

# College tuition expected to soar once more

By RASCHELLE CASEBIER  
Staff Reporter

Highline students could be facing a tuition increase of up to 13 percent in a budget released this week by the State House of Representatives.

The state is struggling with a \$5.2 billion revenue shortfall that the budget must account for. Washington's 34 community and technical colleges will be forced to raise tuition and cut programs and possibly employ-

ment to make up for the loss in funding with a proposed all-cuts budget.

The House budget and the Governor's budget, which was unveiled in December 2010, will make cuts to higher education.

"The House budget proposal cuts higher education more significantly than the Governor's budget. Both rely on tuition increases to offset part of the reduction. We anticipate that the Senate's version will emerge

next week and will also include tuition increases," said Highline President Jack Bermingham.

The Senate is also expected to call for tuition hikes.

"The tuition increases discussed so far have been between 10 and 13 percent," said Janelle Runyon, communication director for the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

Colleges and students will feel the heat as the final budgets are hammered out in the next

few weeks. The Legislature is scheduled to adjourn April 24.

"We have a responsibility to govern and make difficult decisions in order to close a \$5 billion budget hole. Higher education will suffer and students will be adversely impacted," said State Rep. Dave Upthegrove, D-Des Moines.

"These cuts are on top of deep cuts made over the last two years. We are long past cutting waste, and instead are being forced to harm the public ser-

vices that our community depends upon," Rep. Upthegrove said.

Tuition isn't the only thing that will suffer; colleges may be forced to cut classes and programs.

"Highline is analyzing the impact and expects to make some decisions about next year's budget during the next two weeks. It is likely that lower state funding will mean that

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## A wall of help and hope



Corey Sun/THUNDERWORD  
Students Jamie Sun and Rebecca Li attach their prayers for Japan on the wall in the Student Union.

## Students raise funds, prayers for Japan

By YURI NISHIZAKI  
Staff Reporter

A group of Highline students are trying to raise funds for relieving victims in Japan after the earthquake and tsunami last month.

A 9.0-magnitude earthquake hit Japan on March 10, followed by powerful tsunamis, leading to a damaged nuclear

power plant.

Tens of thousands of people were found dead and more than 15,000 people are still missing.

"People had same feeling when they saw the moment that tsunami destroyed everything. I wanted to do something for it... but I didn't know what I could do," said Koichi Suehiro, "and I decided to be the leader."

Suehiro formed Highline

Supports Japan with another student, Maiko Murakami, soon after the earthquake hit "to relieve people who are affected by the earthquake," Suehiro said.

Suehiro is from Miyazaki in Kyushu, the western island of Japan. The area was not affected by the earthquake and tsunami, and his family was safe, but

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## Popular professor loses battle to cancer

By CODY WARF  
and CHRISTINA GRAMLING  
Staff Reporters

Longtime Highline professor Eena Hibbs died of liposarcoma cancer on Wednesday, March 30. She was 52.

Services for Professor Hibbs will be Saturday, April 16 at Emanuel Baptist Church, 22316 106th Ave. E., in Graham at 3 p.m.

She had been working at Highline since 1988 and was liked by many, co-workers say.

Hibbs had many jobs over her 23-year career at Highline.

Hibbs was the writing center aide, reading lab aide, part-time reading instructor, ABE instructor, ESL instructor, college-level reading instructor, assistant director of pre-college studies, director of the Tutoring Center, reading instructor and Reading Department coordinator.

She earned a bachelor of arts in English education and a master of arts in reading specialist from Central Washington University.

Hibbs had a huge impact on Highline and played an integral role in the development of the Tutoring Center.

"We're still stunned. She kept fighting back," said Marsa



Eena Hibbs  
Mair, senior secretary of the Social Sciences Division.

She was first diagnosed with cancer in July of 2000 and was treated with eight sessions of chemotherapy and eight weeks of radiation.

"Eena fought four different cancers over the last 10 years and was hoping to see Alina's graduation," said Mair. Hibb's daughter Alina will be graduating from high school this June.

"She spent 10 years of dealing with things I couldn't even imagine," said Michele Manber of Highline's Psychology Department.

Manber had the opportunity

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## Crime and Punishment

### Tags discovered and cleaned up on campus

In the past two weeks, multiple incidents of vandalism have been reported on campus.

A name was discovered written in the library floor 4 stairwell at 3:44 p.m. on March 14.

Another tag on a mirror was discovered in the men's restroom on the second floor of building 6 at 11:01 a.m. on March 15.

On March 29 a tag saying, "I am not your daddy, I am your grandpa," was discovered in Building 29 on the second floor at 5:01 p.m.

The most recent case of vandalism was on March 30 in Building 23 in the first floor men's restroom. Tags were located on the baby changer, soap dispensers and paper towel dispensers at 5:05 p.m.

In all these cases, it was immediately reported and taken care of.

### Car break-ins cost students big bucks

An iPod Nano was stolen from the car of a female Highline student in the south lot on March 18. The theft was said to have taken place sometime in the morning.

A GPS system was stolen from a car parked in the north lot on March 23 at 12:25 p.m. The suspect gained entry by smashing the driver side window. The estimated loss was \$450.

The passenger side of another student's parked car window was smashed on March 22 at 12:35 p.m.

The car was located west of Building 26. The estimated damage was \$200. No items were taken.

### Theft continues in Highline's parking lots

Another Highline student reported that his vehicle had been broken into on March 18 at 2:30 p.m. The only item stolen was a lunch box.

A Highline student reported that her car was broken into on March 15 at 8:55 p.m. The only item stolen was a clothes bag.

-Compiled by Elzie Dickens III



Christina Gramling/THUNDERWORD

*The lobby in Building 9 after the construction has been completed. The building will be reoccupied on April 18.*

## Building 9 ready for business

By BRIAN GRANTHAM  
Staff Reporter

Building 9 is back in business 92 days after its scheduled date for reopening.

Construction on Building 9 was scheduled to be complete on Dec. 28, 2010 but was reopened March 2.

"There is still final punch listing to be done in the building," said Barry Holldorf, the director of facilities.

Building 9 will be an instructional/administration building with offices for administrators from multiple departments including International programs, gateway to college group, and workforce education, among others.

The building was remod-

eled with a sound package and is the first building on campus to have an American Disability Act lift for the handicapped.

Total cost for the project was \$2.5 million. The project went slightly over budget due to unknown pipes in the ground.

"We wouldn't even have done this project if it weren't for the state's contribution," Holldorf said.

Capital funding came mostly from the state, which contributed \$1.7 million.

"The building will be completely reoccupied on April 18," Holldorf said.

"The facilities department, having new people, learned quite a bit having gone through this sound abatement project," Holldorf said.



### Building 99 repaired

Building 99 has been banded after being burnt a little over a month ago.

The building caught fire in February from a computer that had a bad power supply. That computer set two other computers on fire.

Total damage to the building was around \$8,800. A company named Foushee installed new carpet, paint, drywall, and finished the installation of ceiling tiles.

Director of Facilities Barry Holldorf said he appreciated help from the landlord of the building. "[We were] very, very pleased with cooperation that the landlord provided and accommodated us with," Holldorf said.

The building was restored to its original setting and was reoccupied March 22.

"No one was hurt and everyone is happy to be back in," Holldorf said.

### Learn techniques to get an A without trying

Memory expert and author, Dr. Kurt Eby will present "An Event to Remember" on Tuesday, April 12 at 12:15 p.m in Building 7.

Eby's presentation will offer a memory technique that promises to "easily cut your study time in half."

Seminar organizers say the techniques will be useful for all differing kinds of course.

### Discuss contemporary issues in Nicaragua

Noelia Corrales, an activist and social entrepreneur, will discuss issues in Nicaragua on Monday, April 11 at 1:20 p.m. in Building 17, room 204.

She is the co-founder of Matagalpa Tours, an organization that promotes socio-

# Hit and run: Student gets it twice

By YURI NISHIZAKI  
Staff Reporter

Highline Security Chief Richard Noyer said.

"We have 5,000 students trying to park. ... We can't be up there all the time," Noyer said.

Thompson suggested installing security cameras in parking lots on campus.

"I realize the security officers can't be everywhere all the time... it seems a surveillance system might be worth the investment," she said.

"I think [security cameras] would help. It is another tool to make it better, safer place here," Noyer said.

He said that it is in the works and the Security Office is currently looking at the possibilities of cameras, but it has not yet put in practice "because of the school budget."

Thompson wants hit-and-run drivers to "take responsibilities," not just leaving the scene but leaving their contact information and insurance numbers on a sheet of paper. And she also wants students to raise awareness of hit-and-run incidents.

"When walking through the lot, be aware what's going on there... And if [you] happen to see a car hit another car and drive off, [you] can get the license number and report them to security," she said.

A total of 20 hit-and-run cases on campus were reported to the Highline Security Office in the last 15 months, and Highline student Valarie Thompson is two of these cases' victim.

After having experienced two hit and runs and having talked with many people who were using the lot, she realized that "it was a pervasive problem," she said. "There are crimes going on out there."

The first hit-and-run she had was in 2010. The damage was minor; the back corner of her car got grazed a little in the East Parking Lot. She reported that incident to the Highline Security Office and an officer advised her to "park in the back row" in the lot because it had lighter traffic flow.

After parking in the back row for several months, one day Thompson decided to return to the front row. Then she suffered the second hit-and-run on March 10. She returned to her car in the afternoon and found one of her car's rear corners was crushed, costing her \$676.

Hit and runs are "caused by carelessness of drivers, and as they [drivers] see us [security officers], they drive slowly,"

cultural tourism, environmental sustainability and women's empowerment in the rural mountains of northern Nicaragua.

She "seeks to combat pressures to emigrate by providing work and leadership opportunities," said Arline Garcia, High-

line Spanish professor.

### Corrections

In the March 10 Thunderword, a photo was incorrectly identified as Robin Bilz.

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## Spring brings long lines, little parking

By TJ SQUIRES  
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Staff Reporters

Spring enrollment at Highline is down from last year.

Total enrollment for Spring Quarter is around 10,000 students, down from 10,910 this time last year, and down from 10,543 enrolled just last quarter, said Tanya Benton, Highline's director of Instructional Research.

Enrollment numbers rise throughout the quarter, as students in programs such as Basic Skills are added. So while current enrollment officially is 8,034, Benton said the final spring number will be closer to 10,000 as students in Adult Basic Education and English as a Second Language programs are added.

Despite the lower enrollment, lines for the bookstore and the registration office look similar to the first week of previous quarters.

"It's the second day of the quarter, the lines are going to be long," student Daniel Alvarres said last week.

Depending on when you sign up, and what courses you are enrolled in, classes can be either empty or completely full within



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*The line for parking permits remains extremely long, despite the lower enrollment rates.*

the first few weeks of registration.

"Timing is key," said RJ Aglugub, "anytime around noon or later there aren't any lines to wait in, anywhere."

"I signed up for three classes,

and got into all of them fine," said student Duong Ly, as he was searching through textbooks at the Highline bookstore.

Other students were not so lucky. "Most of the classes I tried to get into were full, but I also waited until the last day to sign up," said student Evan Black.

"Near the beginning of March is when I registered for classes and my choices weren't very good. I got into some classes I needed, but they definitely weren't my first choice," said Dustin Curtis.

Some students even take the risk of staying on a waiting list. Natashija Ashton Allen explained how she was on the waiting list for two classes, but eventually got in with no problems.

While registration can be done online, the lines leading to receive books and parking passes can seem never-ending at times.

"The first week is always bad, I've waited up to 40 minutes at times," said second-year student Huzail Semakula.

Other students seem to be getting somewhat used to these lines. Natashija Ashton Allen said "The lines are about the same as last quarter; the most I've waited is probably around 10 minutes."

The parking on campus is either hit or miss, depending on what time you arrive to school you could be stuck fighting for space on the side streets.

"Parking is horrible," said student Huzail Semakula. "You get to school at 9 a.m. and it's fine, but any time after that it's bad."

Allen said the school should build a multiple story parking garage, similar to the ones they have at malls and other various venues.

Student Samantha Thompson said she has no trouble finding a spot every day. "I carpool to school," she said.



Jarel Baz/THUNDERWORD

*Although enrollment is down from previous quarters, students still face off in the parking lots.*

## Popular Global Fest sells out fast

By HOI DUONG  
Staff Reporter

Tickets for this year's Global Fest sold out in only a few hours on Monday.

Some 250 tickets were offered to the public through different groups on campus. They went fast. Student Programs sold its share within 12 minutes.

"It's a really popular event," said International Student Programs Associate Director Amee Moon.

"And it's like you're being transported somewhere," she said. "Everyone is dressed in their cultural outfits, the colors and decorations are eye-catching. It's different, fun and interesting."

Another 240 tickets were reserved for volunteers and participants.

Global Fest is scheduled for May 7 and takes place in Building 8, the Student Union. Children under 12 years old pay \$5 and adults are \$10.

This annual festival gives students an opportunity to have fun as the school year comes to an end. It will have food, culture booths and performances by people from places all around the world.

Every year there is a different theme and this year's theme is "International Block Party" with a "city-like concept," Moon said.

"It's a celebration of the cultural diversity at Highline," said Moon. "When international students leave, Global Fest is one of those memories they mention liking the most."

Moon said the program schedule starts at 4 p.m. with culture booths and food open to everyone.

Global Fest will not have the same buffet-style as they did in previous years. This year it will just be finger foods.

From 7 to 9 p.m. will be 10 performances featuring students from Korea, China, Indonesia, Africa, and the Cultural Exchange Club.

Performances will include the ever-popular Highline Yamato Taiko club.

Volunteer opportunities for culture booths and performances are still available. For more information, contact the International Leadership Student Council through e-mail at [ilsc@highline.edu](mailto:ilsc@highline.edu).

## Campus car thefts on the rise, officials say

By ELZIE DICKENS III  
Staff Reporter

Seven vehicles were reported stolen on campus during Winter Quarter.

Three were Honda CRVs, Campus Security officials say.

Also, 22 incidents of vehicle prowls were reported. The prowlers mainly did smash and grabs, officials say.

Nonetheless, Security Chief Richard Noyer looks on the

positive side of things.

"Seven vehicles stolen and 22 break-ins isn't as high, considering the fact that reports are much higher in other areas in Des Moines," Noyer said.

The Des Moines Police Department website lists 100 vehicle thefts and 64 reports of vehicle prowls in other areas of Des Moines during the same time as Winter Quarter.

Either way, car thefts are up on campus. In 2009, the total

number of vehicles stolen was eight. For 2010, the total was 20.

At the rate the thefts are going, Highline could surpass 2010 for vehicle thefts.

The security staff is working vigorously to avert future break-ins from happening, Noyer said.

"Besides officers patrolling the lots, we send out reports to the T-Word to keep people aware of what's going on," said Noyer.

Students were also sent an

informative email.

Chief Noyer had some words of advice for the students.

"People, start using a club, secure your valuable belongings out of sight and, as a community, contact us if they see any mysterious behavior," he said.

The security officers are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They're located in Building 6, room 105, or if you want to call the number is 206-878-3710, ext. 3218.



**Editorial comment****State should protect higher education from budget cuts**

The coming budget cuts for the 2011-2013 biennium are a source of concern for the welfare of the state.

Higher education often gets offered up on the chopping block because higher education is often considered to be a luxury instead of a necessity.

On July 1 of every odd-numbered year, a new budget plan is introduced in Washington state. Budget cuts that come with the new budget can be a source of concern for Washington citizens.

Areas that the budget funds can be grouped into seven broad categories — human services, such as health care, public assistance, and correctional facilities; K-12 schools; higher education; natural resources, such as environmental protection and recreation; transportation; general government, such as administrative, judicial, and legislative agencies; and other miscellaneous needs, such as pension contributions for local law enforcement, firefighters, and judges.

Choosing where to cut the budget is a tricky job and it must be approached with caution and much thought. The aftermath of budget cuts can show up long after the cuts themselves are made.

For the 2011-2013 budget, many disconcerting cuts are being discussed.

Elimination of the Basic Health Plan and the Disability Lifeline are two troubling aspects of the new budget. The Basic Health Plan provides eligible low-income individuals and families with the opportunity to obtain health care. The Disability Lifeline provides temporarily disabled citizens who are unable to work with cash and medical benefits for up to 90 days.

The loss of these programs makes it hard for some citizens to make ends meet.

Some budget cuts aren't all bad. For example, budget support for state parks is expected to be completely withdrawn, causing visitors to pay admission instead. Visitors who want to enjoy the parks should not be opposed to contributing something to the maintenance of the parks.

Higher education needs to be protected from budget cuts. The Office of Financial Management maintains that higher education has a positive effect on the economy. They also maintain that higher education will play a role in the economy's recovery. This makes higher education crucial to an improved economy.

Higher education equips students with the skills they need to be successful in the workplace. If employers can't find employees with the necessary skills, they are forced to lower their standards.

The State Need Grant — a grant designed to help low-income undergraduate students access higher education in the form of degrees, retraining for a new career, or building skill sets — is expected to escape the budget axe.

However, with budget cuts looming, no colleges expect to come out unscathed. The governor's suggested 2011-2013 budget calls for a \$630.7 million cut to higher education alone. Entire programs and departments could potentially be cut.

Higher tuition lurks in the future, posing potential problems for students.

Higher tuition makes it harder for students to make ends meet. This will cause more students to apply for financial aid, and with more students applying, the competition for the necessary financial aid will increase. This has potential to force students to give up higher education altogether.

The solution to the budget problem, then, is to find the balance between categories, and be sure not to make decisions that will rebound negatively in years to come. While this is easier said than done, our officials are fully capable of making good decisions that will be to everyone's benefit.



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**Unions are important for retaining justice**

Unions are imperative to the workers of America. Unions keep children from working in factories. Unions are the reason we work forty hour work weeks. Unions are not the problem that Republican leaders say they are. The deficit is due to Wall Street. Teacher and firemen pensions did not create the deficit. Tax breaks for the wealthy, deregulation, and out of control spending on defense is what is fueling our financial woes.

The direct assault on unions is to quell the massive amount of organization and political voice that union members have. Police, teachers, firefighters, public servants, healthcare workers, government workers, and the trade workers are members of the unions that keep wages strong and our workplaces safe. The following case, Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission (2010), is changing everything.

Citizens United is a front group for corporations that was recently used to fund the tea party and right wing conservative republicans into office. Allegedly, they have funded Supreme Court Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas. After funding Governor Scott Walker's campaign to get him into the Wisconsin's governor's office, they set up an office of seven lobbyists in Madison, Wisconsin. They are seeking to remove union bargaining rights, end environmental regulations,



Commentary  
Angie Houck

and privatize Wisconsin's natural resources.

Citizens United is really "Corporations United." It is funded by the billionaire Koch (pronounced coke) brothers who own the second largest private industry in the United States. The Koch brothers believe that corporations should be able to fund political elections, anonymously, with as much money as they want. However, there have been rules in place for decades to keep corporations from overriding the voice of the average person. This case, originally about political advertising, reached the Supreme Court. There, Justice Scalia and Justice Thomas, alleged attendees of secret Koch brother election strategizing meetings, gave corporations first amendment rights, as if they were, "We the people..." The newly owned traitor judges found for the corporations and ruled against the FEC.

If corporations (American or foreign) are people, then what are people? Who will judge these corrupt judges? We must overturn Citizens United vs. FEC. I challenge us all to take a look at takeovers happening in Wisconsin, Idaho, Ohio, Il-

linois, and the newly formed emergency powers that the governor of Michigan is giving himself. These leaders are obliterating unions so that they can stifle our voice and shift the money from working people to corporations under the guise of fiscal responsibility.

Angie is a paralegal student at Highline who challenges students to be aware.

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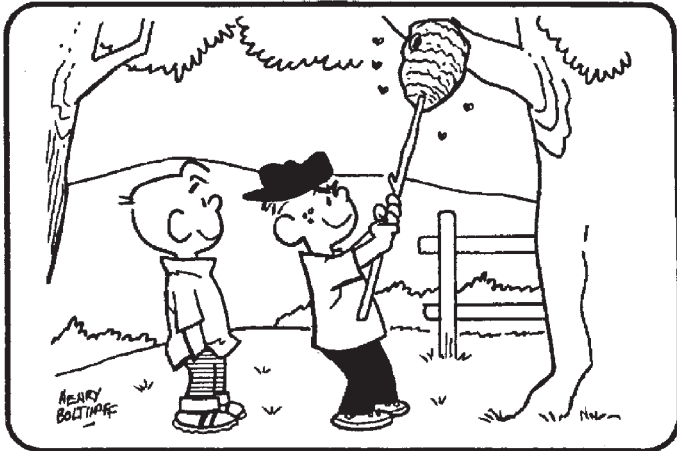
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bees are gone. 2. Slacks have no stripes. 3. Boy has a hat. 4. There's a snake in the grass. 5. Fence extends farther. 6. Boy's shoes are black.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

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Saintly Beginnings

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1. Author Silverstein
5. Grocery express line limitations?
10. Spheres
14. "I, Claudius" role
15. Reid and Lipinski
16. Collins or Knox
17. Sandwich cookie
18. Germany invades Poland, e.g.?
20. BBQ orders
22. Pet problem?
23. Cockney greeting
24. Depp's Captain role
26. Everyone gets their own quarry?
30. Private pupil
31. Angers
32. Omlette requirement
35. Like the Gobi
36. Irrate
38. List ender, abbr.
39. OR VIP's
40. Glow
41. Irish writer J.M. \_\_\_\_\_
42. Not finished relaxing?
45. Shoots again, as a scene
49. Asian border river
50. Radiate
51. Fit to be chosen
55. Scarecrow's transactions?
58. Finger-tip topper
59. Geom. relative
60. Concur
61. Shade trees
62. Rational
63. Slugger Bobby or Barry
64. Ready for reaping

Down

1. Name-dropper, perhaps
2. Frau's mate
3. "... \_\_\_\_\_ saw Elba"
4. Untied
5. "... is fear \_\_\_\_\_": F.D.R.
6. Type of artist

Crossword 101

By Pete Canty (Pete@gfrpuzzles.com)

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7. Historic periods
8. Render less perfect
9. Old J.F.K. arrival
10. Contract beginning
11. Crew member
12. "Good job!"
13. Disperse
19. October birthstones
21. Swiss artist Paul
24. Delhi wrap
25. Answered a charge
26. Headliner
27. U follower, perhaps
28. Singer Redding
29. USC to UCLA, e.g.
32. European erupter
33. Practical jokes
34. Popular FOX series
36. Mandolin cousin
37. Pupil's locale
38. Make-up bag staple
40. Crooked
41. Without a date
43. Soothed
44. Gets up
45. Takes five
46. Newsboy's repeated shout
47. Shroud of \_\_\_\_\_
48. Saying
51. Bring home
52. Indonesian island
53. Demonstrate leg pain
54. Ultimatum ending
56. Smidgen
57. Sense of self

Quotable Quote

I am not a saint, unless you think of a saint as a sinner who keeps on trying.

... Nelson Mandela

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8. RELIGION: Who were the French Huguenots and why were they persecuted?

9. MUSIC: What is the minimum number of musicians needed to make up a "big band"?

10. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin term "soma" refer to?

- Answers
1. Joseph Heller
  2. Attempted robbery
  3. Blip
  4. Ethiopia
  5. Edward Jenner
  6. Her brother

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7. Speed
8. Protestants persecuted in Catholic-dominated France because of their beliefs.
9. Ten.
10. The body of an organism.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel *Catch-22*?
2. MUSIC: For what crime did country singer Merle Haggard spend time in prison?
3. CARTOONS: What was the name of Space Ghost's chimp in television cartoons?

4. GOVERNMENT: What country did Haile Selassie rule for more than 30 years?

5. MEDICINE: Who is credited with discovering a vaccination against smallpox?

6. MOVIES: What is Luke Skywalker's relation to Princess Leia in the *Star Wars* movies?

7. ANIMALS: What characteristic is the whippet breed of dog known for?



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1. Achilles tendinitis
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3. Bunions
4. Corns, calluses
5. Hammertoe
6. Heel pain (plantar fasciitis)
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8. Morton's neuroma
9. Sesamoiditis
10. Warts

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# Trio of plays to highlight students' Spring One-Acts

By HOI DUONG  
Staff Reporter

A playwright and talent agent are discussing what relationship a priest and rabbi will have in a play.

The priest and rabbi hold hands and gaze at the trees, then turn and look each other in the eyes.

"You make me feel hot," said the priest, with an accent that made the room erupt in laughter.

"Yes! They're gay then they're not gay. That makes for good tension," said the talent agent.

The person playing the priest in the play, *The Business Lunch in the Russian Tea Room*, was actually drama student Zach Ginter-Hutt, auditioning for the Spring One Acts.

Highline's Drama Department annually presents a collection of student-directed one-act plays every spring.

This quarter will have only three plays compared to the usual four or five, each led by a separate director.

Anthony Keene, one of the two student directors, will be leading *The Wasp* which was written by Steve Martin.

The second student director, Tyler Arns, will be leading the play *The Business Lunch at the Russian Tea Room* by Christopher Durang.

Highline drama professor Rick Lorig will be directing *The Great Gromboolian Plains*,



Victoria Dom/THUNDERWORD

Highline student Lauren Scoville auditions for a part in the Spring One-Acts.

by Don Nigro.

Keene and Arns were given a chance to experience a different perspective in the theater scene, switching from performing in a play to directing one.

"The opportunity to direct plays is, in hope, to make them better actors too," said Lorig.

While the directors observed the actors/actresses in their auditions, every so often they changed around what the students presented then asked them to re-enact it.

"I'm looking for ones [actors]

with confidence, a solid idea on characterization and who are hard-working," said Lorig.

Auditions were held from March 30 to April 1. All students were welcomed to participate. Those who auditioned brought a monologue, or were given a short scene to perform.

Ginter-Hutt described the upcoming plays as light, quick and fun.

"It will be an awesome night of entertainment right in your own backyard," said Ginter-Hutt. "And it's cheap."

## Chorale seeks more singers for spring

By KELLY CASSINERIO  
Staff Reporter

The time to try out for a spot in the Highline Chorale is now.

Dr. Sandra Glover, who is both the director of the Chorale and a Highline music professor, is once again holding auditions for any and all students looking to improve their vocal talents.

These low-pressure auditions are open to any student who is able to read basic notation.

"Students have the opportunity to find out exactly what they can do as potential musicians," Dr. Glover said.



Jarek Baz/THUNDERWORD

Dr. Glover leads the Chorale in a recent rehearsal.

The Chorale's work this quarter will focus on the theme of Contemporary American Composers, which includes many noteworthy materials and artists, Dr. Glover said.

The artists the Chorale will be covering are Ron Nelson, Stephen Foster, Marc Hafso and David Brunner.

The theme will highlight the similarities between the pop music students listen to and the more classical outlook of music, she said.

"It is important for students to realize the music they listen to is connected to classical music in some way," Dr. Glover said.

Auditions end on April 8, but Dr. Glover is willing to accept latecomers, "provided they can pay tuition quickly and understand music well enough to catch up."

Students interested in the Chorale can contact Dr. Glover through her email: sglover@highline.edu.



August Burns Red will perform at El Corazon on April 11.

## All Time Low, Yellowcard highlight spring concerts

By MELINA BROWN  
Staff Reporter

Spring concert series kicks off with April tour dates for All Time Low, August Burns Red, Awolnation and much more.

•You'll feel like a king, or queen, on April 9 at the El Corazon.

Kiss 106.1 presents headliners A Rocket To The Moon with Valencia, Anarbor, and Runner Runner.

A Rocket To The Moon formed in 2006 and are well known for their hit song titled Like We Used To. The band will finish their North American Tour in May and then will start their UK tour.

A new album is to be released in late 2011.

Tickets are \$13.50 and doors open at 7 p.m.

•Also at the El Corazon on April 11 Metal Shop presents headliners August Burns Red, Set Your Goals, Texas In July and Seize The Sun.

August Burns Red recently finished up recording their fourth album and have started mixing. They announced a late June 2011 release date.

Tickets are \$15 and doors open at 6 p.m.

El Corazon is located on 109 Eastlake Ave. E. 98109

For ticketing information and for more shows and events head over to [www.elcorazonseattle.com](http://www.elcorazonseattle.com)

•At the Showbox Sodo 1077 The End and Lexus of Tacoma in Fife present Concert For A Cause on April 7.

Awolnation will be headlining this charity event with The Limousines and Kithkin. A portion of the proceeds will go to benefit YouthCare.

YouthCare was founded in

1974 and started as a three-bed shelter for youth runaways. There are six sites that serve the greater Seattle area.

For more information about YouthCare visit [www.youth-care.org](http://www.youth-care.org)

Tickets are \$10.77 and doors open at 7 p.m.

•All Time Low will be breaking little hearts as they bring the party scene to the Showbox Sodo on April 8 with The Dirty Work Tour.

All Time Low formed in 2003 and since then have toured with Plain Whit T's and the Early November.

Yellowcard, Hey Monday, and The Summer Set are also featured on this tour.

Tickets are \$22.50 advanced and \$26 at the door. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

The Showbox Sodo is at 1700 1st ave. S 98134

For ticketing information and more concerts and events visit [www.showboxonline.com/sodo](http://www.showboxonline.com/sodo)

•Get Out of the Garage Music Tour brings Two Door Cinema Club and Work Drugs to the Showbox Market on April 12.

Irish band Two Door Cinema Club have made an appearance on Late Night With Jimmy Fallon in January 2011 and since then have come a long way here in the states.

Tickets start at \$19.50. Doors open at 7 p.m.

•Rolling Stone and Journeys present Tokyo Police Club with Beast Make Bomb on April 22.

Tickets are \$16 and doors open at 7 p.m.

The Showbox Market is located at 1425 1st ave. 98101

Visit [www.showboxonline.com/market](http://www.showboxonline.com/market) for ticketing information.



The Scoreboard

Rainy weather striking out softball

By JOSHUA HART  
Staff Reporter

Women's  
SOFTBALL

	W-L	PCT	W-L
Shoreline	4-0	1.000	4-7
Bellevue	2-0	1.000	9-1
Douglas	1-1	.500	2-2
Olympic	1-3	.250	1-3
Edmonds	0-4	.000	0-8
Everett	0-0	.000	5-9
Skagit Valley	0-0	.000	0-0
Walla Walla	6-1	.857	14-4
Wenatchee Valley	6-2	.750	14-2
Columbia Basin	6-3	.667	13-8
Big Bend	4-4	.500	11-7
Treasure Valley	4-4	.500	8-9
Spokane	4-5	.444	7-11
Yakima Valley	2-5	.286	9-9
Blue Mountain	0-8	.000	2-14
Centralia	2-0	1.000	2-6
Green River	1-1	.500	1-1
Pierce	1-1	.500	4-3
Grays Harbor	0-2	.000	0-6
Highline	0-0	.000	4-0
S. Puget Sound	0-0	.000	1-4
SW Oregon	2-0	1.000	10-6
Clark	0-2	.000	8-8
Chemeketa	0-0	.000	1-8
Clackamas	0-0	.000	4-1
Lower Columbia	0-0	.000	4-2
Mt. Hood	0-0	.000	2-4

The Highline softball team hopes to make the playoffs, despite a rainy March that has cancelled much of the T-Birds preseason.

They finished with a 10-28 record last year and failed to make the playoffs, but have hope for this season with new Head Coach Scott Dillinger at the helm.

"It's definitely a goal for us," Assistant Coach Katrina Ross said of the team's playoff aspirations.

Ross added that winning a championship is why you play the game. "If you didn't want to win, why are you playing softball?"

The T-Birds got off to a rough start to the season, however, as all eight of their scheduled games were rained out.

Four games against Edmonds were rescheduled and Highline won all four games.

Highline beat Edmonds 9-0 and 9-3 on March 17 led by sophomore pitcher Faith Baldwin.

She was the recorded winning pitcher in both games and held the Tritons to only eight hits over both games.

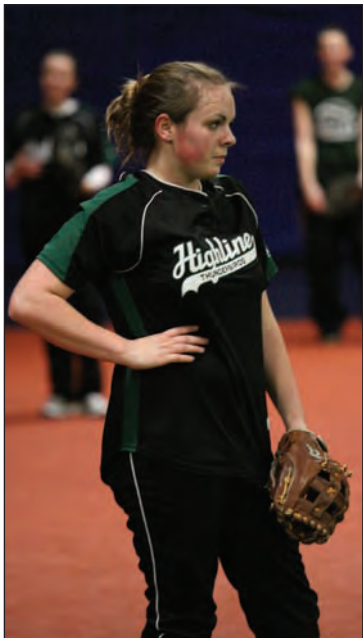
Ross said that the pitchers and catchers are going to be the key to winning games and being able to defend behind the pitcher.

Sophomore Evan Tullis led the way for Highline at the plate with a single, triple, and two home runs in the games.

Edmonds then forfeited the next two games that were scheduled for March 22.

Freshman catcher Brittney Myers said that the games against Edmonds were a good experience for the team, despite the blowouts.

"It's good to have an opponent against you. That's something you can't get in practice,"



Faith Baldwin



Corey Sun/THUNDERWORD

Coach Scott Dillinger coaching Pitcher Faith Baldwin.

Myers added.

Preseason games against Skagit Valley were cancelled on March 30, and the rain carried over into April and the start of conference play with games against West Division opponent Green River cancelled.

The T-Birds feel like they have an advantage with the majority of games around the league being rained out because of the indoor facility, Big League Edge, they practice in.

"We are blessed to have such a great indoor facility," Myers said.

Sophomore outfielder Josey Roy said that the T-Birds are well prepared for the season.

"We have a lot of intensity in practice," Roy added.

Highline was able to get prepared despite the 6.46 inches of rain in March, 2.5 inches above the average for March, which got the better of most team's preseasons.

Most coaches around the league agree that the rain has ruined their team's preparation for conference play.

"The rainouts effect the teams in a variety of ways but I think the main difficulty is for the hitters. It takes time to get your swing and your timing when you are facing live pitching and because we have not been able to play games as scheduled it has been 10-14 days between opportunities to face live game pitching," Shoreline Head Coach Lance Swehla said, whose Dolphins have had eight of their 10 games rained out.

Preseason games are very important to many coaches so they can play with lineups and find the right fit.

"Any school that gets in more games does have an advantage. Preseason games are very important. You are able to move

kids around and play with the line up to find the perfect fit," Blue Mountain Head Coach Erin Bequette said.

Some coaches think that the rain doesn't affect the season much.

"There is really no advantage. Everyone gets in just about the same number of games. One or two games make little difference," Chemeketa Head Coach Alisha Bowen said.

The East Division was least affected by the rain, with all their teams playing at least 15 games already.

Highline's division, the West, has gotten the least amount of

games in. Centralia has the most games played out of the West Division with eight.

Coach Ross said that the teams to beat are Pierce and South Puget Sound. The Clippers took second in the West last year.

Highline is scheduled to play division opponent Grays Harbor on Friday, followed by Pierce on Saturday.

They also have games against Green River and South Puget Sound next week.

"We have made some major improvements and look forward to getting on the dirt," Ross said.

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# Wedding show returns to Highline this Saturday

By KATIE ADAMS  
Staff Reporter

The soon-to-be-wed might want to hold off on making their wedding plans until you come to the South King County Wedding Show at Highline in Building 8 on April 9.

The second annual wedding show is being held this coming Saturday in the bottom floor of Building 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission and parking is free.

Highline's Hospitality Services has organized the event, bringing in 36 local vendors to help make the wedding planning process easier. Included are the Arthur Murray School of Dance, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Best Western Plaza by the Green, Brides Club, and Des Moines Florist.

Costco will also be there as one of the wedding gown retailers for the first time, along with previewing their wedding cakes.

When coming to your first wedding show, it's best to come with an open mind, said Rachel Collins, associate manager of Hospitality Services.

"Be receptive to different ideas," she said. "It's good to have a date in mind, it's good to have an idea of when you want to do it and where you want to



Courtesy of Donna Longwell

*Last year was the wedding show's first year and a success, bringing in a couple hundred people to the one day event.*

do it."

She also suggests having a budget that you will stick to, that way you know what direction you want to go in when planning your special day.

There will be vendors for all budgets present, ranging from florists to photographers, DJs to wedding gown retailers and

everything in between.

The wedding show will be more than meeting with local businesses, as seminars and a fashion show are scheduled.

Beginning at 1 p.m. is the wedding attire fashion show, in which Joey Jewell, a local Frank Sinatra cover singer, is the M.C. There will also be a semi-

nar where two wedding planners will give a presentation on where to start with your wedding and how to kick off the planning and what to do, Collins said.

Preceding that, the Arthur Murray School of Dance will do a demonstration on the ideal first dance.

"Wedding planning is a little overwhelming at first," Collins said.

"Just have fun with it and enjoy the process of planning," she said.

For more information, you can call Hospitality Services at 206-870-3777 or email Collins at [rcollins@highline.edu](mailto:rcollins@highline.edu).

## Club workshops begin today

By SETH POWELL  
Staff Reporter

The Center for Leadership and Services will be holding workshops on how to run a successful club over the next two months. These are for anybody who wants to make their club run more smoothly.

All the workshops are held in the Leadership Resource Center on the third floor of Building 8.

The two leadership advisers in charge of the workshops are Noory Kim and Doris Martinez. They have wanted to hold these workshops ever since they started in the Center for Leadership and Services.

"When we came into the office, that was our biggest project," said Kim.

Others never had the time or resources to hold the workshops in the past, said Kim.

The first workshop is on Thursday, April 7, at noon. It will help those who attend to learn effective strategies for recruiting club members and keeping them.

The workshop also includes ways to make meeting agendas, as well as promote the club's goals.

The second event is on communication and conflict resolu-

tion. It begins on Tuesday, April 12, at 2:30 p.m. This workshop includes tools for improving the communication within your club and stopping conflicts before they start.

The third workshop is all about organization. It takes place on Wednesday, May 11, at 1:30 p.m.

This workshop is for everyone who feels like they don't have enough time in the day.

If someone is struggling to balance classes, club activities, and off-campus life, they can attend to learn time management.

The final workshop happens on Thursday, May 26, at noon. It is for people in club leadership position who want the club to carry on strong.

Kim expects about 10-15 people to attend each workshop, but is hoping for 20 at the most.

"It is somewhat of an intimate workshop," she said.

Kim wants the club workshops to make club leaders feel empowered.

"We want them to take away the practical tools and skills to create a community," Kim said.

Anyone with further questions about the workshops can contact Noory Kim at [nkim@highline.edu](mailto:nkim@highline.edu).

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# Tutoring Center helps students to succeed

By AMOS NISTRAN  
Staff Reporter

Adair Carterman could slowly see her grades slipping.

The Highline student, majoring in dental hygiene, struggled with her grades in previous quarters but after spending time in the Tutoring Center, her grades have been on an upward swing.

"Well the last two quarters my grades have been slipping and then I heard about the Tutoring Center so I started coming here and my grades have been getting a lot better," she said.

The Tutoring Center reopened for Spring Quarter last week to offer free help for Highline students.

The center, located in Building 26, room 319, offers tutoring in a number of subjects including: accounting, Arabic, biology, BTECH, business, chemistry, Chinese, computer science, economics, French, Japanese, physics, psychology, Spanish, and the recently added reading/studying skills.



Victoria Dom/THUNDERWORD

*Michelle Lie explains chemistry concepts to James Kelly at the Tutoring Center. Students can go to either the Tutoring Center, the Writing Center, or the Math Resource Center for on-campus help.*

The Tutoring Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Tutoring Center, which has been open for 14 years, "is internationally recognized as an outstanding program through the college reading and learning association (CRLA)," said Dr. Lijun Shen, director of the Tutoring Center.

The Tutoring Center stimulates the growth of Highline students by providing "a community of peer support and academic growth for all students, both staff and clients," said Dr. Shen.

Aside from meeting with the tutors, the Tutoring Center also provides students with a place "to meet with your classmates," said Carterman who said she

visits the Tutoring Center frequently.

What many students aren't aware of is that the Tutoring Center does not include the Math and Writing resource centers.

Rather, the Tutoring Center "focuses on science and languages," said Justin Prentice, a tutor at the center.

While the Math and Writing resource centers are connected to the Tutoring Center, they have their own structures.

"We do have three directors; math director, writing director, and one director for the Tutoring Center," said Dr. Shen.

The Tutoring Center staff determines which subjects to tutor "based on students' needs and faculty recommendations," said Dr. Shen.

One thing that all students interested in visiting the Tutoring Center should know is that all tutors have attended a weekly tutor training class, Education 199, and that they have all excelled in their respective courses with a 3.5 GPA or higher and have received an instructor's recommendation, said Dr. Shen.

Another benefit the Tutoring Center offers is drop-in tutoring; essentially students do not need to make an appointment for one-on-one or group tutoring, unlike the Writing Center which requires scheduled appointments.

Help in the Tutoring Center is free, paid for by fees charged to all students.

For more information visit the Tutoring Center online at <http://tutoring.highline.edu/> or over the phone at 206-878-3710, ext. 3444.



Dr. Lijun Shen



Justin Prentice

## StartZone answers taxing questions

By JAMES LEE  
Staff Reporter

File your business tax returns with Highline StartZone Business Tax Center.

"We prepare tax returns free of charge," said Nigum Shah, who is StartZone Business Tax Center manager and a CPA.

StartZone assists small businesses or self-employed clients file tax returns for free, as long as your net income is \$50,000 or less.

StartZone has more than 300 members and provides a range of workshops, consulting and several other business support services.

To become a StartZone member, complete and submit an application for review.

If approved, new members must attend the intake orientation to learn more about the services offered at StartZone

and to complete member enrollment.

"If you are self-employed, you are the people who we want to help," Shah said. "It can be a little side businesses like janitorial, taxi cab, construction, lawyer, or even selling stuffs on website, like you sell little things on EBay."

It becomes stressful and bothersome, Shah said, when you have to begin many things at the same moment, especially when you start your own business. There are so many extra problems you need to face; filing taxes by the deadline can be a taxing issue.

Assistants at the StartZone Business Tax Center are ready to give guidelines and provide support for self-employed people.

"One of the StartZone Business Tax Center volunteers did a great job preparing my business

tax return a few weeks ago," said Ginny Young, the owner of Virginia E. Young, Attorney at Law.

"I can say its business tax preparation assistance would be valuable to many, many small businesses in King County, and I hope many more people will take advantage of it in the future," said Young.

StartZone will be opened for clients until April 15 and assistants prefer appointments, yet Shah said drop-ins are welcome.

In addition to the tax center, StartZone also offers services in assessments, workshops, business consulting, mentoring, and networking.

If you have additional questions or want more information about the services of StartZone or volunteering, contact at 206-878-3710, ext. 3388 or visit <https://startzone.highline.edu>.

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# MAGICIANS' SECRETS REVEALED!

## Chemistry show brings the magic of science to life

By **AMANDA SILLS**  
Staff reporter

Bursts of fire, exploding balloons and awesome experiments were incorporated in Science Seminar's seventh annual chemistry show.

Perhaps Science Seminar's most popular production, this year's show had a full crowd. The show last Friday, April 1, was led by Highline chemistry professors Marie Nguyen, Dr. Heather Price, Shelley Kunasek and Shraddha Deodhar.

Science Seminar takes place every Friday at Highline in Building 3 and features faculty who present topics related to their field.

The series of lectures are held to explain scientific discoveries, studies and worldwide

interests. Presentations are open to the public and can also be taken by students for college credit.

This year's chemistry show displayed an assortment of unusual chemistry demonstrations.

"Chemistry is magic," said Kunasek as she greeted the audience. The first experiment drew many surprised gasps as self-inflating balloons filled with dry ice were passed by people in the audience and randomly popped in their hands.



Victoria Dom/THUNDERWORD  
*Shraddha Deodhar pours a question marked liquid into a beaker.*



Victoria Dom/THUNDERWORD  
*Shraddha Deodhar (left) and Heather Price hold a beaker of water upside down over John Pfeffer at the annual Science Seminar chemistry show last Friday.*

Numerous tricks were shown; including an upside down jar of water that did not leak followed by a Styrofoam cup which disappeared into acid.

Soon after, the chemists lit a flammable concoction which produced a giant burst of flames, drawing applause from the audience.

During the show, Nguyen, Price, Kunasek and Deodhar incorporated some well-loved tricks such as "elephant toothpaste" and the "flaming gummy bear," which brought smiles and laughs from many in the audience.

In addition to traditional favorites, the chemists incorporated some new demonstrations.

One experiment involved a hardboiled egg magically squeezing through a skinny glass bottle. Liquid colors vibrantly changed spontaneously in an experiment known as the "colored clock."

Dr. Eric Baer, director of the Science Seminar program as well as head of the Geology and

Physical Sciences Department, explained that there are many benefits to having the chemistry show.

"A No. 1 reason for the show is to have fun," Baer said. Furthermore, he believes the chemistry show has immense educational value by displaying fascinating chemistry, "I think it's a great idea to show off chemical reactions," Baer said.

"You might want to cover your ears," Deodhar said, as she held up a hydrogen filled balloon.

Crowd cringing, the hydrogen balloon exploded with a giant boom, ending the show in a memorable bang.

This week's Science Seminar will be Teaching Sustainability at Highline presented by Woody Moses professor of Biology and Environmental Science.

During Friday's lecture, Moses will be speaking on how Highline faculty are developing curriculum to meet the most important challenge of the 21st century.

## Science explained in spring seminars

By **AMANDA SILLS**  
Staff Reporter

From learning to create phone applications to hearing about the Sendai earthquake, Science Seminar has a diverse variety of topics for this spring.

Science Seminar takes place every Friday at Highline in Building 3 and feature faculty who present topics related to their field.

The series of lectures are held to explain scientific discoveries, studies and worldwide interests. Presentations are open to the public and can also be taken for college credit.

Throughout this quarter there will be informative lectures concerning science, technology and much more.

Coming up this Friday is a presentation by Woody Moses, Biology and Environmental professor, covering Teaching Sustainability at Highline.

The next Friday, Dr. Eric Baer, who directs Science Seminar and is head of the Geology and Physical Sciences Department, will be speaking on the 2011 Sendai Earthquake.

Then, on April 22 there will be a special Earth Day presentation. A presentation on April 29 is yet to be decided.

Krish Mahadevan, Computer Information Systems professor, will be demonstrating on May 6 how to develop applications for android phones.

Baer thinks learning to create phone applications would be a neat Science Seminar. "By the end you'll know how to make your own applications," said Baer.

A presentation on The Mathematical and Artistic genius of M.C. Escher by Ed Morris, Mathematics professor, will take place on May 13.

The next Friday, May 20, Michael Girvin, Business professor, is speaking on "Excel is Fun," however this seminar will be held in Building 29 Room 308 instead of Building 3.

Other future topics include Mira Beins, General Science professor, who is lecturing on Herpes

Viruses, happening May 27. On June 3 Carla Whittington, Geology professor, will be presenting on an unknown topic.

Also, June 10 Jeff Ward, Business professor, will go over The Science of Consumer Behavior. "Jeff Ward is a great speaker," said Baer.

## New Sustainability Seminars offered this quarter

By **BRIAN ALEXANDER**  
Staff Reporter

Highline will be having a new Sustainability Seminar every week this quarter.

The seminar will be running in place of the History Seminar in Building 3, room 102 every Wednesday from 1:30-2:20 p.m.

The History Seminar will return again in the fall.

Woody Moses began the quarter with a seminar about how taking more can lead to the destruction of our natural resources.

The seminars will cover a wide range of topics and will feature a variety of speakers.

On April 13, Dr. Lonnie Somer, an anthropology professor, will speak on "Deciphering Product Labels at the Supermarket," discussing the accuracy of product advertising.

Jonathan Betz-Zall will speak on "sustainability does not mean sacrifice: finding satisfaction with less consump-

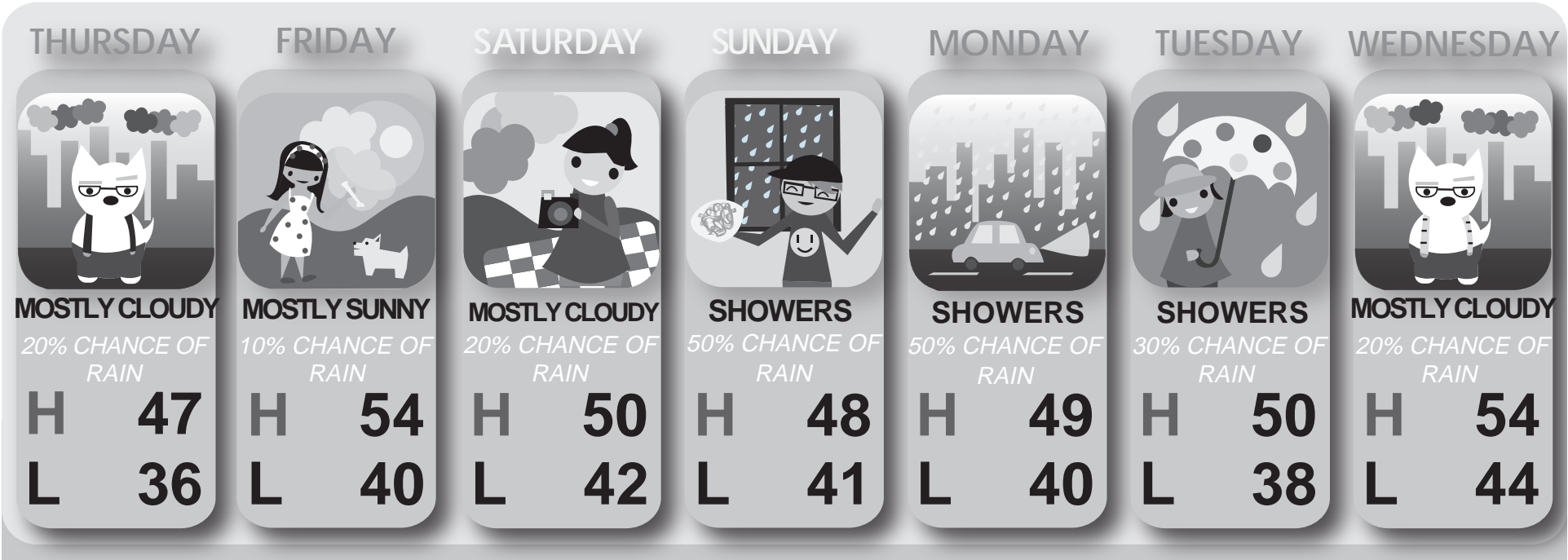
tion" on April 20.

Eddie Hill from Seattle Tilth will be presenting on urban agriculture on April 27.

James Peyton will be speaking on green business in South King County on May 4.

The full Sustainability Seminar schedule will be available at a later date.





Hibbs

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to work with Hibbs in a joint reading and psychology class that focused on study skills. Manber said the students flourished. “She was an excellent instructor.”

When her condition overcame her quick in 2000 she fought back against the cancer with full force.

“She kept a positive spirit, even while in pain and in the face of serious health issues. She lived life fully. It seemed she was her authentic self in all she did,” said Moira Fulton, Highline reading and study skills coordinator.

“She was always honest and told it like it was, but always stayed positive,” Fulton said.

“You go from being perfectly fine one day, and then you’re sick and your whole life changes,” said Eena Hibbs, in an interview in the Oct. 4, 2001 issue of the Thunderword.

Though she became ill she was always very passionate about her teaching. She loved to help students out when they needed help, co-workers say.

She continued teaching until the end, although her last two quarters were online. Teaching made her feel better, said Mair.

When she returned to Highline after her treatment, she



File photo  
*Moi Fulton presents Eena Hibbs with an award in 2009.*

started right where she left off. “Eena was a generous colleague and a passionate instructor. She has made a significant impact on the campus and the community,” said Highline President Dr. Jack Birmingham. Hibbs won the 2009 Women of Action Award. To describe why she won this award, words were listed that gave everyone an idea of who she was. “Teacher, life-long learner, joyful, hardworking, fearless, high energy, dedicated to her students, funny, committed and caring, forward thinking, de-

termined, kind, natural leader, focused leader, visionary, innovative, uplifting, thinks yes to new ideas and a good laughter,” said Fulton, at the 2009 Women of Action award ceremony. More can be learned about Hibbs by reading her blog at <http://eenahibbs.blogspot.com>. The title of her blog is “When Good Cells Go Bad” and is a narrative of her joy and pain during her battle with cancer. Donations in Hibbs’ honor can be made to the Northwest Sarcoma Foundation at [www.nwsarcoma.org](http://www.nwsarcoma.org).

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fewer class sections are offered at the college,” said Dr. Birmingham.

Continued cuts to Washington’s community colleges could include loss of academic transfer course offerings leading to delays in degree completion, students being trained on obsolete equipment, elimination of evening, weekend, and summer courses, further cuts in student support services and lower enrollment, said Runyon of the State Board.

Local legislators say they aren’t happy with the state of the things.

State Sen. Eide, D-Federal Way, doesn’t want to see any cuts to higher education, but it seems likely, said an aide for the Senator, who requested to remain unnamed.

State Rep. Upthegrove said he’d prefer to end corporate tax breaks rather than make cuts to higher education.

“When the voters approved Tim Eyman’s Initiative 1053 last fall, they made it virtually impossible for us to end corporate tax breaks or raise significant revenue. We are therefore faced with the unpleasant task of making deep and painful cuts to public services,” Rep. Upthegrove said.

“My strong preference is to end corporate tax breaks rather than making students and middle class teachers and staff pay the price,” he said.

State Sen. Eide said she agrees with Rep. Upthegrove.

The inability to increase taxes without a two-thirds vote and the \$5.2 billion shortfall leaves the Legislature boxed in, so it looks like it’s going to be an all-cuts budget, said an aide for Sen. Eide, who’s also Majority Floor Leader.

The cuts to education are untimely as the numbers of students attending college are rising.

“Funding for community and technical colleges has been cut



11 percent in the last three years, while enrollment during that same time period has increased

20 percent, resulting in a nearly 20 percent reduction in how much we are funded by the state per student,” said Runyon of the State Board.

“We are making devastating cuts to every aspect of state government, from our public school classrooms to health care for children,” said Rep. Upthegrove.

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his uncle and his wife were living in Fukushima, where the damaged nuclear power plant is located and more than a thousand people there have been confirmed dead.

“After I saw the news, I called my parents,” asking if his uncle’s family was safe, Suehiro said.

By the time he called his parents, they had already contacted his uncle and knew that the family was safe.

“I was glad to hear that,” Suehiro said.

Highline Supports Japan put a large black message board in Building 8 on March 30 and 31, asking people to write messages on small pieces of paper to put on the board.

“For the people in Highline, we wanted them to take a look at this problem. For the people in

Japan, we wanted them to know that there were people caring about them. We wanted to cheer them up,” said Kuan Lin-Chen, a student from Taiwan who is in charge of the message board.

“Around 600 messages were collected. ... We’ve got a lot and I’m satisfied with it,” Chen said.

These messages will be sent to a former Highline student living in Japan.

Highline Supports Japan’s next plan is to have a fundraising event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

on April 12, 13, and 14.

They will be selling cookies and popcorn on April 13. On the other two days, they will be collecting donations and the proceeds from the cookie sale and collected donations will be sent to the Red Cross.

“We really want people for our activity. So we welcome people anybody who wants to do something for people who are suffered from the earthquake. If you have new idea to relieve the people, we welcome

the idea and want to take an action,” said Suehiro.

For more information, access the Facebook page Highline Supports Japan.

To learn more about the group or how to join, visit the International Student Programs on the fifth floor in Building 27.

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