Students fight for their right to learn

By VICTORIA DOM
Staff Reporter

Students lined the Capitol steps in Olympia at a rally last Thursday to voice their opinions to the Legislature. Highline was one of 16 community and technical colleges to participate in the event and also-
gether there were over 400 students who took part in the rally. “Students were amped about their education, a lot more than in the past,” said Highline Student Government President Olga Alichuk, who attended the rally. The rally addressed the significant issues community and technical college students are currently facing, such as affordable tuition and higher financial aid.

Posters and signs were made to show the legislators the wants and needs of the colleges and their students. A Pierce College student had a sign that read, “R.I.P. Pierce, death by tuition,” said Alichuk.

Highline students also had the opportunity to speak with several legislators including State Senator Karen Keiser, D-Kent, State Rep. Dave Upthegrove, D-Des Moines, and State

Gregoire’s education plans get mixed reviews

By RASCHELLE CASEBIER
Staff Reporter

Education and government officials have mixed responses to Governor Chris Gregoire’s proposal to create a single education department for K-12 and colleges.

Gregoire announced her plan to create a new educational system in early January. Under this new system, all education committees and boards would be aligned under one roof. The proposed Department of Education would have four major divisions, each headed by an assistant secretary: early childhood education; K-12 education; community and technical colleges; and university programs.

“The goal is to provide a seamless education for Washington’s students and to spend more time focusing on the students,” said Karina Shagrin, spokeswoman for the governor.

With high schools and colleges working closer together, seniors can earn more credits through new programs and kick off a trade earlier on. One of the significant current issues is there isn’t a common program to recognize credits, she said.

Some in government are waiting to see what becomes of the governor’s proposal before taking a side.

“It’s hard to say yet what the benefits or potential drawbacks would be,” said a spokeswoman for State Sen. Tracey Eide, D-Federal Way.

“The governor-appointed, nine-member board of the State

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 Stay on top of protecting your car

Drivers beware: Car thefts up on campus

By YURI NISHIZAKI
Staff Reporter

The car theft rate on campus in 2010 was higher than previous years, according to the Campus Safety Activities Report.

But even though the rate is rising, you may be able to keep your car safe if you follow certain precautions, security officials say.

According to the Campus Safety Activities Report for fall 2010, 20 cars were stolen in 2010, which was 12 more than in 2009. It is because “the economy is down, and more crime is being committed including car theft,” safety supervisor of Campus Security at Highline Richard Noyer said.

A Car Club, or a steering lock, is an effective tool to protect your car from car theft, and it “acts better than a car alarm …because you cannot steer the steering wheel and you cannot take [the car] anymore,” Noyer said.

Student Jimmy Samael, a steering lock user, said his car was once broken into.

“My vehicle was still there in the morning because the steering lock and the car alarm protected it,” he said.

To protect your car from breaking in, you shouldn’t leave your belongings in your car or put them in the trunk.

“It’s the best way to protect [cars] from breaking in,” Noyer said.

Student Rochelle Pene is one of the students who are putting it into practice and are cautious about car theft and prowls. She doesn’t leave any valuables in her car, or if necessary, she keeps them in the trunk.

When she does place things in the trunk, she looks to make sure that nobody watches her so that others won’t know she’s keeping valuables in the trunk. Pene parks her car around other vehicles and as close to her classroom as possible. She also uses a laser key.

Despite the increase of car theft rate, some people are still not cautious about car theft. Student Mike Le said, “Nobody cares about my car because it’s old.”

Campus Security suggests a number of car-safety tips:

• Close all windows and sun roofs; lock doors and remove your key from the ignition when leaving it parked on campus. Visible steering wheel locks prevent the steering wheel from being turned.

• Never leave a second set of keys in your vehicle. Thieves know all the hiding places.

• Never leave your car running while unattended, even if you will only be gone for a minute.

• Don’t leave valuable items in plain view. Items left out in the open attract thieves.

• Don’t leave important documents such as bank statements, credit card bills/statements or other personal information in your vehicle. Thieves can use this information to steal your identity and have access to your bank and credit card accounts.

• For more information, visit www.highline.edu/admin/safety/.

Noyer says he wants students to check the security website in order to get more information on personal security tips and to raise crime awareness. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the safety or security of your vehicle, you can call security, he said.

You can contact the security by calling at 206-878-3710, ext. 3218 or 3219 or by email from www.highline.edu/admin/safety/contact.htm.

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Weather

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News Briefs

Academic Achievement Awards have arrived

The Academic Achievement Award applications for Spring Quarter are now available for students to pick up. This program is offering 15 full time tuition waivers to students with a 3.5 or better cumulative GPA. Students can pick them up from Brit Exworthy in Building 25 on the 6th floor. The odds of a student receiving the scholarship are 1 in 3 and the application is due by Thursday Feb. 10.

Hip Hop Global Movement

Eddie Martinez and Tony Innouvong will be speaking on how Hip Hop is connected to leadership and how it can be used for positive change. The presentation will be on Feb. 4 from 2-4 p.m. in Building 8, Mt. Constance. Both presenters are former students of Highline and are co-founders of an organization called Freshest Roots. The goal of Freshest Roots is to take the art of hip hop and the mission of social change and bring it to our local communities.

For more information on Freshest Roots visit www.freshestroots.com.

Sea stories at the MaST

Susan Landgraf, a poet and professor at Highline, will be presenting at the Marine Science and Technology center about your favorite sea creatures. The presentation at the MaST center will be on Saturday Feb. 5, from noon to 12:45 p.m. For more information and directions visit mast.highline.edu.

Marine Mammals of the Puget Sound

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Lawrence and she will discuss the different mammals in the Puget Sound as well as what to do when you see them on the beach.

The seminar will be on Friday from 2:20-3:30 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.

Multi-Services Center Youth Career Fair

The Multi-Services Center is hosting a Youth Career Fair that will have college and career representatives.

The Youth Career Fair is for ages 16-24. The fair will be on Saturday, Feb. 19 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. in Building 8. Participants are encouraged to dress business casual and bring multiple copies of your resume. There will also be workshops covering resume writing, budgeting and interview skills.

For any questions or concerns contact Jim Boland at jimb@multiservicecenter.com.

Students of Color Conference in April

Washington State Multicultural Services Directors Council will sponsor the Students of Color Conference. The conference will be held on April 14-16 in Yakima.

Students can find the application for this year’s conference on the Multicultural Services website www.highline.edu/stuserv/multicultural/sec.html.

Students chosen to attend this year’s conference will be required to pay a one-time $30 reservation fee. The application is due by Feb. 11, at 5 p.m.

For more information or answers to questions there will be an informational meeting today in Building 7 at 12:30 p.m.

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Bridging the gap

American students thinks Highline’s diversity is an untapped opportunity

By RAINY HUANG
Staff Reporter

Alex Birch wants to bridge the gap between American and international students.

Birch is majoring in international business at Highline for almost two years, and he is the only American student who works in the International Leadership Student Council. Birch said that he didn’t know International Student Programs very well until he was taken on a trip to Leavenworth by another international student who is from Germany.

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After the trip, Birch decided to join the International Student Leadership Council to experience the multicultural working backgrounds and learn to cope with language and cultural barriers.

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Contractor employee finishing the pathway from building 99 to the East Parking Lot.

Corey Sun/THUNDERWORD

Kyle Cotton/THUNDERWORD

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The average yearly cost to keep an inmate locked up inside of prison is roughly $37,303 in the State of Washington. In 2011, the total amount spent for an academic year is roughly $81,220. This figure includes apartment and furniture deposit, food and leisure expenses on top of tuition and supplies. According to the National Institute of Corrections, the State of Washington is spending more than $30,000 a head to house inmates, while the national average is only $28,889. For the price of one incarcerated inmate two people could get a full ride through college. We are in no way advocating trading in two students for one criminal as a means of balancing the state budget crisis with the criminal justice problem. We did not factor in the cost for the judicial procedure added on to the cost of incarceration because that is a monster with a whole other head.

Ari Kohn, director of the Post Prison Education Program, stated that the success rate to not reoffend is 67.5-70 percent among those who actively pursue a higher education. The Post Prison Education Program is a non-profit organization that offers scholarships to inmates being released from prison.

Kohn and his small staff have been working assiduously trying to give prisoners a second chance. His organization has a 98 percent success rate. Only 2 percent of the men and women that enter his program return to prison. Meanwhile, 38 percent of the state’s ex-cons reoffend and end up back in jail. Kohn thinks the number may actually be higher.

A person who is addicted to drugs and alcohol can return to prison for a tiny urinalysis and cost the tax payers approximately $31,000 per arrest. That’s enough to pay for a full ride at the University of Washington.

According to another estimate, within the first three years 67.5 percent of the prisoners released from prison return. The re-arrest rate for drug and property offenders has increased significantly.

In the Washington courts, 28,076 adult felony sentences involved offenders that had at least one prior felony. Beyond that one billion dollars goes into the prison systems to keep their offenders locked up. Medical and special needs inmates require an even higher budget, sometimes more than double the state average.

Washington state uses 14.8 percent of the state budget to cover higher education. This amount is higher than what is used for prisons. One determining factor in the judicial procedure and the cost of the court’s time and other legal and financial obligations of the state, that financial figure balloons.

More focus is needed on the full cost of prisons. One prisoner could cost up more money for two other people to get a good quality education. He or she could pay their share of taxes that would fund the next government bill. With a high recidivism rate, the odds of success for an educated prisoner is high enough to warrant serious financial contributions to sentences for lower level crimes.

We believe that education is the best bet for a bright tomorrow. Accountability, accessibility and affordability were the themes: “What do we want?” “Care!” “When do we want it?“ “Now!” Where the chants that came from the rallying crowd in the State’s capital last Thursday.

Students and educators took to the floor of the legislative building in Olympia to voice their need for legislators to stand up and do the right thing for college students who are already struggling with the high cost of tuition. Education is the key to freedom and is a right afforded to us by the society of our great nation. Knowledge is the core of the future growth and development of our country. A well educated society is the strongest infrastructure any country could have. These ingredients deteriorate and spoil the future because the lack of attention not given to the importance of the educational process. The public schools have lost their value to the society of America by knowing what needs to be known to continue to move forward effectively.

The legislators have a duty and responsibility to get serious about balancing the books and funding public education. We want not just the right to our education that’s due us, but people have the right to a high quality education like we receive here at Highline.

From elementary and through college the government should amend the public school policies to cover a person’s education no matter what their unfortunate financial and domestic situation may be. We all have trials and tribulations that may impede our pursuit for higher education. If the motivated and conscious people are being restricted due to drastic budget cuts, the over-all results could send the country spiraling out of control. The people who may have to put a hold on their schooling should be able to get back into school when situations smooth out enough for them to set their pursuits for the American dream. International students are given the chance to chase the American dream through receiving an education by community and technical institutions.

A Bellevue College student spoke about how his education led to him being able to provide for his family. His daughter was also present. She is working on her degree at Bellevue as well. The education hug has hit his family and they where proud recipients of community college affordability.

The road is hard but these public officials have to travel the long road to proper education. We all should pay attention to the affordability of a quality college education. If we don’t we could inevitably end up paying the piper.

Every one needs accessibility to school. Without it, our country will fall back into the dark ages when compared to the other nations.

Michael McDonald Jr. is editorial page editor of the Thunderword.
Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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2010 Headlines

Across
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6. Sacramento’s ___ Arena
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14. 24 heroine
15. Support, with “up”
17. An Oct. 2010 headline
20. Bridge, in Florence
21. Worked the dough
22. WWII battle site
24. PC key
25. All done
26. “Daddy’s drill is not ___”
28. Diet, category
29. Greek cheese
30. Blessing evokers
31. An April 2010 headline
32. Almost forever
33. No Exit author
34. Hero of a 24
35. 2010  Headlines
36. No Exit
37. No Exit
38. Almost forever
39. No Exit
40. No Exit

Down
1. Secretly e-mail (abbr.)
2. “Now I get it!”
3. Put on, as pajamas
4. One side in 1777?
5. Spotted visiting
6. Sleep disorder
8. Stopper
9. Welcome indicator
10. Nearby
11. Dodgers
12. Like a wintery mix
13. Deflate, in a way
14. Welk’s “... and ___”
15. “Later”
16. Amiss
17. Chicken ___
18. Wood cutters
19. King Features Synd., Inc.
20. Heroic tale
21. VCR button
22. Mideast grp.
23. D.C. V.I.P.
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ANSWERS
1. Four
2. 500
4. Shakespeare
5. Neutral
6. 1825
7. Light intensity
8. “I forbid”
9. Aphrodite
10. Louisiana
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The Scoreboard

Local rink puts skaters on the brink

By KRISTEN REMETO
Staff Reporter

Some of the fastest skaters in the world started skating on roller blades in Federal Way.

Mike Pattison has been around roller-skating his whole life. His grandfather owned the first Pattison’s rink in Redondo Beach. It burned down in 1951. The Pattison family didn’t want to give up skating. On Dec. 5, 1979 Pattison’s West opened its doors.

Pattison’s West is located at 34222 Pacific Highway S in Federal Way. Their full schedule plus extra activities is on their website, www.pattisonwest.com.

Olympic short track speed skaters Apollo Ohno and JR Celski originally trained with Mike Pattison and Team X-treme at Pattison’s West.

“Afther the Olympics we really didn’t get that many new skaters. Actually some of our skaters switched to speed skating on ice, so we lost a few,” Pattison said.

Speeds skating on ice and on wood have similarities. They both skate around an oval marked with cones and generally use the same muscles.

“Young kids tend to transfer to ice more smoothly because they have had a lot of training. It’s easier to learn on wood than transfer to ice,” Pattison said.

“Skating on ice is a lot more dangerous than on wood because you can slip and cut your leg open,” Pattison said.

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When the skaters feel like they can’t get any better where they’re at, they join our team,” Pattison said. “Half the team is home grown; the other half is from other teams.”

Most meets are around 5 and 6 in the morning, and there are quite a few out-of-state meets.

“Anyone on the team can go to the out-of-state meets, but only a few end up going because the skater has to pay for lodging and airfare which can add up after a while,” Pattison said.

Pattison’s West also rents out houses for parties and events.

“The most enjoyable thing about owning a rink would have to be, that’s bringing your kids to work day every day,” Pattison said. His three sons grew up at Pattison’s West, and sons Mark and Darrin manage the rink.

“I want to retire soon, and I might sell the rink but if I do it would be too hard to sell it as a rink. The rink is worth $4 million, and the payments would be too high,” Pattison said.

By RICHARD MEIER
Staff Reporter

With their final tune-up out of the way, the Highline men’s wrestling team is ready for regionals and nationals.

The T-Birds finished off their regular season this past Saturday at the Boxer Open in Forest Grove, Ore.

The men hoped to use this meet to shake off the rust and prepare themselves for the upcoming championships.

Head Coach Scott Norton didn’t want to risk any injuries with nationals right around the corner. “We wanted our guys to wrestle no more than two matches. We didn’t want to risk injury,” Norton said. “Too many times I’ve seen people get hurt in meaningless matches. And in a few weeks no one is going to remember the Boxer Open.”

Highline’s showing at the Boxer was highlighted by 157-pound Eric Jones, who defeated Corey Caywood (unattached) to earn Highline’s only first-place trophy.

Daren Faber had a strong tournament as well, placing second in the 197-pound weight class before forfeiting to Oregon State’s Mak Jones in the finals.

“Faber was just another guy who wanted to only wrestle a couple matches and we didn’t want him to risk getting hurt so he forfeited the final match,” Norton said.

Highline also had strong showings from Tyler Wooding (who finished third at 133, and from Tyler Story, 165, and Viktor Gognoskie, 285, who both finished fourth. All-American Jason Gray made an early exit from the winners’ bracket after falling in his second match to eventual champion Jimmy Eggemeyer of Southern Oregon.

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Wrestlers get ready for the big dance

The Thunderbird men don’t compete again until the Region 18 Championships in Coos Bay, Ore. on Feb. 12.

While Highline had a strong showing at the Boxer Open, their entire season has been focused on these final two matches of the season. Each match has been a gauge of where the team sits, as both individuals and as a whole.

Norton and his wrestlers understand that in order to fulfill their expectations on the season, win a national championship, they must step their level of competing to another level over the next two weeks.

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Lady T-birds maintain momentum in 2-0 week

By JOSHUA HART
Staff Reporter

The Highline’s women’s basketball team moved to 7-1 in league play with two wins this past week.

The women are now 11-7 overall and in second place in the West Division of the NWAACC, sitting only behind Lower Columbia, who won twice this week to move to 8-0 in league play.

Highline faced sixth-place Centralia on Jan. 16, cruising to a 62-43 win.

Highline forward Kiemba Pearson got the start in place of Heather Hitch against Centralia. Head Coach Amber Rowe Mosley said that Pearson got the start because Hitch hasn’t been performing and she wanted to get somebody else in there.

Highline seemed to lack intensity on the offensive end throughout the game despite the new starter.

Rowe Mosley wasn’t pleased with how the team came out to play.

“I obviously don’t know,” she said regarding how she gets her team ready for a game against a weaker opponent.

Rowe Mosley said she tried to find someone who could perform by substituting frequently throughout the game, because nobody was performing well.

Despite the struggles on the offensive end, Highline’s high-pressure man-to-man defense worked well against Centralia.

Highline forced 29 Centralia turnovers, leading to 35 points off turnovers for Highline. “Girls don’t normally handle the trap well,” Rowe Mosley said of her team’s defense.

She said that over the years Highline has had a deep bench and has been able to rotate people in to continue the very demanding man-to-man defense.

“The press really helps us to run and we are a running team,” Highline forward Jocelyn Jones said.

Highline was led by Jones with 19 points, who played despite an ankle injury that she suffered in the second half.

She said she didn’t think about it, because she had a lot of adrenaline.

Highline’s Kiemba Pearson also added nine points and nine rebounds.

Highline then went on the road to play Grays Harbor on Jan. 29. They got off to a fast start and won 76-49.

Highline outscored Grays Harbor 43-17 in the first half.

Rowe Mosley attributed the fast start to good rebounding and running the floor.

“The team brought much better intensity,” Rowe Mosley said.

She tried to get her team to realize that every game wins or loses a championship.

“It isn’t about who we are playing, it is about us, and winning a league championship,” she told her team.

Highline point guard Dani Carlinman was held out of the game to try to get rest and heal some nagging injuries.

Bree Morkert-Burling got the start in Carlinman’s place. Kiemba Pearson also got her second straight start.

Morkert-Burling ended the game with six points, four rebounds, and five assists.

Pearson also added nine points and 10 rebounds.

Starting forward Jocelyn Jones had another excellent game, scoring 18 points.

Highline moved to 12-7 overall and 8-1 in league play on Feb. 2 when South Puget Sound forfeited the game due to lack of players.

On Feb. 7, Highline takes on third-place Clark at home on a rare Monday night game. They then go on the road to play Green River on Feb. 9.

Hitch hopes to help Highline to a division title

By JEFFREY KEMP
Staff Reporter

Achieving her goal of playing ball for Highline, Heather Hitch now leads the women’s basketball team as one of three captains.

Through hard work, determination, and love of basketball, she hopes to lead the team to a NWAACC Western Division title.

“[Heather] is a behind-the-scenes lady. She leads by example and works really hard,” said Amber Rowe Mosley, head coach of the women’s basketball team.

Hitch started playing basketball in fourth grade on recreational teams and moving to school and select teams in junior high.

She comes from a family of athletes with her mom playing basketball and her dad playing baseball, both at Green River.

Heather Hitch

“I really enjoyed playing sports. I played volleyball, soccer, and fastpitch softball,” said Hitch.

At Enumclaw High School she played all four years on the basketball team and made it to state her junior and senior years.

After high school, she made the decision to come to Highline because of the coaching staff and friendly teammates, she said.

The 5’11” forward leads by example.

Coach Mosley said she is a quiet leader, but is working on becoming more vocal. Hitch agreed that she likes to talk with people one-on-one instead of in front of big groups.

This past off-season she worked one-on-one with strength and conditioning Coach Taryn Plick on her basketball skills as well as her speed and agility. It has paid off.

Hitch lets her playing speak for itself. She is shooting 44 percent from the field and averaging 9 points per game, third on the team. She’s also fourth on the team with 5.13 rebounds per game.

Her determination to win the NWAACC Western Division, as well as her passion for basketball, motivates Hitch and her team to become better athletes, she said.

This motivation has landed the team a 7-1 record in league this year, which is a big turnaround from their 4-6 preseason record.

“Preseason wasn’t as good as it could have been, which was probably due to the slimming down of the team from 17 to 10 players,” Hitch said.

Playing as a team and communicating will be the key to beating their biggest competition, Lower Columbia, and winning the division title, Hitch said.

Hitch finds more to life than basketball, however. She loves to hang out with friends and play games with some of the guys from the men’s basketball team.

On weekends, she tries to escape from the city and travel back to Enumclaw where she grew up and her family still lives.

In Des Moines she enjoys going down to the beach and spending time by the water, said Hitch.

Moving from Enumclaw to Des Moines, at the start of her freshman year at Highline, gave her the love for living close to the water and a new experience of big city life.

Off the court, she said she is studying hard and wants to transfer to a four-year university. She’s thinking of pursing a math degree and maybe teaching high school or college students.

Hitch said that for now she is focused on the present and knows that her team is good enough to go to the NWAACC playoffs. She hopes to use her leadership and hard work ethic to lead the team to the first division title since 2007.
T-Bird fastpitch team steps to plate with new coach

By JEFFREY KEMP
Staff Reporter

Scott Dillinger was named new head coach of the women’s softball team.

He replaced Gary Graf who coached for two seasons, but moved to South Carolina because of a new job opportunity.

“He [Graf] was torn, because he really liked it [here],” Athletic Director John Dunn said. Graf, who worked for Boeing in addition to coaching at Highline, was offered a promotion in South Carolina with Boeing, said Dunn.

“I’m happy for him and his family. I always want what’s best for the coaches and players,” Dunn said.

Graf has been the softball coach for the past two years. It took about nine months to find Graf, Dunn said.

When Dunn started looking for a replacement, he found an answer within three to four weeks in the form of Scott Dillinger.

Two years ago when looking for the position Graf eventually filled, Dunn had to cancel the softball season because it took so long to find a new head coach.

Highline ran into good luck though by finding Dillinger within two weeks of the start of practice.

“[Dillinger] left [Green River] in the fall and was looking for an opportunity,” Dunn said.

Dillinger has a lot of experience with coaching. Before his three years at Green River he coached for Eastside Catholic, Franklin, and Bellevue high schools, Dunn said.

“He knows a lot about softball, so I’m excited to see what’s in store,” said Faith Baldwin, who’s a sophomore on the team.

Dillinger only had about two weeks to get settled before the softball season starts. He has a lot of experience in recruiting, but most the women on his team weren’t recruited by him so hopefully he can adjust, Dunn said.

Dillinger inherits a team that went 4-26 last season, finishing fifth in the West Division of the NWAC/WAC. This is a change from his time at Green River, where the team went 17-13 in league play in 2010.

Dillinger has the support of his assistant coach from Green River, who also moved to Highline, Baldwin said.

Softball practice started Feb. 1 and Highline’s first game is March 1 against Edmonds.

T-Bird men bounce back with two wins

By WILLIAM BROKAW
Staff Reporter

The men’s basketball team found its form with back-to-back wins against Centralia and Grays Harbor last week.

The two wins advanced the T-Birds into third place in the NWAC/WAC West Division. up from seventh.

Highline improved their record to 5-3 in the season and 12-5 overall.

The T-Birds played Centralia on Wednesday, Jan. 26.

The Thunderbirds focused on a couple of things going into the game against Centralia.

“We needed to get back on track with our defensive intensity and mature with regard to shot selection,” said Highline Head Coach Che Dawson. “A major in improving our shot percentages and point production, collectively and individually, is recognizing higher quality shots.”

The T-Birds showed their determination and got off to a good start.

The Thunderbirds shot 33 percent in the first half compared to Centralia’s 22 percent.

Highline had a comfortable 32-20 lead at half.

The Trailblazers were determined to fight back in the second half, however, and closed the gap.

“We had a nice lead at halftime, then gave it up. Part of not doing that is simply telling yourself it isn’t going to happen. That comes from staying hungry on defense and smart on offense. We did both of those things for most of the game,” said Dawson.

The Thunderbirds were able to pull out the victory, defeating Centralia 68-61.

Highline 6-foot-7 forward PJ Bolte had a double-double against the Trailblazers with 23 points and 14 rebounds. Bolte shot 9 of 22 from the field, five of five from the free throw line, had 14 rebounds, two assists and grabbed three steals in his 34 minutes of action.

“The T-Birds’ Elzie Dickens had 10 rebounds on the night. Highline travelled to Aberdeen on Saturday, Jan. 29 to play Grays Harbor, defeating the Chokers 86-57.

Communication played a huge role for the T-Birds in their game against the Chokers.

“We communicated on both ends of the court. That solves a lot of problems,” said Dawson.

The T-Birds brought the fight to Aberdeen and chocked the Chokers out in the first half, leading 41-26.

Highline shot 38 percent in the first half compared to Grays Harbor’s 24 percent.

The Thunderbirds didn’t let up, outscoring the Chokers in the second half 45-31.

The T-Birds shot 41 percent in the second half while Grays Harbor shot 32 percent.

The Thunderbirds also out-rebounded the Chokers, 54-39.

PJ Bolte led the team in points and got another double-double with 17 points and 16 rebounds.

Bolte shot six of 14 from the field, five of six from the free throw line, had 16 rebounds, one assist and a steal in 27 minutes on the court.

Highline forward Robert Christopher had 15 points, eight rebounds, two assists and one steal in his 17 minutes on the court.

T-Bird guard Travis Miller had 14 points, 7 rebounds, one assist and one steal in his 34 minutes on the court.

Highline got good luck with “The Thunderbirds know the pressure is on. We have to be incredibly hungry. We have an eight course meal in front of us, but have to eat everything to get dessert,” said Dawson.

Highline played South Puget Sound Wednesday, Feb. 2 with results unavailable at press time.

The Thunderbirds next play Clark Monday, Feb. 7 at 8 p.m.
Highline instructor performs with Federal Way Symphony

By KATRINA BLAKE
Staff Reporter

Highline instructor Todd Zimberg has been involved with the Federal Way Symphony since 1990 and encourages everyone to go to the concert.

"Jazz is spontaneous, there is a lot of good energy," Zimberg said. "Go to the concert. It's going to be a cool concert."

The performance is Sunday, Feb. 6, at 2 p.m. at St. Luke's Church in Federal Way, 515 S. 312th St.

Tickets are $30 for adults, $25 for seniors (65 and older), and students 18 and under are free. You can buy tickets at the door, call 253-529-9857, or order online at www.federalwaysymphony.org.

Drama student is fit for double roles

By BRYANNA ROBBINS
Staff Reporter

Zach Ginhert-Hutt gets to live a double life again in Highline’s winter drama production of The Texarkana Waltz.

Ginhert-Hutt has been in five Highline productions and recently in The Addging Machine where he played two characters.

Ginhert-Hutt had broken up so he auditioned for the role of Warden Bob in The Texarkana Waltz.

"It really seemed like an interesting show," he said after reading The Texarkana Waltz script over winter break.

He auditioned for multiple roles in the play, but after auditioning for the sheriff, he really wanted to play him.

During the audition process, "Debra Pralle [the director] has you just read for every part," he said.

"You'll never know what character you're going to get." After he got his parts in the show, the cast got to have a read through with Louis Broome, the author of The Texarkana Waltz.

Ginhert-Hutt said the read-through was intimidating, but still very exciting to have the author of the play in front of him.

Ginhert-Hutt liked being able to ask questions about how he wrote things or where some of his concepts come from.

Ginhert-Hutt’s two characters in The Texarkana Waltz are Warden Bob and Sheriff Truitt.

"When the actors get close to getting off of their script, there’s pressure, Ginhert-Hutt said.

Even when the show is going strong, "I’d say it’s my passion," he said.

"In the past six years, the thing I spent most time on is in theater." Ginhert-Hutt is a musician and also a Highline student.

"We’re all in school so whatever happens with this is cool but after the fact, we want to be able to get a job and live a pretty normal life," he added. "Because the likelihood of ever being able to support ourselves is small enough, let alone to do it for good.

In the band with Fowler and Adair are Kyle Green, who also plays guitar; Kyle Reed who plays bass; and Giovanni Accettola on drums.

Listen Closely started in 2008, after the bands Jordan Fletcher [the band’s previous vocalist], Accettola, and Green were in broke up.

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### Burien Little Theater cleans house

**By BRYANNA ROBBINS**  
Staff Reporter

The Burien Little Theatre is presenting *The Clean House* just in time for Valentine’s Day.  
“[The characters find] comedy, redemption, movement, and music,” is performing at the Auburn Performing Arts Center on Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m.  
Tickets are $20 or $18 for students and seniors. You can purchase tickets by calling the Auburn Performing Arts Center at 253-931-3043, or online at www.brownpapertickets.com.

### Thrift stores give advice on shopping on a budget

**By PHATTRA VORASANE**  
Staff Reporter

If you’re looking to save rather than splurge on clothes, head to your local thrift store. From Federal Way to Tukwila, there are thrift stores such as Goodwill and Plato’s Closet.  
“[Plato’s Closet] keeps the clothes that you see in stores that buy and sell clothes… if you haven’t heard of Plato’s Closet or Goodwill, Goodwill has a wider variety of items from apparel to housewares.”

- **Rainier Symphony**  
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  Tickets are $30 and can be purchased by calling 253-529-9857. You can also buy online at www.rainiersymphony.org.

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### What’s Happening?

- **The Odyssey**  
  Playing at Taproot Theater starting Feb. 4.

- **The ACT and 5th Avenue Theater**  
  Presenting *Mark Nizer In 3-D* runs Feb. 25-31 at 7:30 p.m.  
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- **Rainier Symphony**  
  Performing on Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center and Feb. 13 at 3 p.m. at Foster Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $15 and can be purchased at www.rainiersymphony.org.

- **Tingstad and Rumbel**  
  Performing at the Auburn Avenue Theater on Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m.  
  Tickets are $17 or $15 for students and seniors. You can purchase tickets by calling Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation at 253-931-3043 or online at www.brownpapertickets.com.
Five-day ecological adventure in Belize for class credit

By DEMETRIUS GRIFFIN
Staff Reporter

Highline ecology students have an opportunity to explore and study ecosystems in Belize this summer.

The 10 day trip, June 21-July 1, allows students to spend five days in a tropical rainforest while spending the other five days in a coral reef. This allows for the study of tropical forest ecology, forest medicine, Mayan culture, and coral reef ecology.

In his third year as the trip leader, Highline instructor Woody Moses said the most significant aspect that a student can take out of going to Belize is, “international travel. Seeing the different perspectives from other cultures and experiencing the different ecosystems.”

Belize is the site for this trip due to the fact that the small English-speaking country provides both tropical forest and the largest coral reef in the southern hemisphere.

A few requirements are necessary if you are looking to participate in the event. Math 81 is a necessity, along with the ability to swim and the possession of a current passport. “Being registered in the class is recommended but is not a distinct requirement,” Moses said.

The expenses for the trip come out to around $3,000. However, airfare, tuition and lodging are all included. If you are not enrolled in the class and would still like to attend, the cost is $3,000 minus the cost of tuition.

For more information contact Woody Moses at 206-878-3710, ext. 3649 or via email at wmoses@highline.edu.

By TAYLOR LUNKA
Staff Reporter

Four years after passing the bill, Highline students support the ban of texting and driving.

According to a 2009 study by the Virginia Technical Transportation Institute, texting while driving is about 20 times more dangerous than driving with both hands on the wheel.

To put this in perspective, it is the equivalent to driving 55 MPH on the length of a football field without looking at the road.

“The most dangerous people are not putting anything down at risk, but other people on the road as well,” said Peter Dodds, assistant to State Senator Tracey Eide, D-Federal Way.

Eide sponsored the bill in 2007 that made driving with any handheld device a primary offense on state roads, making Washington the first state to make texting illegal while behind the wheel.

Even though texting and driving is a primary offense in Washington, according to the National Safety Council, 28 percent of car accidents still involve texting and driving.

Texting and driving has become a bad habit that many drivers can’t seem to stop.

“People who text and drive don’t have their priorities straight. They’re irresponsible,” Highline student Karina Castillo said. “Nobody wants to drop their phone.”

According to the Washington State Patrol, it is difficult to assess whether banning texting and driving has decreased or increased the number of accidents in the state.

“It’s a fair assessment to say the general public is more aware,” Patrol Sergeant J.J. Gummermann said.

Although more are aware of the dangers of texting and driving, cell phones behind the wheel have become the No. 1 issue for the younger generation of drivers.

“The younger generation grew up with technology, unlike people who are over 40,” Dodds, assistant to Sen. Eide said.

Highline student Ashley Cote recognizes this as a problem.

“Kids are born and raised on cell phones. It’s a habit,” she said.

Younger people believe they can do it all. Research shows that you can’t,” Dodds said.

While some drivers continue to text behind the wheel, others follow the law and don’t put their lives in danger.

“When I do drive, I turn off my phone and put it in the front seat,” student Maria Gutierrez said.

“I’m not putting their or my life in danger from texting. One text isn’t enough to put your life in danger,” she said.

To avoid being caught texting and driving, students at Highline have alternative methods.

“As a passenger I’d rather text for [the driver] than have them text,” student Anna Cormia said.

“If getting a phone call while driving I pull over,” driver Karina Castillo said.

Taking precautionary measures like texting for the driver or pulling over, helps everyone avoid possible accidents.

“Studies show that people who text and drive are 23 times more likely to be involved in a crash than people who aren’t texting while driving,” Dodds said.

Nonetheless, many people say that texting has become so important for people to feel connected, and drivers don’t want to give it up.

“I think people are too wrapped up in conversation,” student Paige Coleman said.

(CELL phones) have become a use of communication in our daily lives,” student Kris Wilburn said.

But, Wilburn said, “Driving should come first, texting and calling second.”

To show how distracting cell phones can be, a professor at a local university did an experiment with some of his students.

“There was a study done at Western Washington University to show the cognitive distraction of texting,” Dodds said.

“A professor had a student dress up in a clown outfit and ride through Red Square on a unicycle. [The professor] went up to ask students who were texting [at the time the clown went by] and asked if they saw the clown and three-fourths said no. That’s the distraction,” Dodds said.

Highline student Joshua Starkey said he realizes how distracting a cell phone can be.

“[Drivers are] thinking about the person they’re texting, driving, and the phone,” Starkey said. “Texting requires you to use more areas of your brain at the same time.”
High-rise proposal meets with mixed reactions

By CHRISTINA GRAMLING and JULIA SORENSSEN
Staff Reporters

While many people in Federal Way agree on the economic benefits of a proposed new high-rise tower development, they are also concerned with other issues surrounding the project, such as crime and more vacant retail spaces.

The site for construction, at 31600 20th Ave. S. in Federal Way, was purchased by the city nearly four years ago in hopes of creating a vibrant downtown area and center for the city. The site would include three 25+ story towers for retail and residential use, underground parking, and a 1-acre public park.

The issue of financing has held the project up from the beginning. The original developer, United Properties, turned over the project to Twin Development last year after failing to meet several deadlines to secure financing to purchase the land from the city.

Since the start of the project there have been seven extensions to give both developers time to come up with the $3.8 million required by the city to start the purchase. The total purchase price to the developer is $6.15 million.

With the new March 2011 deadline for Twin Development to secure financing approching, city officials are getting anxious. The city council voted to extend the deadline for the developer in September 2010, by a 4-3 margin.

All prior votes have been 6-1, with Councilman Jim Ferrrell consistently voting against the extensions.

Ferrrell has voted against the project from the beginning.

“With all the extensions, Ferrrell said the city should scratch the idea and focus on more immediate issues in the city.

Twin Development is the second developer chosen for the project and they are hoping to find a foreign investor interested in taking advantage of the EB-5 Foreign Investment Program.

This program grants foreign investors, with a minimum $1 million contribution, a two-year permanent residency status.

The project is expected to create up to 3,000 jobs over several years ranging, from construction to administrative to hospitality and more,” said Duclos.

“The benefits to the city are many including getting back what it initially paid for the site, plus $4 or $5 million at closing,” said Duclos. The city originally purchased the former AMC Theatre property for $4.1 million in 2006.

Although Duclos recognizes there have been empty pads for more than five years and said that since Target and Toys R Us have closed their business doors, the proposed construction site still has potential.

“People often come by Kim’s office peering in windows, asking for change for the bus, and occasionally coming into the office to steal the candy of our candy dish,” she said.

Karisa Ridgeway from Lov-er’s, also located in Centre Plaza, said her corporate managers are quite pleased to hear about a large residential area moving in next door and feel that it will boost their sales.

As a lifetime resident of Federal Way, Ridgeway is concerned with safety for the potential residents,” Kim said.

“I’m also concerned with safety for the potential residents,” Kim said.

Kim said that along with commuters, the transit center has also attracted a less than desirable crowd of people to the area.

“I just don’t think it would be a good place for such expensive condominiums. Who would want to buy here?” she said.

Kim said there have been several fights and shootings at the transit center located at 31621 23rd Ave. S., just east of the proposed construction site.

Although there are regular police patrols through the transit center, there are still problems with homeless people sleeping and openly urinating and defecating in the surrounding areas and shopping centers.

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State program offers businesses a fresh start

By JONNY MCGUIRE
Staff Reporter

Businesses all over Washington state are being given the chance to start anew in the form of a new amnesty program run by the Department of Revenue.

Mike Gowrylow, communications director for the Washington State Department of Revenue, the Department of Revenue’s goals with this new amnesty program are to “generate revenue for the state, as well as to give businesses in debt a new start, and hopefully a faster recovery.”

Gowrylow said that any business that is registered or “should be registered” is eligible to apply for the program, except those who are bankrupt or being investigated for fraud.

Businesses interested in applying for the amnesty program should visit PayMyTax.org and submit an application by April 18.

The deadline for businesses to pay their taxes is April 30. Those who do not pay will remain in collections and incur additional penalties.

The Department of Revenue estimates that about 10,000 of 50,000 delinquent businesses and additional unregistered businesses will apply.

The program will run from Feb. 1 through April 30 and is expected to generate roughly $24.4 million in state revenue and $3.9 million in local revenue.
Highline alum gives students Ivy League advice

By JOSHUA NELSON
Staff Reporter

Imagine you are a student making the transition to a four-year school.

Are you going to be in the same state? Afraid of getting buried beneath a mountain of work? Worried about how to pay for it?

Highline alum Tierney Kuhn spoke on Jan. 26 at the Honors Colloquy about these questions.

She told those present about her methods of coping with the transition to Princeton University.

“First of all, if you go out of state, I recommend a webcam,” said Kuhn.

Not only is it important for transfer students to maintain their ties to home, but they must also remain focused on their current accomplishments.

“To make sure you don’t become overwhelmed with stress, set aside time each week to talk about what you’ve accomplished,” said Kuhn.

Honors Program preps transfer students

If you are stressed out about competing for acceptance into a four-year college, the Honors Program may help.

“Every time that a student registers for a course with the name of Honors, it makes the student’s transcript more competitive,” said Dr. Barbara Clinton, the program’s coordinator.

Students who register for the Honors program are expected to write a series of essays, personal statements, and resumes designed to build a competitive portfolio that will give them an advantage when applying to four-year schools and scholarships, Dr. Clinton said.

“Our Honors program is focusing on opening doors for our students,” said Dr. Clinton.

One thing to keep in mind when entering a four-year college is that it may be harder to stand out there than it is at Highline, but this shouldn’t be discouraging.

“By going to a four-year college you have already done the hardest part in challenging yourself to excel,” said Kuhn.

“Don’t ever think you can’t do something just because you are a transfer student,” she said.

Kuhn is currently a sophomore at Princeton, and although she obtained a full scholarship upon being accepted, paying for a four-year college can still be a daunting task.

Kuhn recommends applying for scholarships as soon as possible.

She also said that maintaining an up-to-date Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a must.

“Even if the scholarship you applied for is only $1,000, those start to add up and every little bit helps,” said Kuhn.

Before she finished her presentation, Kuhn had some wisdom to share about how to get into your desired college.

“Recruiters are looking for passion. Find out what yours is and be the best at it, then you will definitely get noticed,” said Kuhn.

Students who maintain a 3.5 GPA and have at least 12 credits are encouraged to join the Honors Program.

For more information, visit http://highline.highline.edu/honors/program.htm.

Officials hope new software program will help reduce wasteful printing

By ALISA GRAMANN
Staff Reporter

The cost of printing is going up at Highline, due to a lot of waste.

Highline students have gotten used to printing whatever they want without facing any repercussions.

Soon, there will not be the case, as the Pharos Unisoft software will soon start keeping a tab and charging each student.

Students who frequently use Highline’s library may be familiar with the Pharos Uniprint software — a program that manages how much is printed.

Students may also be familiar with release stations — the place to go to give a printer the OK to print.

The Pharos Uniprint software is currently being installed on computers all around campus, and the new features will soon be making an appearance.

Students will have to grow accustomed to the cost recovery feature, which will track print jobs back to the student and keep a tail.

Director of Instructional Computing Tim Wrye said that every quarter, students will get an “allowance” for printing and photo copying in computer labs around campus.

This allowance will probably be around $10, and will apply to the computer labs as well as the library and new Student Business Center.

Students who pay the Instructional Computing fee will get an additional $10 per quarter.

“Once you’ve spent that allowance, you’ve got to put money into an account to be able to print more,” Wrye said.

While it may not seem like much, the $10 will buy about 100 pages of printing.

The standard printed page will cost 10 cents, while color pages will cost 50 cents. Plain photo copies will cost only 5 cents.

Wrye said that this new feature is mostly to discourage waste.

The amount of paper thrown into recycle bins at Highline is massive, and the amount of money spent on paper and toner is creeping upwards.

In the 2008/2009 school year, $65,000 was spent on paper and toner. In the 2009/2010 school year, the amount reached $70,000.

Another feature to help with waste reduction is the installation of more release stations.

Release stations will hold the print job until the student tells it that it is OK to print.

This will hopefully keep students from printing — and wasting — multiple copies of the same thing.

Some impatient students hit the print button multiple times.

A pop-up window will also come up on the computer screen, telling the student what they are printing, which should also hopefully keep them from getting too impatient.

“We are required to have a plan to reduce paper on campus,” Wrye said.

The changes to the Pharos Unisoft software will not only hopefully cut the amount of waste, but by charging students for excessive printing, it could also save Highline some money, he said.

The new features are scheduled to go into effect sometime around the end of the quarter.

For students who need to do lots of printing, but don’t have money to pay for it, libraries in the King County Library System also offer some free printing.

For KCLS library card holders, there is an allotted 75 pages a week — 10 of which can be color pages.

For temporary computer pass holders, the allotment is 35 pages a week, 10 of which can also be color pages.
World War II shaped the Northwest, professor says

By MALLORY MURRAY  Staff Reporter

During World War II the Northwest faced several economic and social changes that made Washington the state it is today, a historian said here last week.

Dr. Brian Casserly spoke at the Jan. 26 History Seminar, a weekly series of presentations by Highline faculty.

"Some of the serious changes the Northwest faced were economic.

"These included economic growth and industrialization. The economy in the Pacific Northwest expanded significantly during the cold years of the war," said Casserly.

Boeing was a major contributor to the economic changes.

"As Boeing received greater and greater orders from the U.S. Army Air Force and from the British Air Force, the company needed more and more people to manufacture its aircraft," said Casserly.

"The company was mostly producing B-17 bombers and produced nearly 7,000 of these during World War II.

"Also, the B-29 bomber was produced in the Seattle area during the war; workers here were producing about 200 planes a month.

"All of this contributed to a major change in the Seattle area economy. Between 1940 and 1942, the Seattle area workforce that was engaged in manufacturing doubled," said Casserly.

"The region's economy was literally booming as a result of the war," he said.

One major social change the Northwest faced during the war was population growth.

"We do know that Washington's population in 1940 was 1.7 million people and by 1950 it was up to 2.3 million and most of that growth would have occurred during World War II itself," said Casserly.

King County's population grew also, from approximately 1.7 million people in 1940 and to about 700,000 by 1950.

All of that led to certain problems in these areas. Since they were expanding very rapidly there were all kinds of social problems that accompanied the population growth.

Some of these problems were housing shortages, school overcrowding and traffic congestion.

"There are stories of people in the Seattle area living in tent houses because they couldn't find any other shelter in early 1942 as a major shortage of houses was occurring," said Casserly.

School overcrowding was also a major problem due to the population growth.

"In Bremerton for example, the local high school had to run its classes on a shift basis with juniors and seniors going to class in the morning and freshmen and sophomores in the afternoon," said Casserly.

Those kinds of problems were fairly common throughout the Puget Sound area.

"And of course the more things change, the more they stay the same. Traffic congestion was also a significant problem in the Seattle area during the war," said Casserly.

Despite the fact that gas was rationed for a considerable time during the war, major traffic congestion still occurred.

Buses and street cars were overcrowded and it was still very hard for people to get around the city.

The next seminar will cover "Trinities in Women's History" presented by English Professor Rosemary Adang on Wednesday, Feb. 16 in Building 3, room 102, starting at 1:30 p.m.

Highline promotes shopping in Des Moines

By HUSSAIN RIZVI  Staff Reporter

Des Moines businesses are spending $8 million to promote the city of Des Moines at Highline to prompt Highline students to shop downtown.

"The Marina Madness promotion invites students, faculty and staff to come and celebrate the grand re-opening of the Des Moines Marina and win prizes.

Marina Madness includes a drawing for a basket of prizes from Des Moines businesses.

The program's goals are to get students involved in Des Moines and to encourage students to see the new marina, said Marion Yoshino, community developer for the City of Des Moines.

Yoshino said $8 million was spent during the 2010 rebuild of the marina.

"I think that the students will enjoy coming to see it, and knowing what this area looks like," Yoshino said.

"You can see bald eagles, sea otters, and lots of cool wildlife."

Marion Yoshino organized the Marina Madness promotion to encourage Highline students to shop at local Des Moines businesses.

"It is a good place to enjoy the water, soak up the sun if you have time between classes, bring some lunch and sit on the boardwalk or on the sandy beach at the north end," Yoshino said.

The promotion also offers Highline students special discounts at different businesses that are sponsoring Marina Madness.

Marina Madness is being held in conjunction with the Highline bookstore.

Bookstore Manager Laura Nole agreed to do the promotion for the students.

"We agreed to do the promotion at the bookstore because that's where all the student traffic is. There is nothing in it for the bookstores," Nole said.

Nole said Highline agreed to host the promotion because it is a fun way to promote community college and the promotion is for community businesses.

Students will be able to get a 10 percent discount at local businesses that agree to participate, Dominguez said.

Details are still being worked out with the City of Des Moines and the businesses, once passed, students will get discounts when they show their student ID at the business, he said.

Des Moines businesses who are promoting Marina Madness are Anthony’s Homeport, Saison Michelle, Des Moines Florist, Marine View Espresso, Kimberley’s Jewelry, Powell Homes, State Farm Insurance -Vickie Bergquist, Corky Cel-lars, Des Moines Drug and Red Robin.

Marina Madness is going on from Feb. 1 – 14, it will have small free prizes that you can enter to win from a gift basket, said Yoshino, community developer for the City of Des Moines.

Marina Madness will have a lot of stuff, up to a $400 value give-away, Yoshino said.

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Prizes include a $50 gift card, two dinner entrees at Anthony's Homeport, lunch for two at Red Robin, salon products from Saison Michelle, two weeks of free lattes from Marine View Espresso.

The drawing is scheduled at noon on Feb. 15 in the lounge area in front of the bookstore.

Yoshino has asked Jonathan Brown, the assistant for the Student Dean, to do the honors of drawing the winning entry.

Entry cards are only available at Highline's bookstore, located in Building 8.

Yoshino will have to go around the different businesses at the marina and get their entry card punched in.

Once an entry card is completed, you next drop it off at the bookstore for the drawing.

Only one entry card is allowed per person, and that person must visit each participating business to enter.

No purchase is necessary.

Yoshino said Marina Madness is a fun way to celebrate the renovation of the Des Moines Marina.

"The marina is now finished and the last bits of construction fencing were removed last week."

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Participants visited different legislators and spoke to them in their offices to give them notes and letters that were written by the students, Afichuk said. Having the chance to talk to them shows students that legislators are accessible, and show the legislators that students are serious about standing up for their education.

The rally has acted as an occasion for students to be able to let their opinions be heard in the difficult economic times during the legislative session. “When legislators are forced with difficult decisions they can look back to students that spoke with them and told them their powerful stories. They can think about us and make decisions for the best of community and technical colleges,” said Afichuk.

Legislators are facing a tough task this year – a nearly $5 billion budget shortfall and a clear message from voters in the 2010 elections to not raise taxes. In statewide ballot measures, voters rejected increases in the sales tax and reinstated a two-thirds requirement for the Legislature to raise any taxes.

K-12 education is protected by the state Constitution, leaving higher education as one of the few budget categories not off the table.

Nonetheless, the legislators were excited to hear the student voice, and they even gave hints on how to successfully voice opinions and be heard, she said. They also hoped that the rest of their colleagues would support and invest in the beliefs of the colleges.

Among the concerns of tuition and financial aid, students wanted to raise their voice to prove that students sincerely care about their education.

“We believe that education is not a privilege, it is a right. It is for the better of the whole country not just the individuals, and not for self-investment, but for the investment of the country,” said Afichuk.

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“I’ve been a legislator, and every governor I’ve known has wanted more power. They’ve tried to abolish offices. That is not in our Constitution. Ours is direct election by the citizens of this great state,” said Randy Dorn, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

“Gregoire’s proposal would require the state superintendent to report to a new Secretary of Education. I am an elected official: my boss is the people of this state, not the governor,” Dorn said.

In her proposal, Gregoire indicated she foresaw no constitutional hurdle to making this change, which would not eliminate the elected status of the position.

“The Governor and I agree on one thing: our future depends on the education of all of our students,” Dorn said.
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