

## Big crowds expected at Olympia rally



•WAVE scholarship program faces budget cuts. See story, page 14.

By **CAITLYN STARKEY**  
Staff Reporter

Highline students will not be alone as they rally against higher education budget cuts and tuition increases on Feb. 15.

Several conservative and liberal political groups along with schools and commercial organizations have said they will be staging rallies at the capitol on

Feb. 15.

The groups will be rallying for everything from smaller budget cuts and tuition increases to weaker government and lower taxes.

Highline students will be rallying against the expected budget cuts and tuition increase looming for the 2010-2011 school year.

Higher education is at high

risk for budget cuts because this year the Washington state budget faces a \$2.6 billion deficit. Many aspects of the budget are at risk of funding cuts, however because higher education does not receive federal matching funds and is not constitutionally protected, it is at higher risk of larger cuts.

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## Electric daydreams

Student laptop use in classrooms could be a powerful learning tool, but also a distraction

By **DAVID LUGO**  
Staff Reporter

Popping up like spring flowers, students using laptops in class are becoming more common with each passing quarter.

Highline instructors and students share mixed opinions regarding the increased use of laptops in the classroom. Many students are interested in using more technology in the classroom, while many instructors remain skeptical of the efficiency of students using laptops during class.

In 2009, Highline expanded campus wireless, which allows internet access to wireless devices, such as smart phones, iPod Touches and laptops in almost every building on campus. This expansion allows for extended usage of laptops in class, and many students are taking advantage of the opportunity. "There's been a growing amount of small devices being used on campus. The complexion of the campus as far as technology has drastically changed," said Highline Director of Administrative Technology Dennis Colgan.

"There are laptops and [people] using laptops all over campus," Colgan said. "The most users at one time were 212."

Reception from faculty to expanded use in the classroom has



## Students say they are blasé about safer sex

BY THUNDERWORD STAFF

Many Highline students say they are sexually active, and are worried about sexually transmitted diseases. Many say they know someone who has a sexually transmitted disease.

But many say they are not using protection.

A non scientific survey of Highline students found that 56 percent (58 out of 104) say they are sexually active and are concerned about the many types of sexually transmitted diseases.

Also in the survey, 37 percent of Highline students say they know someone who has or had a sexually transmitted disease.

But while some students say they take measures to further protect themselves and their partners, others say they simply just don't worry about it.

"I currently am sexually active with one person but I am still concerned about an STD because we have an open relationship," said Ashley Sandoval, a student at Highline.

"Even though I choose to be with only him, I don't know if he is having sex with other girls."

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•Safe sex is around the corner at local clinics. See story, page 12.

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### Weekend Weather



Showers on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

For full forecast, see page 16.





### Crazy man yells near Building 6

An adult male walked by a security officer on the south side of Building 6, while he screamed at the top of his lungs on Feb. 4 at 11:40 p.m.

The man had a husky build and was approximately 5'10". He was wore a stocking cap and he carried a bottle in a brown paper bag. The security officer noted in his report that the subject screamed about gangs and said, "I don't care if you call 911."

He continued to yell and scream while he walked around campus. He appeared agitated and acted as if his screams were directed at a specific person.

When Des Moines Police officers arrived on campus, the man could not be found.

### Broken windows blamed on vandalism

Vandalism is believed to be responsible for the most recent broken window at Highline.

Maintenance reported one of the long rectangular windows was broken on the east side of Building 4. The damage was found on Feb. 5.

### Mysterious note misunderstanding

A student reported she found a note on her Ford Explorer in the South Parking Lot on Feb. 3 at 3:30 p.m.

The note said not to hit other cars. She explained that she has not hit other cars and believes the note was left on the wrong vehicle.

### Student arrested

An Enumclaw Police Officer came in to execute a warrant on a student on Feb. 8 at 1:50 p.m.

The student left campus in the custody of the officer.

### Children play in recycling bins

Children were seen playing in the large recycle bin behind the Student Union on Feb. 5 at 5:15 p.m.

The children were gone from the recycle bin when security arrived.

— Compiled by  
Jeanette Dimock

### Enchanted Dance comes to Highline

Highline students will have the chance to dance the night away at the Enchanted Winter Dance Feb. 27 in the Student Union.

Tickets are \$10 and are on sale now. The dance will be 7-11 p.m.

The dance will have a Hollywood theme where everyone walks in on the red carpet with the paparazzi taking pictures.

A professional disc jockey will be playing music all night and food will be provided.

### Men of Vision returns for a second time

Highline will be hosting the Men of Vision discussion group for the second time this quarter. All the men of Highline are invited to the event.

The group tries to provide leadership, mentorship, and helps relationships with the campus community grow.

The discussion will try to uplift others in order for them to reach their full potential and reach their goals and visions. The event will be on Feb. 11 Building 6, room 164, from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

For more information call 206-878-3710 ext. 4350.

### Workshops offered at Writing center

The writing center is hosting many workshops to help students excel in their writing.

The next workshops are:

- Summarizing and Paraphrasing on Feb. 16, from 4 to 4:50 p.m., Feb. 17, 1:30 to 2:20 p.m. and Feb. 18, 9 to 9:50 a.m.
- Quoting & Citing Your



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Security Guard directs a fire truck after the fire alarm in the Student Union went off on Tuesday.

Sources Feb. 23, 4 to 4:50 p.m., Feb. 24, 1:30 to 2:20 p.m. and Feb. 25, 9 to 9:50 a.m.

•Self Assessment & Writing Portfolio Cover Letters, on Feb. 2, 4 to 4:50 p.m., March 3, 1:30-2:20 p.m. and March 4, 9 to 9:50 a.m.

•Other Tricky Punctuation Issues, on March 9, 4 to 4:50 p.m., March 10, 1:30-2:20 p.m. and Mar 11, 9 to 9:50 a.m.

### Calendar

•Susan Landgraf will host Writing on the Sound, a presentation where you can look first hand at Puget Sound sea life. Those who attend will read about Puget Sound sea life and then will write a short poem about them. The event will be on Saturday, Feb. 13, from 12 to 12:45 p.m. at the Highline

MaST center. For directions visit mast.highline.edu.

•Movie Friday will be showing Shaft, the original 1971 action/thriller in honor of Black History Month. The film will be shown this Friday, Feb. 12 in Building 7, at 12:30 p.m.

•The Museum of Flight is hosting the Northwest Scale Modelers Show on Feb. 13, and

14 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This year's show is titled "History in Miniature - From T-Rex to Star Trek."

The show will have everything from models of dinosaurs and cavemen, sailing ships, early aircraft, vintage cars, modern tanks to futuristic space vehicles. The show is free with museum admission.

## HOT JOBS

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For more information about co-ops, these jobs and more, log on to [www.myinterfase.com/highline/student](http://www.myinterfase.com/highline/student)

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## Students find shrubbery instead of path

By **DAN JURPIK**  
Staff Reporter

A commonly used pathway by Building 99 has been blocked with shrubbery by the building's owner to deal with liability and maintenance issues.

Building 99 is located on Pacific Highway South, east of the main campus, and houses offices for services such as Disability Access, Human Resources and the Outreach Center.

Approximately three weeks ago, the well-worn and often-used path offering students and faculty the most convenient way to walk to Building 99 was obstructed by an assortment of trees and shrubs planted across it.

A sidewalk runs along the south side of the Building 99, but it is not the most direct route between Building 99 and the main campus.

The shortcut is "not intended to be used as a pathway," said Barry Holldorf, Highline's facilities services manager. "People are still using it, despite the trees and bushes."

If you put in the buildings, the way that people travel will indicate the most expedient way to move, Holldorf said, paraphrasing an old adage. This is why the network of trails throughout Highline's campus is the way it is.

Building 99 is a "leased facility from our parking lot east to 99," Holldorf said. The landowner has the right to make decisions concerning his property. The property owner made "purely a business decision to avoid a liability issue," Holldorf said. The action of planting the vegetation was not done to spite anyone at Highline, he said.

As an answer to the question of responsibility and accessibility, the owner of Building 99 had proposed several options to Highline about the pathway.

The first was to build a sidewalk, along with an American Disabilities Act curb, which proved to be cost prohibitive. Such a curb is already in place on the sidewalk running to the south of Building 99.



Brian Horrocks/THUNDERWORD

*A student crosses along the path between Building 99 and the east parking lot, despite the shrubbery.*

A second option was to make a basic asphalt corridor through to the building, if Highline would assume liability and maintenance of the path.

Without waiting for Highline's answer, the landowner

went with a third option of blocking the path with bushes.

"[Highline] always tries to work with the landlord," Holldorf said, regarding issues concerning Building 99 and the property it is on. The issue

now is, "How can this benefit the landowner, the college and its students and faculty?" Holldorf said.

That question, and any decisions that will arise from it, will go to Highline's executive board.

## HIGHLINE HEROES

### Munro helps students get work, access

By **JON BAKER**  
Staff Reporter

Jean Munro, originally a volunteer, is now the coordinator and advisor of Women's Programs/WorkFirst.

"Everyone at Highline volunteers in some way and that is exciting to see," Munro said.

"I came here because it was mandated in my bachelors degree that I put in volunteer hours," Munro said. "My full-time job was in the service industry and that is what paid for my education."

Munro uses her background as well as her human services degree to help students find work.

"The service industry is a transferable skill and people learn things that



Munro

can't be taught in the classroom, like common sense and multi-tasking," she said.

"Having a degree or certificate doesn't guarantee you a job anymore, so we help students network and develop themselves so they can get a career."

The goal of Women's Programs/WorkFirst is to open access to education while helping students in their career path and help them in their short-term employment goals. Munro said students at Highline are amazing and work hard. "WorkFirst has 400 students and they work hard to help Highline and everywhere you go you will see students that are working to keep Highline running."

Munro said she enjoys the diversity of the students on campus.

"It brings a tear to my eye to see people from different countries saturated all over. You will see a little bit of every part of this world no matter where you look," she said.

"Highline has a huge mission to be student focused. Without the students we would have nothing."

## Search for vice president will be in-house

By **NICHOLAS MCCOY**  
Staff Reporter

The permanent vice president for Academic Affairs will be a current Highline employee.

A screening committee including representatives of the different departments at Highline made that recommendation to President Jack Bermingham recently.

"We unanimously recommended an internal search as

the best option to the president," said Alice Madsen, the chairwoman of the committee. Bermingham approved the recommendation.

The interim vice president for Academic Affairs is currently Jeff Wagnitz.

Wagnitz, widely expected to be a candidate for the position, has not confirmed or denied his candidacy.

He has held the position since 2008. The job's primary

purpose is to oversee the college's instructional program.

The position opened to application on Feb. 8; it will be open for primary consideration through Feb. 18.

The requirements for the position include a master's degree; leadership experience at the executive level; and experience with faculty unions, government higher education initiatives, and working with diverse populations.

"The activities and events for the selection of the VPAA [vice president for Academic Affairs] will include a faculty forum, campus and community forum, and interviews with the committee, executive staff, instruction cabinet, faculty union leadership and with the college president," Madsen said.

The interview process is expected to begin in early March, with an anticipated date of employment of March 28.



Editorial comment

Shortfall closer to being solved

State legislators are beginning to look at ways to raise more revenue to help stop the \$2.6 billion budget shortfall from getting larger.

In last week’s [Feb. 4] Thunderword, we reported on some of the different options for raising funds. Tax increases are specifically being examined for possible ways to raise money without cutting vulnerable areas more than they already have been cut.

Higher education is one of the more vulnerable because it is not constitutionally protected like K-12 education is.

The reasons for sparing higher education have been given and recounted many times already. However, what the Legislature is finally providing is a valid alternative to making education suffer yet again.

With the economy in recession, now is not the best time to increase taxes, but it’s not the best time to cut education either.

Representatives have said the talk of cutting higher education, specifically community colleges – like Highline – is premature.

Unfortunately, just because they realize the importance of community colleges and the access they provide to higher education, that doesn’t mean we will be spared.

Students arguing for less cuts and more help paying for school may seem self-serving, but they have a valid argument that needs to be taken seriously.

Community colleges and Highline’s worker retraining program are major providers of employees in the current workforce. Without a decent education, students will not be as good at their jobs or as valuable to their employers.

Stopping corporate tax exemptions and removing loopholes for businesses to avoid taxation are the best route because big businesses are not suffering as students and smaller businesses are.

That being said, the smaller businesses should remain somewhat protected, because small businesses and private citizens are the most susceptible to their bank accounts dwindling.

On a positive note, it seems that the legislators are finally starting to understand the need to look beyond cuts for solutions to our budget problem, which is a \$2.6 billion or \$2.7 billion shortfall, depending on who you talk to.

However, realistically, there will be some cutting to do. And as we have said before, they should be spread out so one agency or department does not shoulder the entire burden.

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Can camels jump?

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Valentine’s message missing

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways... It is that time of the year already where people who are in a relationship of sorts and like to flaunt it in front of everyone.

Valentine’s Day is the worst holiday on the face of the planet. I am not saying this because you might think that I am bitter, I am just stating straight facts.

Back in the late fifth century B.C. around the middle of February, a small Roman village used to have the eligible women put their names into an urn and the men would come and pick a name out of said urn.

That name represented who they were going to spend the next year with. A lot of the times it resulted in a marriage.

A few years later, in 498 A.D., Pope Gelasius declared Feb. 14 Valentine’s Day. He did this because of that small tradition in that village.

What a ridiculous thing to do.

I am all for love, I get that this is what this holiday is supposed to be about. But in the real world, it is not.

It’s another holiday that has gone down the tubes and has been so commercialized that every time I see pink during the months of January and February, I want to vomit. Which is bad, because pink is my favorite color.

Now you may be thinking that it’s just because I’m single and I just don’t get it. Lies. I hate this holiday even when I have a boyfriend.

I don’t need my guy to show-er me with affection, buy me expensive things and cook me dinner just so that I know he loves me; you’re supposed to know that at all times. So why have a special day just for love?



Commentary  
Courtney Sankey

Love is something that should happen every day and does not need that extra pressure to make sure that I or you or whoever know it.

All this holiday does is put unwanted stress on those you love as well as yourself.

Most gentlemen forget this holiday exists or dread the time when it comes up, knowing that their significant other will be angry with them if they don’t get them what they want, thus causing them to get the cold shoulder and not get what they want.

St. Valentine chose to marry soldiers and their lovers in secret so that they could share their love every day, not once every 12 months.

Because of this he was jailed and wooed the jailer’s daughter while behind bars with letters that he signed “From your Valentine.”

That to me is romantic, not buying a dozen roses for the one you love because you feel obligated.

The holiday as a whole has become so commercialized, like most holidays in this country, and so has lost its romantic meaning.

Romance is sporadic, fun and exciting. Valentine’s Day is predictable, boring and expensive.

Can’t we please take it back to the days of making a card, not buying one and by showing our love for each other, not proclaiming it with something

ridiculous that will never see the light of day again?

Let us please remember that we are in a recession and that the light at the end of the tunnel is still a ways away and go back to the simplicity of love.

Remember on this gross holiday that you are already in a loving relationship, I hope, and that the simpler things in life are the things that often get remembered the most.

But if you feel the need to flaunt your relationship in front of everyone, take a shot at Valentine’s approach, keep it secret.

*Courtney is currently in jail for shooting Cupid back.*

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.

Begin your letter with, “Dear Editor:” and write whatever is on your mind.

Tell us your name and include your relationship with the college.

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

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Please provide contact information for confirmation purposes.

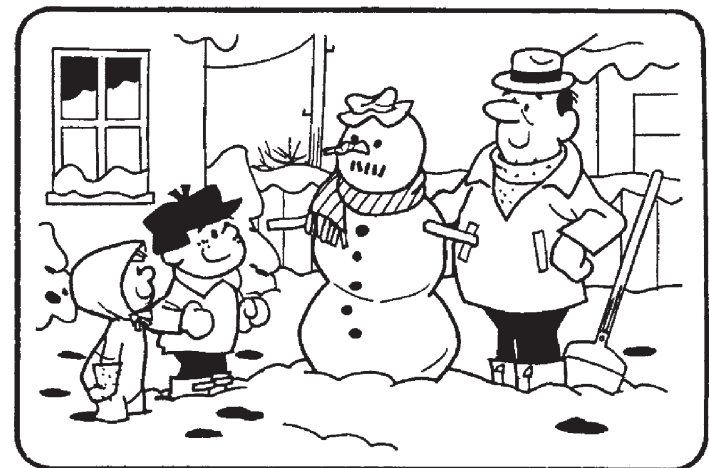
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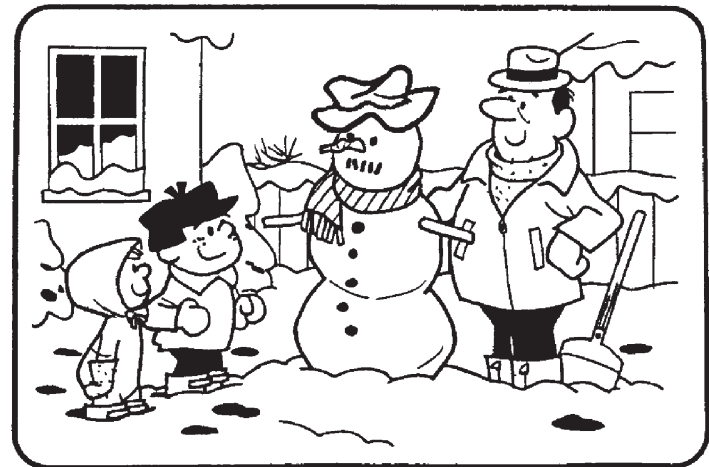


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY  
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Snowman's hat is bigger. 2. Man's coat has a zipper. 3. Toddler is wearing boots. 4. Utillity pole is missing. 5. Window curtain is longer. 6. Shovel handle is shorter.

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? Trivia

test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LANGUAGE: What country once was known by the Latin name of Caledonia?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Guadalcanal is part of which island group in the Pacific Ocean?
3. MOVIES: Which actors voiced the two main characters, Woody and Buzz, on the Toy Story movies?
4. INVENTIONS: Who is credited with inventing the Hula Hoop?
5. TELEVISION: Who played the character Latka Gravas on Taxi?
6. MYTHOLOGY: What was domain of the Greek god Aeolus?
7. HISTORY: In what war

- were tanks first used?
8. U.S. STATES: What is the only letter of the alphabet that does not appear in the name of any U.S. state?
9. MEASUREMENTS: The term vicennial refers to a period of how many years?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the symbol for the zodiac sign Capricorn?
- Answers
1. Scotland
2. Solomon Islands
3. Tom Hanks and Tim Allen
4. Richard Kneer and Arthur "Spud" Melin
5. Andy Kaufman
6. God of the winds
7. World War I
8. The letter Q
9. 20 years
10. The goat
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Arts Calendar

•Burien Little Theatre presents Arne Zaslove's 1950s rock 'n' roll version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, a comedy of mistaken identities set in 1957 on prom night at Athens High.

The performance will take place at The Burien Little Theater, Feb. 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, Mar. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20 at 8 p.m. Feb. 14, 21, 28, Mar. 7, 14, 21 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available online at [burienlittletheatre.com](http://burienlittletheatre.com), by calling 206-242-5180 or by email at [tickets@burienlittletheatre.org](mailto:tickets@burienlittletheatre.org).

Last week's  
Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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[burienlittletheatre.org](http://burienlittletheatre.org).

•Centerstage Theatre presents *I Love You Because*, a romantic comedy about two brothers and the women they date in New York City.

Tailor Made

Across

1. Rio dance

6. Dick and Jane's dog

10. Collar support

14. Medicinal plants

15. Shoe polish brand

16. Birthplace of seven U.S. presidents

17. Having lots of diamonds

19. Pakistani language

20. Forum wear

21. "\_\_\_takers?"

22. Odd look

23. Roll call calls

25. Infection fighter

27. Norse thunder god

30. N.F.L. linemen: Abbr.

32. Curly-haired breed

35. Clodhopper

36. Tiny Greek letter?

38. Mail svc. option

39. Dennis the Menace's dog

41. Plastered

43. Facts and figures

44. Brief opening

46. Words to Brutus

47. Piña colada ingredient

48. Cornell's home

50. Buddhist discipline

51. \_\_\_ Trueheart

52. Make into law

54. Friday & others: Abbr.

56. Santa's bag

58. Mining matter

60. Coal and peat

63. Col. Mustard's game

64. Former TV comedian

67. Gov, Landon & others

68. Granny

69. \_\_\_ pending

70. Huck Finn's boat

71. Christmas tree topper

72. Oozes

Down

1. "My gal" of song

2. Bushels

3. Teen disease

4. Person with a hat, maybe

5. Test, as ore

6. Hit the slopes

7. Hummus holder

8. Olympic sprinter

9. Clear the clutter

10. Chitlins and ham hocks, e.g.

11. Frayed

12. Assistant

13. Part of BYO

18. Log-on code

24. Squirrel away

26. Cut (off)

27. Hunter of the LA Angels

28. Frequent spot

29. Ad lib

31. Bearcat maker

33. 1-2-3 software company

34. Finals

37. Kitty deposits?

40. The one most candid

42. Karate cousin

45. Edible tuber

49. Squirrel's collection

51. Fly from Africa

53. Pick up the tab

55. Ballet apparel

56. Lasting impression

57. "It was \_\_\_ mistake"

59. Author Ferber

61. Easy gait

62. Cinch

65. Tavern

66. Peter, Paul & Mary: Abbr.

By Ed Canty (Ed@gfrpuzzles.com)

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Last week's crossword solution

WAY TO GO

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The performance will take place at Centerstage Theater in Federal Way, 3200 SW Dash Point Road.

Tickets are available online at [www.centerstagetheatre.com](http://www.centerstagetheatre.com)

•Got arts news? Contact the arts editor, Courtney Sankey by calling 206-878-3710, ext. 3317 or by e-mail at [csankey@highline.edu](mailto:csankey@highline.edu).

Campus events get priority, but all events are wel-

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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come. Please include time, date and location of the event, plus contact information.



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# Kent museum looks back in time

By STEPHANIE KIM  
Staff Reporter

Marching bands still play in the streets of Kent, chickens still sing at sunrise, farmers still harvest vegetables and the city remembers Japanese internment camps at the Kent Historical Museum.

The museum holds a collection of furnishings, clothing, instruments and photographs that date as far back as the 1800s to preserve the history of Kent.

The Kent Historical Society began in 1992, when Kent native Rae Reitan suggested the city needed its own historical society.

Soon after Reitan's suggestion, the Kent Historical Society grew.

Members began to hold meetings and by 1993, the members were able to get a temporary home to hold their meetings and store historical collections.

As members desired a permanent home, their interest grew in the former home of Emil Bereiter, owner of the Covington Lumber Company and former mayor of Kent.

The city of Kent purchased the home in 1996 and in 1998, the museum opened there.

Built in 1908, Bereiter's home is still in excellent condition, holding many original furnishings from more than 60 years ago.

Among its exhibits, the museum commemorates the lives of Japanese Americans during World War II with a memorial garden entitled, Another Place, Another Time.

"It's a memorial garden for the memories of the Japanese interns during World War II," said Allison Jurgens, curator for the museum.

The location of the museum, the Bereiter home gives a special significance to the garden.

Just before World War II began, Thelma Saito, a caucasian woman, resided in the Bereiter home with her Japanese husband, E.K. Saito.

Many Kent residents at the time believed E.K. Saito was a Japanese admiral, spying on the U.S.

Many people suspected Saito had installed secret panels in the house to hide radio equipment. Eventually, Saito was taken from his home and placed in an internment camp.

To remember Saito, Japanese-American artist Stuart S. Nakamura contributed greatly to the Another Place, Another Time memorial.

The garden is located outside the museum with pillars and marble benches engraved with quotes from artists and historians to remember the Japanese



Sara Rosario/THUNDERWORD

Replica of a church set up you can find at the Kent Historical Museum. The exhibits rotate every three months, showing that you can always find something new in history.

Isseis, the first generation of Japanese to migrate to the United States in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Aside from the memorial garden, the museum also features seven rotating exhibits.

Those seven exhibits consist of Kent High School Band and Orchestra; The Evolution of Travel; Return to the days of the Covington Lumber Mill, circa 1908; Collection of Creamer Pitchers from All Over the World; "Chicken Farming: From Hobby to Big Business;" "Sipe's Speedy Service – An Early Fuel Trade;" and "School Days."

The Kent High School Band and Orchestra exhibit features instruments and photographs of Kent high schools' bands and orchestras dating back to the 1920s.

The chicken farming exhibit features the history of chicken farming and farming in general in the Kent area.

"School Days" features the growth of Kent public schools. The exhibit holds furnishings dating as far back as the 1850s.

"School Days" also has the clothing students and residents wore in those days.

Rotations at the Kent Historical Museum happen every three months.

Next month, the museum will feature an exhibit on Arena and high school football.

"The football exhibit will show the history of football and modern football," Jurgens said.

The museum additionally has special exhibits every three months in addition to the ones that they already rotate through.

The Kent Church History exhibit is currently on display and will be available until the end of February, said Jurgens, curator of the museum.

The museum contains limited artifacts of Kent history, but the one Jurgens is most proud of is a small marble-top table. "The

rest were sold at auctions," said Jurgens.

Jurgens has been the curator for the Kent Historical Museum since March 2009.

"I volunteered with the organization since the summer of 2006 and I really enjoyed all aspects of it."

"I always knew I wanted to work in a museum. I really loved being here so I stayed," Jurgens said.

The museum has three simple missions: to promote discovery, preservation and spread the knowledge of the history of Kent and its surrounding areas, she said.

The Kent Historical Museum is located at 855 E. Smith St. in Kent. It is open Tuesday through Saturday from noon until 4 p.m.

The museum is free to the public, but donations are appreciated. For further information visit [kenthistoricalmuseum.org](http://kenthistoricalmuseum.org) or call 253-854-4330.

## Movie remakes from across the pond

I went to the movies this weekend with my parents. We went and saw *The Blind Side*. During that wonderful 20 minutes before the movie starts, they show a the behind the scenes look at new movies that will be gracing our presence soon.

I was fine with most of what I saw until I saw a very familiar movie, at least to me, creep up on screen.



Holding Court

Courtney Sankey

*Death at a Funeral* is one of the funniest British movies that I have seen in a long time. It was out in theaters about three years ago, but I happened upon it about two years ago.

It stars the wonderful Matthew MacFadyen, who played opposite Keira Knightley in *Pride and Prejudice*. The movie is about a man named Daniel (MacFayden) as he deals with the untimely death of his father.

At the funeral, his friend Simon comes under the influence of drugs, and a little person named Peter (played by Peter Dinklage) shows up claiming to be Daniel's father's lover. Needless to say hysterical events ensue making the funeral go anything but smooth.

Now, the movie behind the scenes that I saw on Saturday was a remake of the exact same movie. The only difference is that instead of it being British it hails almost every king of comedy that you can think of.

Chris Rock, Martin Lawrence, Tracey Morgan and Danny Glover lead the cast with Zoe Saldana, Regina Hall and Peter Dinklage reprising his role.

I am all for a remake of a movie, but only when it has been 30 or 40 years between the two. Why does Hollywood feel the need to remake a movie so fast? Do Hollywood writers not have an original thought in their overpaid heads?

It's just one more thing that they have stolen from the British. Not that I don't enjoy most of them, but it's the principle of the situation. *The Office* originally came from across the pond.

There is just something there that you really can't re-capture. Hollywood please come up with your own ideas and make it snappy.

*Courtney would like to star in a remake of her own life.*



## Jordan lulls students with song

Cody Warf/THUNDERWORD  
Performer William Jordan, serenaded the audience in the Bistro Wednesday as part of the Blend series.

The Blend is a biweekly on campus concert event, that happens on Wednesdays in the Bistro located in the Student Union, Building 8.

The next concert will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 24 at noon in the Bistro.

The performer will be Eric Mercer, also known as Black Soul.



•The Rainier Symphony will be performing on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday Feb. 21 at 3 p.m.

They will be featuring violinist Ilkka Talvi and cellist Tom Walworth. The symphony will be showcasing Debussy's La Mer and Milhaud's Le Boeuf sur le Toit.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for students and seniors and kids 12 and under are free.

To purchase go to [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com), call 206-781-5618 or e-mail [tickets@RainierSymphony.org](mailto:tickets@RainierSymphony.org).

The performances will take place at two different locations: Feb. 20 at Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center located at 400 S. 2nd St. in Renton, and Feb. 21 at Foster Performing Arts Center located at 4242 S. 144th St. in Tukwila.

•The Waterland Music Series is back bringing the Sirens Trio from the Oregon ChamberPlayers.

The performance will be held at Highline in Building 7 on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. The Parkside Elementary School Orchestra will be opening for the trio.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students.

Tickets are available in advance at the Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department located at 1000 S. 220th St., and at the Des Moines Florist located at 721 S 219th.

You can also call the Des Moines Park and Recreation Department at 206-870-6527. Tickets will also be available at the door the day of the performance.

•Highline's International Student Programs will be putting on a winter dance entitled "Enchanted."

The dance will take place on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 7 - 11 p.m. in the Student Union, Building 8.

The dance will feature a Night in Hollywood theme and encourages people to dress up for the red carpet.

Ticket prices are just \$10 and are available for purchase on the second floor of the Student Union Building at their booth and also at Student Programs.

# Seattle theaters offer up student ticket programs

By COURTNEY SANKEY  
Staff Reporter

Theaters around the Seattle area are becoming more student-friendly with their ticket prices.

The 5th Avenue Theater, Pacific Northwest Ballet, Seattle Opera, ACT Theater and the Seattle Rep all offer students, and in some cases teens, day of tickets, at a great discount.

Tickets to these venues can be anywhere from \$25 to the hundreds of dollars for one seat. But at these student rush prices you can get the best seat available at one low price.

Pacific Northwest Ballet offers three different programs that fit the pockets and budgets of young people from 13 to 25.

They are part of the Seattle Center Teen Tix program which offers teenagers from 13-19 years old tickets to a performance at the low price of \$5.

"Last year we sold more Teen Tix tickets than any other participating performing arts organization," media relations manager Gary Tucker said.

The Thursday and Friday program offers young adults under the age of 25 tickets one for \$15 or two for \$25 during the run of the ballet.

The student rush program offers any student with a valid school ID tickets at half price 90 minutes before the curtain rises.

"We saw a need to provide lower-price tickets to young

audience members," said Judith Austin, public relations and marketing assistant to the Pacific Northwest Ballet.

PNB estimates an average of 350 tickets being sold to the 25 and under group, said Austin. With PNB's popular production of *The Sleeping Beauty* the amount of the student rush tickets and Teen Tix being sold, has increased.

"Right now *The Sleeping Beauty* has been the most popular ballet with the under 25 group," Austin said. "Selling 775 tickets before the second weekend of the run. If you include student rush and Teen Tix sales that number increases further."

ACT Theater offers the same sort of discounts including the student rush and the Teen Tix program.

Teen Tix offers \$5 tickets to many of their shows, and the student rush program tickets. The student rush tickets go on sale a half an hour before their shows begin.

In addition to those two discounts they offer two pay what you will nights for every mainstage show they put on.

But for the real art lover in your life ACT Theater offers up a one-of-a-kind program, the ACT Basic Monthly Membership.

"[It's] an all access pass to ACT," said ACT theater communications director Jacquelyn



Angela Sterling/PNB

Seth Orza and Mara Vinson and Prince Florimund and Princess Aurora in Ronald Hynd's *The Sleeping Beauty*.

Rardin.

"People 30 and under can pay \$20 a month and see nearly everything on our stages. It is like Netflix for theater. No additional ticket purchase is necessary."

In addition to their already great deals, ACT also offers a regular discount of \$10 tickets for students and \$15 tickets for young adults 25 or younger.

"Our goal is to always keep tickets accessible to all audiences, particularly students," Rardin said. "We offer a diverse menu of discounts that meet multiple needs."

The Paramount Theater is one of the only big theaters that

does not offer as many student programs to its student base.

The student rush is one of the programs that it does offer, but only on certain fine arts engagements within their regular season.

The main reason is because The Paramount brings in its entertainment from outside Wash., a majority of the time.

"Many of our engagements are not of interest to the student demographic; those that are carry a student discount if the contract permits," said Terri Hiroshima Director of Marketing.

To make the student discounts a possibility, the Paramount would have to produce

all of the shows that it currently presents.

While many Seattle theaters offer these programs for students, the smaller cities do not.

That is not to say that they do not offer any discounts for students and young adults under 25.

Burien Little Theater offers tickets at a student discount ranging from \$13-\$17 depending on the weekend that you would like to go. They also offer an additional \$2 off your ticket when you buy online.

The Tacoma Musical Playhouse offers a student rate as well, with a ticket price of \$23. They also offer a student price season subscription with prices ranging from \$90-\$124.

Centerstage Theater in Federal Way has tickets at a student rate of \$20.

You can find ticket information at each theater's website.

The 5th Avenue Theater: [www.5thavenue.org](http://www.5thavenue.org)

ACT Theater: [www.acttheatre.org](http://www.acttheatre.org)

The Paramount: [www.stg-presents.org](http://www.stg-presents.org)

The Pacific Northwest Ballet: [www.pnb.org](http://www.pnb.org)

The Seattle Rep: [www.seattlerep.org](http://www.seattlerep.org)

Burien Little Theater: [www.burienlittletheatre.org](http://www.burienlittletheatre.org)

Centerstage Theater: [www.centerstagetheatre.com](http://www.centerstagetheatre.com)

Tacoma Musical Playhouse: [www.tmp.org](http://www.tmp.org)



# Valentine's Day history not so sweet

By **STEPHANIE KIM**  
Staff Reporter

Romantic red roses, heart-shaped chocolates, big stuffed animals and intimate dinners are what most people today envision when Valentine's Day comes around.

Although most people today celebrate Valentine's Day by doing such things, the tradition didn't start off so romantically. The origin of Valentine's Day dates back to the fourth century B.C. with the Roman Empire.

Pagans were the first to adapt this holiday during the times of the Roman Empire.

"It started as a fertility festival," said Teri Balkenende, a professor at Highline who concentrates on European history.

Men in the Roman Empire started the tradition with the purpose of praising Lupercus, the god of shepherds. These men entered names of random teenage women into a box and would then pick a piece of paper with the name of a woman.

The name of the woman a man selected would be their companion for a year. By being the man's companion, the woman would be obligated to entertain and pleasure the man. Pleasuring the men meant having sex with them.

As Christianity spread in Europe, the church was determined to put an end to this tradition practiced by pagans and



*St. Valentine*

made the practice of paganism illegal. "They tried to Christianize them," Balkenende said.

The church's first mission was to find a way to replace the role of Lupercus with a more "Christian" figure. They found their perfect candidate when they thought of St. Valentine, a bishop who was stoned and clubbed and eventually beheaded over 200 years ago.

Claudius II was the emperor of Rome during the time of Valentine. He banned marriage for young men because he believed marriage only made men weak. We couldn't risk having an empire of weak men as Rome was often involved in wars. Claudius II needed men to fight in battles, not to be husbands and care for their families.

Opposed to the views of the emperor, Valentine often married lovers secretly. When Claudius II found out about Valentine's secret ceremonies, he

tried to convince Valentine to praise the Roman gods. When Valentine refused to give up Christianity, he was sent to jail and eventually executed.

By the 14th century, the concept of Valentine's Day had become widely popular. Men began to practice chivalry and chivalric literature became popular and more people began to practice it, Balkenende said.

"As far as what is it today, we have to go back to the 19th century," she said. The 19th century was a crucial point because it was the time of the Industrial Revolution.

With the Industrial Revolution, more jobs were available and the economy grew. All of a sudden, more people had more money to spend on gifts, Balkenende said.

Many people today look down on the practice of paganism and are turned off by it. Little do they know, the holiday they love and take a part in every February originated from pagans but with some alteration.

"Me personally, I was never really into Valentine's Day," Balkenende said. The concept of Valentine's Day causes extra stress, making sure you have a date on that day, she said.

"I felt that Valentine's Day made single people more depressed for not having a date on Valentine's Day. That's how I felt before I was paired up," she said.

## Wedding show makes debut at Highline

By **KANDI CARLSON**  
Staff Reporter

Highline will be holding its first wedding show Saturday, Feb. 13. The show will be held in the Student Union, Building 8 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Visitors can expect to browse 30-35 vendors and booths. There will be representatives from a variety of service providers.

Vendors range from local florists, dress shops, photographers, musicians and DJs, limo services, hair and make-up artists, travel agencies and wedding cake and catering services.

One of the highlights will be the services of Chartwell's, who exclusively caters for Highline, will be offering free samples of some of their menu items.

Chartwell's Catering is responsible for catering events that occur at Highline for faculty, staff and student events.

"They provide excellent services and have a diverse menu," Longwell said.

This is an opportunity for them to meet the public and for the public to see what they are capable of producing, she said.

Another highlight is the fashion show that will begin at 1 p.m. The show will include samples from various designers and for different members of the wedding party.

Bridal gowns, mother-of-the-bride dresses and tuxes will all be modeled - all of which are from local businesses who have a booth set-up.

This event is designed to bring local businesses together with the people that need their services, Longwell said.

"We are promoting Highline and the facilities available for a variety of events," said Donna Longwell, hospitality services manager. The wedding show was really just a way to help get

the word out that

"There are several areas all over campus that are available for a variety of services," Longwell said.

On the weekends Highline is available to hold parties put together by the Highline hospitality department, she said.

The Mt. Constance and Mt. Olympus rooms can be combined to hold up to 200 guests.

The Mt. Townsend dining room, the main area students gather, holds up to 300 guests. There are several others avail-

able for more intimate meetings as well.

"Renting out these rooms and providing catering services helps to fund the hospitality department and the parties held for students, faculty and staff," Longwell said.

"The wedding show is a way for us to re-introduce our services to the surrounding community and bring in revenue."

If interested in these services contact Donna Longwell at 206-878-3710, ext. 3777 or [conference@highline.edu](mailto:conference@highline.edu).



*Mt. Townsend's transformation from student meeting place to a reception hall for wedding guests.*

# Valentine's



*Sometime's it's a sweet*

## Valentine's

So many of my friends complain, even if they have a "special someone," that Valentine's Day is just another day for merchandising. To all of them I say, "Don't be so bitter."

Valentine's Day is a day to remember love. It is an opportunity to love and remember that there is still a wonderful thing in existence in this tough world.

Love is so underrated most of the time. We are all so busy trying to get our bills paid and our homework done that we really don't take time out to remember we all own this wonderful experience.

It is funny that so few of my friends look at love and scoff at the celebration of it. Valentine's Day is just that-a celebration of love.

It does not mean, in any way, that you need to be in a relationship. It simply implies that it is a day to remember the ones you love and have loved.

Valentine's is an opportunity to share love with friends and family too. Perhaps it is just a telephone



## e's Day



day but sometimes it's sour  
s Day is OK by me



## Commentary

Kandi  
Carlson

call or if you feel like it, go all out and buy a box of their favorite chocolates.

Even those people who have come before and ended up breaking your heart gave you moments that were good or even great. It is not about weighing out the good and bad, not for me.

I think about those special moments where love was able to take away the day's worries or remember a quiet moment on the beach. That's what love is about—moments.

If you build upon these moments and hold on to them, I think that you will find yourself less bitter about the past. Most importantly, you will be able to recognize when you find love because you won't be stuck in hatred. All of this gained from Valentine's

Day.

Now that you have all your personal growth in order, we can talk about the other great part to Valentine's Day. It is the only holiday where you do not have to do anything.

There aren't any special parties. You are not required to go shopping or make a special dinner. You can literally sit back and enjoy the day.

I know how corny all of this is, but life is hard enough. Why not take advantage of every day you can that brings with it an opportunity to grant you some reprieve?

If you do not feel the need to feed the corporate machine and hate all the commercialism that surrounds this holiday, don't.

Whatever, stop complaining and start realizing that not everything comes at a cost.

The last time I checked, it was still free say, "I love you."

Say it as often as you possibly can and mean it every time.

*Kandi is handing out free hugs for Valentine's Day.*

# Valentine's memories sometimes bittersweet

By **SAM REASH**  
Staff Reporter

Valentine's Day isn't always the happy, heart-warming day people expect it to be.

Students on campus have a number of different Valentine's Day experiences, ranging from rough breakups to a day full of sweet surprises. All of them make for a memorable Valentine's Day.

Ina Lynn, a Highline student, had been living with her boyfriend for three months. They met at a mutual friend's party and hit it off right away but after awhile it became apparent that he wasn't as perfect as she thought he was.

"I pretended like I was in a perfect relationship," Lynn said.

He didn't care about her birthday or anniversaries, but she tried to ignore this and keep trying with him, she said. Naturally, she didn't expect anything for Valentine's Day from him.

On Valentine's Day she decided to go out and do something with her friends because she knew her boyfriend wasn't going to do anything.

"When I got back from my friend's house, my house seemed kind of quiet and empty, but I was too tired to care about it," Lynn said.

She was tired from her day and decided just to head to bed a little sooner than usual. When she got into bed she found the pillow to be hard and stuffed with something.

"I opened it up and saw all those candies and chocolates inside of the pillow. You would think that it's a happy ending where it turns out to be that my boyfriend actually cares about

"Before I even took all the candies out of it, I found a note on his pillow next to mine saying 'I don't think I can do this. I'm sorry.'"

— **Ina Lynn,**  
**Highline student**

that stuff but it wasn't like that," Lynn said. "Before I even took all the candies out of it, I found a note on his pillow next to mine saying 'I don't think I can do this. I'm sorry.'"

Then she finally realized why it seemed so quiet and empty: He had moved out. He had taken all his stuff and left while she was out with her friends, she said.

This isn't the only not - so-heart-warming story you will find on campus. Richard Judd, another Highline student, also had an unfortunate experience. He had been dating a girl for a couple months and she broke up with him just a little short of Valentine's Day.

"I eventually found out she was getting pretty intimate and close with one of my close friends," Judd said.

On Valentine's Day he found out they were official.

Another Highline student, John Burnett, also had a bad Valentine's Day experience. After preparing, he was ready to ask a girl out on Valentine's Day, complete with flowers and candy.

"She was in such a bad

mood, she just totally shut me out," said Burnett.

Now the two don't even really talk, said Burnett.

Sometimes Valentine's Day can also be a pleasant day to just spend some quality time with people. Phylicia Bush, a Highline student, likes to spend the day together with a group of friends.

"I usually just hang out with my single friends on Valentine's Day and we all do something together like see a movie," Bush said.

Valentine's Day can also be a sweet day, heart-warming day it's thought to be.

Alina Smikh, another Highline student, had a more cheerful Valentine's Day. Her family and friends decided to combine her Valentine's Day with her birthday. It started out with her dad picking her up at school and bringing her long time friend from California to meet her.

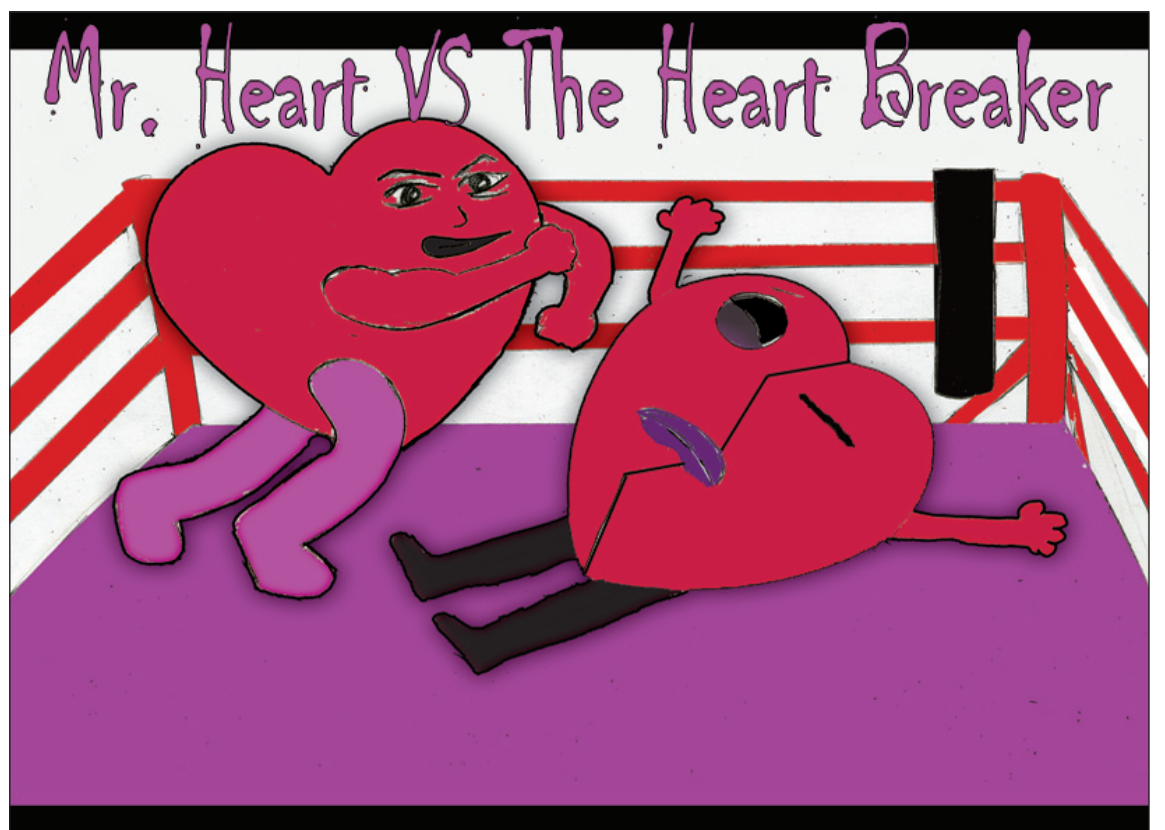
When she got home, she was greeted by 13 of her other friends and found out that her brother had ordered a limo for her and her friends.

"It said 'Happy Birthday and Valentine's Day' along the side of it," Smikh said.

After being driven around with friends and having pictures taken with her friends, she was taken back home. Her boyfriend was there waiting for her. She was able to spend her evening with him before he was eventually kicked out by her family.

"It was full of surprises and everything," said Smikh.

The combination of Valentine's Day and her birthday made for a great day, said Smikh.



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# Lady T-Birds in the mix for NWAACCs

By **BRIAN GROVE**  
Staff Reporter

Avoiding complacency is the name of the game this week for the Highline women's basketball team after coming off a loss to the Clark Penguins, breaking a tie for third place in the West Division.

Highline, 6-4, is currently in fourth place in the West Division behind Clark, 8-3, Lower Columbia, 9-2 and Centralia, 11-0. Centralia is the first and only team thus far to clinch a playoff berth this season.

The NWAACC tournament, which takes place from March 4-7 in Kennewick, involves the top four teams from each division.

Highline Head Coach Amber Rowe said although the team is still in a position for a playoff spot, they are not necessarily comfortable with their standing.

"The only good thing is we control our own destiny," Rowe said. "If we beat the teams we have already beaten we should be able to go to the postseason. We don't have to rely on anyone doing us any favors to get to the



Cody Warf/THUNDERWORD

*Bree Morkert-Burling passes the ball inside at a recent practice.*

tournament."

As of Wednesday, Feb. 3, Highline was tied with Clark for third in the West.

However, Highline's bye on Wednesday put them a half game behind Clark when the

Penguins beat Grays Harbor, 55-36.

On Feb. 6, the Lady T-Birds were defeated by the Penguins in overtime, 76-68.

Freshman forward Heather Hitch led the offense for the

Lady T-Birds off the bench with 19 points and 11 rebounds. Other top scorers for Highline included Tera McCann-Soushek and Lauren Hill with 15 and 12 points, respectively.

The Lady T-Birds seemed to have an icy grip on the Penguins' offense, holding Clark to just 24 points in the first half on a meager 30 percent shooting.

Unfortunately, the Penguins heated up in the second half and melted Highline's lead, sending the game into overtime, 63-63.

It was all Clark in overtime, 13-5.

Rowe said the loss could be attributed to the team's lack of focus in the second half.

"We got lazy," she said. "They wanted the win more than we did. We had too many mental mistakes towards the end of that game.

"We missed clutch free throws that could have given us the win and we fouled entirely too much down the stretch. We let them beat us," she said.

With six games left in league play, Rowe said the team still has a lot of competition to get through to get to NWAACCs.

"We play some tough rivals over the next couple games," she said.

"GRCC [Green River], TCC [Tacoma] and Pierce all want to beat us. They will not take us lightly and they won't roll over. We still have to come ready to play every game. South Puget Sound and TCC are still very much in the running for the fourth place spot."

Rowe said the team's game plan for the rest of the season is to continue to try and get better as well as eliminating the same mistakes which are plaguing them.

Hitch also said the team has a lot to work on.

"We have a big issue with unforced turnovers, traveling, bad passes, not catching the ball. Also free throws and unnecessary fouling," she said.

Highline played Green River, Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 6 p.m. at home with results unavailable at press time.

The team's next two games are against Lower Columbia, Saturday, Feb. 13 at 5 p.m. and Pierce Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. on the road.

## Highline trying to overcome shooting struggles

By **CHRIS WELLS**  
Staff Reporter

After having won three games in a row, Highline finally fell this past Saturday at Clark, 69-51.

Although the team had been playing well, this game was a different story as they shot just 27 percent from the field. They were also just 32 percent from beyond the arc and 36 percent at the charity stripe.

Highline also had 24 turnovers, 12 of which were unforced.

Highline Head Coach Ché Dawson said that shooting the ball was a problem.

"Yes, our shooting percentages were low," Dawson said. "Some of that was just tough luck early on with some shots close to the basket. Some of it is poor decisions and a lack of patience. A lot of it is our confidence when things haven't been

going well. We have to believe in ourselves and each other more."

Perhaps having the best game for Highline was sophomore center Dan Young, who finished with 9 points on 4 of 11 shooting from the floor. He also had 13 rebounds, four of which were offensive.

Freshman point guard Darnell Williams led the scoring for Highline with 10 points, but only shot 4 for 13 from the field. He also had 5 turnovers.

Clark on the other hand wasn't that much better. They finished the night shooting 36 percent from the field, 29 percent from three-point range and 65 percent from the line. However they only had 12 turnovers and 53 points off the bench.

Leading the way for Clark was Stephon Hopkins, a 5'11" freshman guard, who came off the bench and had 20 points on just 5 of 15 shooting from the floor. He also had 5 rebounds and 3 steals.

Dawson said the team must get through the hard times no matter the situation.

"We are going to continue to work on dealing with adversity and playing tough for 40 minutes regardless of the circumstances," Dawson said.

Yesterday Highline played against Green River at home. Score and stats were unavailable at press time.



Cody Warf/THUNDERWORD

*Highline's Darnell Williams drives into the paint, but is surrounded by three players in a recent practice.*

Next up for Highline will be the Lower Columbia Red Devils on Saturday, who Highline is currently behind by half a game. The game is in Longview at 7 p.m.

In the previous meeting between the two teams on Jan. 16, the T-Birds pulled out an impressive 76-67 victory behind the strong play of Williams, 14 points on 5 of 6 shooting, and sophomore guard Justin Taylor, 13 points on 6 of 7 shooting.

Lower Columbia was led by Clint Burgoyne, a 6'3" sophomore guard, who had 23 points on 5 of 12 shooting from the field and 11 of 13 shooting from the line. On the season he is averaging 10 points a game on 44 percent shooting.

Leading the way for the Red Devils this season has been 6'7" freshman forward Marcus Bell. He is averaging 15.3 points a game on 56 percent shooting from the floor.

Also he is averaging 12.75 rebounds, 2.05 blocks and 1.1 steals per game. They are also limiting their opponents to just 63.3 points.

Another valuable contributor for the Red Devils is their 6'1" sophomore leader, Jeray Key. From the guard position, he is averaging 14.5 points per game on 45 percent shooting from the floor and 4.25 assists.

In total, Lower Columbia is averaging 73.35 points a game on 46 percent shooting. They also average 42.70 rebounds,

7.70 steals, 3.95 blocks and 17.90 turnovers per game.

Following the Red Devils, Highline will begin to prepare for another away game, this time against the Pierce Raiders on Feb. 17 at 8 p.m.

In the last game that they faced each other on Jan. 18, Highline sent Pierce home with a loss by a score of 74-70.

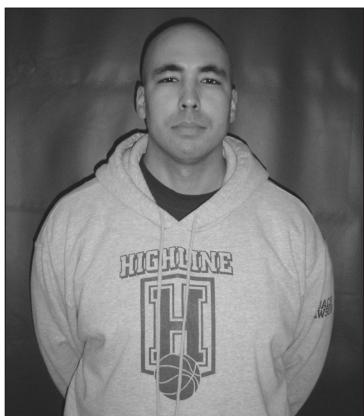
Sophomore guard Julian Fernandez led all scorers with 21 points on 5 of 6 shooting from the floor and 10 of 10 shooting from the line. He also had 4 assists and 6 steals.

Having the best game for Pierce was 6'0" freshman guard Alfred Davis, who finished with 12 points on 6 of 12 shooting, with 5 steals.

The leading scorer for the Raiders this season has been 6'6" freshman forward Brandon Thomas, who is putting up 11.89 points a game on 50 percent shooting. He is also pulling in 7.42 rebounds.

As a team, Pierce is averaging 71.95 points a game on 43 percent shooting and allow 69.35 points. They are also grabbing 44 rebounds and 10 steals a game. One negative is that they are averaging 18.45 turnovers a game.

After Pierce, there are only games against Tacoma, Feb. 20, Centralia, Feb. 24, and Grays Harbor, Feb. 27, before the regular season concludes.



Ché Dawson



# Stage set for Region XVIII wrestling

Wrestlers from around the Western District will converge on Highline for a shot at the NJCAA National Championships

By **JON BAKER**  
Staff Reporter

Highline wrestlers will compete this weekend for a chance to wrestle at the national tournament.

Highline will be hosting the Region 18 Wrestling Championships on Saturday, Feb. 13.

The regional championships will be used to decide which wrestlers from Region 18 will advance to the national tournament.

Last year North Idaho College ran away with the tournament scoring 129 points as a team. Clackamas scored 76.5 points, Southwestern Oregon 73, Highline 50 and Yakima Valley 28.5.

North Idaho has won nine regional championships in a row.

Clackamas overtook North Idaho in the polls this week ranking fifth, with NIC sixth and Highline seventh.

Despite Clackamas's move up the rankings, North Idaho is still considered the favorite.

"Right now it's hard to say [if North Idaho can be beat]," said Clackamas Head Coach Josh Rhoden. "They have won like eight straight so they are certainly the team to beat at this point."

Scott Norton, Highline's head, coach echoes Rhoden.

"That's tough to say right now. Our team is capable of knocking them off, but we have to have all of our wrestlers wrestle a solid tournament."

North Idaho Head Coach Pat Whitcomb said there are three teams that really need to be looked at.

"First is Highline. They are as strong as they have ever been," Whitcomb said. "Clackamas is ranked ahead of us right now in the nation and they definitely have the ability to win."

With the top three teams in the region competing at a top level it could be a tight race for first this year.

"We have one of the toughest regions in the country with three out of the five teams ranked in the top 10 in the country," said Rhoden. "It would take someone stepping up and just out wrestling the other guys. I wouldn't say it's unlikely, but the top contenders would be Highline and Clackamas in my opinion."

Scott Norton sees several of his wrestlers as threats to win a

championship and move on to nationals.

Justin Purves (125), Aaron Smith (133), Jason Gray (149) and Marshall Giovaninni (157) all could make a run.

Giovaninni is currently ranked No. 1 in the country right now. Gray was ranked No. 1 for most of the year but was moved down to second in the official NJCAA polls this week.

Rhoden said that several of his wrestlers could make an impact in this week's tournament.

"Right now we have a couple of guys who should be seeded first at their respective weight class and we like a couple others to win some big matches for us as well," said Rhoden. "I would say that Anthony Weerheim (141) is wrestling very well as is Terrance Williams (157). Jake Morris (174) should be seeded first and has been wrestling very good."

Highline has a few wrestlers that could be a surprise and help push them to the top of the region.

"Tyler Story (165), Darren Faber (197) and David Lopez (heavyweight) are all pretty darn good. They have had some inconsistencies, but they are definitely good wrestlers," said Norton.

Rhoden said there could be one team on the outside ready make a statement.

"I think that Southwest Oregon is a surprise team. Coach



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Highline wrestlers Tate Collins, left, and Tyler Story prepare this week for the regional tournament.

Whitlach does a good job down there and they have some kids that are doing their best wrestling now which is the right time to do it."

Post season tournaments are very different in college wrestling than the dual meets throughout the year. In the NJCAA, dual meets have no bearing on a wrestler's status or their

ability to make it to the national tournament.

"The dual meets don't really mean anything," Norton explained. "They're nice to win, but I don't really worry about them. The regional tournament qualifies you for nationals. Your season could end or you could go on to wrestle at a higher level."

Whitcomb said that the goal for his team is to get as many wrestlers to nationals as possible and then win the region.

"Our goal is to get all 10 wrestlers go to nationals and be there as a team."

Norton expects Highline to win the tournament. "First. That's it. We're not shooting for anything but first."

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# Get tested, not infested

## Local agencies offer help

By **SHANNON SEVEREID**  
Staff Reporter

Risk. It's a game we play – especially when we are between the sheets.

The Center for Disease Control estimates that there are 19 million new sexually transmitted infections each year. Most of these infections occur in people 15 to 24 years old.

According to the King-County Public Health website, [www.kingcounty.gov/health/std](http://www.kingcounty.gov/health/std), sexually transmitted infections are passed from person to person via unprotected vaginal, anal or oral sex; sharing needles; or from an infected mother to an infant. People have a greater chance of contracting HIV if they have another sexually transmitted disease already, experts say.

If untreated, many sexually transmitted infections can have severe health consequences ranging from a mild, brief illness to serious complications such as infertility, tubal pregnancy, death or health problems in offspring, cancer, stroke and death, Public Health informs.

Although still high, sexually transmitted disease rates in the Seattle-King County area are stable, Public Health said.

"Sexually transmitted disease rates collected in Washington rank it as 33rd in the United States with 21,402 cases in 2008," said Dr. Molly Brignall, a biology instructor at Highline.

This represents an incidence of 330.9 per 100,000 people, she said.

The data on sexually transmitted diseases is "reported by doctors and other health care practitioners to local government health agencies," Brignall said.

"You never know what's out there; see your health care practitioner right away," if you suspect you may have a sexually transmitted infection, she said.

"Thinking 'It won't happen to me' is one of the biggest problems," said Dr. Bob Baugher, a Highline psychology instructor. "It does happen for millions who have HIV or AIDS."

Some sexually transmitted diseases are asymptomatic in many people, so they may not know they have been infected until they have been tested or complications arise.

"Quite often a person may have chlamydia or gonorrhea and not even know it – it's scary," he said.

"That's why it's important to use a condom every time, beginning to end, or abstain."

Both male and female condoms are available for purchase. If you have concern about condoms, watch *Can Condoms Kill?* available at local libraries, Baugher said.

"A condom is the same thing as wearing a seat belt," he said.

Sexually transmitted infections are grouped into two general categories.

"Most sexually transmitted diseases that begin with an 'H' are incurable – herpes, human papillomavirus (HPV) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) are the big ones – because once you have it, you have it all your life," Baugher said.

"These viruses are sometimes treatable, but usually not curable," said Dr. Michele Manber, a psychology instructor.

"Bacterial infections tend to be curable, such as chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis, by treating with antibiotics," she said.

Some sexually transmitted infections have vaccines to prevent catching a sexually transmitted disease pre-exposure.

"There are vaccines for Hepatitis B (HBV) and HPV, at least most of the strains that are most associated with cervical cancer," Manber said.

A vaccine for herpes is in production and trial stages, but is not yet available, she said.

Vaccinations may be available at your local health care provider and many local health care clinics.

Sexually transmitted infection testing is available at the following health care providers:

- Public Health STD Clinic located at 908 Jefferson St., Seattle. The walk-in clinic is open for sexually transmitted disease evaluation and treatment, as well as HIV testing. Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Call 206-744-3590 for more information.

- Kent Public Health located at 13210 SE 240th St. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call Personal Health Services, 206-296-4500, for more information.

- White Center Public Health located at 10821 8th Ave. SW, Seattle. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 206-296-4646 for more information.

- Federal Way Public Health Center located at 33431 13th Pl.



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S. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Dial 253-838-4557 for more information.

- Gay City Health Project Wellness Center located at 511 E. Pike St., Seattle. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday from 3:30 until 8 p.m. and Saturday from 1 until 5 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, or call 206-860-6969 to schedule an appointment. This clinic focuses on HIV and syphilis testing for gay and bisexual men. Testing is free.

- Center for MultiCultural Health has free and anonymous HIV testing focused on African-American males. The center is located at 105 14th Ave., Suite 2C in Seattle. Hours of operation for walk-ins are Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. until noon and Thursdays, noon until 1:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment dial 206-461-6910, ext. 217 or email [eduardo@cschc.org](mailto:eduardo@cschc.org).

- HealthPoint Community Health Center located at 33431 13th Pl. S. in Federal Way. Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call 253-874-7634 for information.

HealthPoint is also located at 403 E. Meeker St., Suite 200 in Kent. Hours of operation are

Monday through Tuesday from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. and Wednesday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Dial 253-852-2866 for more information.

- Planned Parenthood's Kent Valley Health Center located at 10056 S.E. 240th St., Suite A. Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until 6 p.m.; Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 253-854-2343, 800-230-PLAN or visit [plannedparenthood.org](http://plannedparenthood.org) for more information.

Planned Parenthood offers many different services: sexually transmitted infection tests and treatment; comprehensive reproductive services; family planning; counseling; birth control; pregnancy termination and adoption referral; and more, said Kristen Prossor, public affairs director. All these services are completely confidential.

Planned Parenthood's mission is to "make people aware of the importance of condom use. It is the only form of birth control which also reduces the risk of a number of sexually transmitted infections," she said.

Having open and honest dialogue about condoms with your partner is very important for everyone's health, don't wait until the heat of the moment to talk

about it, Prossor said.

Planned Parenthood always has free condoms available in their clinics, she said.

Another organization that offers help is Crisis Clinic.

Crisis Clinic is a non-profit, confidential support service in King County. According to their website, Crisis Clinic offers a judgment-free ear and help for any person in need.

For more information on Crisis Clinic visit [www.crisisclinic.org](http://www.crisisclinic.org). The 24-hour crisis line is available by dialing 866-4CRISIS (866-427-4747). Community health services information is available at 2-1-1 or 800-621-4636.

Teen Link is a branch of the Crisis Clinic and operates a help line for young adults each evening from 6 to 10 p.m. To speak with a peer counselor dial 866-TEENLINK or 206-461-4922.

One way to become more comfortable talking about sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases would be taking Human Sexuality at Highline, said Dr. Brignall, biology instructor.

"Find someone to talk to you consider knowledgeable, a teacher or an informed adult, who will listen and not be judgmental," said Dr. Baugher, a psychology instructor.



## Highline offers tax help to the self-employed

By **AMBROSIO AGUSTIN**  
Staff Reporter

Highline's Business Tax Center is offering free tax help workshops to small business owners in King County.

The workshops are open to self-employed people whose household income is less than \$50,000.

The latest tax-preparation workshops began Wednesday night, and Outreach Specialist Jennifer McAdam said that there will be three more in Building 99, room 102 on March 10, 13 and 27.

The federally-funded program opened under the name StartZone in 2008. Since then, McAdam said they have focused on helping underserved

"A small business owner could go to a paid service for \$500, but for a family... It's really expensive."

— **Jennifer McAdam,**  
**StartZone outreach coordinator**



communities understand how to effectively start and run their businesses.

As tax season approaches, self-employed business owners will have to prepare and file their forms.

The Schedule C tax form is one of the most important. It

is used to report a business' income or loss during the year.

StartZone is the only site in King County that is offering their filing assistance free of charge to small business owners

This is the first year that StartZone has provided this service.

McAdam said that she expects 15 participants in the upcoming workshops, where volunteers will provide them with one-on-one assistance in understanding and preparing their Schedule C, as well as teaching them how to prepare for next year's tax season.

She said that this kind of assistance and education helps in the long run.

"[Filing your taxes] can be a really daunting and confusing experience," McAdam said. "A small business owner could go to a paid service to have their taxes prepared for \$500, but for a family that makes less than \$50,000 a year, it's really expensive."

McAdam said that the number of people signing up for the

workshop is slowly climbing, and that she is keeping her fingers crossed for higher numbers in March.

As with any other tax-preparation service, she expects to help some late-filers.

Des Moines and the surrounding area play host to many small businesses.

McAdam said that StartZone has helped people who own their own child care centers, adult care homes and their own hair salons file their taxes.

She said that through the program, they've worked with people who, before immigrating to the United States, ran their own business.

"They've moved here and seen that it's completely different," McAdam said.

## Orwall's bill passes House

The Washington Works Housing Act of 2010 was passed in the State House of Representatives yesterday afternoon with a 75-22 vote.

The bill, which was sponsored by State Rep. Tina Orwall, D-Des Moines, would make housing easier to afford for non-profit organizations and public agencies.

The bill would help spur job creation by employing fur-

loughed construction workers to build more affordable housing for employees near their places of work.

Orwall's bill would dedicate \$1 billion to Washington Works Housing, make new financing available to non-profit and public agencies and make additional bonding capacity available to housing.

The bill now moves to the State Senate.

## Legislators plan local job fair next week

Job placement agencies WorkSource, Port Jobs and other agencies, along with several area community and technical colleges, will participate in next week's Community Jobs Forum.

The Feb. 20 event will take place from 10 a.m. to noon at Kent City Hall and will be hosted by State Reps. Dave Upthegrove, D-Des Moines and Tina Orwall, D-Des Moines, as

well as State Sen. Karen Keiser D-Kent.

The hosts will speak briefly about job creation and improving our region's economy. After that, attendees will be given time to speak one-on-one with the legislators and visit the booths of participating agencies and firms.

Confirmed guests include: Highline, Green River Community College, Renton Technical

College, the Veterans Conservation Corps, and the United States Census Bureau.

There is no fee to attend this event.

The Community Jobs Forum is open to all interested applicants residing in South King County.

Kent City Hall is located at 220 Fourth Ave. S., Kent.

The event will be held in the Kent City Council Chambers.

## Which HDTV is right for you?

Do you dread having to buy your next TV, not because of the price but because of the new technology?

If you haven't bought a new television in quite a few years, your best bet is to get up to speed on what's out there.

The two big choices now are plasma or LCD televisions.

LCD TVs have the widest range of sizes and are good for rooms with a lot of light.

When shopping for an LCD TV, you'll see descriptions such as 32-inch class/720p or 40-inch class/1080p.

Plasma TVs are subject to glare from windows and look best in low- to normal light.

They're good for fast-action sports and video games.

Plasma TVs will have descriptions such as 50-inch class/1080p or 42-inch class/720p.

That "p" number is one to watch, because it denotes the resolution.

Each "p" number is the number of lines on the screen.

If you play a lot of video games, the 1080p will likely work better for you.

Small text found in games such as *Mass Effect* and detailed graphics in cinematic cutscenes

## Dollars and sense

by David Uffington

will look their best in 1080p.

In this case, select a model with a high-definition media input, or HDMI port.

With this option, you will notice an improvement in image quality in both your gaming and movie-watching experience.

If you only watch television, the 720 should be sufficient, as many shows are only broadcast at 720p, depending on your cable provider.

Check your available space before buying a new television, especially if you're not going to hang it on the wall.

The new screens are wider but not as tall.

Measure the height and width of your current television screen before you go shopping.

Take a tape measure with you.

Consider the size of your room and viewing distance.

Measure from your TV to where you usually sit, and take that information with you.

Check with your cable provider to see if you already get an HDTV signal or if you'll need to upgrade your package.

Thankfully, you can do away with your set-top converter box.

Your new HDTV will do the signal processing on its own.

One place to look online for help in deciding between plasma and LCD is BestBuy.com.

It understands that the new technology can be confusing and has developed a section of the Web site to help you not only understand, but to select a TV within your price and size requirements.

To find the information, go to the site, click the TV and Video button, click TV on the left side list, then select HDTV Basics to learn more, or Help Me Choose to narrow your choices.

*David Uffington regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Write to him in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to columnreply@gmail.com.*

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## Altered quarterly saves college money

By **JONNY MCGUIRE**  
Staff Reporter

The spring quarterly was recently mailed out to all students with some changes made to the content.

The faculty, building and student services information has been cut out of the 2010 Spring Quarterly.

Because of these changes, Highline saved \$8,384.39 in printing costs and \$1,020.54 in mailing costs compared to the 2009 Spring Quarterly.

Jason Prenevost, the communications and marketing manager, believes that these changes will not negatively impact students.

"It is different and change is difficult for many people. However the most accurate information is available online and that's where students go to register," Prenovost said.

"Last quarter, we did an analysis of instructor's names and found that 34 percent of the names in the quarterly changed between the printing of the quarterly and the beginning of class."

Last year Highline commissioned a Quarterly Review Process that included 13 members from across campus (Instruction, Student Services, Administration and Institutional Advancement).

Over the course of a few months the committee surveyed students and dissected in detail how the quarterly schedule was built.

The committee developed recommendations that were passed along to the Executive Staff, Prenovost said.

So far, responses to the changes have been overwhelmingly positive, he said.

"Students, faculty and staff that previously relied on the printed schedule have had to adjust," Prenovost said.

"Fortunately the change we made was to an outdated and costly process for which a much more accurate tool now exists online," he said.

There are currently plans to create a printed registration tool that will include classes, faculty, and classrooms, starting summer 2010.

Highline's quarterly is sent out to 136,000 people each quarter.

## WAVE Scholarships could be suspended

By **CAITLYN STARKEY**  
Staff Reporter

WAVE Scholarship funding could be in jeopardy, say sources in and out of the Legislature.

While trying to balance the state budget, legislators are weighing a variety of cuts to state programs, including the two-year scholarship program for state residents.

The WAVE (Washington Award for Vocational Excellence) provides a full-ride two-year scholarship for Washington state residents, provided through the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board.

Governor Christine Gregoire's proposed budget suspends funding for the WAVE program



for one year, possibly longer.

It's possible that the program could be cut completely, one state official said.

"The Governor has proposed suspending the funding as part of her budget that starts July 1, 2011. Budgets must be approved by the Legislature and signed by the governor before they are enacted," said Tim Sweeny, spokesman from the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board.

Legislators are facing a \$2.6

billion hole in the state's budget, and have until March 11 to write a supplement to the biennial budget to fill that deficit. Although legislators are talking in terms of a combination of cuts and tax increases, few parts of the state budget are safe at the moment.

"Generally speaking, there are lots of highly-valued programs that are going to get cut this year due to the budget crisis that is unprecedented in our lifetimes. In effect, the Legislature and the governor must choose from a menu of highly undesirable options," said Chris Mucklick, senate democrat spokesman.

Each year 147 students receive the WAVE scholarship, three from each of the legisla-

tive districts across the state. A selection committee must choose two high school students and one community college or technical college student from a list of nominated applicants.

This means that at least one Highline student each year is eligible to receive the scholarship, especially considering that Highline is one of the largest community colleges in the state, not to mention the district.

The suspension of the program for one year would save about \$1.18 million, yet it would also leave 548 students without scholarship funds, as State Sen. Derek Kilmer, D-Gig Harbor, told one newspaper. Kilmer was unavailable for comment at press time despite multiple attempts to contact him.

## Brain injuries can cause long term problems

By **TAYLOR JOAQUIN**  
Staff Reporter

People struggle with lifelong problems after experiencing a traumatic brain injury, said a Highline professor.

Dr. Bob Baugher presented So He Was Knocked Out for a While—What's the Big Deal? The Long Term Effects of a Traumatic Brain Injury during last Friday's Science Seminar.

Science Seminar is a series of presentations put on by Highline professors and the science community that are open to the public.

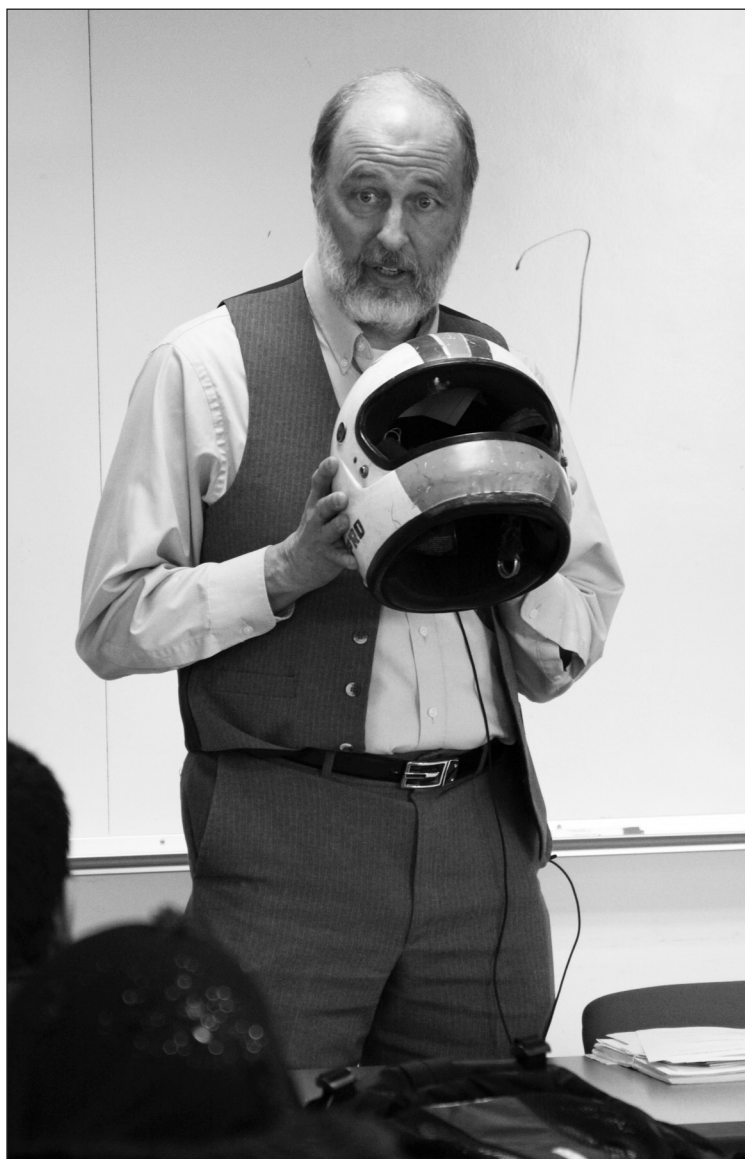
The Brain Injury Association of America defines a traumatic brain injury as an external injury to the head that may produce a diminished or altered state of consciousness.

When a brain gets hit hard enough there will be swelling and neurons will break.

In some cases people will even go into a coma and subsequently experience some degree of amnesia.

But it doesn't take just one big blow to the head to cause a traumatic brain injury. Baugher said many small knocks can accumulate and be just as detrimental.

Tackle after tackle, hit after hit, football players' heads get knocked around. John Mackey and Brent Boyd both played professional football and despite being relatively young they both have dementia.



Huong Nguyen/ Thunderword

Dr. Bob Baugher talks about traumatic brain injuries at last week's Science Seminar.

"Dementia is higher among retired NFL players," Baugher said.

Because the brain is responsible for receiving, interpreting,

storing and retrieving information any damage done to it can have strong implications.

Baugher used the acronym MCRAAPS to categorize the dif-

ferent types of problems that can result from a traumatic brain injury. This stands for motor, cognitive, regulatory, affect, perceptual and speech problems.

Some people may experience motor problems and have trouble with coordination and balance.

Cognitive problems deal with organization, decision-making, and learning problems.

Regulatory problems comprise of difficulties with fatigue, sleep, temperature and food regulation, sexual arousal and sweating.

Affect problems can cause irritability, immature language and depression.

Perceptual problems consist of difficulty with scanning and sensitivity to incoming stimuli.

Speech problems are just that, problems with speech specifically aphasia and word retrieval.

An estimated 3.2 million people in America are living with these long-term severe disabilities - that's more than 1 percent of the population, Baugher said. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 1.5 million more people will have a traumatic brain injury in 2010.

The next science seminar will be tomorrow on Feb. 12 where Ruth Frickle will be presenting "The Science of Love."

Science Seminar meets Fridays at 2:20-3:10 p.m. in Build-

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been positive and indifferent, while others have been critical.

"For some classes it's a good idea," said sociology professor

Darryl Brice, "like a straight note taking class, or a class without a computer in it."

If there isn't a computer and projector in the class, a student could use a laptop to research material being discussed. It could be a learning tool, Brice

said.

"It doesn't really bother me," said communications professor Harjit Dosanjh. "My concern is when they have a group activity or down time, it's hard to monitor if they [students] are really taking notes."

Indifference is a common response by instructors to usage of laptops. However, other instructors feel as though laptop use detracts from in-class participation.

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## Safe sex

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Some students say they do have multiple partners. “I have to admit: I am a man-whore when I’m single,” said an anonymous Highline student. Monogamy leads some students to not practice safe sex. “I don’t practice safe sex, but I’m in a monogamous relationship,” said Eric, another student. “I don’t use protection because I am in a committed monogamous relationship but I do take precautions to prevent myself from getting pregnant,”

said Angela, another Highline student. Others say they’re not monogamous, and understand the risks involved. “Sometimes I get worried about STDs because I am not committed to the people I am active with. So I know they are having sex with other people who might give him something and he might bring it back to me,” said Allison, a student at Highline. Others say they simply abstain. “I am not sexually active because my religion forbids it before marriage,” said Mohammed Abdul, a first-year student at Highline.

“But this has not stopped some of my friends who I know are sexually active,” he said. “I believe in abstinence before marriage,” said an anonymous female student. Others say they practice safe sex. “I am currently sexually active with two girls who I know pretty well. Although I know them, I am still concerned about an STD because I have had one in the past and even though I have been treated for it, I am much smarter about using protection,” said an anonymous student at Highline. “It’s more common that everybody practices safe sex,” said Kristine, a Highline student.

“Unless you’re stupid, everyone should practice safe sex,” said Alex Kye, another Highline student. Some Highline students are more worried about becoming pregnant or impregnating someone than they are of getting a sexually transmitted disease. “I am more concerned about getting the girl pregnant than I am about getting an STD,” said an anonymous Highline student. Although the Center for Disease and Control states that 60 percent of people who have sexually transmitted diseases are not aware that they have them, some students think it’s OK not to use protection because they have been with their partner for

a long time. “If I’m in a relationship I don’t practice safe sex, but I have to know her for a long time,” said Nick J., a student at Highline. “I am currently sexually active with my boyfriend of four years but we don’t worry about sexually transmitted diseases. Although we know people who have them because we are not worried because both of us have been tested before our relationship became physical,” said Hillary Quinonez, another student. *Reporters Masab El-Himri, Alida Linavat, Israel Magana and Taylor Joaquin contributed to this story.*

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“I think for some students it works well, students who know how to study. For other students it’s a big distraction,” said science professor Woody Moses. “They are not as actively engaged in class as I would like

them to be. “I would not encourage more use of laptops in the classroom,” Moses said. Laptops are expensive, and because not every student can afford them they can create a hierarchy in a class, leaving other students feeling left out, Moses said. Some students say that laptops are a positive educational

tool that, if used correctly, could help students study and keep notes organized. “I don’t think teachers have a problem with it. If you are fortunate enough to have one, it would be a good idea to use it,” said Andrew Winton, a Highline student. “Students could use them to keep up with teachers and what they show online, such as Pow-

erpoint and presentations,” said Dan Nam, Highline student. However, even students voice concerns on distractions laptops can cause. “Most teachers don’t say anything; they just let you use it. I do class stuff, and other school-related stuff if the class is boring,” said Bundu Koroma, a Highline student. Meanwhile, some students

acknowledge the ability of laptops to disrupt class time. “I think that even I am tempted to get on Facebook and waste time,” said Highline student Ian McQuade. “It allows too much freedom which could lower productivity,” McQuade said. “I would be conservative when it comes to students using laptops in the classroom.”

## Rally

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Currently, the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges expects a 7 percent increase in tuition and \$1.7 million in cuts for Highline. Because President’s Day is a popular vacation day, Highline will not be the only organization rallying on that day. The R.S.V.P. list includes the Washington State Tea Party Movement and the Rebuilding Our Economic Future Coalition. “The Washington State Tea Party Movement site represents a number of non-partisan, grassroots organizations which have formed a confederation dedicated to upholding the Constitution, limited government, fiscal responsibility, and free markets,” according to their website. The Rebuilding Our Economic Future Coalition also plans to rally on Feb. 15. The coalition has over 160 members. Fuse, one of the members, “is the state’s largest grassroots progressive organization.” said Collin Jergens, communication manager at Fuse. “I think President’s Day is a good day for a rally because many people have the day off work and can travel to Olympia while the legislature is in session. Members of the Legislature will be able to hear directly from their constituents why a balanced approach to the budget is so important,” he said. Out of the 160 members of

the coalition, 110 will be represented at the rally. “We’re organizing this rally to tell our legislators that at a time when more people than ever are going to college and seeking job training, our communities can’t afford tens of millions of dollars in deeper cuts to higher education,” said Jergens. Though the rally will not be 100 percent focused on higher education, general education is a main topic. “This year, the proposed budget would slash another \$43.5

million from community colleges. This means as many as 12,300 students would lose state financial aid altogether,” he said. Another coalition member is the Washington Student Association. “It is incredibly important to rally the legislature. Students, as a group, are traditionally disorganized and underrepresented at the polls each November. Because of this, they receive little attention in Olympia,” said Peter Sterr, director of legislative affairs from the Washington Student Association.

“Being able to come to Olympia and rally for education shows the legislature that we are able to organize and mobilize our students, and that we have a significant amount of students that are willing to commit time and energy to this cause,” he said. “That sends the message that we may be able to organize students to vote, and forces the legislature to take a more careful look at student issues,” he said. State Rep. Dave Upthegrove, D-Des Moines, supports the idea of Highline students voic-

ing their opinion on legislative actions, though many other groups will be present. “The rally on the 15th is against cuts to education and human services...and so your [Highline’s] message against cutting higher ed would fit right in,” Upthegrove said. State Rep. Upthegrove pointed out that a larger rally will have a larger impact. “It’s more fun to be part of a big rally. It can feel very empty on the stairs of the capitol if you don’t have at least several hundred people,” he said.

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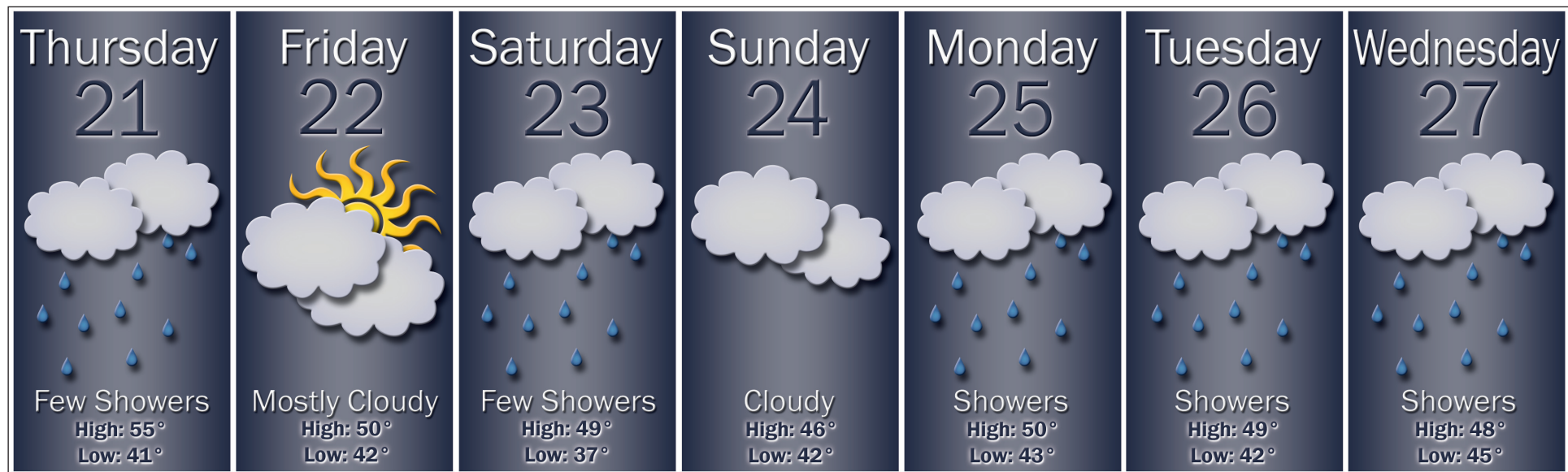
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Weekly weather forecast



Beanie Babies and books for kids in Cambodia

By **SAM REASH**  
Staff Reporter

A student club will be selling Beanie Babies and romance novels in the Student Union on Friday as a Valentine’s Day fundraiser.

The student club, Fundraising to Make a Difference, will be in front of the book store from 9 a.m to 2 p.m. to sell Beanie Babies and various ro-

mance novels for Valentine’s Day.

The Beanie Babies will sell for \$2 each, and the books will be 50 cents.

Fundraising to Make a Difference typically holds various fundraisers throughout the year, usually once a month, for different causes. The money they make selling Beanie Babies and romance novels will go to the Institute for Reconstruction and

International Security through Education, or the RISE Institute.

The RISE Institute is a non-profit organization with a mission to help countries suffering from severe poverty and conflict. Their primary goal is to offer high quality education in areas that it is not available, which can help prevent and overcome poverty and conflict.

“The money goes to help-

ing villages in need of school supplies in Northeastern Cambodia,” said Janna Barrick, the club’s treasurer.

Fundraising to Make a Difference donates to a large number of different organizations and institutions throughout the year. Another organization they donate to is Operation Smile, which is a medical service organization and charity that helps treat facial deformities around

the world.

Fundraising to Make a Difference has gathered more than 60 new Beanie Babies from donations that they are hoping to sell along with the romance novels on Friday. Any items they don’t sell will be saved for their fundraiser next month.

The club will be collecting baskets with various themes from faculty and staff to sell at their fundraiser next month.

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