College moving to metered parking

By LUNA LOVEGOOD
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Highline is no longer requiring parking passes as the college has installed a new metered parking system in each lot.
The parking switch is one of the changes being made on campus to compensate for potential budget cuts that the college is facing due to the weak economy.

“We hope to increase revenue that will benefit the students in the long run by providing more funds for financial aid,” said Gary Yolldork, the newly named director of financial advising for facilities and administration.

To begin early this quarter, the new parking system will charge $3 for the first hour, and $1 for each additional half-hour.

Similar to those seen in Seattle, each parking space has been individually numbered and students will insert their money into designated parking deposit boxes. The forms of payment that will be accepted are cash, debit, and credit.

Students who are enrolled in more than 15 credits will receive a 5 percent reduction on their total parking fee, up to a $1 discount.

Highline has also struck a deal with a local towing company, and drivers who fail to pay the parking fees will have their vehicles impounded.

“We will be receiving 15 percent of the company’s profits from the towing and storage fees from the student vehicles,” Yolldork said.
The college anticipates that the new system will not only boost funds, but will also contribute to the green movement to protect the environment.

The change may influence students to use alternative commuting methods, including taking the bus or carpooling, said Yolldork. Switching to alternatives will reduce the college’s impact on the state’s carbon footprint by reducing the levels of greenhouse gas emissions.

Carpoolers will also be entitled to the 5 percent discount on their parking fee.

The college’s current high enrollment numbers have left students struggling to find parking spaces in the past.

The metered parking acts as a “first-come, first-served” basis, allowing drivers to get what they pay for, contrary to previously parking passes which entitled students to their allocated parking spots as if it is all theirs.

The parking lot was always full and a lot of those drivers didn’t even have a pass, so some days when I couldn’t find a spot I just skipped and went home,” said student Ronald Weasley. “This system will help save money, which helps because I already have to pay a lot to re-take those classes I failed from last semester.

Winter grades lost; some classes to be repeated

By ANGELICKA PICKLES
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Students will be required to repeat many of the classes taken Winter Quarter due to a server problem, college officials announced this week.

“We are working to resolve the issue as soon as possible,” said William Nye, the director of instructional computation.

“At this time we have enlisted the assistance of both the Microsoft and Apple companies. They have agreed the problem stems from the outage of laptops on campus,” he said.

Both companies have been working together to review the server records, Nye said.

“Server records indicate a surge occurred on Wednesday, March 16 at 11 a.m. This is the time indicated to have been accessed at the highest rate during finals week,” said Marshall Maters, supervisor of weakened server mainframe technologies.

Dr. Mackamillian Grey said the college has placed a freeze on grades until the server problem is resolved.

“All of those affected will receive notification via their e-mail, he said.

Grey recommended that all students check their e-mail regularly.

If you are one of the students receiving notification, Grey said you should be prepared to prove you passed the class or classes affected.

This can be done with copies of all your tests and any progress reports you were given.

You may return this information to the college website.

You will need to scan all your notes, tests and progress reports into a PDF file.

Then you can attach the information to the university’s records system.

Tuition to be charged based on grades

By MARCO DANZER
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Tuition will be charged on a sliding scale based on grades beginning in Fall Quarter, college officials announced this week.

Tuition rates will be altered so that students who get good grades will pay slightly less than students who didn’t, said Vack D. Grader, under assistant deputy dean for revenue.

“If you think about it, it’s a lot more work to teach bad students. We don’t have enough space as it is, and the Legislature isn’t giving us any money because it’s important that we keep taxes low for wealthy people,” Grader said.

“So, if we use the congestion pricing model, we charge less for good students and more for bad students, and we’ll have fewer bad students on campus,” he said.

Students who earn over a 3.5 GPA will be charged up to 5 percent less for tuition, Grader said. Students earning over a 3.0 will be charged regular rates, while students earning less than a 3.0 will pay a 5 percent surcharge.

As that will put pressure on students to maintain higher grades, students will be given the option to buy additional grade points to boost their GPAs.

Payments will be split between the college and professors, Grader said.

“So, the professors who attract the most business will be getting a bonus,” Grader said.

Grader acknowledged that more gifted or wealthy students will have an advantage over less gifted and poorer students.
Students wake up to new sleep center

As remodeling on Building 9 comes to a close, college officials have decided that it can now be put to better use as a nap room. Historically, Highline students have had difficulty finding places to sleep, as the student union is often too noisy, and sleeping is discouraged in the library.

Much to the dismay of Highline's teachers, this has led to repeated instances of students sleeping in their classes, often with heavy snoring. That is all about to change, as Highline officials have pointed Building 9 as the college's Sleep Deprivation Center.

Four-year majors will include majors in leadership, event planning, leadership training, discussion leadership, transfer counseling, and web design theory.

"You just won't ever want to leave Highline now," said Harley Sticker, dean of retention services.

Campus dance break planned for fitness

Four-year majors will include majors in leadership, event planning, leadership training, discussion leadership, transfer counseling, and web design theory.

"This will be simply for feedback purposes," said Daniels. "If the nap room proves to be popular among students, we may convert other buildings to create nap rooms. I was thinking maybe the gym." Building 9 is set to feature a variety of places for students to rest; one room will be devoted to heavy snorers, so as not to disturb the students in the light sleepers' room. There will also be a room with multiple electrical outlets, for the self-proclaimed "power nappers." Students will be required to sign in with their name and the number of hours rested.

"College students of today are often overworked, with many of them going to school and holding a job, sometimes two, at the same time. We just thought it would be nice if they had a place for leisure at Highline, somewhere to 'take a load off,'" said Laffer T. Daniels, the resources director manager at Highline.

In order to maintain silence in the nap room, cell phones and mp3 players will not be allowed. In the wake of Highline's recent budget problems, students will be expected to bring their own pillows to minimize costs. Students will be required to sign in with their name and the number of hours rested.

"This may look like a graphing calculator," said officer Al Gebra. "But this is a weapon of the 'professors' started saying something about logger rhythms, but we didn't find any loggers anywhere," Pincher said.

"They had a lot of equations on the board," Pincher said. "We think it was either some loggers or computer science. They had some kind of code, or formulas for making math." Professors and students rejected absolutely to the raid. "This is just more evidence of the overarching power of the federal government," said math professor Jeffrey Conser-

ate. "Government is just bad. I blame Obama." When another professor pointed out that police are part of local government, and that Conservatore himself works for the government, he said, "It doesn't matter. I know what I know. Government is the root of all evil."

Students said the police raid did give a real-world feel to their classes, and that the noise and confusion didn't hurt their studying. "I always have the TV and the radio on when I study at home, and I'm usually texting and playing a video game," said student Tansy Ragwort. "So it wasn't much different than studying at home. Except I don't study at home."

Police said that any meth found would be redistributed through the new DARE (Drugs Are Really Excellent) program recently adopted by the Legislature as a way of raising state revenue. Inside the lab, police said they found lots of evidence of criminal activity. "This may look like a graphing calculator," said officer Al Gebra. "But this is a weapon of instruction." "Oh, MATH lab!" Det. Pincher said. "Still, if you saw the calculating looks in the eyes of the students, you wouldn't blame us for what we did."
Bieber’s tour debuts at Highline

By KATHY SLEEPWICH
Staff Reporter

Justin Bieber will be embarking upon a nationwide college tour this spring and Highline is slated to be one of his stops.

The immense diversity in the college student body and its urban setting made Highline a first choice for Bieber and his management so he can widen his fan base.

Bieber, everyone’s favorite 17-year-old Canadian pop/R&B singer, is nearing his high school graduation and the college tour will give him the opportunity to visit colleges from coast to coast so he can make a decision on where he will apply. Bieber said, “I tour all over the country,” he said. “So often I’m performing in sold out arenas in the world’s biggest cities, but I wanted this tour to be personal because the process of picking which college I will go to will be personal for me. I’m a very sensitive person, you know?”

All of the dates for his tour are community colleges, which Bieber says is due to the easy classes. “It’s a proven fact that the popularity of pop singers has a lifespan of only a couple years, so I need to prepare for a real future,” he said.

Bieber, who was first discovered in 2008 after a talent scout came across one of his videos on YouTube, has been the brunt of jokes since the beginning of his career.

The jokes range from him sounding younger than his age, his frequent media coverage, his image, and teen-pop music. “The jokes are cruel, but behind every joke is some truth,” Bieber said. “Heck, I may be a girl. I haven’t quite figured that out yet.”

He is familiar with performing for younger audiences, but doesn’t think being in front of audiences of his peers will be intimidating.

“I have experienced hostility from my peers for reasons that I don’t understand. I’m just like them, except really rich,” he said. “I’m not intimidated by them, though. They don’t scare me.”

“Should be scared,” Andrew Dunkin, a Highline student, said upon learning the news of Bieber’s concert. “We are a rough crowd and we will take him down.”

The details of Bieber’s upcoming concert at Highline were not available at press time.

Check out Bieber’s official website for the most up-to-date information, www.justinbiebermusic.com.

Spring production sets sail to sink

By PASTY MCFARLE
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The Drama Department splashes into Spring Quarter with Titanic as its upcoming production.

Highline’s newest director, Jack Whistle, who just retired from being the captain of the Waking Beauty, has chosen to follow his passion for theater will be the head director of this production.

“With my expertise as a previous captain, I feel I can bring this production to life and make those attending feel like they are in the middle of the ocean with Jack and Rose,” said Capt. Whistle.

The Drama Department has already shared information on one of the biggest scenes they are planning.

“For one scene we will have the actors perform under water,” Whistle said.

It’s going to take a lot of time and money to accomplish this ambitious endeavor.

“I really wanted to use the real remnants of the Titanic, but that didn’t work out,” he said.

“A number of students are planning to audition for this upcoming play.”

“We [the Drama Department] are planning to have a giant tank installed on stage. For one scene the actors will perform in the tank, under the water,” said the director.

Because of this scene, all students auditioning for this play must first pass a swim test.

“We’re really hoping for some amphibians,” he said.

Auditions begin April 2.

The swim test will be held at Mt. Rainier Pool in Des Moines on 22722 19th Ave. S.

Mural class creates conflict

By KENT CLARK
Staff Reporter

Students in a new class on campus, Mural Painting 101, have gotten out of control and started painting public property.

“This all began when we caught a student trying to recreate the Sistine Chapel in the school library,” said Highline security officer Matthew Mc-Gruff.

One of the students said they aren’t breaking the law but simply making a statement.

“It’s all about reclaiming public property,” said Tom Adams, a student in the mural class. “Is it really ours if we can’t write on it?”

Murals have been popping up all over campus, especially in what the painters call “heaven spots,” or walls at high altitudes.

One of the most popular murals to date is one proclaiming “Mickey Mouse has a posse.” Highline’s most brilliant minds are currently at work trying to figure out the meaning.

The class, taught by professor MC Destornillador, deals with several different art forms, such as “wild style,” cartoon, stencil, and wheat pasting.

“I’m so proud of all my students; they’ve really taken the lessons to heart, although they could use some work on their spelling,” said Destornillador.

The class is currently planning a field trip to downtown Seattle, where they plan to “take it to the next level.”

“My students are doing well but I feel they are somewhat limited by Highline’s campus, as there are only so many walls to paint on.”

“I feel that all the skyscrapers and buildings will really allow my students to spread their little wings and fly,” said Destornillador.
Points will be sharpened as Highline gets ready to defend its national title.

The Thunderbirds boast two returning All-Americans, Cam Sticker and Red Green, who will be expected to set an example for this year's squad.

“We definitely have our work cut out for us. There is definitely a target on our backs,” Sticker said. “Anytime you go out there and dominate the playing field in such a way that we have, it makes people jealous and it gets people aiming at you, if you know what I mean.”

In addition to the two returning All-Americans and the signing of three high school All-Americans, coach Klimon also returns two key members of last year’s squad with Jean-Louis-Hervé Lachelan and Louis-Fortuné Lacroix.

“Those two are very good throwers of the dart,” coach Pointer said. “They don’t let the pressure get to them, they are very precise with the throws they make, and they understand that there is no room for error. They will win many matches for us.”

Highline opens the season ranked No. 1 for the fourth consecutive season and is riding a 67-match winning streak coming into the season.

In addition to winning its third straight national title last year, the Thunderbirds also boated the highest accumulated GPA for any sports team in NJCAA history with a 4.0 cumulative GPA overall.

Coach Pointer said he attributes the team’s success to countless hours spent both on and off the field practicing their geometry and the sciences involved with the game.

“People are still accepting it, but the pressure has to be to knock down the dart. He just needs to develop his game after coming from a water baseball,” Rodriguez said.