

## Budget battle ends with pay cuts, tuition hikes

By **RASCHELLE CASEBIER**  
Staff Reporter

The Legislature was still working against the clock late Wednesday night to hammer out a final budget.

The \$36.3 billion, two-year spending plan likely will include two years of 12-percent

tuition hikes for community college students, higher tuition at state four-year schools, and pay cuts for K-12 teachers and staff.

The Legislature has been working since mid-January to close a projected \$5.2 billion budget gap, through 105 days of the regular session and most recently through all 30 days of

a special session called by Gov. Christine Gregoire in April.

“The reason for the shortfall is the combination of the money the State will spend on salary increases, unemployment, temporary assistants, basic health and more. The \$5 billion is the money we need more for the next year than what was pro-

jected,” said State Rep. Katrina Asay, R-Milton.

The budget is also likely to affect the ability for four-year colleges to set their own tuition rates. Coupled with more cuts for higher education in the budget, tuition at schools such as the University of Washington and Western Washington Uni-

versity is expected to rise by more than 10 percent over the next few years.

“Education took 41 percent of the cuts, they were hit too hard, both higher education and K-12,” said Rep. Asay, whose

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### Ruminants to the rescue



Craig Madsen's goats will clean up an area of unwanted vegetation without chemicals.

## GOAT GRAB

Highline hopes critters will chew up pond's overgrowth

By **BRIAN ALEXANDER**  
Staff Reporter

Goats and sheep will be used for clearing the brush around the retention ponds, said Highline facilities director Barry Holldorf.

On June 22-27 an Eastern Washington farmer will be bringing 250 Boer and Spanish goats and a few sheep

that can clear brush like machinery, without harming the environment.

“The Department of Ecology wouldn't like machinery exhaust, hydraulic fluid, raw fuel, or pesticides directly dumped into the retention ponds,” Holldorf said.

The ponds at the west end of campus are there to collect and filter out the garbage

being washed into the sewer.

The runoff from the parking lots at Highline is directly linked to Massey Creek. The creek runs straight into the Puget Sound at the Des Moines Marina.

“Along with the retention ponds getting cleared, and the ponds not being pollut-

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Boeing Co. photo

Boeing's historic Plant 2 on the shores of the Duwamish River will be torn down and the river bank restored to its natural state.

## Polluters now work to reclaim the Duwamish

By **VICTORIA DOM**  
Staff Reporter

The four major polluters of the Duwamish River must now clean up the mess they have made in the toxic waterway over the past century.

The Lower Duwamish Waterway Group, comprised of The Boeing Company, the Port of Seattle, the City of Seattle, and King County, is a public-private partnership responsible for contributing to the restoration efforts of the river.

The Duwamish River, placed on the National Superfund List in 2001, is the most industrialized waterway in Washington state, housing more than 42 toxins that date back almost 100 years.

Restoration plans are cur-

rently in Phase I of two – completing cleanup work in seven Early Action sites before moving on to clean the river's remaining five-mile stretch.

Cleanup of the Duwamish Diagonal Early Action site was completed in 2005, with planning currently under way for the highly polluted Boeing Plant 2.

Renowned for its operation during World War II, Boeing Plant 2 contaminated the river with toxins such as polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), arsenic, and creosote, which are chemicals used in general aircraft manufacturing.

“Back then, industries didn't understand the harm from the chemicals, so there is a lot of

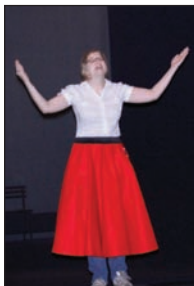
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# Spring Job Fair is back

By BRIAN ALEXANDER  
Staff Reporter

The Spring Job Fair is back at Highline today.

“Due to the economy we haven’t been able to host the spring job fair for a few years now from the lack of businesses looking for employees,” Highline Employment Specialist Di-ana Baker said.

Highline holds a fall job fair every year, and because job postings are increasing, Highline is able to hold a spring job fair as in some years past.

The job fair and all of the employers will be in the Highline Student Union in the Mt. Olympus/Mt. Constance Room from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

There will be over 20 businesses with recruiters including Avon, FedEx, Princess Cruises and Holland America Line-Alaska, and Sam’s Club.

The job fair is open to anyone and everyone who is seriously looking for a job.

“Job seekers should bring a note pad, multiple copies of their resume, and should not bring their cell phone or food or drinks. Anything to keep them from being distracted should not be brought along,” Baker said.

People interested in getting a job should come dressed appropriately and to be prepared to speak with job recruiters about their education, employment and their goals, Baker said.

This is also a perfect opportunity to ask about a specific job field and what it takes to get into that field, she said. Recruiters will be able to give insight on certain classes to take or buzz words to put on your resume.

All of the business recruiters will have business cards and it is very important to take one for each job that interests you, Baker said.

Give yourself time to speak with all of the employers who interest you or fall under a certain job field you may be looking for. Employers won’t be there the whole time, some of them may leave early, so show up early and be the first person they talk to.

When speaking with recruiters, don’t be afraid to ask about anything that has to do with the job, they are here to answer questions and to provide you with insight on their profession, said Baker.



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*The construction site in Redondo where crews are attempting to fix a broken stormwater pipe.*

## Redondo hole affects Highline students

By SETH POWELL  
Staff Reporter

Roadwork in Redondo continues to make access to the Marine Science and Technology Center difficult for Highline students.

The roadwork began after a sinkhole appeared in the middle of Redondo Way on April 24. The sinkhole was caused by a stormwater pipe failure under

the road.

Redondo Way links Redondo to Dash Point Road, and usually has parked cars lining both sides. The road work has limited parking and closed off the side of the road leaving Redondo.

Rain has caused a few problems that will cause the roadwork to continue for longer than first suspected, city officials say.

“It will take another two to three weeks to be done,” said Brandon Carver, a transportation engineer working for the City of Des Moines Transportation Department.

Carver said that unexpected heavy rainfall on Saturday, May 14 caused some additional damage to the project and overwhelmed the temporary drainage set up. Rainfall for May is expected to set records in the

Puget Sound area.

The road work should be finished during the second week of June, said Carver.

“It really depends on the weather,” Carver said.

The workers still have to finish replacing the old storm pipe and then repave the road before it can open again.

Carver said that to repave the road, the weather has to stay dry for three or four days in a row.

## Sustainability finds way into curriculum

By MATTIE MICHALEK  
Staff Reporter

Highline professors say they are integrating sustainability into their classroom curriculum, and it is making a difference.

At last week’s sustainability seminar, a panel of three professors, Oussama (Sam) Alkhalili, Deborah Moore, and Susan Landgraf, discussed the positives and negatives they experienced after putting the concept of sustainability into their courses. Some of these courses include web design, library reference services, and English.

Highline received a grant to fund the faculty to put sustainability into their curriculum. Professors on campus have been developing modules for their classroom, many for the first time.

Web design professor Alkhalili explained how at first some students had nega-



*Deborah Moore has managed to work sustainability into library studies classes.*

tive thoughts about having to do homework around sustainability.

“But by the fourth week, everyone was on board,” said Alkhalili. “It is a really good learning experience to me and my students.”

“Because of my experience,

I might be implementing this every quarter,” Alkhalili added.

Moore, a professor in library reference services, looked into a different aspect of sustainability. With her students, she stressed intellectual freedom and equal access to information resources; essentially, why libraries are important.

“This is a concept I really hit hard with my students,” said Moore. “[While] some students are stressed, a couple of students have really stepped up.”

At the seminar, Moore talked about the different types of topics she addressed with her students.

“I addressed why libraries need to be funded, particularly during an economic downturn,” she said.

Moore added that she will use student feedback after the quarter to decide whether to continue to implement sustainability into her curriculum.

Landgraf, who teaches Eng-

lish, writing and mass media, implemented sustainability with water into her curriculum.

One large assignment for her English 101 class is a research paper of 1,200-1,500 words. She had her students take a position on the topic, and asked questions such as, “Do humans impact water resources by their habits?” or “How do you know our drinking water is safe?”

“I [also] had them do an assignment to keep track of their water consumption and it was enlightening for them,” said Landgraf.

Landgraf said that she saw many positives to putting sustainability into her curriculum.

“I believe this assignment forced them to think, and so many of them learned so much,” she said.

Overall, the professors said that they enjoyed the concept of implementing sustainability, an important topic today, into the mandatory class curriculum.



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historical contamination in the waterway,” said Cindy Glickert, communications representative for the Boeing Environment, Health, and Safety Department.

Boeing has not used Boeing Plant 2 for about 40 years, so most of the pollution comes from assembling the B17 and B52 bombers during World War II, Glickert said.

As restoration progress continues, the company plans to demolish the buildings, recycling 85 percent of the materials from the plant.

The steel beams, copper wires, and wood beams will be recycled, as well as the concrete, which will be crushed and used to fill the underground tunnels in the site.

Boeing is also restoring and reconstructing the shoreline, which will span five acres of wetlands and will act as a habitat for wildlife, and establishing a rest area for migrating salmon.

“What most people forget to consider is that that part of the river was designed to be an industrial waterway,” said Glickert.

The Lower Duwamish Waterway area represents approximately 84 percent of industrial land in the city; of that, 58 percent is commercial and industrial, 23 percent is used for



Boeing Co. photo

Artist's conception of the restored Plant 2 area.

warehousing, and 19 percent is for residents, parks, and open space.

“There is still a lot of industry along the river, and when you have an urban waterway there will always be a risk of contamination,” she said. “But the biggest thing we are tackling is the stormwater.”

There are 11 sewer systems along the waterway that were historically used as combined sewer overflow, mixing stormwater and sewage, which would be directed into outfalls in the river when the pipes filled to capacity on rainy days.

“Stormwater is a major source of pollution, carrying fertilizers, auto fluids, and other household chemicals into the drains,” said Annie Kolb-Nelson, King County communications specialist. “Anything that went down a sewer or a drain settled into the sediments.”

Sewage codes have since developed, restricting combined drains and also requiring treatment of stormwater before entering water bodies.

Boeing has recently constructed a new stormwater treatment facility at North Boeing Field, making stormwater from the site cleaner than typical street stormwater, said Glickert of The Boeing Co.

Of the 11 sewer systems in the Duwamish, five have been controlled, meaning six sewers continue to drain overflow stormwater into the river.

“We’ve done a lot, but we still have a lot more to go,” said Kolb-Nelson. “Since the 1960s, we have reduced industrial waste and sewage about 98 percent, which adds up to approximately 27 billion gallons per year.”

King County and the City of Seattle are now working to

control the existing sewage systems, as well as investigating additional causes of contamination.

“Seattle has spent about \$2.57 million and continues to spend about \$500,000 per year tracing pollution sources and inspecting business to make sure they don’t send contaminated runoff to the Duwamish,” said Dave Schuchardt, the city’s program manager for the restoration.

Led by the Department of Ecology, a source control plan has also been established to regulate the causes of contamination.

The plan includes 26 source control action plans, as well as 13 industrial sites that are under order to cleanup present contamination to eliminate pollution entering the Duwamish, said Schuchardt.

In addition, the Port of Seattle has spent about \$750,000 investigating potential contamination sources to create a comprehensive pollution source control plan for all of its properties.

The Port owns 212 acres of land along the waterway, including the Early Action site Terminal 117.

“The Port has spent \$5 million conducting interim cleanup of pollution on the Terminal 117 property to keep it from draining to the Duwamish, and will spend \$20 million more to complete the cleanup there,” said

Peter McGraw, media relations officer of public affairs for the Port of Seattle.

In addition to cleaning the contaminated properties, the Port has established a plan to restore the natural habitat, while maintaining the waterway’s industry.

“A key tenet in this plan is the coexistence of wildlife and commerce that relies on the waterway for navigation,” McGraw said. “The focus is keeping our community and environment healthy while supporting our working waterfront.”

Collectively, project officials are continuing to finalize the feasibility study, which will map out the cleanup plans for Phase II of the river’s restoration.

Offering a menu of alternative methods, experts say they find community input essential in choosing a cleanup option to best fit the local residents and businesses along the waterway.

The feasibility study draft includes 11 different cleanup methods, with time frames ranging from four to 38 years and costs of \$66 million to \$1.35 billion.

“We aren’t at a point where we can say which option is better,” said McGraw. “We just have to find the best approach to the cleanup and the cost will come later.”

For more information on the Lower Duwamish Waterway Group, visit [www.ldwg.org](http://www.ldwg.org).

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district includes Federal Way.

Tuition increases have been discussed over the past few months, ranging in double digits.

“Tuition for community and technical colleges will rise annually by 12 percent in the next biennium,” said Rick Heggie of the Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Washington’s four-year colleges will also now have the ability to set their own tuition prices.

Though there is no cap, it’s not likely that four-year colleges will exceed 13-16 percent when raising tuition.

“Tuition could be raised higher than 13-16 percent, but this is the number that the four-year colleges have been using in Olympia, so it’s unlikely that they will go significantly higher without incurring legislative wrath next year. If they go up more than that, they are likely to hit the 60 percent cap,” said State Rep. Christine Rolfes, D-Bainbridge Island, a co-sponsor of tuition setting measure.

After the first four years of



Rep. Katrina Asay

the universities being able to decide their own tuition prices, the tuition must be maintained at less than 60 percent of the average of comparable institutions around the country for the next four years.

The Legislature has made changes to allow for more students to receive state funding to help with the rise of tuition.

“There will be additional financial aid for lower and middle class students to offset the rise in tuition,” Rep. Asay said.

Also a bill was passed that will cut K-12 teachers’ pay 1.9 percent and for school administrative staff by 3 percent over the next two years under a budget agreement released by lawmakers on Tuesday.

“I voted against this,” Rep. Asay said.

“The budget has been agreed upon but we still have about six to eight bills to implement the budget,” Rep. Asay said.

One final hurdle for the budget is a bill about how the state will contract for information technology services, she said.

“If this passes the state will be able to contract out to private management for IT and data centers. The controversy is over using private management instead of state employees,” Rep. Asay said.

It takes time to get bills passed because they must be passed by both the State and the House in the same form, Rep. Asay said.

As of Wednesday, the Legislature was in a rush to end the special session and finish the budget.

“We were here until midnight last night (Tuesday night) working and we’ll probably be here until about 1 a.m. tonight (Wednesday) working,” said State Rep. Asay.

Government officials are unsure if the special session will conclude Wednesday or not.

“We need to finish today (Wednesday). The governor said that she won’t call for a second special session,” State Rep. Asay said.

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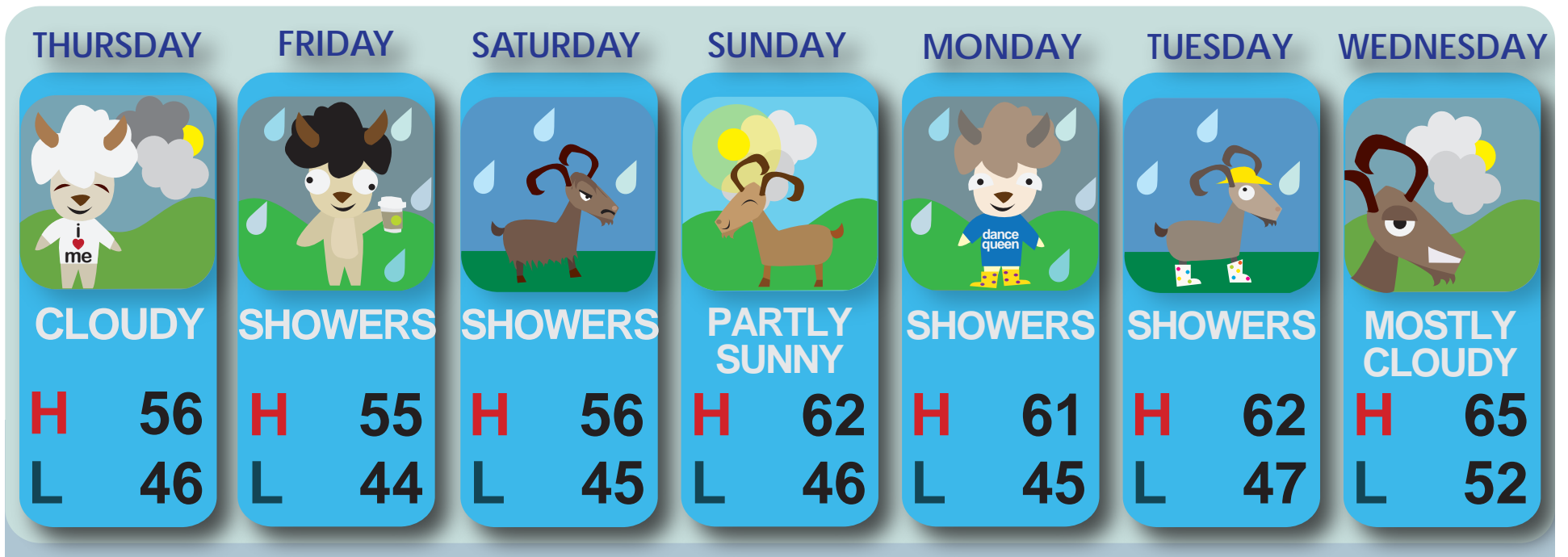
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ed, the animals are being fed, and Highline is saving close to \$7,000 to do so, and everyone is happy,” Holldorf said.

A labor contract has cost Highline \$9,000 - \$10,000 to clear the brush in the past.

The goats will cost only \$3,200 and are also helping Highline continue its efforts to go green.

Craig Madsen, the owner of

Healing Hooves, lives near Spokane, Washington for about six months out of the year.

The other six months he spends traveling all over the state clearing brush.

Madsen hauls his goats and sheep around in a 30-foot, double-deck semi-truck trailer.

When he’s not herding his crew of animals, he lives in the camper of his truck.

Healing Hooves LLC is the company name of Craig and Sue Lani Madsen.

The pair created the business with Madsen having 15 years of

experience in weed control with animal herding.

They own a couple acres of land and swap land back and forth throughout the year with neighbors for weed control.

For the time Madsen is here, he will set up an electrical fence to keep the goats in a designated area.

He also has Mac, his border collie, to help herd the goats.

Goats having smaller stomachs than cows, they tend to graze on broad leaf plants and shrubs and stay away from grasses.

They also eat higher up on the plant, and the sheep tend to eat lower on the plant closer to the roots.

So the combination of the two will be perfect for extracting the brush around the ponds.

“Goats and sheep have all kinds of potential uses, it’s just a question of fitting them into a situation where they will be effective for weed control or reducing fuel loads,” Madsen said by phone from his home in Edwall, Washington.

“They do especially well in areas of streams or wetlands.

Goats and sheep are very well adapted to rough terrain or steep slopes,” he said. “They also don’t mind thorns, blackberries being one of their favorite treats.”

“Anything that is littered in the parking lot, somehow or someday ends up in the retention ponds,” said Holldorf.

“It takes about an hour for three facility workers to clean up the litter from one parking lot, if the people who go to Highline don’t litter, we (facilities) won’t have to pick it up,” he said.



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## Crime and Punishment

### Incidents of harassment

Two incidents of harassment were reported on May 23. At 3:45 p.m., a female student reported she was on the third floor of the library studying.

A male nearby came over to where she was and knelt down. He put his hand behind her chair, and touched her buttocks. She jumped up and went to report the incident but the suspect fled the scene.

At 8:25 p.m., a female student said that she was sitting at a cubicle working. A male put his books in a cubicle next to hers. He had his hands on his legs, but she noticed him moving his hands closer to her. She then got up and moved to another spot. Security said that the suspect in the second incident was not a Highline student.

### iPhone reported stolen

An iPhone was reported stolen on May 18 at 4:10 p.m. A male Highline student reported that he was distracted by another man in the library. His phone was then taken by an accomplice of the first man the student said.

### Student laptops stolen

A laptop computer was reported stolen on May 18 at 4:52 p.m. A Central Washington University female student was in the resource center from 3 to 4:40 p.m. At 3:30 p.m., two males distracted her, asking "where is the restroom?"

She gathered her things at 4:30 p.m. and went to her vehicle. She noticed her laptop was missing and returned to the resource center. The laptop is a small black Macintosh worth \$1,000.

Another laptop was reported stolen on May 23 at 1:40 p.m. A female student said her ACER laptop stolen from Building 8 on the first floor on May 18.

### Parking permit stolen

A parking permit was stolen on May 20 at 3:55 p.m. A female student parked her Miata Convertible in the east lot at 11 a.m. and returned to her vehicle at 2 p.m. to find her permit missing.

– Compiled  
by Elzie Dickens III

# Student veterans recognized for Memorial Day

By MAX HENRY  
Staff Reporter

A Memorial Day service to honor Highline students who are veterans will be held today at the P.O.W. /M.I.A. memorial.

The memorial will be held from 12:10 to 12:30 p.m. by the fountain next to Building 5.

The memorial service will be emceed by Darryl Harris, accounting professor and a military officer from West Point.

The service will include the playing of the Bag Pipes by physical education instructor Keith Paton.

There will be a brief history of Memorial Day by Lance Gibson and a presentation of the Challenge Coin, designed by Gary Nelson.

After the ceremony, refresh-



Gary Nelson

ments will be offered in Building 6. More than 150 student veterans at Highline qualify to receive the Challenge Coin.

This year the Challenge Coin is unique to Highline.

It has the Native American Thunderbird on one side, and the American Flag on the other,

along with the school's name.

Visual communications instructor Gary Nelson said he was honored to be asked by the Vets Committee to do the design for the new Challenge Coin.

"It's the least I can do for those who have served our country," said Nelson. "I wish I could do more."

Personalizing the challenge coin is, "an effort to bring awareness to the college," said Lance Gibson, counselor and co-chair of the Vets Committee.

"Hopefully this will become an established part of Highline tradition in honoring those who have served."

Gibson said many youth take democracy for granted, the freedom of press, freedom of religion, and the ability to do

and be what you want.

These freedoms only exist because of the sacrifices American men and women have made over the decades and centuries serving their country, a sacrifice that is more than worthy of honor, Gibson said. They are freedoms that people, and American soldiers, across the world are still fighting and dying for today.

"It has nothing to do with whether you agree with this war or that war, but simply recognition of those who have served their country," Gibson said.

The Vets Committee wants to lead the way in recognizing those in the community who have served, said Gibson.

This memorial service gives the students an opportunity to participate in doing just this.



## News Briefs

### Possible scam: Man claims to be a student

A white male adult in his 20s was reported going around campus asking for money to support a charity run on Wednesday, May 25. He said that it was for a homework assignment.

The man claimed to be a student with an instructor named "Ted," though no instructor on campus has that name.

Some have already given him money but it is encouraged to not donate because this may be a scam.

If you are approached by this individual, please contact the Campus Safety Department as soon as you can at 206-878-3710, ext. 3218.

### Apply for the Academic Achievement Award

Students can now apply for Highline's Academic Achievement Awards for Fall quarter 2011.

Those that receive the award will get one of 15 full-time tuition waivers. Students must be full-time with a 3.5 cumulative GPA or better. Running Start students, non-residents, and international students are not eligible to receive this award.

Applications are available in Building 9 and are due by July 25.

Students can also access the scholarship online at [www.highline.edu/stuserv/financialaid/pdfs/scholarships/Fall\\_2011\\_AAA.pdf](http://www.highline.edu/stuserv/financialaid/pdfs/scholarships/Fall_2011_AAA.pdf).

### Open topic for Poetry Diversity Lounge

The final Diversity Poetry Lounge event will be on Thursday, June 2 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Building 6, room 164, the Inter-Cultural Center.

There is not a specific topic for the next event so feel free to bring poetry on any topic and share it.

"We are looking forward to meeting new people and becoming closer to one another as the Highline community should be," said Svetlana Slobodchikova.

### History Seminar returns

The History Seminar is returning Fall Quarter 2011. The meetings will go from 1:30 to 2:20 p.m. each Wednesday.

It is back by popular demand and all are welcome to join. Additional speaker and location information will be available closer to the event time.

### Final Sustainability Seminar June 1

The Sustainability Seminar will have a final presentation from 2:30 to 3:20 p.m. in Building 3, room 102 on Wednesday, June 1.

Jeremy Smith, author and activist, will talk about his new book, *Growing a Garden City*.

The book is about 15 people, plus a class of first graders, that tell how local food, farms and gardens changed their lives and their community. It also features ways on how they can change yours, too.

## Calendar

- A voter registration drive will be held by Highline American Government Students on Thursday, May 26. It will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second floor of Building 8.

Computers will be available with links directing students to the Secretary of State's office online.

Any U.S. citizen over the age of 18 who also has a valid Washington driver's license can use this service to register to vote.

- Tuition for Summer classes is due on Thursday, May 26. This is also the last day that students can drop classes.

- Tangled* will be the weekly movie on Friday, May 27.

*Tangled* is a Disney animated movie about the story of Rapunzel that came out earlier this year.

The film will be shown in Building 29 room 102 at 12:30 p.m.

- The American Sign Lan-

guage Club (ASL) will present "Run Silent, Run Deep: An ASL Poetry Nooner" from 11 a.m. to noon in Building 7 on Friday, May 27.

Students will perform a variety of poetry styles that are unique to ASL, a Visual-Spatial language.

"The performance will have no voice interpretation," said Roman Wright, a Highline ASL instructor.

"There will be textual synopses of the poems and audience members will use their own visual abilities to glean understanding of what they see," said Wright.

There will be an interactive part to the presentation.

The audience will have the chance to learn the alphabet in sign language and the numbers, taught by the club president.

He also asks that people leave their spoken languages outside the building.

- Memorial Day is Monday, May 30. The campus will be closed.

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August 10 Cherry Cherry, a Tribute to Neil Diamond  
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## Budget committee makes changes to fund distribution

By TJ SQUIRES  
Staff Reporter

High enrollment numbers have helped the Services & Activities Budget Committee maintain funds given to school programs.

The S&A Budget Committee comprises students, faculty, and staff members who distribute funds to non-instructional school programs.

The budget pays for non-instructional student activities ranging from athletics to the Thunderword.

The budget, which is \$2,004,734 this year, compared to last year's \$2,068,405, is derived from how many students enroll at Highline each quarter. Ten percent is taken out of every student's tuition in order to fund the budget.

The Board of Trustees will approve the budget request on June 9, said Zoey Myagmarjav, chairwoman of the S&A Budget Committee, and newly elected Student Government president.

The changes will go into effect on July 1.

This year's S&A Budget request will move funds given to five existing programs, and help to fund one additional program as well.

One of the changes to be made includes contributing \$71,170 to the Tutoring Center, compared to last year's \$35,000, in order to pay for student help and fund the tutors.

Student Programs Outreach, which builds relationships to promote education opportunities to high schools, employers, and other community based organizations, is expecting an increase from \$550 to \$12,550.

These programs received additional S&A funding to cover a loss of college support. The college does not anticipate being able to fund either of these budget lines in the future, said Myagmarjav.

Women's Programs received \$8,803 last year to help students with educational plans, funding and emergency scholarship sources, career counseling and advising. This year the programs will receive \$12,975, due to the addition of workshops and events hosted throughout the year.

Student Government will receive \$9,350 compared to last year's \$6,550. The organization represents students' interests and concerns to the college administration, faculty, staff, and the community.

The budget increased due to

the increasing number of participants in the Legislative Academies.

The Honors Programs will receive \$3,000 instead of last year's \$2,000, in order to cover for advertising expenses. The program helps students peruse college websites, register on-line for scholarships, and receive early assistance with constructing resumes, personal statements, and essays to use for college applications. The S&A Budget Committee will also change how it funds clubs.

The committee created a new budget category, Instructional Organizations, which consists of clubs that are faculty driven and have curricular connection. It will get \$15,000 for next year. Other clubs will continue to be funded under Clubs and Organizations, which receives a budget of \$23,000.

Student Programs Support will receive \$44,200 for a new staff position to support the student leaders of the 522 budget programs.

The TRIO program, which provides support services for disadvantaged students to help them continue with their education and transfer to a four-year college or university, will receive \$9,000.



Michael McDonald Jr./THUNDERWORD  
*Anastasis Utai (center) modeled traditional clothing from Tonga during the opening dance at last week's Luau celebration.*

Any extra money that the S&A Budget Committee is left with goes to the contingency fund, which helps out any programs that are seeking more money.

The Dance Team has not been active for the past three

years, so the program will not receive any funds next year.

The Clubs and Organizations funds, which helped students create clubs and meet others, were reduced to help fund the Instructional Organization Line.

## Myagmarjav wins presidency, voter turnout up

By MEGAN WALLIN  
Staff Reporter

Zoey Myagmarjav has won the presidency in this year's student elections.

More than half of the Highline student population voted Myagmarjav for president and Enrique Ramirez for vice president in this year's student elections.

Myagmarjav won the presidency with 426 votes, or 59.7 percent of the voters, in a record turnout.

David Turner came in second, with 228 votes making up 31.9 percent, and the write-in candidate, Ella Kuchmiy, received 3.8 percent of the votes with 27.

Highline students wrote in their own candidate or voted "Other" with 11 votes, or 1.5 percent.

Ramirez, Myagmarjav's running mate as vice president, got 62.3 percent or 445 votes.

Troy Kwak came in second for vice president, receiving 219 votes, or 30.7 percent. Only 18 voters (2.5 percent) opted for another candidate, making up a total of 692 votes for the Stu-



Corey Sun/THUNDERWORD  
*Myagmarjav (left) and Ramirez proved that running as a ticket is a winning strategy in the Student Government elections this past week, taking 69.7 and 62.3 percent of the votes (respectively).*

dent Government president.

Jonathan Brown, the adviser for Student Government officers, said there were "more votes cast than any other [student election] in the past decade."

"I'm very happy with the results," said Olga Afichuk, the

current president of Highline's Student Government. "Zoey and Enrique really have a lot of great experience."

Myagmarjav and Ramirez ran together as a ticket, which proved to be a winning strategy. Students also appeared to be more involved in this year's

election, said student officers.

"More people voted this year than last year," said Afichuk of the 714 students who voted.

She said Myagmarjav and Ramirez are "both very motivated and will bring a lot to Student Government."

"They make a great team,"

Afichuk added.

Jonathan Brown said that getting students involved in voting is always a main goal during elections.

In the last two years, he said, it's encouraging to know that Highline has been above average in voter participation.

"[Student] voter turnout hovers at around 3-11 percent," said Brown. "I think Highline's student population may be more broadly engaged."

He elaborated on this, explaining that students at Highline seem to be "connected beyond the classroom experience."

As for the quality of the candidates whom students were voting on, student officers support all those who campaigned this year.

"I think we really had great candidates this year," said Olga Afichuk. "And regardless of who won, we would have had great governance."

Afichuk wished all the candidates well, and congratulated the newly elected Student Government. "We hope that the people who were not chosen will continue (to be very involved at Highline)," she said.



## Editorial comment

# The Duwamish River is our responsibility

Cleaning up the Duwamish River is a responsibility shared by us all.

The impact of pollutants on the Duwamish River seep into everyone's lives through the contaminated marine life and the pollutants creeping down into Elliot Bay.

The Department of Ecology, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition have been working on cleanup plans for the river, taking into consideration the ideas and opinions of the public.

Although the main contributors to the contamination will be largely funding cleanup projects, several local governments are held responsible, which means that taxpayers will be bearing the brunt of the costs.

Before we get in an uproar, however, we need to weigh the pros and cons of cleaning up the river.

If money weren't an issue, there would be no reason to ignore the decaying condition of the Duwamish.

However, even with tight budgets, contributing to the river cleanup is worth it.

The Duwamish River has been placed on the National Priorities List and currently has more than 42 different kinds of toxic chemicals stored in its sediments.

Continued disregard for our impact on nature will only lead to worse situations of pollution and a lower quality of life. Pollution in our water or our food sources will eventually make their way into our bodies and result in poor health.

Pollutants that started in the Duwamish River are now seeping their way up the food chain, through the local fish and marine mammals. Already there are bans on most of the fish and shellfish that can be harvested from the Duwamish. Only the salmon are exempt — and even they have restrictions. This is taking away an important resource, and one that we really can't afford to lose.

This is a prime example of how our actions, while having no immediate impact on us, can resound for years to come.

There are a few different options toward cleaning up the river. Many people will be of the mindset that cheaper is better, but we need to take into account the longevity of the methods.

One method of containment is the capping method, which covers contaminated areas with clean "new" material, generally gravel, sand and rock. This method, while easy and relatively inexpensive, creates the need for constant monitoring and maintenance. In more simple terms, it will cost more money in the long run, because it will be a continuous process.

Another method of containment is called the natural recovery method. This method allows the river to heal on its own, with fresh sediments flowing downstream and covering the contaminated sites. However, this method also calls for long-term monitoring and maintenance, which means more money.

The dredging method physically extracts the pollutants. This method is time consuming and expensive, but when put in perspective, the long term results are better and more cost-effective. Removal of the pollutants, to the best of our ability, removes the need to be concerned about them. Also, although the initial costs are more, the overall costs can be expected to be lower, because there will be no need for continuous action.

Current plans for cleanup comprise a mixture of these three different methods, which should hopefully yield the best results.

As a community, we need to be willing to step up and contribute to the restoration efforts. For years we have been supporting the parties that have been involved in contaminating the river, so it really is our responsibility to see the Duwamish River restored.



## Your vote counts, so get registered

One thing that we all have in common is the right to vote, at a local and at a national level. Even though we all have the opportunity, not everyone understands the importance behind voting as American citizens.

As college students, voting and politics aren't topics we think about very often. Sure, we find time to complain about the prices of tuition and gas, but rarely does it occur to us that we have an influence on some of these matters.

Voting allows you to elect officers that focus on the issues you care about, like the police force, traffic and any other factors within your community. Without your vote, candidates for local and national government don't get elected, so it's important for them to share your concerns.

The two major questions people consider when it comes to voting, or even taking the step of registering to vote are, "Is it worth my time to vote?" and "Does my vote even count?" The answer to both is "yes."

As citizens of the U.S., we are extremely privileged to be able to have the right to vote. As a country, we've come a long way in the past few centuries giving all women and men, no matter the color of their skin, the right to vote. It is our job to take advantage of and express this right any way we can.



### Guest Commentary

Amanda Oakeley  
& Britney Cosgrove

Some of the reasons people don't vote are lack of information, not caring about politics, too lazy, don't like any of the candidates, protest, or because they are not registered voters.

Many other people may want to vote but don't know where to look. One website to visit is [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org). This website gives voting information, including how to register to vote online. It is a simple two-step process where you give your information then print it out. Then you send your registration information based on the state you will be registering for. Make sure to have your license or social security number ready for identification purposes.

A voter's pamphlet gets distributed for every election. This is a good place to start research on a candidate. Also, when it comes to researching politicians and elected officials the Internet is a very efficient way of finding out information.

Other great resources are forums, local newspapers, inde-

pendent organizations and even friends. Take the information they give you and dig deeper to form your own opinions.

Your vote always counts. For a candidate, what matters is not the outcome but the margin of defeat. If you really like a candidate, don't rely on others, go out and vote yourself.

Soon new generations will be in charge of running politics, therefore, it's important that we get involved today. There are local elections taking place this August, so take the steps to vote by getting registered.

To make registration even easier, on May 26 in the Student Union between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., students have the opportunity to register to vote. Someone will be there at all times to answer any and all questions that you may have about voting.

Visiting [www.sos.wa.gov](http://www.sos.wa.gov) will provide you with a calendar where it gives dates and details on all upcoming elections.

I urge those of all ages to take the first step forward and register to vote online at [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org) or go visit the Student Union Center today. Become a registered voter today and be a part of shaping our society tomorrow with their votes today.

Amanda Oakeley and Britney Cosgrove are currently taking American Government.

# The Staff “You would make a really funny Chia Pet.”

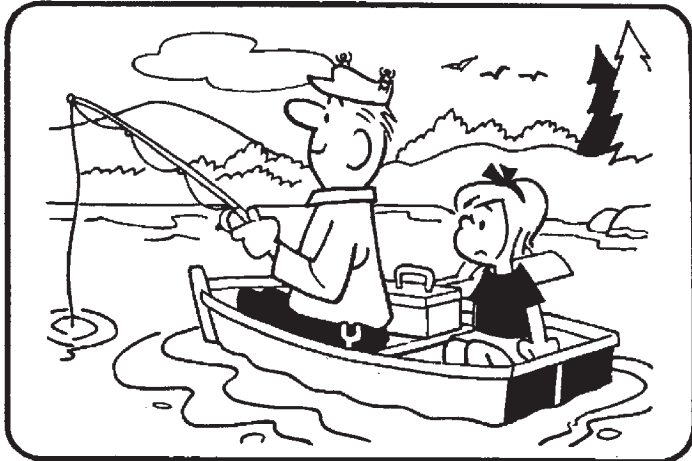
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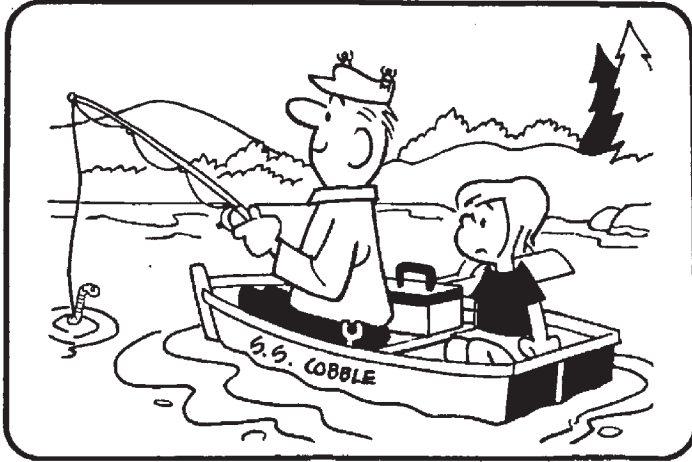
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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1. HISTORY: When did the Franco-Prussian War end?  
2. INVENTIONS: What was the name of Robert Ful-

- ton's first commercially successful steamboat?  
3. RELIGION: Who is the patron saint of Wales?  
4. MUSIC: What famous singer's 1950s TV show featured the Vic Schoen Orchestra?  
5. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel *Rebecca*?

Any Which Way

Across

1. Acquired relative  
6. Certain hockey shot  
10. Money owed  
14. College near Albany  
15. Big rig  
16. Curved molding  
17. Like a free agent  
19. Caution  
20. First Super Bowl M.V.P.  
21. Endorsed a motion  
23. Shoebox letters  
25. Fancy word for "meals"  
26. Foe  
31. Kind of tax  
32. Island feast  
33. Food additive  
34. Perfect places  
38. Oversupply  
39. Big Three meeting site  
42. Draft status  
43. Apportion  
45. English \_\_\_\_  
46. West Coast sch.  
47. Distant  
49. Diffuses  
51. Southern soup  
55. From Phila. to Miami  
56. Former Ford minivan  
58. Popular snow blowers  
62. Computer list  
63. Where you want your horse to finish  
66. German border river  
67. Keats works  
68. Alter  
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70. Part of CBS: Abbr.  
71. Egg holders

Down

1. Ames sch.  
2. Beats by a hair  
3. Took off  
4. Puzzlers' favorite ox  
5. Former U.S. chief justice

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty (Ed@gfrpuzzles.com)

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11. "Holy smokes!"  
12. Military wear  
13. Looks after  
18. Piggish  
22. Aunt Bee's boy  
24. Popular New Age singer  
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27. Influence  
28. Legendary Bunyan  
29. Where some things are settled?  
30. Blabs  
35. Exist add on  
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51. Where Pago Pago is  
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53. Sea birds  
54. \_\_\_\_ about  
57. GPS outputs  
59. Apple variety  
60. Wallet fillers  
61. E-mailed  
64. D.D.E.'s predecessor  
65. QB's gains

Quotable Quote

*Skiing combines outdoor fun with knocking down trees with your face.*

Dave Barry

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6. MYTHOLOGY: In Greek mythology, who was Telemachus' father?

7. ADVERTISEMENTS: What is "the beer that made Milwaukee famous"?

8. GEOGRAPHY: Where is Lake Maracaibo?

9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: For what line of work was Fannie Merritt Farmer best known?

10. POLITICS: What system of government does the Fabian Society support?

Answers

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2. Clermont

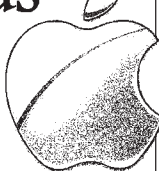
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3. David  
4. Dinah Shore  
5. Daphne du Maurier  
6. Odysseus  
7. Schlitz  
8. Venezuela  
9. Culinary expert and cookbook author  
10. Socialism



Most Valuable Brands



1. Apple  
2. Google  
3. IBM  
4. McDonald's  
5. Microsoft  
6. Coca-Cola  
7. AT&T  
8. Marlboro  
9. China Mobile  
10. General Electric

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## Spring One-Acts burst on to stage

By JONNY MCGUIRE  
Staff Reporter

The student-directed Spring One-acts once again provide a night of entertainment and fun.

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

This year's one-acts are *The WASP*, written by Steve Martin, *Business Lunch at the Russian Tea Room*, written by Christopher Durang, and *The Great Gromboolian Plain*, written by Don Nigro.

*WASP*, directed by Highline student Anthony Keane, features a day in the life of a rather unorthodox family, with a son who speaks to aliens, a mother who hears voices, and a sister whose name everyone forgets.

This play has a very comedic tone and drew uproarious laughs from the thrilled audience.

The cast of *WASP* truly gave it their all and the end result reflected this.

Of particular note was the performance of the father by Zach Ginther-Hutt. Ginther-Hutt delivered an entertaining and emotionally charged performance as the eccentric father of the family unit.

*Business Lunch at the Russian Tea Room*, directed by student Tyler Arns, involves a playwright and his agent trying to decide on a new play that will bring in money. They finally decide on a play involving a gay priest and a rabbi.

Laughs ensue as the playwright and the talent agent argue about the play's plot and the characters change to reflect their decisions.

Zach Ginther-Hutt and Micah Vichitnand drew lots of laughs from the crowd as the priest and the rabbi as they visit a disco, get struck by lightning, and take a leisurely stroll together.

The last play, directed by drama professor Rick Lorig and entitled *The Great Gromboolian Plain*, is a love story that takes place on the grounds of a mental institution.

Throwing a love story at the audience after two comedies was a strange choice on the part of Lorig; nevertheless, the audience loved it and this play drew the most applause.

The one-acts run from May 24-28 in the Little Theatre, building 4. Performances start at 8 p.m. sharp. Tickets are \$7 for Highline students and \$8 for the general public.



Michael McDonald Jr./THUNDERWORD  
Student actress Lauren Scoville preparing for her role in *WASP*.

## Artist brings fantasy world to life

By MELINA BROWN  
Staff Reporter

Science fiction and fantasy artist Robert Carlos shows off his magical artwork at Norwescon 34.

Carlos is a Tacoma based science fiction and fantasy artist who grew up in New York.

As a young child he enjoyed sketching and painting. In high school Carlos started playing *Dungeons and Dragons*, that still inspires his artwork today.

Carlos originally had gone to college for mechanical engineering when he was told that there was no money in the art field, but he felt disconnected from his life and started concentrating on his artwork.

Carlos moved to Florida in attempt to become an animator for Disney but ended up doing some graphic designing for a local printing company instead.



Carlos

The printing company went out of business and left Carlos unemployed. Eventually, Carlos started selling prints on his website and in 2001 came to Tacoma. Carlos makes his money selling prints of his artwork and doing custom pieces.

Carlos explained some of his artwork at this year's science fiction and fantasy convention, Norwescon 34.

"People are my main inspiration, even in the dragons," said Carlos.

Carlos showed a painting of a beautiful green eyed dragon wrapped around the planet Venus.

"The dragon represents a beautiful girl that I had seen in the mall one day. She seemed like she spent the majority of



One of Rob Carlos's pieces, entitled *Penguin Protector*.

her days hanging out in a salon. I made the dragon's eyes to match hers," Carlos said.

Not only is Venus seen as a very beautiful planet but Venus is also the Roman goddess associated with love, beauty, and fertility.

"I have all of the nine planets done. Pluto will always be a planet to me," Carlos said.

The picture titled *Steampunk Medusa* (Sooj's Doppelganger) is a portrait of Celtic folk band Tricky Pixie's Sooj Tucker.

This was completely unintentional. Carlos explained that he just started drawing a picture and was not really sure where it was going.

When it was finished he had it on display at a show and someone commented on it saying that it was a great picture of Sooj. "I didn't even know who Tricky Pixie was at the time,"

Carlos said.

The picture titled *The Cheshire Kitten* is an illustration of a song by the same name by Sooj Tucker.

Carlos does a lot of sketching, watercolor, and digital artwork. But he also does pewter dragon figurines. Each one is hand painted.

There are dragons that illustrate seasons and characteristics such as a storyteller, wisdom and curiosity.

Carlos and his wife Jean are currently working on a 55 card series of oracle cards titled *The Oracle of Fantasy and Myth*.

"It involves elements, zodiac, numerology elements, and dragon magic," said Carlos.

Prizes such as a deck of the cards and companion book are given away to those who pledge.

To see some of Carlos' work go to [www.colorsmyth.com](http://www.colorsmyth.com).

## Chorale's spring concert coming soon

By MELINA BROWN  
Staff Reporter

Highline's Chorale will be having their spring concert on Thursday, June 2 in Building 7.

There will be two performances, one starting at 12:10 p.m. and the other at 7:30 p.m.

This is free and is open to the public.

This quarter's theme is Modern American Chorale Composers.

"Most will recognize the poetry and arrangements of Stephen Foster's most beautiful tunes," said Chorale director

Dr. Sandra Glover.

Stephen Foster's *Oh Susanna* will be featured in the performance. Stephen Foster, sometimes referred to as the "father of American music," was the pre-eminent songwriter in the United States during the 19th century.

Other composers include Marc Hafso, a Whitworth University chorale director; Rene Clausen, an American composer and conductor of the Concordia Choir; and David Brunner, chorale director at the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

Ensembles and solos highlight the different voices in this event.

"This quarter features some very nice voices," said Dr. Glover.

Dr. Glover is holding Chorale auditions for fall quarter.

"Highline's faculty, staff and students take part in chorale, as well as members of the community. It is open to everyone," Dr. Glover said.

Auditions have started and will run through June 9.

The Chorale rehearses Monday through Friday from 12:10 to 1 p.m.

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# Out of state recruits coping away from home

By **MICHAEL MCDONALD JR.**  
Staff Reporter

Out-of-state recruits struggle with being away from home.

Not being able to see their loved ones takes its toll on a player emotionally, but keeps them serious about their goals and purpose for college.

The Highline men's basketball team has their own set of out of state recruits hitting the court this coming season.

A quartet of players from Nevada known to the team as the "Vegas Boys" are among those recruits.

Ira Haywood, ReDell Moore, Zach Hatén and Josh Youngblood compose the "Vegas Boys" at Highline.

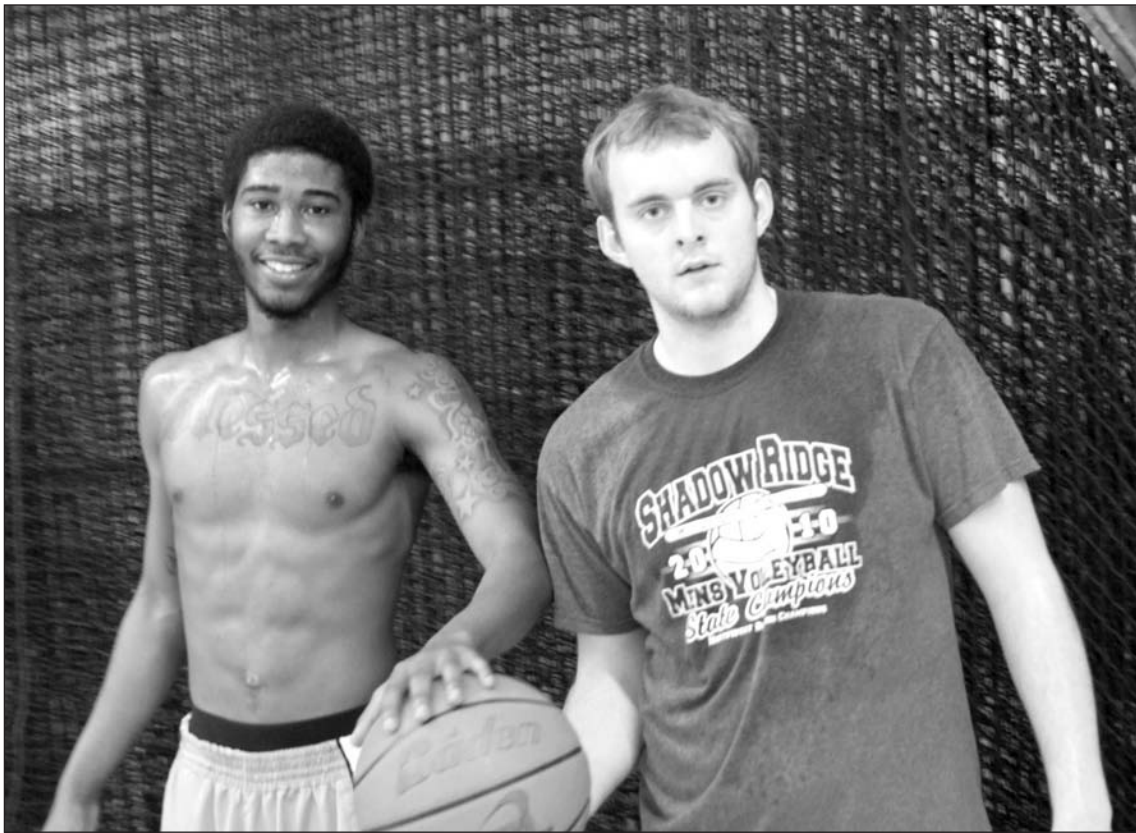
"Being here at Highline helps keep me focused," said Josh Youngblood.

Youngblood is a 6' 1" freshman guard who redshirted last season.

"It has been a lonely trail," said Youngblood, who is used to moving.

"I was born in New Orleans, and have lived on the east and west coast, now I'm up north here in Des Moines."

Youngblood is expected to make an impact on the court this coming season.



Michael McDonald Jr./THUNDERWORD

*Josh Youngblood and Zach Hatén are among the out-of-state recruits hoping to win a title.*

"I'm really working hard to be a good leader and teammate. I'm working on getting my weight and overall strength up. I will be ready to take the court this season," Youngblood said.

Zach Hatén, a 6'1" point guard from Shadow Ridge High School in Las Vegas, suffers from the same home sickness.

Hatén has experienced some success in other sports and he has always had that hometown support that he no longer has, being so far from home.

"Man, not being able to see my family but for only two weeks out of the year is hard, but being in the house with Steve, Jerome and Josh makes it easier.

It's a blast. These guys are my family and we have a lot of fun and help each other out," Hatén said of how he is handling being away from home.

"My goal is to leave Highline with a scholarship to a Division I or II college, so I'm working on my speed and agility," Hatén said.

There are also a couple players from Alaska hoping to be integrated into the team.

AJ Banks, a tenacious 5'8" point guard who played football and ran track for East Anchorage High School, decided to bring his talent to Highline.

"I really miss my mom and little brother. That's what this is all for. I have to set the standard for success for my little brother and pave the way for him to follow," Banks said of his decision to come to Highline.

Banks' high school teammate, Jawan Harris, a 6'6" power forward/center also returns to the line-up next season and wants to get his Associate of Arts degree and transfer to a division I or II school.

"I've been working on my post moves and my 15 foot jumper to improve my game for next season," said Harris. "I really want to win the NWAACC next season and I think we have the squad to do it."

Highline hopes to use these recruits to win the NWAACC in the 2011-12 season after falling short last season, losing to Big Bend in the second round of the playoffs.

"We can win it all next season with the team we have," Hatén said.

## Money to be made for cross country teams

By **JOSHUA HART**  
Staff Reporter

Highline's men and women's cross country teams are holding a fundraiser to raise money for next season.

The event will take place at 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 25 at Lake Youngs in Maple Valley.

Some 12-15 runners are expected to participate in the event and all the runners will be running at least one lap around Lake Youngs. One lap is nine miles long.

Some runners will run up to 15 miles, said Taryn Plypick, cross country head coach.

Plypick is in her second year as head coach for the teams and so she created this brand new fundraising event, since they had no previously established fundraiser.

She has requested that each of her runners get a minimum of 10 pledges.

The money will be going to the cross country teams as they try to raise money for "extra things" that they need.

Plypick says that she would like to have money to do some team bonding trips as well as get t-shirts with the athlete's

personal records on them.

She would also like to get t-shirts for the "athlete of the month."

Plypick said that these things will increase their motivation to perform well and therefore be a better team.

The money will additionally go to uniforms and any strength equipment they need.

"I believe that if the athlete feels good, they will compete better," Plypick said.

She wants her players to feel comfortable with their equipment and have the correct equipment for every athlete.

Plypick says she hopes to raise at least \$1,000.

The teams are currently collecting pledges and each athlete has his/her own pledge sheet.

If you would like to help the team, you have two options to donate.

You can either sponsor a runner for a dollar amount per mile the athlete runs or you can donate a flat amount.

To donate, contact Taryn Plypick at [tplypick@highline.edu](mailto:tplypick@highline.edu) or stop by her office in Building 15, room 203.

She will then have a runner come to you to take your pledge.

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# Domestic violence survivor shares story

## Know the signs of abuse

By ELIZABETH MIKLOVICH  
Staff Reporter

Brenda Clubine spent 26 years in prison for defending herself and wants to make sure that it does not happen to any other women.

Clubine was the keynote speaker at this year's Highline Women's Celebration.

Clubine was married at the age of 16.

"Two weeks after our wedding, the abuse started. I was isolated and the incidents continued from the next one onto the next one," Clubine told a small crowd in Building 7.

Her relationship was filled with years of domestic violence. She was hospitalized more than 42 times, and had nearly every bone in her body broken.

During one hospital visit, her doctor told her that he usually saw skull fractures like hers on dead boxers, Clubine said.

With a 3-year-old son to take care of, Clubine tried to leave many times. "He [her husband] always found me within three days," she said.

Finally her husband agreed to give Clubine the divorce she had repeatedly asked for.

She agreed to meet him at a restaurant for dinner.

"He was so nice that night, he was kind and charming. He said he understood I wanted a divorce and would sign the papers. He offered to drive me to his hotel room to sign the papers," Clubine said.

After meeting him to sign the papers, he attacked Clubine again. "He told me to take my rings off because that would be the only thing that the police could use to identify me when he was done with me."

In self-defense, Clubine grabbed a wine bottle and hit him over the head and ran for her life. He died two days later.

Later she realized she should have trusted her instincts that night when she met him to sign their divorce papers. She knew the abuse would never end.

Clubine was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison for second degree murder of her husband in 1983.

"I was forced to place my son up for adoption," Clubine said.

On July 26, 1987, she received a letter from her son's adoptive parents telling her that her son had died.

"I had a nervous breakdown, became suicidal, and would not eat. It was then I decided that I had to commit suicide or make it a turning point," Clubine explained.

Clubine started talking with her fellow inmates when they were on the yard. "I always felt that I was the only one in my situation. It was then that I found that I was not alone. Many of my fellow inmates were in the same situation."

"That is when Convicted Women Against Abuse was started. A support system for women that were abused and had killed their abuser in self-defense," Clubine said.

Through the publicity of battered women's syndrome and the Convicted Women Against Abuse group, a miracle happened. Clubine's son wrote her a letter. He was alive and well.

"There were about 30 other women with me when I made that first phone call to him and we were all very emotional," Clubine explained.

In 1992, Battered Women's Syndrome became legally defined to recognize the psychological condition that describes someone who has been the victim of consistent and/or severe domestic violence.

This defense became widely used in the cases of battered women because it helps explain to a jury the possibilities that might lead to their crime.

On October 22, 2008, Clubine was released from prison. She was the 20th woman to be released on the battered women's syndrome defense.

"It was 93 degrees the day I was released. I had on a hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans, as



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*Brenda Clubine shares her story to encourage attendants to know the signs and take a stand against domestic violence.*

the prison was kept at very cool temperatures. The friend that picked me up handed me her cell phone to call my son. I had no idea what it was or what to do with it," Clubine said.

Since her release, she is still involved in the Convicted Women Against Abuse program and has started her own non-profit organization called Every 9 Seconds. For more information on Every 9 Seconds you can go to the website, every9second.com.

Every nine seconds a woman is abused in the United States. Clubine travels the world telling her story and educating others on the warning signs of domestic abuse.

"Abuse does not discriminate," Clubine said, which is

why educating anyone who will listen is an important step in fighting domestic violence.

Clubine re-married in September of 2010. Her husband travels with her to all her speaking engagements and helps promote her cause.

She continues to be close with her son to this day and said that she is not angry for the time she spent in prison, because she knows that she is supposed to be in the position she is in today.

"There are a lot of dead women today because nobody paid attention. I am trying to change that by educating people to be aware of the signs of domestic violence," Clubine said.

"I want to hope that one day there is a greater justice for battered women," she said.

By ELIZABETH MIKLOVICH  
Staff Reporter

Learning to recognize the signs of someone in an abusive relationship could possibly save a life.

Domestic violence survivor and advocate Brenda Clubine explained how to be aware to Highline students last week.

"The rate of partner violence in teen relationships is very concerning," Clubine said.

Clubine explained several facts and statistics about teen dating and violence.

One in five high school girls have been physically or sexually assaulted by a partner.

Eighty percent of teens feel verbal abuse is a serious issue for their age group.

Females aged 16 to 20 are more vulnerable to intimate partner abuse.

"Today's teens need to know the facts, anything after the word 'NO' is considered rape, and being texted by someone 15 to 30 times in a one hour time is considered stalking," she said.

"It is your job to notice and observe and call 911 if need be," Clubine said.

Some early warning signs of an abusive relationship include: extreme jealousy, a possessive or controlling attitude, low self-esteem, unpredictable mood swings, substance abuse, and explosive anger from a partner.

Clubine said that if you see those warning signs, in your own relationship or someone else's, take action.

"If you suspect someone is a victim of domestic abuse, there are steps you can take to help," she said.

"Speak to them and explain you are very concerned, explain to them they are worth so much more than abuse, let them know you are just a phone call away, explain that you know someone that can help them, and most important of all, let them know you will always be there for them," Clubine said.

# Women in action recognized at Highline's annual ceremony

By ELIZABETH MIKLOVICH  
Staff Reporter

Six women were honored as Highline's Women's Programs held their annual Women In Action Awards ceremony on May 18.

This year's winners included students, staff and faculty from Highline.

Donna Longwell won for being a pivotal part of the community, her professionalism, department leadership, and a

student mentor. Longwell is the Hospitality Services Manager and was nominated by her co-workers.

Nominated by her students, Robyn Richins won her award for her caring and out spoken ways, her commitment to her students and her ability to overcome obstacles. Richins is the Life



Longwell



Williams

skills instructor and retention adviser for Highline's Women's Programs/WorkFirst Services.

Tanisha Williams works in the Outreach Services Department that serves as a liaison between Highline and the surrounding communities. Williams was nominated by her co-workers. Williams is a sin-

gle mom and overcame a huge obstacle when she lost her child care funding, however, she remained as strong as ever in her work.

Kathy Troxel works in Women's Programs/WorkFirst Services as part of her work study. Troxel was nominated for her strength to overcome addiction and homelessness. She has been clean and sober for two years and is a marketing and sales student with a 4.0 grade point average.



Dr. Clinton

Deborah Lynn Wiley was nominated by her staff at the instructional computing lab for being a great boss and a great friend.

Nominated by 30 of her students for great teaching ability and being able to move out of the box in her teaching, Dr. Barbara Clinton was also honored.