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The Thunderword

Highline Community College

Tuition increase around 7 percent

By LIVIU BIRD
Staff Reporter

A full load at Highline may cost \$63.70 more per quarter next year.

It is likely tuition will go up no more than 7 percent a year for the next two years thanks to the final operating budget for 2009-2011 legislators in Olympia passed last weekend.

This means a student taking



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the \$910 it would cost at this year's price. Over the course of a full school year, students

a normal full load, or 15 credits, will be paying \$973.70 per quarter in tuition and fees instead of

will pay \$191.10 more next year.

However, the exact amount of the tuition increases

will not be known until the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges' board meet-



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ing in May, said Janelle Runyon, director of communications for the State Board.

"It's clear that the Legislature put a high priority on higher education," Runyon said. "As always, we continue to focus on access to higher education."

Community and technical colleges took the smallest cut in higher education, with a

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Employee robbed at gunpoint

By YURIY TORCHILLO and TARA KESTER
Staff Reporters

A Highline employee was robbed at gunpoint on Monday evening, April 27 on the north side of Building 24.

It was approximately 10:25 p.m. when the employee heard from another that three men were prowling the vehicles in the North Lot.

Highline officials said that when the employee left Building 24 to confirm the presence of the car prowlers, one of the men approached the employee, displayed a weapon and demanded his money. The employee complied and the robbers left the campus.

The Des Moines Police Department responded to the incident and is continuing their investigation. "Officers set up a perimeter and a K9 unit was called, but we got negative results," said Steve Weiland, master sergeant of the department.

"We are currently trying to contact some witnesses but no suspect was found and the victim couldn't give a description of the robber," Weiland suggested. "In situations like this, I would always tell people to cooperate and always have a second person with you at this time of the day."

Highline's vice president for administration, Larry Yok, asks people to call 911 immediately if you witness any suspicious activity or persons on campus. He says not to attempt to investigate the activity or people yourself.

"If you are confronted by someone who demands your possessions while threatening violence, we recommend that you comply and then call 911 when you are able to safely do so," Yok said.

Administrative Sergeant Patti Harris of the Des Moines Police Department has been meeting with Yok regarding campus safety.

"Based on what I've been

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Nursing program to create a waitlist

By VITA MULYARCHUK
Staff Reporter

A change in state law may require Highline's nursing program to accept students from a waitlist.

Highline's nursing program coordinator says that they might have to accept less than qualified students.

The House Ways and Means Committee inserted an amendment in the House budget requiring all community and technical colleges with nursing programs in the state of Washington to establish a waitlist and by 2011, admit at least 50 percent of new students from the waitlist per year.

The amendment was offered by State Rep. Eileen Cody, D-West Seattle, at the request of State Rep. Dawn Morrell, D-Puyallup, responding to the many complains of students failing to get into a nursing program who are forced to reapply despite meeting all requirements the first time.

Having 25 years of experience as a registered nurse and continuing to work as a critical care nurse in Puyallup, Morrell said that she doesn't want to see potential nursing students getting discouraged.

"I'm tired of hearing that nursing programs turn away hundreds of students who are highly qualified," said Morrell. "In fact, I had about 15 people come to me and say that for that reason, 'I'm not going to be a nurse' and I think there should be more certainty."

Rather than putting their life on hold and reapplying every year in hope for admission, the



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Instructor Barbara Smith teaches her Pharmacology class.

waitlist will give these nursing applicants more assurance, Morrell said.

Instead of having vague assumptions that hundreds are lined for the program, the waitlist will give the Legislation specific numbers with the possibility of financial increase for Washington's nursing programs.

Morrell is not alone. There are four nurses in the Legislature supporting this proviso.

However, Highline Nursing Coordinator Teri Trillo has a slightly different opinion than that of the Legislative nurses.

"All of us are against it," Trillo said in regard to the amendment. "The faculty from this program does not support it or understand the rationale behind the idea of what it's meant to accomplish."

It creates more problems than it eliminates and that's the feeling with most nursing programs,

she said.

Trillo argues that not only would a waitlist double the workload of administrators but may also put applicants on stand still since they outnumber the spots available. Some 150-200 students apply every year but only 72 are accepted; 48 of which are first year students and 24 LPNs.

"We'd also be forced to ac-

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Security called on sleeping student

A student was reported sleeping in the lobby of Building 21 on April 22. He was thrashing around in his sleep.

He said he was working out all day and he was very tired. Security told him that his sleeping and thrashing was causing students and staff to feel uneasy.

A few hours later he was reported talking loudly in his sleep. He told the Security officer it was a recurring nightmare. The Security officer told him to leave because he kept getting called back in.

Urine-covered man asked to leave library

A librarian asked a man to leave the library on April 23. The man had urine on his pants and the librarian didn't want him to ruin the chair. The man departed the campus.

Teenagers waiting for bus cause trouble

Custodians told Security that six non-students were causing problems in Building 29 on April 19.

When Security arrived there were four teenagers about 14 to 16 years old on the third floor.

They had chairs lined up so they could nap while waiting for the bus. They were told that they're not allowed to wait for the bus indoors, and needed to wait outside.

They complied and left without any problems.

Man caught looking at pornography

A faculty member called Security on April 25 stating that an older man has been coming into the library and looking at pornography in the enclosed computer area on the second floor.

Student asked to keep it down

A student in the library was talking to himself and scaring other students on April 25. Security spoke with him and he said he will keep it down.

Library staff said it's all right if he stays because he didn't seem threatening.

--Compiled by Yuriy

Call for the Employee of the Year nominees

Nominations for Highline's 2009 Employee of the Year have opened. The employee of the year receives an award of \$1,500. The award is funded by the Highline Community College Foundation.

Nominations will be open through May 8. To nominate an employee, submit a letter in a sealed envelope labeled "CONFIDENTIAL - Nomination for 2009 Employee of the Year," to Cesar Portillo in Human Resources.

The letter should describe what separates the employee from their peers, their achievements and impact, their working relationships with others on campus and the duration of their employment in the position.

Nominees can be classified staff, professional staff and administrative employees are eligible.

The recipient of the award will be announced at the Faculty & Staff Spring Luncheon.

UW marine instructor will present at MaST

The Marine Science and Technology Center will feature a presentation exploring the realities of scuba diving in the Puget Sound.

Janna Nichols, a University of Washington REEF Marine Life ID instructor and scuba diver, will be the speaker at the event.

The event will take place from noon to 12:45 p.m. at the MaST Center near Redondo Beach Park. It is open to the public.

Science Seminar will present earthquakes

This week's Science Seminar will explore the impact of earthquakes on Washington state and Alaska.

Science Seminar is a weekly event in which Highline faculty and staff host presentations about science.

The seminar, called "Life on the Edge: The Rise and Fall of Tanginak Anchorage," will be presented by Highline Geology professor Beth Mahrt tomorrow, Friday, May 1.

The presentation will run from 2:20 to 3:10 p.m. in Building 3, room 102. Like all Science Seminars, attendance is

Fun night for Foundation



Vita Mulyarchuk/THUNDERWORD

Highline Distinguished Alumnus Junki Yoshida compares bidding notes with Board of Trustees Chairman Dan Altmeyer at the Highline Foundation Gala last Saturday, as Highline student volunteers Melissa Smith and Kelli Tracey look on. The gala is one of the Foundation's biggest fundraisers. The Foundation is a private, non-profit community group that exists to raise money to support Highline students and programs. Among other efforts, the Foundation raised \$20,000 to support finishing the MaST center on Saturday.

free, and open to the community.

Student government candidates meet

A mandatory candidate meeting for those wanting to run for Student Government president and vice president will be Tuesday, May 5.

Election packets are still available on the third floor of Building 8 in the Student Programs office and will be due on Tuesday, May 5.

The meeting is for Student Programs to see who is serious about running.

Voting will be held Wednesday, May 20 and Thursday, May 21. You can vote online at the college's website, www.highline.edu, where there should be a link on the home page, and on the first floor of Building 8.

For more information contact Kelli Tracey, Vice President of Student Programs, at 206-878-3710 ext. 3215 or ktracey@highline.edu.

History Seminar on American Indians

The topic of this week's History Seminar will be "American Indian Resistance Movements." The seminar will explore the efforts of American Indians to halt the expansion of Westerners into their territories.

The seminar will be presented by anthropology instructor Lonnie Somer on Wednesday, May 6 from 1:30-2:20 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.

Calendar

•"Common Errors," a work-

shop, will be held at The Writing Center, Building 26, room 319, 1:30-2:20 p.m., April 30.

•"The Wily Comma," a workshop, will be held at The Writing Center, Building 26, room 319, 4-4:50 p.m., May 5, 9-9:50 a.m. May 6, and 1:30-2:20 p.m., May 7.

•"Overcoming Testing Anxiety," a workshop, will be held at The Math Resource Center, Building 26, room 319, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., April 30.

•"Setting Up Word Problems in Math 81," a workshop, will be held at The Math Resource Center, Building 26, room 319,

2:20 - 3:30 p.m., May 6.

Corrections

In the April 16 issue of the newspaper, Zane Stearman's name was printed incorrectly.

In the April 23 issue, the meeting time given for the Gay Straight Alliance was wrong. The correct time is Thursdays, between 10 and 10:30 a.m.

In the April 23 issue, a skimboarding trick should have been described as a sex change.

Send your corrections to thunderword@highline.edu.

CO-OPPORTUNITY: Cooperative Education

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

Contact Merridy Rennick, Career Specialist
206-870-3710 ext. 3148 mrennick@highline.edu
Drop by for a visit: 2nd floor of Building 6 (room 222)

HOT JOBS

Patient Services Rep. - 5272 - Part time

Assemble/coordinate patient packets for mailing, patient chart preparation, filing, misc. office tasks as required. Must be willing to learn and have great attitude, strong customer service skills, and exceptional reliability. Location: Renton Wage: \$9-10 Hours: 3-5pm M-F

Spanish Teacher for Children - 5261 - Very Part time
Teach Spanish once a week to children 3-6 years. Each class covers different categories to learn vocabulary, basic conversation, songs, stories, games, and arts and crafts in Spanish. Ideal candidate will be high energy, loving, and have experience working with 3-6 year olds. Location: Renton Wage: \$25-25 Hours: Weds 3pm-4pm

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

Students and staff share their tips on making sense of midterms

By TARA KESTER
Staff Reporter

Highline student Elijah Bailey-Caffey doesn't enjoy midterms.

He described midterms as "daunting. They hang over your head, [they are] stressful, annoying and it's a big relief when they are over."

Caffey said that he has to be strict on himself about running around and just "sit at home and study."

Caffey's biggest obstacle in studying for midterms is procrastination. He said it came down to literally forcing himself to read and make himself understand the material.

Caffey said that his savior is a note card for the test.

"Note cards are sweet, you can just pack things on them," he said.

Patricia Haggerty, a counselor at Highline, said that during a recession, with competition for jobs and programs, students are extremely concerned about the grades they earn.

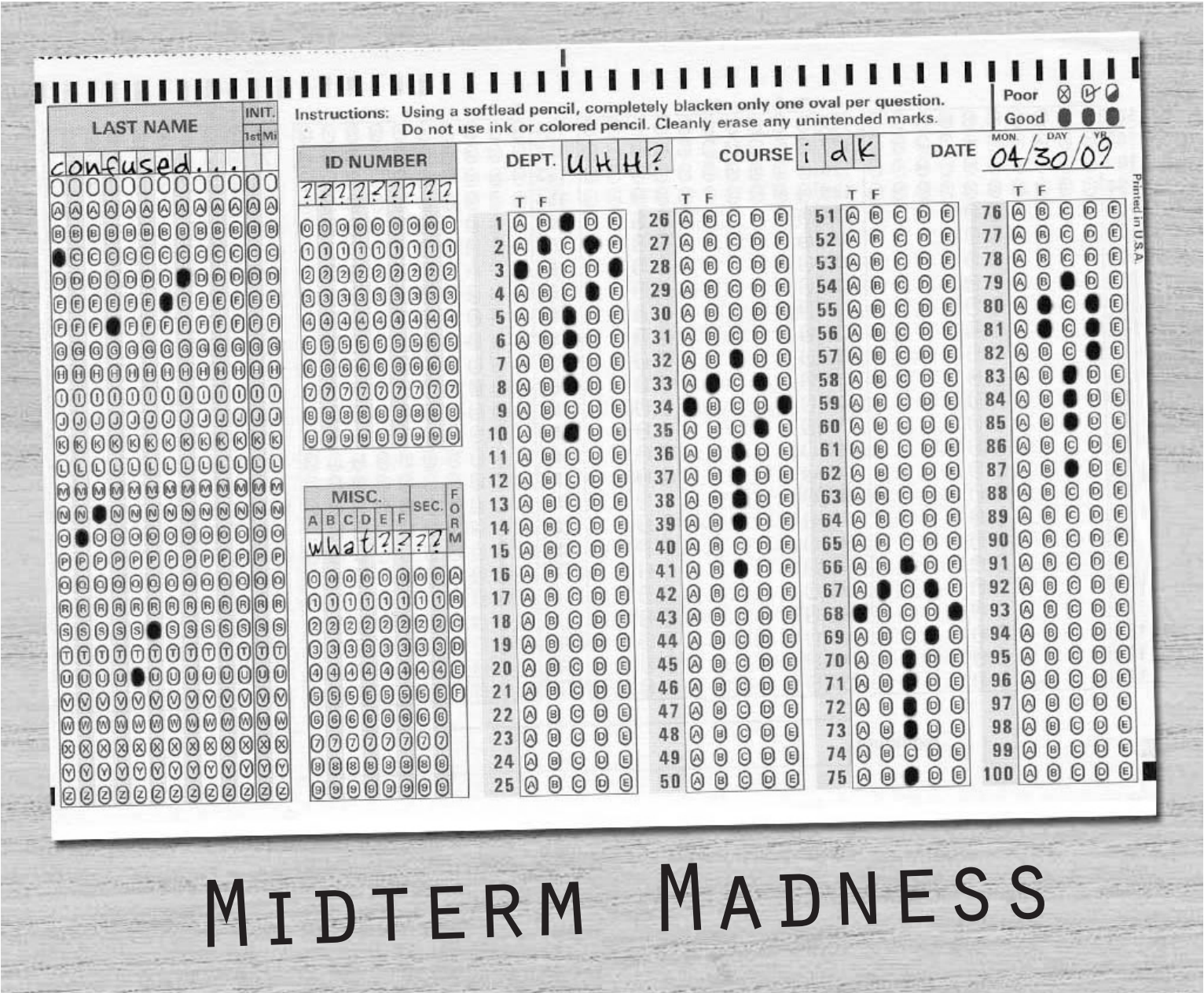
"Their attitude becomes: 'My life is depending on if I get into the program'," Haggerty said.

Highline student Chiara Burt's biggest motivation to study for midterms is "thinking about the fear of coming into a class and not knowing the material."

For Burt, procrastination is also a big thing to conquer.

Her worry is "studying too much for one subject and forgetting about studying for another class."

She said that midterms are "manageable," but they are a difficult reminder that there is



MIDTERM MADNESS

Jessica Lovin/THUNDERWORD

only one more half of the quarter left.

Highline's Andre Buchane's method for studying is "organized cramming."

Buchane said that the increased hurry and pressure of the upcoming midterm combined with the voice telling him that he "can't put it off, gotta study" can become overwhelming.

"I look at notes and do as much as I can in a short time," Buchane said.

Haggerty suggested that students should study throughout the quarter and avoid cramming the night before the test.

"If students feel that they have not understood the content of the course, there is a great

deal of stress the night before," she said.

She said that common things that prevent students from doing well on midterms are not learning to control anxiety, procrastinating and not learning to manage time with a full load and other responsibilities.

John Criscione's method for doing well on his midterms is coffee.

"I drink a lot of coffee while I'm studying for the test, and then at the actual test, and I end up doing well," Criscione said.

He said that although he is "super jittery," it works for him.

The counselor said that a healthy lifestyle is tough to maintain when studying for

tests.

"Get enough sleep, good nutrition, exercise and some personal down or social time," Haggerty said.

Still, some students, such as Yen Nguyen, are not as affected by midterms.

"I spend a lot of time on them, one weekend just to study and not going out to play, so I'm not packed on everything," Nguyen said.

To Nguyen, a midterm is "just a test."

She studies two hours every day for a class anyway so when it comes to midterms, it's just review so she is not as stressed out.

Haggerty agreed that review and "over-learning" the mate-

rial are good ways to reduce anxiety.

Gregory Thomas doesn't find midterms that daunting either.

However, he does give into laziness when studying. If it is an easy class, he will rarely read the book.

Since he is a business major, when it comes to accounting he is "super stressed."

"If you don't know one thing it leads to not knowing the rest," Thomas said.

Haggerty offers a few ideas for being successful on midterms: generating questions from the textbook and lecture notes, focusing on key words, concepts and examples, and making outlines that organize information.

Women in Action award dons new name, still rewards strong women

By KANDI CARLSON
Staff Reporter

Highline Women's Programs is accepting nominations for the Women In Action award.

The award was previously called the Extraordinary/Ordinary Woman Award.

The student working in the program office "helped put the new name together," said Deana Rader, director of Women's Programs.

"The name has changed but the meaning remains the same," Rader said. This award is

meant "to showcase the strength of women," said Rader.

"I don't think the [old] name really described that," said Rader.

The award celebrates "women moving ahead and beyond," said Rader.

Nominations will be accepted until Thursday, May 7 at 5 p.m. Nomination forms can be found at the front desk of the Women's Programs office located in Building 6.

Completed forms can be mailed, e-mailed or dropped off at the Women's Programs of-

fice.

The form can also be downloaded from the program's website; www.highline.edu/stuserv/womensprograms. Completed forms can be e-mailed to kmillier@highline.edu.

The nominations will be narrowed down to between five to eight individuals. The number of nominees is "depending on what the pool looks like," Rader said.

Nominees will be announced at the 27th annual Women's Celebration held in the Mt. Constance room of Building 8.

Play Texas Hold'em to raise money for women's shelter

By KANDI CARLSON
Staff Reporter

The Cards for A Cause Texas Hold'em tournament is being held Saturday, May 9, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Highline's Women's Programs and the Hospitality House women's shelter.

The tournament is being held at Karuna Arts Yoga Studio in Burien, 819 SW 152nd St. in Burien

There is a \$25 registration fee to play Texas Hold'em.

This buys you \$5,000 in poker chips. There is one additional

buy in available for Texas Hold'em.

Two time slots are available for play; 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

The \$10 general admission fee buys you \$1,000 in Blackjack chips or 10 raffle tickets. Walk-ins are welcome.

The final round will be played at the Mark Restaurant & Bar, 918 SW 152nd Str. at 8 p.m.

Prizes include trips, gift certificates and baskets. Many local restaurants have provided appetizers and a no-host bar will be on-site.

Soroptimist International Seattle South is hosting the event.

Editorial comment

And the decision is in

The Legislature missed its opportunity to make some progressive decisions about the \$4 billion that needs to be cut over the next two years.

The Legislature adjourned a 105-day session late Sunday night. Higher education took a huge hit.

Higher education budget cuts will affect everyone either directly or indirectly. It's not just about students and higher tuition. Education is the engine of our society. If it's not accessible, then our state will stall.

Our six four-year universities will receive more budget cuts than any other sector in the state government. There will be a reduction to university enrollment by 9,000 students and 4,300 state and university workers will be laid off.

Highline students should have the opportunity to transfer to a four-year institution to complete their academic goals.

President Mark Emmert of the University of Washington sent out a letter to staff, faculty and students on April 27. He said that the University of Washington will have a budget cut of 26 percent.

The 14 percent tuition raise will make the next two years the first time in the university's history that tuition revenue will be greater than state support.

The tuition hike will especially hurt students because the poor economy has also created the worst possible environment in which to get a job.

The UW is back to the future; its funding level is as low as it was over a decade ago. They will also need to cut jobs. The final approval of these cuts will be completed by June.

A general tax increase may have been a better decision for the Legislature. Our citizens need to realize that by financially supporting our universities, they are indelibly helping the next generation.

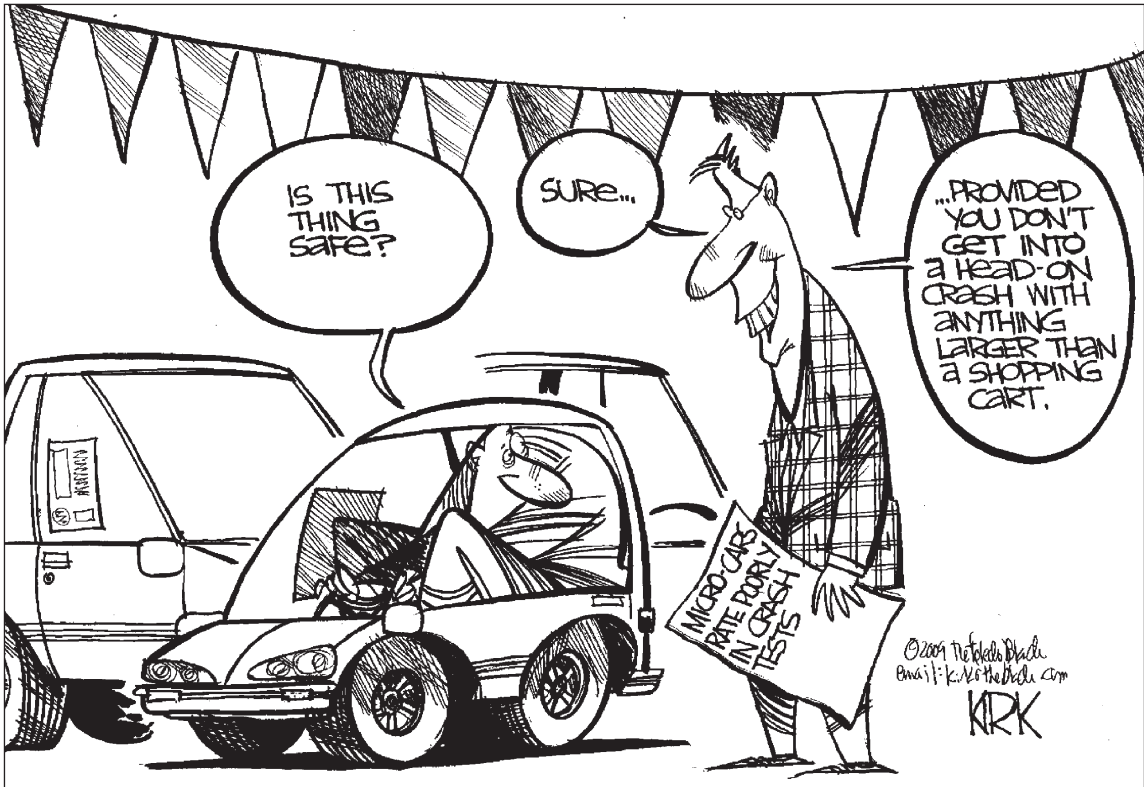
This is the generation that will take care of the future of our economy, of our health insurance and of our children's children.

The Legislature has created an unsustainable budget. Cuts to education will create strains on future state budgets. In other words, we have begun to dig a hole that may only become deeper in the future.

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That's help for babies, you silly goose.

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Tuition hike is unpopular

Editor's note: The following is a statement from state representative, Dave Upthegrove, on his decision to vote yes on House Bill 2344.

I began my involvement in politics as a Student Union representative in college and as an officer in a statewide student association.

In these roles, I organized, rallied and fought against tuition increases on students.

In the Legislature, I have historically opposed large unanticipated tuition increases. I am one of a handful of legislators who has consistently opposed institutional tuition setting authority.

I continue to believe that tuition decisions are best made by elected legislators, rather than unelected Boards of Regents.

I do not personally believe in the so-called "high tuition – high financial aid" model. I worry that families in the middle will be left out. If not now, then in the future.

I believe the best form of financial aid is low tuition.

I believe that framing the issue as one of either raising tuition or harming the quality of our colleges and universities is a false choice.

We have other ways to fund higher education.

None of the choices are good ones, and none are easy, but we do have other revenue and spending options.

I believe that there is room at our four year universities, particularly the University of Washington, for significant structural and administrative reform.

Do we need every vice-provost? Why are we paying half-a-million dollars to the university president? Does the obsession with athletics over academics help or hurt the focus on academics?

The stereotype of an "ivory

Commentary



Dave Upthegrove

tower" actually rings true to my ears.

Why, then, would I vote for this tuition increase? I'm not sure folks will understand, but I will try to explain.

I am a member of the majority party, with a responsibility for passing a state budget.

As we develop the budget, we all fight and push for a budget that reflects what we want to see as individual legislators. Through this give-and-take, we end up with a budget that is brought forward for final passage.

The budget depends upon passage of a package of bills (such as the tuition bill) to implement the budget. For all of us in the majority party, there are aspects of the budget we agree with, and aspects with which we disagree.

A number of us fought and pushed as hard as we could to prevent the tuition increase from being included.

We were unsuccessful.

At the end of the day, I then needed to look at the final budget as a whole and decide whether I am going to help get the final budget passed or not.

As a committee chairman, I have been involved in the development of other aspects of the

budget, and I also have worked with budget leaders on local budget priorities. While my views did not prevail on tuition, I did play a constructive role in shaping other aspects of the budget.

I reached the conclusion that I have a responsibility to help get the budget passed, and that this will involve supporting aspects of the budget with which I strongly disagree.

In addition, I reached the conclusion that the bill would pass, with or without my vote. If I voted no, then there would be another member of my party who would have voted yes instead of me.

In other words, it became clear to me that the bill was going to pass and the only question was which members of the majority party would provide the votes.

By voting yes, I allowed another member of my party to vote no on this politically unpopular bill.

This is more candid than most legislators share publicly, but it hopefully gives you an insight into the sausage-making of legislation and budgets.

The decision kept me awake last night and makes me sick to my stomach, but I believe it was the correct vote for me to cast in this situation.

I am committed to working in the future to establish a clear, stable and responsible tuition policy which respects the financial challenges facing students and their families.

I also am committed to holding our four-year universities accountable for structural reform, and hope that the performance audit tied in this legislation helps inform that process.

State Rep. Dave Upthegrove, D-Des Moines, represents the 33rd District in the State House of Representatives.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Picture is different. 2. One "Z" is missing. 3. Book title has been added. 4. Dresser is wider. 5. Lamp is missing. 6. Chair back is taller.

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Funny Business

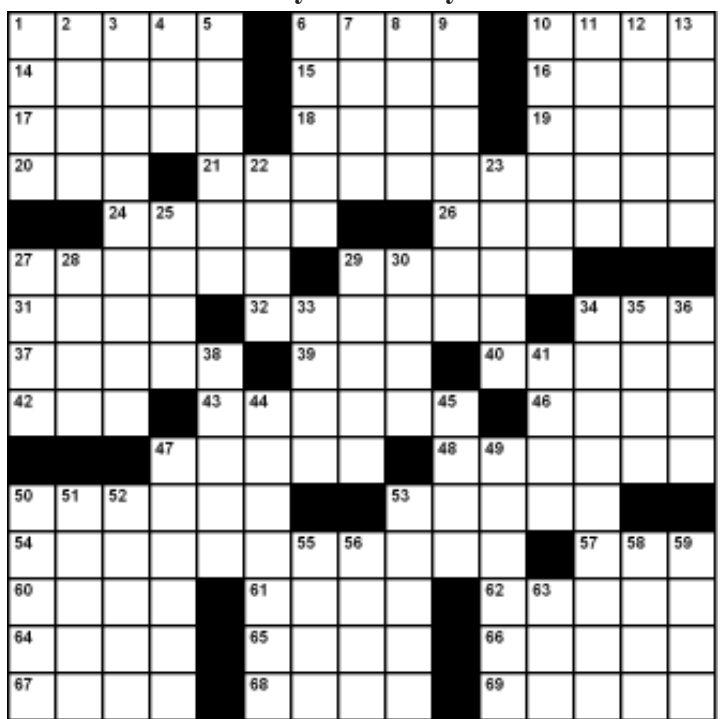
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 - 17. Singer Carpenter
 - 18. Desktop item
 - 19. Votin' no
 - 20. Prefix with center
 - 21. Late night funny-man
 - 24. Creep
 - 26. Crib staple
 - 27. Most resentful
 - 29. Stockpile
 - 31. Declare
 - 32. With 43A, Sound often heard by 21A, 54A, 3D, and 34D
 - 34. A/C meas.
 - 37. Truths
 - 39. These: Fr.
 - 40. Dens
 - 42. Caribou cousin
 - 43. See 32A
 - 46. Indication
 - 47. Completely exhausted, perhaps
 - 48. Like a knight or a novel
 - 50. Open courtyard
 - 53. Gin and ____
 - 54. "Good-night, Gracie" funny-man
 - 57. Sphere
 - 60. "____ poor Yorick"
 - 61. Desperate
 - 62. Follow
 - 64. Annoyance
 - 65. Pond life
 - 66. Boxer's closetful, maybe
 - 67. Office phone nos.
 - 68. Prepared to drive
 - 69. Romantic rendezvous

- Down
- 1. Needle
 - 2. No waiting!
 - 3. SNL funny-man, 1990-1993
 - 4. Shoebox marking
 - 5. Cuts the rug
 - 6. Move stealthily
 - 7. ____ Cola
 - 8. Bristol's county
 - 9. Hanukkah centerpiece
 - 10. Plans, as a course
 - 11. On the up and up
 - 12. Disney swimmer
 - 13. Ziti alternative
 - 22. Vow
 - 23. Kind of metabolism
 - 25. Pond dweller
 - 27. Sound counterpart
 - 28. Like Obama's office
 - 29. In front
 - 30. Long running sit-com
 - 33. Flu symptom
 - 34. Former Funny-man host of "Fat Albert"
 - 35. Faithful
 - 36. Manipulated
 - 38. Gesture of indecision
 - 41. Play opening

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Crossword 101

By Pete Canty



Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. ANCIENT WORLD: Who was the king of Troy during the Trojan War?
- 2. MEDICAL TERMS: What happens during sternutation?
- 3. MOVIES: What movie featured the famous line, "It ain't gonna be no rematch"?
- 4. LITERATURE: In which of Shakespeare's plays does the character of Titania appear?
- 5. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES: If a standard quarter weighs .2 ounces, how many quarters would it take to equal 1 pound?
- 6. SCIENCE: What geological process formed the Grand Canyon?
- 7. EXPLORERS: Who was the first European explorer to

- travel the length of the Mississippi River?
- 8. ENTERTAINERS: In *The Gene Autry Show*, who was Autry's well-known comic sidekick?
- 9. TELEVISION: What was the name of the chimpanzee on *The Beverly Hillbillies*?
- 10. MUSIC: What kind of instrument is a euphonium?

- Answers:
- 1. Pliam
 - 2. Involuntary sneeze
 - 3. Rocky
 - 4. *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
 - 5. 80
 - 6. Erosion
 - 7. La Salle, in 1682
 - 8. Pat Buttram
 - 9. Cousin Bessie
 - 10. Brass instrument that resembles a small tuba

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Arts Calendar

•This One is for You: The Work of Tanya Domashchuk will be the featured exhibit in Highline's fourth floor Library Gallery through April 30. Domashchuk specializes in photography, graphic design and pencil portraits. She was born in the USSR and immigrated to the United States when she was a child. She grew up in Centralia. Gallery hours are 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday; and 2-10 p.m. Sunday. •Highline's Drama Depart-

Last week's Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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ment presents its annual Spring One-Acts, May 20-23, at 8 p.m. in the Little Theatre in Building 4. Tickets are \$8 for general admission, \$7

Last week's crossword solution

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BITTEN BY THE DIRECTING BUG

But Brennan Grant remains partial to being in front of the klieg lights

By **COURTNEY SANKEY**
Staff Reporter

Degas comes back to life at Highline in the artistic hands of student actor-turned-director Brennan Grant.

Grant will be directing David Ives' *Degas C'est Moi* as part of the Spring One-Acts, the Drama Department's annual festival of student-directed theater.

Grant's imagining of Ives' work is nothing like what the author had envisioned, the director said.

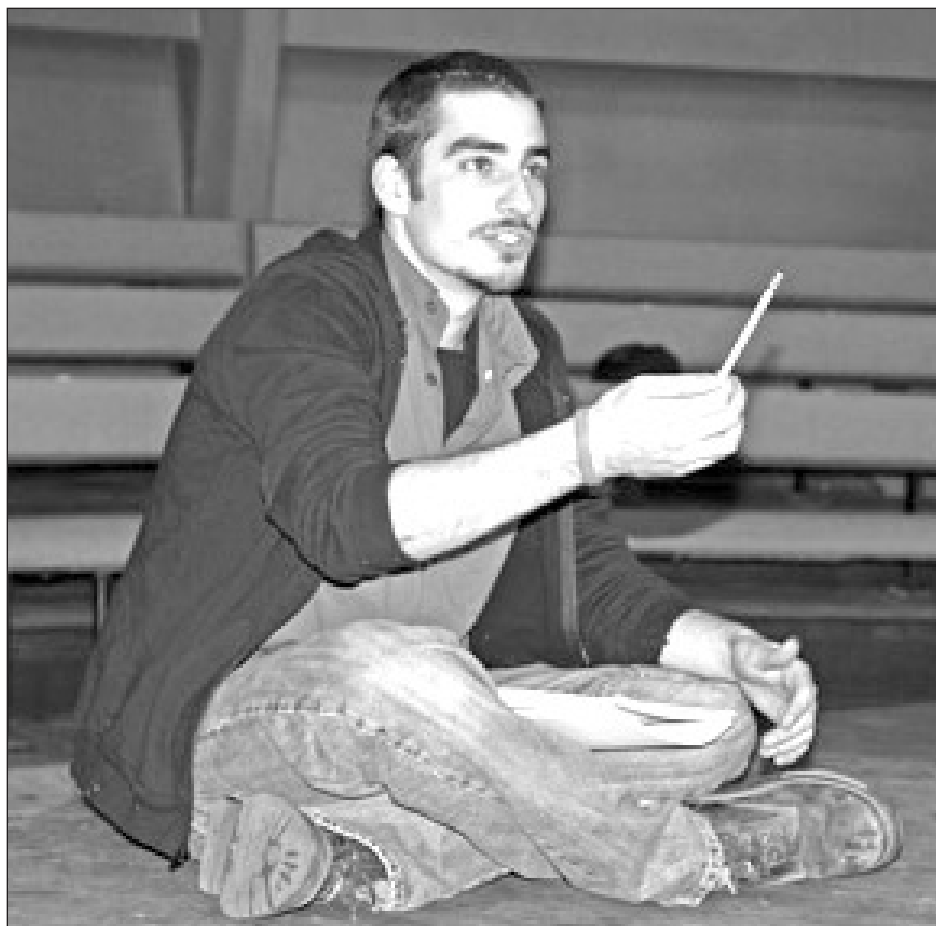
The play is about a man who decides to be Degas, a famous French impressionist painter, for a day and his wanderings and encounters in the city. The main character, Degas, is supposed to be one actor, but Grant decided to make it two.

"I felt that the Degas part was such a huge part. He is speaking in monologues for 80 percent of the time and (the other) 20 percent is actual dialogue," Grant said. "I'd always gotten the sense in reading this that there was this separation between his physical persona and his (consciousness)."

Grant's high energy during the rehearsal process translates over to the show itself. The cast of characters hardly ever sit still, with movement on the stage choreographed like a dance. When they do sit for even a moment, it almost resembles a painting by Degas himself.

Grant is constantly up working with the cast, showing them a cross or choke hold so that no one will get hurt. It doesn't take long to know that Grant was meant for the stage.

Off stage is a different story. In a



Gene Achziger/THUNDERWORD

Brennan Grant said he prefers acting, but is enjoying his chance at directing a show in the annual Spring One-Acts.

recent interview, Grant became another person altogether, leaving his vigor on stage as if sitting down for more than a minute sucked the life force out of him. Sitting in the second row of the theater, he was quiet and reserved.

But once he started talking about the stage and his love for it, the liveliness returned.

Grant said he can't pin down exactly when he decided to be an actor.

"I don't know really when the light bulb went off... but it's something that I have always been exposed to and it's always something that I loved," Grant said.

He has been involved with theater since he was old enough to walk. His

mother took him to shows and his father was an actor on the stage, doing professional theater in the Seattle area. He got into theater himself while attending Highline High School in Burien and after a year-long break from school got into the theater program at Highline.

"In high school, and now in college, I have found different things that I like about it," Grant said. "It (has) always been a part of who I am and what I'm into."

At Highline, Grant has not been on stage for every show, but he has had a hand in the process, in some way or another. Though this is the first time he has directed more than a single scene, he is no stranger to guiding others in the

craft.

Grant was able to sit in on Dr. Christiana Taylor's Acting 121 and 122 classes. There he helped shape scenes and go through the process of helping form a character with the students in those classes.

During the acting classes, Grant would report to Dr. Taylor, head of the Drama Department, about where the scene was going.

Now that he's in charge of a show, he still has Dr. Taylor and drama professor Richard Lorig that he can turn to.

"They are keeping a watchful eye on what (I'm) doing," Grant said. "But at the same time, if something really isn't working, they are going to help fix it."

Grant said that while being behind the table is fun, and a little overwhelming, for now it is not where he would like to end up. He prefers being on stage because of his love for the rehearsal process. Grant admits that he likes delving into the character and figuring out what makes them tick.

"I wanted to do the directing thing, because I heard it was a great way to grow as an actor," Grant said. "(Even) as a director, I am still looking at things from an actor's perspective."

Life after Highline is not too clear yet for Grant, but what is clear is that drama will definitely be part of it. He is going to be taking a year off after graduation to work and do a little community theater while contemplating what university he would like to attend.

"I am trying to pick a school with a good program and one that is not a small pond," Grant said. "I want to be thrown into a big community and duke it out there."

Grant's production, as well as three others, can be seen starting Wednesday, May 27 through Saturday, May 30 in Building 4, room 122. Tickets will be available at the door starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for students and \$8 for general admission.

Movie Fridays feature Asian-American films



Christy Choe/THUNDERWORD
Dr. Tommy Kim coordinates Movie Fridays, which run each week at 12:30 p.m.

Series a nod to Asian/Pacific American month

By **SHANNON SEVEREID**
Staff Reporter

Highline's Movie Fridays will celebrate Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month in May with an Asian-American themed documentary series.

Dr. Tommy Kim, professor of literature and writing at Highline, began coordinating Movie Fridays earlier this year.

Kim explained the essence of Movie Fridays as being all about "eating popcorn, watching movies and discussing important social issues."

This month Kim hopes to give students a better under-

standing and awareness of Asian-American heritage.

"It's a really fun way to learn a little something about our society – about our history," he said.

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month was established in 1978 "to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants," according to the Library of Congress web site, www.loc.gov.

For Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, Kim, with Tarisa Matsumo-Maxfield, a professor of literature and writing, will be collaborating to pick the documentary films for May.

However, movies eligible for viewing had to pass certain criteria.

"First of all, the movie had to be interesting. It also had to be a movie specifically about Asian Americans – Asians in the United States – not some Jackie Chan film. Secondly, the film must be addressing some kind of social concern. Lastly, it had to be a movie both Tarisa and I liked watching," Kim said.

Among the films chosen include *Who Killed Vincent Chin?*

and *Better Luck Tomorrow*.

Kim summarized *Who Killed Vincent Chin?* as the story of a Chinese-American automotive engineer who has been mistaken as being of Japanese descent and, consequently, murdered by unemployed auto workers.

Kim described *Better Luck Tomorrow* as a "teen film with guns, booze, and fun, wholesome stuff."

Kim hopes to help students learn, through the enjoyment of watching films, as a community and "exposing people to new things - new ideas," Kim said.

Movie Fridays will meet each Friday at 12:30 p.m. The location varies, but most events will be in Building 7.

Swampdwellers swarm the Blend this week

By **ALLIE LARD**
Staff Reporter

Swampdwellers, an afro-beat/hip hop group, will be the next performers at Highline's Blend series on May 6.

The biweekly concert will take place in the Student Union from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Swampdwellers is an eight-piece band from Seattle which includes saxophonist Marc Fendel and seven others.

The band includes Fendel, alto saxophone; Kevin Nortness, trumpet/tenor; Bob Lovelace, vocals, guitar and bass; Ari Zucker, guitar; Joe Doria, Hammond B3 organ; Carloss Tullos, bass; Farko Dosimoy, bass; and Andy Sells; drums.

The band rises above their influences by mixing new sounds and new music in unique ways. Their "Jazz roots are shaded with expansive arrangements and experimental flourish, a bombastic blend of afro-beat, hip hop and soul," said the group's MySpace music page.

Group leader, Fendel, grew up in Portland and has always been involved with music, he said. Fendel is mainly a saxophonist, but also plays bass.

Fendel received a full scholarship to Berklee College of Music and graduated in 1995 with two degrees: one in performance and another in music education.

After he graduated from Berklee, Fendel and two other students came to Seattle and started a band called Bebop and Destruction, which lasted about 10 years.



Marc Fendel performs with his fellow Swampdweller band members, Ari Zucker and Farko Dosimoy.

Bebop and Destruction was a jazz group that recorded four CDs, toured the west coast and played festivals, shows and clubs all over the west coast.

That experience led him to meet a lot of people and learn about a lot of different music, and although he grew up with jazz he was greatly influenced by all types of American music.

Fendel's current group, Swampdwellers, is a mixture of all aspects of music that he re-

ally cares about.

"Lots of things keep me going. For one, I run the Seattle Drum School Georgetown Branch. I am constantly inspired by all the great teachers, musicians and students that are around me every day. I love all kinds of music. I love world music. Right now I am into Indian Classical music," he said.

Swampdwellers has released two records. The first is the self-titled Swampdweller; the

second is titled My Favorite Monster.

"I am always inspired by wilderness and nature. I am into ski/mountaineering and climbing. I wrote my last two CDs while backpacking. No phones, no Facebook, no distractions—pure inspiration," Fendel said.

Reviews for these albums are very positive. A review by Avi Shaked on www.cdbaby.com says they are "truly adventurous and fresh."

The group plays at several of local venues including Nectar, a live music venue located in Seattle's Fremont District.

Swampdwellers have also played in the Seattle Music & Arts Festival Bumbershoot, and also play at Crystal Mountain twice a year.

You can experience the music of Swampdwellers at next Wednesday's Blend in Highline's Student Union between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Breeders Theater offers internship, scholarship for Highline students

By **MELISSA L. SMITH**
Staff Reporter

A local professional theater group is offering a couple of opportunities for students this spring and summer.

The group is searching for an intern to assist with its July production, and also offering a \$1,500 per year scholarship.

The requirements for the positions are fairly straightforward, said Breeders Theater business manager and Highline Program Manager for Instruction Nancy Warren. She said that they are simply looking for "good students who can complete a one-page letter of intent."

Scholarship applicants must also have a sincere interest in the performing arts and be returning students to Highline, having earned a minimum of 30 credits. To apply, submit a letter of intent that includes performing

arts projects in the past two to five years as well as at least one letter of recommendation from a Highline faculty member.

The selected intern will be assisting with the production of *The Last Magician*, written by Highline professor Dr. T.M. Sell.

The position entails stage management, costume assistance and box office duties. There is also a chance of being on stage.

"We stick the intern in a song if he or she can carry a tune," Warren said.

If selected, the intern is required to attend all rehearsals Monday through Thursday in June, and all performances, which begin July 10. The position pays \$300.

It is also an "opportunity to put real experience on a resume," Warren said.

Breeders Theater has em-

ployed a number of interns from Highline and awarded more than \$5,000 in scholarships to Highline students in the performing arts.

The group, who had their very first performance at Highline in 1999, currently performs at the E.B. Foote Winery in Burien.

Funds for their annual scholarship are generated from a benefit show at E.B. Foote every January. All ticket sales for the show go directly to the scholarship fund. Sherrill Miller, Highline alumna and owner of E.B. Foote Winery, also donates wine for this performance.

Breeders Theater will be accepting applications until the positions are filled. For more information or to apply, contact Nancy Warren in Building 9, room 103 or by email at breeders theater@aol.com or go to www.breeders theater.com

High school choir comes to Highline

Highline's Chorale will be teaming up with Thomas Jefferson High School's choir.

Each group will perform pieces of works they are currently studying.

The event is free to the public and attendance will earn points for Music Appreciation, Chorale and Class Voice students.

The performance is on May 5, at 11 a.m. in Building 7.

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MaST Center feeds the public's curiosity about Puget Sound

By GENE ACHZIGER
Staff Reporter

Sandwiched between the Redondo Fishing Pier where the locals angle for dinner and the walk-up Seafood Bar of Salty's Restaurant, Highline's Marine and Technology Center exists to feed another kind of hunger: a hunger for knowledge about Puget Sound.

During the week, Highline science professors lecture potential marine biologists and oceanographers. But it's not just college students seeking to fulfill science credit requirements on their way to an associate of arts or bachelor's degree using the facility. Primary and secondary students and the general public are flocking to the pier in search of answers as to what lies beneath the water.

MaST Center Manager Rus Higley expects fully 10,000 visitors during the Saturdays-only 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. aquarium tours this year. Parents and grandparents usher wide-eyed children amongst hands-on science displays to the touch tanks of the state's third-largest public aquarium where starfish delicately pass -- tentacle by tentacle -- and then into their stomachs -- morsels of food from the hands of docents. In the classroom, curious adults and older students sit transfixed as Highline faculty present weekend Science on

the Sound lectures on topics ranging from the formation of Puget Sound to an explanation of what divers see beneath the waves.

The center's mission is to "promote understanding, appreciation, and preservation of the marine environment through hands-on research, education, and community activities that highlights the beauty, complexity, and importance of the South Puget Sound ecosystem."

As Higley describes it, "People just feel better when they can connect with Puget Sound. It's a part of our lives, both economically and our sense of overall happiness. It's part of our lives."

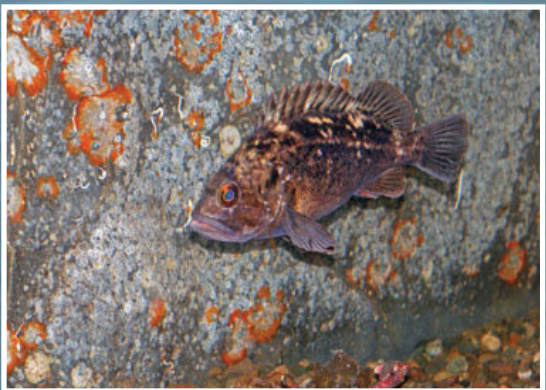
In the meantime, MaST staffers are seeking federal research grants and already have begun collecting data as a baseline for future research regarding such topics as weather and water quality. Water quality is particularly important, Higley said, as almost all of the eastern shore of Puget Sound is closed to shellfish collection due to pollution.

And they are pursuing permits to upgrade the aquarium exhibits. Higley says the college has a scientific collection permit from the State Department of Fish and Wildlife and may soon display a wolf eel.

One more hungry mouth to feed, one more curiosity of the public's to sate.



Clockwise from above: Emalie Bunker explains to her daughter, Valarie Schaefer (10), how sunflower stars feed; Koban Kliskey (3) plays with a Secchi Disc; MaST Manager Rus Higley displays a Lewis's moon snail while Jonathan Mejia (6) watches; and David Bedell (7) checks out the telescope with his brother, Braden (4).



Pictured, from left: Christmas anemone, Dungeness crab, brown rockfish, California sea cucumber, purple sea stars and plumose anemone.



Faculty rescued Redondo facility from auction block

Manager Rus Higley says the MaST Center is both a great source of positive public relations for Highline and a premiere recruitment tool.

And it's a gem that almost went unpolished.

From the 1960s to the mid-1990s, the Highline pier was the home to a commercial deep-sea diving school. With the retirement of the instructor more than a decade ago, the facility was essentially mothballed. Occasionally, Highline science instructors would use the decaying double-wide trailer/classroom, but it was largely unused.

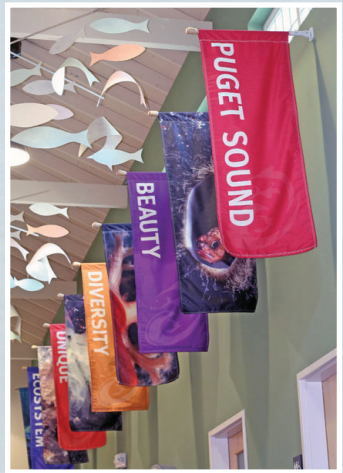
Faculty members got word that former Highline President Priscilla Bell was considering selling the pier and they developed the MaST Center proposal. The pier reopened for classes in 2003 while plans were developed to replace and upgrade the facility. The Highline Foundation has, to date, raised \$1.2 million toward its \$2 million goal to finance the new center. The Legislature contributed a \$500,000 matching grant and the Foundation is raising another \$500,000 to endow and permanently fund scholarships, camps, and community programs.

SCIENCE ON THE SOUND

Saturday lectures:

May 2: Janna Nichols, dive instructor, "So What Do You See Down There?" - A diver's view of underwater Puget Sound.

May 16: Wes Nicholson, underwater naturalist, "Silent Invaders of the Sound: Invasive Tunicates."



SUMMER ON THE SOUND

The MaST Center's annual Summer on the Sound Marine Science Camp will offer two week-long sessions this year for youngsters interested in learning about the geology, ecology, oceanography, marine biology and water quality of Puget Sound.

The free sessions will run July 20-24 for ages 7-10 and Aug. 17-21 for ages 11-13. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Because each session is limited to 25 students, prospective campers must submit an application packet including a letter of recommendation from a science teacher and a one-page letter from the student. Application forms are available at <http://flightline.highline.edu/mast/summercamp.htm> and are due by 5 p.m. May 29.

For more information, call Highline biology instructor and camp coordinator Chris Gan at 206-878-3710, ext. 3695, or e-mail cgan@highline.edu.

Basketball staff loses a coach

By CHRIS WELLS
Staff Reporter

Highline’s Josh Baker is no longer an assistant basketball coach for the T-Bird men.

Baker, also the cross country and track coach, says it was a hard decision to stop coaching basketball at Highline, but going back to school at the University of Washington will be a big-time obligation.

“The biggest reason that I left was that my wife and I decided that getting a doctorate in educational leadership and heading in that direction was the right move for us and there was just not enough time to be involved in everything,” Baker said. “It was time to cut back a little bit and just time to move on from basketball for now.”

After getting his bachelor’s degree at Brigham Young University in history and teaching in 2003, he chose to stay at BYU for two more years and received his master’s in physical education in 2005.

During his six years at BYU, five of them were spent working in the strength and conditioning program.

With school behind him, he accepted a job at Highline as a full-time faculty member and assistant basketball coach.



Chris Wells/HIGHLINE

Josh Baker teaches during his personal health science class.

Since arriving at Highline Baker has been teaching health-related classes.

Under Head Coach Ché

Dawson he handled recruiting until 2008 when he decided to take a step back and accept a less time-consuming position on

the staff as the offensive strategy and strength and conditioning coach.

With Baker now out of the picture for the T-Birds, the plan is to stay with the five coaches that they currently have on the staff.

Baker says that even though he wasn’t recruiting as much last year, the job was still an immense time commitment.

“It’s challenging to balance time, but basketball was a major time commitment,” said Baker. “So with that gone it really opens up a lot of time for me to be able to focus more on my doctorate.”

With basketball out of the picture, Baker says he is able to focus on an important part of the track team.

“The biggest thing with cross country is the more recruiting the better,” said Baker. “Cross country last year was run essentially the way I wanted it to be ran.”

With everything going on at the moment, Baker says he doesn’t consider basketball an option right now or in the long run.

“I love to coach basketball,” Baker said. “I don’t see it as the plan to go back and coach right now or even in the future at this point in time.”

Scoreboard

Men’s baseball standings

North Division

League/Pct/Season

Sk. Valley	13-3	.813	24-4
Edmonds	14-6	.700	22-14
Douglas	10-6	.625	18-14
Bellevue	9-7	.563	17-15
Everett	10-10	.500	22-16
Olympic	2-14	.125	14-23
Shoreline	2-14	.125	13-19

East Division

League/Pct/Season

Col. Basin	16-4	.800	34-6
Walla Walla	10-10	.500	23-14
Wen. Valley	10-10	.500	15-17
Big Bend	9-11	.450	20-18
Blue Mount	9-11	.450	20-20
Spokane	9-11	.450	17-13
Yak. Valley	9-11	.450	17-20
TreasureVal	8-12	.400	18-21

West Division

League/Pct/Season

Lower Col.	16-1	.941	27-6
Gr. River	13-3	.813	22-8
Tacoma	10-8	.556	16-13
Pierce	7-10	.412	10-20
Grays Har.	4-13	.235	8-28
Centrailia	1-16	.059	2-28

South Division

League/Pct/Season

Mt. Hood	18-2	.900	25-4
Lane	12-8	.600	22-16
Clackamas	10-10	.500	18-17
Chemeketa	8-12	.400	17-20
Linn-Benton	7-13	.350	12-17

Women’s softball standings

North Division

League/Pct/Season

Bellevue	15-3	.833	23-9
Shoreline	12-4	.750	19-11
Everett	12-6	.667	16-19
Olympic	8-6	.571	15-11
Sk. Valley	4-10	.286	5-19
Peninsula	5-13	.278	5-22
Edmonds	0-14	.000	0-25

East Division

League/Pct/Season

Spokane	17-5	.773	31-8
Wen. Valley	15-5	.750	30-9
Blue Mount	15-7	.682	22-12
Walla Walla	15-7	.682	30-14
Col. Basin	8-14	.364	15-23
Tr. Valley	8-14	.364	13-24
Yak. Valley	8-14	.364	15-21
Big Bend	0-18	.000	1-33

West Division

League/Pct/Season

Pierce	13-3	.813	19-16
Centralia	14-4	.778	15-11
Green River	9-9	.500	9-9
SPS	6-12	.333	6-28
Grays Harbor	2-16	.111	4-28

South Division

League/Pct/Season

Low. Col.	11-1	.917	28-4
Mt. Hood	8-4	.667	21-6
Clackamas	7-5	.583	16-14
SW Oregon	5-7	.417	28-10
Chemeketa	3-9	.250	15-18

Lady T-Birds softball finds new nests

By BRIAN GROVE
Staff Reporter

Three former Lady T-Bird softball players are now with new flocks this season.

The players jumped ship after the cancelation of the school’s program earlier this spring.

Highline tried to save the program after the resignation of Head Coach Anne Schmidt last year by hiring new Head Coach Gary Graf. Unfortunately, the Lady T-Birds were unable to get enough players to field a team for the 2009 season.

The three players who are currently playing for other schools include Kayla Leliefeld for Spokane, Kristina Stadelman for Bellevue Community College and Kaylyn Neils for Green River.

Leliefeld is a sophomore, while Stadelman and Neils are both freshmen.

Bellevue is on top of the North Division, with a 23-9 overall record and Green River is in third place in the West, 9-9.

Although the Lady Gators have a .500 record, they will have a lot of experience next season with only one sopho-

more on the roster this year.

Spokane is also leading the East, at 31-8.

Leliefeld said softball at Spokane is going well so far, but she is still working her way into the lineup.

“I’m not getting as much playing time as I used to at Highline because they already have a lineup and I’m still trying to work my way into that. All the other girls have been practicing all year,” she said.

Leliefeld plays second base.

Despite less playing time, she said she’s still glad she left to play for Spokane, which is close to her home in Deer Park.

“I’m closer to home now and it’s easier to do school,” Leliefeld said.

“The reason I was at Highline was because I was on a scholarship, so Highline without softball and being away from my family kind of sucked. There really wasn’t a point.”

Leliefeld said now instead of going to school, working full-time, and paying rent she can now go to school, work part-time and live at home.

Another player who formerly played for Highline but has not transferred anywhere to play



Shannon Clary/HIGHLINE

Litvinenko hits a pitch during a softball game last season.

ball this season is sophomore Alea Litvinenko.

She said she would rather sit out a year, then transfer to a four-year program and still have three years left of eligibility.

“A few schools are looking at me right now, so I’m hoping to play for them,” the utility player said.

One of her top choices is William Penn University in Okaloosa, Iowa. So far this season, the Lady Statesmen have an overall record of 40-16 and are 28-4 in the Midwest Collegiate Conference.

Litvinenko said she is working out and just trying to stay fit

in order to be prepared for the upcoming softball season.

Some students have opted to stay at Highline despite no longer having a team to play for here.

“Other schools have talked to me, but I just want to get the school part done right now,” said sophomore Jaclyn Wills.

“I want to play and I would play but Highline didn’t really give us that opportunity the second time around.”

Despite softball at Highline being canceled for the year, it has been slated to start up again next February to prepare for the 2010 season.

A few minutes could lead to a fatter wallet

BY RYAN PETERSON
Staff Reporter

More than \$600 million of unclaimed property is waiting for three million potential claims in Washington state.

Each year every business in the state is required to send its unclaimed property to the Department of Revenue. From there the department tries to find the unclaimed property's owners.

"We do press releases during the year, radio advertising as well as one full-time employee dedicated to finding the owners of some of the larger claims," said Patty Wilson, the unclaimed operations manager at the Department of Revenue. "Since this program has started we have returned over \$300 million, over time, in property."

The goal is to raise awareness. With three million names on the potential claims list there is a very high possibility that you or someone you know is one of those people.

If you believe you have a claim the easiest way to pursue it would be to log on to the departments website, <http://claimyourcash.org>. Search for the name you believe your claim was filed under and click pursue claim.

"Value of the property can be as little as a penny to a few hundred thousand dollars," said Wilson

This reporter found eight claims tied to three family members all over \$100.

The unclaimed property includes "un-cashed pay checks, refunds, bonds and deposits," Wilson said. Other items such as cash, safety deposit box contents and stocks also are being held by the department.

"We sometimes find odd things in the safe deposit boxes. We've found dentures, a pregnancy test recently and a half eaten sandwich once," said Wilson.

These claims do not expire and will be held indefinitely.



Pacific Ridge Professional Center, left, which will feature high end dental and medical offices. Heritage Plaza, right, will feature professional business offices and retail shops.



New buildings under construction near campus rising up despite recession

BY LIZ PHILLIPS
Staff Reporter

Two new buildings are being developed on Pacific Highway even with the current economic recession.

The first building is Pacific Ridge Professional Center. Pacific Ridge Professional Center is located at 22613 Pacific Highway S.

The approximate size of the building is 14,640 square feet. The building is three stories high and the top two floors have nice views of the sound, said Geoff Mayo, real estate agent.

The building has been in development for about three years and the building broke ground for construction in October of last year. The project is suspected to be finished by the end

of May, Mayo said.

Kolwant Verraich is the developer for the facility and Ncbee and Company are the general contractors.

As of yet there have been no offers to lease space, Mayo said. He said that the reason could be attributed to the fact that the building isn't complete yet.

"The market is soft," Mayo said.

Once offers do come rolling in, the type of occupants they are looking for are professionals, Mayo said.

"Gearing it [the building] toward high end medical and dental."

Mayo said that they are asking for \$28 per square foot but that is negotiable.

Compared to others, Mayo said, that he wasn't aware of any

real competition in the area.

There will be soon, and most likely before Pacific Ridge is finished.

Just about a minute south of Pacific Ridge, another building is being constructed and with similar clientele in mind.

The building is located at 23040 Pacific Highway. The building is approximately 20,000 square feet. This building is also three stores high. The bottom floor of the building will feature retail stores and the top two floors will be business offices.

"It is \$22 per square foot which is triple net," Sarsati said.

Triple net means that the tenants will share in all the costs of the building.

Compared to other buildings

in the area Sarsati said, these rates compare pretty well.

Currently one space has been leased to a dentist. Various other offers have been received, but none that were considered, said Ike Sarsati, the real estate agent.

Construction began between six to eight months ago, and the building is still not finished. It is expected to be finished by the end of May, Sarsati said.

The facility does feature an elevator and has a relatively nice view of the sound, he said.

The parking for this facility is located on the side of the building and the back.

There is plenty of parking for both shoppers and people who work there Sarsati said.

Sarsati said that they want professionals.

Café Mia closes but hopes to reopen with new image

Café Mia is reinventing itself after only four months of business.

Last January, Café Mia opened its doors in Normandy Park's Town Center on First Ave S. Despite the ailing economy and a delayed opening, com-

bined with being located in a largely residential area with few commercial businesses, Café Mia thrived.

However, last Thursday the owners of Café Mia closed up shop.

"It was a last-minute deci-

sion. The concept just wasn't working," Co-Owner Todd McKittrick said. "Customers we trust say the food is great, but it just wasn't comfortable."

During the remodel a full service bar will be installed as well as a lower ceiling to reduce

echoes and create a cozier atmosphere.

More outside seating and more menu options will also be likely, McKittrick said.

"We are hoping to re-open in about two months," McKittrick said

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Duwamish area attempts to revive wildlife

By KURTIS LOO
Staff Reporter

Pollution by Seattle industries is still hurting communities and wildlife along the Duwamish River, a Highline librarian says.

Jonathan Betz-Zall spoke at Wednesday's History Seminar to an audience of 25 people on "Environmental justice and the Duwamish River."

The Duwamish River sits between Seattle industries and communities such as South Park, Georgetown and Delridge. Surrounding communities around the Duwamish River have been fighting a constant battle with industries to stop polluting the air and river, he said.

The Duwamish River has been used for cooling, transportation and waste disposal since the early 1900s. It was also used for an outlet for sewage overflow. Betz-Zall discussed



how wildlife and people who live along the river are being affected everyday by the constant bad air and toxins that these industries produce.

"Superfund sites along the Duwamish River are among the worst in the country," Betz-Zall said.

Superfund sites are what the Environmental Protection Agency considers to be hazardous dump sites that are dangerous to the public and must be cleaned-up.

Industries such as Boeing, Malarky Asphalt and Long Painting Co. have been some of the major polluters in the Duwamish River, Betz-Zall said.

The EPA, which is in charge of cleaning the Duwamish River Superfund site, can't start the clean-up process until they find the source of the Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) that keep flowing into the river. PCBs are connected to cancer and ma-

chinery used in industry.

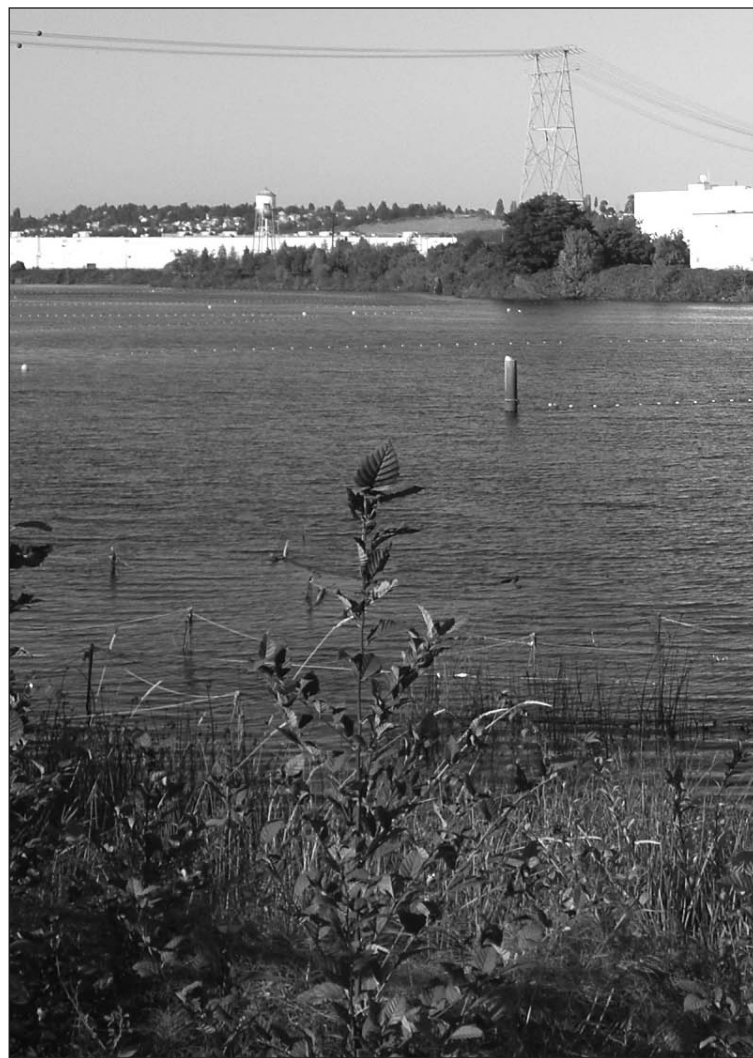
Betz-Zall suspects that it is coming from Boeing Field.

There was a failed clean-up attempt by the EPA in which they used a crane to pick up hazardous debris but the crane broke and dropped the debris back into the river, spreading the waste, creating a bigger mess to clean-up in 2004. No other attempts to clean-up the river have been made by the EPA or any government funded programs.

Betz-Zall says most of the work being done to clean-up the communities is being done by the Duwamish River Clean-up Coalition. The Clean-up Coalition is a community advisory group that consist of community organizations, environmental groups and small businesses.

According to their website, their goal is to "help bring back at least 30 percent of the river shoreline for wildlife habitat." They have achieved 5 percent of their goal and continue to work toward 30 percent.

The Clean-up Coalition has made a "vision plan," hoping to bring people together and clean-up the Duwamish River for a pristine future. The plan includes creating more urban villages and greenery so people can use other types of transportation other than cars to reduce air pollution, housing, recreation, jobs and habitat restoration.



Vaughn Profit-Breaux/THUNDERWORD

The Duwamish River has been a pollution victim for many years.

If you would like to get involved with cleaning the Duwamish River you can go to <http://www.duwamishcleanup.org/getinvolved.html>.

"If you want things to happen, you can make them happen," Betz-Zall said.

Next week's History Seminar will be on the "American Indian Resistance Movement" presented by Highline anthropology professor Lonnie Somer. History Seminar meets Wednesdays at 1:30-2:20 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.



Industrial air pollution is a worldwide problem

By KURTIS LOO
Staff Reporter

China exports manufactured goods to America and air pollution, says Highline chemistry professor Dr. Heather Price.

Dr. Heather Price presented "Importing Air Pollution from China," at last week Friday's Science Seminar in honor of Earth week.

Dr. Price explained that two main sources, gases and particulate matter, make-up air pollution. Gases include ozone, volatile organic compounds, carbon dioxides and nitrogen oxides. Particulate matter is composed of smog, dust, wood smoke, pollen and diesel exhaust.

Dr. Price and her colleagues studied air pollution on April 14, 2001 when a heavy amount of air pollution from China was traveling to Washington. When they compared the results of April 14 to the average of that month, there was an 840 percent increase in particulate matter and 38 percent increase in carbon dioxide.

The EPA measures particulate



matter by micrograms per cubic meter. China is by far the worst polluters of particulate matter at an average of 110 micrograms per cubic meter. The EPA acceptable level is 15. Washington state's level as of April 28, 2009 is 4.5.

The reason for Washington state's low particulate matter level is because of a lot of rain and very few sunny days, Dr. Price said.

Air pollution can cause irri-

tations to the body, lung cancer, heart disease and death.

A 2002 report by the World Health Organization suggest that there were 200-230 deaths per million people in the Chinese region and 60-100 deaths per million in America in 2000 due to urban air pollution.

To put that into perspective, China has about 1.6 billion people, which would mean that up to 368,000 people could have died from urban air pollution.

"Air pollution is a world problem," Dr. Price said.

China isn't the only one who exports their air pollution to other countries. America produces air pollution that gets sent to Europe. Europe sends their air pollution to Asia.

The reason for the countries exporting air pollution is because the earth rotates counter-clockwise which makes the wind blow east to west.

Dr. Price does see the future with less pollution.

"When looking long-term, I think it will improve... Switching to electric cars and hydro-electric energy from fossil fuels

and diesel will bring down the amount of air pollution in the world," she said.

This week's Science Seminar will be "Life on the Edge,"

presented by Highline geology professor Beth Mahrt. Science Seminar meets Fridays at 2:20-3:10 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.

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Responsibility requires heart, expert says

By **NATHAN LUCYK**
Staff Reporter

Social responsibility requires human compassion and acceptance, an expert said on Monday.

Gary Howard spoke about social responsibility on Monday, April 27 as a part of Unity Through Diversity Week.

Unity Through Diversity Week is Highline's annual event focusing on understanding humility, diversity and acceptance.

Howard graduated from Yale with a master's degree in education. He is also the president and founder of the not-for-profit organization, REACH Center. The center teaches about understanding and valuing diversity and how to apply that.

Eighty people attended Howard's first conference, "Masters of the Universe," where he concentrated on how social responsibility is not taught effectively.

"The issue is something has to connect [to the student]," Howard said.

Howard used some examples of how education without social responsibility is dangerous.

The economic meltdown shows how wide the gap between the poor and rich is, Howard said. If the poor steal to survive, they are punished with jail; however, if the rich rip off the poor, they get a bailout, Howard said.

Howard said that highly educated the leaders of our world are unattached to the common



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Author, activist and founder of the REACH Center for Multi-cultural Education, Gary Howard, gives a lecture on campus Monday.

people. Without human compassion, the leaders use their knowledge to gain power for themselves. They abuse their power for personal gain.

Howard also used the Romanus Pontifex as an example of bigotry. The pontifex is a decree that the pope issued in 1455 that claimed dominion over all discovered lands, and

also legalized the enslavement and conquering of them.

The best minds of the time, who lacked the social responsibility to accept others, came up with the pontifex, Howard said.

Howard gave a list of abilities for someone to be a well-educated human being.

They need to know who they are, they need to have self

worth, respect themselves, have cultural competence and be able to have authentic and respectful relationships with other races, Howard said.

"Humility rather than hubris," Howard said, summarizing the list.

Howard's second conference concentrated on the teaching of multi-cultural awareness and

acceptance.

Howard described teaching with cultural competence as a journey through white river rapids, saying the journey is murky and negotiating its waves is always difficult.

Howard said, "Excellence without inclusion is segregation, and excellence without equity is elitism."

Despite election, U.S. not 'post-racial'

By **RAPHAEL LINHARES**
Staff Reporter

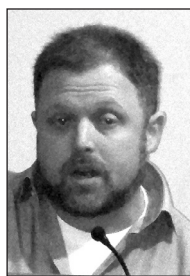
President Barack Obama's victory must be seen as the beginning of a challenge, not the end of it, said Tim Wise.

Wise is a white, anti-racism activist and writer born in Nashville, Tenn. Last Tuesday, as part of the Unity Through Diversity Week, he was at Highline to talk about his latest book, *Between Barack and a Hard Place: Racism and White Denial in the Age of Obama*.

In the book, Wise addresses Obama's victory in the presidential race, and warns us of how that could possibly turn out as a bad thing for the Civil Rights movement.

"We are nowhere near post-racial America," he said.

In addition, Wise pointed out the fact that Obama has become a "symbol of perfection," and that if people perceive him as the standard role model for being successful, no real change is made. For him, it is important that individual qualities and tal-



"The proof of racial equality will be the day that people of color can be as mediocre as white folks and still advance."

— Tim Wise,
anti-racism activist

ents are still valued.

He said it will still be a problem if people of color find it necessary to be like Obama to be successful, and people could end up missing out on other potential individual talents.

"It is good as long as you understand the limitations of it," he said.

To exemplify this, he pointed out cases like Benazir Bhutto, a female elected Prime Minister in a Muslim state, and how that did not bring big changes to the gender inequality there.

"The proof of racial equality will be the day that people of color can be as mediocre as white folks and still advance," he said.

Wise referred to the "average

person of color." For Wise, there is no real progress if society focuses on the "exceptions."

This "enlightened exceptionalism" is another potential problem, he said, referring to people looking up to Obama as transcending the color barrier, neither black nor white.

Although he said he has concerns, Wise said that Obama's victory was a big event in history; however, he said, its important to "keep the eye on the prize."

The fact that Obama did not use the "racial card" during his campaign is evidence that America is still not comfortable discussing race, he said.

Now is the time "to have an honest discussion," he said.

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Walk to help baby health Des Moines jail has construction date

By **SHANNON SEVEREID**
Staff Reporter

Highline's Medical Assistant Club encourages everyone to join them in walking for babies.

The club will walk in the March of Dimes March for Babies on May 3.

The Medical Assistant Club president, Carolyn Eldridge, says, "It's a great way to get out, be visible, and volunteer – the more [people], the better."

This year will mark Eldridge's third walk in the March for Babies.

Eldridge's friend, Patty Jourden, will be showing her support by joining Eldridge for a second walk.

Jourden advocates the March for Babies because "we all need babies to hold," she said.

March of Dimes' State Communications and Marketing Director Alan Gulick said, "March of Dimes is the leading non-profit organization for pregnancy and baby health. We're about all babies, those born healthy and those who need help to survive and thrive."

The history of the March of Dimes Foundation can be traced back to Franklin D. Roosevelt's presidency; it began as an organization to fight polio.

"In January 1938, alarmed by decades of worsening polio epidemics and the terrible toll the virus was taking on America's young. President Roosevelt established the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis," according to the March of Dimes website, www.marchofdimes.com.

According to the March of Dimes website, "Comedian Eddie Cantor coined the phrase 'March of Dimes,' appealing to radio listeners all over the country to send their dimes directly to the White House."

The foundation said that their name was changed in 1979 to the March of Dimes, as Cantor's campaign slogan had become enormously successful.

Today, "March of Dimes is funding research to find answers to premature birth and birth defects, educating women about the warning signs of premature labor, funding local programs to help high-risk families, and providing comfort and information to families with a baby in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit," Gulick, March of Dimes' state

communications and marketing director, explained.

For Highline students Eldridge and Jourden, walking will be a way for them to become involved, raise awareness, and help others in the community.

"Once you get involved, I think you're always involved," Eldridge said. "I like to help out wherever I can, and it's for a good cause."

This year March of Dimes, March for Babies will be held at Qwest Field in Seattle. The events will be scheduled as follows: Registration and breakfast will begin at 8 a.m.; a rally and warm-up will follow at 9 a.m.; the march will commence at 9:30 a.m.; and a party will conclude the event at 10:30 a.m.

Eldridge and Jourden encourage everyone to join them in their journey to help all babies and families in need by registering to walk at www.marchforbabies.org/teams/577841.

Help for the foundation can also be offered through donations of any amount. The donations can be given online or directly on campus in Building 18.

"Come out and have some fun," Jourden said.

"It's just one big happy family – it's one big event," Eldridge



Eldridge

By **RYAN PETERSON**
Staff Reporter

RENTON - A date has been set to start construction on the new misdemeanor jail to be located in Des Moines. The new jail will be located south of 208th Street and 18th Avenue South.

Seven South King County cities teamed up to build the new jail because of the King County Jail announcing that it will no longer accept misdemeanor offenders as of 2012.

Auburn, Burien, Des Moines, Federal Way, Renton, Sea Tac and Tukwila are all co-owners of SCORE (South Correctional Entity), the governmental committee in charge of the entire project. Each city is represented either by its mayor or its city planner.

At the most recent meeting held at Renton City Hall, the committee decided that the dirt work will take place this summer.

"We would like to start by Aug. 1, but the actual construction will begin Oct. 1," said Penny Bartley, interim director for the committee.

"Construction is scheduled for 21 months," Bartley said.

With this time line the new jail should be completed in mid-to late 2011.

The committee decided that the cities will pay for construction with 30-year bonds, although the interest rate has yet to be locked in. All of the funds will be proportional to the cities' use of the jail.

Although the estimated cost of construction is around \$99 million, the cities will be saving millions on transportation and booking expenses, officials say.

"It costs \$110 a day per prisoner," said Bartley. "Collectively the cities pay \$14 million a year, on average."

Contributing to the problem, police officers who should be patrolling are often tied up transporting prisoners to King County Jail in Seattle, sometimes during rush hour, costing the cities more money.

Federal Way has been hit especially hard being the furthest away from the King County jail.

Federal Way Officer Mike Connelly said that transportation has caused normal patrols to be short staffed. "People who should go to jail sometimes don't," he said.

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Workforce Development can help your job skills

By **ERSALEM OCBAGZI**
Staff Reporter

Highline's Workforce Development Services can help those who are interested in upgrading their job skills, finding a career or landing a new job.

"The Workforce Development Services is a program that consists of related campus programs and services committed to student success and workforce preparation," according to the program's web site.

"It also includes our employment center, where you'll find Cooperative Education, Student Employment and access to the WorkSource system through our Connection Site feature," said Dr. Erik Karl Tingelstad, director of Workforce Development Services.

"Each program typically can help a student with things like tuition, books and fees for one quarter until traditional financial aid becomes available," said Dr. Tingelstad. The application process tends to be much quicker than financial aid.

"Each program works with a specific population, so students need to meet the requirements of that particular funding source," said Dr. Tingelstad.

Not every student will qualify for financial help. However, job search assistance is available for any student at Highline, under the Student Employment Services web site.

It also includes work study options for those students with Financial Aid awards. Students with work study must first attend a work study orientation.

The deadline for summer work study was April 13. For further assistance, contact Diana Baker in Student Employment, upper floor of Building 6, or call 206-878-3710, ext. 3350.

Interfase is a resource on the Workforce Development's web site for students to look into.

You can find a full list of organizations, internships, volunteer and job postings in the surrounding community.

Weekly updates of job opportunities are posted on the site, such as a part-time state work study or volunteer biologists and interpreters for the Mast center.

"To get a complete list of the criteria, students should check out each program's web site or contact the office directly for more information," he said.

"The best part workforce development is that we get to help students fund their educational goals or get them connected to meaningful work based learning opportunities, so in that respect we have a chance to positively impact a student's overall academic experience," Dr. Tingelstad said.

Dr. Tingelstad has been at Highline "since 2000 and spent the first six years working in student services as Director of Career and Employment Services and also the Testing Center," he said.

"In 2006, I completed my doctoral work at the University of Washington, the same year the college reorganized, and I moved over to instruction to the head the Workforce Development area," Dr. Tingelstad said.

"Our students are pretty remarkable," he said. "Many are juggling classes while working and managing their family responsibilities. Through our services in Workforce Development, we can help ease the financial burden a bit or connect a student to a job opportunity. That can mean a lot to a student trying to make it through classes, and that's why I think Workforce Development is so important."

Workforce Development Services is located in the main upper lobby, Building 6. They are open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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cept students into the program who aren't well qualified," Trillo said. "Students who have met the minimum standards, rather than those who have exceeded, won't make the workforce any more stable."

For application, Highline's nursing program requires a minimum grade point average of 2.5 in prerequisite courses, but students actually admitted in Fall of 2008 had an average GPA of 3.83.

"Our standards include criteria that predicts success, and as

a program we have to graduate students who will pass the state licensure exam," Trillo said.

An average of 84 percent of Highline's student nursing body must meet the state licensure exam standards the first time in order for the program to maintain its accreditation. If students fail to do so, the statistic is counted against the program.

Morrell said that "nursing programs are worried that with the waitlist, they're going to have to admit applicants that are not competent, yet they themselves set the standards and qualifications."

"Morrell's a registered nurse, not a nurse educator," Trillo

said. "That makes you wonder why she is an expert on this topic. I don't think she did her homework."

"If they can dictate what our admissions criteria should be, what other parts of our program do they want to control?" Trillo asked.

Trillo said the amendment was not well thought out, and doesn't address the shortage of faculty, clinical space, and nurses in the state of Washington overall. Nursing programs have a governing body, and there's no need for legislators who don't understand how the program works to make decisions that aren't sound, she said.

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hearing activity has been picking up around the campus," Sergeant Bob Collins of the Des Moines Police Department said.

Students have mixed responses about safety at Highline.

A student at Highline, Irina Prokyor, said she feels safe on campus.

"I've never been in a situation where I shouldn't feel safe. I'm here when a lot of people are here, and I hang with bigger crowds," she said.

Prokyor doesn't think that it's the college's responsibility to keep students safe.

"Everybody who comes here should be able to tell how to stay

safe. [I] don't think it's the college's duty to watch over people – we're all grown and know how to stay safe," Prokyor said.

Student Emmanuel Nistrin agreed that he has never seen any problem and that he sees security around all the time.

He said if anything did "break out," Security looks "a lot like they're older and they wouldn't be very useful other than calling 911."

Gladwell Waruguru and Anh Nguyen, students at Highline, both said that their safety depends on the time of day.

"At night I don't feel safe, so I park my car closer," Nguyen said.

Nguyen had an incident with Security that made her doubt how far the Security is going for

students.

She lost her car keys and told them to pay attention to her car, but said she saw no one coming out to watch her car or the parking lot, so she concluded, "the security is not that great."

Waruguru thinks that the Security does enough, but she detected that there is always trouble in the library.

"One guy was high, and they caught an old guy watching porn in the library," Waruguru said.

Another Highline student, Justin Rivera, saw cops in the library lately too.

He said he saw "security guards grabbing someone to talk to them, and some cops came to question him."

Rivera said, "I feel fine, [they're] doing a good job."



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7.6 percent reduction on top of the cuts that have already been made. The University of Washington took the largest cut at 12 percent, with other public institutions falling somewhere in the middle.

"It appears that Highline's share of the cut will be \$3 million," said Dr. Jack Bermingham, Highline president, in a campus-wide email yesterday, April 29. "This number includes the roughly \$2 million in cuts we took in February."

Dr. Bermingham said he does not expect the college to shoulder the burden of additional significant cuts again this year.

"This is a very difficult budget," said State Sen. Karen Keiser, D-Des Moines. "Higher education was not spared budget cuts, but it wasn't singled out for bigger or deeper cuts."

Keiser said although tuition increases were not desirable, the only other option would have been cutting student numbers and classes even further than the 9,000 enrollment slots that will be eliminated.

State Board officials say, de-

spite this number, their enrollment targets and expectations for community colleges will remain the same next year.

The budget is written for the 2009-2011 biennium and the Legislature is only scheduled to debate a supplemental budget next year.

However, if the economy falls deeper into a recession, or perhaps even if it comes out of it sooner than that, Gov. Christine Gregoire may ask legislators to revisit the budget earlier.

While many legislators are disappointed in the result of the budget in Olympia, State Rep. Mark Miloscia, D-Federal Way, has gone a step further, calling the budget "terrible" and criticizing the way conclusions were reached last weekend.

"This was a 'get-out-of-town' budget which did not attempt to solve the major problems facing us," Miloscia said. "Very little policy was attached."

Miloscia, one of few Democrats who voted against the final budget, called the tuition increases "unacceptable."

"Wages are falling, in good times and bad, for one-half of all families, and we are increasing tuition," Miloscia said. "I did not support the tuition in-

creases, [I] voted and spoke against them."

As part of the budget, a bill was passed to remove the tuition cap for the next two years, but it is expected to affect four-year institutions more heavily than community colleges.

Members of the public are able to testify in support or in opposition to any bill the Legislature considers. Richard Lum, director of government relations for the Associated Students of the University of Washington, testified against this measure.

"The budget will limit access to higher education," Lum said. "Even if students continue to graduate on time, it will cost the same as several extra quarters or semesters at today's rates."

Steve DuPont, government relations specialist at Central Washington University, was also at the hearing.

"This [budget] means that for the first time in state history, students will pay more for higher education than the state by a margin of 57 percent tuition to 43 percent state support," he said.

DuPont also lamented the effect the budget will have on college towns, such as Ellensburg, where Central is located.

"Central is by far the largest employer in Ellensburg," he said. "Potential layoffs of university personnel will have a disproportionate effect on local unemployment and send ripples through the business community as people will cut back on personal spending."

The budget cuts could also cause four-year institutions to restrict enrollment for transfer students.

Washington State University announced they are no longer accepting applications for incoming freshmen and will not be notifying transfer students of their acceptance or rejection until after they figure out more detailed budget arrangements, expected by Friday, May 1.

University of Washington officials said it is too early to know for sure what will happen in terms of acceptance for both incoming freshmen and transfer students. However, early numbers released by the Office of Planning and Budgeting states, "up to 2,500 fewer students may be able to access a college education at the UW."

Western Washington University's senior assistant director of Admissions, Jeanne Gaffney, echoed many other four-year

admissions officials, saying the school will be much more strict about accepting students who do not have a two-year degree before trying to transfer.

Legislators are adamant that these difficulties will not continue when the economy picks up again.

"It will be essential, as our economy recovers, to reinvest in education," said State Rep. Tina Orwall, D-Normandy Park.

Legislators also stressed the constant need for improvement in their vocation.

"There are always obstacles and challenges. There is always room for improvement and that's why we're sent to Olympia in the first place," Orwall said.

Rep. Mark Miloscia blamed many people for what he perceived to be a bad budget.

The key obstacle was the lack of leadership and lack of a plan for change from the political elites and from the rich and powerful interest groups in our state.

"During the worst crisis facing families, this was a status quo session with massive funding cuts to critical programs. I am not sure if things will change next session," Miloscia said.

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