



Highline professor puts on a show/ P7



'The Trial' encore this weekend/ P6

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The Thunderword

Highline Community College

Highline budget to be cut by 7 percent

By **SIDNEY PACAMPARA**
Staff Reporter

Highline may not be able to offer as much for students next year because of state budget cuts, school officials say.

Governor Christine Gregoire's recent budget proposal asks community colleges to reduce their funding by 7 per-

cent, or \$20 million, for 2009-11. The governor said community and technical colleges are important in developing skills for people and they should



Dr. Birmingham

receive a lower rate of reduction than other state programs.

However, school officials say the amount of reduction is still significant.

Highline President Dr. Jack Birmingham said the cut is too large to cut across the board and must be done by looking at all areas of Highline.

"It is a strategic decision,"

Birmingham said. "It isn't an easy one either."

The budget cut has resulted in meetings with Birmingham, the four vice presidents with their leadership and cabinets, and other supporting groups to discuss the priorities of Highline and review the whole area of the cut.

In October, the budget was

expected to be reduced 2.6 percent for this year. However, that was changed to 4.1 percent in November and now has grown to at least 4.3 percent.

"We are still determining the size of the cut," Birmingham said. "For now we are going off of the governor's numbers."

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New program leaves students waiting

By **LIZ PHILLIPS**
Staff Reporter

Highline's Financial Aid Office started off the quarter using a new program which may be causing longer lines for students.

Students standing in line from Building 2 all the way to Building 6 on Jan. 6, were in relatively chipper moods, and the line was a bit deceiving, said some students.

"I got here right at 1 p.m. I got out of [Building 6] and hopped right in line," said Dwayne Smith. "It was about a 45-minute wait."

"I've been waiting for 50 minutes. It's been fairly steady. Slow but steady," Bob Courchaine said. He added that it was cold but the fact that it was dry was all that mattered to him.

Another student, Carlon Hayes, said, "It's been pretty quick considering how long the line is."



Rochelle Adams/THUNDERWORD

Students stand and wait in line on Monday, Jan. 5, to get their financial aid checks.

The average wait has been between 45 minutes to an hour. The long line may be credited to the new program set in this quarter Financial Aid Officials

said.

The program was technically adopted on Nov. 10, 2008. The program is a product of the company Regent. The new program

is more computer-based and Highline was one of the first to incorporate it.

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Lowe's will start towing

By **BILL SCHLEPP**
Staff Reporter

Lowe's hardware store will begin towing Highline students' vehicles starting Jan. 23.

Lowe's is located on southeast corner of south 240th street and Pacific Highway south and it has been there for more than three years and hasn't put restrictions on student parking before. Store Manager Brian Russell said that he's been having continuous trouble with excessive student parking in the lot.

Russell said that he wants to "maximize parking for customers" because spring and summer are the busiest seasons for his company. He also added that student parking was not much of a problem during the Winter Quarter.

"The average time a customer is in the store is 45 minutes," Russell said. He added that they will be looking for cars that stay there all day and aren't registered to Lowe's employees. He also said that even though they are towing that there will not be any additional fines on top of the "towing company charges."

The towing company that Lowe's has is Airport Towing. Their charge is around \$50 a day. But Highline Security Chief Richard Noyer said that the towing fee could be from \$150-\$300. Russell said that he actually doesn't want to tow cars, because of the hassle, but his main concern is having enough parking for his customers.

Dr. King celebrated in event-packed week

By **DILARA OZGOREN**
Staff Reporter

The visions of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will come alive again next week at Highline.

The campus is celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Week on Jan. 19-23.

"This week is a really important time for us to educate our selves about issues that are going on now," said Natasha Burrowes, the assistant director of Student Programs.

"These events persuade us about history and about what can we do to make some differences," she said.

Burrowes said that this event has been so successful because of the campus community. Highline students, staff and faculty really value diversity, she said. They see the events as relevant.

This year the theme of events is 20/20 The Prophetic Visions of MLK. It has two meanings, Burrowes said.

The first one is the perfection

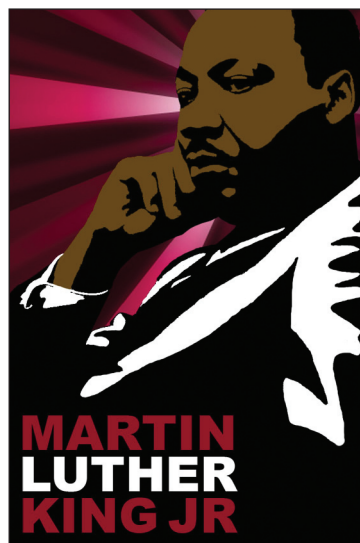
of his quotes and ideas. The second one came when Burrowes and her team watched Dr. King's speeches, they realized that he is speaking about today's issues and they wondered if these ideas and quotes are going to exist in the year 2020.

This year's MLK Week events include speakers and workshops.

Events include:

•Day of Action at Seattle's Annual MLK Celebration.

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CSI: **H**ighline

Trouble at the library

Trouble with a group of juveniles at the library led to three complaint calls, one of which involving 911, during winter break.

The library staff called requesting officers to respond to a group of about eight young men dressed in white causing trouble outside the library on Dec. 3.

They were all escorted off the premises by campus security. Their descriptions matched another group who were found fighting on campus earlier in the year.

Another incident happened on Dec. 11 which was also outside the library.

The Des Moines Police Department was called to the library because another group of Juveniles were being disruptive outside the building. One in the group threw a bottle at another student. When police arrived the group left.

A library worker called 911 and campus security on Dec. 12 claiming she was being harassed by two juveniles inside the library. The two young men did not leave until Highline security showed up.

One of the delinquents was a repeat offender and failed to show identification on numerous accounts.

Midnight thieves

Police noticed that thieves entered the Highline lower north lot and stole anything made of metal on Dec. 10.

Things taken include four street signs north of the tennis courts, a four-foot copper wire from a breaker panel and some metal napkin containers. A damage estimate was unavailable.

Theft at the pavilion

A student reported that his keys and wallet were stolen from inside the Highline Pavilion.

The student said that he took off his jeans to play soccer at the Pavilion and left his wallet and keys inside. When he came back to get his belongings, both his keys and wallet were absent.

Later, he found his wallet outside the Pavilion with \$24 in cash missing. None of his credit cards were taken; he never found his keys.

Lost and found

Reported lost: A black wallet, a white Sony cell phone, a Blackberry PDA and a Criminal Procedures textbook.



Trustees hold special planning meeting

Highline's board of trustees are holding a special meeting Monday, Jan. 19.

The meeting will be held on Highline's Marine Science and Technology (MaST) center from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The MaST Center is located at 28203 Redondo Beach Drive S. in Des Moines.

Tutoring Center open for business

Highline's Tutoring Center has re-opened for the winter 2009 quarter.

The Tutoring Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is located in room 319 on the top floor of Building 26.

The center offers free assistance in a variety of subjects including Accounting, Biology and Math, as well as Arabic, Chinese, Japanese and Spanish.

Students are encouraged to drop by at their convenience, but Math and Writing are the only subjects guaranteed to have available tutors at all hours. Other subjects are scheduled according to tutor availability.

Tutoring schedules can be viewed at the Tutoring Center itself, or on the center's web site at tutoring.highline.edu.

Movie Friday endorses masked vigilante

Movie Fridays have returned, and the second film to be shown this quarter will be Batman Begins.



Two students dodge raindrops while walking past Building 6.

Movie Fridays is a weekly event sponsored by the International Leadership Student Council and the Film Studies Program. Batman Begins will be shown tomorrow, Jan. 16, at 12:30 in Building 7.

Batman Begins is director Christopher Nolan's 2005 reboot of the Batman film canon, chronicling Bruce Wayne's childhood and training to become Batman. The film stars Christian Bale as Bruce Wayne, and Liam Neeson and Cillian Murphy as villains Ra's al Ghul and The Scarecrow.

Batman Begins was both critically and commercially successful. The film grossed \$48 million in its opening weekend, and \$371 million worldwide.

Review aggregation site Rotten Tomatoes gave Batman Begins an 84% approval rating based on 251 gathered reviews; fellow site Metacritic gave the film a score of 70 out of 100 based on 41 reviews.

Late-night assault inspires campus safety discussion

Highline will be holding a forum on campus safety today, Jan. 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 7.

The forum is being organized by Associate Dean for Student Programs, Jonathan Brown, who stresses that this forum is open to the campus community.

There will be a panel of local police speaking on campus safety and safety education; they will also answer questions about public safety issues.

This panel was inspired by the report of a late-night assault on campus which occurred in late November last quarter.

"It is never too late to dialogue on campus safety," Brown said.

Writing Center offers free workshops

The Writing Center will be holding two free workshops in the coming weeks.

The first, "Using specific De-

tails," will be held Jan. 16 from 1:30 to 2:20 p.m. The workshop will teach attendees how to "put more zest into your sentences."

The second, "Using Conversations in your Writing," will be held Jan. 20 from 4 to 4:50 p.m., Jan. 21 from 9 to 9:50 a.m. and Jan. 29 from 1:30 to 2:20 p.m. This workshop will focus on teaching how to write "more credible dialogue" and clearing up the minutiae of grammar conventions in written dialogue.

No registration is required to attend, and students of all writing levels are welcome.

The Writing Center is located in Building 26, room 319. Its normal operation hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. For further information or questions, contact the center at 206-878-3710, ext. 4364.

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Want to find out more information about doing an internship? Check us out!

Contact Merridy Rennick, Career Specialist
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Drop by for a visit: 2nd floor of Building 6 (room 222)

STUDENT JOBS: New Year ~ New Minimum Wage ~ New Job?

Student Employment has new job postings, check them out in our office in Building 6 or online.

Want to do work study? New work study awards are being sent out for winter quarter.

Didn't get work study? Check out our general fund and part time options.

For more information about co-ops, these jobs and more, log on to www.myinterfase.com/highline/student

Free Tutoring!!!

Feeling overwhelmed? Get help?

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Tip of the week:

Go confidently in the direction
of your dreams. Live the life
you have imagined.

-Henry David Thoreau



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Winter weather leaves campus scrambling

Snow causes slight damage, grounds crew puts in long hours

By **NICHOLAS MCCOY**
Staff Reporter

The Highline campus suffered slight damage as a result of the winter storms over break.

Highline's operating hours were reduced as a result of the weather on three days over winter break, and the campus was outright closed by the snow on two days.

"We were prepared," said Director of Facilities Pete Babington.

"We had 13 pallets of snow melt stuff, and we had all our equipment tested," he said.

The grounds crew were the ones primarily responsible for keeping campus clear, Babington said.

"They worked, I think, 17 days in a row in one stretch," he said.

"Maintenance came through and helped them, primarily on sidewalks and stairs," Babington said.

"Our guys worked very hard, came here at all hours while everybody else was at home enjoying their fires," he said.

"The extra overtime and supplies cost us about \$15,000," Babington said.

Despite preparations, some damage did result on campus as a result of the weather. The



Loren David/THUNDERWORD

Highline students walk together on campus, trying their best to avoid the onslaught of wind and rain.

buildup of storm water collapsed a storm drain pipe near Building 13, Babington said.

He said it would cost about \$10,000 to replace.

"It will, due to the funding crunch, probably have to wait until July," Babington said.

Although most students weren't on campus over break, the snow was still found to be a hindrance.

"I thought it was inconve-

nient, and I couldn't go to work or school," said Bryce Philips, a student.

"I hated the snow, because I live by James Hill [in Kent] and it was dangerous for cars to go up and down it," Quilina Dorseley said.

"I thought it was cool for a little while, but it shut down a lot of streets, roads and highways," said Kelly Edwards, another student.

There are several ways students can find out about school closures, delays, or early shut downs.

"The best way is through schoolreport.org," said Director of Human Resources Cesar Portillo.

"When any school posts closures, schoolreport.org sends them to news stations automatically," he said.

Closures are thus also announced on the major local news channels and radio stations.

Students with cell phones can choose to sign up for the HCC Alert system, which sends out text messages about campus emergencies, including weather-related closures.

The decision to close or delay school because of the weather is a tough one, administration said.

"The decision to close the campus due to weather conditions is driven by the effects on travel safety, both on and off the campus, and the availability of utilities," Vice President for Administration Larry Yok said. The decision is made after the president, the vice president for administration and the campus safety and security supervisor have conferred with one another.

"If roads are icy or are becoming icy in the vicinity of the campus, we will close the campus," he said.

If the temperature looks like it may become more moderate, allowing for improved road conditions, then school might only be delayed instead of closed,

Yok said.

Interrupted utility services, such as water, sewage or electricity can also cause shut down, Yok said.

"If utility service is interrupted to the campus and restoration may take several hours as estimated by the utility company, we will also close the campus," he said.

"Health codes prohibit the college from operating if water and sewer service is not available,"

Yok said the school's operation, both in the classroom and out, are too reliant on technology to be viable if the electricity goes out.

John Burg, a meteorologist with the Seattle office of the National Weather Service, said that the area probably won't see as much snow as it did in December this winter. However, such an event couldn't be completely ruled out.

"We only forecast out seven days," Burg said.

He said 48-hour forecasts are usually 80 to 85 percent accurate, however "since we're on the west coast, and the weather tends to move from west to east, we don't really know."

"We take data from observations and that gets plugged into computer models," he said.

On the west coast, however, forecasters have to rely on less plentiful and accurate data gathered from the ocean, he said.

"Sometimes it doesn't come out exactly right," Burg said.

Reporter Antionette Griffin contributed to this story.

Text messages can keep you up to speed

By **JENNY SCHMEICHEL**
Staff Reporter

The text alert system has proved to be very successful for Highline.

Seven months ago Highline began offering text alerts as a faster way to update the Highline campus on emergency closures.

More than 700 people involved in Highline have signed up for this feature.

These text message alerts have helped quite a few people during the snow storm Highline encountered this past month.

Executive Director of Administrative Technology Dennis Colgan had especially found it helpful.

"I got a text just as I was about to head to work, which saved me an unnecessary and stressful trip in the snow," he said.

Highline has only needed to use this two other times: one



Jessica Lovin/THUNDERWORD

for a power outage and the other when the water had to be shut off due to a pipe breaking.

To sign up for this feature, go to www.highline.edu and scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the "Find out" link for bad weather or emergency

closures. Then go to sign up for HCCAlert text messages. It asks for your name, 10-digit phone number and carrier name.

After you are finished click submit and you are ready to receive alerts right on your cell phone.

Editorial comment

Economy cannot afford delay

Congress should give Obama’s stimulus plan a chance. The country is facing tight economic times. National unemployment rose to 7.2 percent last month, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics said. Washington state’s unemployment rate was listed as 6.4. The record unemployment high for Washington was 12.2 percent in 1982, during the worst economic recession since the Great Depression.

No state has yet reached double-digit unemployment; however, the high and rising rate proves that we need something, fast. The current recession is not as bad as the one in the 1980s. It could, however, get there.

Families and individuals will have less disposable income as the unemployment rate rises. This in turn prevents spending and investment, leading to falling profits for employers. What this leads to is a vicious cycle in which reduced spending leads to reduced ability to spend leads to further reduced spending.

Obama’s stimulus plan includes tax cuts which could be credited to taxpayers by the IRS based on 2007 tax-returns, providing some economic relief. Also included are proposed measures to prevent further housing foreclosures. The short-term plan seems to be to better the conditions for potential consumer spending. By increasing spending, it could prevent immediate further implosion of the economy, and hopefully save jobs.

As of December, the number of unemployed persons reached 11.1 million people. The country needs more jobs. Part of the stimulus money would go to state infrastructure projects, including the building and maintenance of roads. Infrastructure expansion projects would provide further employment opportunities to the populace. Other stimulus investments include further pursuit of alternative energy sources.

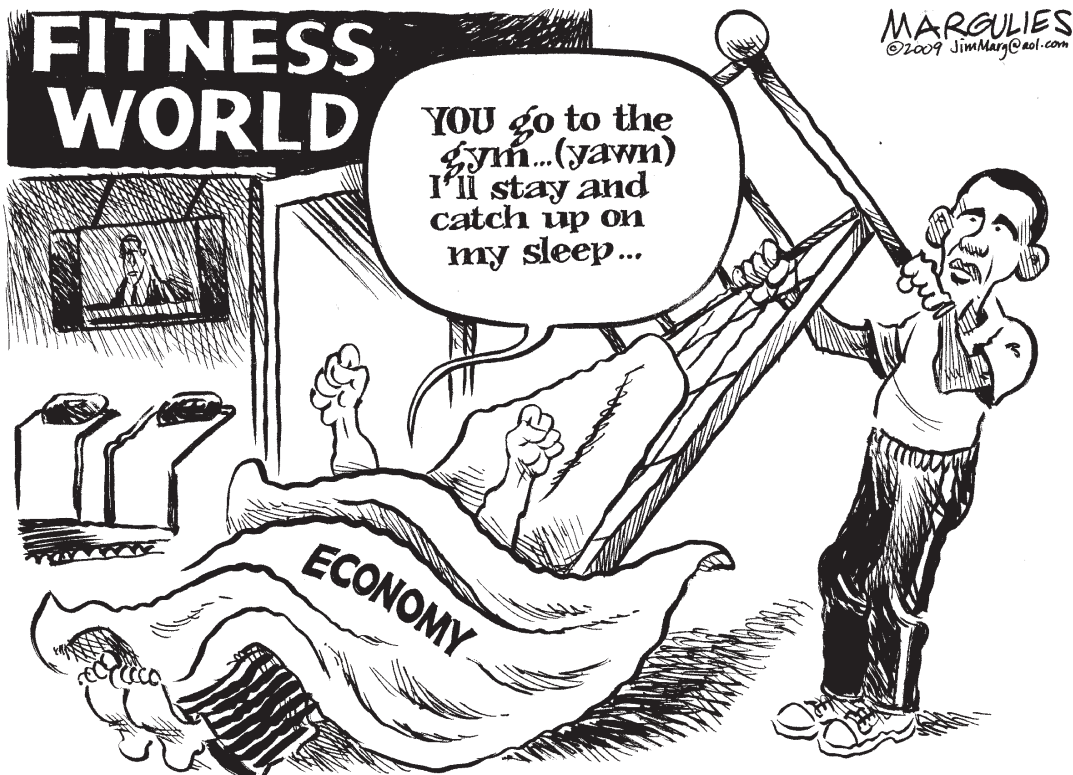
There are drawbacks to any plan. The country already has a multi-trillion dollar national debt. The proposed stimulus plan could cost the country more than \$700 billion. Cutting taxes will do nothing to absolve the national debt. However, the national debt will not matter if the economy is allowed to go under. The economic situation cannot be allowed to continue to devolve. The more deeply the economy suffers, the more difficult it will be to ever resuscitate it to what it once was. The economy suffers more ever day, the people more every month.

The economy needs stimulus, now.

Staff

“How soon do I need to get the textbook?”

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Pakistan is real victim of terror

In the capital Islamabad, crowds filled the streets as the clock struck midnight and pyrotechnics lit the sky to mark the creation of a separate homeland for India’s Muslims as Britain relinquished its hold on the sub-continent in 1947.

In the capital Islamabad, media is showing blood, dead bodies, blood, heads and arms and legs and then some more blood. Our hearts cry tears of blood. It was our national 9/11.

The 1947 partition triggered one of the largest migrations in history as 10 million people crossed the new borders to begin a new life. But up to a million died in sectarian violence as a diminished India was formed between West and East Pakistan, which later became Bangladesh. Jinnah [first Governor-General of Pakistan] died in 1948 and would not know of the further turmoil independence would bring. Pakistan was forced to fight three wars in India, culminating in a tense stand-off between their newly nuclear-armed armies in 2001-2002. Its diffusion then gave rise to peace initiatives that were launched in 2004 and continue today.

We are fighting with terrorism and fanaticism that haunts the entire civilized world. September’s cowardly attack on the Marriott Hotel in Islamabad is another example of the irrational threat against civilization. Striking during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, the barbarians killed 60 people and injured hundreds more. It once again demonstrated that Pakistan is the great victim in the war on terror. We have lost more soldiers in Afghanistan than all the 37 countries that have forces there. We have watched our children being blown up, our wives cut down. We do not need lectures about terrorism from anyone. We don’t read about it or watch it on the evening news. We live

Commentary



Hafiz M. Ahmad

it each and every day.

The war on terror is Pakistan’s war, and we are its greatest victims. We stand united and in defiance. We are resolved that our future will not be dictated by those who defile the spirit and laws of Islam for their sordid political goals. We may be the targets of international terrorism, but we will never succumb to it.

We are now confronting the terrorist threat in our tribal areas as well as in our cities. But terrorism cannot be fought by military means alone. Fighting terrorism requires political will, popular mobilization, and a socioeconomic strategy that wins the hearts and minds of the people, by giving them a concrete stake in our country’s emerging democracy and in our economic infrastructure. Towards this end, we need the support of the developed world to not only help us fight terrorism but also its root causes, which lurk in the poverty that breeds hopelessness.

The fight against terrorism will not be won by guns and bombs alone. The battleground must be economic and social as well as military. We will win when people are mobilized against the fanatics. To mobilize them we have to give them hope

and opportunity for their future. They need jobs. Their children need education. They must be fed. They must have energy. We must demonstrate to them that democracy does perform and that democratic governance can improve their everyday life. In terms of security and national interest, our success will be success for the world as well.

An economically viable Pakistan will be a secure Pakistan, and a secure Pakistan is the greatest asset in the world’s fight against terrorism. A stable and economically viable Pakistan will suck the oxygen from the terrorist agenda. Economic justice and political democracy are the terrorists’ worst nightmares.

We must fight this epic battle together as allies and as partners. But just as we will not let our territory be used by terrorism for attacks on our people and neighbors, we cannot allow our territory and sovereignty to be violated by friends. Attacks that violate our sovereignty actually serve to empower the forces against which we must mutually fight.

We intend that our country be a model to our region and religion of a vibrant, modern, tolerant, peaceful, moderate democracy committed to economic and social justice.

Hafiz Ahmad is a Highline student, here through the Summit Program.

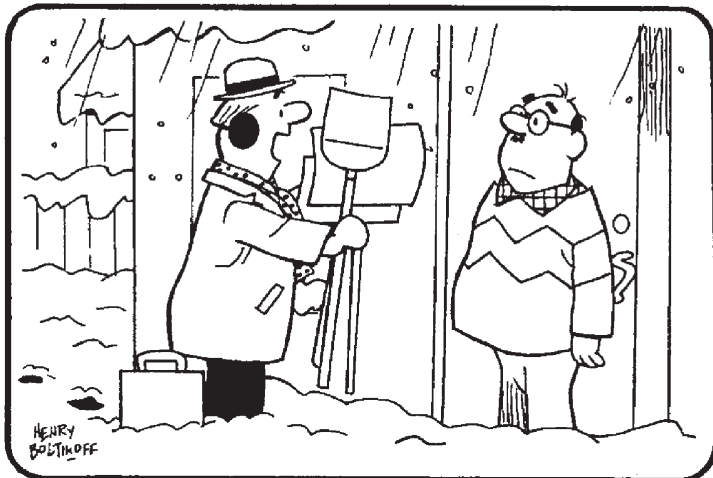
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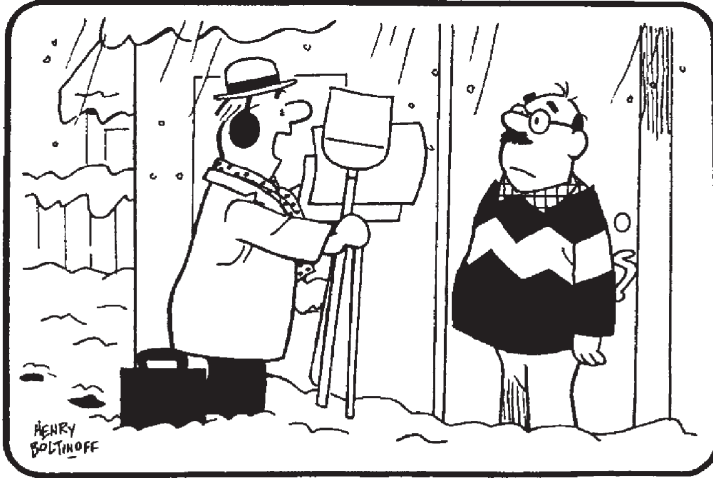
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Man's sweater is black. 2. Mustache is fuller. 3. Earuffs are different. 4. Briefcase is black. 5. Shovel handles are longer. 6. Coat pocket is missing.

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Trivia

test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MYTHOLOGY: A satyr is a mythical creature that is half man and half what?
2. MILITARY: What is a dreadnought?
3. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Who said, "That government is best which governs the least, because its people discipline themselves."
4. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented by the condition called gamophobia?
5. LANGUAGE: What does the Greek prefix "intro" mean?
6. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Denali National Park and Preserve?
7. MOVIES: What is the name of Sigourney Weaver's

- cat in the *Alien* movie series?
8. ENTERTAINERS: What was the name of ventriloquist Edgar Bergen's most famous puppet?
9. HISTORY: What land did Alexander the Great rule as king?
10. MUSIC: Which rock group recorded the hit *Walk This Way*?

10. Aerosmith
9. Macedonia, or Macedon-
8. Charlie McCarthy
7. Jones or Jonesy
6. Alaska
5. With in
4. Fear of marriage
3. Thomas Jefferson
2. A heavily armored bat-
1. Goat or horse

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Arts Calendar

•Highline's Drama Department presents an encore weekend of Franz Kafka's *The Trial* on Jan. 15, 16 and 17, 8 p.m. in the Little Theater, Building 4, room 122. Tickets are \$8 and \$7. Bring a friend and get \$2 off per ticket.

•Tickets are on sale now for Breeders Theater's new production, *Prairie Heart*. Show dates are Jan. 16, 17, 21, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31

at 7 p.m.; Jan. 18 and 25 at 2 p.m.; and Feb. 1 at 1 p.m.

Last week's
Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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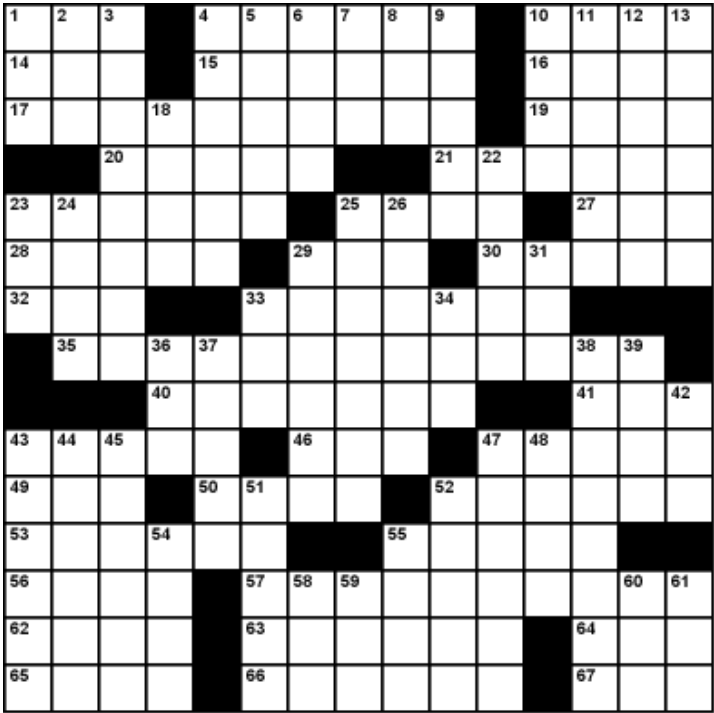
2008 Newsmakers

- Across
1. N.F.L. linemen: Abbr.
 4. Happens
 10. Indian prince
 14. Born: Fr.
 15. Sock in the nursery
 16. Egg cell
 17. Crawl
 19. Lose steam
 20. *Dreams From My Father* author
 21. *Faith of My Fathers* author
 23. Eye site?
 25. "Not guilty," e.g.
 27. A Kennedy
 28. ____ nous
 29. Freelancer's enc.
 30. Iron
 32. Mamie's man
 33. *Living History* author
 35. Choose to delay
 40. Playpen items
 41. Egg cells
 43. *Promises to Keep* author
 46. Dark time for poets
 47. Partner of 21 Across
 49. White House nickname
 50. "Piece of cake!"
 52. Just eked out
 53. Like many evangelicals
 55. Not now
 56. Boast
 57. Summer-weekend event
 62. Home of County Clare
 63. Big roll
 64. Part of a Happy Meal
 65. Croupier's tool
 66. Description for 20A, 21A, 33A, 43A and 47A
 67. Dolly, for one

- Down
1. ER workers
 2. Perfect score
 3. North Pacific swimmer
 4. Pumpkin-shaped

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



5. ____ Kramer of "Seinfeld"
6. Nightclub of song
7. Broadway's Hagen
8. VCR button
9. Teacher's note on a test
10. Campus military org.
11. Do the Wright thing
12. Court peer groups
13. Modifies
18. Construction beam
22. Poultry buy
23. Architect I. M. ____
24. Like GIs in the kitchen
25. Shirt pattern
26. Like the season before Easter
29. Candidate lists
31. Genetic info carrier
33. Computer monitor, for short
34. Frank McCourt memoir
36. Kind of deposit?
37. Chairperson?
38. Put up with
39. Axis of ____: Bushism
42. Some
43. Lock remover?
44. Spanish airline
45. Go ashore
47. Communion plates
48. Greek war god
51. Irritate
52. Lender's offering?
54. Curved molding
55. Etna output
58. Actress MacGraw
59. Minister: Abbr.
60. Fan setting
61. Needle part

Quotable Quote

In America, anybody can be president. That's one of the risks you take.

-- Adlai Stevenson

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Tickets are \$20, including wine tasting. Tickets are available at the winery, 206-242-3852, and at Corky Cellars, 22511 Marine View Dr., Des Moines.

206-824-9462.

•Highline Listens: Writers Read Their Work presents Dr. James W. Green, Wednesday, Jan. 28, noon-1 p.m. in the Highline Student Union, Mt. Constance room.

Dr. Green is a former UW professor and author of *Beyond the Good Death*.

Last week's crossword solution

SIGNS OF THE TIMES



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Rich brings home the riches from poetry win

By KATHERINE TACKE
Staff Reporter

Susan Rich was very surprised when her poem *Different Places to Pray* was chosen out of thousands to compete for the London Times Literary Supplement Poetry Competition.

"I had no sense at all that something would come to this," said Rich, professor of writing and film at Highline.

Rich's poem was published with 12 others in the Literary Supplement Oct. 23, 2008. The judges included the editor of the Times Supplement, Mick Imlah, as well as Alice Quinn, former poetry editor of the New Yorker.

In the next step, readers voted for their favorite poem. Rich called it, "the American Idol of poetry."

Rich has been a professor at Highline since 1999. After discovering that her poem had reached the top 12, Rich sent an e-mail to fellow professors and staff.



Susan Rich

Many voters, including the Highline community, supported Rich and her poem. On Dec. 17, the finalists were revealed. *Different Places to Pray* received first place and \$4,000. Rich was snowbound in La Conner at the time, and didn't even realize her win until she received an e-mail with a simple "Congratulations!"

As a successful writer, Rich said she connects to her students because they're in the same boat as her. She tells them, "Writing

is hard."

Rich writes in a recently converted garage.

"It is a magical, sacred space only for writing. The truth is that most writing happens in the summer or on long breaks," Rich explained. During the year she wants to "focus on their [the students'] writing."

Her advice: "Read everything. Choose a writer that you're interested in and make them your mentor." Her mentor was the American poet Elizabeth Bishop.

Next on the list for Rich is another book. *The Alchemist's Kitchen* comes out in 2010.

"There is a large focus on aging. We're all getting older. It's a recent embarrassing obsession of mine." She said the message will be that of transformation.

Rich's own life has been transformed due to her poetry win. She plans to spend her prize money on traveling. Rich will return to teach Spring Quarter but soon she will be taking a trip to teach in Mexico.



Pollard's painting, *American*, is on display at the Library Gallery.

Library exhibits natives, lighthouses, and horses

By RACHEL MARSH
Staff Reporter

The Library Gallery is currently displaying the vibrant oil paintings of local artist Jan Pollard through the month of January.

Pollard has shown her work in multiple places such as the Shoreline Art Festival, Anderson House, and Shoreline Senior Center. She also did a painting of the Space Needle for *Seattle Seafair Magazine*.

Pollard also worked as a cartoonist from 1960 to 1963.

She received training in acrylic classes at the Philippines at the Clark Air Force Base in 1972.

Pollard has lived in the Shoreline area for 35 years, when her husband retired after serving in the Air Force.

Currently, she is an office manager for a doctor.

She enjoys painting a variety of subjects as is displayed in this exhibit.

The work on display ranges from horses to lighthouses to human likenesses.

Recently she has been working on a music-inspired series of paintings.

"I've always been fascinated by music," Pollard said.

All of her children played in bands growing up. She loved watching them perform and drew inspiration from their music.

When describing her art, Pollard said, "I like color, I like to have a feeling of peacefulness and tranquility."

"I feel like with painting, you start something and you don't know where it's going, but when it's finished, you know it," she said.

Pollard's paintings will be on display from now until Jan. 30 on the fourth floor of the library.

The pieces are for sale with prices marked on each. To purchase a painting contact Tom Pollard at 206-878-3710, ext. 3236.

The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 2 to 10 p.m.

String along with the Chorale

By VITA MULYARCHUK
Staff Reporter

You can still join Highline's Chorale, but this quarter it's with strings attached.

The New Year brings changes for the Chorale as string and jazz players join for the quarter.

"We invite any string players who wish to keep up skills without overwhelming commitment to join us," said Dr. Sandra Glover, the director of the chorale. "This will be the first instrumental ensemble collaboration in years."

Throughout the quarter the group will be building on the yearly theme of "Sing We and Chant It," a repertoire consisting of master literature as well as contemporary and world music choices.

"It's challenging, but challenge is a part of being a per-



Michael Valle/THUNDERWORD

Dr. Sandra Glover rehearsing with the Chorale.

former and growing in your talent," said Zoe Westbrook, who has been a member of the Chorale since the fall of 2007.

Highline students and staff will have an opportunity to see the final product as the Chorale and the ensembles come together in a performance taking place March 12.

The rehearsals are held Monday through Thursday, noon-1

p.m. in Building 4, room 104. With 25 members, the Chorale is still in need of baritones, basses, string players, and jazz ensemble rhythm section players.

Vocalists and players who are interested in joining may contact Dr. Glover at 206-878-3710, ext. 6170. She can also be reached by e-mail, at sglover@highline.edu.



Rochelle Adams/THUNDERWORD

The Trial is back for an encore presentation this weekend.

Highline is back on Trial

The Drama Department is bringing on an encore presentation of Fall Quarter's play *The Trial*.

The production is a play version of the novel also named *The Trial*, by Franz Kafka.

Kafka wrote the novel in

1914 and 1915.

Like most of his works, it was a representation his own issues with alienation and disoriented anxiety. Also, like most of Kafka's work, *The Trial* wasn't published until 1925 after he had died of tuberculosis in 1924.

The play centers around a man, Josef K, who is arrested at the start of the play and never told why he is being charged.

His story continues as he tries

to get out of the trouble he is in while being lead in circles.

The play gives the work a circus spin that adds commentary on the complicated and contradicting nature of the justice system.

The Trial will open this weekend, Jan. 15 at 8 p.m. in the Little Theater, Building 4 room 122. Tickets are on sale at the door for \$8 for general admission and \$7 for students. If you bring a friend it's \$2 off.

'Cloudy' forecast for Highline winter drama

By **LIVIA MAHAFFIE**
Staff Reporter

Highline's student actors and actresses will have their heads in the clouds for this winter's production.

The play is called *The Clouds* by Aristophanes, which dates back to the late fifth-century BCE. Local actor and director Jim Lapan will be the guest director.

The auditions for the play were held last week. They were open to all Highline students and did not require previous theater experience. If a student makes the cast, he or she can receive credit by enrolling in a theater practicum course.

The final casting for the show was decided this past weekend. There were twice as many students who turned out for the

play as compared to last year's winter auditions.

"I can say that we had a healthy turnout this year," said Rick Lorig, drama professor at Highline. "The group is a nice blend of experienced students and newcomers."

As for the play itself, *The Clouds* was written prior to 427 BCE in Athens, Greece.

It's a tale which raises the question of how to reconcile science with religion and how to integrate schooling with daily life. It is a humorous play with a serious undertone.

For those debating whether to attend the play, Lorig said, "What's there to debate? Highline consistently picks plays that are both challenging to the performers and interesting for the audience. Our plays are generally \$7 per student, which

makes them cheaper than going to the movies these days."

The cast will rehearse every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 2:30-5:30 p.m.

The final production will premiere Feb. 26 and will run Feb. 27, 28, and March 5, 6, and 7.

Also, for all those who loved the production, Franz Kafka's *The Trial*, which ran this fall, there will be an encore presentation Jan. 15, 16, and 17.

All shows are held in the Highline Theatre, Building 4, room 122. The general admission cost is \$8 and \$7 for students. Bring a friend and receive a discount; you and a friend will receive admission tickets for \$6 each. Tickets can be bought ahead of time and up to a half an hour before the show time.

For more, contact Lorig at 206-878-3710, ext. 3279.



Amy Nguyen/THUNDERWORD
Director James Lapan works with actors on Wednesday.

'Prairie Heart' will blossom in Burien

By **ROCHELLE ADAMS**
Staff Reporter

The play *Prairie Heart*, written by Highline instructor T. M. Sell, opens this weekend at Burien's Breeders Theater.

The story is set in the plains and farmland of North Dakota in the late 1800s. It centers around a love triangle. Ingrid, played by Adrienne Grieco, is torn between the farmer Ole, played by Luke Amundson, and the exciting Harald.

Highline alumnus Stephen Scheide plays Harald.

"Harald is a bit of a dreamer," he said. "His plan is to move to the city and make a name for himself there. But first he wants to find the perfect girl."

He finds that girl in the female lead, Ingrid.

Scheide said he learned drama at Highline under Dr. Christiana Taylor and since moving on has worked in several theaters including Tacoma Musical Playhouse. This won't be his first play at Breeders; he's been in the last three summer shows, but it is his first winter one.

Scheide described the play as "a very sweet show and a very good love story."

He also commended the ensemble cast.

Prairie Heart's director Alan Wilkie gave the same sentiment.

"I think my cast is very good," he said. "I think they tell the story well. It's a very good group of people. I'm very happy with them."

Other cast members include J Howard Boyd, Eric Hartley, Melissa Grinley and Melissa Malloy. Nancy Warren is the



Wally Monroe/BREEDERS THEATER
Ingrid (Adrienne Grieco) and Harald (Steve Scheide) share a dance in *Prairie Heart*.

musical director, with choreography by Teresa Widner and costumes by Melissa Sell.

Wilkie said he had no control over choosing the actors because the cast was already put together by the time he joined the production.

He got involved after meeting Dr. Sell through a mutual friend. Wilkie described the play as having "a fairy-tale feel to it,

even though I think T. M. would say it's based in reality."

He said he wanted to make the play as simple as possible and to tell the story in a very straightforward way.

Wilkie promises a unique experience, partially due to the theater's location. For the last eight years Breeders Theater has been located inside the E. B. Foote Winery.

"I think it's unique," he said. "I don't know of a lot of plays that take place in a winery warehouse."

Scheide said the play comes with a wine tasting.

"It's different than your regular night of theater," he said. "You really can't get that anywhere else in the area."

He said there will be two wines tasted before the show,



Director Alan Wilkie

two more during intermission, and two after the show.

Despite the wine, the play isn't directed at any specific demographic.

"I think anybody would like it," Wilkie said. "I think it kind of opens itself to anybody."

He encourages everyone to give it a try.

"Come see it," Wilkie said. "I think you'll like it."

Prairie Heart opens this Friday, Jan. 16. Other performances will be on Jan. 17, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, and 31.

Proceeds from the Jan. 29 show go to the Breeders Theater arts scholarship, which provides tuition assistance to Highline students.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the show starting at 7 p.m. For Sunday shows, the doors will open at 1:30 p.m. with the show starting at 1 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at E.B. Winery, 127-B SW 153rd St., Burien, 206-242-3852. They can also be purchased at Corky Cellars at 22511 Marine View Drive, Des Moines.

Streaking T-Bird men look to stay in first

By **CHRIS WELLS**
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's basketball team is 7-6 overall and 2-0 in the early stages of league play.

During the first game before the break they were able to handle Peninsula decisively with a final score of 66-51 on Dec. 4 at home.

Kelly Edwards, a 6'3" sophomore guard, played a key role for Highline on the offensive end against Peninsula by putting up 22 points and grabbing a total of 6 rebounds.

Coby Gibler, a 6'9" sophomore power forward, was a defensive stopper in this game with 3 blocks and 3 steals.

In the team's next game, they played the Scenic West Athletic Conference powerhouse North Idaho College, on Dec. 5 at home.

They came out of the gates slow facing an uphill climb after being down at half time 36-18. In the second half, they picked up the scoring, but fell short, 77-56.

Gibler was a bright spot on the offensive end putting up 12 points and being a constant disturbance on the boards, grabbing 7 offensive rebounds and a total of 13.

Dan Young, a 6'10" freshmen center, made a factor on the defensive end contributing with 5 blocks and 3 steals.

The next game they played was at Olympic on Dec. 9, in which they fell short by a score



Ami Nguyen/THUNDERWORD

John Morine posts up against Dan Young at practice.

of 78-71.

Olympic currently has the best record in the NWAACC with a mark of 11-1 on the season, with their only loss coming to Mt. San Jacinto of California.

Shedrick Nelson, a 6'3" sophomore guard, had a coming out party in his first game of the season by putting up 25 points with a 50 percent accuracy from

the field and contributed 5 rebounds.

On Dec. 12, Highline lost to Bellevue at home by a score of 73-60.

Nelson contributed 19 points and added 12 rebound, as well.

In the next game, they beat Shoreline at home by a score of 87-57 on Dec. 19.

Gibler went a perfect 10 of 10 from the field finishing with

23 points and 8 rebounds. Nelson shot 8 of 11 from the field and finished with 19 points and 8 rebounds.

On Dec. 20, Highline beat Peninsula for the second time, this time by a score of 79-71.

Gibler was an offensive presence adding 19 points and collecting 12 rebounds before fouling out of the game.

Vaughn Gaines, a 5'10" sophomore guard, also contributed 9 points and passed the ball around for 6 assists.

The next game was a rematch at North Idaho against the Cardinals in which they fell by a score of 78-72 on Dec. 29. Stats are currently unavailable for this game.

The next night they played at Spokane and fell short by a score of 67-63.

Even with the loss, the team had optimism after the game.

"North Idaho is a very good and talented team, and even though we lost to them by six the last time, we played them hard," said Paul Mickelson, a 6'3" sophomore guard.

Nelson contributed 19 points and was 5/10 from beyond the 3-point arc.

Young also added 14 points and was a force in the paint with 4 blocks.

On Jan. 3, they returned home to face Centralia in their first league game and won by a score of 89-74.

Gaines contributed an all around performance with 13 points, 5 assists, 6 rebounds and 2 steals. Gibler added 16

points, 8 rebounds, 2 steals and 2 blocks. Edwards had 12 points, 13 rebounds and 2 blocks.

They went on to win their next game of league play on Jan 9., at Grays Harbor, by a score of 78-68. Stats are currently unavailable for this game.

Although the team is off to a perfect start in league play, Gaines says there are still things to work on.

"We need to improve on consistently, having intensity and putting away teams when we have them beat early. As long as we do that we will be number one at the end of the season."

Gaines, who is back at Highline after spending a year at Colorado State University-Pueblo, says he is encouraged with one part of the team specifically.

"I'm impressed with all the freshmen having a lot of maturity on the court. It's good knowing we can have them in at the end of the games."

Currently undefeated in league play, the men are poised to make a run at a playoff berth.

Mickelson says, "I know that we have what it takes to beat any team in the NWAACC."

Stats were unavailable at press time for their game on Jan.14 at South Puget Sound.

The men will play 8-5 Clark at home on Saturday, Jan. 17 at 3 p.m. They will follow up with another home game on Monday, Jan. 17 at 8 p.m. against 4-9 Green River.

They will fly south on Wednesday, Jan. 21 to play 9-4 Lower Columbia at 7 p.m.

Injuries become a factor for T-Bird wrestling

By **KAYLA LELIEFELD**
Staff Reporter

The Highline wrestling team is not only fighting to win their matches but fighting against the weather and forfeits.

Injuries have left the Thunderbirds with gaps in their lineup, while weeks of bad weather forced the cancellation of several matches.

From Dec. 5 to Jan. 10, the wrestlers were supposed to have had six matches but have only been able to have three due to weather conditions.

"It's very frustrating not being able to compete, however we are still practicing hard to get ready for nationals," said Michael Morales, who wrestles for Highline at 197 pounds.

The Highline wrestling team is dealing with the loss of four starters.

The T-Birds' season has been hampered by injuries. Derek Driscoll, 149, and Marshall Giovaninni, 157, both are out

for the year.

Giovaninni, who finished second in the nation, last year, is out with a shoulder injury. Driscoll's injury is undisclosed. Both wrestlers had a good chance at nationals, Norton said.

Derek Driscoll was ranked in the top four for the country and Giovaninni was ranked first.

Also done for the season is Jared Sterling, 141, and Steve Sanchez, 133, due to personal problems.

"The loss of four starters, two having a big chance at nationals, is a big blow," said Coach Norton. "Since we have had to forfeit matches, we are not too conserved with the loss of dual matches. We are preparing more for the national tournament."

Highline had mixed success in the matches they were able to get to.

On Friday, Dec. 5 the Thunderbirds traveled to Forest Grove, Ore., and knocked out the Pacific University Boxers,

28-12.

The Boxers took an early lead 12-4 thanks to, two forfeits at 125 pounds and 141 pounds.

However, the Thunderbirds were able to come out on top of a number of close matches.

Starting out at 133 pounds Aaron Smith dominated his match winning 18-5.

At 157 pounds the match was much closer. Highline's Derek Driscoll was up one point at the end of the second period.

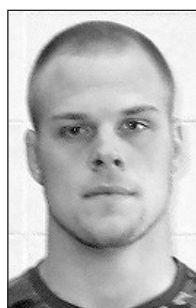
At the start of the third round Driscoll got an escape and took Kody Kramer of Pacific down to win with a 7-4 victory.

Marshall Giovaninni, Highline's 165 pounder, wrestled Pacific's Nathan Shay and won by a final score of 10-6.

Zach Burnett, 174 pounder, also dominated his opponent, winning 17-0, as did Casey Park, 184 pounder, winning 11-3.

Highline's David Lopez, a 285 pounder, also won a match through forfeit.

At 197 pounds Mike Morales



Morales

had an intense match. He found himself down 4-3 the start of the third round.

Morales, knowing he had to get one point to tie the match, chose the down position. He came up strong right away and scored a one-point escape; then midway through the round he took Jordan Branson of Pacific down for the win 7-4.

On Saturday, Dec. 6, the wrestlers traveled to Oregon City to face Clackamas and lost 38-4.

Highline again forfeited at 125, 141, and 157 pounds.

Aaron Smith at 133 was able to walk away with the only win for the night. Smith has a solid win of 15-6.

Derek Driscoll lost his first match 7-1 to Anthony Wear-

haim. Other losses for the night were: Zack Burnett, 165, 12-4; Casey Park, 174, 22-6; Caleb Padgett, 184, 15-0; Mike Morales, 197, 10-7; and David Lopez, 285, 13-2.

Sunday, Jan. 11 the team traveled to Coos Bay, Ore., to face Southwestern Oregon and lost 35-12. Individual scores were not available.

Highline was supposed to face SWOCC on Dec. 14, Clackamas on, Jan. 8, and compete in the Oregon Classic on Jan. 10, but was forced to cancel due to weather conditions.

Due to there not being enough weekends left in the season, there looks to be no other time to make up the matches, said Head Coach Scott Norton.

On Thursday, Jan. 15 the Highline team hosts Northern Idaho in the Pavilion at 7 p.m.

The Highline team will also be traveling to the Clackamas Open in Oregon City on Jan. 17 and to the Yakima Dual on Jan. 20.

Lady T-Birds on the rise after rocky start

By **BRIAN GROVE**
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's basketball team is on the rebound with a record of 5-9, after adding some depth to its bench.

Over the break, the Lady T-Birds added sophomores Jazzmn Montgomery and Kameka Nolan.

"We are finally at our full team," Highline Head Coach Amber Rowe said.

"Both are very talented players and have helped our depth tremendously. This alone has helped our win loss record," she said.

And helped it has. Before the break, Highline's record was 0-4. Since then, it has been a respectable 5-5, with Highline winning 4 out of their last 6 games.

Thursday, Dec. 4, the Lady T-Birds took on Lane College at home.

They were defeated handily by a score of 72-51, Lane.

During the first half of the game, the Lady T-Birds were able to keep an even pace with the Titans, with the score 29-all at the break.

The next half however, was a different story, with the Titans outscoring Highline 43-22.

Highline's top scorers included Adriana Aukusitino, Randi Olson and Lauren Hill with 15, 13, and 13 points, respectively.

Next, on Dec. 5, the Northern Idaho Cardinals swooped in and went to town on the Lady T-Birds with a final score of 99-40.

The Cardinals outscored the Lady T-Birds total solely on points from turnovers, 54-8.

Highline's top scorers included Tera McCann-Soushek, Lauren Hill, and Randi Olson with 8, 8, and 7 points respectively.

It was not until two weeks later when Highline played their next game on Dec. 19, when they squared off against the Clackamas Cougars.

Although this game was much closer than the previous two, and the Lady T-Birds outscored their opponents in the second half, 46-45, they still came up short against the Cougars by a final score 83-75, Clackamas.

Dani Carlman scored 19 points, while Randi Olson, Jazzmn Montgomery, and Lauren Hill followed with 13 points each.

Olson and Montgomery also helped spread the love with 5 assists apiece.

Closing the scoring gap between their opponents and themselves showed some promise as to when Highline would get their first win.

The very next game, Dec. 20,



Brian Grove/THUNDERWORD

Highline women Cassie Fontenot and Tera McCann-Soucek square off at practice.

Highline got their first taste of victory as they throttled challenger Peninsula in a 74-50 victory.

The team sported overall an 44 percent shooting percentage, while Lauren Hill, Randi Olson, and Jazzmn Montgomery were the leading scorers with 18, 15 and 12 points respectively.

Highline snowballed their momentum and made it two in a row Dec. 27 in the Chemeketa Holiday Tournament against Kwantlen University College of British Columbia in a final score of 64-55 Highline.

The Lady T-birds looked to make it three as they went up against Camosun College of B.C. on Dec. 28.

Highline emerged the victor in a 72-65 win over their Canadian opponent.

Highline's momentum continued to build when they defeated Langara College of B.C. on Dec. 29 in a final score of 78-58, Highline.

Stats were not available for this tournament, but Highline Head Coach Amber Rowe was proud of her teams play.

"Things are starting to look good for us. We played some good competition in Victoria," she said.

"We are still working with our starting five and our rotations off the bench since adding the two girls at the Christmas break."

Highline's overall game play is also starting to look better.

"Most of the big things are looking better (e.g. plays, defense schemes, etc.) we are now moving our focus to the little detail things," Rowe said.

Ending their preseason on a high note, Highline looked to kick off league play the following week against league rival Centralia.

Coming off of four straight wins, Highline felt as though a lot of their hard work was starting to pay off.

"I am really enjoying this team. They get along great and they work very hard. I am excited about moving into league play," said Rowe.

Unfortunately, Highline's win streak came to a snap on Jan. 3, when they fell to division rival Centralia in a nail biter, 69-68.

Kameka Nolen and Patrice McKinnon were all over the boards with 12 and 6 total rebounds, respectively.

Highline's next league play was supposed to be against

Grays Harbor is located in Aberdeen and roads to Aberdeen had been closed due to inclement weather at the time.

The game was rescheduled and played last Friday, Jan. 9.

The Lady Chokers were triumphant over the Lady T-Birds, 57-45, with statistics unavailable at press time.

Despite losing their first two league games, the Lady T-Birds are keeping their heads up.

"The team chemistry is great. Regardless of win-loss, it's a family type of thing. It's typically difficult with lots of freshmen coming in, you expect a personality clash, but it's not like that with this team," said freshmen Ariassa Wilson.

"Our team chemistry is super good, but sometimes we can't click on the court," said sophomore Kameka Nolen.

Looking down the road, Highline thinks they have a lot of potential to finish the season strong.

"We want to reach our full potential and win the games we are supposed to win before the end of the season," said Wilson.

"We want to finish the next five games with a lot of Ws so when we come against adversity on the court, we will be able to face it, conquer it and get the job done," she said.

Highline squared off against South Puget Sound, who is off to a 3-0 start in league play Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 6 p.m. with results unavailable at press time.

Highline's next two games are against Clark, Saturday, Jan. 17, at 6 p.m. at home and they will also host Green River, Monday, Jan. 19 at 6 p.m.

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Highline unites snow lovers for upcoming season

By LIVIA MAHAFFIE
Staff Reporter

This winter season Snoqualmie and Crystal Mountain have great deals for beginners who have the desire to learn how to ski or snowboard.

And for those who want something a little more convenient, Highline has a new ski and snowboarding club.

At Snoqualmie, there is the EZ Ski/Ride 1-2-3 program, which is designed for first time learners and beginners. This deal is the most affordable way to learn how to ski or snowboard.

For a price of \$119, you receive three days of beginner lift tickets, three days of equipment rentals, and three lessons. Participants are not required to come three consecutive days, but have to come anytime during the 2008-2009 winter season. A credit card is also required to have on file for all equipment rentals.

Kevin Clancy, student at Highline says, “The EZ Ski/Ride 1-2-3 program was a great and affordable way to go snowboarding this season. I learned so much at the lessons, so by the third day I was shredding down the mountain.”

Another deal at Snoqualmie is the 2008-2009 Big S Unlimited Pass. At a price of \$349, especially for college students, you are allowed access to any summit base area, including Alpental, at anytime.

This deal is definitely the most practical and affordable if you plan on going up several



Steve Matera/THE SUMMIT AT SNOQUALMIE

Boarders take a break and enjoy the snow at the Summit at Snoqualmie ski resort.

times throughout the season.

The Big S Unlimited Pass does not include rentals or lessons. However, pass-holders receive benefits, such as discounts for certain lodging, restaurants, and tubing, through the Big S Club.

To insure you can qualify for the college rate, be sure to bring a photo ID, and a copy of transcripts and class schedule. You also must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 undergraduate credits.

Crystal Mountain is also offering a deal for beginners called EZ Ski/Ride 1-2-3. It includes three lift tickets, three lessons, and three snowboard or ski rentals.

The first lesson is five hours

followed by the second and third day only two and a half hours. The cost is \$155 during mid-week and \$185 during weekends.

Along with the EZ Ski/Ride 1-2-3, Crystal is running another promotion especially running from Jan. 14 to Jan. 30.

If you or a friend is interested in learning how to ski or snowboard and sign up for a beginner’s package, you also get a free all mountain lift ticket for that day.

Justus Hyatt, group sales coordinator for Crystal Mountain, says “The EZ Ski/Ride 1-2-3 program is definitely the best deal for beginners. It’s a great way to get skills built up.”

Don’t fret if you haven’t had

the time to head up to the mountain. The EZ Ski/Ride 1-2-3 program is running all season long. However, the special free lift ticket promotion is only running until Jan. 30.

To learn more about Snoqualmie and Crystals deals for this season, check out their websites at www.skicrystal.com or www.summit-at-snoqualmie.com.

For those looking to ski and snowboard while becoming more connected with other Highline students, Snow Lovers is perfect for you.

Snow Lovers is a group at Highline with the purpose to bring students together with one common interest: snowboarding and skiing.

The group started roughly a month ago and is already bringing in around 20 people per meeting. The group meets every Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in Building 8, third floor.

“We’ve done lots of awesome brainstorming” said Bryan Miller, president of Snow Lovers.

Miller is hoping more people start coming to the meetings. “It’s a great way to get to know one another.”

The group plans to go up to Snoqualmie and Crystal Mountain around one to two times per quarter. Highline is helping fund this group to make it more affordable for students and to help provide this enriching experience.

Miller estimates the individual cost per person, per trip to the mountain, “will be around \$30 to \$60 dollars.”

This cost includes ski or snowboard rental, lift ticket, and transportation. The transportation will be provided by Highline using either a bus or vans, depending on how many people participate.

Students will need to provide their own clothing and gear, such as helmet, gloves, snow pants, etc. Students who wish to participate also need at least three credits at Highline to be eligible.

To learn more about the Snow Lovers in greater detail, you can contact its president Bryan Miller through e-mail at snow_bum4life@yahoo.com. You can also check out Snow Lovers for yourself every Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in Building 8, third floor.

Scoreboard

Men’s basketball standings

North Division

League/Pts/Season

Olympic	3-0	1.000	11-1
Sk.Valley	3-0	1.000	8-5
Bellevue	2-1	.667	13-3
Everett	2-1	.667	4-8
Peninsula	1-1	.500	4-9
Whatcom	1-2	.333	8-5
Shoreline	0-2	.000	6-7
Seattle	0-2	.000	3-9
Edmonds	0-3	.000	0-7

East Division

League/Pts/Season

Yak.Vall.	1-0	1.000	12-3
Spokane	1-0	1.000	9-3
Walla	1-0	1.000	8-5
Tr.Valley	1-0	1.000	4-11
Col.Basin	0-1	.000	7-4
BigBend	0-1	.000	7-6
BlueMT.	0-1	.000	6-9
Wen.Valley	0-1	.000	6-9

West Division

League/Pts/Season

Lower Col.	2-0	1.000	9-4
Highline	2-0	1.000	7-6
Tacoma	2-1	.667	13-2
Clark	2-1	.667	8-5

Centralia	1-1	.500	3-8
S.P.Sound	1-2	.333	7-7
Pierce	1-2	.333	6-10
Grn.River	1-2	.333	4-9
Grays.	0-3	.000	0-10

South Division

League/Pts/Season

Clack.	2-0	1.000	14-2
Mt.Hood	2-0	1.000	11-3
Linn-B.	2-0	1.000	6-8
Chem.	1-1	.500	6-7
Umpqua	1-1	.500	5-10
SWOre.	0-2	.000	5-12
Lane	0-2	.000	3-11
Portland	0-2	.000	2-13

Men’s scores

Highline78, Grays Harbor 68
Highline 89, Centralia 74
Spokane 67, Highline 63

Women’s basketball standings

North Division

League/Pts/Season

Sk.Valley	3-0	1.000	11-1
Everett	3-0	1.000	4-9
Bellevue	2-1	.667	9-6
Peninsula	1-1	.500	6-7

Seattle	1-1	.500	2-10
Whatcom	1-2	.333	5-6
Olympic	1-2	.333	3-8
Shoreline	0-2	.000	6-7
Edmonds	0-3	.000	0-10

East Division

League/Pts/Season

BigBend	1-0	1.000	11-3
Yak.Valley	1-0	1.000	10-5
Col.Basin	1-0	1.000	9-5
Tr.Valley	1-0	1.000	7-6
Walla.	0-1	.000	9-2
Spokane	0-1	.000	7-6
Wen.Valley	0-1	.000	5-9
BlueMt	0-1	.000	2-8

West Division

League/Pts/Season

S.P.Sound	3-0	1.000	9-4
LowerCol.	2-0	1.000	5-8
Clark	2-1	.667	2-8
G. Harbor	2-1	.667	2-8
Centralia	1-1	.500	9-3
Grn.River	1-2	.333	7-4
Tacoma	1-2	.333	5-8
Highline	0-2	.000	5-9
Pierce	0-3	.000	2-10

South Division

League/Pts/Season

Umpqua	2-0	1.000	15-1
Lane	2-0	1.000	13-3
Clack.	2-0	1.000	11-3
Mt.Hood	1-1	.500	9-6

Linn-B.	1-1	.500	5-8
SW.Ore.	0-2	.000	5-9
Chem.	0-2	.000	4-10
Portland	0-2	.000	3-7

Women’s scores

Grays Harbor 57, Highline 45
Centralia 69, Highline 68

Highline 78, Langar.(B.C.) 58
Highline 72, Camosun 65
Highline 64, Kwan.Univ. 55
Highline 74, Peninsula 50
Grays Harbor 58, Clark 52
S. Puget Sound 72, Centralia 52
Tacoma 66, Green River 60

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Dignified Death

Participants discuss and debate new state law

By **AMBER PETER**
Staff Reporter

Last week’s Science Seminar on the Death with Dignity Act revealed the deep divisions in people’s thoughts on the measure.

As Highline Nursing professor Elise Muller-Lindgren tried to explain the act, audience members heckled each other and engaged in mini-debates during Friday’s presentation.

Science Seminar is a weekly series of talks on topics of scientific interest on Friday afternoons.

Muller-Lindgren explained the act, adopted via initiative in last November’s elections. She also talked about Oregon’s 11-year-old death law.

Muller-Lindgren, who once worked as a hospice nurse, explained that the Death with Dignity law states that only individuals with terminal illnesses, who are expected to live six months or less and are at least 18 years of age are eligible to qualify for the treatment.

Then, the request has to be



Ami Nguyen/THUNDERWORD

Elise Muller-Lindgren explains the Death with Dignity Act

approved by two doctors and be signed by two witnesses who are not related by blood or marriage or have their name in the individual’s will.

Only residents of either Washington or Oregon are eligible for the prescription and the physicians giving out the prescriptions must have a license to practice medicine in either Washington or Oregon state.

However, there is a catch to the Death with Dignity Act: nurses, doctors and hospitals have the choice to not prescribe the treatment to a patient who requests it. As one student pointed out during seminar, St. Francis Hospital in Federal Way refuses to prescribe the treatment to any of its patients.

Muller-Lindgren said that in Oregon, only 230 people have requested the prescription since the law was adopted in 1997.

Throughout the discussion, it was clear that not all in the audience saw eye to eye: some people took offense to the new law while others approved. And they weren’t afraid to say so.

While others may disagree on the passed initiative, Muller-Lindgren was very understanding of both sides on the topic of Death with Dignity.

“I can understand where they’re coming from and can respect their opinion,” she said.

Next week’s Science Seminar will be Lucy – Her World and Life, featuring anthropology professor Lonnie Somer. Somer will be speaking about the famous skeleton of an early woman who may be the ancestor of all modern humans.

Science Seminar meets Fridays, 2:20-3:10 p.m. in Building 3, room 102. The program is free and open to the public.

Lucy, Darwin and love come to Science Seminars

By **AMBER PETER**
Staff Reporter

Winter Quarter’s Science Seminars discuss matters ranging from Lucy’s legacy to Galileo’s shattering idea about the universe.

Highline Science Seminars are presented every Friday and cover a wide range of topics relating to the sciences. It can also be taken as a class, earning one credit of science.

Seminar topics often come from students who give suggestions to Dr. Eric Baer, the coordinator of Science Seminar and a Highline geology professor.

The guest speakers who talk at the Science Seminars are mostly faculty or staff at Highline who volunteer to speak. Everyone is welcome to come and join, not just students.

“I think it’s important to educate the community. It’s not just educating the students in the college but everybody,” Baer said.

For this week’s seminar, Lucy – Her World and Life, Lonnie Somer an anthropology instructor, will talk about Lucy, the skeletal remains of an ape-like human who lived and died in what is now Ethiopia. Some scientists believe that she may be the ancestor of all modern humans.

Other seminar topics this quarter will include:

•Geological Disasters in Human History, with Dr. Baer, Jan. 23. The seminar will discuss past major geological disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis, storms, etc., in human history, including the fabled 1755 Lisbon earthquake that ended the reign of Portugal as a colonial power.

•The following week on Jan. 30 will be Demystifying Computer Science, hosted by Tina

Ostrander and other computer scientists from both Highline and The University of Washington in Tacoma. They will explore computer science and what computer scientists do.

•Feb. 6 Ruth Frickle, a psychology instructor will discuss the question, “What is Love?” She will analyze what causes what we call love. Is it an ideal or just a drug?

•Just in time for Darwin’s birthday is the seminar The Monkey in the Mirror - Darwin’s Birthday through Satire (Darwin Week Presentation) hosted by Angi Caster and Highline student Ashley Mathews on Feb. 13.

The seminar will discuss Charles Darwin’s ideas of evolution and how has satire influenced the communication and reception of the British naturalist.

•Feb. 20 will be Virtual Computing, hosted by Kurt Geissel and Mike Bradley. They will be talking about how cloud computing is the hottest trend in computing.

•Nursing instructor Marie Esch-Radtke will be hosting the Feb. 27 on the seminar “Got Milk?” She will take a look at breastfeeding in the 21st century and examine recent research on the health impacts of breastfeeding.

The last science seminar for winter quarter will be on March 6 where Dr. Tim McMannon, a professor of history, will explore Galileo and his theories over 400 years ago that crushed the idea of the universe revolved around the Earth.

Science Seminars are every Friday at 2:20 to 3:10 p.m. in Building 3, room 102. Admission is free and the seminars are open to everyone and anyone who wants to learn a little something new.



Blood drive needs donors

By **ZANE STEARMAN**
Staff Reporter

A blood drive will be held in Building 2 on Tuesday Jan. 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This blood drive is being held to help fill the blood shortage caused over winter vacation due to donors not being able to get to a donor station during December’s heavy snow and holiday season.

“The demand is huge,” said Nursing program coordinator and the Student Nursing Club advisor Teresa Trillo.

Donors will be required to give one unit of blood. Two units of blood make one pint. “One pint of blood can save up to three people,” Trillo said.

At any given moment the average human body has between five to seven units of blood in their body.

Blood is required for patients

who are undergoing surgery or recovering from a major accident.

Trillo also said that in some instances a person may be losing blood just as fast as it is being pumped in; so in some cases a patient may require 10-20 units of blood.

The blood drive is being hosted by the Student Nursing Club at Highline and administered by the Puget Sound Blood Center (P.S.B.C.).

Donated blood will stay in

Washington, and will be used at local hospitals around King County.

If you would like to donate blood you can do so without an appointment or register at psbc.org to make an appointment. To find a drive near you, visit the P.S.B.C website: <http://www.psbcc.org>.

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Budget

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The State Board of Community and Technical College and the Office of Financial Management are still analyzing the governor's budget to "see precisely what counts," Bermingham said.

The governor's budget proposal will not be final until it is passed through the Legislature. The House and Senate each propose their budgets and work to negotiate with the governor for a final budget.

Members of the Legislature recently visited Highline to discuss the budget proposal and its impact on the college.

"We're looking at a very difficult session," said State Sen. Karen Keiser, D-Des Moines.

"These are painful cuts," said State Rep. Dave Upthegrove, D-Des Moines. "Our hands are tied during this frustrating time."

The governor has pledged no new taxes since the 2008 election and as a result, leaves the budget only to be balanced through cuts.

Upthegrove said this is an area of the proposed budget that will be worked on.

The Legislature is not looking to raise taxes itself because of Initiative 960, which requires two-thirds of the Legislature to pass a tax-raising bill. It is trying to put it on the ballot so voters can decide.

"Instead of balancing only by cutting, we should try and generate new money," Upthegrove said.

State Rep. Bob Hasegawa, D-Renton agrees and says increasing revenue will "create a more balanced tax system."

Highline is hoping to do the same to help the budget reductions.

"We are evaluating what are possible areas to cut and, if possible, for more resources and revenue," Bermingham said.

Dr. Bermingham cited grants, the Rainy Day Fund and support from Highline's Foundation as sources of extra revenue. Highline also made savings from not

filling positions as well as filling positions late.

The governor's budget proposed a 5 percent tuition increase that will help ease the amount of cuts, but because of the large number of tuition-waive students at Highline, not as much extra revenue will be generated.

Although no specific cuts have been made yet, Highline is in the process of putting off initiatives, cutting back on equipment and looking to see how much the college must tighten on the number of courses, Bermingham said.

Highline was up 10 percent in enrollment for fall 2008 but that increase is not likely for next fall.

"We might not be able to serve as much," Bermingham said.

It still isn't known where potential cuts are going to be made in course offerings, he said.

Bermingham said evaluating both the high-demand areas for courses and defining college priorities needs to be done before making any decisions on changing course offerings.

Health programs is an example of one of the priorities because of the high demand for medical professionals.

"We must do this while keeping in mind the values of this institution," Bermingham said.

Those values include globalization and diversity, he said, as well as the students.

"Our students are our best advocate," Bermingham said.

Along with the many members that are a part of the budget process, he says he values being able to work with Student Government President Lance Frank and the student leadership.

"The state realizes the pivotal role that community colleges play in the economic recovery," Frank said.

Bermingham said that it's important to have not just the opinion of the staff, but the input from students as well.

"Community college programs have a real impact on this community," Bermingham said. "We can be part of the solution."

Reporter Jaren Lewis contributed to this story.

Finance

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"The Washington State Community and Technical Colleges are migrating to a new financial aid computer system. Highline was one of the first colleges to migrate," Financial Aid Director Lorraine Odom said. "The reason for the change is that the financial aid system we were previously using is no longer being supported by the vendor."

The system so far is going well but like all new programs it has its advantages and drawbacks, Odom said. "One of the benefits to the new system is that it is a web based version of the system we previously were using," Odom said.

Due to the new style of the program it may be causing some lines for students, although the focus is still on the students.

"One reason for the financial aid lines may be attributed to the new system because it is a bit slower and crashed multiple times during the first week of the quarter," Odom said.

"However, the long lines are not unusual during the beginning of each quarter. We pride ourselves on taking the time to fully help individuals at our front counter; therefore students are not given a short and incomplete answer to their question," Odom said. "This can cause a backup, but in the long run, students served should not have to come back multiple times to have their same question answered."

Although Financial Aid was open Jan. 3, checks weren't handed out until the first day of the quarter, Jan. 5.

"There were and still are many kinks to the new system that we are working on. Once the issues we are experiencing are resolved it should be easier for us to use," Odom said.

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Highline students, faculty and staff are going to participate in this event. It includes workshops, a rally and a march. This event is going to start at 11 a.m., Jan. 19, at Garfield High School.

King as a Social Scientist: The Revolution of Values Towards Creative Maladjustment by Dr. Mark Bolden. This presentation will address students in multiple disciplines to find creative ways to do King's work. This event is going to start at 9 a.m., Jan. 20, at Highline Student Union Building 8, Mt. Constance Room.

Living the Vision, An Interactive workshop by Dr. Mark Bolden. This workshop will incorporate skill building exercises related to interpersonal transgressions that we commit against one another with a re-commitment to treat individuals more humanely. This event is going to start at 11 a.m., Jan. 20 in the Highline Student Union Building 8, Mt. Constance room.

Creating a Vision of Equity and Opportunity in Education, a lecture by Dr. Debra Ren-Etta Sullivan. This event includes a speech about equity of every child in education. This event is going to start at 12:10 p.m., Jan. 20 in Building 7.

From Dr. King to President Obama, Racial Vision, Racial Blindness and Racial Politics in Obamerica. This lecture by Dr. Eduardo Bonilla will touch on the civil rights movement to the current election of President-Elect Barack Obama. This event is going to be between 10 a.m.-12:10 p.m., at Jan. 21, at Highline Student Union Building 8, Mt. Constance Room.

Diversity at Highline: A Critical Analysis of Recruitment and

Retention of Faculty and Staff of Color. This program focuses on the importance of recruitment and retention of faculty and staff from diverse backgrounds. This event will be 2-3:30 p.m., Jan. 21, in the Highline Student Union Building 8, Mt. Constance room.

2020: New Visionaries Panel. There will be a speech about current social activities and it will teach how you can get involved in making a difference now. This event is going to start at 9 a.m., on Jan. 22, in Building 7.

Elders Panel, Retrospection on Dr. King's Vision. This panel will celebrate local elders from both Highline and the community who were, and remain to be, political activists and advocates for their communities. This event is going to start at 11 a.m., on Jan. 22, in Building 7.

Born Rich, a film showing and discussion with Kevin Stanley. Born Rich is a 2003 documentary about the experience of growing up as a child in one of the world's richest families. This event is going to start at 12:10 p.m. on Jan. 22, in Highline Student Union Building 8, Mt. Constance room.

People's History of Sports in the United States, a lecture by author Dave Zirin. This event is going to be 9-10 a.m., Jan. 23 in Building 7.

Rainbow of Desire, an interactive performance and community dialogue facilitated by Marc Weinblatt. Participants will be invited to deconstruct a short scenario exploring the complexity of gender dynamics. This event is going to be between 12 a.m.-2 p.m., on Jan. 23, in the Highline Student Union Building 8, Mt. Constance room.

These events are sponsored by Student Programs. for more information go to www.highline.edu.

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