Highline students say they will vote

By Ashley Mathews  
Staff Reporter

A majority of Highline students say they are voting in the 2008 presidential election, and a plurality say they would vote for Barack Obama.

Around 91 percent of students asked in an unscientific poll of 100 students say they will vote this November.

Of those students, 32 percent (and 49 percent of those who identified themselves as Democrats) said they support U.S. Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill.

“His (Obama’s) fresh ideas (make him appealing). … He knows what he’s doing,” sophomore Ed Walugembe said.

Some 54 percent of those surveyed identified themselves as Democrats. Republicans made up 28 percent, independents were 3 percent, and those who were undecided were 16 percent.

“I have a fair interest in both. Not one party would completely benefit me,” said student Blake Binkley. “Typically I sway more republican … But if I had to choose one I would probably have to choose U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y; she seems to have the most emotionally charged.” Clinton took 23 percent of the vote.

Of those students, 32 percent (and 49 percent of those who identified themselves as Democrats) said they support U.S. Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill.

“We are a Republican is welcome,” said Susan Richardson, chairwoman of the 11th District Republicans. The 11th District includes parts of Tukwila, Renton and SeaTac.

The citizens of Federal Way will vote Feb. 19 on whether to change the current form of government from council-manager system to mayor-council form.

Currently, the city has an elected council of seven people, who choose a mayor from among themselves. The mayor runs council meetings, but has no more authority than the other six council members.

The council usually hires a professional manager to oversee the day-to-day operation of the city.

Under a strong mayor form of government, a separately elected mayor would be the city’s chief executive, and wouldn’t be part of the city council.

With a population of around 86,000 people, Federal Way is the state’s eighth largest city. Thousands of Federal Way residents attend Highline every year.

A citizens’ group, Accountability Comes to Town, favors the strong-mayor plan.

ACT member Frosty Hardison said the government will become more professional and will have better leadership by electing a mayor. He says a mayor will be a one-person contact rather than a seven-member council government.

“Mayors cost less than city managers or councils. They are professional, less expensive and better,” said Gayla Hardison, another ACT member, at a forum on the issue last month.

Opponents say having a strong mayor will be more expensive.

“If it ain’t broke don’t change it,” said businessman Jerry Vaughn, pointing to the city’s progress under its existing form of government.

“All what we doing by adding a mayor is adding a new layer.
Women finds lost husband on campus

Security received a phone call from a woman in Building 8 claiming she had lost her husband at 4:20 p.m. on Jan. 26. The women stated that her husband suffers from minor memory loss. Security searched the campus, and did not find him. An hour later the woman’s husband returned to Building 8.

Reports of harassment in the Library go unconfirmed

An international student called Security at 9:45 a.m. claiming he was being harassed by an adult male on the main floor of the library on Jan. 25. Security responded to the phone call and arrived to the library to find both males had already vacated the library. Security searched the library and found it to be in order.

Young man puts up a fuss at the bus stop

A bus driver refused to let a young male on the bus due to him screaming in the South lot at 10:45 a.m. on Jan. 24. Security arrived to the scene and asked the young male to leave. He complied and departed southeast of the campus to South 240th Street.

Thieves caught on campus again and asked to leave

Five juveniles were asked to leave the library at 5:15 p.m. on Jan. 29, after staff had recognized them being a part of a theft several months ago. When Security arrived, all five young males were asked to show ID. Only two showed ID while the other three refused to comply. One of the males already had a file on record with the police department. All of them were asked to leave the campus immediately. A citation will be sent to the Des Moines Police Department for the young male who already had a record.

Suspected car prowler avoids Security

A man was reported by a faculty member for suspicious activities in the North lot near the gates and possibly attempting to break into vehicles on Jan. 29, at 12:25 a.m. Security checked the area and found nobody matching the description.

-Compiled by Rachel Aleaga

Transfer students can find the perfect university

Representatives from more than 30 schools will be at Highline for the Transfer Fair.

Some 30 colleges and universities from Washington and several from out of state will be on hand.

This is a way for students to connect with representatives from potential schools and receive application material. Students can ask questions about majors, deadlines, admission requirements, and scholarships.

The Transfer Fair will be on Tuesday, Feb. 5 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Building 8.

Learn how to write a personal statement

Students can learn how to write the perfect personal statement for college applications.

“Highline’s ‘Movie Fridays’ is showing Rush Hour 3 this week.

Avoid the rush, come early to Movie Fridays this week.

“Movie Fridays” is showing Rush Hour 3 this week.

The International Students Programs hosts a movie almost every Friday. This week it is the comedy Rush Hour 3, starring Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker. The film is shown at noon in Building 8.

The event is free, and free popcorn is provided. Students are just asked to sign in when they arrive. The person who chose the film will introduce it at the beginning and stay afterward for a discussion about the film.

Anyone who has interest and knowledge about the film is encouraged to stay and discuss. Next week the movie is Suge Harbor: Conspiracy of Kindness.

Voice Infusion gives perspective of immigrant students on campus

Students can get a glimpse of what it’s like to be an immigrant coming to America at today’s Voice Infusion.

Highline’s Pi Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa is sponsoring a Voice Infusion on Immigration in America.

In this Voice Infusion Pi Theta Kappa is striving to capture the voices of the unrepresented immigrants living in America.

The Voice Infusion focuses on “The Untold Story of Immigration in America” in this presentation four student’s from Highline will sit on a panel to discuss the misconceptions about immigration stereotypes. They will also discuss their individual experiences in their home country, as well as their reasons for coming to the United States.

This event will take place today in Building 2, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. This event is free for anyone to attend, refreshments will be provided.
Delays for commuters will be light

King County commuters should expect minimal traffic delays over the next week, with most slowdowns being centered around State Route 167.

Traffic Report

The left lane of the Interstate 90 express lanes will be closed from 8 p.m. tonight until 5 a.m. tomorrow.

The traveling lane under-neath the Alaskan Way Viaduct between Columbia Street and Yesler Way is still closed around-the-clock until spring.

The two left lanes of north-bound State Route 167 between South 277th Street and South 212th Street will be closed from 9 p.m. tonight until 4 a.m. tomorrow.

The HOV lane of north-bound SR 167 between 165th Street Southwest and 37th Street难过 will be closed from 8 p.m. tonight until 5 a.m. tomorrow.

The right hand lanes of north-bound SR 167 at Main Street will be closed from 8 p.m. tonight until 5 a.m. tomorrow.

Two left lanes of south-bound SR 167 between I-405 and South 43rd Street will be closed from 10 p.m. Saturday to 11 a.m. Sunday. One northbound lane of SR 167 in the same stretch will be closed from 3 p.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday.

The two right lanes of north-bound SR 167 at Main Street will be closed from 8 p.m. tonight until 5 a.m. tomorrow.

Two up to two lanes of south-bound I-405 between 43rd and 45th streets will be closed from 11 p.m. Saturday until 8 a.m. Sunday.

One lane of westbound Tukwila Parkway from 66th Avenue South to the I-405 on-ramp will be closed from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Thursday.

Rainier Avenue South between South 7th Street and South 4th Street will be closed Monday through Saturday until 8 p.m. Sunday.

Vietnamese students plan Tet celebration

By Rachel Aleaga
Staff Reporter

The Vietnamese Student Association is planning for the Asian Lunar New Year’s Festival, also known as Tet, on Feb. 7 at Highline.

Tet is a Vietnamese word for Lunar New Year,” said VSA President Thao Dung.

Tet is a seven-day celebration in the Vietnamese culture; it is the celebration of the first morning of the first day of the Lunar New Year.

“It is the year of the rat,” said Dung.

The Lunar New Year is one of the most celebrated holidays in the Vietnamese culture.

Vietnamese people are very careful on what they do on New Year’s: They believe that what you do on New Year’s will determine how the rest of the year will go, Dung said.

Just like the American way of celebrating New Year’s, during Tet people wish one another good fortune as well as set goals and resolutions for the New Year.

“Our club is open to everybody and we encourage people to come and join our Tet celebration with us,” said VSA adviser Nga Pham.

The club’s main focus has been on planning the upcoming festival.

Dung is in his second year as club president and has big plans for this year’s Tet festival.

“Last year was slow and not many people were involved. I just told myself that next year I need to do better,” said Dung.

“We have about 20 people participating in the festival, there are about 10 in the fashion show, five in the tradition dance, and five in the lion dance,” said Dung.

At this year’s Tet festival the VSA has many activities planned throughout the day from 3-6 p.m.

The event will start out with a lion dance to welcome guests to the event, Pham said.

After the lion dance there will be a fashion show, a traditional Vietnamese dance, games, and food to celebrate the Vietnamese Lunar Festival.

Dung hopes that the festival will be a way for students to learn more about the Vietnamese culture and traditions.

“Our club mission is to promote and educate the Vietnamese culture and traditions to the Highline student body,” Dung said.

Like many of Highline’s clubs, VSA has been a way for students to express themselves and share traditions with others. Among many of the other events VSA has planned, the Tet festival will be the first major event this year.

During spring break, the group hopes to take a trip to either Mt. Rainer or Multnomah Waterfall near Portland, Pham said.

The VSA will also participate in GlobalFest 2008. GlobalFest 2008 is an annual event at Highline that brings cultures from across campus together for a celebration of the diversity that makes up Highline.

Locations for the Tet celebrations were unavailable at press time.

National community college survey comes to Highline

By Nick Dalton
Staff Reporter

Highline students may soon have the opportunity to have their say about their college experience.

Classes at Highline to be selected randomly will be asked to participate in the Community College Survey of Student Engagement, or CCSSE, between Feb. 11 and March 7.

The purpose of the CCSSE is to see what kinds of programs and activities on campus Highline students are engaged in, said Tonya Benton.

Benton, who is Highline’s director of institutional research, is responsible for overseeing the overall production of the survey.

“They (students) will be asked how often they did learning activities, such as giving presentations,” Benton said, “as well as how often they have used multiple resources to find information.

Students will also be asked which services on campus they have utilized.

Benton said that the most important thing for students to keep in mind as they take the survey is their honesty. Their honesty will play a critical role in how accurately the data will be interpreted.

“It’s important to answer the questions on the survey in a truthful way,” Benton said.

“There’s not a right or a wrong answer, it’s about what you’ve experienced.”

Students will not be asked to provide their names on the survey, but they will be asked to provide their student identification numbers.

This information will not be used to identify students, but to help data analysts cross-reference the types of classes students are enrolled in with the programs and services they use.

Classes will be picked from a list of basic education, college-level, and ESL 4 and 5, in both day and evening time slots.

Benton says students should expect the survey to take approximately the duration of a class period.

“Our goal is to gather survey data on 1,000 students here,” Benton said.

The results, she said, will be available to anyone who is interested in fall of 2008.

The CCSSE is a national survey of community colleges.

Not every community college in the country participates in the survey, but many do, said Benton.

In addition to the standard questions on the survey, Highline has crafted 15 local questions that relate directly to the experiences of Highline students specifically, Benton said.

Students need not worry about the confidentiality of their answers, either.

“The survey will be administered by staff volunteers, and the faculty will not be present during the survey.”

The plan is that this survey will be the first of three, with another survey being issued at Highline in winter of 2010, and another again in winter of 2012.

Part of the reason to issue the survey multiple times is to see how certain things change over time, such as the importance of a career center, or the use of library databases, Benton said.

“We will be looking at the results to see how they change, what their needs change, their ways of learning change, and so we need to measure that change over time.”

Compiled by Nick Dalton
**Editorial comment**

**Vote on Tuesday, February 9 in Washington state caucuses**

Washington’s presidential caucuses will be held on Feb. 9 and it is important that you show up and vote for the candidate you think will make the best president.

Every election year people complain about how the candidates suck and that they’re all idiots, but then they don’t vote in the primary and they help let the candidates they don’t like win. This year people should put an end to that trend and vote.

You can’t complain about our political process if you don’t participate in it by voting and going to the caucuses.

The simple act of voting is very important. Voting makes our elected officials realize that they will be held accountable. When people don’t vote politicians think they can get away with anything.

Every election you hear politicians talk about needing better health care for senior citizens. That’s because they always vote. To win any major election you have to have some support from senior citizens.

When the budget needs to be cut, student loans are always the first to go because students don’t vote in very high percentages. Student loans are very important to our generation because of how much college costs now. That’s why voting is very important for the college-aged person. Politicians know they don’t have to have the support of students to win an election.

Another reason to vote is this year both Parties have several candidates still with a shot of winning the primary and the races have been close, so every vote will count.

If for nothing else, vote Feb. 9 because you live in a democracy and it is your responsibility as a citizen to vote.

It is not that hard to get online and research the candidates and what they represent and what their ideas are on how the country should be run.

On Feb 9, it is very important that you try to go to a caucus. It is your responsibility as a citizen to get involved with the political process and this is a great way to start if you haven’t been involved in the process before.

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**Opinion**

**Highline athletes need to focus on academics**

The typical student-athlete needs to realize that batting average, rebounds per game, and goals saved are not the only statistics that matter.

Odds are that most student-athletes at Highline aren’t going to go on to become professional athletes.

The one statistic that student-athletes should worry about the most is their grade point average.

The requirements for a student-athlete to be eligible to compete in an official game for Highline vary with the athlete’s year of eligibility. During the athlete’s freshman year, he or she must obtain 12 credits with a grade of 0.7 in each class during the quarter before their athletic season to be “academically eligible.”

Yes, that’s right - a 0.7 in 12 credits. This means the student has to get a roughly 57.5% grade in every class. The requirements get a little harder as the student progresses to his or her sophomore year of eligibility.

The student must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 in 36 credits and maintain that GPA for any quarters after their first season.

The requirements for the sophomore season seem perfectly reasonable, but the guidelines for the freshman season seem to be a little too loose.

None of this seems to be conducive to getting student-athletes to graduate and move on to a four-year school to play and continue their education.

Four-year schools aren’t looking for student-athletes who barely made it through their first year of community college and then were unable to play their sophomore year because they couldn’t scrape together the grades.

The definition of student-athlete changes from high school to college. Many students who move on to play at an institution of higher education don’t realize the stepping stone that they have been provided.

I remember in high school a conversation I had with baseball player who had “earned” a scholarship to a Division I college.

“So what do you plan on majoring in?”

“Baseball.”

“ Hun, you can’t major in baseball.”

“I just want to go and get through my four years, and play professional baseball.”

“But what if you don’t get drafted?”

“I will.”

“What if you blow out your knee and can never play again?”

“All I want to do is be able to say that I played professional baseball.”

The aforementioned baseball player struggled at the lower level Division I school and has since transferred to a small school.

Setting your goals high is a good thing to do, but all student athletes need to have a back-up plan. They should be able to use the scholarships and discipline they earned in their sport to boost them to another level in a different field.

Community college athletes provide students with a great tool to advance themselves as a student, athlete, and as a person.

They allow a student to stay close to home, go to school at a reduced cost, and learn in an environment that makes the transition from high school academics to collegiate academics easier.

Community college student-athletes often get more playing experience and garner interest from four-year schools.

On a side note, it is possible for a Highline student to become a professional athlete, even a successful one. Brian Scalabrine did it, but Scalabrine not only graduated from Highline, he graduated with a degree in social science from the University of Southern California.

Being 6’9” didn’t hurt, either. Carrie Draeget’s batting average is higher than her grade point average.

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**Commentary**

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**Write to us**

The Thunderword encourages letters to the editor and columns from the college community.

Editorial cartoons on timely subjects also may be considered.

Submissions will be edited for style. Due to limited space, please limit your submission to 300 words or less.
Swing and sway to sounds of saxophone

By Satori Johnson
Staff Reporter

The smooth melodies of the saxophone and lush harmonies of strings will transport you back to the Big Band era of the 1950s. This weekend, the Federal Way Symphony will be hosting guest artist Darren Motamedy for their winter concert themed Swing Band. The concert will be on Feb. 2 and 3 at St. Luke’s Church.

Darren Motamedy, a Seattle-based saxophone player, has gained wide recognition for his music. Since 1989, he has released nine solo albums and won Jazz Album of the Year in 1999 for It’s All Good. His most recent album, Don’t Cha’ Know was released in July 2007, and is gaining national airplay. The album is currently No. 8 on the national jazz charts.

Motamedy said that this will be the first time he will perform a concert with a large ensemble. “I just started to do this sort of thing,” he said. “I’m really looking forward to it.”

The concert’s repertoire will incorporate two songs, Rosa and Europa, from earlier Motamedy albums, as well as some classics written by Benny Goodman. Rosa is from his 2005 album Intimate. Europa was originally recorded on his 2002 album, Smooth Jazz: The Best of Darren Motamedy.

Many of the musicians from the Federal Way Symphony have ties to Motamedy that go back to his college years.

Todd Zimberg, conductor of the rhythm section at Federal Way Symphony, and Highline music professor, has known Motamedy for over 30 years. The two wanted to collaborate on an event which was how the concept for the concert was born.

“It’s going to be a blast,” Motamedy said. “They’re people I’ve played with back in college.”

Motamedy grew up in the Seattle area and participated in the elementary school band during his youth. His passion and interest in music led him to Western Washington University where he majored in music education.

Motamedy now teaches fifth and sixth grade band in the Kent School District. He said he wants to inspire students to pursue their ambitions in music, just as he was when he was younger.

His next step is to hopefully go on a national tour for his new album, Motamedy said. He said he wants to explore orchestral pieces and continue to work with larger ensembles.

The concert will be on Feb. 2, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. at the St. Luke’s Church at 515 S. 312th St. in Federal Way. Ticket prices are $25 for adults and $20 for seniors and can be purchased calling the Federal Way Symphony at 253-529-9857 or www.feder-alwaysymphony.org.

THREE FOR THE ROAD: Cash’s band rides on

By Koreena Bates
Staff Reporter

Johnny Cash’s band, The Tennessee Three, continues to carry on the legend of “The Man in Black” long after his death.

Guitarist Bob Wootton and drummer W.S. Holland were front and center to witness the glory days of Johnny Cash.

Cash was very popular for his diversity in genres. He recorded songs that could be considered rock and roll, blues, rockabilly, folk, and gospel.

Selling over 90 million albums in his nearly fifty-year career, Cash has become the personification of country music to many people around the world.

Together with the iconic American musician, the Tennessee Three were responsible for making music and continue to influence the course of music to this day.

The Tennessee Three will be performing for the Kent Spotlight Series on Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Kentwood Performing Arts Center.

The band includes Bob Wootton, lead vocals and guitar; W.S. Holland, drums; Vicky Wootton, vocals and rhythm guitar; Scarlet Wootton, vocals; and Lisa Horn gren, vocals and upright bass.

They will be making their stop in Kent while on a short two-week tour through Montana, Idaho, and Washington.

Anywhere people want to hear the music, we want to play,” said Bob Wootton. “We don’t care about the venue.”

The Tennessee Three attracts not only country and rock ‘n’ roll music fans, but people interested in American culture and music history.

“We just like to play. … Clubs, casinos, county fairs - we just like to play and meet the fans,” Wootton said. Fans and audience members may get the opportunity to meet the music pioneers.

“We always go out and have pictures taken,” Wootton said. “It’s our favorite part of the show.”

Drummer W.S. Holland has worked with the likes of Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Carl Perkins, but has become best known for his work with Johnny Cash.

Holland’s drums can be heard on many of Cash’s hits including I Walk the Line, Folsom Prison Blues, and Ring of Fire.

Holland is recognized for using the drums to play rock ‘n’ roll long before it became a trend.

Bob Wootton was asked to join the Tennessee Three in 1968.

June Cash, wife of Johnny Cash, asked Wootton to fill in as guitarist for a show when the original guitarist missed his flight and was unable to perform.

Wootton replaced Luther Perkins, the first and original guitarist, who died in a house fire. His music style blended right in with the style of Johnny Cash.

One of his most noteworthy performances was at San Quentin State Prison, where they recorded their famous live album.

Wootton continued in the band, with only a brief respite, until Cash retired in 1997.

“When you’ve done something for 30 years it’s hard to quit, and I quit for a couple years. And I got up and played for a show and everything they did made me want to do more,” Wootton said.

The Kentwood Performing Arts Center is at 25500 164th Avenue SE in Covington.

Ticket prices are $28 for general admission and $26 for students and senior citizens.

Tickets are available for purchase online at www.ticket- etown.com, or by telephone 253-856-5051 during business hours.

Information about the Tennessee Three is available at www.tennesseeethree.com.

Students to share poetry

By Erica LeBeau
Staff Reporter

In the midst of bustling student life, Highline students can head to the Inter-Cultural Center to relax with an afternoon of poetry, passion, laughter, and conversation.

The Diversity Poetry Lounge will be on Wednesday Feb. 6 from 11 a.m. until noon.

Students can bring their poems, with the theme of forgiveness, to share with fellow students and poetry enthusiasts to Building 6, room 116.

This is the second year that the Inter-Cultural Center has been hosting the Diversity Poetry Lounge for those who don’t have a topic. The last session was themed Leadership.

“We try to find topics that are often times difficult to discuss or not discussed,” said Aaron Reader, Inter-Cultural Center Coordinator at Highline.

“The different poetic styles brought to the event acts as the vehicle in which students can learn and feel comfortable at the same time,” said Reader.

At the lounge, students are able to voice their opinions and concerns in a safe, friendly environment, he said.

The event has a casual atmosphere, with students being welcomed as they drift in throughout the readings and conversation. Students will have a chance to discuss poems and ask questions.

Printed poems will be passed out to those who don’t bring their own poetry, so that everyone is able to participate.
Highline Chorale plans to travel the music world

By Ashlee Owen  
Staff Reporter

Highline’s Chorale will take you around the world without ever having to leave Des Moines.

This quarter the Chorale is studying world music.

“Since Western music is more specific in its language, it is used to communicate the music of other ethnic groups. As a result, singers can tap into many cultures,” said Dr. Sandra Glover, music director of Highline’s Fine Arts Department.

For the winter concert the Chorale will be performing an Ecuadorian rain song called *La Lluvia*. In this song the performers make the sound of the rain with their voices.

In addition to this song the chorale will perform two Japanese pieces, an early French piece, and an African piece from Zimbabwe. Each song will be presented in its respective language.

The winter concert will be March 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Building 7. The concert is free and open to anyone who wants to come. Seating is on a first-come first-served basis. Dr. Glover said it fills up fast, so arrive early.

Chorale is an audition-only group. It has a highly regarded reputation in the music community, Dr. Glover said. Approximately 20 members form the Chorale group this quarter. Most of these students have returned from Fall Quarter with only three new students.

Chorale has become a really tight-knit group, said Dr. Glover.

Many of the returning students don’t need any more credits in fine arts. They continue to register for Chorale because they enjoy the experience and want to improve their singing.

Chorale takes place Monday through Thursday in Building 4, room 104, from 1:20 p.m. until 2:20 p.m.

Auditions for Chorale this quarter are now closed, but take place for two weeks at the beginning of each quarter.

“One need only show up to speak to me, and I will hear them briefly, ask a few questions and make a determination,” said Dr. Glover.

Auditions are open to anyone, but good singing and an ability to read music is preferred.

Members of Highline’s Chorale practice for their upcoming concert at a recent rehearsal.

Design the equipment that enhances the lives of others.

Come hear Jimmie Russell, Ph.D., Dean of Electronics, speak about the Biomedical Engineering Technology field and job market.

As the healthcare field continues its rapid growth and the role of technology in diagnostic, therapeutic and research activities continues to expand, skilled biomedical engineers will be in demand. In fact, the biomedical engineering career field is expected to increase by 26% per year through 2012 according to the U.S. Department of Labor. That’s double the growth rate for all other jobs combined!

When: Wednesday, February 6, 2008
Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Where: DeVry University
3600 South 344th Way
Federal Way, WA 98001

Seats are limited!

Make your reservation, contact Jodi Handley at 253.943.3056 or e-mail her at jhandley@devry.edu.

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HOCUS-FOCUS

1. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Orkney Islands located?
2. MUSIC: To which rock band did singer Freddie Mercury belong?
3. TELEVISION: Who played Uncle Joe on TV’s Petticoat Junction?
4. CARTOONS: Which animated superhero’s theme song contains the lyrics, “Speed of lightning, roar of thunder,/ Fighting all who rob or plunder.”?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the currency or plunder?
6. ENTERTAINERS: Which actor/director was born with the name “Melvin Kaminsky”?

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Arts Calendar

• Breeders Theater presents Crazy/Naked, a play about politics and romance, beginning Friday, Jan. 18, at E.B. Foote Winery, 127-B S.W. 153rd Street, Burien. Show dates are Jan. 18, Feb. 1, 2 at 7 p.m.; and Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are $16 and $12 for students and seniors, available at the theater or at www.brownpapertickets.com. Call 253-835-2020 for more information.

By Bill Deasy

The Tennessee Three: The Men Behind the Man in Last week’s

Last week’s crossword solution

DRIVER’S QUIP

Black come to town as part of Kent Arts Commission’s Spotlight Series. The show, scheduled for Friday, Feb. 8 at Kentwood Performing Arts Center, 25800 164th Ave. SE, Covington, features Bob Woodton and WS Holland, two members of John ry Cash’s legendary band. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $28 for adults and $26 for students and seniors. Tickets are available on-line at www.kentarts.com, by calling 253-856-5051, or in person at the Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N.

Arts news? E-mail tword@highline.edu.
Lady T-Birds win two games, get back in playoff hunt

By Max Dubbeldam
Staff Reporter

The Highline women’s basketball team broke their losing streak with wins against the Tacoma Titans and the Pierce College Raiders.

The Thunderbirds are back to form as they beat last-placed Pierce 62-54, and in a dominating performance, the Lady T-Birds defeated ninth-place Tacoma Titans 75-62.

The two wins bumped Highline up to fifth place in the West Division. The Lady T-Birds have a league record of 3-4 and an overall record of 7-11.

Last Saturday, the women traveled to Puyallup to face the Pierce College Raiders.

In the past, Highline has usually beaten Pierce soundly but this time it was closer than expected.

“It appears that the ladies did not come ready to play,” said Highline Head Coach Amber Rowe Mosley.

It was sophomore guard Jasamine MeEachern who put the most points on the board for the Thunderbirds. She sank three three-pointers which led her to a total of 16 points.

“Jasamine played a great game and in my opinion is the reason we were able to win the game,” said Coach Mosley.

Sophomore Valerie Cook also had a good game with a double-double consisting of 12 points and 14 rebounds.

Coach Mosley said that Cook is successful because she wants the ball more than others do, however she still wants Cook to up her game and output.

Last Wednesday the Thunderbirds started to show the skills that they contain as a team as they beat the Tacoma Titans. The win over Tacoma broke the three-game losing streak that they had built up.

The Thunderbirds worked hard for the win and they came right out the gates with a fire and intensity that the Titans couldn’t keep up with.

“We won because we out-hustled them,” said freshman guard Randi Olsen. “We came out hard and played hard.”

The Titans are a short team with their tallest player measuring up at only 5’7”. The Titans do, however, get a lot of points from the three-point line.

Highline Head Coach Amber Rowe-Mosley knew this going into the game and said that she set up the defense differently than usual.

It worked out as the Titans only made one three-pointer out of the 25 that they let fly.

The Thunderbirds hit the boards a lot stronger as well as they outrebounded the Titans by 10.

“They were shorter than us,” said sophomore Valerie Cook.

“We had to outrebound them.”

Highline shot 43 percent from the field which is a step up from the games that they lost.

“We focused on shooting during practice,” said Coach Mosley.

“We had the players get more in their face so that they could get used to shooting under pressure.”

It worked out as there were four Highline players who made it into the double digits. Kerstin Torrescano led the way with 19 points.

Desiree Valentine had a double-double against the Titans with 17 points and 13 rebounds.

“Desiree was one of the players who had to step up today,” said Mosley about the 6’1” freshman. “She really rose to the challenge.”

Tacoma also had four players that scored points in the double-digits, and their 5’4” sophomore Shavon Tate had a double-double with 15 points and 11 rebounds.

Coach Mosley said that this win was an important one because it helps to build the teams’ confidence and helps the Thunderbirds get over the hump.

“I told them to just turn off their brains and play ball,” said Coach Mosley about the win.

“This is a win that we can build on as a team.”

The Thunderbirds will be seeking to take the momentum they’ve built into their coming games. Highline faced first-place Centralia last night but the score wasn’t available at press time. Saturday, Feb. 2, Highline travels to Grays Harbor to play the Chokers.

Highline’s table tennis club travels to Corvallis for NW tournament

Oregon State hosts clubs from across the NW

By Nick Bare
Staff Reporter

The Highline Table Tennis Club is sending five players to the Northwest Table Tennis Tournament this Saturday at Oregon State University. This will be the first time any Highline table tennis players have made the trip to the tournament, however, adviser Oussama (Sam) Alkhalili says his players have a good shot to play well in Corvallis.

The players that will be attending the tournament are: Ola Adetunji (JayDee) Osadare, president of the club; Keita Era, vice president of the club; David Hsu, treasurer of the club; Alex Lopez, Ji Woong (John) Park, Berry Hansin, and Ha (Katie) Nguyen, who is an alternate.

Ten other club members will travel with the team to provide support.

Although this is the first trip for Highline to the Northwest tournament, Osadare won a college tournament last year at the Washington Table Tennis Center in Bellevue.

The tournament invites participants from all universities and community colleges in the Northwest.

Winners of the Northwest tournament will have the chance to participate in the national tournament later on this year. Highline’s Table Tennis Club meets every Friday at 2:30 p.m. in the entertainment room in Building 8.

The club is open to everyone, and if you are interested in joining, please swing by a meeting and fill out an application.

For more information, you can contact Sam Alkhalili at 206-878-3710, ext. 4317, or visit it at http://www.highlinetcc.com.
Thunderbird men claw way back into playoff race

Highline spansk Tacoma, Pierce to climb into third

By Maxx Shelley
Staff Reporter

The T-Bird men’s basketball team is now in third place in the West Division of the NWAACC conference after winning their last two games against Tacoma and Pierce.

On Saturday the T-Birds traveled south to take on the Pierce Raiders. They beat Pierce 77-45, improving their league record to 4-3 and their seasonal record to 9-10. The Raiders, who have a league record of 4-4 and a season record of 9-12, are in fifth place in the West Division.

The T-Birds looked like a completely different team compared to their games against Green River and Lower Columbia last week, making 42 percent of their field goal attempts and dominating the boards with 51 rebounds.

Highline’s Coby Gibler had a great game scoring 15 points, snagging 10 rebounds, as well as having zero turnovers. “He (Gibler) played with a lot more energy than he has recently and it has showed his potential for the player he can be,” said Highline Head Coach Che Dawson.

The Raiders’ Brandon Keller led his team with 16 points and Chris Grove added 11 rebounds.

The T-Birds did a great job on the defensive side of the ball, allowing Pierce to make only 28 percent of their field goal attempts, as well as dominating the boards with 30 defensive rebounds.

“We forced them into a lot of outside shots because of our zone,” said Coach Dawson.

The T-Birds, offense did a fine job complementing their defense by turning the Raiders’ turnovers into 21 points. Meanwhile, Highline’s defense allowed Pierce to score 11 points off turnovers.

“We pressed and forced them into a lot of turnovers,” Dawson said.

While the T-Birds looked like a true threat to the rest of the West Division, they still have some things they need to work on.

“We still need to take better care of the ball,” Dawson said. “We need to make quicker decisions offensively.”

In their game against Tacoma the T-Birds showed heart, and above all, they showed skill by beating them 90-61. Tacoma is currently in seventh place in the West Division.

The T-Birds scored the first points and never let their guard down, never giving the Titans a shot at the win. They made 53 percent of their field goal attempts, 71 percent of their free throw attempts, and 33 percent of their 3-point shot attempts.

“Offensively we were able to contain them,” said guard Josh Broussard. “We worked the defense a little bit and had some open shots.”

Coby Gibler and Kelly Edwards led the team in points by scoring 16 each. Kris Rainwater dominated the boards with 10 rebounds, five on offense and five on defense.

“There’s less hesitation to take shots that we know we can make,” said Broussard.

Tacoma guard Torey Wambold led the Titans with 21 points and forward Chris Sprinker had 10 rebounds.

The T-Bird’s offense did a great job, not turning the ball over too much as well as capitalizing on Tacoma’s turnovers by scoring 31 points off of them.

Tacoma’s offense only scored 13 points off of the T-Birds 15 turnovers.

“Our goal was to pressure the ball,” said T-Birds forward Jesse Norris.

After slipping into fifth place last week after their losses to Green River and Lower Columbia, the team is excited to be in third place of the West Division for the first time this season. “It motivates us because we turned it around so quick,” said Norris. “We’re starting to understand how each of us play and more players are starting to see the goal to win the NWAACC championship. When we all have the same goal we play better,” he added.

On Wednesday the T-Birds played Centralia, currently ninth in the West Division. Centralia has a league record of 2-6 and a season record of 3-14. Results were not available at press time.

The Thunderbirds will travel to Grays Harbor to play the Chokers on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m.

On Monday, Feb. 4, the T-Birds travel back to Clark for a make-up game that had originally been scheduled for Jan. 16 but had been cancelled when the wire supports had snapped, making it unsafe to play the game. The game will be held at 8 p.m.

Next Wednesday the T-Birds have a bye and then will resume play next Saturday against South Puget Sound. South Puget is second in the west at 5-3, trailing only first-place Lower Columbia, 8-0. The Red Devils are currently ranked sixth in the NWAACC coaches’ poll.

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T-Bird wrestlers battle injuries, three opponents

Highline wrestlers get unpleasant surprise during dual meet

By Jason Baker
Staff Reporter

The Highline men’s wrestling team came up short in their last matches of the year.

On Saturday Jan. 26, the T-Birds faced off against three teams in their last dual meet of the year.

The T-Birds were surprised when they found out they had to face three teams on Saturday.

“We were only expecting to wrestle two matches today not three, so we weren’t mentally prepared,” said Zach Corbett about Saturday’s matches.

Their first match against Douglas College had its ups and downs. They came out strong with a win at 125 pounds by Kyle Heath.

At 165 pounds, Craig Jackson had to forfeit due to an injury during the match when he was brought down onto the floor and hit his head. He suffered a mild concussion and sat out the rest of the day.

Heavyweight Zach Corbett finished the match off with the fastest pin of the day at 1:46.

Highline won the Douglas dual 39-11.

The next match for Highline was against Simon Fraser University and was a completely different story. Their first win came at 141 pounds by Lonica Hanson.

At 174 pounds, Pano Dreves had to forfeit his match due to an injury to his left ankle. He sat out for the rest of the day as well.

The Highline wrestling team lost the match to Simon Fraser 31-12.

The T-Birds last match of the day was against Pacific. They wrestled tough but were unable to pull out a win. The score of the match was unavailable at press time.

“We seem to be peaking at the right time though. Our moves are good and were able to get off the bottom faster. There is obviously some work that still needs to be done and we have two weeks until Regionals so practice will be tough. We’re looking forward for a promising post season,” Corbett said.

The Highline men’s wrestling team’s next appearance will be at the Region 18 Championships at Clackamas in Oregon City, on Saturday Feb. 9. The start time was not available at press time.

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**Snow news is good news**

By Bernardo Serna  
Staff Reporter

Class attendance was lower than normal due to the snowy weather on Monday.

Many roads were too icy to drive on safely, and because of that many students decided to stay home.

With a low of 30.3°F and random flurries of snow it was a different day for the students and staff. Green River Community College had a two-hour late start due to the snowy and icy conditions.

In the Literature 220 class taught by Craig McKenney, “Only six out of 20 students were there,” said student Erika Rimmer.

Another class that Rimmer attends, Anthropology 100, taught by Dr. Lonnie Somer, was cancelled due to the conditions.

Pat Phillips, a Pre-college Studies professor, described the situation as a “Tricky call to make,” whether to risk attending your class or risk a possible car crash on the ice.

“A few professors were miss ing,” Phillips said, which obviously caused some classes to be cancelled.

While some classes had barely any in attendance, Phillips and Angi Caster, professor of biology and nutrition, Coates said.

Among classes missed was the Literature 220 class taught by Craig McKenney.

For a list of schools in attendance go to: www.ppww.org | 1.800.230.PLAN

By Martin Erickson  
Staff Reporter

Discussion of global climate change will heat up in a forum on campus this morning.

Focus the Nation is a three-part event set up to inform people about how their activities contribute to rising global temperatures.

The Focus the Nation event was brought to Highline by Emily Coates, enrollment services data specialist at Highline, and James Loetterle, geology professor at Highline. The event is sponsored by Highline’s Sustainability Taskforce, Climate Change Group, and the Environmental Club.

All presentations will take place in Building 29, room 116.

Three sessions will be held today; the first session, “From the Farm to Your Plate,” starts at 9 a.m. and will be led by Joy Strohmaier and Tracy Brigham, professors of biology and nutrition at Highline.

A representative from the Transportation Choices Coalition, a local advocacy group, will speak at 11 a.m. to talk about how the way people travel affects climate change in a session called “From your Home to Work or School.” The final session called “From your Paycheck to your Ballot” will be from 12:10 p.m. to 1:13 p.m., led by James Peyton, economics instructor at Highline.

Focus the Nation is going to be presented today at more than 1,500 campuses in every state, according to the Focus the Nation website. The organization, started by a professor at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, aims to move people to confront the issue of rising global temperatures.

Some scientists believe that if there’s no action before 2012 it will be too late to remedy the situation as a “Tricky call to make,” whether to risk attending your class or risk a possible car crash on the ice.

“Few professors were missing,” Phillips said, which obviously caused some classes to be cancelled.

While some classes had barely any in attendance, the website sites [that teachers maintain] are very helpful,” to catch up on what you missed.

Snow was expected on late Monday night, but temperatures warmed and the weather returned to rain.

Events hope to raise awareness about global climate change

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Local artist’s mural reflects Highline’s diversity

By Lizeth Duran  
Staff Reporter

Local artist Jonathan Matas said he hopes his new mural will inspire students to become politically active.

Matas unveiled his new mural, now hanging in the Student Programs Leadership Resource room in Building 8, at the end of Martin Luther King Week last Friday.

Matas grew up in Seattle before going to the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design in Vancouver, B.C.

After witnessing and being tear-gassed in the Seattle WTO protests in 1999, he became radicalized and began to work with the Freedom Socialist Party.

Highline’s Student Programs commissioned Matas to create a mural that reflected the diversity of Highline students.

He decided to portray diversity through the leadership of average people in different social movements.

“[Dr. Martin Luther King] was a big part of the civil rights movement, but he wasn’t the civil rights movement,” said Matas. Inspired by the late Paulo Freire, a Brazilian educator, he titled his mural, We Become By Walking, was inspired by a Brazilian educator.

Matas was hired by Highline to create a mural symbolizing Highline’s diversity. The mural, We Become By Walking, was inspired by a Brazilian educator.

At the event at Highline dedicated to Dr. King where different speakers come to raise awareness for life, and some with no paid role.

Because of the harder laws, America has raised its incarcerated population by 400 percent since 1980, according to Z Magazine.

Many of these people who are in jail will never have a fair opportunity to leave because the jails do not provide adequate facilities for people with mental disabilities or drug addictions, Colgan said. The increase in jail sentences have caused a rise in the number of veterans being incarcerated. Since they don’t get proper medical help, they do what is called, “acting-out,” Colgan said. This means they have behavioral problems where they become aggressive, not only to themselves but to other inmates. This makes it hard for these people to ever leave jail or get good behavioral leave.

There are also surprising related statistics between race, poverty and the number of people incarcerated each year, Colgan said. One out of 17 people are white, one out of six are Latino, and one out of every three people are African American, almost all of whom are considered lower or middle class, Colgan said.

Statistics show that kids who have parents who have been in prison are five to six times more likely to go to jail in the future. It is unfair to some of these millions of people who are incarcerated because they have their ability to vote taken away while they’re in jail. Some of these people don’t even get it back when they’re out.

This will make change hard for the lower-class economy if millions of people are barred from voting. “This is not the best way to raise your economy,” Colgan said.

Matas was permanently paralyzed.

Matas was a big part of the civil rights movement.

Taking place during the Vietnam War, the Kent State Massacre involved the Ohio National Guard shooting several students.

Four students were killed and nine were injured, one of whom was permanently paralyzed. Matas also painted a scene from the Third World Liberation Front.

This movement took place in the late ‘60s and was geared toward creating ethnic studies programs.

Also present in the mural are the 2006 May Day demonstrations against House Resolution 4437.

This would have turned undocumented status from a civil violation to a federal aggravated felony.

Furthermore, the nationwide student walkouts against the war in Iraq in 2003, Native Resistance movements, the Seattle Pan-Asian movements, and Chicano anti-war protests are included in the mural.

Matas also said he uses art as a way of protest and resistance.

“Art is a broad term,” he said. “And throughout time artists have had spirituality and a sense of community.”

Matas was influenced by graffiti art, Cuban political posters, and Mexican muralists such as Diego Rivera. He was also influenced by art forms other than paintings such as movies and hip-hop music.

His previous art work includes paintings, illustrations for Seattle’s Freedom Socialist newspaper, as well as banners and posters for organizations he has worked with.

Matas hopes to paint murals at other campuses. His goal is to work on complex ideas and compacting them into images.
Former ‘Baraka Boy’ shares his story with Highline

By Shannon Clary Staff Reporter

After Devon Brown spent a year in Africa he decided to turn his life around and avoid becoming a statistic.

Brown was at Highline on Jan. 24, giving a presentation on his experience while attending the Baraka School in Kenya. The school was intended to help change inner-city young men’s attitudes and behaviors about school and life. The experience was filmed for a documentary called Boys of Baraka.

Every year the Baraka School accepted 20 at-risk boys from Baltimore. In Baltimore only 76 percent of African-American males graduate from high school.

Brown grew up surrounded by drugs and crime. He was raised by his grandmother because his parents are addicted to drugs. His mother visited him often but while he was at Baraka she was incarcerated for drugs.

Monica LeMoine has taught in many different countries but says her experience in Africa changed her life the most.

LeMoine has been a writing professor at Highline since summer 2007. Before coming to Highline she traveled for the Peace Corps and taught English to children in different countries. After she and her husband were done volunteering, they moved to Austin, Texas.

It was not long before they felt the itch to travel again. In an employment newsletter for past Peace Corps workers, they saw an ad for the Baraka School in Africa.

“It sounded unique to us and we were hired together. It was a concept that neither of us had ever heard of before and we were intrigued and interested,” LeMoine said.

The Baraka School was located in Kenya and taught young men from inner cities in the U.S. In 2002 LeMoine and her husband went to Africa to teach at the school and, so become involved in the documentary film, Boys of Baraka.

At Baraka, LeMoine taught writing, reading and social studies. In order to keep the young men attentive, she used a method of teaching called direct instruction. It is a highly structured reading program that is fast paced and repetitive.

The faculty at Baraka wanted the young men to change for the better, so they instilled confidence in them constantly. “Both in and out of the classroom the rules were very clear. The boys knew the standards and we were confident they could achieve them. We kept telling them they can do it, because at home they constantly hear they cannot do it,” LeMoine said.

LeMoine taught at Baraka for a year before the school closed. She and her husband then moved to Baltimore to try to help the former Baraka make the transition back to American life and school.

“For me it was the most transformative experience of my life. It changed my world view. It was a privilege to get to know and understand the African-American sub-culture, their families and what they value,” LeMoine said.

LeMoine keeps in touch with a couple of the young men; one of them is Devon Brown who spoke at Highline on Jan. 24. She says that some of them are not doing as well as others. LeMoine said this is because they do not have positive role models.

“If you’re expected to raise yourself, of course the odds are against you,” LeMoine said.

One day a recruiter named Mavis Jackson came to Brown’s school to talk about Baraka School. Brown was interested and after a lot of begging, his grandmother allowed him to apply and he was accepted.

Ms. Jackson talked about the Baraka School and how it would benefit and discipline us and I decided I wanted to change,” Brown said.

Brown left for Africa in fall 2001. When he arrived he said he realized how different it was. They did not have electricity all the time and animals were often found roaming the school.

“At turn around and I see elephants, I’m like ‘What in the world? This isn’t like Baltimore,’” said Brown.

At first Brown had a lot of problems with his attitude and he would often act out toward the teachers when he didn’t get his way.

When this happened Brown would be taken on a walk. A walk meant being driven with a teacher miles away from the school. They would be dropped off and have to walk or run back to Baraka. While they were walking the teacher asked Brown how he would change his attitude. Brown said he would tell her what he thought she wanted to hear.

This all changed after Brown’s final walk. He was dropped off in a forest in the middle of the night and had to walk back to the school alone. After crying most of the way home he knew it was time to change.

At Baraka they had a reward system where the young men were put on different levels every time they did something good. He said that he learned he must earn everything he wanted. He saw how much the children in Africa were struggling, and how many things he took for granted.

At the end of the year Brown climbed Mt. Kenya and went home for summer. He was planning on going back to Baraka, but before he was to leave the school was closed.

Some of the young men fell back into their old ways, but Brown did not.

“I didn’t want to be stereotyped, I changed my image. If I look like a successful person, people will think I am a successful person, and I can inspire young people,” Brown said.

Brown is graduating high school this year and has been accepted to an art school in Baltimore with a full scholarship.

After finishing an undergraduate degree, eventually he wants to go to law school. In the fall he will start his own talk show in Baltimore. His dream is to start a foundation that helps foster and neglected children.

Brown wants to help change Baltimore. He said he believes the youth of Baltimore need more role models and leaders. He wants to see more recreation centers open so young men and women have something to do other than hang out on the streets.

“Thank God because I could have fallen back into the trap. I don’t just want to be OK, I want to be the best,” said Brown.

Former Baraka teacher finds her way to Highline

By Shannon Clary Staff Reporter

At Baraka, LeMoine taught writing, reading and social studies. In order to keep the young men attentive, she used a method of teaching called direct instruction. It is a highly structured reading program that is fast paced and repetitive.

LeMoine said she enjoys the job at Highline. “I don’t want to leave Seattle anytime soon, but hopes to back-pack around Europe this summer with her husband. She says when the time is right she would like to work more with inner-city youth because she thinks they are often overlooked.
Barbara Clinton leads Highline’s Honors Department.

Honors Program gains departmental status

By Jenée DesLongchamp

Highline’s Honors Program is now the Honors Department. The Honors Program, which tries to help students transfer to top-notch four-year schools, has been elevated to the status of a department, giving it a budget and, its leader hopes, the ability to do more.

Program Director Dr. Barbara Clinton, who has been working with honors students since 2003, said, “I’m delighted. Being recognized as a cross-disciplinary program will give students even more opportunities.”

The Honors Department is now cross-disciplinary, which makes it open to students in every division.

Clinton previously was head of the Speech Communication Department. The Honors Program, when it started, had 15 students and a goal of getting them into prestigious schools.

Clinton said what motivated her was having students who had a lot of potential, but had no financial means.

Clinton said being an honors student can help with both admissions and winning scholarships.

“The Honors Program at HCC invites students to ‘own’ their curriculum and to help focus their studies toward widening and deepening their knowledge in various areas,” said Clinton, “especially areas of particular interest to them, by having their Honors Option projects delve into those areas.”

Clinton emphasizes on the advantages of being in Honors.

“The advantage you get with honors is that it goes on your transcript,” Clinton said. “Having the word ‘honors’ on anything makes your transcript more competitive. Schools are interested in the depths of your choices, not just the classes that are on your transcript. Honors really ups that impression.”

Moving from program to department may allow Clinton to help more students, she said.

“Now that it’s an Honors Department, we have a budget that we can do things with, and it’s open to students in every division,” Clinton said.

“The formal budget is used to allow me to travel to conferences, such as the American Association of Colleges and Universities, where I can present about the Honors Program, and to visit college campuses to build rapport to benefit our students,” she said. “The Honors Department answers the president for instruction.”

Honors students also have the option to earn Honors 100, a two-credit class offered every quarter.

“Honors 100 is a place where you learn how to take advantage of honors,” Clinton said.

In the class, you learn how to write a resume and a cover letter, a scholarship essay, and two versions of your personal statement. You also get to learn about scholarships.

“Students don’t realize that Honors 100 is a gift from the professors. It really teaches you how to be an insider [on college information],” Clinton said.

Qualification is apparent, said Clinton. “It’s easy to know if you qualify: you need a 3.5 GPA,” Clinton said. “We’re interested in students who maybe didn’t do so well the first quarter, but then burned up the last two quarters and ended up with something above a 3.8.”

Workshops at Math Resource Center add up to better grades for students

By Bernardo Serna

Being positive about your math classes is the key to success, said a panel of math professors at a workshop recently.

Terry Meerdink, Allan Walton, and Barbara Hunter, all math professors at Highline, hosted a workshop called “How to be Successful in Math” on Jan. 16. Math is a difficult subject for many students and the Math Department offers these types of workshops to help.

“If you are willing to put forth effort, you will succeed,” Hunter said.

“If you go into the math class with the attitude that you can’t do well or that math is your worst subject, you just made a self-fulfilling prophecy,” said Meerdink, and you decrease your chances of doing well before the class even starts.

Taking classes consecutively is helpful as well, because each class builds upon the previous level, Meerdink said. If you decide to take a quarter off you will most likely be struggling through much of the material.

Reading textbook chapters ahead of time, asking questions during class, and actually visiting your professor during office hours when you have questions, were all actions that would greatly increase your chance of success in your math class, Meerdink and Walton each said.

Each speaker emphasized that professors have office hours for students in case they need extra help.

“It’s your education,” Walton said.

You have to be able to ask questions when you genuinely need help. If you think you’ve been thought of as stupid if you ask your professor a question, you are wrong. All the professors in the workshop said they think highly of students who ask them questions, the panelists said.

The trio also hit on the subject of notes.

“Don’t just be a scribe, think about notes as you write them,” Walton said.

Once you get home, or have a break between classes, you should take time to rewrite your own notes so you can internalize them, Walton said.

On Wednesday the Math Resource Center presented a workshop called “A Math Book is more than just Heavy.”

Writing professor Angie Caster gave a writing professor’s view on how to approach reading and translating a math book.

The next math workshop, “Overcoming Testing Anxiety,” will be presented by Patricia Haggerty. Haggerty is a faculty counselor at Highline. The workshop will be on Feb. 6 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Math Resource Center in Building 26, room 319.
Visual Communications can help you see your way to a career

By Catherine Dusharme
Staff Reporter

Highline’s Visual Communication program lets students get dirty with hands-on training.

“Visual communications teaches people to become employable in a world that uses visual messaging that are used in advertising, education and mass media,” said Gary Nelson, professor.

Highline’s Visual Communication program offers students the opportunity to obtain certificates of completion with a requirement of 15 credits.

“Students can obtain a certificate of completion in photography, game designing and printing press,” Nelson said.

Highline’s Visual Communication program also offers a certificate that requires 45 credits and can be accomplished in one year.

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International summit introduces Indonesian students to campus

By Luis Lemus
Staff Reporter

Diah Hastuti was told not to expect Americans to be friendly.

She was told not to expect American students to be nice.

She came to Highline feeling scared and nervous.

To her surprise, Hastuti is making lots of new friends here at Highline and also enjoying her Hotel and Tourism studies.

“I’m taking as many units as I can,” said Hastuti excitedly, who appreciates that her scholarship allows her to go to school and not work.

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“I’m grateful because they put us in such a diverse college and they treat us exactly like they treat Americans,” said Hastuti.

As a young person, Hastuti said that in her home country she is not used to people treating her as an adult and being interested in her opinions or thoughts.

Hastuti was one of four students featured at the first International Leadership Summit, held on Jan. 17.

The Highline Center for Leadership and Service started this new program to welcome and recognize international students who studying here at

Wopari and Timo Mahreem Firdaus, from Indonesia.

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W.A.V.E. Scholarship
Washington Award for Vocational Excellence

The W.A.V.E. scholarship is awarded to students for outstanding achievement in vocational-technical education. Every year, the W.A.V.E. program gives scholarships for four semesters of tuition and fees at two- and four-year colleges, universities and technical schools in Washington State. Three W.A.V.E. recipients are chosen from each legislative district by the selection committee. Any student currently enrolled in a vocational program by June 30, 2008, is eligible to apply.

To receive application forms and guidelines please contact Rickita Reid in Building 9, by email reid@highline.edu or (206) 878-3710, ext. 3301, or visit the W.A.V.E. homepage at: www.wtb.wa.gov.

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Transfer events begin soon

By Bernardo Serna
Staff Reporter

Twenty-five four-year universities are coming to the transfer fair just so they can meet you.

So get your questions about transferring ready for Feb. 5 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Student Union Building.

The UW, Pacific Lutheran, SPU, and even the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising from California are some of the universities planning on coming.

Siew Lai Lilley, director of the Transfer Center, has been organizing the event for several years.

"Attending the fair is important to explore your options," said Lilley.

Nearly 57 percent of the student body is interested in transferring, according to a survey by Highline.

Lilley said too many students who intend to transfer don’t plan it out as carefully as they should, said Lilley.

"It’s never too early to start thinking about the transfer process," Lilley said.

They will send their transfer advisors, admission counselors and many other people to help you decide on what to do.

Another tool for students is the workshop “How to Write a Winning Personal Statement.”

This workshop will be held at the Writing Center (Building 26, rm. 319) on Feb. 6 from 12:15-1:05 p.m. Matt Schwisow will be presenting this workshop.

The UW will have Kay Balston from their Undergraduate Advising Office in the Interlibrary Center (Building 6) in Room 151 at noon on Feb. 21.

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