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The Thunderword

Local crime rate drops Boys will be boys

By **Angela McClurg**
Staff Reporter

The crime rate in Des Moines is dropping even though the population is increasing.

The decreasing crime rate in Des Moines could be the effect of the neighboring cities police departments teaming-up together and a new strategic plan, said Rodger Baker, the Des Moines police chief.

In 2006, Des Moines had a higher Part 1 crime rate than the national average of Washington State.

Part 1 crimes are more serious crimes which include: murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, theft and auto theft.

Although the Des Moines crime rate has been higher than the national average, there has been a 30 percent decrease in the rate of crime for Des Moines the past five years.

This is partially because of the new strategic plan that the police department adopted, Baker said.

“When I first came to this department four years ago they didn’t have a strategic plan,” he said.

The Des Moines Police Department is constantly looking for trends so they can predict when and where the next

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Nathan Brown/THUNDERWORD

Middle school students play an on-line game in the Library after their classes let out for the day.

Non-student disturbances diminish in Library

By **Rachel Aleaga**
Staff Reporter

Disturbances in the Library are down this Winter Quarter.

This past Fall Quarter Security constantly had to respond

to problems with people in the Library.

“Last fall we had issues with middle school and high school students being disruptive by play fighting and interrupting classes,” said Jonathan Betz-

Zall, a reference librarian at Highline

“However, this quarter it has been calmer. There may have been a few times when we needed to call Security, but overall no major issues,” he said.

“During the Fall Quarter most of the incidents that occurred in the Library were caused by juveniles,” said Richard Noyer, the supervisor of Security.

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Highline fails to nail down building funding from State Board



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Budget requests for work on Buildings 4,5,6, (shown above) 11, and 26 didn’t make the cut in the current state budget.

By **Nick Dalton**
Staff Reporter

Highline won’t be starting any new building plans for the campus just yet, but the grass may be greener down the road.

This year, Highline submitted a budget request proposal to the Washington State Board of Technical and Community Colleges for two projects on campus, and neither of them got the green light.

Highline made one budget request to remodel Building 26, and another for the removal and replacement of Buildings 4, 5, 6 and 11 with one large building.

Every two years, building inspectors dispatched by the Board come to the campus and rate every building on a scale of 0 to 730 points, with 0 being the best possible rating, and 730 being the worst as far as the building’s functionality.

In 2005, Building 4 was rated 582, Building 5 at 538, Building 6 at 410, and Building 11 at 570. All four buildings fell into the category of needing to be remodeled or replaced, and all four buildings were built between 1964 and 1967. Building 26 received a score of 368, placing it in the category for renovation.

Any time a building gets a score over 500, it’s no longer a question of what the minimum score for replacement is, and the need for the building to be replaced is considered clear, said Larry Yok, Highline’s vice president of administration.

Under the proposal, Highline would have replaced Buildings 4, 5, 6 and 11 with one large building for the sake of cost efficiency in regards to construction and maintenance, as well as to provide common indoor areas for students, Yok said last Fall Quarter.

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CSI: **H**ighline

Student's car got scratched

A Highline student's car was keyed while parked in the north lot at 3:31 p.m. on Feb. 21. He told Security that he had a verbal dispute with two other students earlier that morning over a parking space.

Sexually harassed by phone

A Highline international student reported to Security that she received a picture text on her cell phone of sexual content on Feb. 22 at 9:45 a.m.

The picture was sent from a non-Highline student who has been harassing her for the past few days. Security advised her to call the Federal Way Police Department.

Computer theft feared, but students had receipts

Highline staff members called the Safety Office regarding three people carrying computers and equipment to their vehicle in the east lot at 1:50 p.m. on Feb. 22. Security responded to the situation and they showed a receipt matching the equipment.

Custodian takes care of garbage fire without aid

A garbage can was on fire in front of the Library at 4:05 p.m. on Feb. 22. Security and the fire department were called, but the custodian put the fire out before officials arrived.

Ex-husband takes the car

A Highline student discovered her car missing on Feb. 22. She parked her Chevrolet SUV in the east lot at 12:10 a.m. She returned a half an hour later to find her vehicle missing.

The Des Moines Police Department arrived at the scene. Apparently the student's ex-husband took the vehicle and called her sister to let her know that he would drop off her things at her apartment.

Juveniles set off alarm

A 911 dispatcher called Security notifying them that he had an open line in the south lot and could hear banging noises on Feb. 24 at 9:24 a.m. Security arrived at the south lot at 9:24 a.m. and no one was around.

An individual waiting at the bus stop told Security that three juveniles were playing around one of the phones and noticed a blue strobe light. They left before Security arrived.

Woman passes out at respiratory conference

A 45-year-old woman passed out and regained consciousness in Building 7 during the respiratory conference on Feb. 22 at 11:38 a.m. Security called 911 and the South King Fire and Rescue arrived at 11:50 a.m. Medics checked her vital signs and then advised her to check into a hospital.

Creepy character hangs around the tennis courts

A Highline student called Security requesting an officer at the tennis courts at 2 p.m. on Feb. 24.

A suspicious male was watching her and another woman play tennis from his white van.

As they were leaving he exited his van and stated that one of them had dropped something and insist that he help them find it.

Both women left quickly and notified Security of the suspicious activity.

Foot sticking out of a car window causes a ruckus

A foot was reported hanging out of a white vehicle in the north lot on Feb. 26 at 4:35 p.m. Someone called the Des Moines Police Department and they notified Security that it was fake.

Car gets stolen, security handles the situation

A Highline student's white '87 Toyota Camry was stolen from the east lot on Feb. 26 at 12:12 a.m. Security drove around in the east and north lot with the victim. The Des Moines Police Department arrived and handled the situation.

-Compiled by Rachel Aleaga



Application deadline for color conference is soon

Students are invited to apply for the Students of Color Conference.

The Students of Color Conference will be held April 24-25 in SeaTac WA at the Doubletree Hotel, Seattle Airport. This conference brings together over 500 students who attend community and technical colleges in Washington state. The conference is sponsored by the Washington State Multicultural Student Services Director's Council (MC-SSDC) each year.

In this conference students can develop leadership skills, as well as become more culturally and academically aware. Students can pick up an application at Student Programs located on the third floor of Building 8.

Students must pay a \$30 fee towards to attend the conference. All other expenses such as travel, registration, and hotel will be covered by the college. All applications are due Feb. 27th.

For more information on this event contact Natasha Burrowes at nburrowe@highline.edu or at 206-878-3710, ext. 3256.

Journalism majors can now apply for DC internship

Students have until March 14 to apply for a political journalism internship in Washington D.C.

Georgetown University in Washington D.C. is accepting journalism interns to work this summer from June 7- Aug. 2.

The application deadline is now March 14, and supplemental materials are due March 21. Interns will take classes from Georgetown's prestigious Institute on Political Journalism.

Along with taking up to nine credits of classes, interns will also be placed into competitive top media, public relations, and communications organizations.

They will also be placed into on-campus furnished apartments, attend site briefings at the White House Complex, State Department, and the United States House of Representatives, as well as have a chance to network with other journalism students around the world.

To begin an online application for this internship go to www.dccinternships.org, for specific questions call Mary Connell at 1-800-741-6964, or by e-mail at mconnell@tfas.org.

Don't miss opportunities at Women's Conference

The third annual Women's Conference is approaching this month.

The Women's Conference will be at Edmonds Community College on March 14 and 15.

On March 14 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. there will be a free reception with refreshments and a student art exhibit, with key note speaker Gloria Burgess, Owner of Jazz, Inc. Also, a book signing with Debrena Jackson Grandy.

The actual conference part of the event is March 15 in the Trinton Union Building, on the second floor from 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Two national best-selling authors will be attending. First will be the keynote speaker Rebecca Walker, with a book signing from 9-10 a.m. The closing keynote speaker will be Debrena Jackson Grandy followed by a book signing from 6-7 p.m.

Highline's Women's Programs will sponsor the registration fees for the first five students who register for the event. Interested students need to contact Deana Rader director of Women's Programs/WorkFirst Services by calling her as soon as possible at 206-878-3710, ext. 3004.

Students can learn how to utilize resources today

Students can learn more about the resources available to them at a workshop today.

Utilizing the Career Collection in the Library will be presented by Gloria Rose Koeping, a psychologist and faculty counselor. Students can discover print resources that will help them in developing their career path.

This workshop will take place today at noon in Building 25, room 316.

For more information contact Teresa Fuller at tfuller@highline.edu or at 206-878-3710, ext. 3353.

Correction

Jodie Robinett's e-mail address was wrong in last week's edition of the Thunderword; the correct e-mail address is jrobinet@highline.edu.

Co-Opportunity: *Cooperative Education*

Center for Extended Learning is looking for an intern with a **marketing focus** who can help with flyers, brochures and marketing ideas.

Put into practice what you are learning and help us with some fresh ideas all at the same time!

For more information, contact Alana Morrison at 206-870-3765 or amorriso@highline.edu

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Building 6, upper floor

Student Jobs

Summer Recreation Leader

Job #3502

-Part-time/Full-Time-

Work with youth ages 3-17, in a fun indoor/outdoor setting, supervising arts & crafts, field trips, sports, games and other related activities.

Hours: 20-40, depending on program

Where: Renton **How Much:** \$9-10.50

Assistant Directors

Job #3495

-Part-Time-

Work with youth ages 5-19 to perform theatre adaptations. Some duties include creation of live theatre pieces, supervising and encouraging young performers, organization of scripts and coordination of props. Must love kids and theatre!

Hours: 30 Mon-Fri 9am-3pm

Where: Seattle **How Much:** \$Stipend

For more information, log on to Interfase at www.myinterfase.com/highline/student or visit Student Employment in Building 6.



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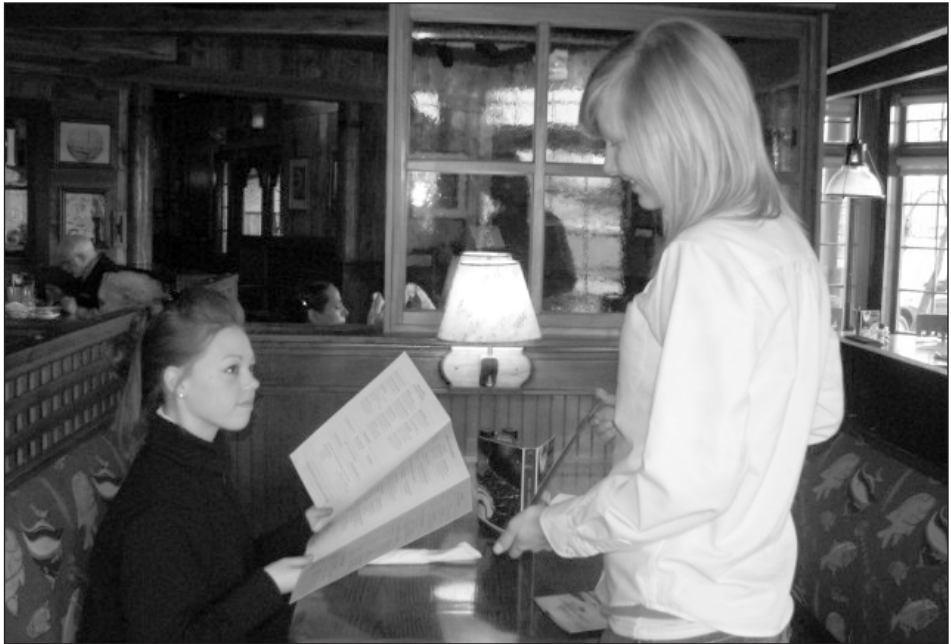
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Magdalena Gorski takes four classes at Highline as a Running Start student; after school she works 30 hours a week as a hostess at Red Lobster.

DOUBLE TIME

Hundreds of Highline students hold down full-time jobs, class loads

By Alyssa Hoffman
Staff reporter

Psychology, Search and Seizure, and the Justice System are not easy classes; imagine taking these classes while working 40 hours a week.

Student Colin Gierzak does this every week.

“I wake up at 8, go to school till 1, hang out with my girlfriend till 4, work till 10 or 11, then homework and study time till 1, finally sleep,” said Gierzak.

Gierzak works for Phoenix Protective Corporation, a company that provides grocery stores, office buildings, and federal and local governments with professional security services.

His goal is to get a degree in administration of justice and to

enter the Police Academy.

“I wanted to get into a job that related to my study so I found my current job. But I have to work so much to pay for all my expenses: school, gas, car, insurance, general life expenses. If I worked less I would not be able to pay for everything,” said Gierzak.

Gierzak is not the only student at Highline who is a full time student and employee.

Currently for Winter Quarter 2,813 students are enrolled for more than 12 credits. Of these students, 257 (9.1 percent) reported working full time, said Tonya Benton, who works in the Institutional Research office here at Highline.

Another student, Daniel Johnson, 21, spends around 32 hours week at work and is taking 13 credits.

“I spend more time at work because I can’t afford school without work, but school is more important,” said Johnson.

Currently working at Fred Meyer in Burien, Johnson said “I like my job because it pays well and it is good training for my future job in business administration.”

Johnson wakes up at 9 a.m. every morning and is busy with school and work until 2 a.m. “I often miss school on Fridays because of work,” he said.

“After Highline I plan to work full time for six months to a year and then get my bachelor’s degree at either Central or Western Washington University,” said Johnson.

For others it is easier to go to school full time and work.

Running Start student Magdalena Gorski works 30

hours a week at Red Lobster in Federal Way.

“I work 30 hour weeks to get money; I pay for everything except for rent,” said Gorski.

On top of work, she is taking Psychology, Administrative Justice, American Government, and Total Fitness.

She decided to attend Running Start to get away from the high school environment.

“It’s pretty easy for me to manage. I get out of school earlier than noon, then work at noon, get off in about six hours, come home, and do homework,” said Gorski.

Her goal is to graduate high school and get her associate of arts degree.

“I plan to stay at Highline for two more years to transfer to a college in our area, hopefully Seattle University or Western

Washington University. I don’t know exactly what I want to study, but psychology for sure, or something with children. I do plan on traveling to Europe if I have enough money by the end of two years.”

“Don’t procrastinate, be calm and keep a planner,” is her advice to others on how to manage the load.

There are ways to help students struggling with these problems.

Lance Gibson, career instructor and counselor here at Highline, says “lay out a schedule that makes sense for you, set realistic goals and expectations, know your limits, don’t procrastinate, and know how to manage your stress.”

Student Colin Gierzak agrees. “Learn to stay up late and be able to study then.”

Minimal I-5 closures this week

South King County commuters are granted a reprieve this week from the Interstate 5 closures that caused widespread evening and daytime congestion last week.

•The left lane of northbound I-5 between Mercer Street and Lakeview Boulevard will be closed from 11 p.m. Saturday until 6 a.m. Sunday. No other I-5 closures are reported in the region this week.

•Up to two lanes of westbound I-90 will be closed from late Friday to early Saturday on



a stretch beginning near the East Channel Bridge, through to 76th Avenue.

The first lane will close at 9 p.m. and the second by 11 p.m. with the first lane reopening by 4 a.m., and the second reopening by 5 a.m.

•Two southbound lanes of State Route 167 between SR 516 and 84th Avenue South will be closed tonight.

The first lane will reopen tomorrow by 5 a.m., and the second lane will reopen by 11 a.m.

•The southbound HOV lane of SR 167 near South 180th Street will be closed from 8 p.m. tonight until 11 a.m. tomorrow.

•The northbound and southbound HOV lanes of I-405 will be closed from 8 p.m. tonight until 5 a.m. tomorrow.

•Expect the usual sporadic lane closures, daytime traffic congestion and delays as construction continues on SR 99 (Pacific Highway South) between South 284th Street and Dash Point Road.

•One lane of SR 900 at Boeing Access Road and Ryan way is still closed around-the-clock until further notice.

•The traveling lane underneath the Alaskan Way Viaduct between Columbia Street and Yesler Way continues to be closed around-the-clock until spring.

•Tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m., the Sonics will play the Miami Heat at the Key Arena.

Expect congestion and traffic delays downtown.

-Compiled by Nick Dalton

Dance your winter blues away

Relax your mind, relieve your stress and shake it all off at Highline’s second annual winter dance.

The “Enchanted Winter Dance,” put on by the International Leadership Student Council, is Friday, Feb. 29, from 7-11 p.m. on the lower level of Building 8.

“The purpose is to relax and have fun,” said organizer and ILSC student mentor Chuong Pham. “And I also want to introduce American dancing to international students.”

The dance will feature a professional disc jockey playing a variety of American hip-hop and pop music.

There will also be a decorated portrait area where students can have their pictures taken.

“It has been two months of planning and hard work,” said Pham. “And we spent a lot of money on the disc jockey because they are the most important part of the event.”

Awards will be given to the best-dressed man and woman.

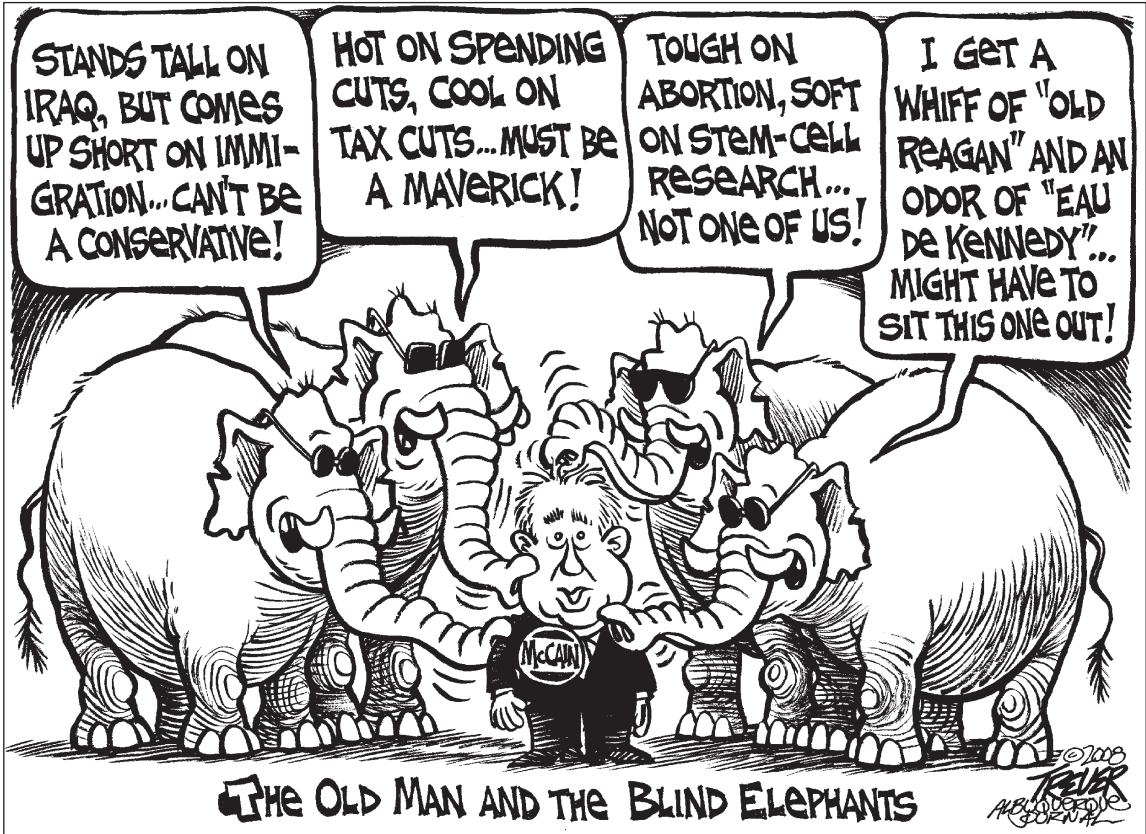
Tickets are available in the Student Programs’ office on the third floor of Building 8, as well as the reception desk in Building 9. Tickets will also be available in front of the bookstore in Building 8 on Thursday from 9-11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. and on Friday from 9-11 a.m and noon to 2 p.m.

“This year they will be amazed by the decorations,” said Pham. “We’re going to transform the Student Union from boring to beautiful.”

Editorial comment

Men’s basketball team overcomes rocky start to make NWAACC’s

There is always something to be said about the importance of working hard and not giving up and the rewards of perseverance. This year, both Highline basketball teams started off struggling to win games. However, both teams continue to work hard and give it their all throughout the season. Today the men’s basketball team is having its first game of the playoffs this year. The reason they made the playoffs after a rough start was because of their ability to play hard and win when they had to at the end of the season. The women’s basketball team fell a little short this year and didn’t make the playoffs. However, they did come back and force a one-game playoff against Grays Harbor that would end their season. Both teams deserve congratulations for a season that required a lot of effort to get back into the playoff hunt.



Trash needs to go in trash cans

When people come to Highline it is hard not to notice the campus’s beauty. Highline has several amazing water views that are always enjoyable. Also, the groundskeepers do a great job of making the campus look good. As students, faculty and staff, it is important that we appreciate the hard work that goes into keeping the campus beautiful. The best way to show your appreciation for the campus is by throwing your trash away. Sometimes you will see students drop some papers or a bottle and just leave it on the ground. You also will see students throwing their cigarette butts all over campus. This is unacceptable. It is not hard to throw trash in the trash cans. It is extremely disrespectful to the people who work hard to keep the campus beautiful. The next time you are walking around campus and you see some trash laying around, help everyone out and throw it away.

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“I’ll staff here are students.”

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Vote on issues, not personality

commentary

Barack Obama seems to be the popular choice to receive the Democratic nomination for president. Senator Obama’s ability to energize a younger audience and get them to go out and vote has been one of the biggest reasons why he has won the last 11 primaries and caucuses. Obama’s ability to speak genuinely on the importance of change, hope and a bipartisan government has helped him win many votes recently, but not mine.

Now I’m not saying I don’t support Senator Obama, I actually voted for him in our caucus, but his talk of change and hope for the future isn’t enough to get my vote. Again, I don’t think what he talks about is bad. I actually enjoy his speeches and I do think what he has to say is important, but I think policy is more important, and that is what I, and I think others, should base their votes on.

I voted for Senator Obama because of his stance on a few key issues. Obama’s position that torture should never be viewed as an option and his position on campaign finance is what led me to vote for him rather than Hillary Clinton.

There are other extremely important issues that people need to look at before they vote. Voters need to realize that this year we will be electing someone to figure out a strategy for how to handle Iraq, answer the question of what Americas place should be in dealing with world politics and problems, fixing our broken healthcare system and how to slow global climate change.



James Bermingham

All these thing are just a few of the major problems that the next president will have to figure out. The problem I have with what has been going on during these primaries and caucuses is why many people are voting for Senator Obama, or, for that matter, why some people are voting for Senator Clinton. I’ve heard many people say they are voting for Obama because he seems like a nice guy. Some people have said they are voting for Obama because he’s black. Others have said they like his values, or because they say he seems like a good Christian. Then you have the people who are voting for Obama because they don’t like Senator Clinton. I know and have heard people say they are voting for Senator Clinton because she is white. Some people are voting for her because she is a woman. One of the reasons why I like to consider myself a Democrat is because the party seems, at least compared to Republicans, to focus more on the issues. That just hasn’t been the case

this year. During this year, I’ve seen more people care about personality rather than policy. I’ve seen race or gender matter more than a candidates ideas. At the caucus I attended, I saw more than enough evidence to come to that conclusion. As I walked in, a man was addressing his caucus group. He spoke in a harsh angry tone about why Hillary Clinton should not be president. He said “Hilary is just a wife. I don’t know about you people but I know my wife couldn’t run a country.” Then in my caucus we had a lot of elderly white ladies with their Hilary 08 buttons on. I heard one of them say that the country isn’t ready for a black man to be president. When it was my turn to address the caucus I told everyone that I think both candidate’s are good and would make good presidents if they won. That being said I liked Senator Obama’s stance more than Senator Clinton’s on some important issues. I would go on and explain why I felt this way, but as soon as I said who I was supporting I could tell I lost part of the group’s interest and some of them started to talk among themselves. Although it is important to vote for someone you like, it is even more important to really look at the issues and what candidates actually intend to do to fix these problems. Regardless of who wins the nomination, I hope people are ready to focus on the issues instead of who they would rather have a drink with. James has many issues of his own.



Satori Johnson/THUNDERWORD

Local rap group Common Market's performance draws in a crowd as they wrap up the two day Hip-Hop Summit.



Jocie Olson/THUNDERWORD

The Hip-Hop Summit's Town Hall brought panelists to Highline to discuss controversial issues.

HIP-HOP HEAVEN

Annual summit brings rappers, dancers, thinkers together for exploration of the soul of the art

By Thunderword Staff

Highline's annual Hip-Hop Summit took over the campus and offered students a break from studies with break dancing, graffiti art, rap, and thoughtful discussions.

The two day event started on Tuesday Feb. 26 with the Hip-Hop Summit Showcase which featured many Highline students and local music groups.

The day's line-up included: the HCC dance team, Glow Medina, The Legion, Okey Dokeys, Yung Flow, Ill Official Family, GMK, LaRue, and Massive Monkees.

Among Tuesday's performers, GMK has an album out, *Perfect 10*.

La Rue, a hip-hop artist from Seattle who was raised in Des Moines, has been heard on KUBE 93's Sound Session and KEXP Street Sounds. He released his latest album *I Can Only Be Me* in 2006.

Yung Flow, better known to other students as Aaron Green, is a first-year Highline student, is a supporter of underground hip-hop and the positive messages that he and other underground artists rap about. Performers The Legion also feature Highline students.

A handful of members of the Massive Monkees, a Seattle-based break dancing troupe performed on the stage and blew the crowd away, invoking "oohs" and "ahhs" and cheers and applause all throughout

their 15-minute performance.

The biggest names were saved second and final day of the Hip-Hop Summit.

Shyan Selah, CEO of Brave New World Entertainment, started the day with his presentation about the misconceptions surrounding the hip-hop culture. The discussion was aimed to promote a more positive image for the hip-hop industry.

Local soul-singer Choklate followed at the biweekly Blend. Her softer melodic songs contrasted against the hard lyrical style of rap and offered a different tone of hip-hop to the audience.

Another Highline alum, Sean Good, held a rap workshop with Highline students. Groups rapped on topics such as Obama, war, God, and health care.

Common Market took the stage for the final performance of the Hip-Hop Summit in the Student Union. One of Seattle's premier rap groups, many audience members recognized the lyrics and sang along.

The Hip-Hop Summit Town Hall wrapped up the two-day event. A panel of local hip-hop figures included Shyan Selah, Sean Good, DJ Hyphen from KUBE 93.3, and Seattle University's Mako Fitts. Students had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss issues surrounding hip-hop.

Staff reporters Satori Johnson, Ashley Matthews, and Jenee Deslongchamp contributed to this story.



Megan Asa/THUNDERWORD

A member of Ill Official Family performs during the showcase.



Jocie Olson/THUNDERWORD

Singer Choklate's performance was incorporated in the Summit.

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Poverty Bay Wine Festival returns with food, music

By Nathan Brown
Staff Reporter

Wine, food and music lovers may find the Poverty Bay Wine Festival quite appetizing.

The Des Moines Rotary Club is putting on the fourth annual version of the festival this weekend. The event creates community fun and cohesion, while raising money for local charities, said Rotary Club Promotion Chairwoman Catherine Carbone Rogers.

The wine festival showcases wine from 20 different Northwest wineries and a buffet Friday evening, prepared by Anthony's HomePort.

This year's festival will be held at Landmark on the Sound retirement community in Des Moines. The Rotary originally sought to hold the festival at the Des Moines Beach Park Auditorium but due to current building



Richard Corella of Chandler Reach Winery, right, pours a taste for a patron at last year's Poverty Bay Wine Festival.

renovations, Landmark on the Sound was chosen.

Heading up the planning for this year's wine festival are local Des Moines attorney Brian Snure and Ric Jacobsen, owner of Corky Wine cellars.

Friday evening marks the celebration of Rotary's 50th Anniversary to commemorate the club's founding in 1958. Friday evening will consist of wine tasting, dinner, a fine art and wine auction and big band

sounds from Joey Jewell and Swing Session, in the ballroom.

Saturday's events will consist of wine tasting with sounds from Seattle jazz guitarist Michael Powers and Latin fusion sounds from Coco Loco.

Sunday will also feature wine tasting, with Salsa/Afro-Cuban jazz from Mambo Cadillac and the sounds of Global Village.

The Des Moines Rotary Club provides a number of services to the local community, said Carbone Rogers.

Distributing children's dictionaries to third grade students, running a local food bank, scholarship programs and local beach cleanup are some of the charities that Rotary club takes part in around the area, Carbone Rogers said.

Rotary International maintains the motto of "service above self." Rotary also participates in international charities,

such as a South African homeless women's shelter and sewing machines for villages in South America, Carbone Rogers said.

The Friday, Feb. 29 events begin at 7:30 p.m. and tickets range from \$75 presale to \$80 at the door.

Saturday, March 1 events run from noon to 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 2 events run from noon to 5 p.m.

Both days' tickets range from \$20 presale to \$25 at the door. Presale tickets are available at Corky Wine Cellars in Des Moines, Des Moines Drug, and All Things Wine in Renton. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.dmrotary.com.

Landmark on the Sound is located at 23660 Marine View Dr. S. in Des Moines.

All of the funds produced at the festival will go towards local community improvement or international charities.

Bruneau shares her passion with Highline

By Jazmyne Schwieger
Staff Reporter

From the moment Aimee Bruneau was cast as the lead in her preschool's production of *The Littlest Mouse*, there was no turning back in her mind. She was going to be an actor.

Bruneau is a well recognized actor and director who has worked all over the country. That's pretty impressive for someone who's directing Highline's winter drama production.

Aimee Bruneau has led a fascinating life, with more addresses than most people accumulate in a lifetime.

She grew up on Guam and later moved to Virginia where she received her bachelor's degree in theater at Virginia Tech. She has also lived in Chicago, Dallas, and Savannah, Ga.

Along the way to Seattle, Bruneau stopped in San Francisco to receive her master of fine arts degree from the American Conservatory Theater. When she graduated, her name was added to a very notable list of alumni, including Annette Bening, Nicholas Cage, and Denzel Washington.

Bruneau has acted and directed plays at all levels of theater. From *Alice in Wonderland* to *Death of a Salesman* to Shakespeare, she's done it all.

"I would love to direct *Titus Andronicus*, *Antigone* and *Uncle Vanya*," she said.

Now back at Highline, Bruneau is directing *All in the Timing*, a series of one acts by acclaimed playwright, David Ives.

This isn't her first time work-



Bruneau

ing with students though. She's taught at Savannah College of Art and Design, Cornish and here at

Highline.

"It's my favorite thing to do. Getting young actors out of their own way is joyful work for me," she said.

"(I teach) as often as folks let me," she said. "My last great accomplishment was taking 12 theater students from Savannah, Georgia to La Coste, France and directing them in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* there."

The only difference between working at schools and in pro-

fessional theater is, "the money," she said.

In addition to working at Highline, Bruneau is also currently directing *Three Days of Rain* at the Bathhouse Theater on Greenlake in Seattle.

In 2001, Bruneau won the artistic pick award at the Seattle Fringe Festival for her work on *The Same Old Story*, an award she was very proud to receive.

Considering that her resume consists of almost as many acting credits as it does directing, it makes you wonder which she likes better.

"Both," she said. "Interchangeably."

All In The Timing opens Feb. 28 and runs through March 8. The show is in the Little Theater Building 4, room 122. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for students and \$7 adults.

'Timing's time arrives on stage this week

Highline's drama department is bring an evening of plays where it's *All in the Timing*.

The plays consist of four one-acts by quirky playwright David Ives, including *Sure Thing*; *Words, Words, Words*; *Variations on the Death of Trotsky*; and *The Philadelphia*.

Highline students Jared Stratton, Sophia Villanueva, David Han, Mathew Hopkins, and Erik Hanson star.

"David Ives is a really sharp writer. His works are funny and he writes with wit and energy," said Rick Lorig, drama professor and set designer.

"(Ives') strength is dropping characters into ridiculous situations and seeing them try desperately (and earnestly) to get

out of them."

Sure Thing tells the story of an awkward first meeting between a man and a woman that is constantly reset every time one says the wrong thing.

Words follows three chimpanzees who attempt to write Shakespeare's *Hamlet*.

Variations depicts the final days of Trotsky in eight scenes, all of which result in his death.

The Philadelphia follows a man who finds that he has fallen into a metaphysical hole where he must ask for the opposite of what he wants.

All in the Timing runs Feb. 28 through March 8 in the Little Theater, Building 4 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for students and \$7 for adults.

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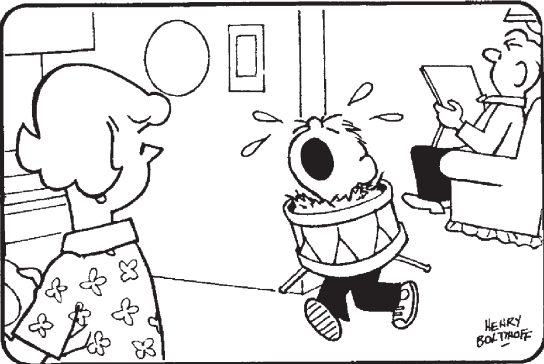
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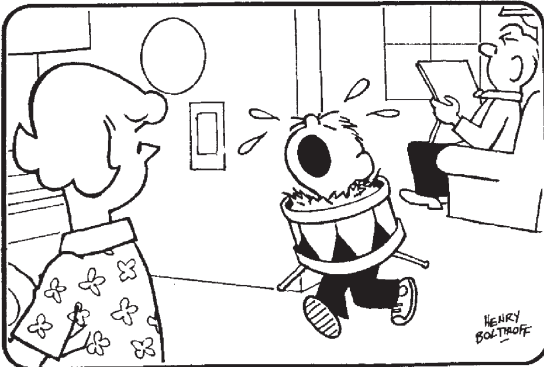
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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was the name of Sir Francis Drake's ship, which he sailed around the world from 1577-1580?

9. ADVERTISEMENTS: When did cigarette commercials stop appearing on TV in the U.S.?

10. MATH: How many faces does a cube have?

- Answers
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5. Lisa Marie and Hound Dog II
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Walking On Eggs

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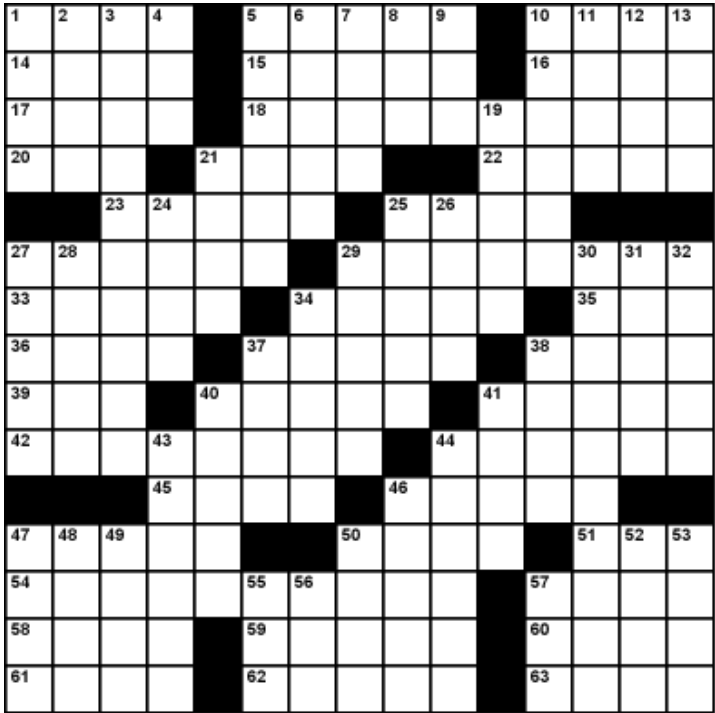
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27. Cottontail
29. Cineplex feature
33. Be in harmony
34. Post-toast sound
35. Carnival city
36. Losing proposition?
37. Party offering
38. Mexican moolah
39. Carte start
40. Ill-gotten gains
41. Soccer scores
42. Relief provider
44. Store
45. Outstanding
46. Despised
47. Tour of duty
50. Existed
51. Big fuss
54. Noontime ritual
57. Cinch
58. Fairy tale starter
59. Christopher of Superman fame
60. Bad marks
61. Bluish green
62. Calculator, at times
63. Hammer's end

Down

1. Inflatable things
2. Raise, in poker
3. Dine with friends
4. Overhead light?

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



5. Fix, as leftovers
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7. Baseball's Musial
8. Blunder
9. Make lace
10. Contracted
11. Listen to
12. Kind of agreement
13. Creep (along)
19. Veto
21. Cracker topper
24. Assist in crime
25. Togetherness
26. Piece of glass
27. "M*A*S*H" clerk
28. Like a gymnast
29. Blind parts
30. Acrobatic move to 70's music
31. Bridal path
32. Fowl place
34. Within walking distance
37. In a minute
38. Go (over)
40. Stock

41. Golden ___
43. Scrub
44. Gambler's IOU
46. Throw
47. Opening
48. Ditty
49. Old Peruvian
50. Garden intruder
52. Hamlet, e.g.
53. Big tournament
55. Bikini top
56. Cincy player
57. Easy mark

Quotable Quote

God gives every bird his worm, but he does not throw it into the nest.

... Swedish Proverb

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Arts Calendar

•Kent Parks presents its 21st annual Kent Kids' Arts Day, Saturday, March 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N., Kent. The program will feature hands-on art projects, performances, martial arts demonstrations and more.

This event is for families; children must be accompanied by an adult. Admission is \$10 for children and includes all of the hands-on art projects. Adults and kids under two are free.

•Auditions for the Missoula Children's Theatre Kent production of the *The Little Mermaid* will be Monday, March 3, 4 to 6 p.m. at Glenridge Elementary School, 19405 120th Ave. SE, Renton. Auditions are free and no experience is necessary.

•Actor Frank Ferrante presents "An Evening with Groucho Marx" on Thursday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Kent-Meridian Performing Arts Center, 10020 SE 256th St., Kent. The show features classic Marx Brothers songs, dances, jokes, ad-libs and audience interaction.

Tickets are \$24 for adults

Last week's

Weekly SUDOKU

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and \$22 for students and seniors. Tickets are available on-line at www.kentarts.com, by calling 253-856-5051.

•Ladies of Slack Key Guitar come to the Kentwood Performing Arts Center, 25800 164th Ave. SE, Covington, 7:30 p.m. on Satur-

day, March 15.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$23 for students and seniors. Tickets are available on-line at www.kentarts.com, by calling 253-856-5051.

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Last week's crossword solution

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

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The Thunderword / Feb. 28, 2008

Thunderbirds are hot heading into NWAACCs

By Maxx Shelley
Staff Reporter

The T-Birds are heading into the NWAACC Championship after they ended the regular season with a nice two-game win streak.

The T-Birds' last game of the regular season ended with a 64-55 win over Pierce.

"It's nice to head into the NWAACC Championship with these wins," sophomore forward Kris Rainwater said about the team's victories over Pierce and Tacoma. "And it kept us in shape," sophomore forward Jesse Norris added.

With it being the final game of the regular season, Head Coach Che Dawson made the game against Pierce "Sophomore Night."

"Sophomore Night" is when all sophomores start the game.

Sophomore guard Josh Broussard doubled his season high in points and rebounds with four and four.

"I know it's not much. It's still something to be excited about," Broussard said.

Broussard has only played in a small handful of games, and when he did play it was for only a short period of time.

"Josh played well. He made a few nice plays at the beginning that got us going," Rainwater said of Broussard's performance.

Highline shot the ball well on Saturday shooting 43 percent from the field, 46 percent from the 3-point line, and 63 percent from the free-throw line.

Sophomore guard Stedman Richardson led the team in with 15 points and Norris led the team in rebounds with nine of Highline's 37.

"When you're a big man and it feels like a war down in the



Jocie Olson/THUNDERWORD

Highline guard Cody Thueringer avoids Pierce's Jerrel Suber (5) to score two points in the T-Birds' victory over the Raiders.

trenches, you always feel like you're doing your job when you get a rebound," Norris said.

Pierce followed suit closely with 34 total rebounds, 10 of which came from freshman forward Robbie Betschart.

Pierce shot relatively well

from the field, yet relatively bad from outside it. They completed 40 percent of their field goals and a mere 29 percent of their 3-point shots.

"They were using up a lot of the shot clock which showed our defense wasn't giving up a lot of

easy shots," Broussard said.

Last Wednesday the T-Birds took flight on the Tacoma Titans, beating them 58-41.

Tacoma shot horrendously in this game, making only 17 percent of their field goals and 13 percent of their shots from the 3-point line. They did, however, manage to complete 64 percent of their shots from the free-throw line.

"We definitely weren't giving them easy shots," Broussard said. "Someone was always in their face."

While Highline's shooting percentages were better than Tacoma's in every aspect, they weren't anything too exciting.

They shot 38 percent from the field, 22 percent from the 3-point line, and 77 percent from the free-throw line.

"This game had to have been one of our ugliest all season, next to our first game against Green River," Rainwater said.

Highline's freshman forward Coby Gibler led the game in scoring, with 15 points, and tied freshman guard Shedrick Nelson with 10 rebounds.

Tacoma was led by their

freshman forward Chris Sprinker, in both points scored with 13, and rebounds, with 11.

After the first half, Highline was ahead by one point and the score was 22-21.

"There weren't a lot of fast-break opportunities," Norris said. "It felt like the court was shorter for some reason."

Highline's defense put pressure on the Titans all game long and eventually the offense got on track and soon took a 19-point, 53-34 lead over Tacoma late in the second half, essentially sealing the deal on their victory.

"If you don't worry about your offense and just play defense, the offense will eventually come," Norris said.

With the regular season at an end, the T-Birds are happy about how the season ended.

"I know these weren't the best games we've played, but they're good in that they tested our character as a team," Broussard said.

Highline's next game is against Southwestern Oregon at 8 a.m. Thursday morning at the Toyota Center in Kennewick, Wash.



Jocie Olson/THUNDERWORD

Freshman guard Stedman Richardson shoots over Pierce's Chris Grove (52).

A black and white photograph of a basketball game in progress. A player in a light-colored jersey with the number 17 is jumping to shoot the ball. Several players in dark jerseys are defending him. A referee in a striped shirt stands in the background. The gymnasium has banners hanging from the ceiling and a trophy case on the right.

Highline's women's basketball team looks to next season



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Highline heads to Kennewick looking for title

By Maxx Shelley
Staff Reporter

As students are staggering into class this morning, the Highline Thunderbirds will be playing their first game of the NWAACC tournament.

The T-Birds began the tournament this morning, playing the Southwestern Oregon Lakers at 8 a.m.

Highline is the No. 2 seed in the West Division and is running on a two-game win streak, winners of nine of their last 10 heading into the tournament.

The Lakers are the No. 3 seed in the South Division. They ended their season with a 9-5 division record and an overall record of 20-9.

If the T-Birds wish to continue on to game two, they're going to need to do a lot of things right against Lakers.

"They're good," Highline Head Coach Che Dawson said. "They're very quick, they press a lot and attack the basket well. We need to take care of the ball and keep them out of the key if we want to win this one."

Southwestern Oregon is led in scoring by 5' 11" sophomore guard Joseph Foster with 22.8 points per game, and is led in rebounding by 6' 4" sophomore forward Matt Dance with 7.57 boards per game.

If Highline wins, they will move on to play the winner of the Peninsula-Treasure Valley game. Peninsula is No. 3 in the NWAACC Horizon Air Poll and is the favorite in this game.

Peninsula is led in scoring and rebounding by 6'5" sophomore forward Clay Greenland with 20 points and 8.34 rebounds per game.

Last season, Highline defeated Peninsula in the first round before being knocked off by Clackamas in the second round,

Highline table tennis plays tourney at UW

Three of Highline's table tennis players participated in the Association of College Unions International Regional Table Tennis Tournament at the University of Washington last weekend.

Olajide (JD) Osadare, Barry Hansen and Alex Lopez took part in the tournament that included 18 players from three different states.

Osadare took fifth place in the tournament, Hansen took sixth place, and Lopez didn't place.

With Osadare's and Hansen's performances, they have been selected as alternates for nationals in Minnesota.



Jocie Olson/THUNDERWORD

Highline's sophomore forward Jessie Norris holds off Pierce defender Robbie Betschart (33) to score in Saturday's victory over the Raiders. Highline will look to fend off other NWAACC schools in this weekend's NWAACC Championships.

putting them in seventh place in the tournament.

It's hard to say who they will play after that game but it will be either Spokane, Whatcom, Clackamas, or South Puget Sound.

If Highline is to play anybody, it will likely be Clackamas or Spokane.

Clackamas is the defending champ and even though they don't have the best record, they shouldn't be underestimated.

"I think Clackamas could make some noise. They're well coached and I think their record is a little misleading because they've had some injuries," Dawson said.

Clackamas is led in scor-

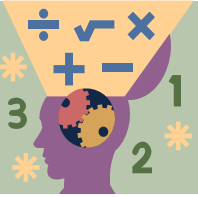
ing by 6' 1" freshman guard JC Cook with 22.2 points per game, and led in rebounding from 6' 8" sophomore center Adam Brickley with 7.43 rebounders per game.

Spokane, who is ranked first in the polls, ended the season with a 27-1 record (their only loss coming to Peninsula) and is regarded as the all-around favorite team by the coaches in the tournament.

"Obviously Spokane is the favorite as they were consistent from start to finish," Lower Columbia Head Coach Jim Roffler said.

Highline is up against some difficult teams if they continue through the tournament and

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Giovanni takes second place in national tournament

By Jason Baker
Staff Reporter

Marshall Giovanni placed second at the National Junior College Wrestling Tournament, while Highline came in 16th out of the 22 scholarship teams.

Out of seven wrestlers that were sent to Nationals by Highline, only one was able to make it to the final round.

Marshall Giovanni wrestled the 157 pound weight class for Highline.

This was Giovanni's first trip to nationals and he said it was a little weird.

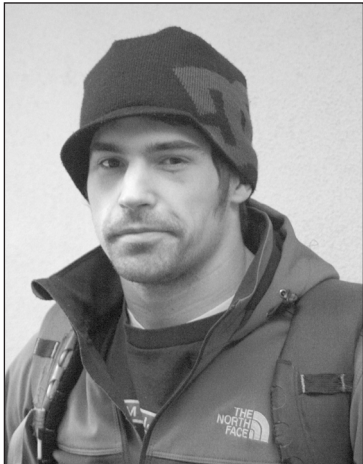
"Traveling was a pain. We had a layover in Las Vegas before we flew into Rochester (Minnesota). So we went from warm weather to minus 7 degrees," said Giovanni.

"It was a nice facility but I wasn't nervous. I just kept telling myself that I didn't come all this way to lose," said Giovanni.

In his first round he had a bye, meaning he didn't have to wrestle and was automatically moved into the next round.

"I was expecting to do well, I was undefeated in all my junior college matches," said Giovanni.

For his second match Giovanni wrestled Eric Ficks of Thaddeus Stevens, and pulled out an 8-3 victory moving him



Marshall Giovanni

to Josh Bue of Itasca.

"I just lost my focus," said Dreves.

He was able to win his second match 3-2 against Jeremy Honushefsky of Thaddeus Stevens.

On his third match he suffered a 4-3 loss which put him out of the tournament.

"I was wrestling not to lose instead of wrestling to win," said Dreves.

Dreves wants to attend Oregon State next year and wrestle for them.

Ionica Hanson 141, Craig Jackson 165, and Zach Corbett 285 also competed for Highline at nationals but all lost their first two matches.

"The level of competition was high, but we were all trying to make it to the All-American level," said Corbett.

"I didn't feel like I was wrestling bad, I just got beat," said Corbett

Unlike some of these wrestlers, Corbett is unsure whether he will return next year.

Many of the wrestlers are trying to start up a freestyle wrestling club at Highline so that they can continue to wrestle and keep in shape during the off season.

"The whole team is proud of Marshall Giovanni and we're excited to see what the team can do next year," said Corbett.

into the quarterfinals.

In the quarterfinals Giovanni drew the No. 2 ranked wrestler in the United States, and four-time state champion Carrington Banks, who was favored to win the national title.

In the third round of the match it was tied 1-1 and Giovanni was forced to block several shots from Banks. The referees called stalling on Giovanni which made it a 2-1 match in Bank's favor.

With 16 seconds left in the match, Giovanni took a shot on Banks but forced him out of bounds and no points were scored.

Both wrestlers came back to the center of the mat with only nine seconds left. The whistle blew and Giovanni sank one last shot to score a takedown in the final seconds to put him ahead

of Banks 3-2 with only two seconds left.

"My dad was able to make it out there, which was nice because he was my warm-up partner both days and was really supportive," said Giovanni.

In Giovanni's final match he had to face the No. 1 ranked wrestler in the country, Devaughn Perkins of North Iowa.

Perkins took the lead and at the end of the first round, the score was 4-2.

In the second round, Perkins escaped from the bottom but Giovanni was able to get a strong double-leg takedown and score two more points. Perkins was able to escape once more as the round came to an end with a score of 8-5.

Round three brought an escape by Giovanni, making it 8-6. With only 30 seconds left in the match, Giovanni had a takedown but it took the referee almost 15 seconds to call it. The score was now 8-8 with only four seconds left.

If a wrestler has one minute or more of riding time at the match they are awarded one point towards their score.

Perkins had one minute and four seconds at the end of the match and was awarded that point to make the final score 9-8.

"I wasn't happy to lose by

riding time, but I was still glad to have made it this far and be an All-American. I plan on coming back next year and wrestling for Coach Norton again. He is a really good coach," said Giovanni.

"When I got home I had a little gathering with some friends and family. It felt good to be home. I still have a lot more to do in the offseason to get ready for next year. I plan on lifting weights and doing some freestyle wrestling," said Giovanni.

At 197 pounds, Highline's Mike Morales was able to win his first match with a pin in 6:29 but was unable to win his second match. That didn't stop him though; on his third match he had another pin in 6:34 and on his fourth match he had his fastest pin of the night at 3:37.

Morales was now one match away from being able to place in the top eight but unfortunately got himself into a bad situation and was unable to recover.

Chessjuan Monk came out strong with a pin over Greg Skerik of Ridgewater in 4:32 but was unable to continue with the momentum and lost his next two matches.

Pano Dreves, who took first at regional's, was making his second appearance in nationals and knew what to expect.

He was expecting to take first, but lost his first match 3-1

Scoreboard

Wrestling NJCAA National Tournament Rochester, Minn.

Team scores

Iowa Central 138, Meramec, 117.5, Labette 111, N. Iowa Area 109, Ellsworth 71.5, Colby 59.5, Clackamas 57, Neosho 53.5, NW Wyoming 53.5, Muskegon 47, Lincoln 37.5, W. Wyoming 36.5, North Idaho 34.5, Niagra 32.5, Rend Lake 32, Highline 27.5, Spartanburg 22, SW Oregon 18.5, Pratt 8.5, Yakima Valley 6, Pima 3.5, Iowa Lakes 0

National Champions

125 lbs. Terance Young, Iowa Central; 133 lbs. Chris Notte, Nassau; 141 lbs. Aaron Senzee, Meramec; 149 lbs. Albert White, N. Iowa Area; 157 lbs. Davaughn Perkins, N. Iowa Area; 165 lbs. Mikey Morgan, Labette; 174 lbs. Glenn Rhees, N. Iowa Area; 184 lbs. Deron Winn, Meramec; 197 lbs. Jamelle Jones, Meramec; 285 lbs. Brandon Williamson, Nassau

Men's basketball

NORTH	DIV	PCT	SEA
Peninsula	13-3	.813	22-7

Whatcom	12-4	.750	20-8
Bellevue	12-4	.750	20-8
Everett	12-4	.750	20-8
Edmonds	8-8	.500	11-15
Shoreline	7-9	.438	15-13
Skagit Valley	4-12	.250	8-19
Olympic	4-12	.250	6-19
Seattle	0-16	.000	3-24

EAST

Spokane	14-0	1.000	27-1
Big Bend	10-4	.714	21-6
Yak. Valley	9-5	.643	21-7
Treas. Valley	6-8	.429	9-17

Walla Walla	5-9	.357	9-18
Wen. Valley	5-9	.357	8-18
Col. Basin	4-10	.286	11-16
Bl. Mountain	3-11	.214	6-19

WEST

L. Columbia	14-2	.875	21-7
Highline	12-4	.750	17-11
S.P. Sound	9-7	.563	14-13
G. Harbor	9-8	.529	18-10
Clark	8-9	.471	15-14
Green River	7-9	.438	10-16
Pierce	6-10	.375	11-18
Tacoma	5-11	.313	7-17

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Highline’s food service contract goes up for bids

By Alyssa Hoffman
Staff Reporter

Highline is cooking up a new food service contract.

Highline’s current food service contract with Cater Seattle will end on July 31, 2008.

Cater Seattle is the company which operates the top and bottom floors of Highline’s Student Union along with on-campus catering.

Currently, the Bistro and Cafeteria serves around 1,000 people per day, with less than 10 percent of them complaining to the staff members, said Brett Willard, Cater Seattle’s head of food services, last fall quarter.

The request for proposals will go out next week and are expected to come back in May.

“The request for proposal basically says ‘we’re Highline, we have lots of students and faculty coming and going all day, we need food for them and for



Nathan Brown/THUNDERWORD

Two students order coffee at Highline’s Fireside Bistro on the middle floor of the Student Union.

catering events, and need you to come to and propose how much we’ll pay you to do so,” said Pete Babington, director of facilities.

Once the request for proposals are submitted, Highline’s advisory committee (composed of representatives from different

parts of the school) and select committee will review them and pick the ones they like.

The final decision is made by Larry Yok, vice president of administrative services.

Highline students will have an opportunity to be a part of the process of choosing the new vendor.

“I am requesting any and all input from you (students) that can assist me in best representing the thoughts and desires of you as a student at Highline Community College,” said Jodie Robinett, staff representative on the food services committee.

“This campus-wide committee is charged with reviewing the incoming bids, interviewing, and recommending to the Vice President for Administration the contractor we see as the most appropriate to provide food service to our campus.”

Robinett can be reached at jrobinet@highline.edu or 206-878-3710, ext. 3535.

Welcome international students with open doors through Kaplan

By Catherine Dusharme
Staff Reporter

Kaplan Aspect is looking for a few good homes.

Kaplan provides intensive English training to foreign students and is searching for families who are interested in hosting students while they study here in the United States.

“We are looking for families that represent the diversity of the Northwest, including young, senior and single-parent families, with or without children, who share a willingness to open their hearts and homes to international students,” said Kaplan International Students Adviser Kirsten Weber. “Our students come from all over the world, and vary in age and proficiency levels. They study English for up to 52 weeks before transferring to college or returning to their home country.”

“We wanted to be able to interact with the host families directly,” said Weber. “The families benefit from interacting with the international students and it also allows them to share the American lifestyle, which is often totally different than what the students are used to.”

They started recruiting in October and just placed their first students in January.

In order to become a host family, you must submit an application, then provide a home tour and on-site interview with a Kaplan representative. Kaplan also does background searches on persons in the home over 18

years of age.

The program’s main obstacle has been getting the word out about the need for host families. Their main venues of advertising are Craig’s List and other free advertising, as well as campus venues such as staff and faculty e-mail.

Other Kaplan Centers assist American students in preparing for the SAT and graduate school entry-level tests such as the Graduate Record Examination

and the Graduate Management Admission Test.

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Alternative energy options are imperative, professor says

By Martin Ericksen
Staff Reporter

To pass down a high quality of life to the next generation, people need to use cleaner energy sources, said Ravi Manghani, chemistry professor at Highline.

At last week’s Science Seminar Manghani spoke on Are Clean Energy Sources Sustainable?

He talked about how using cleaner and more sustainable energy sources can reduce pollution.

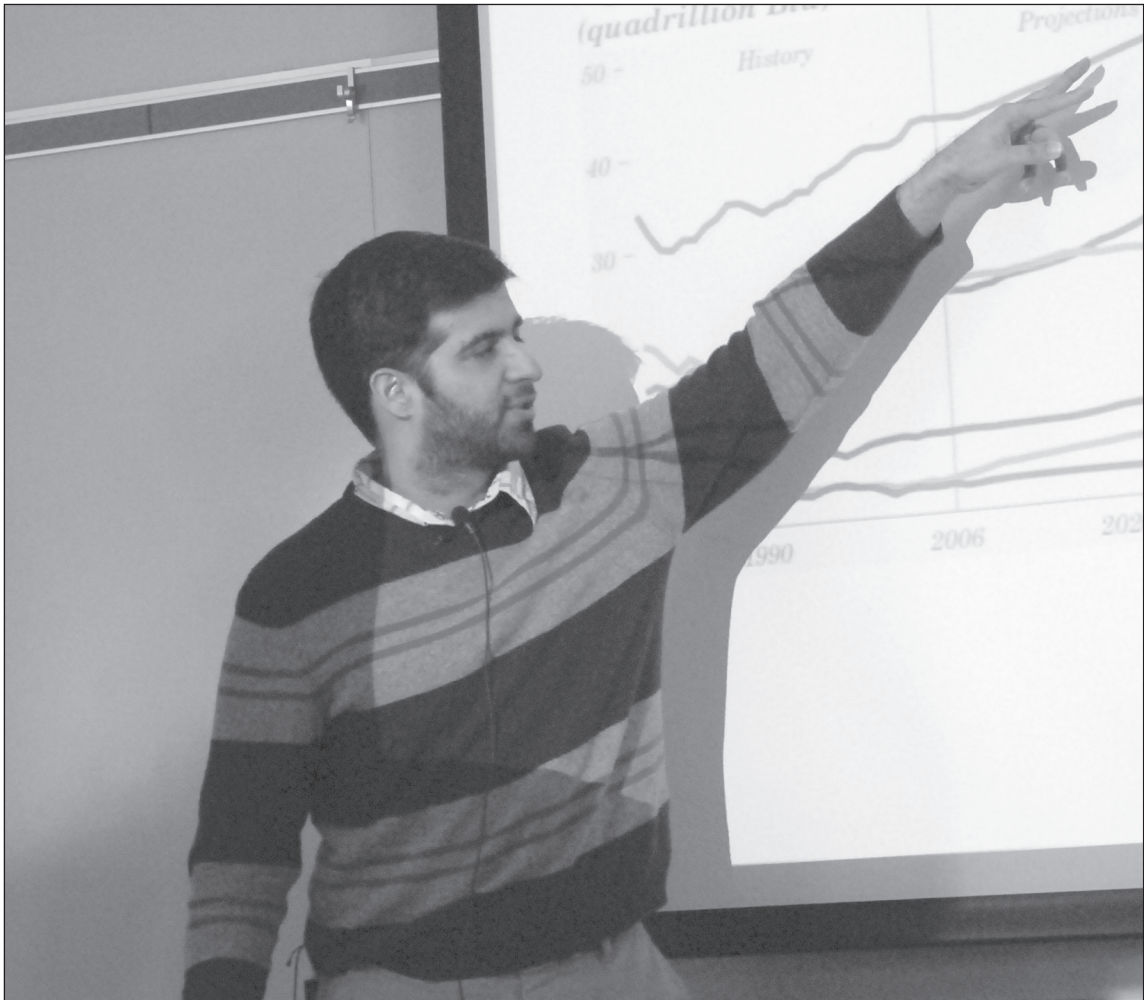
Manghani described clean and sustainable energy sources as being “alternative, renewable, energy efficient, and green [environment friendly].”

Currently the United States gets only 7 percent of its energy from clean energy sources such as, wind energy, biomass, solar energy, and hydropower, Manghani said.

These sources may be clean but they are expensive and many of them are terrain and environment dependent, Manghani said.

Wind energy, for example, requires high wind speeds to work.

A wind turbine could be installed at Highline to give



Ravi Manghani spoke about the importance of energy resources at Science Seminar last week

power to the campus, Manghani said. The problem with a wind turbine is that the initial cost to build it is high and the noise it creates might not be well re-

ceived on campus. The benefits of relying on wind energy to run the campus might outweigh the costs as time progresses because wind

turbines are inexpensive to maintain, Manghani said. In the long run using wind energy will be as cost effective but much cleaner.

Other alternative sources to burning oil would be resources such as solar power, which can be extremely useful in hot climates.

The only problem is that the sun dies in the winter so we can’t rely on solar power all year round. Although sunlight is renewable and cheap, the silicon used in the panels is neither, Manghani said.

People can use many clean energy sources as alternatives to burning oil. Manghani recommends a cleaner means of transportation such as driving a flex car or a hybrid. Flex cars and hybrids are fuel efficient, and they produce less gas emissions.

Driving is one of the many ways by which people burn oil and pollutes the environment. If people use a cleaner alternative for transportation, like flex cars or hybrids, they could help to preserve the same quality of life that we had for the next generation.

At the next and last Science Seminar this quarter Eric Baer, geology professor at Highline will be speaking on Forecasting Earthquakes: A Hands-On Activity. It will be held next Friday afternoon from 2:20 to 3:10 in Building 3, room 102.

Highline changes how it will handle the class wait lists

By Mark Maras
Staff Reporter

Students will need an instructor’s signature to get into a full class after the start of Spring Quarter.

Now, the wait will close on the Sunday before the new quarter starts.

That means that students who still hope to be added to a class will need the professor’s signature to get in to their class after that Sunday.

Highline added a new wait-list program in Fall Quarter 2007.

Under the wait list system, students are added to a wait list for any class that fills up before registration closes later that week.

If someone drops out of the class, the No. 1 person on the wait list is added to the active roster.

“The faculty and staff here at Highline thought that there were many problems with the waiting list. The faculty discussed this in its various divisions and recommended that the waiting

list close on Sunday, and then by Monday, any student adding any classes must have an instructor’s signature,” says Kate Bligh, associate dean of enrollment services.

Previously at Highline, students would register for classes and it would add themselves onto the wait list for the first

three days of the quarter. However, some professors noticed that students were registering for classes ahead of students who had been on the wait list for some time.

This new procedure will work for any class, including online classes.

“Students who are attending

at a distance who cannot come to campus may contact the registrar via e-mail,” says Bligh.

To register late for classes, you have to pick up an Add-Drop form in Building 6, fill it out, and turn it into the Registration office in Building 6.


If students cannot get an instructor’s signature on the first

day of the quarter after being put on the wait list, they can look on the quarterly schedule on the Highline website for classes that are still open.

“I do think it’s clearer to students now. Before students were more confused about whether they’ve been added via the wait list or not,” says Bligh.

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Student Caucus celebrates grand opening

New resource center gives students a place to become inspired

By Nick Dalton
Staff Reporter

The student Caucus Program and other Student Programs events at Highline have a new home.

The Student Leadership Resource Center, located just outside of the Student Programs room on the third floor of the Building 8, is having its official grand opening celebration on March 5.

One of the main purposes for the resource center is to provide a location for the student Caucus Program, say organizers of the event.

“We’re not only opening up this room to the campus and community, but also presenting the Caucus Program,” said Jayne Crebassa, Caucus chairwoman.

The Caucus Program, whose motto is “Think, Grow, Become,” holds weekly discussion groups, often about current hot-button issues, where anyone can come and learn about important topics, and find out how they can make a difference, say Caucus leaders.



Lizeth Duran/THUNDERWORD

Jonathan Matas's mural represents the diversity at Highline, and adds energy to the Student Leadership Resource Center.

Crebassa and fellow Caucus Chairwoman, Raquel Carrillo, say the goal of the Caucus Program is to use the discussions to try to inspire people to activism, and then provide them with the resources they need to take action.

“We try not only to acknowledge the problem, but to take action to solve it and to bring about change overall,” Crebassa said.

In fact the Caucus Program, though unheard of by many students on campus, has already inspired some to take action.

“An example of how people

have used the Caucus and turned it into action is the Environmental Club,” said Carrillo, “Isaac (Cameron) held a Caucus, and a lot of people were inspired to take action.”

“If you look at some of the Caucus events they (student caucus) have held so far this year, it’s easy to see how pertinent this program is to the students and faculty here,” said Steve Simpkins, Highline’s student body president.

In addition to the Caucus discussions, the resource center is also home to the International Student Leadership Summit or-

ganized by Simpkins.

The grand opening is being organized by Crebassa and Carrillo; Isaac Cameron, speaker of the Caucus; Courtney Woolett, Student Programs leadership adviser; and Natasha Burrowes, assistant director for Student Programs and diversity.

The event will consist of two open house sessions, one at 1:30 p.m. and another at 6 p.m. Light refreshments will be available as well, and all are welcome.

Attendees will also have a chance to meet Jonathan Matas, the artist who created the mural that serves as the focal point of the resource center, at either of the two open house sessions.

If you just look at the mural, its message is easy to grasp, Simpkins said, it’s one of “social justice and diversity.”

“It really needs no explanation,” he added. “But, it is an exceptional opportunity to come and hear what (Matas) has to say about his mural.”

As many as three guest speakers will also attend the 6 p.m. open house session, and will talk briefly about their activism in the community. Specific names of speakers were not available at presstime.

For more information about this event, or about the Caucus Program, contact Carrillo or Crebassa at 878-3710, ext. 3920.

Be comfortable in your genes, write on theirs

By Shannon Clary
Staff Reporter

This week is National Eating Disorder Awareness week and Women’s Programs is planning a display to help women reveal their many body issues.

Next week at the Health Fair Women’s Programs will have a table displaying the “Be comfortable in your genes. Wear jeans that fit the TRUE you.” campaign. This campaign is being put on by the National Eating Disorders Association.

The Health Fair is on March 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in Building 8.

Women’s Programs is hanging donated jeans on a clothesline. Cards will be given out to students to write down their personal body issues such as how they feel about their bodies, pressures to be thin, and personal battles with eating disorders. By writing their feelings on jeans they can express themselves through art.

Jean Munro of Women’s Programs says eating disorders are very common and many women suffer from them. She hopes by being expressing themselves, students will be able to deal with some of their problems.

“Not everyone has a model-type body. Some people have to embrace what cards were dealt to them,” said Munro.

Along with students writing their feelings on the jeans, Women’s Programs will hand out information from a variety of different agencies that are dedicated to helping people with eating disorders. Highline counselors will also be close by to answer any questions that students have.

Health Fair comes back to Highline for its fourth year

By Shannon Clary
Staff Reporter

Highline’s annual Health Fair will showcase the research projects done by health care students.

The Health Fair is March 5, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Building 8 on the lower level.

Each of the 60 different tables at the fair will have a group of students presenting a variety of different topics using poster boards, hand-outs, games and activities.

Joy Strohmaier, a biology professor, says the Health Fair will be interactive and very informative.

Strohmaier started the Health Fair four years ago.

“The main reason I started it is because I always had my students do presentations in class and I thought they should be there for everyone to see, to show what they are learning,” she said.

Some of the showcased at the Health Fair will be: Phlebotomy, Women’s Programs, Counseling, Polysomnography, Respi-

ratory Club, Microbiology, the Nursing classes, and the Optician Apprentice Program.

Strohmaier hopes the Health Fair will be a good way to get the Highline community involved in important health issues.

“The rest of the campus can be aware of how important the

Allied Health discipline is, and the fair will showcase the program,” said Strohmaier.

When the Health Fair started four years ago only 60 students were involved. Now, around 230 students will present their chosen topics. For some students the fair is voluntary, but

for the Strohmaier’s classes the fair is part of their grade. They have been preparing for the Health Fair all quarter.

“They are really stressed out right now, but they are enjoying it. It is exciting to be in a room and be an expert in something,” Strohmaier said.

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Des Moines

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offense might take place.

“It’s like a soccer player,” Baker said. “A good soccer player knows where the ball will be just like a good officer knows where the crime will be.”

The level of crime activity decreases the farther away you get from Pacific Highway, “generally,” Baker said. That is usually because crime is associated with densely populated and low income areas and Pacific Highway is surrounded by a lot of motels, hotels and apartments with lower income families.

Pacific Highway has not been that big of an issue for Highline, said Richard Noyer, the head security supervisor at Highline.

Highline gets the “occasion-

al issue” of things that happen on the Highway and move onto school grounds.

Highline campus will occasionally experience homeless people walking through the campus, using the bathroom or trying to find a place to sleep, Noyer said. There have never been any student complaints and we haven’t had to call the Des Moines police department.

Another reason crime rates have been dropping may be from the mutual support from all of the neighboring police departments of King County teaming-up together, said Baker, the Des Moines police chief.

Many of the King County police departments actively work together and communicate together, he said. The different police departments have meetings and talk about the differ-

ent issues in the area and what needs to be done.

If there was ever a problem in Des Moines, the neighboring police departments would be there to help. This way the crime in one city won’t spread to others. “This is something I am proud of, there is no silo’d department.”

If the Des Moines department ever needs resources or equipment, they are able to borrow it from the other departments, he said.

“We use their resources and they use ours,” Baker said.

And although other cities have their problems that could venture into Des Moines such as drug abuse and prostitution, “I’m sure we have problems” that venture into other cities as well, Baker said.

Noyer agrees, although all cit-

ies have problems, Des Moines seems “protected” amongst the- ses King County cities.

Another reason crime rate has been dropping, Baker said, is the Des Moines police department has been working close with crime-free rental housing.

Crime-free rental housing makes sure that people who own motels and hotels are liable for what happens on their property.

There have been so many customer complaints from these places in the past that the Des Moines police department doesn’t have time to get to them all, Baker said. This new law has made the managers of these buildings clean up their area, put in more lights, and make sure there is no graffiti.

By making the owners responsible, Des Moines police departments have seen a drop in

crime rate.

The crime rate is dropping in Des Moines but there are still things the community can do to help.

“Be a good neighbor,” Baker said. People know their neighborhood better than the DMPD does so if you see something “out of place” or someone who doesn’t belong, call the police department.

There are many miles of road an officer has to cover on their shift, he said. This means they will probably only been in your area four seconds a day.

But if you call the police they will be there in 1.5 minutes, “that’s amazing,” Baker said.

If anyone wants to learn more on how the Des Moines police department works, you can visit their website at <http://www.des-moineswa.gov/>.

Library

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“Most of the juveniles are middle school students,” he said. “It was mainly an issue of them thinking that they run the place and could do whatever they wanted, and we’re just not going to have that.”

Security has cracked down on the number of juveniles loitering in the Library and roaming the campus.

“We usually first give them a warning and ask them to leave,” Noyer said. “If we see them again causing issues on campus, then we call the police.”

Juveniles are not the only

problem in the Library; large amounts of people in the Library at peak hours cause congestion.

From 8 a.m. to noon the Library is packed with people waiting to use a computer. Highline’s Library has over 40 computers that are supposed to be an available resource for Highline students. However there is controversy about non-Highline students using the computers.

“We have problems with people checking their e-mails, but if you have college work that you need to do or get done we will get you a computer,” Jack Harton said, a referrence librarian.

“When you walk through the library, you can easily spot out those who don’t go to school

here,” said Highline student Ian McKinley. “When I come to the Library to use the computer, it is usually hard to find one that is available because they are usually all taken up by people checking their Myspace or e-mail.”

“I bet about a fourth of those people aren’t even Highline students,” McKinley said. “I mean, hey it’s a library that offers free internet service, so why not take advantage of it.”

On a recent day, a few of non-Highline students said that they were waiting for a friend or did not want to comment.

When the Library seems overcrowded Library staff and Security do I.D. checks to weed-out non-Highline students.

Several students have also complained about books being stolen in certain sections of the Library. A few weeks ago a student in the Paralegal program complained that books were missing from the Paralegal section of the Library and assumed they were stolen.

According to the Library staff, they have not received reports of books being stolen. They said that it was simply a case where the books were not available when the student needed them.

Although arguments and disturbances have decreased, there still is at least one incident reported to Security every week.

There have been various incidents that have been documented

by Security records for the past several weeks.

Incidents ranged from theft, to juveniles, to verbal altercations.

A Highline student’s iPod was stolen and two juveniles were found in the Library who each had a citation with the Des Moines Police Department on Feb. 8.

The week before that a verbal confrontation between a man and a woman almost turned into a physical altercation that occurred on Jan. 22, in front of the Library entrance.

“Highline’s crime in the library is getting better, but you’re always going to have those people who like to mess up the streak,” McKinley said.

Budget

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The Board compiles all of the budget requests that are submitted to them, and assigns each of them a place of urgency on a list, said a spokesman for the board. This project was placed as number 14 on a list of 23 proposals, and there’s only enough money available to fund up to the first nine on that list, if even that many, he said.

A separate list is compiled for renovation proposals, and Highline’s budget request for Building 26, which houses the Life Sciences classes and Tutoring Center, was nine out of 14. There is only enough funding available for the first six on the list, at the most.

In addition to the fact that other schools submitted proposals with a high level of urgency, Yok said he thinks that having Building 6 included in the proposal, considering it had a much lower score than the others, probably played a role in its failing to meet with success this time around.

“We’re pretty certain Building 6 didn’t help our case any,” he said.

Building 6 was included in the proposal partially because of its location, said Yok. It would have worked well with the building plan because of its location.

“The fact that it’s more aes-

thetically pleasing probably had a role in its receiving such a low score,” Yok said. “It shows the effect a fresh coat of paint can have.”

The next chance Highline has to submit a budget request proposal to replace the buildings is in 2010, as proposals are only submitted every two years.

“Next time we’ll work out a different proposal, and probably leave Building 6 out,” Yok said.

Tom Henderson, the director of capital programs for the Board, said Highline may find a pot of funding at the end of the rainbow in a couple years.

Henderson said that with these other projects being taken

care of now, similar proposals by Highline in the next bien-nium may make it higher on the list.

While optimistic, Yok said he’s not going to get his hopes up too high just yet.

“It’s like rolling dice,” he said. “You just never know what will happen next time.”

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