highline is planning the third annual Latinx Summit, and holding a competition for students to design the new marketing logo.

Students can send samples of an original photograph, painting or drawing that represents one of the following questions:

What are the pressing concerns at this moment in time for the Latinx community? What does Intersections of Familia mean to you? How does art engage the community?

For more information, or questions about how to submit your work, email Joshua Magallanes at jmagallanes@highline.edu.

The deadline to apply is Dec. 2.

Everyone welcome to presentations

In wake of the election the students are much more driven to have their voices, hearts, concerns and ideas heard,” said Gardner.

The event will be held on Dec. 7, 8, and 12, from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in Building 7.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

If you have any comments or questions do feel free to email Gardner at mgardner@highline.edu.

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• The Thunderword has an immediate opening for a business manager

• This position takes care of advertising requests, coordinates billing and payments, and assists in the general production of the newspaper. Work Study eligible!

• Time: 10 hours per week

• Requirement: You must be taking at least six credits to qualify for this job. Afternoon hours.

Business-area majors preferred

Send resume and cover letter to Dr. T.M. Sell at tsell@highline.edu

Saying goodbye to a Puget Sound view

The Testing Center moved to the refurbished Building 1 late last week, meaning the staff no longer will enjoy a lovely view of the Sound from the sixth floor of the Library.

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Three professors say canyon is really grand

By Michael Simpson
Staff Reporter

Three Highline professors say they want to present climate change and geology in a tangible sense.

Woody Moses, Russ Higley and Dr. Eric Baer took a rafting trip down 280 miles of the Grand Canyon last summer and found evidence of ancient civilizations and extinct species that changed their perception of their world.

Science Seminar is a weekly series of presentations by faculty, staff and experts on science, technology, medicine, mathematics, health and topics that are relevant to current events.

The Grand Canyon is a 10-mile wide and mile-deep canyon carved through more than 200 miles of northwest Arizona over millions of years.

It is the major source of water for the southwest, despite receiving less than 10 percent of the amount of water received by the Columbia River, Moses said.

Ancient Puebloans relied on its water for 12,000 years and left evidence of a 300 year drought, Moses said.

"Folks were sort of on the edge as it was," he said.

Moses saw evidence of their civilization through building foundations and pottery.

Currently, the reason the river can sustain life is because of dams such as the Hoover Dam, Moses said.

Russ Higley warned the audience of the consequences of water loss due to climate change.

Due to a drought in the summer of 2015, Washington citizens were asked to cut water consumption by 10 percent, Higley said.

Longstanding drought conditions in Washington would create devastating impacts on agriculture, drinking water, wildlife populations and risk for wildfires.

The dams of the Colorado River, while benefiting populations that depend on it, also harm the natural variability of the area, Higley said.

These include natural factors, such as floods, that cause the environment to change over time.

Dams don’t flood, resulting in loss of fine sediment, fish and wildlife.

As a result, dams have begun to practice trial fake floods in attempts to restore the river canyon.

Dr. Eric Baer said he was awestruck by the geology of the Grand Canyon.

He saw mud-cracks from hundreds of millions of years ago, preserved sand dunes and fossils of squid and worm burrows.

"You go through time," Dr. Baer said.

In the next Science Seminar, Highline’s Dr. Savio Pham will discuss the data science of shopping.

It will be on Dec. 2 at 1:30 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.

Umoja provides students with a different way to learn

By Michael Simpson
Staff Reporter

All students in Highline’s Umoja group have a personal definition of what the program means.

“A lifeline. When you’re down you need someone to save you,” Melanie Williams said.

"That someone understands and is willing to act," Jo Robinson said.

"The missing piece that we never knew was missing," Haley Cummins said.

Umoja means unity in Swahili, and the program is attempting to close the achievement and opportunity gaps between African American students, students of different racial and socioeconomic backgrounds.

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Umoja students say the program has made a positive impact on their lives that will stick with them.

Outside of the classroom instead of hiding their emotions,

• "Manifesting," in which students are expected to teach back what they learned from the classroom with their communities outside of school.

Word said she wants the program to spread to colleges across the state and for Highline to adopt Umoja’s core practices throughout the entire institution.

Currently, a new cohort is introduced once a year.

Word said she wants to see a new cohort of 25 students added per quarter.

"Umoja meets students where they are, whether it’s straight out of high school or making a midlife change," Word said.

Students in the program said they will use Umoja principles throughout life.

Chalisa Thompson said she wants to transfer to UW to be a speech pathologist.

I’ve always had a thing for helping people,” she said.

Jo Robinson said he wants to be a general surgeon with Doctors Without Borders.

"I intend to be a pillar in my community as far as a representation of what is the best that I can do. And the color of my skin should be very much prevalent," Robinson said.

I’ve had a lot of brothers and sisters who have shown me how intelligent and amazing I could be, so I want to do that to other people as well."
Fact check everything before believing it

Social media is constantly around us and telling us what the news is.
We constantly believe and form our opinions based off of what social media tells us.
We don’t take the time to do more careful research.
As a society we have learned to accept what is told to us and not question whether it’s true.
We tend to listen to what we want to hear and forget or ignore the opposing side’s argument because it doesn’t match our morals and values.
We have learned to close our minds into thinking our belief is the best and only belief.
We seek news sources or social media outlets to back up what we believe.
But just because it’s a news outlet or it’s on social media doesn’t mean it’s credible.
As a society we need to learn to question the sources or social media that back up our beliefs.
We need to be open to other opinions and other sources.
Take for example the presidential election.
A day after the presidential election a Twitter user took a picture of some busses, adding that the buses were being used to transport paid protestors against president-elect Trump.
Except it was not true.
Another example from before the election is Pope Francis endorsing Donald Trump.
This however is not true. But people ran with it.
Much fake news is posted online.
Much of the fake news is posted to make fun of something or to make money out of it.
Either way people are just believing all the lies being posted.
We as a society need to start fact checking everything we read or to make money out of it.
We seek news sources or social media outlets to back up what we believe.
We read and agree to what the fake news is telling us.
While we read and agree to what the fake news is telling us,
We don’t take the time to do more careful research.
We constantly believe and form our opinions based off of what social media tells us.
It’s understandable that emotions run hot when politics are involved.
Unfortunately, some of the rhetoric that was spewed on the campaign trail has given merit to the beliefs of some unscrupulous individuals.
And in turn it has put other individuals on the defensive.
This election season has shined a glaringly bright spotlight on just how divided our nation really is.
Many people feel disenfranchised by the government.
So much so they have chosen to elect an individual whose rhetoric threatens to unravel the strides our nation has made in matters of equality, because the other option was seen as “more of the same.”
Not only is our government not listening to the public’s needs, they no longer listen to each other — especially at a federal level. With the constant stalls in Congress, the give-and-take in politics that makes government tick like a Swiss watch is becoming scarce.
When our elected officials blatantly refuse to work across the aisle — give a little to get a little — the whole thing fails apart just like the gears in a watch becoming entangled.
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Commentary

Jessica Strand

I think this would be a great step forward. This would not only help those communities feel like they have a voice and are seen, it would also help the rest of the urban city residents understand where they’re coming from.

I took a day-trip to the mountains this last weekend and on our way through the miles of fenced pastures that we passed I noticed Trump-Pence signs attached to several gates. Us city dwellers sometimes don’t realize that we live in a well-insulated liberal bubble.

We the people don’t understand another one, and we’re not stopping to listen to each other. It’s understandable for people to see it as the responsibility of our elected officials, or the media to burst that bubble — because really, that’s what they have signed up for.

But I think bridging the gap starts at the grassroots level, not just at the city level.

If we want to see change it starts in our homes, with our neighbors. Talking to the people around us who we might not agree with.

Our city streets have seen several protests since Donald Trump was named president-elect.
On Nov. 13 — the weekend after the election — I photographed a rally at Cal Anderson Park that turned into a protest march.
The information for the rally said it was open to everyone — Clinton supporters and Trump supporters — to come together in love and heal with each other.
It was a noble idea, but when a Trump supporter showed up wearing his Trump-Pence shirt with a sign reading “free hugs” he wasn’t welcomed with open arms. There were a few individuals who were noticeably upset and who confronted him in anger.
Again, politics is a hard subject to come together over because of how it affects people on a personal level. And it’s easy to think that because someone voted a certain way they must subscribe to everything that candidate stands for.
The truth is, there are several reasons why we vote for the candidates we vote for, and not all our views are aligned.
The election of Trump has given rise to an extremely racist, sexist, and bigoted minority who feel as if he validated their beliefs. That leads to justified fears.
But not all Trump supporters fit in that category, just like not all undocumented immigrants are criminals and rapists.
In order to bridge the divide, we must be willing to let down our defenses and listen to one another.
We need to not judge one another for voting for Trump or for before really listening to the reason why.
Everyone wants their feelings validated.
Jessica Strand is the managing editor of the Thunderword.

Have something to say?
Write to us!
Have something you want to say to the student body?
The Highline Thunderword is asking for students to voice their opinions on what matters to them. We’re accepting submissions in the form of letters and columns.
Letters to the editor should be 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.

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Help for the holidays

Local groups offer meals for those in need this holiday season

By Kelsey Par
Staff Reporter

Local food banks, businesses and organizations in South King County are working hard to ensure that no one goes hungry this holiday season.

The Des Moines Area Food Bank will distribute a full holiday meal for those who are eligible. Eligibility is based on income and household size.

The distribution will take place through the United Methodist Church today from 9 to 11:45 a.m. The church is at 22225 9th Ave. S. For more information, visit myfoodbank.org or call 206-879-2660.

The Maple Valley Food Bank will provide Thanksgiving food baskets including turkey, fixings, and pie for those eligible. The service area includes the Tahoma School District, Maple Valley, Covington, Ravensdale and Black Diamond. Photo ID and proof of current address are required. The food bank is open today from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is at 21415 Renton Maple Valley Rd. For more information, visit resourcehouse.info or call 425-383-5048.

Federal Way’s Multi-Service Center is offering Thanksgiving food bags for those in need. Eligibility is based on income and household size. The center is open today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is closed on Nov. 24 and Nov. 25. The Multi-Service Center also will distribute holiday food on Dec. 12, Dec. 14, and Dec. 16-17. The Multi-Service Center offers both supplemental and emergency food for residents who live in the Federal Way School District bounds. The Multi-Service Center is at 1200 S. 336th St. For more information, visit resourcehouse.org or call 253-838-6810. The REACH Center of Hope in Renton will host a free meal for the community of Thanksgiving day. REACH also provides a free meal for anyone in need on Christmas day. The dinner is from 1-3 p.m. at Luther’s Table, 419 S. 2nd St. For more information, call 425-277-5782.

The New Freeway Hall in Seattle will host a Thanksgiving Feast Tribute to Native Americans on Thanksgiving day that is open to the community. A buffet of smoked salmon, salad, turkey, pies, and other dishes will be available from 3-5 p.m. followed by games and movies. The dinner donation is $15 for adults and $7.50 for children 12 and younger. Reservations are preferred and the dinner is at 5018 Rainier Ave. S. For more information and to RSVP, call 206-722-2453. For those wanting to donate this holiday season, there is an array of upcoming food drives and luncheons that are now accepting donations to serve the local community.

The Des Moines Area Food Bank is now accepting canned food from through Dec. 16, at various locations on the Highline campus. Barrels for canned food donations will be in Building 1 at the new Testing and Placement Center; Building 6 upstairs and downstairs near the stairwell; Building 16 at the Print Shop; Building 25 on the Library’s main floor; Building 29 on the second floor; Building 30 near the main entrance; and Building 99 by the main entrance.

The Highline classified staff and Highline Foundation will co-sponsor a raffle during the annual Winter Luncheon for staff and faculty on Dec. 15, that will benefit the Des Moines Area Food Bank.

King 5 and Northwest Harvest will work together to host this year’s largest food drive at various locations in Washington. Local locations include the U.S. Bank in Tukwila, the Northgate Mall and Tacoma Mall.

Staff and volunteers will collect food for Northwest Harvest on Dec. 3, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, visit northwestharvest.org.

The Auburn Food Bank is accepting donations and is in need of hygiene items, peanut butter and pasta.

Donations are accepted Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The food bank is at 930 18th Place N.E.
Participation in the arts makes a difference

When many school boards face tight budgets, there almost always seems to be enough funding for sports, even if it means depleting all arts funding.

The arts are as equally important as sports, so it makes one wonder why the arts continue to take the back seat.

In a perfect world, all extra-curricular activities in schools would be fully funded. However, that’s not the case.

There are many proven positive social and emotional benefits of participation in the arts. According to 2015 research by the National Endowment for the Arts, access to activities such as music, song and dance; drama and theater; and visual arts and crafts can allow children to practice communication, social and emotional regulation skills.

The research also states that children who participate in visual arts such as drawing, painting or sculpting experience improvements in fine motor skills.

“The arts are important because they are part of the human experience. The arts address other crucial aspects of a child’s learning that they don’t receive during the school day and allows for higher engagement,” said Stefan Nelson, Highline School District’s cultural specialist.

Unfortunately, there is a significant number of students who don’t have access to the arts.

“Only 60 percent of our students have access to the arts which leads to a tremendous inequality. One third of students don’t get to participate in the arts and most of these students are those who have low standardized test scores,” Nelson said.

Students with learning disabilities or low test scores are required to replace their art classes or elect for another academic class, he said.

Such limiting of access to arts education then leaves students with a gaping hole in their education.

“It’s important to embody creation and creativity while learning skills that are worthy of the 21st century work world,” Nelson said.

According to recent research from the University of Wisconsin, the skills that are experienced through the arts are applicable to an endless array of career options. People who participate in the arts gain communication skills, a better understanding of the human behavior, creative thinking and problem solving skills, time-management skills, commitment to deadlines, leadership skills, and more.

These skills are very transferable and will benefit them later in life, regardless of the career they choose to pursue.

Many of these skills can also be gained through sports and used later in life, but there needs to be more options for those who are unable to participate in sports.

The problem isn’t that there is a lack of teachers to instill the arts, it is that there is a lack of funding for art programs.

“I’m not afraid to admit that sports are well funded no matter what and the arts aren’t given the same amount of funding,” Nelson said.

Both sports and arts participation are important because they require discipline and focus.

Growing up, I participated in soccer, basketball, track, choir, band and orchestra and can confidently say I wouldn’t have made it through school without those activities.

For me, sports were a way to clear my mind of all thoughts and worries while pushing my body to the limit.

The arts allowed me to rid my mind of negative thoughts and anxiety while working towards something that would ultimately make me feel better about myself.

These are just some of the many benefits of sports and arts participation.

There are proven benefits to both sports and the arts, and it’s unfair to choose one over the other.

While a large group of people find joy and can express themselves through sports, a large group of people also experience the same through the arts.

To fund sports over the arts is discriminatory.

Kelsey Par is the arts editor of the Thunderword.

Symphony offers festive holiday music

St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Federal Way will host a unique performance with a mix of holiday-themed entertainment and traditional symphonic music from the Federal Way Symphony.

The first half of the performance will feature artists K. Lee Morris on the violin and Shannon Cassady on the piano.

Morris is just 17 years old and has been studying the violin for more than seven years.

Morris will perform Ravel’s rhapsody for violin, Tzigane, and has been passionate about the piano since the age of 7 and has performed twice as a soloist at the Ten Grands gala concerts at Benaroya Hall. She will perform Ravel’s Piano Concerto in G.

The second half of the performance will consist of a collection of holiday-themed music performed by pop artists Rachel DeShon and Michael Nim.

DeShon has performed both nationally and internationally and was awarded “Seattle’s Little Diva” by the Seattle Fine Arts Examiner.

Nim frequently performs with Lyric Opera Northwest and been in several well-known productions including Carmen, Oliver and Madama Butterfly.

Music in the second half of the performance is scored by Avi Lasser and Garrett Overcash, members of Seattle’s Hevanti Productions.

Tickets are $33 in advance for adults ($36 at the door); $29 in advance for seniors ages 60 and older ($32 at the door); $15 for students 19 and older; and free for youths ages 18 and younger.

The show is Dec. 4, at 2 p.m. St. Luke’s Church is at 515 S. 312th St.

For more information, visit federalway symphony.org or call 253-252-2693.

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THUNDERSPORTS

T-Birds claim first dual victory

By Konner Hancock
Staff Reporter

The Highline men’s wrestling team defeated Grays Harbor and then their trip to the Spokane Open was ended a bit early.

The T-Birds faced off against the Grays Harbor Chokers last Friday where they won.

"The guys did a good job coming out to the mat prepared," said Scott Norton, Highline men’s wrestling head coach.

Highline wrestled hard and matched up well with Grays Harbor, he said.

Then the team competed in Spokane last Sunday to wrestle against 16 other squads from colleges in Washington, Idaho and Oregon.

"Highline is currently ranked 17th in the nation as a team. However, we are definitely not wrestling at that level," said Norton.

The tournament started at 9:30 a.m. and was put on by the Spokane Sausquatch, however the tournament wasn’t run well, said Norton.

"Some guys would have byes on the brackets which meant they weren’t supposed to wrestle, and they would get called to wrestle and would be completely unprepared. It was a frustrating," he said.

The tournament ran until 11:30 p.m. but Highline had to forfeit their spot early in the tournament to make it back home because of their classes the next morning.

Because of the abrupt departure, most of the wrestlers were not able to compete for the top spots in their weight class.

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The tournament was ended a bit early. The T-Birds claim first dual victory. Those were really the guys that surprised me," said Norton.

Although a majority of the Highline wrestlers were kept from having the chance to place, some of the wrestlers still rank among the top competitors in the nation. Andrew Ramirez ranked No. 4 in the nation at 141, while Miguel Morales is the No. 5 heavyweight.

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Highline was also behind in the free throw category shooting 43 percent while Wenatchee shot 82 percent from the line. The Knights were 43 percent while Wenatchee was 82 percent from the line.

Offensively the team did not perform like they should, rebounds were another major point of struggle, she said.

Defensive and offensive rebounds were all mostly grabbed by Wenatchee. The T-Birds were able to create 18 points off the Knight’s turnovers and stopped Wenatchee 45 times, but that was not enough to stop the other team’s offense.

"We spend a lot of time on defense. Yes, we now need to shift our focus to offense," said Mosley.

The team’s next dual is after Thanksgiving break on Dec. 2 in Clackamas Oregon against the 1-1 Clackamas Cougars.

Highline and Clackamas match up well and the T-Birds wrestlers aim to be completely healthy before their time on the mat, said Norton.

Highline loses at home to start new season

By Konner Hancock
Staff Reporter

The Highline women’s basketball team lost the third pre-season game of the year, 60-43 to Wenatchee Valley.

The Lady T-Birds played at home against the Knights last Friday, where they were behind the entire game.

“They outplayed us in most categories. Defensively they rattled us and made it hard for us to make shots,” said Amber Mosley, Highline women’s basketball head coach.

Highline wasn’t ready for that kind of competition this early in the year, but it was good for the team to be challenged, she said.

The Knights totaled 37 points off Highline’s turnovers and stopped Highline’s offense 38 times throughout the entire game.

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The team’s next action is in the Bellevue Tournament, Dec. 2, 3 and 4. The tournament starts at 5 p.m. when the T-Birds will face the Lane Titans.
By Konner Hancock  
Staff Reporter

The Highline Men’s basketball team fell short on their first pre-season game to the Clackamas Cougars, 89-83. The T-Birds faced off against the Cougars, in Clackamas, this past Friday. Although the team was behind a majority of the time, Highline played well for their first outing, said Che Dawson, Highline men’s basketball head coach.

“We did a nice job of running the floor and attacking the basket offensively. We played together but didn’t always execute as well as we needed to on the road against a good team,” he said.

Clackamas out-rebounded Highline 49-38, giving the Cougars six more shots from the field. Moreover, Clackamas notched 28 assists to only 16 for Highline, indicating better ball distribution.

Highline only hit 10 of 27 from the 3-point line.

“I think we can shoot the ball even better from the 3-point line,” said Dawson.

Ryan Gibson led Clackamas with 20 points, 13 rebounds and seven assists.

Jamie Orme led the T-Birds with 21 points, 13 rebounds and seven assists.

Austin Anderson added 19 points for Highline, and Jared Murphy had 12.

On defense the T-Birds were able to produce eight steals, three blocks and create 18 total turnovers. However, the team was only able to turn eight of those turnovers into points.

“Defensively, we’re also good, not great. We have to be more disciplined in our positions and rotations,” he said.

Orme had four of Highline’s eight steals and Malik Townsend had two of the

T-Birds’ three blocks.

“Our effort on the glass and for loose balls has to improve. We also need to execute and become more disciplined in the nuances of our offensive and defensive schemes,” said Dawson.

The team’s next game is another non-division match, Nov. 26, against the Shoreline Dolphins at Highline in the Thunderdome, 7 p.m. Shoreline opened its season with a 65-64 win at Wenatchee Valley.

Highline is trying to build on a sixth-place finish in last year’s NWAC championships. “I expect all of our guys to get better individually for the sake of the group,” said Dawson.

By Aleyah Bennett  
Staff Reporter

Highline women’s volleyball team dropped two matches and did not place in the NWAC tournament at the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center last weekend.

The T-Birds stumbled out of the starting blocks, losing their first match Friday to Blue Mountain 3-0.

Pumehana Nedlic had five aces, Gaines had eight kills and Endiko contributed six kills in the losing efforts.

Saturday night Highline boomed back to defeat Shoreline 2-0.

Gaines had six kills, as did Lehua Keke.

Endiko chipped in five kills to send the Spartans packing. Lehua Keke had six kills.

The T-Birds advanced to Sunday night play but lost to Clark 0-2.

Gaines had eight kills.

Eneliko had six kills, and both Marter and Alicuben had five kills.

Highline finished the season 12-2 in league and 30-5 overall.

Although they didn’t bring home top honors, various team-mates did collect a lot of awards.

Megan Van Marter was awarded West Region Most Valuable Player, Taylor Alicuben was awarded West Region first team All-Star, Zoe Gaines was awarded West Region second team All-Star, and Apryll Eneliko was awarded West Region Second Team All-Star.

The Lady T-Birds finished 12-2, landing them the No. 1 spot in the Western Division.

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8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When did Apple release the first Macintosh computer?

9. U.S. STATES: What is the state of Alaska's nickname?

10. SCIENCE: What is absolute zero in Celsius?

1. TELEVISION: The company of Dunder Mifflin was the location of which television comedy series?

2. GEOGRAPHY: In which U.S. state is Lake Shasta located?

3. MOVIES: What World War II miniseries' title came from a phrase in Shakespeare's Henry V?

4. INVENTIONS: What was the 20th-century bathysphere used for?

5. MUSIC: What Beatles' song contains the lyric, "La la la how the life goes on"?

6. BUSINESS: At what convenience store can you buy a Big Gulp?

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Keep those sharp Sheep eyes focused on a hazy situation. As things begin to clear up, you'll find a sharper picture emerging, showing something you will need to know.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Watch your expenses through the end of the month. Later, you'll be glad to have extra money to pay for something that will make an acquisitive Bovine's heart beat faster.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're now ready to make that oft-deferred commitment, if you still believe it's what you want. Don't be afraid to change your mind if you feel you should go in another direction.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) No, you are not ready to make that off-deferred commitment, if you still believe it’s what you want. Don't be afraid to change your mind if you feel you should go in another direction.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Many new friends come into your personal life, which suits all of you social Lions just fine. However, one new friend might make demands that you could find difficult to deal with.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Communication doesn't exist unless it's two-way. So if you're getting no replies to the signals you're sending, it could be time to look for someone more receptive.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A workplace complication that you thought was ironed out develops new wrinkles that need attention. Meanwhile, expect continuing improvement in your home life.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A tense personal problem needs to be talked out before someone decides to walk out. Resist making decisions until full explanations are offered from both sides.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A technological glitch that caused problems recently will soon be repaired, and life will return to normal. A colleague has a surprising message to deliver.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your partner might feel that you haven't been as open with him or her as you should be. Deal with this now, before it turns into something more difficult to handle.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Good news: Many of the stumbling blocks that affected the progress of some of your career projects are fading away. Things also start to look up on the home front.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You'll need that strong Piscean pluck to get through waters that will be turbulent for a while. A more positive aspect soon emerges, along with some welcome news.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are zealous in the pursuit of truth. You would make an excellent research scientist.

Got news? Thunderword@highline.edu
Students fear Trump regime

By Olivia Sullivan
Staff Reporter

From climate change to hate crimes, Highline students had a lot to say at a political forum on Monday morning.

The open, student-driven conversation and question forum focused on the 2016 elections and president-elect Donald Trump.

More than 150 students, faculty, and staff attended the forum to discuss Trump’s campaign promises and ask questions about what is in store for the future of the United States.

The forum also created a space for students to share their first-hand experiences with hate crimes.

Erica Juarez-Ramos is a first-year Highline student. Both of her parents are undocumented immigrants and since the election of Trump, many of her family members have been the victims of hate crimes.

While working at a cosmetics store, Juarez-Ramos was helping a Caucasian client. The client continually asked her who she had voted for and wanted to discuss politics.

After resisting for a while, Juarez-Ramos told the woman her voting decision and about her family life.

“The woman said she refused to be touched by someone whose parents were undocumented,” Juarez-Ramos said.

Another time recently, Juarez-Ramos was walking in her neighborhood when a group of men began to yell things at her, such as “Go back to Mexico.”

Not only are the hate crimes happening to her, but also to her family members.

Her little brother is in fifth grade, and at just 10 years old, he is facing discrimination from classmates.

“He’s classmates harassed him and told him that him and his family were going to have to go back to Mexico,” Juarez-Ramos said.

When he came home, the little brother asked his parents if this was true, she said. The parents were in tears as they tried to reassure their son and explain why he should not talk about those things.

Paper, envelopes, and pencils were passed around the crowd to encourage students to express their comments or questions, if they did not feel comfortable speaking in front of the crowd. Although Hillary Clinton won by popular vote, nearing 1.5 million more votes than Trump, he won due to electoral college votes.

“Hillary did not reach out to blue-collar voters in rural areas,” said Dr. T.M. Sell, a political science professor at Highline.

“Trump did better than expected.”

The Electoral College is the current system and it won’t change without a constitutional amendment, Dr. Sell said.

Throughout his campaign, Trump was infamous for his absurd comments regarding minorities and women, among other groups.

Dr. Ben Gonzalez outlined some of Trump’s promises made during the campaign and his position on the matters now. Trump said the idea to build a wall between the U.S. and Mexico is still in the works, Dr. Gonzalez said.

“Trump talked himself into a corner in many circumstances,” Dr. Gonzalez said.

As for removing undocumented immigrants from the country, Trump has shifted his focus onto the removal of criminal immigrants.

“[Trump] remains dedicated to deportation,” Dr. Gonzalez said.

In areas such as Muslim registration and health care, Trump seems to have unclear definitions and visions of his plans.

“The difficulty with Trump’s presidency is that we don’t know a lot of these things,” said Dr. Gonzalez. “We don’t know but there does seem to be resistance growing.”

Students questioned whether Trump will apologize for the things he’s said.

“There is no requirement for him to apologize,” Dr. Gonzalez said. “And he doesn’t seem inclined to.”

Another Highline student asked if Trump and the Republican-dominated congress have the ability to take away women’s rights.

A predominately Republican House of Representatives does increase the likelihood of Trump’s administration passing more bills, said Jennifer Ritchey, a political science professor at Highline. It will be harder to strip away human rights, she said.

“They’re not really in a position to wave a wand and remove [women’s rights] overnight,” Dr. Sell said.

There is little to no chance of electors changing their minds, he said.

Trump has recently been in hot water over a pending rape trial, controversy over his tax records, and for his Trump University fraud case.

The accuser in the trial withdrew, Trump has used the tax law to his advantage, and he agreed to pay a settlement of $25 million for the fraud case, Dr. Sell said.

“So far, he’s dodging those bullets,” he said.

Despite the new government leaders, everyone must be wary of the information they take in, said Jennifer Ritchey. It is important to check the credibility.

“Social media played a very big role in this election,” Ritchey said. “We all have to be guardians of the information we take in.”

If the word “truth” is in the URL, it is probably in fact false, Dr. Gonzalez said.

“If you look around this room, this is what America looks like,” Dr. Gonzalez said in the forum. “This country is for all of us. Stand up for your fellow Americans, or just stand up for your fellow human beings.”

If people stay silent and ignore the mistreatment, it breeds hate, he said.

“We have much more in common than we have differences,” Dr. Sell said.
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a better life than hers, Powell said. Although she had peers saying that her son would “end up like the rest of them.” “My mom didn’t tell me this until I already had a job and graduated college because she didn’t want me to be negative about my future,” Powell said.

Powell shared the hope and determination her mother gave him with the future generation of black men at the summit by constantly reinforcing positive messages. “Repeat after me: I am a genius,” Powell said. The participants repeated this mantra over and over. Their voices grew louder and more united with each repetition.

Powell engaged his audience by stimulating discussion about their aspirations and opinions on leadership and masculinity. “It’s boring if you just have one guy stand up here and talk, so I want this to be a conversation,” Powell said.

Much of the cafeteria was filled with young men who share similar dark skin tones. But after hearing their stories, it was clear they all held different hopes, dreams, backstories and values. “I want to study engineering,” a participant said.

“I want to be a psychologist because I want to help people,” said another.

“I want to go to the NFL,” said yet another.

Each participant had different ideas of what it means to be a man. A man is defined by his ability to persevere through adversity, one person said. Another said he believed a man was someone who is not afraid to cry and show his emotions. Powell challenged his audience to question certain aspects of their lives.

“I’m sure many of you guys are into hip hop,” Powell said. “Just like you guys, I’m a huge hip hop head.” But Powell doesn’t find modern hip hop artists to be something young black and brown men should aspire to. Young men should not accept the drug-glorifying, sexist and violent themes that run rampant in modern hip hop music, he said.

“They are limited. They are in one community. They are divisive. They are limited in their aspirations. They are not in a position to believe that they can do anything other than that. They are not positive role models. They are not leaders. They are not good examples to our community.”

Some jeered at Powell’s remarks. “The people around you are all your brothers. They’ll face the same struggle and discrimination as you.”

Kevin Powell

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could find solace.

be frustrated with everything I love. Right now it’s hard to be grateful. I keep telling myself ‘I am thankful for the peace she found, despite recent stressful times. “In a world filled with so much hate I am thankful for love,” she shared. “I work hard to not be frustrated with everything that’s going on in America,” said Marquetta James. Her perspective helped her find solace. “The way I view things is the only thing I can control is myself,” she said. “My thoughts, my reactions, my actions and the way to show love to others. I’m thankful to find peace in recognizing that.”

Another student reflected on the recent election.

“Things can get chaotic in life, especially with this recent election, but it’s good to see thanks to your friends and family that will hold your hand through that chaos,” Cindy Greyson said.

Some people reminisced on the past.

“I’m just really glad and thankful that I have friends that accept me for who I am, I didn’t really have that growing up,” said a student who asked to remain anonymous. Another student was inspired by her growth.

“Last year I was in such a bad place, I could hardly get out of bed, let alone live day-to-day life,” Lesly Manuel said. “Now, a year later, I may still be reluctant to leave my home bed in the morning, but I’m getting things done. I want to live, and I’m thankful for that,” Roche said.

SimPLY being alive was one student’s reason to be grateful.

“I’m thankful I’ve lived past 18. A lot of people don’t make it past those years, and I think it’s a good milestone,” Alex Ryding said.

Life is a blessing, too said one student.

“I have a lot of medical problems, diabetes and bad kidneys to name a few,” said Troy Hutchison. “I’ve been in and out of the hospital for years,” he said. “At one point the doctors said I would not make it another five years. That was eight years ago. Now I am thankful.”

Highline faculty and staff seemed to be thankful for their jobs.

Derek Dean, a Public Safety officer, said that he is thankful for a positive work environment.

“I’m really thankful that I work in an environment where people are constantly supporting each other and feeding into each other’s growth,” Dean said. “It creates a positive atmosphere.”

He said even the positivity of the students is uplifting.

“Highline College (students) are motivated to better themselves with learning, and in turn will grow to contribute to the world and give back to the community.”

Another Highline staff member talked about her job.

Maria Toloza, the events coordinator for the Women’s Programs, said that she was grateful for having a staff that’s dedicated to making a change and staying passionate about their work.

She said she’s thankful that they were able to help abused women move on and grow.

“Women’s Programs is all about helping the community and finding ways to make things better,” Toloza said. “That’s the community that we have at Highline. We give because we know it’s going to give back.”

A Highline faculty member commented on her job as well.

“I’m thankful for having a job that I like, teaching, and being financially stable,” said Cyrille Piton, a Highline French instructor. Piton said that she will be spending Thanksgiving with her daughter and a former student who she taught more than 20 years ago, who she recently reconnected with.

Reporters Jacqueline Robinz, Zico Dumo, and Chris Romea contributed to this story.
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They will not be taking over the old Weyerhaeuser facility.

It will house their corporate headquarters, food processing center, cold storage facility, parking lot, and distribution hub.

The space will also be rented to area food companies as a cold storage facility and distribution hub for their needs.

Save Weyerhaeuser Campus, a group of 460 neighboring homeowners and activists from South King County, said they oppose the development on environmental and safety concerns.

They say they want “high quality” jobs, like tech and research and development, similar to what the former occupant provided, not industrial jobs, which may come with noise, pollution and trucks.

Earlier this year, Weyerhaeuser, a wood products company and one of the largest owners of timberlands in the world, moved its headquarters to Pioneer Square in Seattle.

They sold the property to Industrial Realty Group, LLC, a firm specializing in developing and managing real estate earlier this year.

IRG says they are going through all environmental checklists before selling plots and have more in common with their opponents than they think.

They renamed the property the Greenline.

The campus was built in 1971, and celebrated for its hanging gardens style concrete modernist buildings, planted with low-lying plants that blend the five level structure with its surroundings.

Federal Way annexed the campus into its city limits in 1994.

The two signed a concomitant agreement, which required Weyerhaeuser to only build low-density structures, while preserving the open landscaping.

Together, Federal Way and IRG can change the agreements through amendments, according to a Federal Way request for information letter sent in October.

Lori Sechrist, president of Save Weyerhaeuser Campus, said Orca Bay Seafood would set the tone for future development in Federal Way.

“We’ve gotta stop that first one,” Sechrist said. “Because if the first one comes in, then it sets a precedent.”

Lawyers, foresters and civil engineers from the group drafted a comment letter to Federal Way.

The group showed up to Federal Way City Council study session on the IRG proposal, and discussed effects of delivery trucks, destruction of urban forest, building height and potential ammonia leaks, on the nearby community until late into the night, she said.

“There’s churches, there’s schools. It’s just unacceptable,” Sechrist said.

The property is zoned CP1 and OPI. This is not industrial zoning, and Orca Bay Seafoods is, Sechrist said.

In order for Orca Bay Seafoods to qualify, they would need a C1 zone, which doesn’t exist in Federal Way, Sechrist said.

“With the concomitant agreement, there’s very specific rules and laws of what can really be built in that area and it is not an industrial zone,” Sechrist said.

“A fish processing plant clearly is industrial.”

“Even as an accessory use, food processing is not allowed,” she said.

“It could very well be a warehouse, but it needs to be in the content of the zoning agreement that is unique for the property,” Sechrist said.

Save Weyerhaeuser Campus wants “high-quality jobs,” such as tech, research and development, “not warehouses, which lose jobs and lots of trucks,” according to a Save Weyerhaeuser Campus spokesman.

Weyerhaeuser made $7.1 billion in net sales in 2015, according to a Save Weyerhaeuser Campus formation letter sent in October.

Information technology positions within the company paid $160 million in net sales in 2015, according to a Save Weyerhaeuser Campus letter sent in October.

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The property is zoned CP1 and OPI. This is not industrial zoning, and Orca Bay Seafoods is, Sechrist said.

In order for Orca Bay Seafoods to qualify, they would need a C1 zone, which doesn’t exist in Federal Way, Sechrist said.

“With the concomitant agreement, there’s very specific rules and laws of what can really be built in that area and it is not an industrial zone,” Sechrist said.

“A fish processing plant clearly is industrial.”

“Even as an accessory use, food processing is not allowed,” she said.

“It could very well be a warehouse, but it needs to be in the content of the zoning agreement that is unique for the property,” Sechrist said.

Save Weyerhaeuser Campus wants “high-quality jobs,” such as tech, research and development, “not warehouses, which lose jobs and lots of trucks,” according to a Save Weyerhaeuser Campus spokesman.

Weyerhaeuser made $7.1 billion in net sales in 2015, according to a Save Weyerhaeuser Campus formation letter sent in October.

Information technology positions within the company paid $160 million in net sales in 2015, according to a Save Weyerhaeuser Campus letter sent in October.

They sold the property to Industrial Realty Group, LLC, a firm specializing in developing and managing real estate earlier this year.

IRG says they are going through all environmental checklists before selling plots.

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