

Bookstore takes new approaches to save students money on books

By **BRIAN MAHAR**
Staff Reporter

Kaley Ishmael/THUNDERWORD



The Highline bookstore has increased buying options for students to consider when looking for textbooks.

The bookstore has expanded its website to make it easier for students to find and purchase textbooks online. New purchase options include price comparison, textbook rental and e-book rental. These purchase options have been made available to alleviate textbook cost burdens.

“Textbooks are very expensive, they always have been,” said Highline Bookstore Manager Laura Nole. “But students need to know that we are here to serve them in the best way possible.”

The bookstore does not take any profit from textbook sales.

“Any profit the bookstore does make goes directly back into Highline’s general fund,” Nole said.

“Something to recognize is that textbook prices are not set by us,” Nole said.

“They are set by the publishers, who have become today, what pharmaceutical sales used to be. They are trying to push a product.”

The bookstore has modified how they order books in an effort to keep prices

as low as possible. The bookstore works together with the faculty to do what is called “forecasting.” The process is requested by the bookstore of the faculty in order

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Highline raises grading standard

By **BRIAN MAHAR**
Staff Reporter



Buzz Wheeler

Highline is raising the minimum grade point to 1.0 for classes that will count toward two-year transfer degrees.

The previous minimum accepted grade point was 0.7. This change has been made by the Faculty Senate because courses where grades fall below the 1.0 are less likely to be accepted by four-year colleges under the direct transfer agreement.

“According to the Inter-College Relations Commission raising the minimum grade point to a 1.0 will better align Highline grading standards with four-year colleges,” Faculty Senate Chairman and paralegal instructor Buzz Wheeler said.

The Inter-College Relations Commission originated along with the emergence of community colleges in Washington. This organization, as described on their website www.washingtoncouncil.org/icrc, works together with public and technical colleges in Washington to facilitate the transfer of academic credit for students pursuing baccalaureate degrees.

Highline’s Faculty Senate is made up of tenured faculty members who meet to discuss and revise academic affairs.

“The Faculty Senate works together advocating academic policies by addressing any concerns of the faculty,” Wheeler said.

“Raising the minimum grade point increases the likelihood that more credits will transfer toward a bachelor’s degree,” he said.

The change in the Highline grading policy referring to transfer degrees will say that any course taken in the associ-

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Legislature finds support while seeking new revenue sources

By **ALISA GRAMANN**
Staff Reporter

Highline’s support of Legislative efforts to find new revenue sources may help bridge the gap between legislative efforts and acceptance by the general public.

Highline’s Board of Trustees recently passed their first resolution of 2012, which supports the Legislature’s efforts to secure new revenue sources.

The resolution states that, because budget cuts from past bienniums have taken necessary

resources from the college — with more potential cuts looming in the future — the college’s ability to educate students may be placed at risk.

Since well-trained employees are crucial to the recovery of the economy, the college supports legislative efforts to secure new revenue sources that allow colleges around the state to continue to serve their communities.

With a \$1.5 billion hole to fill in the state budget, finding new revenue sources is important for the Legislature.

Bob Roegner, a member of Highline’s Board of Trustees, said that the resolution is a legitimate help to the Legislature.

“The intent was to provide the Legislature with a local perspective,” he said. “They seemed quite delighted to get our resolution.”

“I appreciate it a lot,” said State Rep. Dave Upthegrove, D-Des Moines. “I think it’s important.”

Since the decision to procure new revenue sources may

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State Rep. Upthegrove speaks on the House floor. The Legislature has a \$1.5 billion hole to close in the state budget.

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Crime and Punishment

Student observed a hit-and-run

A Highline student reported that she saw a gray sedan strike a parked gray Toyota Highlander in the South Parking Lot on Jan. 24.

There were minor damages to the driver's side passenger door including minor scratches.

Prostitute found soliciting on campus

A Highline student reported a prostitute soliciting her services in the South Parking Lot on Jan. 27.

Campus Security observed the woman exchanging money with a man in a black sedan. When Campus Security arrived at their location to talk to the driver, the woman quickly got into the man's car and they took off toward Pacific Highway South.

Suspicious man reported

A faculty member reported a man who appeared to be looking inside vehicles in the East Parking lot on Jan. 25.

The individual was gone upon Campus Security's arrival.

Graffiti found again

Graffiti was found in the men's bathroom of Building 8 on Jan. 26.

Unknown writing was found in one of the bathrooms stalls. Pictures were taken and orders for a cleanup were issued.

Student found in closed building

A Highline student was found on his computer in Building 29 while it was closed on Jan. 31.

The student did not realize the building was closed because the doors were unlocked. Campus Security escorted him out of the building.

Men found on a campus building roof

Three men were found on the roof of Building 7 on Jan. 27.

Campus Security contacted the three men and escorted them off campus.

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Highline student murder case still in trial

By **BEN FRIEDLAND**
Staff Reporter

Daniel A. Threadgill is currently on trial for the murder of Jennifer Walstrand.

Walstrand, 28, was a Highline student who was murdered on Aug. 31, 2010.

Threadgill, 23, and Araya McMillon, 21, were both charged with murdering Walstrand on June 24, and are being held without bail.

Walstrand was stabbed 63

times and had been kicked in the head, an autopsy revealed. According to witnesses, Threadgill had stabbed her and stomped on her head multiple times as McMillon encouraged him.

McMillon and Walstrand had worked for the same pimp as prostitutes, though Walstrand's family says she had quit drugs and had left the business. Threadgill was described to Des Moines Police as a "promoter" for the pimp.

During its investigation of the crime, Des Moines Police asked for the public's assistance via anonymous tips, saying that they "understand individuals may be reluctant to come forward," also adding that the focus of the investigation was the murder only.

An anonymous tip led police to two witnesses, who said they saw the murder and were warned to keep quiet by Threadgill and McMillon. The witnesses agreed to wear

a wire for the investigation. In a conversation with witnesses, McMillon admitted to taking part in Walstrand's murder.

One possible motive, according to another anonymous tip, was that McMillon was jealous of Walstrand.

Threadgill's trial is at the Norm Maleng Regional Justice Center in Kent before Judge Cheryl B. Carey.

Both Threadgill and McMillon have pleaded not guilty to the murder.



News Briefs

Alum back to Highline to share his life story

Highline Alum Junki Yoshida will kick off the Highline Alumni Speaker Series on Feb. 9 from 2 – 3:15 p.m. in the Mt. Constance room in Building 8.

Yoshida, creator of Mr. Yoshida's Gourmet Sauce, a teriyaki-based sauce, is the founder and CEO of the Yoshida Group. He attended Highline from 1970-1973.

Yoshida will speak about what he learned on the path from Highline to form the Yoshida Group.

First Friday Leadership workshop resumes

First Fridays Leadership Institute is back on campus on Friday, Feb. 3 from 2 – 4 p.m. in the Mt. Constance room in the Student Union.

Carel Neffenger, a communication studies instructor, will kick off the leadership workshop of this quarter speaking about how to have a presence. This seminar will teach students how to tap into their own presence in order to connect with others.

First Friday Leadership workshop is an event sponsored by Center for Leadership and Service. For more information, visit <http://studentprograms.highline.edu/firstfridays.php>. Students who participate in five workshops or more will receive a Certificate of Completion at the end of the academic year.

Get help for your personal statement

A workshop for transfer students, "How to Write a Winning Personal Statement," will

take place on Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 12:15 – 1:05 p.m. in Building 26, room 319.

Matt Schwisow from writing faculty will present tips on how to write an effective personal statement for a transfer application, such as how it should be organized and what should be included in the content. Students are not required to sign up.

This workshop is sponsored by the HCC Writing Center and Educational Planning/ Transfer Center.

What we can learn from beached birds

Science on the Sound presents Julia Parrish with a talk titled, "What Can Beached Birds Tell Us about the Health of Puget Sound?" on Saturday, Feb. 4 from noon – 12:45 p.m. at the Highline Marine Science and Technologies (MaST) center in Redondo.

Parrish is the executive director of the Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team (COASST). She will talk about the condition of marine ecosystem and how people can get involved to make a difference.

For more information about the Science on the Sound and directions to the MaST center, visit <http://mast.highline.edu/>.

February is National Heart Health month

As red and hearts are traditionally associated with the month of February, the American Heart Association celebrates it as National Heart Health month.

The kick off known as Go Red for Women is this Friday, Feb. 3.

In 2004, the American Heart Association (AHA) faced a challenge. Cardiovascular disease claimed the lives of nearly 500,000 American women each year, yet women were not paying attention. In fact, many even dismissed it as an "older man's disease", according to the

AHA website, www.americanheartassociation.org.

To dispel the myths and raise awareness of heart disease as the No. 1 killer of women, the American Heart Association created Go Red for Women – a passionate, emotional, social initiative designed to empower women to take charge of their heart health.

Friday Feb. 3 is Go Red for Women day. Women are encouraged to wear red clothing to encourage the education of the warning signs of a heart attack that women frequently ignore.

Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.

Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both

arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach with or without chest discomfort and may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.


Do not wait more than five minutes if any of the listed signs and symptoms occurs. Call 9-1-1 and seek emergency medical attention immediately.

Find the right college at the transfer fair

Students getting ready to transfer will have an opportunity to meet representatives from many colleges at the transfer fair next Tuesday.

The transfer fair will be in the Student Union from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m..

For a list of colleges that will be present at the transfer fair, visit transfercenter.highline.edu/transferfair.php.



**WHAT'S
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Marine Science & Technology Center

Highline's MaST Center, located in Redondo, has lots going on if you are interested in your local environment.

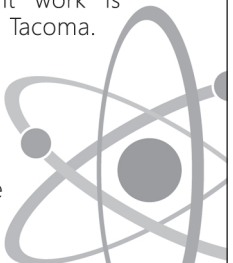
WATER WEEKEND – Every Saturday from 10am to 2pm. We are open FREE OF CHARGE to the public to view more than 100 local species in our aquarium

SCIENCE ON THE SOUND SPEAKER SERIES – 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month. Local scientists and environmental educators discuss the health of Puget Sound.

LIVE DIVER – 2nd Saturday of every month. Shows at 11 and noon.

THE WHALE PROJECT – The MaST Center is rebuilding the skeleton of a grey whale that died in Puget Sound to be displayed in the MaST Center. Current work is happening at Foss Waterway Seaport in Tacoma. Come and see the progress.

VOLUNTEER STEWARDS – Most of the work at the MaST Center is done by our team of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering you can come and visit the Center, or e-mail us at mast@highline.edu



Student president resigns, new president appointed

By JESSICA GULCHUK
Staff Reporter

Highline has a new student president due to visa problems for the former president.

The new student president, Thuy Nguyen, was the former speaker of caucuses of the Center for Leadership and Service.

Zoey Myagmarjav left Highline and returned to Mongolia on Dec. 30, 2011. She served in the Center for Leadership and Service in the school year of 2010 and 2011 and continued serving in the position Fall Quarter of 2011. Myagmarjav announced her resignation in a letter of resignation to Jonathan Brown, the associate dean for Student Services. In this letter, she said, "My sincere apologies to the Executive and the Associate Council for the abrupt departure, however I am confident and assured that I am leaving the student government legacy to my strong and capable executive team members: Enrique



Corey Sun/THUNDERWORD
Zoey Myagmarjav was elected in Spring 2011, and served during Fall 2011.

Ramirez and Thuy Nguyen." Nguyen was appointed president of the Associated Students of Highline Community College during a meeting that was

held with the Student Government leaders in January.

This now leaves an open position for the speaker of the caucuses.

The speaker of the caucuses is not only responsible for coordinating the growth and development of the caucus program, but also for representing the needs and concerns of the caucus community in Student Government.

This position is a student hourly paid position of 15 hours per week, with flexible work hours.

For those who are interested in the position of the speaker of caucuses, applications are available on the third floor in Building 8.

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ate of the arts, associate of science, or associate of applied arts and science degrees must be a D [1.0] or better. This is the current standard observed by all in-state academic institutions.

All Washington state colleges under the direct transfer agreement recognize a 2.0 minimum cumulative GPA to transfer.

"Not adhering to this is a disservice to students who hope to transfer into a four-year college. We want them to be able to do that," said Dean of Transfer and Pre-College Education Rolita Ezeonu. Raising the minimum grade for a class under the direct transfer agreement has brought up other concerns of the Highline grading policy.

The most recent issue to be reviewed by the Faculty Senate would change the grading policy to reflect academic achievement standards. Highline currently accepts grades that fall within the 0.1 to 0.6 range.

Highline's student grading policies are worded so that students are able to receive credit from a 0.1 to 4.0 in .1 increments. The change to the Highline instructional grading policy would better reflect its minimum standard for college credit

as well as clarify the grading policy in the college's catalog.

Grades falling below a 0.7 would not be awarded college credit but would still be factored into a student's grade point average.

Students expressed varying concern for how this adjustment of the minimum grade point would affect Highline students.

"I think this is a great way for them (Highline) to help raise the academic standard but I also feel that if students are earning grades this low they should not earn credit for them," one student said.

"There are those who may need more lenience. Some students like me have full time jobs," Natalia McDonald said. "It seems like we [students] are all being lumped together when these grades may be harder to come by for some."

"I understand the desire for streamlining the colleges grading system in compliance with other state institutions and I don't see any issue with that, but I am interested in our hearing from all faculty members in that regard," Wheeler said of the changes.

Their most recent meeting was Feb. 1 where the issue of the grading policy was scheduled for discussion. Faculty Senate meetings are set for the first and third Wednesday of each month from 3-4 p.m.

Weekly seminars help international students transfer

By JEMIMAH KAMAU
Staff Reporter

The International Student Programs transfer seminars for international students started this week at Highline.

These seminars will be held every Tuesday between Jan. 31 and Feb. 28 in Building 29, room 308 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

"The seminars are meant to inspire students to set their goals as high as they can, to plan ahead and apply to their dream school but also a match school," said Amee Moon, the associate director of International Student Programs.

"Students look for a different match and in these seminars, we direct students on how to do their research about cost, location, requirements and the programs offered by different universities," said Nga Pham, one of the International Student Programs advisers.

"Students feel that they have an enormous thing ahead of them. It can be difficult to new students, but the seminars will help them solve it," Moon said.

"The advantage is that students have access to computers and they can do some research. I can show them how to do the research, step by step," Pham added.

Moon and Pham said they hope that students will start planning ahead for transferring.

"I wish more students will take advantage of these seminars. Even if you are a new student, two years are not that long. Plan ahead so that you can have more options," Pham said.

On Feb. 14, students' advisers from University of Washington Bothell and University of Washington Tacoma will speak to students about the admission process, the requirements and the reasons why students should join their schools.

Those students who are interested in attending one of these universities will have an opportunity to make an appointment with the advisers during the seminar.

"All international students in Highline can attend all or chose which seminars to attend," Pham said.

Trio celebrates one year of helping underprivileged students succeed

By ERICA MORAN
Staff reporter

After supporting more-than 160 students in its first year, Highline's Trio program hopes to help students transfer to a four-year university.

Trio is a program that helps low-income, disabled or first generation college students transfer, focusing on academics, community support and transfer readiness, said Alexandra Davis, program director.

Trio is located in Building 6 on the lower level.

Trio helps students by meeting with them at least twice a quarter to help their academic success through advising and workshops said Davis.

Trio also teaches students basic study skills, note taking and time management.

Davis said the Trio team is starting up a blog called the transfer express with help topics and advice that anyone can contribute to at thetransferexpress.com.

For its next year at Highline, trio staff hopes to make their blog bigger, help more students transfer, start an alumni network



Erika Wigren/THUNDERWORD
Trio Program Director Alexandra Davis and Program Manager Ay Saechao hope to increase the number of students they serve in Trio's second year.

and have students successfully transferring, said Davis.

"We would love to see more students that are first-generation, low-income and want to

transfer who have big dreams, ambitions and goals," she said.

For more information visit Trio in Building 6 or contact Davis at aldavis@highline.edu.

Editorial comment**Take charge of your education**

Students at Highline need to take full advantage of all their resources in order to optimize their education.

With all the resources and services available at Highline, students have no excuse for incomplete projects and other assignments.

The most notable resource available to us is the Highline Library. The second floor features 64 computers available on a first-come, first-served basis. There are also reference librarians ready to assist students, staff, and faculty with any research and point them in the right direction.

On top of its immense physical presence, the Highline Library also has a phenomenal website, which allows students to search more than 50 databases for information on just about any subject offered at Highline.

Along with the library, students who have paid the technology fee, also have access to Instructional Computing located in Building 30. The computing lab is open all week from 6:45 a.m. to 10:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on Friday, Saturday from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., and Sunday 2:45 p.m. to 10:15 p.m.

Not only can students and faculty use the computers in the lab, but Building 30 is also home to the Highline Helpdesk, the people responsible for making sure our computers and networks run smoothly throughout the course of the quarter.

If you are struggling with a subject, there is no shame in asking for help.

The Highline Tutoring Center, located in Building 26, room 319 is available for students who need just a little bit more assistance.

By going to the Tutoring Center website, students can find out tutored subjects scheduling and plan their study times accordingly. There are also regular tutoring schedules for math and writing, the two most demanded tutoring subjects.

Students, faculty, and staff are also afforded the opportunity of sitting in on guest speakers and seminars on a weekly basis.

For those of you with a penchant for science, there are weekly Science Seminars, located in Building 2, every Friday at 2:20 p.m.

Highline has hosted a multitude of speakers from around the globe, the most recent being Young Wang Song, the Korean consul-general for Seattle.

For those of us planning on continuing our education after our time at Highline, visiting the Transfer Center on the second floor of Building 6 can help direct us toward the best college for our desired degrees.

The staff in the Transfer Center will help by reviewing your prerequisites for your intended major and searching out the right college for your desired career. The Transfer Center will also be able to refer you to workshops, such as How to Write a Winning Personal Statement.

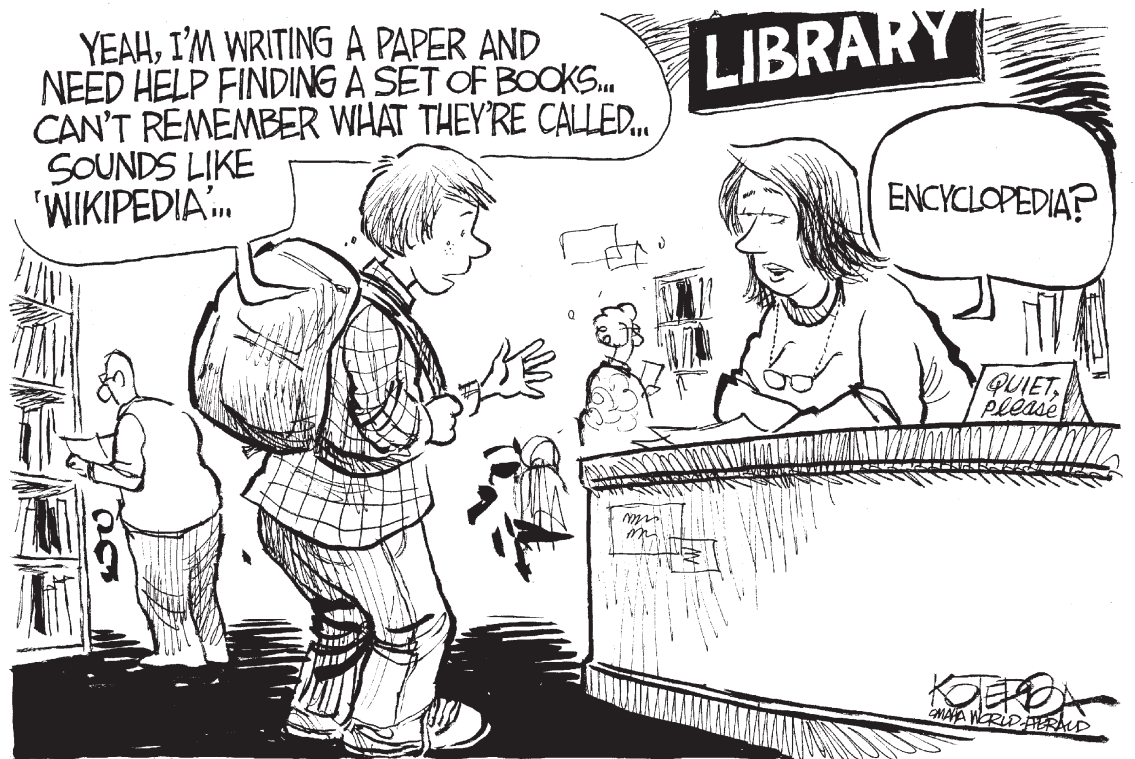
Lastly, Highline has provided each of its students with a HCC Login. This feature gives the individual student access to a personal email account, which can be used to communicate with fellow students as well as instructors. The HCC Login also gives students access to Angel, Highline's online student/teacher portal, allowing for further communication and interaction in an online forum structure.

With the amount of resources available to the students and faculty here at Highline, there is no excuse for failure. Any driven and dedicated student can do more than succeed, they can excel. If you find yourself in a tight spot, don't panic. Just ask for help.

Got something to say? Write to us

Do you have something you want to say to the student body? Or would you like to respond to something you read in the paper?

Send submissions to jnelson@highline.edu by Monday for print on Thursday. Letters to the editor should be about 200 words, columns should be no more than 600 words.

**Stupidity and firearms do not mix**

I've never trusted guns – or more accurately I've never trusted guns in the hands of the stupid and unworthy.

This mistrust was further cemented when my friend and co-worker, Christopher Ortiz, was shot three times by his supposed friend. In the early hours of Jan. 15, Ortiz's friend fired his pistol into the air, followed by three more rounds into Ortiz's stomach and lower abdomen.

"We were both drunk, but something was wrong with [his friend]. I think he was tweaked or something. If we weren't drunk I imagine we'd have just fought," said Ortiz.

The argument between the two was started – as most drunken arguments do – over a simple misunderstanding, an accusation over lost keys.

The result of this error in communication was Ortiz being rushed to the hospital.

"The funny thing about it is, when I was shot it didn't burn," said Ortiz. "You usually hear about people saying bullet wounds burn. All I felt was a kind of void where my skin should have been."

Ortiz remained in the hospital during the recent snow storm we suffered. For the first 3 days after his surgery he was restricted to a liquid diet.

"I've lost 20 pounds since going into the hospital, I was on a liquid diet for three days. It's



Commentary
Josh Nelson

not something that I want to do again," said Ortiz.

Ortiz faces a six-week-long recovery period, and has been forced to take a short-term leave from his job at UPS.

"I'm usually a pretty active guy, and now I have to stay on a couch or in a bed for the next four weeks. I mean I can only count my arm hairs so many times," said Ortiz.

The misuse of a firearm has irrevocably changed Ortiz's life. During this initial recovering period he is very limited as far as strength and physical capability.

In the future Ortiz will face challenges in performing even the simplest of tasks.

"The three bullets tore through a section of my intestines as well as part of my abdominal muscles. I don't think I'll ever be able to do sit-ups or crunches again," said Ortiz. "There is also a greater risk of a hernia for me, because my intestinal walls have been weakened."

During the first two weeks of Ortiz's recovery, he relied heavily upon his wife, Skyla. She was also forced to take time off of work, thus adding more stress to an already overloaded household.

"She (Skyla) has been great; and I feel really bad that I keep piling stuff up on her," Ortiz admitted. "But, you know, if I could get up and help her I would. But the fact is I can't. And it's driving me nuts."

Despite all of the hardships brought about by this ordeal, Ortiz still has faith in the right to bear arms, especially in regards to defense.

"This world is nuts, and I absolutely believe in my right to own a gun to protect my family and my property. Guns don't kill people, idiots like [his friend] do," Ortiz explained. "I'm proud to exercise my right to own a gun and will probably get more guns before I die."

I look at the facts of the situation, and I can't help but disagree with Ortiz. But it is his right and I have to give him that.

There is a silver lining to this story, Ortiz said that, "I woke up in that hospital and the first thing I thought was 'I want more than this'. I want to live my life, there's so much more to do and I've barely even started."

This sentiment is encouraging, and I wish my gun-toting friend a speedy recovery.

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If we stand close enough together, we might be able to use one bullet and save some money.

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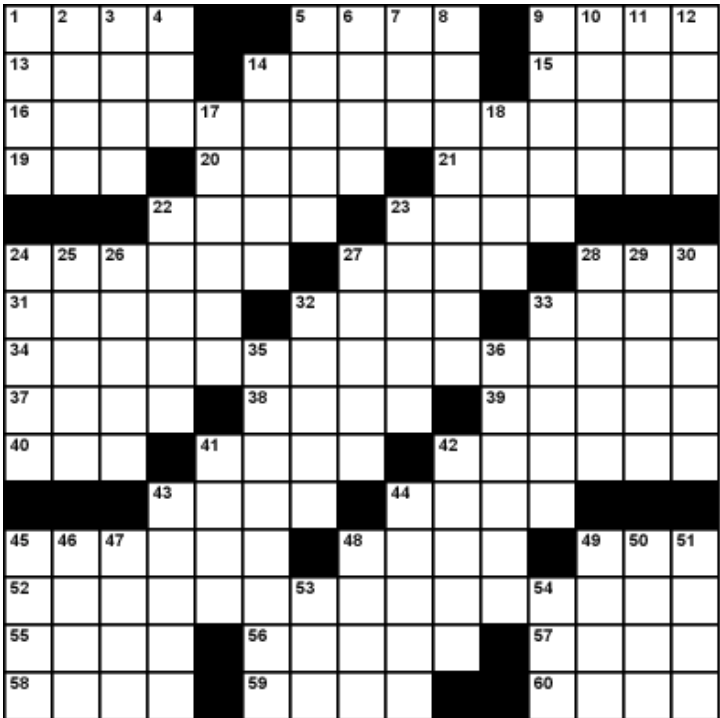
- 1. Alter a *Life* sentence?
- 5. Bone dry
- 9. Equestrian stick
- 13. A psychic may sense it
- 14. Candidate list
- 15. A whole bunch
- 16. Craft at the Smithsonian, with “The”
- 19. “By all means!”
- 20. Conveyed
- 21. Double-check
- 22. Blow hard?
- 23. Big cut
- 24. Revoke
- 27. Branch of religion
- 28. Fleece
- 31. “Early to bed...,” e.g.
- 32. Kick with a “hang time”
- 33. “Works for me!”
- 34. Meryl Streep film, with “The”
- 37. “Couldn’t agree more!”
- 38. Adviser to Bush
- 39. Fill a flat again?
- 40. “Far out!”
- 41. Part of a pool?
- 42. Be a pain in the neck
- 43. Flicks
- 44. Pup, for one
- 45. On the clock
- 48. Sound piggish
- 49. Much used
- 52. Rex Harrison film with “The”
- 55. All ____ (attentive)
- 56. Like melted caramel
- 57. Teen troubler
- 58. Site for FDR
- 59. Blows it
- 60. That was close!

Down

- 1. “Child’s play!”
- 2. Easy mark
- 3. Eye part with color
- 4. Barnacle Bill, e.g.

Crossword 101

By Bill Deasy (Bill@gfrpuzzles.com)



- 5. On the border of
- 6. Diving platform
- 7. “— now or never!”
- 8. Takes away from
- 9. Fabric
- 10. Pleasure seeker
- 11. Elevator firm
- 12. “Ahem” relative
- 14. Bargain
- 17. Jerusalem’s location
- 18. “____ we forget ...”
- 22. Former 17D leader
- 23. Film class?
- 24. “M*A*S*H” role
- 25. Abnormal swelling
- 26. Like most roads
- 27. Like James Bond
- 28. Gretzky’s stats
- 29. Alpine refrain
- 30. Strike location
- 32. Little people
- 33. High point
- 35. Ruins
- 36. Practical jokes
- 41. Encircle
- 42. Winkler of *Happy Days*
- 43. Oater chasers
- 44. Big Apple square?
- 45. Like much fine wine
- 46. Chic cuisine
- 47. Low life?
- 48. It may linger
- 49. “That’s gotta hurt”
- 50. Profession
- 51. Barrymore or Brees
- 53. Swe. neighbor
- 54. “You Are Here” chart

Quotable Quote

Courage is being scared to death - but saddling up anyway.

... John Wayne

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| 2. Bank employee | ___ E ___ | More statuesque | ___ A ___ |
| 3. Electrical flaw | ___ T ___ | Coastline | ___ E ___ |
| 4. Straight beater | ___ U ___ | _____ in the pan | ___ A ___ |
| 5. Clothes room | ___ T ___ | 9th inning pitcher | ___ R ___ |
| 6. Timepiece | ___ A ___ | Spell caster | ___ I ___ |
| 7. He wanted “more” | O ___ | Wood shaving | S ___ |
| 8. Poe’s bird | ___ N ___ | Unwind | ___ L ___ |
| 9. Prickle | ___ I ___ | Become ensnared | ___ A ___ |
| 10. Pinto or Palomino | ___ S ___ | Multitude of people | ___ D ___ |

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- 1. MAPS: U.S. Interstate 10 ends in Los Angeles, but where does it begin on the East Coast?
- 2. SCIENCE: In 1959, physicist Richard Feynman

- was the first to propose what kind of technology (on a small scale)?
- 3. LITERATURE: What was Ernest Hemingway’s middle name?
- 4. MUSIC: What American folk-music group is famous for their song *Keep on the Sunny Side*?
- 5. MEDICAL TERMS:

- What is a more common name for the medical condition “pruritus”?
- 6. SPORTS: Where will the 2014 Olympic Winter Games be held?
- 7. ARCHITECTURE: What famous architect’s residence in Wisconsin was called Taliesin?
- 8. LANGUAGE: What are

- the comparative and superlative forms of the word “little”?
- 9. MOVIES: In *Cast Away* what was the name that marooned actor Tom Hanks (Chuck Noland) gave the volleyball that washed ashore?
- 10. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Brazil?
- Answers
- 1. Jacksonville, Fla.

- 2. Nanotechnology
- 3. Miller
- 4. The Carter Family
- 5. Itching
- 6. Sochi, Russia
- 7. Frank Lloyd Wright
- 8. “Less” and “least”
- 9. Wilson
- 10. Brasilia
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Raymond Lam teaches an environment class recently. Lam will be teaching Highline's new solar power class, focusing on water heaters.

Highline offers solar power class

By **BRANDON WOLFE**
Staff Reporter

Highline's newest class could land its students in hot water.

Beginning Monday, Feb. 6, the college is offering Solar 101, a three-credit class that can help students prepare for work in the growing field of solar installations.

"There was a need for this training in the industry, and we responded," said Judy Perry, executive director of Community Education at Highline. "Employers have already expressed interest in hiring our students that are trained to use the equipment and technology, which allows our communities to help reduce the carbon footprint."

The course is based on a similar course already offered at Columbia Basin College in Pasco.

The course will be taught by local engineer Raymond Lam, owner of Silk Road Solar.

"Normally when we think of solar power, we think of solar electricity," Lam said.

However Lam works with solar water heating, the other branch of solar technology.

Solar water heaters are not only safer and more efficient than other water heating sources such as propane and natural gas, "it has the best payback in green energy," Lam said.

Lam said that solar hot water can be used by more than 50 percent of consumers, even people who live in an overcast environment. People can use the hot water for anything in their homes from the kitchen sink to even supplying a pool with hot water.

Lam recently installed a solar hot water system for an ice rink and it has been producing hot water as high as 178 degrees (the ice rink needs hot water to use with its Zamboni machine).

Lam said an average family of three to four would save up to one ton of carbon emissions just by stopping the use of propane and natural gas. Also the use of solar heating is cheaper than paying for gas heating.

Solar water heating is already being used in other parts of the world such as Europe and China, he said, adding that he expects that the same will be happening in the United States. That means a growing need for

solar water technology engineers as well.

Lam's company is going to start manufacturing solar hot water heaters around the end of February and the start of March in Walla Walla.

Students in Solar 101 will not only receive the information, but they will have real in-the-field experiences with solar water heater. The class is going to have an all-day, in-the-field experience on March 10. They will be assisting with the installation of a solar hot water heater at a local bed and breakfast.

Students may also have the opportunity for a job. Lam said that during one of the classes another contractor is going to come and sit in on a class to look for potential candidates for future employment.

The class will meet Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., and 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays.

For more information about the class, visit <http://ce.highline.edu> or call 206-870-3785.

For more information on solar water heater technology, visit Silk Road's website at www.silkroadsolar.com.

Grant fuels new Highline export resource center

By **TROY BARNES**
Staff Reporter

Highline has won a grant to develop a program to boost Washington state exports and has launched the Washington Export Resource Center to achieve the state's goal.

The Washington Export Resource Center (WERC) is an internet resource program designed to assist and educate Washington state companies in exporting their manufactured goods abroad.

The \$398,295 grant was awarded by the Community Economic Revitalization Board, a state advisory board that works to create and maintain Washington state jobs.

"The primary goal is to provide resources and education to businesses who are interested in the global market," said Caryn Fosnaugh, who worked on the project as the director of the Center of Excellence for International Trade Transportation and Logistics. The Center is dedicated to providing education for the trade sector.

Fosnaugh said the Washington Export Resource Center provides education through Highline and is constantly updated with worldwide news on global markets.

"It was created for businesses who are one, new to export and two, new to the market," said Fosnaugh. With this information they will learn about the economic importance of global trade and how to utilize it best, said Fosnaugh.

This initiative to increase



Caryn Fasnaugh

exports is also directly tied to manufacturing, according to Impact Washington, a non-profit organization committed to improve Washington state's manufacturing industry. In their 2010 Inaugural Report they found that only 45 percent of Washington state's manufacturers shipped internationally with a mere 13 percent claiming to ship out more than 10 percent of their products.

The Washington Export Resource Center plans to increase that figure, said Fosnaugh. "Four businesses have started online courses and multiple businesses have registered," she said.

The increase in companies registering is representative of increased export revenue and thus an increase in Washington state's export related jobs, Fosnaugh said.

The Washington Export Resource Center can be visited at <http://waexports.com>. It also has a Facebook page under "WERC" and a Twitter account under "WAExports."

Finding lower-rate credit cards: credit unions

By **DAVID UFFINGTON**

If your credit is solid but you're paying higher credit-card interest rates than you'd like, don't expect the credit-card company to lower your rate without a request from you. Even then it's likely you'll be stuck. But you have another option: credit unions.

It's likely that a credit union will be your best bet for a credit card you'll want to keep long term. The National Association of Federal Credit Unions [www.nafcu.org] wrote in a recent news release that credit unions have an upper limit of 18 per-

Dollars and sense
by David Uffington

cent for both credit cards and loans. Their average credit-card interest rate is 12 percent, with some as low as 9 percent.

When it comes to fees, credit unions are generally much lower. Credit unions are not-for-profit, so they're not out to charge a fee for every loophole they can get away with. You'll find ATMs, good service and a

friendly staff because as an account holder, you are a member-owner.

If you want to look for credit unions you're eligible to join and see a comparison between their rates and banks, go online to www.culookup.com. (Tip: On the lookup screen, it asks for your whole street address. Don't give it. You'll get just as much information by putting in just your ZIP code.)

You'll be shown a map of credit unions in your area. On the left side, click on Compare CU Rates for comparisons on nearly any financial product: car and boat loans, adjust-

able- and fixed-rate mortgages, money-market accounts, credit cards and certificates of deposit. The site also has a number of calculators for home, credit, retirement, savings and auto.

Remember: Don't cancel your other credit cards if you take a new one for a better deal. Bring the balance to zero on old card, and then let the card sit unused. Your credit score is partially determined by the total amount of credit available to you versus the percentage of that amount you have used. If you have an unused card with a \$10,000 availability and you cancel that account, the per-

centage of your total availability drops. As the percentage of credit you use rises (after you cancel a card), your credit score drops. Keep your percentage under 30 percent.

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

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Hollywood comes to Seattle

Vintage Event Productions to sell movie relics from Des Moines theater

By ERIKA WIGREN
Staff Reporter

If you are interested in vintage movie memorabilia, cameras, jukeboxes, and old movies, Vintage Event Productions is hosting the event for you.

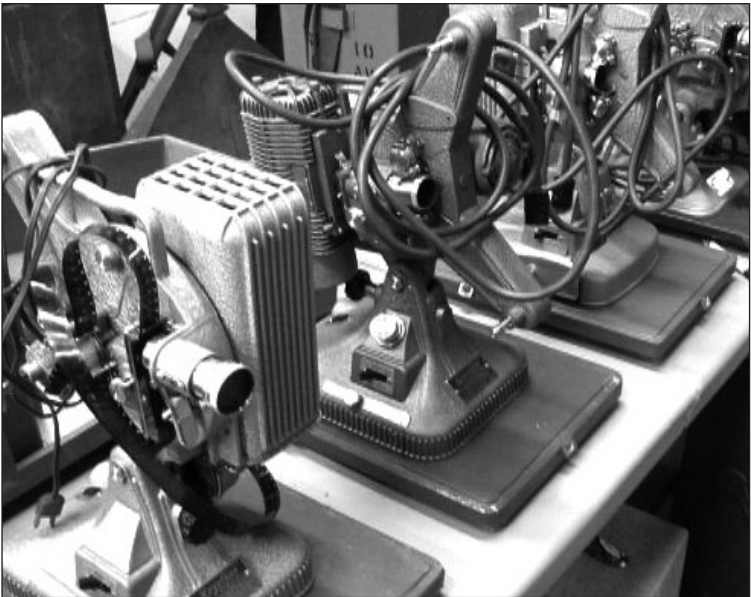
Vintage Event Productions is having a Vintage Movie Theater Liquidation and Sale on Saturday, Feb. 4, and Sunday, Feb. 5.

The sale will be held in Seattle and includes items from the basement of the Des Moines

“The items date as far back as the 1940s,” said Lisa Taylor, owner of Vintage Event Productions. “The sale is the result of two lifelong collectors of television and movie memorabilia.”

Tom Lin and Isaiah Dummer, developers from Dreams Construction, purchased The Des Moines Theater in December 2011. Along with the theater building, were the old theater relics, films from the 40s to present day, movie cameras, vintage spotlights, film equipment, microphones, jukeboxes, projectors and more.

The Des Moines Theater



Lisa Taylor/VINTAGE EVENT PRODUCTIONS
Film cameras dating back to the '40s (above), were found in the Des Moines Theater.

was built in 1947 and was purchased by Pappas in the 1970s. Over the years, Pappas and his son collected a large assortment of projectors, camera rolls, and movie theater relics sold at auctions, until he died in 1999.

“The father started [collecting], and the son picked it up. The former owner’s wife is in an assisted living home and is saying ‘sell it all off,’” Taylor said.

The money from the proceeds of the sale will go to support Pappas’ wife. Dummer and Lin are working with Vintage Theater Productions to sell the items and clear out the theater.

“We had four truckloads,

in only a week and a half, of items stored in the old theatre. The items were spread all over the place. [Pappas] stored and bought everything imaginable in this genre. There are some amazing items,” Taylor said.

Along with movie memorabilia, are items from World War II and vintage theater posters.

“There are military items highly sought after by collectors. Brand new spotlights from 1943 and the World War II era, and even World War II parachutes,” Taylor said. “There are movie posters aging back to the ‘40s that have print on both sides. This was done because when they were placed in

a lighted case, the image would stand out more. They are not standard paper posters and collectors want them.”

Taylor said she was amazed by the items being stored in the theater.

“These guys went to auctions, bought stuff relating to the genre, put it in boxes, and it just sat there,” Taylor said. “Everything is in great quality too. It’s a collectors dream.”

The prices for the items are broad. There are more than 2,500 movie posters ranging from \$20-\$40 and banners costing \$200 and up.

“A projector that is relatively small could be \$10, while a 35mm DeVry Projector may be thousands and everything in between,” said Taylor. “There will be something for everyone, for sure. We have hundreds of marquee letters which are affordable and everyone can decorate their apartment or home with them.”

The liquidation and sale will not be held at the Des Moines Theater, but at 4535 Union Bay Place NE, in Seattle.

On Saturday, Feb. 4 the sale will start at 10 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, the sale will start at 11 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m.

For more information on directions, items, and prices call 206-467-4473 or go to www.VintageEvent.com.



•Molière’s play, *Tartuffe*, will be at Taproot Theatre, 204 N. 85th St. in Seattle. The production will continue almost every weekend until March 3. The shows will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets range from \$22-\$37. Students will receive \$5 off regular ticket prices. For more information on ticket prices and showtimes call 206-781-9709 or visit www.taproottheatre.org.

•5th Avenue Theatre’s production of *Oklahoma!* begins on Feb. 3 and continues until March 4. The shows will be at 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. for matinee. The show will be held everyday except Monday’s and tickets will cost \$29-\$49. For students tickets are \$19. Valid student I.D. is required. For more information on the shows and ticket prices call 206-625-1900 or e-mail info@5thavenue.org.

•Orchestra Seattle/Seattle Chamber Singers presents Russian Masters conducted by Eric Garcia on Feb. 5. The program includes pieces by Russian composers such as Igor Stravinsky. It will be held at Meany Hall on the University of Washington campus, 4000 15th Ave. N.E. in Seattle. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$10 for students and youth ages 7-17 are free. Visit www.osses.org or call 1-800-838-3006 for tickets.

•For one night only the Celtic Arts Foundation Annual Masters of Scottish Arts Concert will be held on Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Benaroya Hall, 200 University St. in Seattle. The musicians come from areas including Scotland and Northern Ireland. Tickets are on sale now. Prices range from \$23-\$44. Call 1-866-833-4747 or visit www.benaroyahall.org for tickets.

•Seattle Women’s Chorus performs “Shot Through the Heart,” at Benaroya Hall, 200 University st. in Seattle. The show will be held on Feb. 18 and Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. Favorites like Christina Aguilera’s *Candyman* and Holly Near’s *Simply Love* will be performed. For a tax deductible donation of \$300, an audience member can dedicate one song from the Saturday or Sunday performance to a special someone. Tickets are \$20-\$60 and are available at SeattleWomensChorus.org or over the phone at 206-388-1400.

Arcturus seeks creative student writers

By GABI PAULSON
Staff Reporter

The last day to submit work for Arcturus approaches this Friday, Feb. 3.

“It’s a publication that High-

line puts out each year,” said Rachel Corrigan Moyer, an editor of Arcturus. Arcturus can contain anything from song lyrics to drawings to short stories.

“There are no specific criteria,” said Moyer.

“And anyone affiliated with Highline can submit.” When considering work, said Moyer, “we review it, discuss it, and rate it.”

This year, there’s a bit of a shortage.

“We’re really in need of submissions,” said Moyer, “especially essays and short stories.”

It can be advantageous for students to offer their work.

“It’s pretty cool to get published,” said Moyer.

If submitted work is published, it can be listed on an academic résumé.

To enter, students must put their work in a manila envelope labeled “Arcturus Submission” and place it either in the drop box outside Building 5, or ask the Building 5 receptionist to give it to English professor Sharon Hashimoto, who is the adviser to Arcturus.

Each piece inside the envelope must be labeled with name, address, email, and phone number.

Moyer also asks that a self-addressed envelope be contained in the manila envelope so that unused submissions can be mailed back.

This year’s Arcturus will be published in June, towards the end of spring quarter. “I highly encourage anyone to submit work that they’re proud of,” said Moyer.

Puzzle answers:

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answers

1. Beatle, Beetle

6. Watch, Witch

2. Teller, Taller

7. Oliver, Silver

3. Short, Shore

8. Raven, Ravel

4. Flush, Flash

9. Tingle, Tangle

5. Closet, Closer

10. Horse, Horde

— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

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7	2	5	9	1	6	4	8	3
8	3	1	4	7	2	5	6	9



HIGHLINE ARTS PLAYS WITH A FULL DECK

By **SHAIMA SHAMDEEN**
Staff Reporter

The art department is dealing and the cards are marked.

Students of Highline's Visual Communication Department have come out with their own design of playing cards.

The deck features 52 cards, each designed with the student's interpretation of a verb and noun combination.

While the majority of the decks were sold to the Highline College Foundation to help the graphic design program, students are still able to retain their own deck.

Students can pick up a deck of cards at Nelson's office in Building 16, room 109.

The deck is free, but students can make a donation which will go to the Highline College Foundation to help graphic design students.

The idea of a personalized deck of cards is nothing new.

"It is a variation on an idea that a group of artists in Great Britain did in the '70s. There were 54 separate professional contemporary artists. Each one of them did a card that represented their interpretation of what their idea was, for instance, what the four of spades would be or the queen of hearts," said Gary Nelson, head

of the Visual Communications Department.

"I have that deck at home, and it's been intriguing to me for many years. So I thought why not try it here with my students and give them the exposure?"

The deck of cards was a project that took visual communication students over a year and a

half to complete.

Over the course of the program, a variety of different activities in the different art classes helped bring out students creativity and imagination.

"Some of the pieces of the deck were from Drawing for Illustration II, and in that class I would set up problems. One of them was to illustrate a verb

and a noun that the students would pick out of a hat. So it could be flying squash, for example," Nelson said.

"That kind of problem-solving depends upon not only the ability to execute and render and paint, but also to imagine a unique solution to the problem," he said.

One example of this is a student whose verb was racing and whose noun was snail. The student incorporated the two by drawing a ladybug on a race-horse.

The selection process for which designs would end up in the deck depended on students following the criteria set by Nelson, and on student grade point averages.

"The individual pieces that were selected were generally 3.6 or above in any given class, the best work," said Nelson.

Nelson and the Graphic Design Club are currently working on their second deck of cards.

Visual Communication students create unique playing cards

Farce, comedy, cowboys take stage in February

By **MICAH MORRILL**
Staff Reporter

Whether you're looking to visit the psychiatrist, travel the plains of the old west, or take a trip to renaissance France, local theater has you covered in the month of February.

On Friday, Feb. 3 *What The Butler Saw*, *Oklahoma!*, and *Tartuffe* will all open at area theaters. Each show will bring laughter, smiles, and an enjoyable evening to its audience.

What The Butler Saw is put on by Center Stage Theatre in Federal Way. This show is culmination of playwright Joe Orton's career and promises hours of nonstop laughter, said Cynthia White, the production's director.

White said that the show is coming along well and, "If we can get through the snow and get to rehearsals we should be on track."

The play follows Dr. Prentice, a psychiatrist, and the all but ordinary happenstances occurring in his clinic. Much of



Erik Stuhaug/ TAPROOT THEATRE

Tartuffe by Molière is a comic masterpiece about a charming con artist.

the farce has to do with sex. Dr. Prentice attempts to seduce his new secretary while his wife seduces another.

Collaboration is key in White's direction of the show. "Humor must be based in reality and the actors must connect and understand this in order to make it funny," she said.

"Through laughter and how

that laughter pushes limits, I hope that people will come away with more of openness to their experience," White said.

Center Stage Theatre's address is 3200 SW Dash Point Road Federal Way.

The show will run through Feb. 26 with shows every Friday and Saturday night at 8 p.m. and matinee performances at 2 p.m.

on Sundays. During their last weekend there will be a matinee performance on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 2 p.m.

Ticket prices range from \$12.50- \$27.50. For more information on this show and ticket prices visit centerstagetheatre.com or call 253-661-1444.

Oklahoma!, the classic western musical, is set in the Oklahoma territory of 1906. The story is one of romance and intrigue, which earned Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein II a Pulitzer Prize.

The production follows the romance of cowboy Curley McLain and farm girl Laurey Williams along with Laurey's flirtatious friend Ado Annie and her romantic endeavors.

Fifth Avenue Theatre in Seattle will be running the show through Mar. 4. Evening performances will occur six nights a week on every day except Mondays beginning at 7-8 p.m. aside from the Sundays of Feb. 5, 26, and Mar. 4. Matinees will take place every Saturday and Sunday and on Thursday, Feb. 23.

Fifth Avenue Theatre is located at 1308 5th Ave., Seattle.

Ticket prices range from \$29-\$45 depending on seating section. For more information about the show visit 5thavenue.org or call 206-625-1900.

Tartuffe by Molière will be performed by Taproot Theatre located in Seattle.

This show follows Orgon and his family as the imposter Tartuffe begins to influence Orgon and his mother to do his will. The rest of the family catches on to Tartuffe's intentions and struggles to show Orgon his follies.

Filled with comedic breaks and entertainment this show will run through March 3 and tickets are \$29-\$37 depending on the night of the performance.

Show times are Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

Taproot Theatre can be found at 204 N. 85th Street, Seattle

To get your tickets today visit taproottheatre.org or call 206-781-9707.

Lady 'Birds have eyes on tournament berth

Roster full of freshmen shoot for the NWAACC

By **ANTHONY BERTOLUCCI**
Staff Reporter

The Lady T-Birds looks to minimize their turnover margin over their opponents as they gear up for the NWAACC tournament in March.

"At this point we just want to make the post season, I will take any seed that gets us to the Tri Cities," Head Coach Amber Mosley said.

"We need to minimize our turnovers and we need to make open shots," Coach Mosley said.

The women's basketball team is still currently fourth in the West Division with a 5-3 record in league play and an 8-10 record overall.

Highline traveled to Lacey to take on league opponent South Puget Sound Clippers on

Wednesday, Jan. 25. The Lady T-Birds were in a close contest in the first half leading 26-25. But in the second half Highline pulled away and won 60-45.

"We got a lead and held the lead, which is the first time all year. Each player on the team contributed to this win. We looked much better in our zone offense," Coach Mosley said.

"We need to play our game. We tend to play with whoever we are playing. We win but it seems like barely every time," Coach Mosley said.

Freshman guard Keana Magalei lead Highline in all statistical categories with 11 points and 15 rebounds. Brianna Votaw had 10 points and shot 50 percent from the field. Grace Beardemphl tied her career high in assist with eight.

"Beardemphl did a good job distributing the ball. Magalei was a force on the boards and Naomi Brown came in and made some big baskets," Coach Mosley said.

Highline had an away match against Green River Community College on Feb. 1 with results unavailable at press time.

The next woman's basketball game will be at home on Saturday, Feb. 4 against the Clark Penguins at 1 p.m.

The Lady T-Birds will hit the road again on Thursday, Feb. 8 for a game against Lower Columbia.



Corey Sun/ THUNDERWORD

Freshman Grace Beardemphl hits a mid-range jumper against the Pierce Raiders in a recent game. Head Coach Mosley is pushing her team to reach the NWAACC tournament.



Head Coach Amber Mosley



Corey Sun/THUNDERWORD

Highline's Keana Magalei drives in a recent game.

Magalei stands tall for Highline

By **JOSHUA YOUNGBLOOD**
Staff Reporter

Lady T-Bird guard Keana Magalei says her main goal is to make it to the NWAACC tournament.

As a 5'6" freshman, Magalei leads the team in scoring and rebounding.

With the Thunderbirds currently sitting in the third place spot in the West Division with a 5-3 record, Magalei wants to keep winning.

"I feel like we're close enough to make it, but [we have] a ways to go to win it all," said Magalei.

"We have every position filled to be the best in our division, as long as we stay focused and work hard," she said of the team's talent.

At Lincoln High School, she averaged 17 points, six rebounds and two assists, earning first-team all-league honors her sophomore, junior, and senior years.

"I haven't put much thought into a personal goal, but I'd like to make first team," Magalei said of her first year competing

in the NWAACC West.

"My high school team wasn't the best, but I enjoyed my time playing there. I love my teammates at Highline. It gets frustrating at times, but I just have to be the best teammate I can be."

Being a very physical player, Magalei said "When I'm on the court I am not looking to make friends. My friends have on the same jersey as me. Everyone else is irrelevant, until after the game of course."

Magalei doesn't let her relatively small stature keep her from attacking the basket. Around the hoop, she looks for contact, takes it and still manages to finish around the rim.

Wanting to score whenever the opportunity avails itself, Magalei is always engaged in every play when she is on the floor.

With Magalei's skill set being able to shoot, attack and handle the ball, she could play at a university.

"If Highline was a four-year school I would stay," Magalei said. "I've known [Kevin]

Strozier [Lady T-Birds assistant coach] for years, plus Coach [Amber] Rowe is the best coach I've played for, so I would love to stay."

"Coach Rowe basically mothers us," Magalei said. "She hears us out even when it is not about basketball. She wants us to be the best we can be."

"And I cannot forget about Coach K, [assistant Coach Karen Nadeau], she is great too," she added.

Playing basketball since a young age, Magalei says her mom has been there since the beginning.

"Since I could remember, my mom has always been there to support me, and my uncle."

Not having declared a major, Magalei is still debating on what she really wants to do beyond basketball.

"I have a few different majors in mind but not totally sure of what I want to do," she said.

"As of now it is looking like I will be returning for my sophomore year, but I do plan to transfer to a four year school and continue playing basketball," Magalei said.

T-Bird men's hoops move up in West rankings

By **ADRIAN SCOTT**
Staff Reporter

The T-Bird men's basketball team is getting closer to their season goal of making it to this year NWAACC playoffs after a dominating 80-58 win over the South Puget Sound Clippers.

The T-Birds are 4-4 in league and 5-12 overall this season. They are in fifth place in the West Division, one game behind the Pierce Raiders, who they lost to last month.

Wednesday, Jan. 25 the T-Birds traveled south to play the Clippers.

The T-Birds played their best basketball game this season winning by the biggest point margin this season.

"Things are starting to change for the good. We're coming together on the court and playing well," sophomore guard Jayson Lewis said.

Sophomore 6'6" forward Juwan Harris had an outstanding game. Only playing 19 minutes he was able to score his season high 17 points, grabbed eight rebounds, and collected four steals.

"Juwan really stepped up this game, I think he shocked everyone," Lewis said.

If the T-Birds do make it to the playoff they will have to end the season in fourth place.

The T-Birds faced the Green River Gators on Wednesday, Feb. 1. The score was not available at press time.

The T-Birds defeated the Gators 59-48 earlier this season at home.

"We beat them (Green River) earlier in the season, and we plan to come out and play with the same intensity as we did before," Lewis said.

Center Nkosi Ali had one of his best season performances in the last match against the Gators. Ali ended the game scoring 29 points, totaling up 21 rebounds, blocking two shots.



Corey Sun/ THUNDERWORD

Freshman guard Jordan Young goes for a lay-up against Lower Columbia's Colin Bossio.

The T-Birds will return home on Saturday, Feb. 4 in a weekend game against the first place 7-0 Clark Penguins.

The Birds' didn't play well, losing the game 66-49 earlier this season.

If the T-Birds can win their next two games, and the Pierce

Raiders and the Lower Columbia Red Devil lose their games, there is the possibility that Birds' could move all the way up to third place in the West Division.

"We knew we could do well this season, the question was just when," forward Robert

Christopher said.

The T-Birds look forward to getting revenge on the second place Tacoma Titans. Earlier this season the Titans squeezed out a 71-68 win over the T-Birds.

The Birds' will face the Titans at home on Monday, Feb.

13 at 8 p.m.

"We did lose that game, but we played well and fought hard," freshman guard Joshua Youngblood said. "We have those guys in the back of our minds but our main focus is this week's game against Green River."

Personal fitness program has an experienced manager

By **JORDAN TASCA**
Staff Reporter

Tim Vagen has been named manager of the personal fitness training program this quarter.

This came about as Highline's original manager, Josh Baker, took a new position in Indiana.

The main focus in Highline's Personal Fitness Training program is to "Provide proper whole body workouts, while emphasizing that the human body is an integrated system

and not just individual parts," Vagen said.

"We educate the students well enough that they can pass their certification exams and become eligible for employment."

Last year's national exam scores revealed a "Passing rate of over 90 percent the first time through," Vagen said. Nearly all of the graduating students start work directly upon completion of the program at facilities such as health clubs and fitness centers.

"I have 30 years in clinical and field experience working with organizations such as the NFL, MLB, and physical therapy occupations," he said this week. Vagen has also worked with the Seattle S.W.A.T., U.S. Secret Service, and was a consultant to the U.S. Rugby team. Tim has trained Olympic Medalists, US National Figure skating champions, multiple US national Swim Champions, and many state champion high school athletes.

Vagen has an educational

background at the University of Tampa where he earned his bachelor's in physical education and physics. He also earned his master's in human movement with emphasis on geriatric training. Vagen has also worked at Highline as a teacher in the program, under Baker, for four years before filling the position of head of the program.

Highline's website offers more information on the two year program and the classes entailed. Upon completion, students will gain a certificate

in personal training as well as an associate's degree of applied science.

Tim Vagen and his wife Tara also run a website at Unlimitedathlete.com which gives insight on their nearby athletic facility located at Valley Medical Center.

The off campus location works with all kinds of people including those who may have experienced a decline in desired quality of life due to medical conditions, injuries, or weight issues.

The Scoreboard

Men's Basketball

NORTH League PCT Season			
Whatcom	7-1	.875	15-3
Bellevue	6-2	.750	16-2
Peninsula	6-2	.750	16-3
Seattle	5-3	.625	10-8
Shoreline	5-3	.625	11-8
Olympic	2-5	.286	5-12
Skagit Valley	2-6	.250	6-10
Edmonds	1-6	.143	1-14
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EAST			
Yakima Valley	5-1	.833	12-6
Spokane	4-1	.800	15-3
Big Bend	5-2	.714	15-3
Walla Walla	4-2	.667	13-6
Col. Basin	2-4	.333	6-11
Tr. Valley	2-4	.333	3-14
Blue Mt.	1-5	.167	5-11
Wenatchee	1-5	.167	5-10

WEST			
Clark	7-0	1.000	17-1
Tacoma	6-1	.857	14-4
Lower Columbia	5-3	.625	11-7
Pierce	5-3	.625	13-6
Highline	4-4	.500	5-12
GreenRiver	3-5	.375	9-10
S. Puget Sound	3-5	.375	7-11
Centralia	2-6	.250	4-15
Grays Harbor	0-8	.000	1-15

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Mt. Hood	6-1	.875	15-6
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Linn-Benton	5-2	.714	9-9
SWOregon	4-2	.667	12-7
Clackamas	4-3	.571	10-9
Lane	2-4	.333	8-10
Umpqua	1-6	.143	6-12
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Women's Basketball

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Highline wrestler Micah Morrill goes for a takedown on Nicholas Schmidt in a recent practice.

Champions emerge in Boxer Open

By TRAE HARRISON
Staff Reporter

The Highline wrestlers came out of the Boxer Open this past Jan. 28 with four champions.

Brandon Leach (125 pounds), Jason Gray (157), Lucas Huyber (174), and Michael Henry (285) all won their respective weight classes.

The matches ranged from brackets of four to brackets of 10 in each weight class.

"I thought they all did really well," said Assistant Coach Brad Luvaas.

"Although there were a lot of wrestlers missing in this open, we still ended up beating a lot of tough guys."

Wrestlers from colleges as prestigious as Oregon State competed in the open, and Alex Cornelius of Oregon State ended up losing to Lucas Huyber in the 174 finals.

Although he didn't win his bracket, Micah Morrill's second place performance received plenty attention from Coach Lu-

vaas. "Morrill showed up the most," said Luvaas. "In the finals he wrestled well in a tough match, and just gave up a takedown at the very end with the score tied."

"He's showing up big in the big matches," said Luvaas. "He has a great chance at finishing first in the regionals."

Brandon Leach, a redshirted freshman, was especially impressive as well. He defeated the starter from Southwestern Oregon in the finals of the 125 bracket.

Leach had only competed in two tournaments prior to the Boxer Open.

Because of the redshirt, Leach will be out of action in the regional tournament this year, but the coaches will be looking to him to replace T-Birds All-American Steven Romero next season at the 125 weight class.

"He has really big shoes to fill," said Luvaas. "I know he'll do the best he can in his situation."

"He should do well," said Luvaas. "He needs to work hard and continue working out every day."

Michael Henry's first place finish was described as a "huge confidence booster" by Coach Luvaas.

"It [the tournament] let him know he could do it," said Luvaas. "I think he'll do really well in regionals."

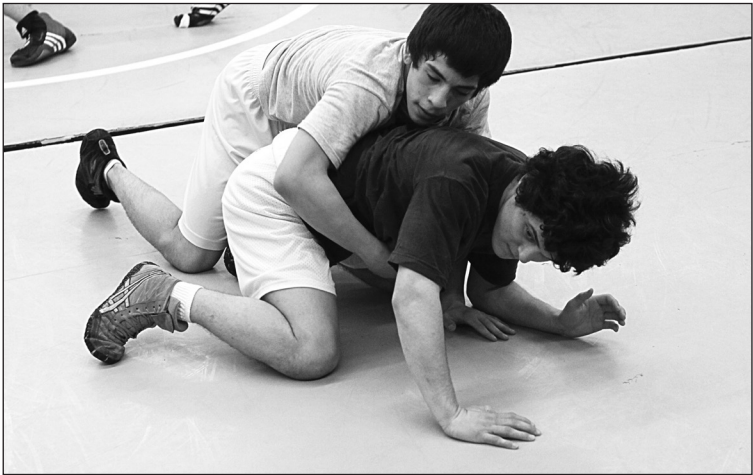
Luvaas also spoke about the three matches that were can-

celled due to snow.

"It actually wasn't us who cancelled the matches," Luvaas said.

North Idaho, Yakima, and Pacific all canceled their dual meets against the T-Birds with the main concerns of bad weather.

"I think they didn't want to wrestle us," said Luvaas. "The snow was just an easy excuse to get out of a dual that they probably would have just lost."



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Steven Romero and Brandon Leach practice wrestling moves.

Highline skis down Snoqualmie Pass

By JEMIMAH KAMAU
Staff Reporter

Highline will take students for a ski trip at The Summit at Snoqualmie Pass on Feb. 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"All students at Highline are welcome to go with us and have fun on the snow," said Nang Yin Yin.

Yin Yin is the Social Events

coordinator of International Leadership Student Council.

To register for the event, students should go to the International Student Program in Building 25, fifth floor before Feb. 10.

The hired school bus will be in front of Building 29 at 7:15 a.m.

Students that are going for the trip will be provided with

breakfast that morning.

"If you have skiing equipment, you can bring it with you. If you don't have, you can rent it from Snoqualmie Pass," said Yin Yin.

The cost will vary according to the activities that the students will engage in.

It will also depend on the number of students who actually sign up for the ski trip.

One tube session will cost a student \$21, and for two tubing sessions will cost \$42.

A day lift ticket will cost a student \$48 and if the equipment is added, the total cost will rise to \$79.

A day lift ticket for beginners only, with equipment and lessons will cost only \$69.

"It will be fun," Yin Yin said. "Come on and join us."

Consul explains two Koreas

By **ADRIAN SCOTT**
and **JESSICA GULCHUK**
Staff Reporters

South Korea wants to see North Korea end its nuclear weapons program, a government official said here Tuesday.

The Honorable Young Wan Song, consul-general of the Korean Consulate of Seattle, spoke here as part of Global Tuesdays, a weekly series of forums exploring international issues.

Song also said that, eventually, the two halves of the Korean peninsula will reunite into one country.

Korea has only been separated for 60 years, but was on nation for 1,500 years before that.

"Reunification is not an issue of 'whether,'" Song said. "It is when and how."

The nuclear issue must be resolved first, he said. Despite the efforts of nations including Japan, China, Russia and the United States, North Korea, one of the last communist states on earth, has been working to develop nuclear weapons capability since the late 1980s.

Despite ongoing negotiations, economic sanctions and offers of economic assistance, North Korea has continued to work on its nuclear weapons program, while it remains one of the poorest nations on earth.

South Korea has twice as



Corey Sun/THUNDERWORD
Korean Consul-General Young Wan Song speaks at Highline.

many people as the north, but its economy is much bigger, Song explained.

North Korea, he said, "is characterized by famine, abject poverty and refugees."

Under South Korean law, any North Korean who applies is automatically granted citizenship.

South Korea did provide aid to the north, but ended it after North Korea's continued failure to end its weapons program and after violent attacks on a South Korean ship and a South Korean island in the last few years.

The situation is particular uncertain at the moment with the death of dictator Kim Jong-Il. He has been succeeded by

his son, Kim Jong-Un, who is around 30. Nobody outside of North Korea knows exactly when he was born, Song said.

Song said it is time for North Korea "to end is habitual tactic of defiance and denial." South Korea wants a "grand bargain" with the north, including "planned and verifiable" dismantling of the north's nuclear weapons program.

"We hope that North Korea becomes stable," Song said. "We hope that it comes to the negotiating table."

Next week's Global Tuesdays speaker will be Megan Caddell, even planner for World Vision's Step Into Africa national tour.

Law professor to speak on race and class

By **JEMIMAH KAMAU**
Staff Reporter

Professor Lani Guinier, the first African-American woman to be appointed to a tenured professorship at Harvard Law School, will speak at Highline for Black History Month at the Student Union on Feb. 8.

During this event, Guinier will give a lecture about Rethinking, Race, and Class in Building 8, Mt.Constance/Mt.Olympus room, from 11 a.m. to noon.

Guinier will be coming to Highline for the first time and the director of Multicultural Services and Student Development at Highline, Yoshiko Harden said, "It is a gift to have Professor Lani coming to Highline for this event."

Harden said that she hasn't met Guinier before and she is excited to meet her.

"My goal is to bring educational programs of higher schools to Highline since not all students want to transfer to a four year university where they can hear from them," Harden said.

This event will be open to the public and Harden said she hopes that many students will



Lani Guinier

turn up for Guinier's presentation.

"We all have a race. Students should see this as something that affects them," Harden said.

Guinier, who is currently a visiting professor at Colombia Law School, is also a civil rights lawyer and a leading advocate for political reforms.

She was nominated as the assistant attorney general for civil rights in 1993 by President Bill Clinton.

Guinier has published scholarly articles, books and law reviews through which she addresses issues about gender, race and democratic decision making, educational theories and political representation.

She has received 11 honorary degrees and many awards such

as the Champion of Democracy Award from the National Women's Political Caucus and the Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award from the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession.

Her books include Lift Every Voice, The Tyranny of the Majority and others that she has written together with Susan Strum and Gerald Torres such as The Miner's Canary and Who's Qualified? All are currently available at the library.

More books will be available for purchase during the event and a signing will follow immediately after her presentation between noon and 12:30 p.m.

The Black History Month Event will be co-sponsored by Highline, Central Washington University-Des Moines, Central Washington Campus Activities and Diversity Education Center and the Student Programs-Center for Leadership and Service.

Multicultural Services has organized other events such as the 10th Annual Score, a high school conference which will involve more than a hundred high school. This event will take place at the Student Union on Feb. 29 and is meant for students of color to excel.

Customers are conditioned much like Pavlov's dog

By **JORDAN TASCA**
Staff Reporter

Hidden persuaders such as safety, esteem, friendship, family, and sex are used in advertisements in order to condition consumers to need certain products, a Highline professor said here last Friday.

"There is a whole new field of science that is being developed which has to do with working on our totally subconscious level, where you don't even know that you're doing something, or you don't know why you're doing something," Jeff Ward said, delving deep into the building blocks of consumer behavior.

Ward, a Highline sales and business professor, spoke as part of the weekly science series on campus.

A commercial featuring a product that the company wants you to buy will always contain two parts: a message and a hidden persuader, Ward said.

"A normal functioning brain only uses about 12 watts of electrical energy to concentrate and think about things; not a lot can go on at the conscious level," he said.

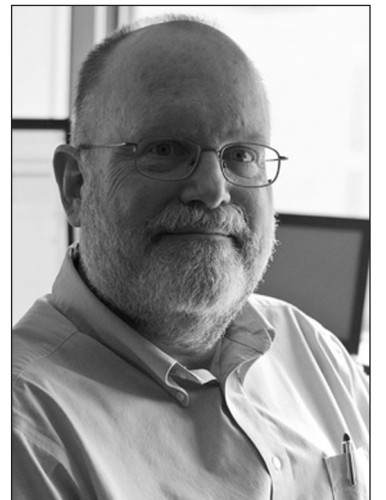
"Advertising companies are better off trying to implant those subconscious messages," during the time consumers are overwhelmed with influence by hidden persuaders, said Ward.

"Many decisions we make in life are hard wired into the dopamine pathways of our brain," Ward said.

Advertisers try and attack "the primitive brain which doesn't include our rational decision making," Ward explained.

Sexual arousal, a scare of spiders, and a fear of heights are all autonomic responses that people are born with.

Studies show that, "85 per-



Jeff Ward

cent of us don't trust ads at all," he said.

This was confirmed by a poll among the 24 students and teachers present at the Science Seminar.

However, consumers still place the majority of solicited products near the bottom of the table in the more powerful "needs" category of Maslow's Hierarchy pyramid.

"We are psychologically conditioned to need something just the same as Ivan Pavlov's experimental dog," Ward said. "I need food, I want Krispy Kremes," is an example of Maslow's hierarchy that advertisements try to alter.

The advertisements are aimed at turning the Krispy Kremes donuts into a need as opposed to a want.

The Science Seminar's manager, Eric Baer, will be speaking Feb. 3 on the global landslide hazard.

Other topics over the remainder of Winter Quarter will include influenza, paradigms in science, a whale of a tale, measuring happiness, and the Chemistry Show.

Science Seminars are located Building 3, room 102. They take place every Friday at 2:20 p.m.

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New Chinese professor hopes for cultural exchange



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Arian Li, a professor from Shanghai, China, will be here teaching Chinese classes for Winter and Spring Quarters. Li hopes to gain new cultural and teaching experiences while she is at Highline.

By **COREY SUN**
Staff Reporter

Arian Li, a new exchange professor from Shanghai Jiaotong University, China, will be teaching Chinese language courses at Highline for winter and spring quarters.

Li was born and raised in the City of Shanghai, and got most of her education in Nanjing.

She got her bachelor's degree in English Teaching from Nanjing Normal University in 1999 and Ph.D. in British and American literature from Nanjing University in 2006.

She started to teach at Shanghai Jiaotong University in 2004. Li taught English classes at the university, such as selective English reading in Chinese and Western philosophy.

Most of her classes are taken by junior and senior undergraduate students.

"My students [in China], they do participate. We have many activities to make the class interesting, but we don't teach memorizing words, that's their own job," Li said. "I teach 3rd and 4th grade [Juniors and Seniors], so they are much better [in English]."

She has been in the U.S. for about four weeks, and is still adjusting herself to living here.

"I need to get used to the conditions such as speaking in an English environment. I went to Pike Place Market in downtown Seattle and the Seattle library and I like them a lot," Li said.

However, Li not only needs to get used living in an English-speaking environment, but also to teaching American students to learn the Chinese Language.

She is teaching intro level and intermediate level Chinese courses at Highline.

"The students here are friendly, but I need to change the way I teach, because they [American students] respond differently," Li said. "Most of my students who are taking Chinese are beginners' level."

Li not only wants to teach students the Chinese Language, but also about Chinese culture.

With a better understanding of Chinese culture, the process of learning Chinese will be much easier, she said.

Chinese New Year was last week, Li said. "I will tell them about the origins of Chinese New Year and the dragon."

Students in her classes have different levels of knowledge about the Chinese language, she said.

"Students have different expectations about the class, and their knowledge about Chinese languages is different. Some students are from Chinese backgrounds. It's easier for them to learn."

Li will be teaching at Highline for winter and spring quarters. Dong Wang, who was also an exchange Chinese professor from the Shanghai Jiaotong University, taught Chinese classes during Fall Quarter 2011 at Highline.

Both Li and Wang are participants in an exchange program where Highline and Shanghai Jiaotong University each send a professor to teach classes.

Li said this program has existed for about 10 years.

"To me, it's a great program to gain both [American] culture and teaching experiences," Li said. "And I am here to help American students to learn Chinese language and culture."

Burlesque comes to Highline as theme for the winter dance

By **JEMIMAH KAMAU**
Staff Reporter

The International Student Programs is organizing their annual "Enchanted Winter Dance," which will take place on Feb. 25 in Building 8 from 7 - 11 p.m.

The event will be open to the public and "Burlesque" will be the theme.

"Burlesque is a sexy and funny 1990s dancing style where dancers have feathers, diamond and gold," said Yuki Hayashi, the coordinator of the International Leadership Student Council, Social Events and Movie Friday.

"Everybody is welcomed but if you want to join the party, you need to get a ticket in advance," Hayashi said.

Tickets will be available on Jan. 30 at the Student Programs office on the third floor of Building 8.

"Every ILSC member will have tickets from Monday, so you can also buy from them. We might also be selling tickets in front of the bookstore but

am not yet sure about it," said Christine Lee, the Social Events coordinator.

Lee also said that a total of 400 tickets will be on sale for the dance.

"To secure a place, buy your ticket as soon as possible. The ticket will cost \$10, which will include food and drinks," Hayashi said.

Apart from the dancing and the music which will be played by a DJ, other fun activities will be going on during the event, organizers said.

"We are going to make a photo booth about Burlesque where anyone can take photos for free. The photos will be available during the event," said Nang Yin Yin, the Social Events coordinator.

"In the party, everyone will vote for the King and the Queen of the night and we will decide who's going to be the King and the Queen. If you want to take part in this competition, you can tell us so that we can put your photo on the board," Hayashi said.

The volunteering orientation

took place on Jan. 26 and the council is calling for more volunteers for next week.

"We need more volunteers to prepare for Winter Dance and any student in Highline is welcomed to do so. If you want to volunteer, go to the ISP office in Building 25 on the fifth floor and ask at the front desk or talk to any ILSC member," Hayashi said.

"We need more volunteers for small props decorations. I need a lot of volunteers to decorate the stairs, ceiling, tables and the railing," said Lee, who is in charge of decoration team.

The winter dance is one of the biggest events that International Students Programs will sponsor in the month of February.

"This is a social event. Students should come to make friends, chat and improve their communication skills," Yin Yin said.

"We want international students to know about the American dance party. Some people may think that they need a date to go to the party, but don't wor-

ry about that. Come and have fun with us," Hayashi said.

"This is the only event

where students can wear formal clothes on campus. Come and enjoy," Yin Yin said.

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By **MICHAEL McDONALD Jr.**
Staff Reporter

The Kent Fire Department has developed a new program to help prevent illness, injury and reduce the need for emergency response calls.

It's called FDCares. Since July 10, 2010, this illness prevention program has been available for people in the community who make 911 calls that could have been avoided through alternative means.

"Our program is to help solve the individual medical needs for members of the community," Mitch Snyder said.

FDCares acts as a liaison and advocate on behalf of people in the community and connects them with service providers.

Assisting in the need for home health care, the program offers a fall prevention package.

It provides services that are free of charge and may not be covered by Medicaid, Medicare and most private insurance.

Shower and tub grab bars, non-slip bathmats, and elevated toilet seats are just a few of the primary tools the program in-



Five-alarm health care

Kent Fire Department uses new program to help people, cut emergency response costs



Tami Kapule says the Kent Fire Department's FDCares program allows them to identify people in need early.

stall absolutely free of charge.

This prevention also frees up emergency service providers for more needy purposes and keeps the hospital rooms from being crowded and alleviates the need for patient diversion.

FDCares Battalion Chief Snyder is the fulltime overseer of the Kent Fire Department's community assistance, referrals and education programs.

The program was established for the purpose of interacting with members of the community in effort to prevent illness and injury.

The direct interaction is supposed to aid in preventing the possible need for future emer-

gency services for the elderly and limited mobility individuals.

This program helps reduce emergency room visits and ambulance trips as well as cost. It has a ripple effect that reduces cost in the health care industry for both the individual and insurance providers.

Kent Fire Department Captain Kyle Ohashi says they receive an estimated 1,600 calls a year and 70 percent of those calls are from seniors.

"Most of them need help with issues dealing with the lack of mobility. For instance, someone may fall and may be unable to get up. The purpose

is to help these people by finding the resources necessary to help them do things safer," said Ohashi.

The primary goal is to find out who is calling 911 and determine their dependence for the call.

At the time of the call if it is determined that the caller is in need of the services, FDCares provides a refrigerator magnet with the service's contact information and a brochure will be offered during the visit.

A report about the patient will then be entered into a data base.

The incident and the citizen's issues will then be reviewed by

an incident prevention coordinator.

The coordinator reviews the incident and the citizen's issues from a generated report. The coordinator then makes a follow up call to check if the patient is OK or if they need further assistance.

"The biggest thing that we would like to get across is the non-emergency calls are a good indication of future 911 uses. The potential decline of need for emergency calls can be addressed before emergency calls are made," said Tami Kapule, incident prevention coordinator for FDCares in Kent.

"Through our program, we are able to I.D. those citizens in need earlier than before. We connect them to a provider and more or less notify the provider of the patients needs. We also have a good means to address most of the patients' issues," said Kapule.

Other agencies have opened up programs to join the effort. In addition to the Kent Fire Department, South King Fire and Rescue and Olympia Fire Department have programs.

It takes approximately \$250,000 to start the program, but Mitch Snyder says its annual savings is more than worth it.

Kent Fire Department is seeking a grant to continue their operation. The department needs two full-time overseers to maintain its procedures and services.

To get the message out, the Kent Fire Department/RFA along with South King Fire and Rescue as well as Olympia Fire Department welcomes everyone to start or become involved in an injury prevention program in your area.

For more information about FDCares, visit their website at <http://fdcares.com/> or call 253-856-CARE (2273).

Highline students to take part in nationwide survey

By **ANDREA ASTELL**
Staff Reporter

This winter Highline will again be participating in the Community College Survey of Student Engagement.

The survey is a nationwide survey that takes place at the community and technical college levels.

The survey will take place at Highline Feb. 6 through March 9. It will survey about 800 students, and approximately 50 different classes. All different types of courses will be involved, including but not limited to professional-technical, upper-level basic education, and transfer courses, as well as both classes in the daytime and evening.

Faculty and staff volunteers will be distributing and collecting the surveys throughout randomly selected courses. This allows the administrators of the survey to get a wide range of results.

Highline has participated in the survey in 2008, 2010, and again this year.

In years past, Highline has placed in the top 10 percent for student effort in the survey.

"It comes down to students owning their own learning experience," said Tonya Benton, director of institutional research. "It is no doubt that Highline has some of the hardest working students in the nation."

The survey asks students about their college experience,

including questions such as how students spend their time, what kind of work they are challenged with, and how they assess their relationship with both faculty and staff.

Each year the survey chooses a special focus related to student engagement to allow the colleges to explore certain issues more in depth. This year as well as last year the surveys special focus will be promising practices for student success. In 2010 the special focus was deep learning, and in 2009 was technology.

"It is a chance for students to have their voice heard," said Tonya Benton. "All feedback is helpful; it allows Highline to improve as a learning community."

"The survey also allows for independent evidence of how effective the learning environment is, what students are taking away from their classes, and the positive or negative feedback of their college experience," Benton said.

Once the survey is completed, results are published in a "key findings" information packet for each individual school involved. This compares the results of the individual school with the results of other community and technical colleges throughout the nation, and is available at the Community College Survey of Student Engagement website.

The results of the survey not only allow Highline to see how they stand among other com-

munity and technical colleges, but also suggest areas of improvement.

"Honest feedback is what's most important," Benton said. "If we know how students are honestly reacting to their college experience then we know what we are doing well and what we can improve upon."

The results from the survey are public, and available to the entire Community College Survey of Student Engagement population, as well as various subgroups within the surveys community.

The results of the survey as well as additional information about the Community College Survey of Student Engagement and the details of the project is available at www.ccsse.org.

Early Learning Center gives kids a head start

By **ABIGAIL DAMBACHER**
Staff Reporter

There's a place at Highline for your child, even if they're not old enough for college.

For a little more than a year Highline has hosted the Early Learning Center, located in Building 0 across from the East Parking Lot.

Open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., the center serves children from 6 weeks old to the age of 5, and offers Early Head Start and Head Start programs.

Federally funded, the Early Learning Center accepts Department of Social and Health Services childcare subsidies and serves "a large basis of low-income families," said Tim Zern, assistant director and family advocate at the center.

"We started here in September of 2010, so we've been here about 16 months. The transition has been a slow process; we've been adding more students, adding more staff, filling up as many of the classrooms as possible."

The center was originally located in Kent, and Zern said many changes arose in moving to Highline.

"New building, new facilities, new systems, communicating with Highline staff in regards to security—all our



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The Early Learning Center gives kids a head start in all aspects of education, including nutrition. Preschoolers at the center work on a food pyramid mobile to remind them of the main food groups they should be eating daily.

families having to come to a new location," he said.

Though not affiliated with Highline, the center is open to the children of Highline students, faculty, staff and the community. Students studying early childhood education are able to volunteer or do work

study there.

Currently, Zern said ESL students have been coming in to read to the kids, and a couple of students are doing work study as well.

The Early Learning Center serves about 85 kids total; 60-to 70 percent are children of High-

line people.

"We slowly had to hire more and more staff as more kids were coming in," said Zern.

Zern said the center's Early Head Start and Head Start programs "focus on the whole child: social, emotional, behavioral, academic," and on family

life.

He said that "Each individual child is different," and they work to assist them in empathy, communication, and dealing with anger: "We talk a lot about feelings."

The teacher-child ratio varies per age. For infants, the ratio is 1:3; for preschool the ratio is 1:10.

Age-specific playgrounds are set up in the center, both outdoor and indoor. Classrooms are sized down for children, including desks, play areas, sinks, and kid-sized doors.

Curriculum information, artwork, the food menu, and each teacher's credentials are posted outside the classrooms. These include First Aid and CPR, food handler's permits, teacher certification, and fingerprints.

On a clear day, Zern said they take the kids out on the Bye-Bye-Buggy, a nine-seat stroller used to walk the kids around campus. He said he would like to see the center develop a closer relationship with Highline.

To contact the Early Learning Center, call 206-824-1378, or visit Building 0 for a tour between 6:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Full-time care is \$775 a month.

For more information on the Children's Home Society and its center locations, visit www.childrenshomesociety.org.

New club encourages students to talk and learn about Jesus

By **BARBARA CAWLEY**
Staff Reporter

The Jesus Club wants to give Highline students a place to share their beliefs and feelings about Jesus.

"Anybody can come, anybody can learn and get to know who Jesus is for them personally," said Kvita, who declined to give her last name, one of the founders of the Jesus Club.

The purpose of the club, Kvita said is "to engage students in the learnings and teachings and message of Jesus Christ." Kvita is part of the Slavic Gospel Church Youth ministry and said she wanted to reach out to the surrounding community, and especially to the students at Highline.

She said the club is about "letting people know what you believe in" and forming relationships with other students.

Kvita said she believes that the message of the Gospel is that in the beginning, God created everything perfectly. But man chose to eat from the tree of death.

She said she believes that men could no longer have a face to face relationship with God. She also said she believes Jesus

came down and lived a sinless life among men.

Kvita said she believes that the hardest part of Jesus' life was not that he had to be crucified but that when he died, he took all the sins and evil from humanity with him. She said

she believes there is only one way to God the Father and that is through the Son, Jesus.

"That's why the Jesus Club is all about Jesus, because life is all about Jesus too," she said.

She said she is aware that bullying comes in many forms

and that the club is likely to attract some negative attention.

"Maybe there will be persecution. People don't always believe in what you say," she said. "[But] not enough to stop people from believing what they believe."

The Jesus Club will be meeting every Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. in Building 8, room 301. Activities will include prayer, fellowship, Bible studies, and outreach.

For more information contact Kvita at ykvita@gmail.com

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ultimately rest in the hands of the voters, the Legislature is pleased that Highline is showing support for their efforts.

Although State Rep. Upthegrove said he wishes more institutions would speak up, State Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon, D-Burien, said that several institutions have already voiced similar support.

Roegner said that other local colleges are entertaining the idea of passing resolutions similar to Highline's.

"The more input they get the better," Roegner said.

Legislators said that when institutions are showing support for their efforts to find new revenue sources, the voters may be more likely to also be support-



Bob Roegner



ive.

"There is a cumulative impact," said State Rep. Fitzgibbon.

The voters' support may be crucial in closing the budget hole without seriously harming the state.

"It certainly helps us toward that goal," State Rep. Fitzgibbon said.

Roegner said that a secondary goal of the resolution was to communicate the Legislature's need for support to the public.

"I think the real audience is the public, not the Legislature," State Rep. Upthegrove said.

The resolution helps to educate the community on what is needed, said State Rep. Tina Orwall, D-Des Moines, and in the end, it is often the community who is weighing in on the matters.

"We [the Legislature] need a two-thirds vote to pass revenue," State Rep. Orwall said, which is why it is sometimes difficult to reach an agreement.

If the Legislature cannot



State Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon

reach a two-thirds agreement, the revenue is placed on the ballot, leaving the ultimate decision with the people.

State Rep. Katrina Asay, R-Milton, is skeptical about the possibility of passing new revenue.

"I don't think it would get the approval to pass in [the] Legislature," she said.

Work is currently under way to draft a budget proposal that successfully closes the \$1.5 billion gap.

"There are so few places that are open to cuts," said State Rep. Orwall, which is why she is concerned about higher education.

"We are looking at all kinds of revenue sources," she said. "There are a number of ideas on the table."

Closing tax loopholes and implementing a corporate income tax are just two of the

Legislature's ideas to generate more revenue — and ultimately avoid an all-cuts budget.

State Rep. Asay said that the government needs to sort out and make sure that their top priorities are taken care of before they explore other things on their "list."

State Rep. Asay is the only republican representing Highline's service area.

The state's paramount duty is to fund basic education, State Rep. Asay said. State Rep. Asay serves in the 30th district, which includes Federal Way.

"I also believe that the government is here to do what people can't do for themselves," she said.

Thus, next on the priority list, State Rep. Asay said, is public safety, followed by taking care of the disabled and elderly.

State Rep. Asay said that, although the Legislature is seeking new revenue sources, long-



State Rep. Tina Orwall



State Rep. Katrina Asay

term changes need to be made. Without them, she said, "We'll be in the same situation."

For example, State Rep. Asay said, Governor Christine Gregoire's proposal to raise sales tax by a half a cent for three years will only help generate revenue for the next three years.

"It will take care of part of the problem this year," State Rep. Asay said. But in the fourth year, the budget will once again experience a shortfall.

State Rep. Asay said that the Legislature, instead, needs to find revenue sources that don't come from raised taxes.

While balancing the budget, State Rep. Asay said they also need to find the balance between new revenue sources and budget cuts.

"It may be some time before we see a proposal on the table," said State Rep. Dave Upthegrove.

Books

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to come up with the number of textbooks they should order for each class.

This process allows the bookstore to be more conservative with their numbers when they order books for the quarter, Nole said.

"If we need say, 60 books for a given class, we look on sites like Amazon and pull what we can from them to drive the cost of textbooks down," Nole said.

This strategy allows the bookstore to buy as many of a particular book as they can at reduced rates.

The average of the costs will then be used to determine the cost to students.

They are then able to fill the remaining request with new books from the publisher.

"In past quarters we were able to sell a \$110 textbook for only \$11.95 because we found so many on Amazon," Nole said in a recent email to the faculty.

The new price comparison option on the Highline bookstore website has a link for students who prefer to search for their own prices.



Laura Nole

Price comparison works in such a way that students are able to weigh bookstore prices against those of other online sites such as Amazon or Half Price Books. This offers students a wider range of prices than would be offered at the bookstore alone.

Links allow students to purchase books from other sources directly from the bookstore website.

"Price comparison is intended to gain access to textbooks in different price ranges," Nole said. "The good thing about price comparison is that it gives them [students] something tangible."

Another option students now have is to rent their books from the bookstore.

"The bookstore has also teamed up with Book Renter to fulfill any rental orders the bookstore may not have in their inventory," Nole said.

"Since September we have rented out over 1,600 books," she said.

About 40 titles can now be rented from the bookstore. Students can rent directly from the bookstore website by selecting one of the rental options rather than purchasing the textbook altogether.

"I prefer renting," said returning student Robert Cromheecke. "It's much less of a hassle, and I always try and sell my books back at the end of the quarter anyway."

Students can rent textbooks from the bookstore for between \$30 - \$45.

Rentals made through the Highline bookstore website can be delivered to you or picked up at the bookstore.

All returns may also be made at the bookstore. E-book rentals are also available through the bookstore website.

"The problem with e-books is that they are not completely online and not fully compatible with all devices [tablets]," Nole said.

"We are trying to level the playing field with what we are

offering students," Nole said. "The bookstore is doing the best job they can for Highline."

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