Memorial services will be May 14 for Highline Professor Phil Droke, who died on Monday after a short illness. Droke had a minor stroke around four weeks ago that only affected his vision. After the stroke he contracted pneumonia. Doctors took x-rays, where they found blood clots and stage 4 lung cancer.

Droke was raised in Tacoma and born on June 18, 1940 and started his tenure at Highline in 1966 after receiving his master’s in economics at the University of Washington. “He was a very important faculty leader who was willing to step up to whatever challenge. He was a voice for faculty issues, ... At the same time he was a strong advocate for students,” President Dr. Jack Bermingham said.

“He’ll be missed,” Bermingham added. “He had a very broad influence on campus.” On campus Droke was widely loved and respected by his peers.

“Professionally he was a very good economist and very involved for Highline,” retired economics professor Bruce Roberts said. “He did a lot to make Highline what it is today.” Political Science teacher Davidson Dodd said that Droke treated everyone with respect and that he never talked down to anyone. “Phil always had a wonderful temper,” Dodd said. “He had a great curiosity [and] he always had an inquisitive mind.”

Droke was also active in charity work and helped out children in Mexico. “He went to Mexico every Christmas and raised money to buy shoes for kids in Mexico,” Dr. Phillip Sell said.

Droke was very involved with the college and served as the chairman of the Social Sciences division, the chairman of the Tenure Review Committee, and he was chairman of the Faculty Senate. “He found Highline to be very special,” Dodd said. “It’s great to see someone who loved what he did.”

“At his core he loved the institution, he loved his career here,” Bermingham said. “His personal values aligned completely to the career he chose.” Sell said that Droke took over the position of chairman of the Faculty Senate from him. He added that he thought that “this is the right guy to carry on the work we were doing in the Senate.”

“He was a strong person, fun to be with, and likeable,” Sell said. “Phil was one of the good guys.”

Droke is survived by his wife Shaaron and his son Cal. The memorial service on May 14 will start at 4:30 p.m. and will be held in the Mt. Constance room of the Student Union Building.

Student decides on front-line education

Michael T. McClure’s education has taken a turn toward the east.

McClure, a Marine and former Highline student deployed to Iraq on Jan. 9. McClure, who is originally from St. Louis, moved here with his family several years ago. They moved to Normandy Park, where his father, who is also former military, took a job at Boeing.

McClure attended Highline for two years, working his way to being just shy of an associate’s degree; however he soon grew bored with what he was doing.

“I felt like I wasn’t going anywhere, or doing anything with my life, and I wanted to get out and see the world. I needed discipline, and most of all, I wanted to be one of the few to earn the title of Marine,” said McClure on why he joined the Marine Corps.

McClure left for boot camp in the summer of 2007, where he faced his first real test as a Marine.

“Boot camp was the hardest thing I’ve ever done. It really gave me a lot of confidence, once you’ve done something like that you feel like you can do anything,” said McClure.

McClure soon attended Marine combat training at Camp Pendleton, California, where he learned the skills and techniques he would need as a Marine.

“I’m excited to get to the field, to see what it’s like to actually be a Marine,” McClure said.

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Common course numbers in effect

One glance at the Summer or Fall Quarterly schedules might confuse students. For example, a student looking for Speech 100, a course required for all students to graduate, will not find it. As part of Common Course Numbering, this class has now become Communications Studies 101. In fact, all speech classes are now reclassified as Communication Studies and put together with Journalism 100, reclassified as CMST & 102 (the ampersand indicates the courses are common), even though journalism and speech are two unrelated subject areas.

Common Course Numbering is a state-mandated effort to label courses that are common at many community and technical colleges around the state with the same department, course number and course title. This is primarily for the 25 percent of graduating students that have transferred between community and technical colleges in the past, according to a State Board for Community and Technical Colleges publication. While four-year schools will remain informed about the process, their courses will not be affected.

However, four-year school officials looking at a student’s transcript will have to know when the class was taken to determine how it credits will transfer because transcripts will not automatically change.

“No changes will be made to transcripts for courses taken through Spring Quarter 2009,” Kate Bligh, associate dean for Enrollment Services said. “Courses taken in or after Summer Quarter 2009 will reflect the new Common Course Numbering name.”

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Cash still unclaimed

A faculty member found a substantial amount of cash at an undisclosed area. He turned it into lost and found. Nobody has come to claim it yet.

If someone was to claim it, “they would have to identify everything about it,” said Rich Noyer, supervisor of Safety and Security.

“They would have to tell us the container it was in, the amount of cash that was lost and when and where it was that they lost it.”

He said “If nobody claims it, we will turn it over to the Highline Foundation,” Noyer said. The Foundation provides scholarships for individuals and funding for special events.

Juveniles are found robbing dispenser

A custodian working in Building 19 radioed Security that two juveniles were in the women’s restroom breaking into the women’s feminine hygiene dispenser on May 1. The juveniles ran away.

An unknown amount of quarters were taken. Facilities was contacted and is taking down the machine for repair.

Elevator problems continue in library

A faculty member contacted Security that someone was stuck in the elevator in the library on May 2. After five minutes the elevator opened on its own. The faculty member said that they are continuously having problems with the elevator getting stuck.

South King Fire and Rescue were called

A Highline student became disoriented and fell to the floor in Building 17 on May 3. South King Fire and Rescue arrived. A firefighter checked her vitals. King Fire and Rescue arrived. There were no injuries and nobody was cited. There was no serious damage and the bus was fine.

Program will honor service members

The Highline Veteran’s Committee presents “Coming Home with Honor,” a presentation celebrating the service and sacrifice of Highline’s service members and veterans.

Retired Air Force Captain Ed Hrvinak will present film clips from the movie Operation Homecoming, and foster discussion of the challenges faced by soldiers returning from combat.

Hrvinak is a registered nurse, and the author of Medscape Medicine. He served in the Air Force for 20 years.

The event begins at noon on Thursday, May 14 in Building 2. Refreshments will be provided.

Students helped build computer laboratory

Jon Gerig will give a presentation today on the computer lab that Highline students helped to build.

Gerig taught classes at the school, located in a remote town in Cambodia. The lab was built using funds contributed by the Fundraising to Make a Difference Club.

The school provides classes on the English language and the use of computers. Approximately 30 students use the laboratory.

Procuments made using funds donated by Highline included two tables, two computers and a number of computer accessories, as well as a whiteboard and a number of items needed to maintain the lab.

The presentation will be held today in Building 6, room 151, and will run from noon to 1 p.m.

Volunteers are still needed by students

The Phlebotomy class is still looking for volunteers to help students prepare for their externship.

Only a small amount of blood needs to be taken for the students to be able to prepare for the upcoming challenge.

The Phlebotomy students externship will begin on May 18.

Volunteers are welcome to visit Building 23, room 206 between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Monday, May 11 or on Wednesday, May 13.

Deadline approaches

Nominations for the Women in Action Award are about too-close. It celebrates women who have overcome obstacles and achieved great things. It will be presented at the Annual Women’s Celebration on May 20.

Nominations can be made to Kimberly Miller via email at kmiller@highline.edu.

The deadline for nomination is Thursday, May 7 at 5 p.m.

Calendar

•“The Man in the White Suit: Fabrics and Innovation,” a Science Seminar presented by Meg Ryan will be held in Building 3, room 102, 2:20-3:19 p.m., May 8.

•“Movie Friday: Better Luck Tomorrow” will be shown in Building 23, room 213, at noon on May 8.

•“Summarizing and Paraphrasing,” a workshop, will be held at The Writing Center, Building 26, room 319, 4-4:50 p.m., May 12, 9-9:50 a.m. May 13 and 1:30-2:20 p.m., on May 14.

•“The History of HIV,” a History Seminar presented by Bob Baugher, will be held in Building 3, room 102, 1:30-2:20 p.m., on May 13.

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Preparation of samples and reagents used in testing, instrument maintenance and quality control; clerical duties and testing record maintenance responsibilities. Temporary 8-12 weeks. Location: Renton. Wage: $13.43 plus differential pay. Hours: 40, 6pm-2:30pm.

For more information about co-ops, these jobs and more, log on to www.myinterface.com/highline/student.
History Seminar: Fight over pig defined U.S.-Canada border

By KURTIS LOO
Staff Reporter

A pig died and the boundary line between the U.S. and Canada was identified for the first time in history. "San Juan Island is remem-
bered for the 'war' in which the only casualty was a pig," said Michael Voori, former editor of sev-
eral books about the Pig War.

Voori spoke at Wednesday's History Seminar to an audience of 27 people on "The American Pig War at 150 years."

Voori explained that when the British and Americans agreed to the Oregon Treaty in 1846, which divided Oregon Country and District Columbia on the 49th parallel, a dispute occurred over where the terri-
torial lines were drawn for San Juan Island.

The Oregon Treaty stated that line was through the middle
channel, but there are two chan-
nels that could be considered the middle
channel – the Haro and the Rosario – which are on op-
oposite sides of San Juan Island.

"As a result, both countries claimed sovereignty on San Juan Island," Voori said.

Britain's Hudson's Bay
Company used it to raise sheep while Americans decided to settle
there. Tensions between the countries intensified after Amer-
ican settler Lyman Cutlar shot a
Hudson's Bay Co. pig that was eating his potatoes in 1859, Voori said.

The British authorities threatened to arrest Lyman be-
cause he refused to pay the $100 fine, so American settlers asked the U.S. for military protection, Voori said.

To the aid of the American
settlers on San Juan Island came
Capt. George Pickett, famously known for Pickett's Charge at the Battle of Gettysburg, and 66 soldiers to protect them from British authorities. Lt. Henry M. Robert, later known for
Robert's Rules of Order, helped
with the fortifications on San Juan Island.

The British countered with three warships under the com-
mand of Geoffery Heroby. The stand-
off eventually escalated to nearly
500 American soldiers and five British warships carry-
ing more than 2,000 men.

The Governor of Vancouver
Island, James Douglas, who
considered San Juan Island to be a part of his territory, "was not about to sit back and be overrun by the Yanks," Voori said.

Governor Douglas wanted to land British troops on San Juan Island but Admiral Rob-
ert Baynes suggested that "two

great nations in a war over a squabble about a pig" was fool-

ish.

The dispute was resolved when General Winfield Scott and Governor Douglas both agreed to have joint military occupation on San Juan Island, the British on the north end and Americans on the south end. Also, neither side could have more than 100 troops to protect their citizens.

Next week's History Seminar will be on the "History of HIV" presented by Highline psychol-
geologist Professor Dr. Bob Baugher.

History Seminar meets Wednes-
days at 1:30-2:20 p.m. in Build-
ing 3, room 102.
Editorial comment

Nurse waitlist is an ill idea

Some occupations require the best of the best. You wouldn’t want a pilot who had tried really hard in flight school but just couldn’t get the landing down, anymore than you would want a nurse who had gotten into a nursing program, not because of his or her skills, but because he/she was pulled from a waitlist.

The proposed amendment to the state budget would have required all community colleges and technical colleges with nursing programs to work on a new system. It would have made it so that a student who is qualified and competent may lose a position in the program to someone who is on a waitlist.

According to the amendment, which did not pass before the Legislature, 50 percent of the students admitted into nursing programs must be from the waitlist. This amendment has several drawbacks. Highline’s nursing program is very prestigious and needs to maintain an 84 percent passing rate on the state license exam in order to keep its accreditation. Because of this, Highline’s program is very competitive. Each year 72 students are accepted out of 150 to 200 students. Therefore, the program demands excellence.

Highline has enough qualified students to fill the slots, so why would they choose people who aren’t as competent? The answer is simple. They wouldn’t. If the waitlist system is ever in place, students that are only meeting the standard requirements will take up student slots. They will create a different dynamic in the program. Students who have a 4.0 will be working and learning alongside students that have a 2.5. It will be hard for everyone, teachers included, to keep the same pace.

Some people might argue that it’s not fair that students who are meeting the requirements aren’t getting into the program. It is a good thing that a program that creates future life-savers is picky and wants the best. It should push students to be better. Passion alone just won’t cut it. If the bill had passed, it would have allowed students to be merely mediocre. Hopefully it will not reappear in the future.

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Opinion

Swine flu won’t end in regret

After the outbreak of the swine flu in Mexico, U.S. citizens, government, media and health officials quickly reacted, but did we all overreact?

Initially it seemed to me that the whole thing was blown way out of proportion. After all, the regular seasonal flu kills 150 people a day. Why did we get so carried away about this strain?

First of all, the media was all over the epidemic and America slowly watched the numbers rise. People panicked.

They stocked up on Tamiflu, bought masks, ran to clinics and barricaded themselves into their houses after Vice President Biden made his thoughtless comment on public transportation.

Also, the particular strain, H1N1, is unusual in that it contains four genetic elements: two swine, one bird and some human.

I thought it was ridiculous that Woodmont, a local elementary school, closed because one student may have had swine flu. That school planned to close down for eight days; however they reopened on Tuesday along with the four other schools that closed last week.

The school closures were in vain. Children could easily get sick elsewhere and parents had to stay home from work. Simply put, the closures were inefficient, especially because of all the missed days that previously occurred due to bad winter weather.

Now health officials are saying that the swine flu cases are mild. As of Tuesday, King County has 30 probable cases and seven confirmed cases. Highline President Jack Bermingham e-mailed a flu update on Tuesday. Two Highline students have self-reported flu-like symptoms and have sought medical attention.

I think that we overcompensated, but isn’t that better than the alternative? Why not err on the side of caution?

Strange diseases that spring out of nowhere historically tend to end badly. Wouldn’t we have rather been overly cautious when the levies were built in New Orleans? Would it have been an overreaction to build the levies a bit taller or to evacuate the twin towers sooner?

When we look back there are several cases that result in regret, and this won’t have to be one.

This mini pandemic may have prepared us for next fall. According to health officials, flu viruses have the capability to reappear with more aggression. Now we can be more aware of how important it is to stay home while we’re sick and to wash our hands. These are simple and obvious moves that can help prevent not only the swine flu but many other diseases and viruses.

If the swine flu had been the epidemic that it was originally thought to be, wouldn’t we all have been relieved when we were prepared to take it on?

Of course, Katherine has a healthy regard for the flu.

Write to us

The Thunderword invites letters and guest commentary from members of the campus community. You could write a letter to the editor to express your opinion about something happening on campus, something happening locally or even something happening nationally. Disagree with an opinion column? Agree, but think something was left out? Write a letter to the editor!

Begin your letter with “Dear editor:” and then speak your mind. Tell us your name and include your relationship with the college. Are you a student? Faculty? E-mail your submission to thunderword@highline.edu. Please limit your submission to no more than 400 words. Please provide contact information for confirmation purposes.
Puzzles

Weekend Crossword 101

Across
1. Nerd
5. Some wrestlers
10. Deep in thought
14. “No thanks, already”
15. Angry
16. China setting
17. Diner rejects?
20. Gives a pep talk to
21. Ansel of photography
22. Sea bird
23. Cheer starter
25. Feline with a head cover?
31. Tailor's.US
32. Trial
33. Vanish ingredient
35. “You betcha!”
36. Humorist Bombbeck
37. Designer Lauren
39. The Untouchables, e.g.
40. “Wait!”
41. Member of the flock
42. Children’s doctor and hint to 17, 25 and 68 Across
43. 1959 Hitchcock movie with “by”
47. Yahoo! competitor
48. “Isn’t _... _ like you?”
49. Girdler material
53. Popular mulch
58. Pacchymodius listens to a little guy
61. Met song
62. Bartlett cousins
63. Scorch
64. Macy’s Department
65. Slangy $100 bill
66. Army N.C.O.

Down
1. Leslie Caron role
2. Bring home the bacon
3. Montreal summers
4. Retain
5. _ Club
6. Like some requests
7. Time and Money, briefly
8. NBA tiebreakers
9. Irish
10. Actress Cheryl
12. Thailand, once
13. Woolen caps
14. Heirress, perhaps
15. Humorist Ogden
16. Piece of cake
17. Allergic reaction
18. Body
19. Four-bagger
20. Make into law
21. More sick
22. Ms. Lauder
23. Rich soil part
24. “Give it _!”
25. Say “_ Qeda”
26. Sawbucks
27. Diner rejects?
28. Computer command
29. Lima, e.g.
30. Clinton’s attorney general
31. M.P.’s quarry
32. Never go to a doctor
33. Hoax
34. Neverland
35. Varnish ingredient
36. Body
37. Designer Lauren
38. _P’s quarry
39. Ansel of photography
40. _Qeda
41. Scalp
42. Boisterous
43. _O_’_S_’_s quarry
44. Flab
45. Caught in
46. Final transport
47. A.A. Milne’s di-
48. Army N.C.O.
49. Never died.
50. Race
51. Leprechauns’ land
52. Touchdown data, briefly
53. Mexican moolah
54. Church service
55. Has debts
56. Chase flies
57. Computer command
58. The Office
59. Quotable Quote
60. Sweetie pie

Funny Business


Ducking by A.A. Milne, di-
rected by James Stratton; and Medusa’s Tale by Carol S.
Leshof, directed by Sophia
Villanueva.

Weekly Sudoku

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

Difficultly This Week: * * Moderate ** Challenging *** Hoo Boy!

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Landgraf makes dragons, cabbages, and tiles talk

By ROCHELLE ADAMS
Staff Reporter

Highline instructor Susan Landgraf’s book of poetry, Other Voices, is set to be released in mid-May.

Though Landgraf’s poetry has been published before in magazines and journals, this will be the first full book of poetry she’s had published.

She describes the theme of the book as personification. Within the works, she gives a voice to things such as tiles, cabbages, and dragons.

“I just realized I had a number of poems where things were talking,” she said. “It fascinates me. What would they say? How would they say it? I have a kitchen that’s talking. It’s their voice.”

Landgraf began writing as a child and contributes it to her enjoyment in reading.

“What we teach is, if you’re going to write, you must read,” Landgraf said. “Certainly for me, reading prompted this love of words, this love of story, love of language, this draw to saying something and having these images that you could feel and touch in your head.”

She described her writing process as round after round of writing and revision.

“I’m a projectile vomiter,” Landgraf said. “I throw it all on the page. Then I need to do a lot of revision, a lot of erasing, a lot of trying to figure out what needs to be there, what doesn’t need to be there. I tend to write lots and then cut.”

In the last few years, she has been going down to the beach to spend her days writing for long periods of time.

“This last time I went for 22 days,” Landgraf said. “I got into this mode of just being writer and I produce a lot, but then of course [she has] to go back and redo, revise, rethink.”

Before coming to teach at Highline, Landgraf was a reporter and photographer at the Valley Publishing Company and reporter and travel editor at the Daily Journal-American.

After eight years in that line of work, she planned to move on to a bigger publication, but then learned she would need a bachelor’s degree.

“I decided to go back to college and went to the [University of Washington],” she said. “Over time, I realized I had already done this, it was wonderful, but things were changing. I had an assistantship at the UW to teach and I decided that’s what I wanted to do next.”

After working at the University of Washington as a teaching assistant and at Bellevue Community College, Landgraf got a job at Highline in fall of 1988.

The advice she gives to aspiring authors is to “write and write and don’t be afraid to change it. You can always go back to what you started. Read, read, ask questions. Be observant. You have to observe. You have to know what’s there before you can kind of get into what’s not there. And if you really want to be a writer, writing is one thing, publishing is another. ... If you’re going to publish, that has to do with luck, has to do with persevering, with recognizing that all the people who make decisions about what they publish have their own mindset their own way of looking at the world. Again [it takes] a lot of luck.”

Other Voices is being published by Finishing Line Press and will be released in the middle of May.

Chorale sings along

The Highline Chorale and the Thomas Jefferson High School Choir performed together on Tuesday, May 5 in Building 7. Laird Thornton conducted the Thomas Jefferson choir (above). They performed such pieces as And So It Goes, a ballad written by Billy Joel in 1983 and William Dawson’s Ezekiel Saw De Wheel. Next, the Chorale (lower right), directed by Dr. Sandra Glover (lower left), sung two pieces from Mozart Solennes Vespers, with soloist Amanda Sample, and Amor de mi alma, a piece based on a 16th Century Spanish poem. The purpose of the joint concert was to share ideas, and promote each other’s programs. Dr. Glover encouraged the high school students to join Highline’s Chorale while Thornton advertised the Federal Way Chorale for the aspiring singers at highline. To join the Chorale, contact Dr. Glover at 206-878-3710, ext. 6470. To audition for the Federal Way Chorale, call 253-250-3326 or email philwamba@comcast.net

Garden festival blooms in time for Mother’s Day weekend

By TIFFANY BELL
Staff Reporter

The second annual Buds and Blooms Spring Garden Festival comes to Federal Way this Mother’s Day weekend.

The festival is a tour of five of Federal Way’s renowned gardens. The festival starts at 10 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m., May 9-10.

The festival’s tour locations are the Weyerhaeuser Pacific Rim bonsai collection (where parking is available), Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden; Powell’s Wood Garden; West Hylebos Wetlands; and Federal Way’s Farmers Market (at the Commons in the parking lot on the Scars side).

A shuttle will begin running at 10:30 a.m. and stops running around 5:30 p.m. The shuttles seat 13 to 15 people each.

The rhododendron garden and Powell’s Wood Garden each cost $5 but the other locations (as well as the shuttle) are free.

“The rhododendron garden has the largest collection of rhododendrons in the world. It’s worth seeing,” said Lillian Yeh, the festival coordinator.

“There are a lot of performances the kids will like as well such as a puppeteering / folk song act; artwork and various activities.”

This is the last time the Weyerhaeuser Pacific Rim bonsai Garden will be open to the public.

The garden shut down in early April of this year. The garden will only be open for two days for the festival.

Some special additions to the festival are: gardening celebrity appearances, such as local gardening expert Ciscoe Morris; demonstrations in flower arranging; special musical performances; and a pancake breakfast at the farmers market on Sunday morning, where $5 gets you all you can eat.

Something new this year is the Passport program.

You go around to the different tour locations and get your garden passport stamped, turn it in and you are entered in the raffle for prizes, such as two tickets on the Amtrak to Portland, among others.

Some other fun new things include the artists in the garden, who will be at the Rhododendron Garden painting and giving presentations, a spinning wool presentation, a wood carving presentation, music, other vendors and food.

They will also be taking non-perishable food donations for the Federal Way Multi-Service Center’s food bank at the Weyerhaeuser garden, the farmers market, and Powell’s Wood Garden.
Highline’s annual Portfolio Show will be back on Monday, June 2, lasting for two days. Students majoring in graphic design, interior design and drafting will have their work on display, hoping to attract local companies for internships, jobs and recognition from the judges. It will be held in the Student Union in the Mt. Olympus room.

Students have to meet specific requirements. Graphic design is anywhere from visual communications, print media and packaging. Graphic design is whatever the client is trying to communicate to its customers or consumers. It’s very client driven, said art director and show participant Carol Burnham.

“It’s communication with a purpose,” Burnham said. Interior design is the layout of a room or space, while drafting is more the layout of the building from the outside. With all of the details still coming together, show organizers are still not sure how many judges there will be.

Students are working extremely hard to get good scores, Burnham said. “There will be prizes awarded for first and second place,” Burnham said.

The participants in the show held a bake sale on Tuesday to raise money for the prizes and the marketing for the show. You can see the students work on both Monday, June 1 and Tuesday, June 2 during the open house hours from 10 a.m. to 3 in the afternoon.

Monday night will also be friends and family night from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday night will be professional’s night from 5 to 8 p.m., said Burnham. “We’re hoping to attract professionals to come and look at our students work,” Burnham said. A lot of planning is going into that portion of the show. Faculty organizing the show bought a contact list of all the local companies, in order to drive traffic to their show. Proceeds from the bake sale will also go toward compensating the cost of the name list, Burnham said.

Abdul Hawasli and Mili Mulic at the Portfolio Show last year.

### Swampdwellers resurface in Bistro

The afro-beat/hip hop group Swampdwellers performed at the Highline Blend series yesterday, May 6 in the Student Union. The band includes Marc Fendel, alto saxophone; Kevin Nortness, trumpet/tenor; Bob Lovelace, vocals, guitar and bass; Ari Zucker, guitar; Joe Doria, organ; Carlos Tuulos, bass; Farok Dosimo, bass; and Andy Sells, drums. Swampdwellers have released two CDs, Swampdwellers and My Favorite Monster. There will be no Blend Series in the upcoming week. Scheduling is on a week-to-week basis.

Abdul Hawasli and Mili Mulic at the Portfolio Show last year.
Drag queens and kings vamp it up at Highline’s 2nd annual LGBT event

By MAX DUBBEL DAM
Staff Reporter

The music thumps and dance beats fill the room as a few hundred spectators sit in wait for the spectacle to unfold.

A woman walks from the side door to the stage. She has style. She has grace. She’s a lady. When she takes the stage an energy fills the room and she turns into a pop diva to entertain the awaiting crowd.

As pretty as she is, and as graceful as she moves, she’s really a performer. When she takes the stage an energy fills the room and she turns into a pop diva to entertain the awaiting crowd.

Drag Queens Lady Chablis, Diamond St. James and Sharon Husband shared the stage with the Royal Knights: Drag Kings Sir Tony Whynot, Sir Charlie Menace, Sir Tinker Pink and Sir Austin York. The Royal Knights is a drag troupe that performs shows around the Northwest.

“We focus a lot of our energy in giving back to the LGBT (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transvestite) community,” said Jennifer Goble, manager of the Royal Knights.

Divas in the Spotlight, Highline’s second annual drag show, was held last week. According to Gay-Straight Alliance President Chris Newcombe, it was bigger than last year’s show, with about 75 more people showing up, making it a total of around 170 people in attendance.

“Just one of the best (drag) shows I’ve ever seen,” Newcombe said.

He added that the show this year was more professional than the one last year: “It’s really great that our group is giving back to Highline,” he added.

Most drag performers are not cross-dressers or transsexuals; they do it pure for the show. It’s a performance; it’s entertainment. GSA adviser and veteran drag queen Josh Magallanes said: “It’s not how they live their lives on a day to day basis.”

Magallanes added that drag queens are respected in the LGBT community. “Some people aren’t so accepting,” Whynot said. He added that most people that see the show are interested and want to know more about it.

Lady Chablis said that sometimes people who perform in drag have trouble being in a relationship, but she said that she knows where to draw the line. She added that she’s strictly an actor onstage and that it doesn’t meld into her personal life.

“I would never be in bed and sleep with somebody with this on,” she said.

Chablis had a history in theater and it showed as she was a commanding force on the stage. She also helped Newcombe raise money for a scholarship fund. The scholarship is to help a student from the LGBT community go to a university.

Chablis told everybody to hold a dollar in the air and give Newcombe a minute to grab as many as he could. After this activity, and the money donated by people before the show, the GSA club raised a total of $232.

Diamond St. James rocked out to high energy songs as she got her freak on. Meanwhile, Sharon Husband had a more posh act as she belted out Celine Dion tunes and grooved to Lady Gaga’s Poker Face.

The Drag Kings all had solo acts but they left the biggest impression with their group performances.

All of the Royal Knights came onstage in matching boy band attire and did a synchronized dance routine to DU Jour’s Backdoor Lover From the Josie and the Pussycats soundtrack.

Sir Tony Whynot and Sir Tinker Pink teamed up to perform Rodney Carrington’s Prison bitch, where Pink stole many laughs from the audience with his portrayal of the prison bitch.

“The Prison Bitch song was all improv,” Pink said after the show. He added that they never choreograph that routine, it’s all spur of the moment.

For Whynot, the thing he likes most about drag is that it is like “wearing a monkey costume and nobody knows it’s you.”

Pink said that “just being a part of the family” is the favorite part for him.

“It just feels right,” he said.
Local parks backed by new state budget

By BRIAN GROVE  Staff Reporter

Saltwater and Dash Point State Parks have escaped the axe and will not be mothballed after the Legislature called for no closures of Washington state parks this year.

Washington Governor Christine Gregoire still has to sign the bill into law, but the parks are now expected to stay open.

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Saltwater State Park is a marine camping park stretching 88 acres over the Puget Sound with 1,445 feet of saltwater shoreline.

The park is located just off Main View Drive on 2505 8th Place S., Des Moines

Dash Point State Park is also a camping park with 398 acres and 3,301 feet of saltwater shoreline. The park is located in Federal Way.

When the Legislature was in session, they were trying to create different budget scenarios.

Typically, the parks receive $100 million in funding each year.

This time around, the Legislature was attempting to create a budget with a $23 million cut.

This plan never had to be put into play.

Also, a minimal care plan would be put in place so when the governor signs the bill.

“The community will be able to use Dash Point (above) and Saltwater state parks all summer."

The parks agency says it will walk in and use the park.

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Many local community groups advocated for this care plan and offered to volunteer with maintenance.

The parks agency says it will still need to lay off workers and some have already received lay-off notices.

The parks public affairs director, Virginia Painter, says they are making reductions at headquarters and pretty much down to the nubbins as it is.

The agency is attempting a donation program to raise money for the parks which includes a $5 car tab renewal fee to support state parks.

The fee will be included in your car tab renewal bill, and the taxpayer is able to opt out at any time by checking the box saying they don’t wish to participate.

The program does work, it won’t take effect until September, and won’t make a difference until November, Painter said.

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Featuring schools with spring sports

Men’s baseball standings

North Division
League/Pct/Season
Sk. Val. 17-3 .850 28-4
Edmonds 16-4 .765 23-5
Everett 14-10 .471 29-17
Bellevue 12-12 .500 33-17
Bellevue 13-12 .524 32-19
Bellevue 12-10 .550 30-20
Bellevue 12-11 .526 30-21
Bellevue 11-12 .478 30-19
Bellevue 11-13 .462 31-20
Bellevue 11-14 .429 32-21
South Division
League/Pct/Season
Mt. Hood 21-3 .875 28-5
Linn-Benton 7-13 .318 12-19
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Women’s softball standings

North Division
League/Pct/Season
Belleuve 17-3 .850 26-9
Shoreline 13-5 .722 20-12
Everett 15-2 .889 20-17
Olympic 12-7 .632 19-12
Spokane 20-6 .769 19-17
Clackamas 11-12 .478 19-19
Spokane 15-7 .667 20-17
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Sports
Highline resists swine flu fever

By JAREN LEWIS
Staff Reporter

Despite the swine flu panic, Highline officials and students are decidedly calm.

“Swine flu” is the common name for a new strain of the influenza A virus H1N1; it is often referred to as “swine flu” because two of the four strains that comprise it normally infect swine.

The new strain was first found in Mexico, and within days, hundreds of cases had been reported.

The virus is currently classified as a phase 5 pandemic alert by the World Health Organization, which indicates a disease spreading from human to human in at least two countries.

The World Health Organization classifies potential pandemics on a six-phase scale; the new H1N1 strain is currently one phase below the highest pandemic rating, which would indicate human-to-human spread in one country in a different region.

The Center for Disease Control has confirmed seven cases of swine flu in King County, and has declared 30 more probable cases.

Woodmont and Midway were closed for a few days, although both were re-opened Tuesday, May 5. Two unconfirmed cases of the flu have been reported on campus.

Larry Yok, vice president of administrative services, said that, if the cases are confirmed as the new strain of H1N1, “our intention is to inform the campus when that occurs.”

However, Yok said there are “no specific areas of concern.”

“What we’re doing now is keeping the college informed of what’s going on,” Yok said.

Yok said the college will focus on “reminding people to use the necessary personal hygiene measures.”

“There isn’t anything that needs to be done at this point,” Yok said.

Yok said hand sanitizer will be available in areas such as the library and computer lab; however, he said, these are offered “as a convenience.”

“The most effective way of managing the virus is soap and water,” Yok said.

Yok mentioned that the college will host a web site with information about the flu, which is now live at http://www.highline.edu/home/messages/flu.htm.

“That’s probably the best way for students,” Yok said.

“If we did get a health department order to close, we would use our text alert system,” Yok said. “This is another good reason for students to register for the text alert system.”

Students can sign up for text message alerts of campus emergency news at https://bob.highline.edu/healthalerts.

“Students don’t seem very worried, either,” said student Erika Moen.

“I don’t think it’s that big of a deal,” she said. “If you just take care of yourself, it’s not deadly.”

“It’s just over-exaggerated,” said another student. “I’m not worried about it.”

Hormone changes can generate migraines

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:
My daughter, who is 41, has been getting really bad migraine headaches just before her periods. Is it due to menopause? – V.M.

ANSWER: Her headaches are not due to menopause. They come from her menstrual cycle, and they’re called menstrual migraines. A migraine sufferer often can identify things that give rise to a headache — foods, alcohol, physical exertion, too little sleep, too much sleep, hunger, bright lights and loud noise.

The sudden drop in the female hormone estrogen that takes place at the time of a menstrual period precipitates headaches in these women.

Your daughter can take medicine prior to her anticipated menstrual period to prevent the headache. Naprosyn or one of the many other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, taken two days before the period begins, often can avert menstrual migraines. They should be taken for as long as the headache has lasted in the past.

Another approach is birth-control pills. The ones that stop periods for six months to a year are particularly useful. Seasonale and Lybrel are two such preparations.

Most migraine sufferers are aware of the triptan drugs — medicines that have had a huge impact on migraine treatment. Maxalt and Relpax are two of these drugs. The triptans should be used as the anti-inflammatory drugs are used — two days before onset of periods and continued for the length of the usual migraine.

The headache booklet describes the common kinds of headaches and their treatment. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue – No. 901W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for $4.75 U.S./$6 Canada with the recipient’s printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.
Students also need to be aware they must move up in an organization. Listening is important at all stages of a student's educational experience in listening. But only 2 percent of the population listens, while we spend 45 percent of our time listening, the International Listening Association says we spend 45 percent of our time listening.

Communication skills are an important trait for all students to learn in preparation for business and the workplace. One of the goals of all students at Highline is to gain an education that will prepare them for a job in the workplace. Part of that preparation needs to include effective communication skills in the workplace. Being able to communicate effectively with management, coworkers and clients is necessary to become successful in business. Communication encompasses many forms ranging from verbal dialogue to e-mail and written correspondence. Many students do not understand what is expected of them in verbal dialogue. Effective verbal communication requires good listening skills and an ability to use written and spoken word.

The International Listening Association says we spend 45 percent of our time listening, but only 2 percent of the population has had any formal educational experience in listening. Listening is important at all levels of activity but becomes more important as employees move up in an organization. Students also need to be aware of their word choice. Correct grammar is important. Students should develop an ability to use descriptive, specific verbs, adverbs and adjectives. Slang should be used sparingly and carefully, so as not to confuse listeners. Adding unneeded words and phrases can also affect the image a speaker gives off.

Whether intended or subconsciously, adding words similar to “like” and “um” into your dialogue reduces and gives off the message that you are incompetent. Written correspondence within the workplace is also important. Students almost entirely rely on computers and technology for written communication. Students have become too reliant on the technology that is designed to guide us and instead use the technology that is designed to erase all of the spelling and grammatical errors in their paper without ever learning why something is written a certain way or how to spell a word correctly.

Students often believe it is OK in the professional environment to address an email, Hey Jack, just because it’s OK to do that in text messages with their friends. Sending an email with an exclamation point at the end of every sentence renders meaningless the fact that the sender is excited.

Signing an e-mail with your name and a smiley face is unprofessional and inappropriate in a business environment. Students begin to believe that acronyms such as “LOL” and “BBB” are actual words and belong in an educated vocabulary. Instead of speaking properly and announcing their words, they have resorted to slang terms and expressions and use them in everyday life.

Students have also lost their ability to reason. Having access to everything has reduced their ability to think logically. When a student has a problem they cannot solve, they don’t attempt to figure out and solve the problem themselves. Instead they “hop” on the internet and find the answer, or ask others to do the thinking for them and get back to them.

Technology was designed to help society become more successful, to help it solve problems and to help it better adapt and prosper as a society. Instead of helping people to become better it has reduced their ability to communicate effectively and think on their own. Students need to be preparing themselves for careers in the workplace. Understanding how to communicate effectively and appropriately in business, and actively preparing themselves, will allow students to further achieve their goals and aspirations.

Jon Baker is the advertising manager of the Thunderword.
Immigration education is a must

By DIO-JEAN-BAPTISTE Staff Reporter

Immigrants should be properly educated on immigration laws to stay here legally, an immigration lawyer and consultant said here last week. Alonso Gomez Arce not only discussed immigration reform laws, but also spoke of his personal battles and struggles. The April 29 immigration clinic and information fair were co-sponsored by United Latino Association as part of Unity Week.

The purpose of the clinic was to provide insight on the do’s and don’ts of immigration, and how to get around the hard questions often asked of immigrants.

Gomez is a Mexican-American immigrant. He graduated from law school in Guadalajara, in 1996, where he first practiced criminal and civil law. In 1999, Gomez took a position in Seattle with the Mexican Consulate. Gomez now works for AMS law, Mexico-USA, a Seattle law firm that deals with immigration.

In gaining his U.S. citizenship, Gomez went through many of the same difficulties as his fellow immigrants. “I was so blessed to get here with a job, with a wife, a visa, and all these benefits. But when you want to jump from that to the private sector, or move away from that, I had to face the same worst issues as any other immigrant,” Gomez said.

“Starting with paperwork, it’s cruel. The rules are so square, so you have to really go for it and focus. Also the main issue for immigrants like me is sometimes getting the right information. Knowing what you can do, and what you shouldn’t do. Sometimes some of us don’t have an opportunity to fix the situation right away,” he said.

“But if you don’t learn how to deal with these problems day to day, and prepare for when the time comes, that could prevent you from ever fixing your legal statuses in this country.”

Gomez spoke of a mother being separated from her children due to her kids being illegally born in the U.S., while she came to be here without any documentation. The mother was sent back to Mexico and the children lived with a friend here in the states. Gomez said that the entire event could have been easily avoided had the woman exercised her right to not let officers into her home without a warrant since the officers weren’t looking for her; they came by just to ask questions regarding a family member she had no contact with.

Gomez said that it’s through fear that the government is able to control immigrants due to immigrants’ lack of knowledge.

For the actual process of getting here legally, Gomez explained that the system is one of the greatest challenges that an immigrant faces.

“Paper work, delays, misinformation, time, and waiting periods are many of the things that are hoops an immigrant individual has to jump through to become a citizen,” Gomez said.

As Gomez explained the process to get proper documentation to be here in the U.S. legally the message became clear. The government has a structure for immigration that is not conducive for individuals to be able to understand even for professionals like myself,” Gomez said.

“And even if the right information is obtained from the government, the information is often complicated and hard to understand even for professionals like myself,” Gomez said.

Unfortunately the press tends to focus on the negative stuff; they don’t focus on all the good that immigrants bring to this nation. There’s a big misconception that immigrants are taking away from Americans. This is incorrect because almost every immigrant, under whoever’s name, pays taxes,” Gomez said.

The lack of proper information on both sides of immigration, Gomez said, is one of many major problems that everyone has to deal with. “It’s this lack of adequate knowledge which leads to misconceptions that at times may lead immigrants to deportation, detention centers, as well as workplace abuse.

Even after an immigrant passes the proper test to become a citizen, there is still more paperwork, and a long waiting process to get the final papers for full citizenship.

One of the problems that immigrants face to get documentation to stay here legally once here is that the process is lengthy and expensive, Gomez said. The U.S. is more than happy to take your money for application fees and other paper work fees, but won’t necessarily get you any closer to getting papers to be here legally, and there are no refunds, Gomez said.

Immigrants come to America to better themselves, despite what some say, Gomez said. “It is not true that immigrants raise the crime rates in our nation,” Gomez said.

Gomez said it’s not enough to be married to become a citizen. Even if the immigrant marries a U.S. citizen, the immigrant would have to leave the country for 10 years before being allowed to come back in again to finalize the marriage terms.

Legal residency is different from citizenship. Residency can be taken away by law for not following U.S. law. There are approximately 8.6 million known undocumented illegal immigrants in the U.S., he said.

Gomez, like many immigrants, plans to return one day to Mexico to help rebuild the economy, he said.

For more information or to get in contact with Gomez you can reach him at gomez@amslaw.net or www.amslaw.net and by phone, 206-812-3813.

Professors pitch cultural competency for all

By RYAN PETERSON Staff Reporter

Curriculum structure and cultural misunderstandings by teachers are the main causes which provoke color struggle in the community college system, according to the key speakers at the Breaking Down Barriers Panel.

The panel was part of the 12th annual Unity Through Diversity Week at Highline last Thursday.

Lisa Aguilera Lawrenson, dean of humanities at American River College in California, and Marcia Somer, dean of General Education at Clover Park Technical College, talked about their findings and experiences after researching their own separate dissertations regarding the subject.

“The students are not the problem. The system is the problem,” said Lawrenson. In their research they found that cultural differences often make it hard to relate to examples and ideas traditionally taught in classrooms.

Textbooks are geared toward American culture and have yet to be fully diversified.

“I often felt different when I read,” Lawrenson said, recalling her time in community college.

To help remedy the situation they teach Cultural Competency training, a course designed to help teachers eliminate these issues from their curriculum.

“Cultural Competency is training all of us to understand each other,” Lawrenson said.

The process involves open discussions of race in front of audiences and raises tough questions to help teachers and others cope with cultural misunderstandings.

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There’s a long journey ahead,” said Somer, the second of the two speakers. “Textbooks are changing and the younger generation gives me hope.”
The Bible isn’t anti-homosexual, scholar says

By TIFFANY BELL
Staff Reporter

Evangelicals have been using the Bible to wrongly condemn homosexuality, a scholar said here last week.

As a part of Unity through Diversity Week, Dr. Patrick M. Chapman’s lecture analyzed and defended homosexuality in religion.

Chapman, who has a doctorate in anthropology, and is a gay Christian himself, said he has dedicated years of his life to the correlation between evangelical beliefs, the Bible and homosexuality.

In his lecture he pointed out the ironies and the issues with the Bible and how it is interpreted. He said he tries to analyze stories as they were, according to their cultural, historical and literary contexts.

Inspired by a failed attempt at “reparative therapy” and confrontation with the evangelical church, his recent book, Thou Shalt Not Love: What Evangelicals Really Say to Gays, dissects homosexuality in Christianity.

Chapman spoke about the different ways evangelicals have used to fuel beliefs that homosexuality is wrong. Chapman cited what he called “clobber passages” often used to condemn gays, including the story of Sodom and Gomorrah.

He argued that the moral of the story has been skewed. Instead of God destroying Sodom and Gomorrah because of homosexuality, he destroyed it because of lack of hospitality towards the angels God sent there, he said.

Chapman also cited the “abomination passages,” places in the Bible that insinuate that homosexuality is an abomination. He pointed out, however, that the Bible lists a number of other abominations, including eating lobster; wearing clothes made of two fabrics; an Egyptian and a person of the Jewish faith eating together; and planting two seeds in a garden.

He said that people should look at the cultural and historical contexts of the Bible, also that many of the abominations were edited out of the Bible by the church.

He pointed out that there is no true mention of “homosexuality” being a defined transgression in the Bible until the 1950s.

Then there are the passages that call homosexuality “unnatural.”

Chapman said that the Bible says that it’s unnatural for men to have long hair, when it actually (without the man-made creation of scissors) is natural; he also said that in a way God himself is unnatural, that he is a higher power not of this Earth; he validated this in saying that unnatural simply means “out of the norm” and that these beliefs deal with more social concern than moral concerns, and for this people have to look at the cultural, historical contexts of the Bible.

As for other beliefs, such as homosexuality being a choice, or it being a disorder brought on by childhood trauma, Chapman said there is evidence against those as well.

Freud theorized that homosexuality is a derivative correlating to the relationship between a child’s mother and father, and that trauma can make them gay. Chapman said this was disproven with the neurohormonal theory, which is where children’s balances of different hormones in the womb stimulate or alter attraction to a certain gender.

As for those who believe therapy is the key to changing someone’s orientation, Chapman said that there is a very clear distinction between orientation and behavior. One comes naturally and another comes with social norms and is influenced heavily by surroundings. Despite arguments for “reparative therapy” as an effective way to change people, Chapman argued that behavior can’t change orientation.

Chapman said that the “gay agenda” is simply equality, and the ability to be “treated like heterosexuals.”

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The State Board publications say officials are working to implement a notation system on transcripts that will reflect the course changes.

Highline officials do not anticipate many problems in transitioning to the new system for students.

“For the most part, the [challenging] work has been completed,” Bligh said.

The process for revamping the course numbering system began with faculty assessing their courses to decide which ones qualified for Common Course Numbering. Next, the Highline computer system had to be updated to reflect the course changes, Bligh said.

Educational Planning and Advising staff are working on updated Degree Planning Sheets, which will be available in January on the Transfer Center’s website, to help students’ transition.

Students are aware of the changes, but most are not vexed. “So far, the students I have encountered in the Advising Center have been of the idea that many of our course numbers have changed,” said Siew Lai Lilley, Transfer Center advisor.

“Like anything new, it will take a little while for students to get used to Common Course Numbering. However, I don’t anticipate any big challenges at all.”

Students have mixed opinions about the new course numbering.

“For the most part, it’s not confusing,” Benjamin Fader said. “At first, it might confuse students with getting a degree,” Josey Roy said. “Once [students] get the hang of it, it will be fine.”

“Yes, it’s confusing,” April Owens said. “It may be harder for students to find classes they want to take.”

However, some changes might be difficult for a student to wrap their mind around.

For example, a student taking Spanish 101 this quarter will need to take Spanish 122 next quarter, then Spanish 123. In the past, a student taking Spanish 101 would take Spanish 122, then Spanish 103.

In the online quarterly schedule on the website, the item numbers and course times for the new common courses are not listed properly. To see them, students must look at the printed quarterly schedule.

In the printed quarterly schedule, the instructors and classrooms are missing. To see them, students must look on the online schedule.

Highline officials are working to correct these problems.

Course descriptions have also changed as a part of Common Course Numbering implementation, and departments have lost many classes they used to have.

The Writing, Reading and Literature departments are now all unified under English. Introduction to Law, which was Business 255, is now Political Science 200.

Many students in History 113: Modern European History, said they were interested in taking the course because of the description. Now that it is changing to History 118E: Western Civilization III, students might think the course is about a different subject, even if course content does not change.

Despite these concerns, Grays Harbor Community College’s associate dean of student services, Nancy DeVerse, said the school didn’t have any problem implementing the program, even as the first school to do so in 2007.

“This students didn’t really seem to care,” she said. “We brought this to student government [and] they thought it was a great idea. We didn’t really have any issues.”

Students transferring to Western Washington University can expect the process to remain as smooth as before, with the agreement between the university and community colleges unaffected by the course changes, an official there said.

“Since the course numbers, rather than the course content, has changed, courses will transfer to Western the same way they did prior to the implementation of Common Course Numbering,” said Jeanne Gallney, senior assistant director of Admissions at Western.

“We have added the new Common Course Numbering changes to our transfer equivalency database for all community and technical colleges who are completed the process.”

Staff reporters Kandi Carlson and Tara Kester contributed to this story.

Spring College Fair is coming back to Highline

More than 20 colleges and universities will visit Highline for the Spring College Fair this month.

The event will take place on Wednesday, May 27 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Mt. Townsend room in Building 8. The Spring College Fair will feature representatives from both Washington and out-of-state schools.

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McClure’s designated job in the Marine Corps is a CH-53 Mechanic. CH-53s are among the largest helicopters in the United States military.

McClure spent six months in Pensacola, FL learning his primary job skill before joining his fleet unit, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 163. McClure then deployed to Iraq with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit on Jan. 9. They are currently supporting an expeditionary Unit on Jan. 9.

Iraq is a completely foreign environment to me. The weather at night is bone chilling and the environment to me. Day to day life for McClure currently use Blackboard, and some classes are administered entirely online. Blackboard, Inc. will acquire Angel for a combined $95 million — $80 million in cash and $15 million in stock, according to a press release from Blackboard.

Highline’s transition to Angel Learning will be unaffected by Blackboard’s acquisition of the company announced yesterday, May 6. Blackboard and Angel are both course management systems.

Software from such systems supplement courses. Course management systems provide students with handouts, assignments, grades, discussion boards and other communication tools.

More than 400 classes at Highline currently use Blackboard, and some classes are administered entirely online. Blackboard, Inc. will acquire Angel for a combined $95 million — $80 million in cash and $15 million in stock, according to a press release from Blackboard.

Highline’s contract with Blackboard ends this year, and Highline officials have elected to switch to Angel because of their outstanding record in customer service. A press release from Blackboard, Inc. highlighted Angel’s good track record with clients.

“Angel’s customer focus has translated into consistently excellent experiences for Angel clients. We can learn from their skill in this area to keep improving the client support capability we’re building here at Blackboard,” according to the press release.

“Blackboard is committed to bringing together the best ideas, innovations and practices in e-learning today,” Michael Chasen, Blackboard’s president and chief executive officer, said in the press release. “Independently [the companies have] each led the way in many areas of the industry. Now, we can put the strengths of Blackboard and Angel together for the benefit of students in our effort to create a more flexible and engaging teaching and learning platform,” said Chasen. Angel officials are also enthusiastic about the merger.

“Now, as part of Blackboard, we’re confident that we can, together, help the combined client community advance e-learning and student achievement. Angel Learning president and chief executive officer, said in the press release.

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Blackboard buys Angel

In a campus-wide e-mail sent out yesterday, Lentini said that the transition of high priority target SEALs and pick up insurgents raids with ground forces. Around or even going in on forces entails flying cargo right outside of Fallujah.

Ground forces in Al Asad, Iraq, They are currently supporting Iraq with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit Squadron 163.

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Far is 145 degrees in the sun,” McClure said. “You have to make a lot of sacrifices at home,” McClure said. “You are on a high priority target. We even go in with Navy SEALS and pick up insurgents.

Holidays are the worst—Easter and we’re here, and not even going in on raids with ground forces.

“A former mission was pretty much just sucking being here some times,” McClure said.

McClure is set to return state side Aug. 2; however, there is a possibility that their tour could be extended one month.

“I don’t regret joining,” McClure said. “We all miss our families here and are very homesick; it just sucks being here sometimes,” McClure said.

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Fallujah is well known for its insurgent activity, and was the scene of the murders and hanging of several civilian contractors in 2004. That is why Marine forces went in and took over the city and have a permanent base there.

Day to day life for McClure can get a little monotonous when he isn’t going out on raids.

“Go to work at 6 and go back to the barracks at 7, eat, work out, come home, and do it all over again the next day,” McClure said.

During the day it feels like a hot hair dryer being blasted in your face. The hottest it’s been so far is 145 degrees in the sun,” McClure said.

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