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Highline Community College



The Thunderword

Garmon promises to listen

By **Carrie Draeger**
Staff Reporter

Dr. John Garmon said he wants to understand Highline and bring a collaborative effort to the college if he is chosen as president.

Dr. Garmon was the first of five presidential candidates to visit Highline. He spoke to four constituencies about his qualifications and vision for Highline.

“I really believe in servant leadership,” Garmon said.

Garmon, the chief academic officer at New Mexico State University-Carlsbad, said he believes that part of a president’s role is to “nudge people in the correct direction.”

Dr. Garmon said he believes in shared governance and collaborative decision making.

“I think it’s important that you develop shared governance,” he said.

If hired at Highline, Dr. Garmon said the first thing he would do would be to feel out the college.

“I would really like to get the pulse of the place,” he said.

Dr. Garmon said that he doesn’t want to start making changes, if any, before he really knows Highline.

“If you move ahead to quickly, you are going to have to back

Student finds her way after rocky start



Natasha Stepanchuk/THUNDERWORD

Crystall Rodriguez overcame a rocky start with help from WorkFirst to get back to school.

WorkFirst helps Rodriguez get back to school

By **Melissa Canfield**
Staff Reporter

Crystall Rodriguez is juggling being a mother of two, a student, and holding down an internship at Highline. And she doesn’t let her past influence her future.

Rodriguez, now 30, was put through foster care and group homes all throughout her childhood.

Rodriguez was born in Riverside, Calif. and moved to Washington in hopes of being adopted by a family. However, the family who was interested in adopting her turned out to be abusive. Therefore, she was placed into foster care yet again.

“As a child I lived with many different families and group homes, some trying to find a perfect match for their family. But I was a child with is-

sues who only wanted her birth mother, so I acted out, forcing these families to apparently give up,” Rodriguez said.

In high school Rodriguez struggled with identity issues because of her situation at home. She ended up dropping out of school during her sophomore year.

For years, Rodriguez wanted to try for her General Equivalency Diploma but was worried

about the math section.

Rodriguez struggled with alcohol and pill problems for awhile but is now 19 months sober.

She finally decided to conquer her fears and do something for herself, so she ended up obtaining her GED at Renton Technical College last Decem-

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Washington state Supreme Court visits Highline

By **Jaren Lewis**
Staff Reporter

The Washington state Supreme Court will be holding session at Highline next month.

The Court will be visiting on Monday, May 5 and Tuesday, May 6.

“Both days are just incredible opportunities,” said Dr. Barbara Clinton, the head of Highline’s

Honors Department and a member of the planning committee.

“Ninety-nine-plus percent of the citizens in this country will never have the chance to see a Supreme Court in session,” Clinton said.

Each year the Supreme Court selects three or four colleges – usually four-year universities – to visit, to keep involved with the community and expose peo-

ple to the system. Their visit to Highline has been in the works for about two years.

The Supreme Court is Washington’s highest court. Sometimes known as “the court of last resort,” its nine members regularly meet in Olympia and are elected by the voters to six-year terms.

State Supreme Court decisions may typically only be

appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, and often establish a precedent for future cases in other local or Supreme courts.

On Monday the justices will take a tour of the campus and meet with some on-campus groups.

They will also be holding an

See Supreme Court / P16



Dr. John Garmon

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CSI: **H**ighline**Graffiti artist strikes again**

Graffiti was found on the tennis court gate on April 16.

It looked to be possibly gang related and was similar to writing found on an outdoor table near Building 8.

Writing Center stalker

A former Highline student had been asked to leave the Writing Center at least twice by the staff on April 17.

When he refused to leave a Security officer was requested.

He had been bothering females in the Writing Center and had also asked when certain staff members would be working next.

Security escorted the male off campus.

Courteous witness leaves a note behind

A Highline student reported a hit and run on her vehicle on April 16.

There was a note left by a witness who will be coming to the Security office to make a statement.

Glass vs. rock, rock wins

A Highline student reported that a rock had been thrown through one of her car windows on April 20. Security followed through with a report.

Juveniles take it outside

A female student notified Security that there were three to five juveniles arguing on the sixth floor of the library and that they took off toward a stairwell stating that they were going to take the argument off campus. Security did a building check and perimeter check and no one was found.

Police drama leads to a dead end in Library

Three Des Moines police officers rushed into the library on April 22 and looked around the plaza level.

They departed less than a minute later and didn't advise Security why they were there.

Security contacted the Des Moines Police Department and was informed that a student called 911 to report a theft and officers were to meet with the student and take a report. There was no victim in the area when Highline Security returned to the library.

-Compiled by Jason Baker

**Movie Fridays goes green**

Movie Fridays is going along with the Earth Week theme with the showing of *Silver City*.

The movie will be shown in Building 7 at noon.

Silver City takes place in Colorado during Dicky Pilager's gubernatorial campaign. During an environmental political ad, Pilager reels in a corpse. His campaign manager Chuck Raven then hires a private detective named Danny O'Brien to investigate if the corpse has a link to Pilager's enemies. The investigation soon pulls O'Brien into a web of corruption and influence.

Free popcorn is provided for the viewers.

After the movie is finished viewers are encouraged to stay and discuss important points and plot lines of the movie.

Future counselors receive inside information

The Counseling and Career Resource Center Workshop Series continues this week with two workshops today.

A Chat with the Director of Counseling? Career Opportunities in Counseling workshop is today from 11 a.m. to noon in Building 8, Mt. Skokomish room.

Lance Gibson, director of Counseling and Career Resource Center will speak to students who are interested in learning more about a profession in counseling.

Gibson will speak about training requirements, client



Natasha Stepanchuk/THUNDERWORD

Onlookers at the Food Fair last Tuesday look at eco-friendly food products to help celebrate Earth Week.

and counselor responsibilities, and confidentiality and assurances of professional conduct.

Also today, Balancing Work Life, Career, Education and Family workshop will be at 12:10-1 p.m. in Building 8, Mt. Skokomish room.

Gloria Rose Koepping will discuss the importance of balancing school, work, and personal lives. College is an important and busy time for students, and this workshop will be a discussion on how to maintain all the multiple roles and relationships students have. Getting organized, setting priorities, communication with others is vital to maintaining a balanced life.

Fun, creative, outgoing students wanted

The International Leadership Student Council is looking for fun, creative, outgoing students who want to join their team.

Applications are available on May 1 for students interested in joining the ILSC 2008-2009 team.

ILSC plans programs and events such as Conversation Pal, Movie Fridays, The Mosaic International Student Newsletter, and GlobalFest.

An informational session will meet to discuss what the ILSC

does, interview tips, expectations, and the application process. The session will be from 2-3 p.m. on May 1 in Building 3 room 102.

On the same day application packets will be available to pick up downstairs in Building 9, or it can be downloaded at www.highline.edu/international/thunderword/applyILSC.htm. Applications are due May 16.

Nominate your favorite Highline staff member

Nomination submissions are now being accepted for the 2008 employee of the year.

The winner will receive a cash reward of \$1,500 that is funded by the Highline Community College Foundation.

The winner will be announced at the Faculty and Staff Spring Luncheon on June 12.

Nominations need to be sent in an envelope marked "CON-

FIDENTIAL – Nomination for 2008 Employee of the Year" and forwarded to Cesar Portillo in Human Resources Office, Building 99, room 200.

They must be sent by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7.

If someone in the past has been nominated and did not win, feel free to nominate them again. The criteria considered for a nominated faculty member should be:

What sets the employee apart from his/her co-workers, specific achievements and impact, working relationships with others in his/her department and throughout the campus, and length of time in his/her position

All permanent, professional staff, and administrative employees are eligible. One nomination can be made by students, staff members, faculty members or administrator.

'Bird flu' continues to soar at Science Seminar

Science Seminar this Friday discusses the news surrounding the avian influenza.

"H5N-What? The Last Ten Years of Avian Influenza," presented by Rosalind Billharz, will be Friday, April 18 from 2:20-3:20 p.m. Located in Building 3 room 102.

Researchers at the University of Washington are working to find a way to beat the virus.

Find out what researchers are doing and what could be in the future for humans if there is no cure found for the avian influenza.

**Co-Opportunity:
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Be a part of History with the Highline Historical Society in SeaTac

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~Part-time

Job #3630

Work in a fast-paced litigation practice, tasks include secretarial/clerical functions as well as drafting discovery, simple motions, pleadings, and correspondence.

Location: Seattle

Wage: \$12/hr

Hours: 19/wk.

Host Family Marketing & Recruiter Coordinator

~Part-time/Seasonal

Job #3622

Build and develop a host family pool through marketing, posting ads, screening applicants, creating handouts, and more. Serve as initial contact for program.

Location: On Campus-

Wage: \$11-\$12/hr

Hours: flexible 20/wk

For more information, log onto Interfase at: www.mvinterfase.com/highline/student or visit Student Employment in Building 6.



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"The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet." ~ Aristotle

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Child care director can't stay away

By Whitney Iwasaki
Staff Reporter

Shelley Flippen couldn't stand to be away from children for too long.

She was self-employed early on and owned and directed her own child care center.

She then sold it and retired, but became rather bored with not having anything to do. She was referred by a friend to apply at the Early Childhood Learning Center here at Highline, Flippen said.

"I have been the director here at Highline since July," said Flippen. "But I do have 25 years of past experience under my belt."

The Early Childhood Learning Center is located in Building 0 and is open to students, faculty, and all Washington State employees.

"There are 40 people that work at the child center, 15 of which are full-time non-student employees.

The rest are all students from different areas at Highline," said Flippen.

In the child center, they offer activities to the children such as math, pre-writing, arts and crafts, problem solving, creative thinking, stories, games, reading readiness, music, and outdoor activities.

The child center does not discriminate on who can join the program.

"We welcome families from all cultural and economic backgrounds," said Flippen.

The child center also has a food menu which includes breakfast, lunch, and a snack.

All of the food served to the children is USDA approved.

For returning parents who have already used the child center, they receive the first opportunity to enroll their children in



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Shelley Flippen poses with art work done by the children at Highline's Early Childhood Learning Center.

the new quarter.

In order to use this center, your child must have a minimum attendance of three consecutive hours and fifteen hours per week.

People enrolling for the first time must put a \$77 deposit down to reserve their spot in the Center.

The cost for using the facility ranges depending on if you are a student, part of the faculty at Highline, or a Washington state employee.

Prices also vary depending on how old your child is: infant (6 weeks to 16 weeks) range from \$6.15 to \$7.65 an hour; toddlers

(16 months to 3 years) range from \$5.00 to \$6.35 an hour, pre-school age (3-5 years old and not in kindergarten) range from \$4.80 to \$6.05 an hour.

"We would like to offer more scholarships in the Outreach program to cover child care costs," said Flippen.

The child care center wants to accomplish learning for the children through language, social and emotional growth, and physical development.

"We wish to introduce them to the greater college community and the learning opportunities available to them through field trips on campus," said Flippen.

Students to learn about the world around them

By Nicole Claunch
Staff Reporter

Faculty, staff, and students are invited to The Northwest International Education Association annual spring workshop, here at Highline on Friday, May 9.

Throughout the day people are invited to attend different workshops from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Union to learn more about global citizenship.

"The idea behind the workshops is for people to be exposed to new ideas, and provoke discussion for the world we live in," said Kathleen Hasselblad, who is the director of international programs and grants at Highline.

"There is something for everyone we try to have a broad range of workshops," Hasselblad said.

Registration for students starts at 8 a.m. on the morning of the event in Building 8, Mt. Constance Room. Student admission is free of charge, and does not include lunch. For staff and faculty a \$30 fee must be paid to attend, which includes lunch.

The day starts off with the opening keynote address presented by Dr. David Balaam from University of Puget Sound. He will be opening with "Agricultural Trade Policy and the WTO Stalemate: Is the WTO History?" which directly leads into the two morning sessions.

Morning sessions are at 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. which includes two presentations:

- Globalization Outsourcing and Employee Well Being will be presented by Dr. Leon Grunberg from University of Puget Sound.

- Highline's very own panel on international workforce who will be presenting Workforce

Development in Africa: Global Concerns and Local Impacts. The panel consists of Dr. James Peyton, who is the director of the center for community research and evaluation, Raegan Cope-land, the director for the center of excellence for international trade, and Judy Perry executive director for community services and employment services.

Three poster sessions will fill the lunch hour from 11:30 to 1 p.m. The Kids for Kenya Club, a group that raises awareness of, and encourages assistance for Kenya and other developing countries will be part of the lunch time session. Other presenters at this time will be EarthCorps, and Pierce College English faculty.

Three afternoon sessions run 1-2 p.m.

The first presentation is with Mark Howard, which is an international program manager at EarthCorps. EarthCorps is a Seattle nonprofit organization who has been environmentally involved for over 15 years. Each year trainees lead over 10,000 students in environmental services around the Puget sound.

The second afternoon session will be put on by Dr. Nader Nazemi, from Cascadia Community College, who will be putting on a presentation about, "Do countries in the Middle East exhibit greater resistance to globalization?"

The final afternoon session presents the benefits of the study abroad experience. The panel will discuss the experience for community college students and lessons learned from it.

The day concludes at 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. with the presentation "Five things every student should know about HIV/AIDS in Africa," by University of Washington professor of history Dr. Lynn Thomas.

Freeway closures will affect night owl commuters this week

South King County commuters should expect late-night delays on area freeways and surface streets.

• Crews will close the eastbound lanes of State Route 18 at the State Route 167 interchange through Friday from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following morning for construction of a median barrier.

• Lane striping will cause the two right lanes of SR 167 to alternately close at 42nd Avenue

Southwest (South 180th Street) from 8 p.m. tonight until 5 a.m. Friday.

The work is dependent on the weather.

- The northbound and southbound SR 167 on-ramp at 42nd Avenue Southwest (South 180th Street) will be closed tonight from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. Friday for paving work.

- Roadway widening work will cause two southbound lanes of SR 167 between Interstate 405 and South 180th Street to be closed tonight and tomorrow night from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.

- Two southbound lanes of Interstate 405 between Interstate 5 and SR 167 will be closed to-

night and tomorrow night from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. the following morning for girder replacement.

- The northbound and southbound High Occupancy Vehicles lanes on I-405 between I-5 and SR 167 will be closed from 10 p.m. Friday night until 9 a.m. Sunday morning for electrical work.

- Both of these closures are part of a project that will add a northbound and southbound lane of I-405 between I-5 and SR 167.

- Washington State Department of Transportation is also adding one southbound lane between I-405 and South 180th

Street and they are extending the SR 167 HOV lane from I-405 to the existing part of the HOV lane.

- A project set to improve safety and traffic flow from Sea-Tac Airport by adding a third eastbound lane on State Route 518 between the North Airport Expressway.

- The I-5/I-405 interchange will cause the shoulders on both the westbound and eastbound sides of SR 518 near State Route 99 (Pacific Highway South) to be closed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday for electrical work.

The project should be finished in fall of 2009.

- Both directions of Oakesdale Avenue Southwest in Renton between Southwest Grady Way and Southwest 16th Street will be closed tonight and tomorrow night from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. for bridge work on the new I-405 bridge over Oakesdale Avenue Southwest.

There will be a detour provided.

- If you're heading up to Seattle anytime this weekend, expect traffic delays and limited street parking due to a Mariners' homestand.

- The Mariners play at 7:10 tonight and tomorrow night, 6:10 p.m. on Saturday and 1:10 p.m. on Sunday afternoon.



Editorial comment

Attend forums, shape Highline’s future

Highline is in the process of having presidential candidate forums for the finalists and it would serve the college well to have those who are concerned with the campus attend.

It is highly important for everyone of any institution to get to know their potential leaders. This is especially important when considering educational institutions. In an age where higher education is extremely important in attaining a job with a decent wage and understanding complex innovations in the workplace, a person should have much concern about who is going to be making decisions about his or her education.

Some might wonder why they should attend a process in which they have no immediate say. Although it is the Board of Trustees who will make the final decision about who will become the next president of Highline, there are ways for the rest of the campus and community to be heard.

There are four different types of forums where students, staff, faculty and members of the community may ask the finalists questions. Each forum is designed to encourage people of each category to ask the finalists questions. Students will ask the finalists questions during the student forum, for example. The forums began April 21 and will run through May 2.

Information on forum times for each respected group was printed on page 15 of last week’s Thunderword and page 16 of this week’s paper. Additional information on the presidential search may be found at <http://presidentialexchange.highline.edu/index.php>.

Another easy way someone could voice his or her opinion about the finalists is in the online forums. There are two forum links for faculty and staff or students and community members, which can be found at <http://presidentialexchange.highline.edu/candidates.php>.

A letter to the editor is also an easy way to voice your opinion. After attending the presidential forums, a person could write in to the Thunderword to express what he or she thinks are pros and cons about each of the candidates or a particular one.

Getting involved with the forums in one of these ways will not only educate individuals about the presidential finalists but will also inform the Board of the Highline community’s opinion.

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“If you’re gonna be stupid at least be smart about it”

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Letters to the editor

MaST supporters thank students for assistance

Dear Editor:

Thank you! The Highline Community College Foundation Board and the MaST Capital Campaign Steering Committee would like to personally thank each and every student at Highline for supporting the efforts of the Marine Science and Technology Center (MaST) Campaign with an incredibly generous contribution. Your support will help us successfully complete the project.

Highline has the only community college-owned facility in Washington with direct salt-water access, providing an ideal location for teaching, research, and stewardship projects. Some of the opportunities provided by MaST include:

- Summer on the Sound camps for youth aged 12-16, who participate in experiments and learn about water quality, pesticides, watershed ecology and health, identification flora and fauna, and the geology of the Puget Sound. This experience helps develop skills in scientific inquiry and data-gathering while stimulating interest in local ecology to help youth understand the importance of protecting Puget Sound.
- Expanded class offerings to Highline students in science, technology, engineering and math.
- Community outreach including Open House Saturdays where the facility is open to the public free of charge.
- Internships for students from Truman High School who helped the public on weekends, maintained the tanks, and educated the community about Puget Sound and how their actions affect it.
- Puget Sound Early College Near-shore Water Project through Federal Way High School. In conjunction with

MaST staff and a community member, students developed proposals for the creation of a theoretical marine reserve, collecting baseline data for the near-shore eel grass in the City of Des Moines near-shore waters.

The cost to rebuild and equip MaST is \$2 million. In 2006, the Highline Community College Foundation launched a \$2.5 million capital campaign for the construction of the 2,500 square foot center and a \$500,000 endowment. The Board of Trustees and Foundation Board have contributed over \$230,000 with 100 percent participation. In addition, the Norcliffe Foundation has provided a \$25,000 grant for the project, the Seattle Foundation has provided \$30,000 and a local couple \$250,000.

Again, thank you! We are very proud to be working on behalf of the students and the college.

— The Highline Community College Foundation Board
The MaST Capital Campaign Steering Committee

take a skills test and those interested in writing are required to submit an essay. All tutors that are hired have gone through an interview with their coordinator.

The College Reading and Learning Association, CRLA, is a national organization that offers three levels of tutoring certification for programs that meet their rigorous training program guidelines. Approximately half of the centers that are certified through CRLA are certified for all three levels. Less than one-fifth of the schools that are certified for all three levels are community colleges. Most of our tutors have received level I or level II certification. Approximately 20 of them have received level III certification. To earn certification, a tutor must work a certain number of hours per quarter, attend all trainings, and complete all assignments during the quarter. Higher levels of certification can only be earned after lower levels are received.

— Kate Skelton,
mathematics instructor,
Co-Director, Tutoring Center

Tutors get lots of training

Dear Editor:

An article ran in the Thunderword last week about the Tutoring Center. The article was nicely done. However, there are a few small things that we would like to clarify because we have had a few questions about it.

Tutors are required to attend weekly tutor trainings and meet with their coordinators each quarter for an evaluation to discuss their performance. Any student interested in applying to become a tutor must submit an application. In addition to the application, students interested in tutoring math are required to

Write to us

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

Submissions will be edited for style.

Due to limited space, please limit your submission to 500 words or less.

Submissions that are too long may be subject to editing for length.

E-mail your submission to thunderword@highline.edu.

Please include contact information so that we confirm your submission.

Fastpitch team battles opponents from across NWAACC

By Stephen Marcum
Staff Reporter

Despite not playing any league games, Highline softball stayed two games back of second-place South Puget Sound in the West Division of the NWAACC.

No. 1 Pierce (14-2 and 22-10 overall) travelled to play No. 2 South Puget Sound (12-4 and 17-11 overall) on Tuesday April, 22. Game one was a real slugfest as the two teams combined for eight home runs and South Puget Sound squeaked out the win, 12-11.

In game two Pierce sent a message to South Puget Sound, showing why they're ranked No 1. South Puget Sound committed nine errors on their way to defeat, 13-2.

Highline (9-5 and 19-16 overall) was scheduled to play a doubleheader at Grays Harbor on Tuesday, April 22. Due to rain the game was postponed. They are scheduled to make-up the game on May 1.

The Lady T-Birds played five games in the Crossover Tournament in Selah, Washington, the weekend of April 19. Cold weather turned out to be the downfall of the Lady T-Birds as they failed to pick up a win in five games at the tournament.

"We didn't adjust to the cold, cold, snowy weather," freshman catcher Michaela Hector said.

"I'm pretty sure my lips turned purple nearly every game it was so cold," freshmen pitcher Carrie Crookshank said.

The Lady T-Birds struggled to score runs on day one as they only put up six runs in three games. Defense wasn't bad; they only gave up 11 runs in the three games. They lost to South West Oregon 4-2, Blue Mountain 2-0, and Wenatchee Valley 5-4.



Carrie Draeger/THUNDERWORD

Freshman Shanna Shepard fields a ground ball at first base against South Western Oregon College.

Day two was a little more productive, with Highline scoring 11 runs in two games. Their flaws were on defense, as they allowed 19 runs in those games. The Lady T-Birds lost to Everett 10-5 and Spokane 9-6.

"We did good. The girls were just monsters. Girls at Spokane, you'd throw a change-up and they'd hit it off the ground for a double. I was impressed," Crookshank said.

The T-Birds just couldn't

warm up their bats as they averaged a mere 3.4 runs per game in the tournament. Fortunately, these games are more like exhibition games in the sense that they don't count against their record. Highline wasn't the only team to struggle in the tournament: Pierce went 1-3 and South Puget Sound went 0-4.

This was an eye opener for the Lady T-Birds due to the fact that every team they played in

the tournament has a chance to make the NWAACC Tournament.

Highline will host Centralia (4-10 and 8-14 overall) on Friday, April 25. The Lady T-Birds won their only two meetings this year against Centralia back on Wednesday, April 9.

The Lady T-Birds will play four big games next week against first-place Pierce and second-place South Puget Sound.

On Saturday, April 26 the Lady T-Birds will travel to play No. 2 South Puget Sound. Games are at noon and 2 p.m. The Lady T-Birds lost their first two meetings against South Puget Sound back on April 11.

Highline will wrap up their season series against top-ranked Pierce at Pierce, on Tuesday, April 29. Highline is 1-3 against Pierce so far this season. The games start at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

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Thunderbird catcher to head north to South Dakota

By Maxx Shelley
Staff Reporter

Everyone who attends Highline shares the same intention of moving on after finishing their Associate of Arts degree. The same goes for athletes as well.

Highline's sophomore fast-pitch catcher Ashley Carey, or A.C. as her teammates like to call her, has signed a national letter of intent to play softball at NCAA Division II Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D.

Carey will be attending NSU next fall to pursue a degree in elementary education as well as finish off her last two years of softball.

"I'm excited to play my last two years of softball there," Carey said.

This will be a big step forward for Carey who will be moving from the NWAACC up to Division II softball, where the competition starts to pick up.

"It'll be cool to see how different the competition level will be and to see how well people play," Carey said. "I'm hoping to catch a pitcher with some crazy movement I haven't seen yet."

Carey has had a lot of game experience and should prove to fit right in with the Division II competition.

Carey lettered in softball for three years and soccer for four years while she was at Enumclaw High School.

During her freshman year at Highline, Carey was voted first team all-league in softball in the Western Division, as well as being chosen by her teammates as



Sophomore catcher Ashley Carey signed a letter of intent to continue playing softball at Division II Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D.

offensive player of the year for the T-Birds. Carey lead the T-Birds with a .461 batting average. Even with a resume like that, she still yearns to learn more about the game.

After meeting the coaches at NSU, Carey is adamant that she'll gain the knowledge and skills she desires.

"Coach (Terri) Holmes seems

like she knows softball pretty well," Carey said. "I think she'll give me a perspective on softball I might not have had."

Moving from a team like Highline to a team like NSU is good for Carey because both teams focus so much on team camaraderie.

"The team seemed to get along really well. They focus a

lot on team spirit," Carey said.

Carey was approached by both Dickenson State University in North Dakota and NSU.

She chose NSU over Dickenson because they gave her the option to work in a graduate program after she finishes her bachelor's degree.

After two years at NSU Carey will have her bachelor's

degree and will have finished off her last two years of softball eligibility.

The graduate program will allow her to work for her master's and at the same time allow her to work, and get paid, as an assistant coach, or graduate assistant, for the NSU softball coaching staff.

Carey wants to be an elementary school teacher because she has a strong liking for teaching, making the graduate program something for her to look forward to.

"I've always kind of had an idea that I wanted to be a teacher," Carey said. "But it wasn't until this year that I realized that money doesn't matter and it's more of what I want to do rather than what others think I should do."

However it's more of Carey's passion for softball that has led her to this school.

"I kinda have to grow up at some point," Carey said. "I'm looking forward to playing at NSU but I'll have to focus on my education sooner or later."

But it's pretty much a win-win situation for Carey here. She'll get to learn more about the game of softball while learning how to teach.

Then, after two years of school she'll get to teach other players what she has learned about the sport.

"That'll be awesome," Carey said.

Moving on from school to school is always difficult and Carey will miss the Highline team a lot.

"I'm going to miss my sophomores," Carey said. "It's like leaving a family behind."

AD trying to rebuild track, XC program

By Maxx Shelley
Staff Reporter

Highline is still without a track and cross country coach, but athletic director John Dunn is hard at work searching for possible candidates to fill the position.

Everything was in the right place for Highline to have a track program this quarter until track and cross country coach, Christina Loehr, quit two days before the cross country season began in fall.

Dunn said she was not doing anything she was supposed to be doing and she spent absolutely no time trying to get a team together.

"I thought she was recruiting all summer but she wasn't," Athletic Director John Dunn



John Dunn

said.

Dunn said Loehr just wasn't ready to be a track coach. She was in the process of getting married, and on top of that, the person she was getting married to was in the military.

Loehr's failure to mold this track program into a reality has cost the athletic department to

lose a few bucks from the Service & Activities budget.

The S & A budget, funded by student fees, pays for non-academic student activities including athletics.

The track and cross country program has been on a downward spiral ever since former track coach Robert Yates was fired in 2005.

Dunn has one interview set up for this week and is in talks with a few other people.

A number of the coaches Dunn is in contact with are out of state and those interviews may take a while longer to happen.

Either way, the Highline track program will be back in full sprint next year.

"Oh yeah, we'll definitely be ready next year. No question," Dunn said.

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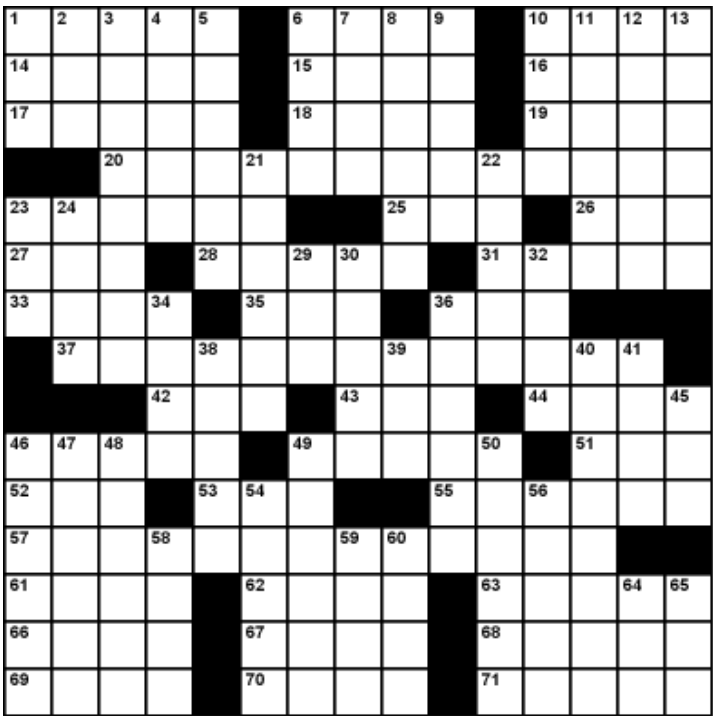
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Rock Around The Clock By Bill Deasy

- Across
1. Spanish snacks
 6. "One more thing..."
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 14. Die down
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 16. Go ballistic
 17. Iraqi port
 18. A Simpson
 19. Purim's month
 20. Cyndi Lauper hit
 23. 1948 Creation
 25. Dander
 26. Windows forerunner
 27. IRS expert
 28. Dorothy, to Em
 31. Intelligent
 33. Thanksgiving side
 35. Sweet talk
 36. "You, there!"
 37. Jim Croce hit
 42. Autumn mo.
 43. Give the ax
 44. Pile
 46. Florida's Key ____
 49. Lost on purpose
 51. Manipulate
 52. ____ Today
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 55. One on a quest
 57. Billy Joel hit
 61. Gardening need
 62. Cease
 63. Plot anew
 66. Toledo's lake
 67. Five star
 68. Prepare wings, in a way
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 70. Oxen holder
 71. Use a soapbox
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 3. Deli choice
 4. Open courtyards
 5. Mariners
 6. Jessica of "Fantastic Four"
 7. Dog it
 8. Incursion
 9. Playful critter
 10. Kind of party
 11. Pretentious
 12. Captivate
 13. Still
 21. Draw out
 22. Kind of button
 23. Hardly cordial
 24. Tiff
 29. Ages
 30. Not first-class
 32. Legend
 34. Urban blight
 36. Upright and fair
 38. Serious bacteria
 39. Tough exam
 40. Cancer of the blood
 41. Comfort
 45. MPG part
 46. Colin Powell's middle name
 47. On leave, maybe
 48. Cereal fruit
 49. Kind of artist
 50. Flake
 54. Test option
 56. Mideast V.I.P.
 58. Lawn starter
 59. Give a toot
 60. Olympic blade
 64. Make a scene?
 65. This makes ink pink



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Quotable Quote

Evolution has developed man to such a high degree that he builds zoos to keep his ancestors in cages.

••• Source Unknown

Arts Calendar

•Classical guitarist Michael Nicolella performs Tuesday, April 29 in the Lecture Hall, Building 7, as part of the Des Moines Waterland Music Series. With a repertoire spanning from J. S. Bach to Jimi Hendrix, Nicolella is recognized as one of the America's most innovative classical guitar virtuosos.

He will be supplementing his classical performance with 15-20 minutes of Hendrix to electrify concert goers. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets may be purchased at the door, Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department, 1000 220th St., Corky Cellars, 22511 Marine View Drive or Des Moines Florist, 721 S. 219th, all located in Des Moines.

•The Moshier Community Art Center will have its annual pottery sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., May 3 at 430 S. 156th St., Burien. Work from more than 30 students, instructors and studio potters will be featured. Cash and checks only.

•Taproot Theatre Company will offer another University Night on 7:30 p.m. May 22 with a production of Joe DiPietro's *Over the River and Through the Woods*.

Last week's
Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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Tickets for college students are only \$10. Taproot also offers a \$2 discount for students and a \$15 ticket to people ages 25 and under for all performances during the regular season. To purchase tickets, contact the box office at 206-781-9707. Half-price rush tickets are available at the box office to students 15 minutes prior to curtain when available.

Taproot Theatre is at 204 N. 85th St. in Seattle.

•Got arts news? Send an e-mail to tword@highline.edu

Last week's crossword solution

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Market time

Area farmers markets return with spring

By Catherine Dusharme
Staff Reporter

Despite the chilly spring, local farmers markets are warming up and getting ready to open.

Seattle-area farmers markets are among the best places to find locally-grown produce and other foods fresh from the farm.

In addition to delicious seasonal fruits and vegetable, the markets also features products such as eggs and dairy, honey, jams, sauces, dried fruits, nuts, wines, cheeses, breads and baked goods, shellfish, meats and poultry, and cut flowers. Many also include crafts created by local artists.

"We really try to make it a fun gathering place," said Federal Way Market Manager Karla Kolibab. "A lot of people come and stay for hours, shopping and visiting with vendors and friends."

The Federal Way Farmers Market is in its fifth year and has grown to approximately 50 food vendors, crafters and farmers.

"We're hoping to add more organic vegetable farmers," Kolibab said. "We want to satisfy what people are looking for, which is organic foods."

New produce arriving at the markets this week includes asparagus, rhubarb, strawberries, sugar snap peas, brussels sprouts, heirloom tomatoes, a variety of kales and raabs, collard greens, beets, celery and Walla Walla onions, plus basil, rosemary, thyme and parsley.



The Kent Farmers Market is one of South King County's longest-running food-and-craft markets.

"All of our products have to be grown or made here in Washington," said Kolibab, "so shopping at your neighborhood farmers market really helps support Washington state farmers."

And you get fruits and vegetables that are harvested at the peak of their natural season, when they taste their very best.

"A lot of farmers bring their stuff to the market after having picked it that very morning," she said. "You can't get any better than that."

Farmers markets generally run through the summer months. Area farmers markets opening soon include:

- Ballard Farmers Market: Sundays year-round, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 1-Dec. 31. 5300 Ballard Ave N.W.

- Bellevue Farmers Market: Thursdays, 3-7 p.m. May 15-Oct. 9. 1717 Bellevue Way N.E.

- Broadway Sunday Farmers Market: Sundays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. May 11-Nov. 12. Broadway Street at East Thomas Street, behind Bank of America

- Burien Farmers Market: Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 8-Oct 9. Southwest 152nd Street and 10th Avenue Southwest.

- Columbia City Farmers Market:

Wednesdays, 3 p.m.-7 p.m. April 30-Oct. 22. Columbia Plaza, Rainier Avenue South and South Edmunds Street.

- Crossroads Farmers Market: Tuesdays, noon-5 p.m. May 27-Oct. 7. Crossroads Mall, 156th Avenue Northeast and Northeast 8th Street.

- Des Moines Farmers Market: Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 7-Oct. 25. Des Moines Marina, South 277th Street and Dock Street.

- Federal Way Farmers Market: Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 10-Oct. 25. The Commons in the Sears parking lot, South 320th Street and Pacific Highway South.

- Friday Night Market at Juanita Beach: Fridays, 3 p.m.-7 p.m. May 30-Oct. 10. 9703 N.E. Juanita Dr., at Juanita Beach, Kirkland.

- Kent Farmers Market: Saturdays (no market July 12), 9 a.m.-2 p.m. June 27-Sept. 27. Corner of 2nd Avenue and Smith Street.

- Kirkland Wednesday Farmers Market: Wednesdays, 2 p.m.-7 p.m. May 7-Oct. 15. Park Lane, between 3rd Street and Main Street.

- Magnolia Farmers Market: Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 7-Oct. 25.

Magnolia Community Center, 2550 34th Ave W.

- Mercer Island Farmers Market: Sundays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 10-Sept. 28. On Southeast 32nd Street at the north end of Mercerdale Park.

- Puyallup Main Street Farmers Market: Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., May-October and Sundays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., May-August. Pioneer Park and Pavilion, 330 S. Meridian.

- Queen Anne Farmers Market: Thursdays, 3 p.m.-7 p.m. June 19-Sept. 25. First Avenue West and Crockett Street.

- Renton Farmers Market: Tuesdays, 3 p.m.-7 p.m. June 3-Sept. 16. South 3rd Street, between Logan Avenue South and Burnett Avenue South.

- SeaTac Farmers Market: Sundays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. June 15-Sept. 14. Angle Lake Park, 19408 International Blvd.

- University District Farmers Market: Saturdays year-round, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Jan. 1-Dec. 31. Northeast 50th Street and University Way Northeast.

- West Seattle Farmers Market: Sundays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 27-Dec. 28. At the Alaska Junction, corner of Southwest Alaska Street and California Avenue Southwest.



Satori Johnson/THUNDERWORD

Blending in at the Blend

Arturo Rodriguez and bandmates laid down some laid-back grooves at Wednesday's Blend concert in the Student Union Bistro. The Blend is a biweekly series of free concerts featuring a variety of music. Rodriguez played a variety of Latin music.



Daniel Schual-Berke will be sharing his photographs with the public on Saturday, April 26. His subjects vary from exotic animals to beautiful landscapes.

Looking through the lens

Des Moines photography exhibit to show world through the eyes of Schual-Berke

By Elize Papineau
Staff Reporter

Daniel Schual-Berke will bring his photography of the world to the Des Moines Activity Center.

Sixty of his pictures will be displayed this Saturday, April 26 at the activity center from noon to 6 p.m. There is no admission cost. The activity center is located at 204 S 216th St. in Des Moines.

Although by profession Daniel Schual-Berke is a physician, he has also been a photographer "forever," he said.

"There are times I would let

it slide," said Schual-Berke. His interest intensified five or six years ago with the introduction of digital photography.

"I can be professional, but at this point I'm a very advanced amateur," said Schual-Berke.

Volunteering as a physician on sea expeditions allowed him to travel all over the world including China, Senegal, Greenland and Antarctica, where he's been five times.

Of all the places he's seen, Subantarctic South Georgia, which is a small island off the coast of Antarctica, is his favorite. There is less ice, allowing animals to beach themselves he

said.

"The amount of life is stupendous," said Schual-Berke.

He has pictures to back it up. In one of his shots, thousands of king penguins blend into a mountain in the background. A polar bear drags a fresh seal catch across the ice in another.

Animals only comprise a portion of his portfolio. He said his favorite things to photograph are "florals and botanicals".

"I love the shapes, colors and textures," said Schual-Berke.

"Florals lend themselves extremely to manipulation," he said. Digital photography opens the creative realm, he

said; it mixes elements of painting, drawing and photography.

"Something that seems common can seem very unique," said Schual-Berke.

Schual-Berke said he enjoys editing his pictures in Photoshop. Digital photography rekindled his interest, because he is able to manipulate images he said.

With scenic shots, he saturates the image to enhance the color, but otherwise leaves the images untouched.

His scenic pictures include the vibrant colors of day-long sunsets in Antarctica.

"Sunsets go on for hours and

the colors are just like that," said Schual-Berke.

The show at the Des Moines activity center is his first. Up until now, he's kept his work very private.

He's hoping that other people will enjoy his images. Schual-Berke said his work does not have a message, instead he's providing a visceral image - colorful pictures and things that make you smile. For example, his whimsical digital art shows icebergs growing through big cities.

To preview his work or purchase prints, visit his website www.danielschualberke.com.

From classical to rock 'n' roll, Nicolella's musical talent shines through

By McKinzi Mortensen
Staff Reporter

When Michael Nicolella picks up a guitar, he can play anything ranging from Hendrix to Vivaldi.

To finish off the inaugural Waterland Music series, Nicolella will be performing at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, in the Lecture Hall at Building 7.

The first act of the three part series was the Finisterra Trio which wowed the crowd at Highline in November. Following in February, the series featured jazz vibraphonist Susan Pascal.

Nicolella can play anything



Michael Nicolella

from classical to classical rock.

Nicolella said he will be supplementing his traditional per-

formance with 15-20 minutes of Jimmy Hendrix to thrill concert goers.

For Nicolella, music started with a door-to-door salesman.

"Someone from a local music store came door to door trying to recruit potential students and, luckily, my parents succumbed," Nicolella said.

As a concert artist, Nicolella has performed throughout North America and Europe as a solo recitalist, chamber musician, and soloist with orchestras.

Nicolella has also been a soloist with the Northwest Symphony in concert on two occasions. Both were performances of his own compositions.

The first time was a concerto

for classical guitar which was featured on Nicolella's last album *Shard*.

More recently the premiere of a piece Nicolella wrote for electric guitar was performed, and the new piece entitled *Ten Years Passed* will be included on his next album, to be released in about eight months.

Beginning a keen interest in music at the age of 12, Nicolella said he was pretty taken with rock music.

"Guitar seemed like a better idea at the time than violin," Nicolella said.

"From when I was very young I always loved music, so it seemed a natural progression to start making music myself,"

said Nicolella

Performing 30 concerts a year, Nicolella still has time to practice and compose about five to six hours a day on average.

Nicolella said that his favorite instrument is the classical guitar.

"Guitar, classical guitar in particular, has the expressive qualities of a string instrument and the polyphonic capabilities of the piano.

In addition, it has a wide color palette and is capable of easily crossing stylistic boundaries," Nicolella said. Baroque and contemporary are

Make Cat's favorite cookies

Here in the year of the eternal winter, there's nothing like a batch of warm chocolate cookies to brighten the day.

In honor of Earth Week, these delicious cookies also incorporate some organic ingredients. You may substitute milk choco-



late chips if you prefer, but I think the semi-sweet chips are a better choice as they contrast nicely with the slight saltiness of the cookie.

And definitely use the chocolate chunks if you can find them. They tend to be a seasonal holiday item in some stores.

This is what you'll need:



Tasty chocolate chip cookies are easy to make and are better for you than the ones you buy at the store.

- 2 ¼ cups of organic all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 ¼ cups (2 ½ sticks salted butter), softened
- ¾ cup organic granulated sugar
- ¾ cup organic brown sugar, packed
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 eggs
- 1 ¾ cups semi-sweet chocolate chips or chocolate chunks (11.5 or 12 oz. bag)
- 1 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Preheat oven to 375 F°. Combine flour, baking soda and salt in bowl and set aside. Beat butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar and vanilla extract (or in my case, smuggled Mexican natural vanilla) in a large

bowl until creamy. If you are using electric beaters, be sure not to lift them up too far up from the bottom of the bowl or mixture will eject onto all local surfaces, including yourself. Add eggs one at a time, beating thoroughly after each addition. Gradually add flour mixture. Fold in chocolate chips or chunks and nuts. Drop by large rounded spoonfuls onto ungreased baking sheet pans and try not to eat too much dough. Flatten cookies slightly by pressing with fingertips. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown. For chewy cookies, remove as soon as the middle is barely done and edges are golden brown. Cool on brown paper bags. Store in airtight container and use to impress or bribe friends, family and bosses. Repeat as needed.

Nicolella

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what Nicolella enjoys playing the most.

"Oh, there are too many to choose one, or 100," said Nicolella, when it comes to picking a favorite piece of music.

Nicolella performs a mix of his own creations and at the same time, works of other composers.

Nicolella went to Berklee College of Music as an undergraduate, initially to study jazz, though his emphasis later shifted to classical music.

He received his master's degree from Yale, studying classical guitar and composition.

Nicolella also did post graduate work in classical guitar at the Academia Musicale Chigiana in Siena, Italy.

Nicolella's idea of success is to move others emotionally with his music, whether it be through the performances, recordings, or compositions.

Nicolella is the first prize winner of both the Portland and Northwest solo classical guitar competitions.

Nicolella also recently received two awards - an Arts

Special Project Award from 4Culture and a City Arts Project Award from the Seattle Arts Commission.

With these awards, Nicolella will compose a piece, as well as arrange a major work, for the newly formed guitar trio, M3. Comprising guitarists Michael LeFevre, Michael Partington and Nicolella, M3 will be premiering the works in fall 2008.

Series tickets are available

at Des Moines Parks and Recreation, Des Moines Florist and Corky Cellars in Des Moines.

Individual performances are \$15 for adults or \$5 for students. For more information, contact 206-870-6527.

More information about Nicolella is available at www.nicolella.com. His new CD, which was released in 2005, titled *Shard* is available for purchase on his website.

Waterland Music Series
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Guitarist

Tuesday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m.

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New musicians needed to revive Highline's jazz band

By Rochelle Adams
Staff Reporter

If you play a saxophone, drums, or flute or even bagpipes, come help reform the jazz band.

Ben Thomas, a Highline music instructor and adviser for the jazz band, is looking for students for the band who are dedicated and willing to put in time for practice. Any instrument is welcome.

"I've heard a jazz CD with bagpipes once," Thomas said. "Any instrument can play jazz. We just need people who are interested in playing."

During Winter Quarter jazz band had to be canceled because not enough students tried out.

"That was a fluke," said Thomas. "This band has always been a part of Highline for years."

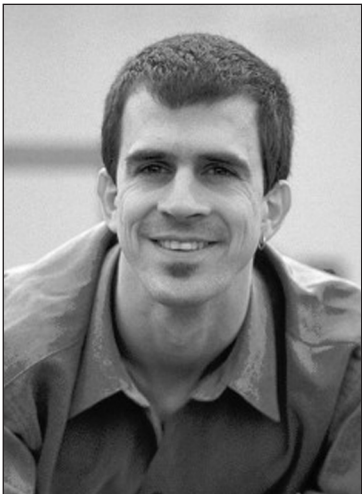
He believes the jazz band is a very important element of the school since the band has gone out there to play at events around our community and beyond. They have done events in nursing homes, Seattle, and went to China one year.

With all their possibilities for exposure, Thomas believes the band is a great advertisement for the school.

"They're like ambassadors for the college," he said.

That's why he's hoping to drum up more interest in being part of the band this quarter.

Some perks for joining include learning new styles, having the opportunity to play in front of an audience, lots of mu-



Dr. Benjamin Thomas

sic experience, and instruction from Thomas, who is a professional artist.

His credits include playing jazz, salsa, swing, and chamber music at several festivals and events in Canada and the U.S. He also has three CDs under his belt.

When the band is formed he plans on taking their unique styles and expanding on them.

"If someone is used to playing Bossa Nova, a style that's part Brazilian and part jazz, I try to get them to try out blues or standard," Thomas said.

Though students are welcome to write their own songs specifically for the group, the band mainly plays songs from already established jazz artists to help the members learn all kinds of different styles.

If you play an instrument and want to be a part of this band, e-mail Ben Thomas at bthomas@highline.edu. Include your contact information as well as what instrument you play.

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Speaker emphasizes the importance of buying green

By Shannon Clary
Staff Reporter

Products people use in their everyday lives are now going green.

Tom Watson of King County Solid Waste, and writer for the Seattle Times column The Eco Consumer, was at Highline on Wednesday to give a presentation for Earth Week.

Watson brought several products that are used in a person's everyday life that are now recyclable, or have gone green.

"If we are going to affect global warming, we need to think about how we live," Watson said.

Watson wanted to answer the question of which products are really green, and which are not.

Clorox has now come out with a line of cleaners called Green Works, which are advertised as environmentally friendly cleaning products. The problem that Watson said he has with the products is the fact that they come from the Clorox company. He said he does not think of Clorox as a green company because of the chlorine and toxins they waste.

"So you have to decide, is it actually green since it is made by that company?" asked Wat-

son.

Fluorescent light bulbs are now being pushed as an environmental solution. They take up a lot less energy and can save the consumer money.

There are several problems with fluorescent bulbs, however; there is mercury in them, and they need to be recycled.

If the bulbs are ever broken they should be handled with care and never vacuum up the pieces or let them come in contact with skin.

Some stores take back the bulbs after they are used, but Watson said not enough places are doing it.

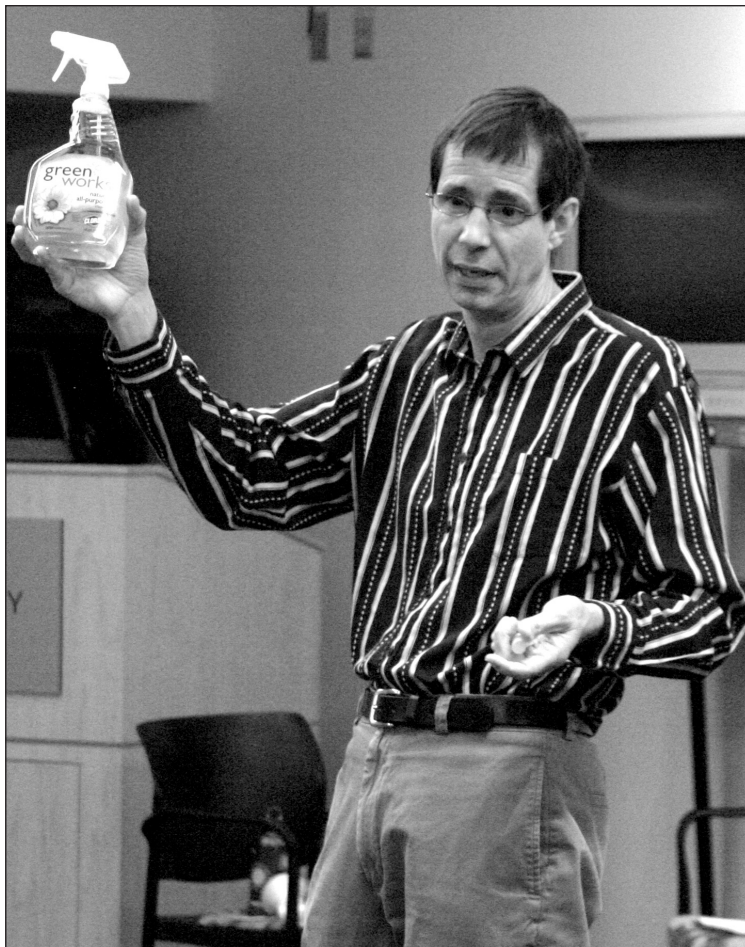
Watson said more businesses need to provide recycling assistance to the consumer after the product is used.

Cell phone companies for example are good at taking back used phones, he said. But even if people are recycling their used cell phones, the big problem is how many cell phones are being bought.

He said one billion cell phones were bought worldwide last year.

"Do we really need to be switching out our cell phones all the time?" asked Watson.

The bright side however is that batteries are better now



Carrie Draeger/THUNDERWORD

Tom Watson holds up a bottle of Green Works glass cleaner.

because they contain fewer toxins and are recyclable, Watson said.

Another product being over purchased is bottled water, Watson said.

"It's great that people are drinking more water, but there is a huge wave of people using single use bottles," Watson said.

The solution to the problem

is easy - use reusable water bottles, for example, the Nalgene.

But there is a major problem with the Nalgene that has recently surfaced. Nalgene bottles contain Bisphenol-A. BPA has been linked to cancer and birth defects, said Watson.

Now new bottles are being sold that are BPA free called Camelbak Bottles, but the old Nalgene's are still for sale.

This doesn't mean everyone should throw out their old bottles, said Watson. As long as they are not in contact with hot liquids, and kept in cool climates, they should not be a problem.

Watson wrapped up his presentation by asking the audience a favor.

Other products shown were solar powered calculators, and hybrid rechargeable batteries which save money and can be recycled after being used.

He asked the students if they could do one extra thing to help the environment before the school year is over. His requests involve buying green products, driving less, and doing things that would work for them.

"Do something that will work in your lifestyle, something that will save you money and time," said Watson.

Viaduct needs permanent removal, presenter says

By Jaren Lewis
Staff Reporter

The Seattle People's Waterfront Coalition wants the soon-to-be-demolished Alaskan Way Viaduct to stay gone once it's been torn down.

Cary Moon from the Waterfront Coalition spoke about the role of transportation in climate change during a presentation for Earth Week on Monday.

Moon's presentation was centered mostly on the potential aftermath of the tearing-down of the viaduct. The viaduct is a highway along Seattle's waterfront, that has come under scrutiny as a safety hazard in light of earthquake damage in 2001. State officials have said they will tear it down in 2012, though City of Seattle officials are still arguing about what to do to replace it.

Suggestions have ranged from building a tunnel to simply rebuilding it. Moon argued that it might be both more efficient and more environmentally friendly to just not replace the highway, and instead to route that traffic to a surface street and other roads.

"Mobility is different from

car capacity," Moon said.

She pointed out that 80 percent of trips along the viaduct both begin and end inside Seattle, and that its regional importance is therefore overstated.

Moon cited similar situations in other cities, such as San Francisco's Embarcadero. The Embarcadero Freeway was torn down in 1991, and while many feared businesses would be hurt by the loss of such a large artery, the city recovered. Moon said that Seattle would react similarly to the removal of the viaduct.

"The drive-everywhere lifestyle isn't viable anymore," Moon said.

She said that toll roads, improved pedestrian walkways, increased parking taxes and other similar measures in conjunction with the removal of the viaduct could promote alternatives to car transportation, further reducing its necessity.

Moon said that the focus should instead be on repairing Seattle's street grid, and that a volume of small efforts could add up to an effective solution to the viaduct.

"If you separate out all the problems, none of them are that big," Moon said.

Light rail to have good environmental impact

By Jaren Lewis
Staff Reporter

Sound Transit is nearing completion of the new 15.6-mile line of its Link Light Rail system.

Eric Chipps from Sound Transit spoke on the current status and projects of the agency on Monday as part of a presentation for Earth Week.

Chipps spoke about Sound Transit's commitment to environmental non-impact.

He noted that the region's light rail system is unique in that it runs from a carbon-neutral power source. Even on electric lines, most areas' rails are powered by high-carbon energy sources such as coal-fired generating plants.

He also brought up Sound Transit's innovations in environmental awareness, such as routing water collected on light rail lines to existing plant life.

"From top to bottom, Sound Transit is looking at ways to move forward," Chipps said.

Chipps' also talked about Sound Transit's plans for expansion, most notably the 15.6-mile Central Link line from downtown Seattle to SeaTac Airport. The line is set to open in July of 2009.

Sound Transit expects this to bring in at least 20,000 new rid-

ers, Chipps said.

He also mentioned the positive effect a larger light rail system could have on growing areas, such as Federal Way, by providing a faster mode of transportation for pedestrians to downtown areas.

Chipps briefly touched on funding and organization issues,

such as the recently voted-down Roads and Transit measure, which was to be a large-scale funding package to both improve roads and expand public transit in Pierce, King and Snohomish counties.

"The concept of tying the two together did not work," Chipps said. "It's all down to money."

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Unity Week screams for students to take action

By Katy Weythman
Staff Reporter

Highline's 11th annual Unity Through Diversity Week will include native speakers from Hawaii and a hip-hop performance, the 26th Women's Celebration and a Drag Panel and Show.

Unity Week is from April 28 to May 2 and it will be in various locations around the campus and there are many events on display.

The first speaker of the week is Hauani-Kay Trask who is a native leader and scholar from Hawaii.

Trask oversaw the construction of the multi-million dollar Hawaiian Studies complex that was five acres in Hawaii.

Trask will be speaking Monday April 28 at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. in Mt. Constance/Olympus room.

The Opening Ceremony is important because, "The opening key-note sets the tone. We are trying to humanize broad social issues," says Yoshiko Harden-Abe, director of Multicultural Services and Student Development.

The other events of the week will include:

Dr. Jared Ball will be speaking about "Love and Revolution." Dr. Ball will discuss the idea that love and revolution need each other for either of them to occur. Dr. Ball will be speaking at 9 a.m. on Tuesday in the Mt. Constance/Olympus room.

After "Love and Revolution"



Head Roc (Center) will perform at Highline during Unity Through Diversity week.

Head-Roc will perform in the Mt. Constance Room. "Love in Action: A Hip Hop Performance" will take the week's theme from words to music and it will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday in the Mt. Constance/Olympus room.

For the last event of the day a student panel will meet and discuss how faculty and staff of color contribute to Highline and its students. Toni Castro, the dean of Student Services, will oversee the discussion which is at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday in Building 2.

Michael Moore's documentary *Sicko* investigates the dif-

ferences of the American health care system compared to other nations. The film will be shown in Building 7 at 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

Kiana Hayes, who is a graduate of Highline and a former president of the Black Student Union, will talk about her journey through education and the need to open doors Wednesday at 12:10 p.m. in Building 7.

Dr. Andre Willis from Yale University will lecture on "Love and Crucifixion." His lecture will be centered on the self and the commitment to the self and how that is the root of social justice. Dr. Willis will be speaking

in the Student Union at 9 a.m. on Thursday.

Unity Week will host a Drag Panel which will show students what these performers go through emotionally and later physically. The guests will share their experiences as performers at 12:10 p.m. in the Mt. Townsend Room on Thursday.

Later that evening the performers will take the stage in the Drag Queen and Drag King arena. This show will also be in Mt. Townsend Room and admission will be free of charge for everyone who is interested.

The Last Day of Unity Week the 26th Women's Celebra-

tion Day. The entire day is co-sponsored by Women's Programs and consists of Vagina Monologues, a speaker Debrana Jackson, and the Extraordinary/Ordinary Awards Ceremony all day Friday.

The "Vagina Monologues" is a film that addresses the issues of sexism and violence and how that impacts women around the world. This will be showing at 9 a.m. in the Mt. Constance room Friday.

After the film Debrana Jackson will be speaking about personal and spiritual growth for women at 10 a.m. Friday in the Mt. Constance room.

To conclude Unity Week the Women's Program will have an award ceremony to honor students, staff and faculty who have made contributions for women and/or overcome huge obstacles Friday at 11 a.m. in Building 8 the Student Union.

All of these activities are, "building blocks for students to look at things from different angles," says Harden-Abe. Different angles help explain the same issue for all levels.

The Unity Through Diversity Week Committee wants students to take action.

"We want to plant seeds and enhance learning. What can I do? How do I create change?" said Harden-Abe, who is a member of the committee.

This is why all of the themes for Unity Week call for involvement from students, Harden-Abe said. "Love's an action not a thing. Who doesn't love love?"

Gay-Straight Alliance has a parade of events planned for spring

By Max Dubbeldam
Staff Reporter

The Gay-Straight Alliance is planning many events this quarter including a Gay Pride Parade, a Day of Silence, and a drag show.

The GSA is a club for gays, lesbians, and their allies to bring forth the issues that affect the community. The GSA meets every Thursday at 3 p.m. in the Student Programs area in Building 8.

Chris Newcombe, president of the GSA, said that at the moment the meetings are being dominated by preparations for the various events they are planning. Last week Newcombe went to the Power of One conference in Portland.

"There were a lot of workshops defining who we are as individuals," Newcombe said. "I learned about my strengths and weaknesses as an individual."

The main themes of the conference were to show where the youth of today fits into the equation and to get young people involved in the community.

"They've been the pioneers for the gay community," said Newcombe about the organizers of the conference. "Now it's our time to take the reins."

At the conference there was one workshop that particularly caught his eye. The workshop was set up by Josh Dean, a coordinator from the University of Idaho, and it was about a project that he'd set up.

Dean got a group of students together and went to a big out-of-state city to find and help homeless and impoverished members of the gay community. At the workshop they shared the journal of all their experiences.

"It was really powerful," Newcombe said. "It brought a tear to my eye."

Newcombe is thinking of

doing something like that at Highline too. He said he would need quite a bit of fund-raising beforehand.

"We want to help them out in any way we can," Newcombe said.

The GSA is also organizing a Gay Pride Parade in which they will ask the other clubs at Highline to join them in the parade.

Newcombe said that the GSA is also planning to set up a "day of silence" in memory of Lawrence King. King was shot to death in middle school because of his sexual affiliation. The "day of silence" is when the GSA and their supporters don't speak vocally for the entire day in order to have their presence felt.

"It's kind of like a peaceful protest," Newcombe said.

The GSA is also organizing the first Highline drag show on May 1. The event is to be called Divas in the Spotlight.

"We have the performers set

up and all the promotion signs are created," said Newcombe.

The show will be held in the Mount Townsend room and tick-

ets will be free for everyone.

For more information e-mail Newcombe at HighlineGay-StraightAlliance@yahoo.com

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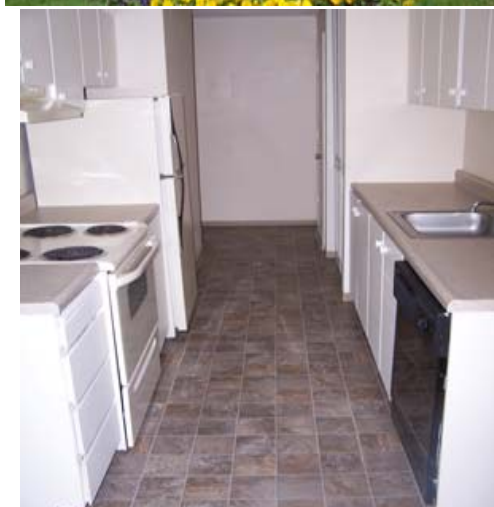


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Writing Center offers a cure for the common comma

By Kandi Carlson
Staff Reporter

The Writing Center has started Spring Quarter workshops to help students with grammar and writing.

Workshops cover subjects ranging from “The Wily Comma” to self assessment and writing portfolio cover letters.

The Writing Center, located in room 319 of Building 26, is the place for students to get the help they need with their writing.

“One student came in to get help with his resume,” said Jenne Stanfield, Center tutor.

Students are welcome to bring in whatever they need help with.

The Center has started Spring Quarter workshops.

There are both morning and afternoon workshops for the students to attend.

Tuesday workshops start at 4 p.m. while Wednesday workshops begin at 9 a.m., both are 50 minutes long. Thursday workshops run for one hour and begin at 1:30 p.m.

The following workshops are coming up:

- The Wily Comma, April 29, 30 and May 1. Learn where, when and how to use this punctuation mark.
- Summarizing, Paraphrasing and Quoting, May 6, 7 and 8.



Natasha Stepanchuck/THUNDERWORD

A writing tutor helps a student in the Writing Center.

Learn different techniques for combining your own thoughts and another’s ideas.

- Citing Your Sources, May 13, 14 and 15. Learn about both MLA and APA formats.
- Semicolon, Colon, and Dashes – Oh My!, May 20, 21

and 22. Learn how to “spice up” your writing with tricky punctuation marks.

•Self Assessment & Writing Portfolio Cover Letters May 27, 28 and 29. During this workshop you will learn how to avoid plagiarism by properly

citing your sources.

•Other Tricky Punctuation Issues, June 2, 3 and 4. Learn how to work with quotation marks, apostrophes, hyphens, and periods.

Feel free to bring your writing with you to the workshop

and be prepared to get help.

“We’re here to ask the right questions to get their brains flowing in the right direction,” said Stanfield.

The staff at the center “helps create better writers, not just better papers.”

Birmingham invited to attend global educational summit in D.C.

By Max Dubbeldam
Staff Reporter

Highline’s Interim President Dr. Jack Birmingham has been invited to go to the Higher Education Summit for Global Development on April 28-29, in Washington D.C.

The summit will bring together educational, philanthropic, governmental, and business leaders and it will be led by U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, U.S. Education Secretary Margaret Spellings, and USAID Administrator Henrietta H. Fore.



Birmingham

Highline is one of the few community colleges that were invited to come to the summit.

Birmingham said that he is excited about the opportunity to represent Highline at the summit.

“It reflects on all our work and the successes of our inter-

national programs,” Birmingham said.

He said that the development of the international program can be traced back to the successes that Highline’s had in securing national grants.

Highline also houses the Center of Excellence for International Trade, Transport, and Logistics, which is the only one in the state of Washington and has been key in attaining the grants.

Birmingham said that three different components will be spoken about at the summit.

“The first part will be about public diplomacy,” Birmingham said.

He said that the U.S. administration is trying to project a better view of America to the rest of the world through the higher education programs.

Highline has been doing this for a number of years by bringing students from different countries to America and providing them with an education and giving them another view of America.

“The second part will be about how the American col-

leges can assist people in developing countries to improve their higher education and infrastructure,” Birmingham said.

Highline has had a lot of success with this kind of project work in countries such as South Africa and Namibia.

“They asked me to highlight things about our work internationally,” Birmingham said.

The third part of the summit will be about giving other countries a voice in issues of higher education.

Birmingham said that exposing students at Highline to more of an international atmosphere is good for their development because one in three jobs in Washington are tied to international trade.

Highline has also been taking part in international faculty exchanges.

For instance, writing teacher Susan Landgraf is teaching English in China at the moment and Woody Moses is going to be helping with environmental studies in Belize.

Birmingham said, however, that they could do more in this department.


“I’d like to have more opportunities for faculty to have international experiences,” said Birmingham. “And I’d like to have more financial support for students to study abroad.”

Birmingham said that he is hoping that at the summit they will ask the college presidents how the U.S. government can

help support higher education partnerships.

“I also hope I get the opportunity to understand some of the priorities of other heads of higher education institutions around the world,” said Birmingham. “And I want to see whether or not Highline can be a useful partner with them.”

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Garmon

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track. ... You don't want to impose leadership," he said.

Faculty asked Dr. Garmon to address his beliefs about the campus culture and how he plans to fit into it. The question stated, in part, "Faculty here at Highline have a great deal of autonomy in curriculum development and assessment activities. Some leaders might find this level of autonomy differs from their own expectations of faculty."

"The curriculum is the property of the faculty. ... The faculty drive the institution," Dr. Garmon said.

"A strength of mine is my understanding as a faculty member," he said. "My background is in the classroom."

Dr. Garmon taught community college for many years before getting into administration. After spending some time in administration, he realized that he was going to need a doctoral degree to be able to advance.



Dr. John Garmon

Dr. Garmon received his Ph.D. in American and British literature from Ball State in Muncie, Ind.

"Most of my experience (in administration) has been as a chief academic officer," Dr. Garmon said.

Before starting at New Mexico State University-Carlsbad, Dr. Garmon was the president of Berkeley City College, formerly Vista Community College in Berkeley, Calif.

While Berkeley has only 5,000 students, Garmon said the diversity there rivals Highline.

"I would have students meet

with me once a week (at Berkeley). I would start the conversation by asking 'What do you think about this place?'" he said.

Dr. Garmon was at Berkeley for three years before the Board of Trustees voted not to renew his contract in 2004.

Dr. Garmon sued Berkeley for failing to renew his contract, but lost the case in 2006. According to newspaper reports, a jury decided that racial factors were involved in Garmon's firing, but also found that the district had other "lawful reasons" for firing him.

"It was a pyrrhic victory," Dr. Garmon said of the outcome of the trial.

How Dr. Garmon might fare with the Highline Board of Trustees was on the minds of some of the faculty members at the faculty forum on Monday.

Faculty Union President Dr. Ruth Windhover asked Dr. Garmon what he thought a president's relationship with a board should be.

Dr. Garmon said that the president must not only advise and work with a board of trust-

ees, he must be willing to stand up to the board.

"There is a very fragile, delicate relationship with the board. ... You need to be highly aware of what the board is thinking," Dr. Garmon said.

The Board of Trustees at Highline interviewed Garmon in executive session on Tuesday and will continue to interview the remaining four finalists as they visit Highline.

Next to visit Highline will be Highline's own interim president, Dr. Jack Bermingham.

Dr. Bermingham will give a faculty forum today at 3:40 p.m. in Building 7 and will give three forums tomorrow: a classified staff and exempt staff forum at 9 a.m. in Building 7; a student forum at 11 a.m. in Building 7; and a community forum in Building 99, room 131 at 2 p.m. Each forum will last for around 50 minutes.

Dr. Julie Leidig, the vice president for instruction at the Lonestar College-Montgomery in Conrad, Texas, will visit Highline next Monday and Tuesday.

Dr. Leidig will give a classified staff and exempt staff forum at 9 a.m. on Monday, April 28; a student forum at 11 a.m.; and

a faculty forum at 3:40 p.m. on the same day. All those meetings will be in Building 7. The community meeting will be on Tuesday, April 29 at 9 a.m. in Building 99.

Dr. Thom Armstrong, former superintendent/president of Copper Mountain College in Joshua Tree, Calif., will visit Highline on the April 29-30. Dr. Armstrong's faculty forum will be on April 29 at 3:40 in Building 7.

Classified staff and exempt staff will meet with Dr. Armstrong at 9 a.m. on April 30, and his student forum will be at 11 a.m. the same day. Both forums will be held in Building 7.

The community forum for Dr. Armstrong will be held April 30 at 2 p.m. in Building 99, room 131.

The final candidate, Randall Lawrence, the vice president of instruction at Olympic College in Bremerton, will visit Highline on May 1-2.

Lawrence will give three forums on May 1 in Building 7: a classified and exempt forum at 9 a.m.; a student forum at 11 a.m.; and a faculty forum at 3:40 p.m. Lawrence's final forum will be held on May 2 at 9 a.m. in Building 99, room 131.

WorkFirst

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Rodriguez started at Highline in January and currently receives tuition assistance from WorkFirst.

"It has given me so many opportunities," said Rodriguez.

WorkFirst Tuition Assistance is available to students who want to strengthen their skills in order to improve their employability, gain higher wages, or build a career path. This service provides financial aid to eligible students for classes that upgrade their ability to earn higher earnings.

Qualified students are those who are parents who have re-

ceived, or are receiving a Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) cash grant, and meet certain income guidelines.

Last year 550 students were eligible for services through WorkFirst according Deana Rader, the director of Women's Programs/WorkFirst Services.

Rodriguez is one of those students.

Rodriguez obtained an internship with Women's Programs with help from Jean Munro and Rader.

At her internship she provides help for low income parents with tuition and book costs, records student information into the computers, answers phones, and assists with coordinating events.

Rodriguez looks forward to

obtaining her associate of applied science degree in Human Services within the next two years. With her AAS, she hopes to counsel youth or help out in the foster system.

"I truly was dealt some crappy cards in life and sometimes you become a product of your environment. Well, my environment growing up was not good, but I don't want that to be the reason I don't succeed. I'm not a victim today," said Rodriguez.

In five years, Rodriguez sees herself being happy with a well paid job.

To find out more information on WorkFirst qualifications and other information, e-mail Women's Programs at wopro@highline.edu or call the office at 206-878-3710.

Supreme Court

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open discussion in Building 7 from 1:20 to 2:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, the Court will sit in actual session and hear arguments in three pending cases.

The first case, which will begin about 9 a.m., concerns a local rental association filing suit against the City of Des Moines over whether denying a public disclosure request triggers a one-year statute of limitations.

The second case, which will begin at 10:15 a.m., will decide whether the Tukwila Municipal Court can select jurors from zip

codes that are only partly within city borders, meaning jurors may not be actual Tukwila residents.

The final case, which will begin at 1:30 p.m., will settle the validity of the state seizing a hospitalized criminal defendant's property by ex parte order (an order decided without input from the defendant).

Members of Highline's committee that are organizing the visit said the Court's days in Des Moines should be of particular interest to students in political science classes, Administration of Justice classes and Honors students, but that both days are a great opportunity for any student on campus to witness a rare

event.

"I can't remember anything of this scale coming to Highline," Joy Smucker said.

Smucker is a member of the committee and chairwoman of the Business Division on campus, and was one of the driving forces behind arranging the Court's visit.

Highline offered a class to coordinate with the visit, Political Science 292/Legal 282.

This two-credit, late-start class will discuss the history of Washington's Supreme Court, as well as reviewing the cases they hear during their visit to Highline.

The class started Friday, April 18.

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