

Metro seeks input on new bus route proposals

By **KATIE LABORDE**
Staff Reporter

Two routes that currently serve Highline will terminate in Burien if changes proposed by King County Metro are adopted.

Routes 131 run from Downtown Seattle through Burien to Highline. Metro is proposing stopping the routes in Burien and providing different bus routes from there to Highline's Des Moines campus.

An information table will be on campus Feb. 23 between 10 a.m. and noon in Building 8. King County Metro is looking for comments and questions regarding what routes students use and if the new proposed routes will impact them in any way.

King County conducted the first round of community review last fall receiving 5,000 comments from the public.

"Metro planners made revisions based on the first round of input and are coming back with the revisions for the proposals," said Rochelle Ogershok who is the public affairs specialist for King County.



Chiara Burt/THUNDERWORD

The proposed changes to several Metro routes may cause some students to have to find alternate methods of transportation to Highline.

A second round of community review will take place starting Feb. 13. People are given the opportunity to comment and ask questions about the proposed traffic revisions. People can submit their input via information tables, attending one of the several meetings or participating one of the online surveys.

"Routes are being changed

based on community studies," said Victoria England, the employee transportation coordinator for Highline.

New lines of the RapidRide bus system will be introduced to the Burien/Des Moines area, also impacting riders.

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Man found guilty in murder of Highline student

By **BEN FRIEDLAND**
Staff Reporter

Daniel Threadgill has been convicted of killing Jennifer Walstrand.

A King County jury delivered a guilty verdict of murder in the first degree on Wednesday.

Threadgill, who had pleaded innocent, had been on trial in the Norm Maleng Regional Justice Center in Kent since Jan. 9.

Sentencing for Threadgill will be held on March 23.

A Highline student, Walstrand was found dead in her apartment on Aug. 31, 2010, stabbed and beaten to death.

Des Moines Police asked witnesses to come forward, promising anonymity.

At least two witnesses cooperated with police detectives, even agreeing to wear audio wires for parts of the investigation.

Senior Prosecutors Carla Carlstrom and Amy Montgom-



Jennifer Walstrand

ery secured the guilty verdict after proving "the murder was committed with deliberate cruelty," according to King County Prosecutors.

Due to the nature of the crime, Threadgill faces a minimum sentence of 30 years in prison.

Threadgill was charged with the murder on June 24, 2011 along with Araya McMillon, who was also involved in the murder.

Legislative hunt for new revenue continues

By **ALISA GRAMANN**
Staff Reporter

A resolution to secure a stable revenue source for higher education died in the Legislature yesterday, leaving the proposer frustrated.

Sen. Michael Baumgartner, R-Spokane, introduced Senate Joint Resolution 8225 to the Legislature in January. The resolution was a constitutional amendment that would make funding higher education the second greatest duty of the state.

In correlation with that, Sen. Baumgartner aimed to dedicate \$890 million of sales tax revenue to funding the state's higher education institutions.

The resolution would have been a big change to the way higher education is funded.

Sen. Baumgartner is also running against Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Washington, for the U.S. Senate seat.

"Senate Democrats refused

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Students approve same-sex marriage

By **BARBARA CAWLEY**
and **BRANDON WOLFE**
Staff Reporters

Most Highline students support the state Senate's recent decision to legalize same-sex marriage, while some are very opposed.

The Senate passed a bill to legalize same-sex marriage on Feb 1 and The House of Representatives approved the measure on Wednesday afternoon. Washington is on its way to being the seventh state to legalize same-sex marriage.

Students all across campus said they agreed with the Sen-



ate's action.

"Yes, I support it with full force," said Hoi Duong, a Highline student.

Amanda Ouch, another student, said "I agree. What's the

difference? We're all human beings."

"People have a right to be happy," said Matt Johnson.

Some students even say they are excited about the bill.

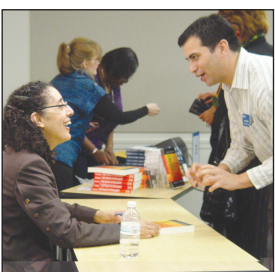
"Now I can get married legally," said student Michael Kohler.

However not all students agree with the Senate's decision.

"Honestly, I guess I don't," said Jessie Mackley, a Highline student. She said it was not just because of her religion, but it is

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Crime and Punishment

Car accident on campus reported

A red Honda was backing out of a parking stall in the East Parking Lot when it hit a gray Toyota Camry.

The Toyota Camry sustained damage to the driver's side door. A witness to the accident contacted Des Moines Police Department.

Man checking unlocked car doors reported

Campus Security received two phone calls reporting that a man was walking through the East Parking Lot checking any unlocked car doors on Feb. 7.

Campus Security checked the lot and could not find the individual.

Theft from a vehicle reported

A Highline student reported that his car was broken into and his in-dash CD player was taken in the North Parking Lot on Feb. 3.

Campus Security declared that there was no forced entry into the vehicle.

Suspicious man seen on campus

A staff member reported a young man lurking around vehicles in the Reserved Parking lot on Feb. 1.

The staff member called Campus Security for an escort to her car. Campus Security conducted a search of the area and did not find the young man.

Theft reported

A Highline student reported that his personal headphones were stolen from Building 29 between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 9:50 a.m. on Feb. 1.

There were no witnesses to the crime nor was there any suspect information.

Students found climbing on facility

Three individuals were found climbing on top of Building 7 on Feb. 2.

Campus Security asked them to leave the campus and the individuals did so without disagreement.

-COMPILED BY KATIE LABORDE



News Briefs

Class registration begins soon

Registration for Spring Quarter begins on Feb. 14 for currently enrolled and former students.

To find out your registration time, visit <https://sec.highline.edu/wts/student/waci004.asp>. To register classes, visit <https://sec.highline.edu/wts/student/webreg/index.asp>.

Free tax help available on campus

Highline's StartZone is offering free tax help through April 14.

Anyone whose household income for 2011 was less than \$50,000 is eligible to get free help filing their taxes.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Center is located in Building 99, room 251, and is open Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Walk-ins are welcome.

For more information, contact StartZone at 206-592-3388 or email them at startzone@highline.edu.

Application for SOCC due soon

Applications for a statewide student leadership conference the Students of Color Conference (SOCC) will be accepted through Friday, Feb. 10.

SOCC will be held on April 19 – 21 in Yakima. The confer-

ence will focus on examining issues of diversity and multiculturalism.

Applicants are required to have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0. Students will be selected based on GPA, leadership potential, club involvement and essay. This conference is free to Highline students and there is a \$25 application fee. The application is due on Friday, Feb. 10.

For more information, visit the SOCC website at <http://ms-sdc.com/socc.php>, or visit <http://multiculturalservices.highline.edu/SOCC.php> for an application. For inquiries and submitting the application, send it via email to Chayuda at coverby@highline.edu or visit Overby in Building 6, room 226.

Free psychology lecture series offered at UW

The University of Washington will be hosting a free psychology lecture series on understanding brains and behaviors.

On Feb. 22 Dr. Joseph Sisneros of UW and Dr. Richard Fay of Loyola University Chicago will discuss the sound detections and communication origins and changes of the vertebrate auditory system in a lecture titled "Understanding the Brain and How We Hear: Insights from Our Fish Ancestors."

The lecture will be from 7 – 9 p.m. in Kane Hall 120.

Dr. Sheri Mizumori of UW and Daphna Shohamy of Columbia University will talk about the brain's process of selecting and retaining information. The lecture, titled "How We Remember, Why We Forget, and Why it Matters," will be on Feb. 29.

The lecture will be from 7 – 9 p.m. in Kane Hall 130.

The final lecture of the se-

ries is titled "Learning to See: Insights from Slight Restoration and Expert Video Gamers." Drs. Ione Fine and Daphne Bavelier will discuss how experiences shape the visual system, and how perception of the world is flexible, adaptable and unique. The lecture will be on March 7.

The lecture will be from 7 - 9 p.m. in Kane Hall 130.

Prior registration is suggested. To register online, visit engage.washington.edu/site/Calendar/840610132?view=Detail&id=105421.

Share your thoughts at open mic readings

Open mic readings will take place at the Highline Writing Center on Feb. 22 from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Bring in and share your poetry, essays, and short stories. Each participant is given up to five minutes to read her or his work.

The event is planned and hosted by Highline Writing Center Peer Consultants.

Get help at Pathways to College Fair

Pathways to College Fair will take place today Feb. 9 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. in Mt. Constance room in Building 8.

There are 20-minute-long presentations at 9 and 11 a.m. Participants can meet instructors from such as I-BEST and Jump Start, and get information such as work force program.

People also can get information of additional support such

as Transition Resource and Referral Center, TRIO, admissions and Futures in Health care.

For more information and questions, contact the Transition Center at 206-878-3170, ext. 3484.

Annual ski trip this weekend

Join the International Student Programs ski trip to Mt. Snoqualmie on Feb. 11 from 7:15 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Highline International Student Programs is organizing this event. Participants will meet in front of Building 29 at 7:15 a.m. They can choose from three activities: skiing, snowboarding, or tubing. The price varies depending on the activity. Bus transportation and breakfast are included in the price. A total of 49 seats were available, and about 20 are still available.

You must sign up for the event by Friday, Feb. 10 at 5 p.m.

Check the price of the activities at <http://international.highline.edu/documents/snowsports%20cost%202012.pdf>. For more information, contact Mee Mee at myin@highline.edu or visit the International Student Programs on the fifth floor in Building 25 for signing up.

Correction

A story in last week's Thunderword should have said that the playing cards created by Highline's Visual Communications students cost \$5 for each deck. The funds go to help raise money for the Visual Communications Department.



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The MaST Center is located 4 miles south of the Highline Campus in Redondo. Our aquarium has 11 tanks with more than 100 local species on display.

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Phlebotomy students seek volunteers, practice

By **ALISA GRAMANN**
Staff Reporter

Highline's I-BEST phlebotomy students are looking for volunteers to donate time and blood.

Today until 11 a.m., 13 phlebotomy students are looking for volunteers so they can practice drawing blood. They are also looking for volunteers next Monday through Wednesday, from 8:45 to 11 a.m. Volunteers can go to Building 23, room 206, no RSVP is required.

"I-BEST stands for integrated basic education and skills training," said Jennifer Johnston, an Adult Basic Education/English as a Second Language professor of phlebotomy.

Most I-BEST students either never graduated from high school or are not confident that they are ready for college level classes, Johnston said. They also have many ESL students.

While the students are looking for volunteers so they can get practice drawing blood, the larger goal, Johnston said, is to give them experience to get jobs or open doors to more education programs.

Johnston said that it can be difficult for phlebotomy students to get the practice they need. "Some people are scared of needles," she said.

Johnston said that getting the word out that volunteers are needed can be a challenge as well.

Race, class still affect society, prof says

Advocate to visit campus

By **ALISA GRAMANN**
Staff Reporter

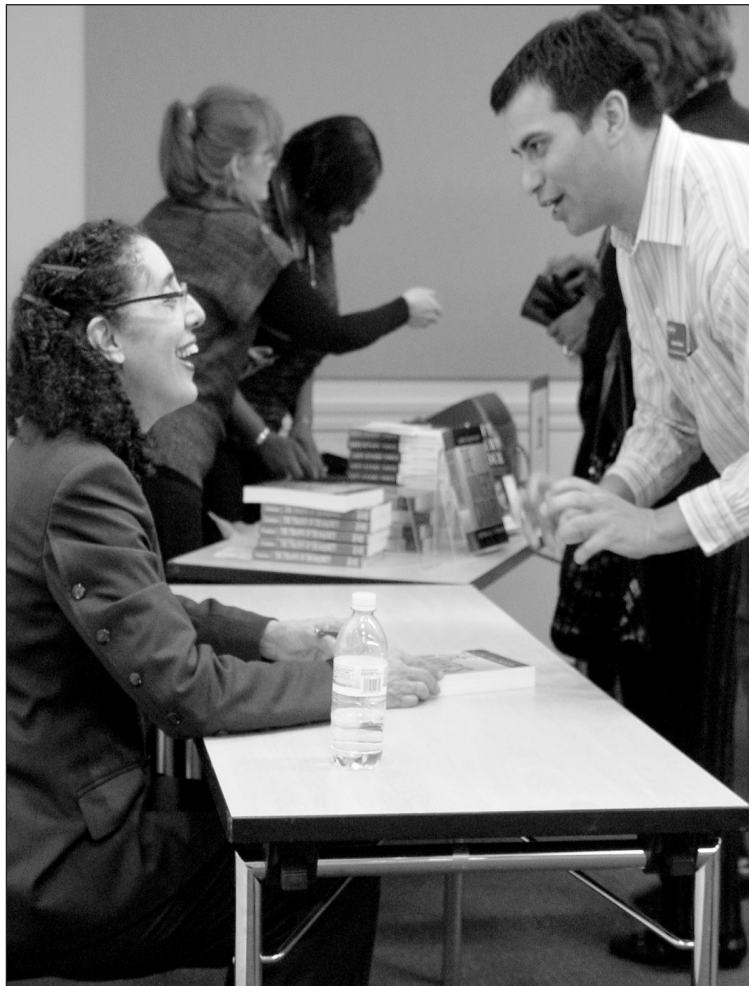
When the canary is struggling for breath, the atmosphere, not the bird, is the problem, Lani Guinier said here yesterday.

Guinier spoke at Highline yesterday in honor of Black History Month. In her talk titled "The Darkside of the American Dream," Guinier explored the issues of race and class and how they are perceived in society.

Guinier is a civil rights attorney and was the first female African-American professor to be granted tenureship at Harvard Law School. She is also a noted author of several books.

Guinier said that miners used to use canaries to measure the breatheability of the air in the mines. When the canaries struggled for breath, it was a sign that soon the miners would be struggling for breath, too.

"It was a signal to the miners that they were in jeopardy," she



Alisa Gramman/THUNDERWORD

Guinier signs her book, *The Minor's Canary*, for Sunny Ybarra, who works in Highline's multicultural center.



Lani Guinier

said.

In life, race and class are the canaries, and society is the mine. When race and class are struggling, the problem likely lies with the structure of society, not with the individuals.

Guinier said that through the years, people have equated problems with race and class. She said that people do not always differentiate between personal problems and structural

issues. If people fail to achieve their goals it is their fault.

"The problem with the reverse of the American Dream is there is no explanation of failure," Guinier said. "What the American Dream is silent about is an explanation of failure."

Guinier spoke about a school in Little Rock that, when facing desegregation, faced challenges. White students in the school saw desegregation as a problem.

"They saw these black students as threats," Guinier said. The white students felt that desegregation would take away their opportunities.

When interviewed 30 years after graduation, Guinier said that the students' perspectives had not changed.

"They were still very critical, these white students," Guinier said. She said they even went so far as to blame their lack of success on the black students.

Guinier said that today, there are many problems still revolving around race and class. Race is still a site of grievance, she said.

"Many people, when faced with failure, use race [as an explanation]," Guinier said.

But, when an individual is struggling, Guinier said that it is an opportunity to explore the strength of the structure system.

"This is about transformation of structures," Guinier said, and not about the diversification of existing institutions.

Guinier said that the distribution of wealth in the U.S. is an example of this. The 40 percent of people who have the smallest percent of money are not at fault for their lack of funds.

"There is something fundamentally wrong with the distribution of wealth," she said, and the Occupy Movement is helping people understand that.

"Issues of race and class belong at the heart of the Occupy Movement," Guinier said.

"Addressing class through the lens of race has a very powerful potential," she said.

BY **BARBARA CAWLEY**
Staff Reporter

Carrie Abbott is coming to Highline to talk to students about relationships.

Abbott is an internationally known speaker on relationships and is the founder and president of the Legacy Institute, a non-profit organization of teachers of sexuality from a Christian perspective.

"Carrie is going to come talk to the students about how to have a responsible relationship," said Hannah Singer the event coordinator for Cru, the club holding the event.

Cru is "a student organization interested in winning students over to Christ and building them up in their faith," said Singer, "and then sending them out to spread the Gospel."

Cru is hoping to "start conversations among the students on campus and to get students to think about the choices they're making in their relationships," said Singer.

Cru has weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. in Building 19 room 201.

She said that any student is welcome to attend the talk.

Abbott will be speaking in Building 7 on Tuesday, Feb 14 from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m.

"I know it will help every student, no matter what age, ethnicity, race, or religion," said Singer. "It's going to be an eye-opening event."

For more information, contact clubteam@highline.edu.

PRISM opens its arms to all Highline students

By **BARBARA CAWLEY**
Staff Reporter

The members of PRISM, or People Respecting Individuals in Sexual Minorities, believe that people are people no matter what.

"It's not just a place for LGBT [Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual] people," said Kiley Juarez, PRISM club president. The goal is "to create a place where anybody can feel OK and have friends," she said.

A common misconception about PRISM is "that it's only a club for people who are in any way gay or that you have to be a strong advocate for LGBT rights," said Juarez.

"Or prison inmates," said Raymond Crisostomo, the club's public relations officer.

The club activities vary from meeting to meeting, but a few things are the same every time.

"At the beginning of every

meeting we draw on the board," said Juarez, "and then we have an ice breaker."

Some of the meetings are themed, and the club has a Valentine's day party coming up.

Club members say they enjoy the meetings.

"A lot of people say it's like a pick-me-up," said Juarez.

Some of the club activities are serious discussions about issues surrounding the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender community but "We try to create a nice balance between having fun and educating people," said Juarez.

People Respecting Individuals in Sexual Minorities has experienced some issues in the past at Highline with bullying and vandalism.

"There's gonna be people who disagree with you, whatever you do," said Juarez. "The best thing is to be positive."

"A major problem that I've



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PRISM club officers Cassandra Dillard, left, and Raymond Crisostomo talk about straight-gay allies at a club meeting on Feb. 2.

noticed is that even though Highline is diverse, it's not always accepting," said Juarez.

PRISM is a community that extends beyond just the members that attend from week to week. "We've had about 25 people," said Juarez. "Eight

was the lowest," said Cassandra Dillard, the club vice president.

"One of the things I'm happy about is we have a lot of staff and faculty who support us and help us stay positive," said Crisostomo.

"We have Pink Prom coming

up in May," said Juarez. "It's an all-inclusive prom where you can bring anyone you want."

Many high schools have policies against bringing same-sex dates.

"It's just a way for you to bring who you want and have fun," said Juarez. "We need people for the committee too."

"We really try to make everyone comfortable and accepted for who you are and build friendships," said Dillard, the club vice president.

"Oddity is accepted and even encouraged," said Juarez. "One thing people should understand is we're less like a club and more like a family."

"It'll be the randomest, funnest thing you ever experience."

The club meets on Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Building 8, room 301.

For more information about the club, contact clubteam@highline.edu.

World Vision lends helping hands, not hand-outs

By **ADRIAN SCOTT**
Staff Reporter

World Vision is a global non-governmental organization who focuses on helping others, a representative of the Federal Way based organization said here Tuesday.

Megan Caddell, event coordinator for World Vision's Step Into Africa tour, came to Highline Tuesday, Feb. 7, and gave the audience information about World Vision and its purpose.

"World Vision is a global humanitarian organization, which focuses on building the self-sustainability and bringing training to struggling countries," Caddell said.

There are three aspects that World Vision bases its work off of. One being emergency relief second is advocacy, and finally the development of a community.

"We want to be the first ones there when a country has suffered an emergency," Caddell



Corey Sun/THUNDERWORD

Megan Caddell speaks about the importance of World Vision located in Federal Way

said. "We try to remain child focused and letting every child life in all its fullness."

"When developing a community we push to bring self-sustainability, so people living

in communities can survive on their own," she said.

World Vision has worked in 100 countries, and prides itself in not being a "pop in" and "pop out" organization.

"We try to build trust within a two-year period of time with the countries so we can work with them for 15 to 20 year or a longer period of time," Caddell said. "We do not leave without building self-sustainability within the country."

World Vision's "five finger" development plan is the blueprint used when reforming a country. The plan is finding

useable water, providing health and sanitation, food and agriculture, implementing education, and strengthening the country's economic development.

"We want to train the people in countries rather than coming in and us (World Vision) doing all the work ourselves," Caddell said.

World Vision is a non-profit organization, which partners with different organizations and companies to keep its vision alive.

"Funds come from individual and donors, churches foundations and major donors, gifts-in-kinds, and government grants," Caddell said.

World Vision also works within microfinance loans to keep their organization going.

"We have to realize poor aren't poor because they are being lazy," Caddell said.

When World Vision works within a country, they try to identify entrepreneurs and find ways to help them as well.

"The NFL after the end of the Super Bowl gives the losing teams merchandise to World Vision," Caddell said.

World Vision pride themselves on the long term dedication of helping a country, and training them so they can have self-sustainable life styles.

The next Global presentation will be on Wednesday, Feb. 15, Jason Gilmore of the University of Washington "American Exceptionalism: Are we really the greatest country on earth?"

Landslides more deadly than you know

By **JORDAN TASCA**
Staff Reporter

More deaths are caused by landslides in the U.S. than earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, a Highline professor said here last Friday.

Dr. Eric Baer, a 15-year geology professor at Highline, talked about landslides before a packed audience of students, faculty, and staff at last week's Science Seminar, a weekly series of forums on scientific topics.

"Twenty-five to 50 people die each year in the United States due to landslides," Dr. Baer explained. Some, "3,000 to 5,000 people die each year worldwide," he said.

However, Dr. Baer presented a statistical graph showing the number of fatal landslides is increasing each year. In 2003 there were only 200 deadly landslides in the world. By 2008 this number more than doubled, reaching 500.

"Slow landslides are more insidious," Dr. Baer pointed out. Often people buy homes without realizing they are within a danger zone, because some slides can move a matter of just a few inches or feet per year. These mistakes, in combination with the growing population in need of a home, contribute to the rising number of deaths and landslides in the world.

"There is no place on Earth that is immune to landslides," Dr. Baer concluded. "Gravity will always win."



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Dr. Eric Baer points out landslide zones around the world.

Dr. Eric Baer responded short and simply to a question by a student asking if there's anything you can do to avoid these natural disasters by answering, "No."

"Trees tend to help but once uprooted they can cause even more destruction because they act similar to battering rams," Dr. Baer said.

Three lessons that the professor wanted his audience of 75 to take with them outside of

Building 3 were that landslides emerge usually with heavy rain fall, always avoid steep slopes, and that they tend to occur in places they have before.

Science Seminar will return this week as Mira Beins comes to Highline on Friday where she will provide a speech on Influenza, or better known as the flu. Science seminars are located in Building 3, room 102. They take place every Friday at 2:20 p.m.

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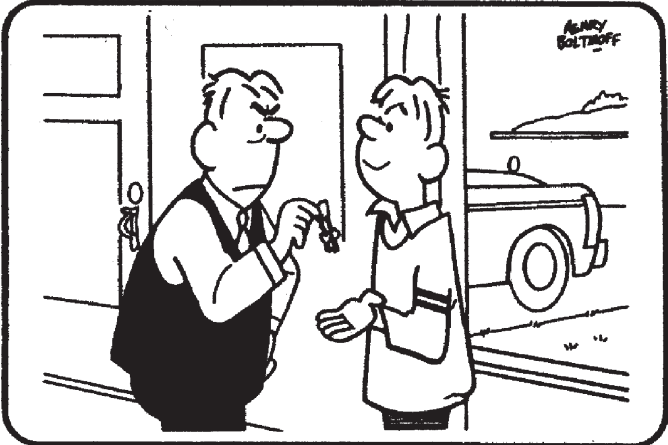
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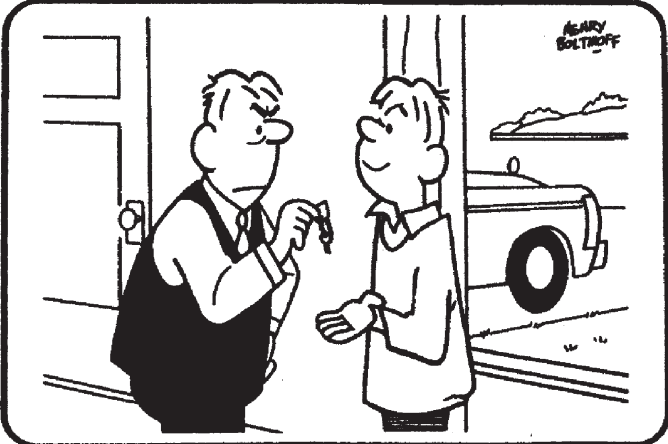
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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By Bill Deasy

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- Nice friend
- Lions and Panthers
- "Believe It ____"
- Instructions for a beach goer?
- Kathmandu native
- "You are not!" retort
- Type of mail
- Agra word
- Caribou cousins
- Betting-window option
- Utilized Lego blocks
- Artist known for spatial illusions
- Record player?
- Embattled
- Blue Ray option
- A bit cracked?
- Baby-faced
- Art supplies
- Co-host with Philbin
- Bank abbr.
- Café menu choices
- Flightless Aussie

Quotable Quote

A citizen of America will cross the ocean to fight for democracy, but won't cross the street to vote in a national election.

... Bill Vaughan

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- TELEVISION: What was the theme song of The Mary Tyler Moore Show?
- MUSIC: What rock group

- was featured in the documentary The Kids Are Alright?
- MYTHOLOGY: In Norse mythology, who were the Norns?
 - MOVIES: Actress Shirley MacLaine played a nun in which movie?
 - CARTOONS: What were the names of Daisy Duck's

- nieces?
- MEDICINE: Who discovered that yellow fever was transmitted by mosquitoes?
 - LITERATURE: What was the first novel written by Raymond Chandler?
 - AD SLOGANS: What company advised motorists to "trust your car to the star"?

- ANATOMY: What is a human being's normal body temperature in Celsius?
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Editorial comment**Rights advocates claim victory, but let's not stop there**

Washington has usually been on the forefront of progressive thinking, especially when it comes to social interaction.

Last week, the state Senate passed a bill that will legalize same sex marriage in the state, setting us on a path to be the seventh state to pass such legislation.

For our generation this seems more like a non-issue. In fact we are probably more shocked that this is even worth discussing.

We are just over a decade into the 21st century, and as such we have seen a major paradigm shift in the way we consider social and physical interaction. Most of us grew up with the knowledge that there are people out there that don't subscribe to the "normal" methods of relations.

As such, it is little surprise that Washington is well on its way to becoming even more progressive through the allowance of same-sex marriage. It is even encouraging to hear that Gov. Gregoire has pledged to sign the bill into law once it passes through the state House of Representatives.

There are those among us that probably have qualms with this new legislation, worried that the sanctity of marriage will be degraded and diluted by allowing gays and lesbians to enjoy the same rights as heterosexuals. But it is time they joined us in the real world, where one man can love another man and can be still be considered a human being.

No more of this antiquated thinking, developed by old men in studies thinking they know what's best.

We think that there are far more important topics worth discussing than allowing homosexuals to express their love for one another.

We absolutely support this bill, but would be even more impressed if the state could move beyond this issue and focus on some other social matters, such as our still high unemployment rate or the fact that our state government continues to cut funding to higher education.

We applaud the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) and other coalitions that have lobbied long and hard to get this legislation passed, but we need to remember that things are tough all over, for both hetero- and homosexuals.

We should apply this new-found compassion towards the homeless, the jobless, and the underprivileged.

The state needs to focus on improving their support for higher education, especially if we want to remain a dominate entity in the engineering and digital realms of this world. Higher education is the root of all innovation and development for this state, without it we will be left in the dust.

You would be lucky to find a street corner in Puget Sound without at least one homeless waif in the vicinity, and although there are programs available to assist these unfortunate souls they are not nearly adequate.

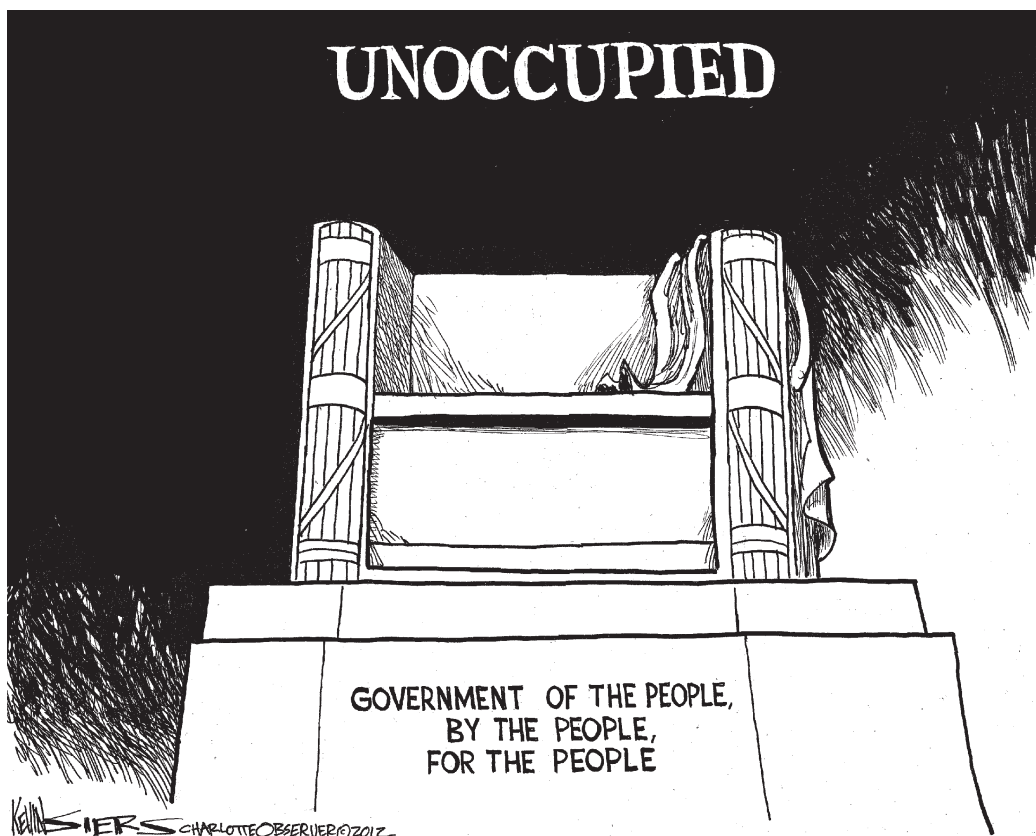
But all this takes a back seat to the controversy created by bills much like this one.

We fully understand the love that can exist between two women or two men, and we congratulate those who will soon be allowed to fully express that love, but the people of this state need to avoid the overly distracting aspect and potential controversy of this legislation, and instead focus on the things state Legislature is trying to sweep under the rug.

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.

**After 20 minutes, I know pain**

I've always been fascinated by tattoos, especially the care and dedication it takes to insure the tattoos look presentable.

While I do have several tattoos, I experienced my first removal last week. And if that has taught me anything, it's that one needs to be absolutely sure about the tattoos they are getting, because tattoo removal is not something I would recommend.

I've experienced my fair share of pain: two shoulder surgeries, orthodontics, and several sprained joints and tendons. But nothing compares to the pain of getting a tattoo removed.

Imagine a static electric shock, but instead of a small jolt, you are faced with a stabbing or burning pain as a laser bombards the tattooed area.

The sound of the laser pulsing was very similar to the snapping or crackling sound of a stun-gun or electric taser.

Debbie Caddell, the technician responsible for my removal, use three separate laser wavelengths during my session. Each wavelength specifically targeting a different set of colors within my tattoo.

"I've been doing laser removal for more than 10 years, with most of my early work done on removal of gang affiliated tattoos," said Caddell.

I could tell that Caddell's was an experienced and practiced

hand. The entire session lasted just under 20 minutes, but in that time, she was able to cover the entire tattooed area.

As the removal progressed, Caddell asked me where I had first gotten the tattoo done.

Much to my chagrin, I had to explain that I got it in some backwater trailer park in Enumclaw for \$40. Thinking back, I should have been concerned about the quality of the piece when my artist took a break to smoke some methamphetamine.

After the removal was complete, Caddell wrapped my arm with a multitude of bandages, after slathering the tattoo with a generous amount of Neosporin Cream. She explained that she had essentially wounded my arm where the tattoo was.

Upon leaving Cadell's Laser and Electrolysis Clinic, I was given explicit instructions on the care of my new wound, with specific emphasis on keeping it dry and clean to avoid getting

an infection.

I was also warned to avoid strenuous exercise, as excess sweat could lead to severe blistering, excellent advice for someone who works a very physical job – like mine.

The interesting thing about tattoo removal is that the process is far worse than getting the tattoo in the first place.

Generally, healing from a new tattoo takes about a week and a half. A tattoo removal can take as many as six weeks, with the first week being the most crucial. Any hiccups in the healing process, such as infection, can prolong the recovery of the wounded area.

As of today, I am still within my first week of the healing process, and from the looks of it I may have to visit Caddell and her incredibly painful little laser again next month.

"It's rare that someone can get away with just one treatment," said Caddell. "Usually it takes a minimum of three and sometimes as many as eight visits before the removal is satisfactory."

To all of you out there thinking about getting tattoos, or those of you that already have tattoos. Make sure you like them, because getting one removed is the worst pain I've faced and I wouldn't even wish it on the tweaker that gave me this one.



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Highline professor Webster is too busy to retire

By JAMES LEE
Staff Reporter

Bill Webster, 72, a business instructor at Highline still does not have an answer as to when he will retire.

In spite of people around him who keep asking when is the D-day, he still answers, "I don't know."

Webster graduated from University of Washington with bachelor's degree in Finance, and then he worked for Boeing as an accountant between 1966-68.

After his first job, he became a business instructor at Highline in 1968. Because there was insufficient number of buildings, he had to have his class in a room that belonged to Glacier high school.

He said Highline was relatively small back then compare to today's Highline.

Not only was he teaching at Highline, but he also was an instructor at Skagit Valley Community College at the same time.

Currently, he teaches Highline students on basic money management, which is Business 133, a three credit course.

Moreover, he is a regular speaker at the Small Capital Investment Club at Highline, in which he talks about many different aspects of financial success that can possibly guide students to have financially better quality in their life.

"I just love teaching students and any interaction with them," he said.

Being a college instructor is only the first part of his tight schedule. Webster said that he is a part-time instructor and a full-time certified financial planner.

"Everybody can put a sign saying that they are a financial planner, but to be a certified financial planner, you have to pass six tests on different areas



Webster poses in his new boat, which he bought last year. His house is behind the house that is shown in this picture and he owns property from his house that leads to his dock.

of the financial system," Webster said.

The six tests on financial planning, investments, taxes, insurances, retirement planning, and real estate planning took him one and half years to pass, and he was 40 when he was passed.

After becoming a certified financial planner, he has assisted many different groups of people, including young adults, elders, and students.

"My specialty is retirement planning," said Webster, who mainly focuses on counseling people who want or need to prepare retirement plans.

When he was 28, his boss always repeated the same phrase over and over whenever he came through the entrance of

the office: "Have you taken the advantage of compound interest today?"

Webster confessed that his boss was such a pain to many people back then as his phrase was actually on the wall with a recognizably big compound interest table showing how effective it is; and they had to read or at least catch a glimpse of it to pass the hall, he said.

"My boss was always on my back and he convinced me to save up and start investing" said Webster.

With his new motivation, Webster started to invest in mutual funds by putting away \$50 every month, but his investment has increased to considerable amount, he said.

"I started to save when I

was 28; if you start saving earlier than I have, your life after retirement will be better than mine," Webster said.

Many students and his clients ask him regularly when they should start to save and when is early enough to have comfortable retirement life, and he answers, "Yesterday."

"The earlier, the better," Webster said, and he recommended investing in mutual funds as you begin investing, since you can start with small capital as he did when he was 28.

Webster lives on Mercer Island with his office in his house; he enjoys many leisure sports such as tennis, swimming, and snow skiing, but he said water skiing is the one he cherishes

the most.

Water skiing has been his sport since he was 12, and he participated in many competitions; he recently purchased a new boat, which is specifically designed and built for water skiing.

He is ready to be retired, but he has not yet planned to be. "I got to do something at least," said Webster.

Webster has been invited by the Small Capital Investment Club to their meeting on Feb. 14, and he is going to talk about retirement issues and provide tips and advice during the session.

The club meeting will be held in Building 19, room 203, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and students will be served with food

Learning how to make a fresh start is a good skill

By DAVID UFFINGTON

Virtually no one has made it unscathed through our years-long financial meltdown.

Whether you're still struggling mightily or you've begun to see the light at the end of the tunnel, chances are one of your questions is: What do I do next?

A new book likely has answers for you: *The Wall Street Journal Guide to Starting Fresh: How to Leave Financial Hardships Behind and Take Control of Your Financial Life*, by Karen Blumenthal [Crown Business, \$15].

"Starting Fresh" is a must-have. It sets its sights on those

Dollars and sense

by David Uffington

who've lost jobs or homes, or suffered from the effects of a health crisis, death of a spouse, divorce and more.

No matter where you are in life and no matter your income level, you'll find steps on how to adapt and adjust to your new circumstances.

Blumenthal sets the tone

for dealing with your current reality on the very first page: "Decide that you won't make any big financial decisions right away ... you'll make better choices if you step back, reflect, assess and get your bearings."

One of the very first slow-start steps she'll have you do is to take an inventory of all your assets and liabilities.

For example, what is your car worth and how much do you still owe on it?

What, exactly, do you owe on credit cards? Medical bills? Are there any valuables in a safe deposit box? Do any of your insurance policies have a cash value?

Next you'll learn how to:

- Repair your credit.
- Determine whether your housing is actually affordable. (Should you move or stay?) If you own your home, what is it worth? (Check Zillow.com online.) Do you qualify for a modification program?
- Adjust your debts to your new situation.
- Assess your health-coverage plans.
- Develop a sustainable plan for long-term financial health.
- Readjust your budget to your current reality.

And if there's a miracle and you come into a large sum of money — perhaps from an insurance policy, employment

severance payout or divorce settlement — Blumenthal will tell you how to manage that as well.

Don't miss the section on Internet links covering a wide variety of help topics.

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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Hypocrisy reigns in Taproot Theatre's *Tartuffe*

By MICAH MORRILL
Staff Reporter

Audiences will reply with continual laughter to the comedic rhyme scheme of Taproot Theatre's *Tartuffe*.

This show written by Moliere in 1664 follows the household of Orgon (Don Brady) and their hypocritical con artist guest, Tartuffe (Frank Lawler).

The show begins with Orgon extolling Tartuffe's many virtues to the rest of the household, who are soon disenchanted with their pious guest.

Tartuffe feigns to be a man of religion but in reality he is only interested in his own gain. Throughout the show Orgon's family tries again and again to convince him of this.

Strong performances came from Brady as Orgon, Charity Parenzini as Dorine, the house's outspoken servant girl, and Solomon Davis as the hot headed Damis, Orgon's son.

Brady convinces the audience thoroughly of his cluelessness of the situation brewing in his house and conveys his undying love for the phony strongly.

The part of Charity Parenzini, the servant girl who is never afraid to share her opinion, is powerful and believable. Dorine speaks out of turn and forgets to hold her tongue when told, as she opposes Tartuffe on every issue.

Davis as Damis, a young



Erik Stuhaug/Taproot Theatre

Tartuffe, right, is a mischievous con-artist who invades the home of the Orgon's in *Tartuffe* by Moliere.

man often flustered with rage for Tartuffe and his gimmicks, is portrayed well. He burst into scenes yelling and is incredibly true to the character.

Lawler's portrayal of Tartuffe is very sinister, but he is so over the top with his evilness that it is difficult to believe that Orgon could look past his hy-

pocrisy. In this aspect Taproot's production takes on the characteristics of a farce and looks only for laughter and not to spread a deeper social meaning.

The script was exceptionally difficult to master with every line rhyming with the last. There were few slip-ups though, which is commendable for such

difficulty. Lines that stood out were the few that didn't rhyme causing emphasis because they broke the spoken rhythm.

Director Karen Lund does a great job making the characters ring true. Each of them showed their colors through word and wit throughout the production and they were also placed well

on stage so that the audience could see and understand their actions.

Sarah Burch Gordon, the show's costume designer, succeeds for the most part in making the characters appear as if they had walked out of the French Renaissance. Men wore baggy half legged pants with tights and women wore corseted dresses with billowing bottoms. Tartuffe was adorned in the guise of a priest, making his religious façade even more hysterical.

Mark Lund's scenic design creates a quaint set that seemed a little out of place for the era. The inside walls of the Orgon household were a cloudy blue, which didn't quite seem to match up altogether.

The theater itself added to the show with seats going up both sides of the sets so that the actors were literally in the middle of everything with their viewers on three sides and above, in the second level seating.

Filled with comedic breaks and entertainment *Tartuffe* 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 Theater can be found at 204 N. 85th St., Seattle

To get tickets visit taproot-theater.org or call 206-781-9707.

Sex, scandal exposed at Center Stage Theatre

By MICAH MORRILL
Staff Reporter

What the Butler Saw tantalizes audiences with innuendo and intrigue in a case of complete and total mistaken identity.

Federal Way's Center Stage

Theatre began their production of the show last Friday, Feb. 3. It will be showing until Feb. 26.

This farce takes place in a psychiatric office and deals largely with the subject of sex and seduction. The play began with Dr. Prentice (Alan Bryce) convincing his new secretary,

Geraldine Barclay (Samie Detzer) to undress in order for him to get a better feel for her psyche during her interview.

The interview is interrupted multiple times by Mrs. Prentice (Sally Brady); Dr. Rance (Dan Kremer), a government psychiatrist sent to review Prentice's practice; and Nicholas Becket (Nicholas Beach), who had an affair with Mrs. Prentice the night before and is attempting to blackmail her.

Questions and complications continue to arise, which make Dr. Prentice weave a web of lies so cacophonous that he is soon suspected to be insane himself. Before long Barclay and Becket are wearing each other's clothes to try to make the mess somehow righted.

Rance and Becket are the show's most stand-out characters.

As Rance, Kremer comes off as nearly a lunatic himself as he runs around asking questions and certifying people as insane at every turn. His role makes the audience consider just how much the doctor knows best.

Beach, who plays Becket, struts his stuff with confidence as he runs across the stage nearly bearing all. He also brings a lot of laughs with his ridiculous ideas and perverse mind.

Cynthia White, the production's director, emphasized the importance of characters working together and really understanding their parts to make the comedy come alive. Her vision for the show plays out as one of laughter and tact.

Michael Ward and Craig Wollams' set was a very concise and realistic representation of a psychiatrist's office including a desk, book shelf, curtained off seat for patients and a vase holding roses. The set was very effective.

Amy Silveria lighting design was static throughout the show with lights illuminating the stage, but also lighting up half of the audience. The lighting begs for more excitement and some revision.

Costumes in the production were strong although they were scant at many points. Becket's bright red briefs stood out as he

embarrassingly hurried across the stage and Barclay's lacy white undergarments, although relatively modest as far as underwear goes, definitely turned an eye.

As if characters running around the stage in their undergarments wasn't enough to make the viewer think of sex, nearly every other line conceals a double meaning of innuendo. The play is very risqué and doesn't mind getting up close and personal with sexual issues.

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

What the Butler Saw runs 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 based upon age and discounted tickets for seniors, military, and students. For more information on this show and ticket prices visit centerstagetheatre.com or call 253-661-1444.



Center Stage Theatre

Dr. Prentice and his wife, right, argue while Becket undresses in the background.

Annual car show shifts into gear at Puyallup Fair

By ALISA GRAMANN
Staff Reporter

Corvette and High Performance is revving up for its 38th annual car show and swap meet. The Corvette and High Performance Meet is an opportunity for collectors to buy and sell cars and parts, as well as an opportunity to appreciate the automotive hobby.

“This [event] is all about promoting the automotive hobby,” said Larry Johnson, the chairman of the event and an owner of Corvette and High Performance, a Olympia-based restoration and maintenance business that works on Corvettes and other classic cars.

The two-day event starts on Feb. 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is \$10 for admission. The meet continues on Feb. 12 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and admission is \$7. The event will be at the Puyallup Fairgrounds.

Saturday, Feb. 11 will be packed full of special events, including the Next Generation Automotive Exhibition, the Invitational Vehicle Display, and a special visit from Tow Mater — the famous co-star of Pixar’s movie, *Cars*.

Also present at the event will be as many as 900 automotive related vendors ready to buy and sell cars and parts.

The Corvette and High Performance Meet began in 1975 as a Corvette swap meet with 30 vendors and about 300 people, Johnson said.

“That was the early days of Corvettes becoming collectables,” he said.

While the swap meet contin-



Corvette and High Performance
Tow truck Mater, from Pixar’s Cars, will make a guest appearance during the 2012 Corvette & High Performance Meet at the Puyallup Fair Grounds, Feb. 11.

ues to be the heart of the event, the event has evolved into something more.

“There’s a huge social aspect,” Johnson said.

Johnson said that, in the beginning, it was an event themed around Corvettes. Over the years, they added “high performance” to the name to encompass a greater variety of classic cars.

The Invitational Vehicle Display is an example of that. This year’s display will be themed around convertibles.

As the automotive hobby is constantly changing, Johnson said that there have been some challenges.

“The biggest challenge I’ve

had is when we tried to reach out to the next generation,” he said. This led to the development of the Next Generation

Automotive Exhibition — an exhibit at the meet which showcases cars owned by the younger generations. Johnson said

that the show generally targets an audience of anyone under 40.

One car that will be featured in the Next Generation exhibit will be a drift car — representing the up-and-coming sport of drifting.

Other special events at the meet include the Pinstriper’s Brush Bash — where pinstripers will give a demonstration — as well as valve cover races.

Johnson said that the valve cover races are a lot like a Pine-wood Derby. Participants take an old valve cover, put wheels on it, and see how fast it goes. Registration for the valve cover race opens at 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 11 and closes at 10:30 a.m..

Finally, Corvette and High Performance will be raising funds for the Puyallup Food Bank.

“There’s a full-size, working re-creation of the Tow Mater truck,” Johnson said.

A picture with Tow Mater is \$10, “So it supports the community,” Johnson said.

For more information visit www.corvhp.com.



Corvette and High Performance
A variety of cars will be featured at the Puyallup Fairground on Feb. 11.



Corvette and High Performance

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By **GABI PAULSON**
Staff Reporter

Chances are still available to explore your teenage years and sign up for a film studies class that starts this coming Monday, Feb. 13.

As opposed to other film classes that emphasize learning the ins-and-outs of films, for this class the “emphasis is looking at society through film,” said Dr. Tommy Kim, who will be teaching the class. Dr. Kim has a doctorate in English, and has taught at Highline since 2004.

Kim said that though he did not major in film or film studies, there are many other reasons why he is qualified to teach a film class.

“My Ph.D. is in English as part of my coursework but, I studied film extensively and I minored in popular culture,” Kim said. “Film, in a way, is a form of literature.”

His class, Film Studies 107: “Society in Film,” is worth two credits, and will meet from 12:10 to 3:30 p.m. every Monday for the remainder of the quarter.

“Basically, we meet once a week,” said Dr. Kim. “I lecture about the movie, and then we watch it. Then the next day, there’s a quiz on Angel. And there’s also a paper at the end of the quarter.”

“This quarter’s about the modern teenager. Everyone thinks that they know what a teenager is like,” said Dr. Kim, “but they should come away with a completely new understanding.”

The class will watch a total of five movies from time periods ranging from the ‘50s to today. They are: *Rebel without a Cause*, *The Graduate*, *Saturday Night Fever*, *Heathers*, *Welcome to the Dollhouse*, and *Brick*.

It’s a very casual class, said Dr. Kim.

“It tends to be less formal, more like a seminar,” said Dr. Kim, encouraging students to sign up. “It’s a fun kind of class where hopefully students will gain new insight into society.”



Kaley Ishmael/THUNDERWORD



•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.

•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.

•Washington’s only Reptile Man, Scott Peterson will slither into Des Moines on Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Des Moines Activity Center, 2045 S. 216th St. The program will start at 10:30 a.m. and tickets are \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. For families, tickets will cost \$10-\$15. For more information on tickets call 206-870-6527 or visit Brownpapertickets.com. For more information on The Reptile Man, visit www.reptileman.com/home.html.

• 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.

Instructors unveil portion of their imaginations

Writing instructors soon to present their own creative works in front of students

By **ERIKA WIGREN**
Staff Reporter

Four of Highline’s English instructors will be presenting their own creative writing pieces next week.

Allison Green, Jennifer M. Bryant, Susan Rich, and Mira Shimabukuro will be presenting on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 11 a.m. in Building 2. Anyone is welcome to attend.

All four instructors have had their poetry published in various journals. The works they will be reading will range from poetry to creative nonfiction writing.

“This is done once a year,” said Green, who teaches English and humanities. “The writing teachers read their own work, and a lot of them are published writers.”

Green is the author of the



Allison Green

novel, *Half-Moon Scar*. She has also had her poetry published in literary journals such as *Raven Chronicles* and *Willow Springs*.

Green said she is eager to present her work because students tend to overlook that their teachers are in fact writers.

“It is kind of neat because students forget we do our own writing. We do our own work, we have it revised in groups, and we critique it, exactly like students do,” Green said.

Jennifer M. Bryant teaches

English and has a Ph.D. in English Literature from the University of Washington, as well as a master in fine arts in poetry from the University of Notre Dame.

Bryant’s poems have been published in journals including *Shenandoah*, *Danta*, and *The Notre Dame Review*.

Susan Rich, who teaches Diversity and Global Studies and English, is the author of three collections of poetry. *The Alchemist’s Kitchen*, published in 2010 was a finalist for the Washington State Book Award. *The Cartographer’s Tongue*, published in 2000, won the PEN Award for Poetry.

The last featured instructor, Mira Shimabukuro, teaches English and has a master of fine arts in creative writing and a Ph.D. in composition and rhetoric.

Shimabukuro has had her creative work published in journals including *Bamboo Ridge Quarterly*.

Green said that when it comes to presenting her work, she always reads works that students will enjoy.

“I always try to read some-

thing that will appeal to students and readers. Something students can relate to that isn’t necessarily academic,” Green said.

Green, who particularly enjoys writing nonfiction, said she may be reading something from her childhood.

“I may read something from my completed manuscript about my childhood and about my teenage years,” Green said. “What it was like growing up, as a 13-year-old wanting to be a writer, and reading books.”

Green said that this event will be great for all students who are interested in writing, reading, and who have the aspiration to be published.

“It is all about reading and writing. Read as much as you can. If you find that you keep coming back to writing, make it part of your everyday life, don’t just wait for inspiration,” said Green.

For more information about the event sponsored by the Highline Community College English Department, contact Susan Rich at ext. 3253 or email her at srich@highline.edu.

Highline plans to surprise others at regionals

By **TRAE HARRISON**
Staff Reporter

Clackamas seems to be the consensus favorite in the Feb. 11 wrestling regional tournament. They've won all their regional dual meets up to this point by large amounts.

"As much as I hate to say it, Clackamas will probably win it," said Highline Assistant Coach Brad Luvaas. "We have a shot at beating them at nationals, but we don't have the depth to beat them at regionals."

The points system for the national tournament differs from the regional tournament in Highline's favor.

The regional tournament will be based upon points for all places in every weight classes between the five teams in Highline's division.

"In regionals you'll get points no matter what," said Luvaas. "In Nationals, points are heavily favored on the champion at each weight class."

Luvaas says he expects Steven Romero (125 pounds), Josh Romero (141), Micah Morrill (165), and Lucas Huyber (174) all to win championships at their weights.

"They're the same guys that put in the work all year," said Luvaas. "They've wrestled the same way in practice since day one."

He also believes that the same group above along with Drew Dacey (133 pounds) and Nicholas Schmidt (157) will be able to make Nationals without qualifying for wildcard.

Josh Rhoden, Clackamas' head coach, says he expects all but one of his weights (125 pounds) to have a shot at winning regionals.

He said that the matches at 157, 165, and 197 pounds are going to be tougher battles, but the rest should go easily.



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Highline's Lucas Huyber knocks Clackamas' Trent Noon off balance.

He expects Clackamas' top-ranked Cody Randall (141 pounds) to edge out Highline's Josh Romero despite how close their last match was (11-9).

He also said seventh-ranked Trent Noon (174 pounds) will easily beat out Highline's Lucas Huyber in the tournament. Huyber lost 10-5 in their last match, but this time Huyber hopes to surprise Noon.

"I hope to beat him this time in regionals," said Huyber. "I've

been training hard so I hope to come out number one."

Huyber's been a favorite of the coaches since the beginning of the season because of his hard work.

"I have lots of time to train during the day," said Huyber. "I lift once a day, I don't want to goof around, and I spend one on one time afterwards with the coaches."

"The coaches have worked a lot on my leg riding, it's made

me a different wrestler," Huyber said.

Huyber is also coming off his best performance of the season at the Boxer Open, where he won. "I pretty much dominated," said Huyber. "I took control of every match."

After his recent performance, Huyber has high expectations for himself. "I want to be an All-American," said Huyber. "I'm always thinking No. 1."

Huyber will still have his work cut out for him up against Noon in the tournament.

"He'll be able to beat him by nationals," said Luvaas. "I gotta say he has a chance."

Luvaas says that with more time and experience up against Noon, Huyber will eventually be able to take him.

Despite the recent surge of Huyber, Clackamas' Head Coach Josh Rhoden doesn't expect to lose to Highline at 174. In fact, Rhoden said he doesn't expect much in general from Highline in the tournament.

"[Highline Coach] Scott Norton really got hurt having to redshirt Roger McCovey at the heavyweight spot," said Rhoden. "He also suffered a couple significant injuries."

Highline did suffer a significant blow to the starters about a week ago, however. Sam Ottow,

who typically wrestled anywhere from 133 pounds to 149, separated his shoulder and will be out for the season.

This injury will move Drew Dacey in permanently at 133 pounds and Cameron Kuehn in at 149 pounds.

"I really think Dacey'll be all right," Luvaas said. "He just needs to get his lungs."

The injury will also move Micah Morrill from the 157 weight class to the 165, but Morrill isn't expected to suffer from wrestling in a higher weight class.

"I think Micah will do better," said Luvaas. "He's already beat the No. 4 guy there."

However Rhoden says he expects Southwestern Oregon to surprise in the tournament.

"SWOCC has some good kids and a lot of depth," Rhoden said. "But they haven't competed in a lot of matches this year and aren't going to be fully prepared for regionals."

Highline's Assistant Coach Brad Luvaas expects Highline to surprise others the most at regionals.

"Yakima has no chance, and we all know that SWOCC has those three All-Americans," said Luvaas. "We can legitimately qualify everybody for Nationals with wild cards too."



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Highline's Nicholas Schmidt gets ready to take down his opponent.

Lady T-Birds need to stay focused for NWAACC

By **ANTHONY BERTOLUCCI**
Staff Reporter

The Lady T-Birds are holding on to the last playoff seed in the West Division with six league games left after going 1-1 in last week's games.

The women's basketball team is still currently fourth in the West Division with a 6-4 record in league play and a 9-11 overall record.

Highline played league rival Green River Gators on Wednesday, Feb. 1, defeating them 58-54. Highline had a home game on Saturday, Feb. 4 against the Clark Penguins and loss 74-63.

Highline defeated Green River despite a late rally by the Gators.

"We did a good job on the offensive glass and limiting them to one shot down the stretch," said Head Coach Amber Mosley.

"We still are not closing teams out. We got up nine and then let them right back in the game. We need to learn to finish games," Mosley said.

Freshman forward Brianna Fiso led Highline in all statistical categories with a double-double, 15 points and 13 rebounds, shooting 46 percent from the field. Keana Magalei had 14 points.

"Fiso had a great game with pulling down some monster rebounds. Frantasia Johnson brought a lot of energy and provided us a boost by doing a ton of small things. Brianna Votaw also pulled down three or four rebounds in the last two minutes of the game that allowed us to close it out," Mosley said.

In the game against Clark,



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Assistant Coach Karen Nadeau uses her cell phone to go over defense and plays with some of the Lady T-Birds this week in practice.

Despite the Lady T-Birds 10 point lead early in the first half, it was quickly erased as High-

line got lazy and didn't hustle back on defense which resulted in the loss.

"We tend to lose our focus on the game plan, which leads to doing our own things which can cost us the game," Mosley said.

After the game Clark Head Coach Nancy Boone said "At halftime we made some defensive adjustments, and also some offensive adjustments making the extra pass to get the right shot, rather than hurrying and shooting a bad shot at."

"The key to winning the game was our defense. We came out and settled down in the second half," Boone said.

"We stayed with the game plan very well in the first half. We were able to get up on them but let them back in the game because we relaxed. I was pleased with our rebounding effort on offense," Mosley said.

Freshman guard Magalei led Highline with a huge performance, with career high 29 points and 10 rebounds. Brianna Votaw had 12 rebounds. Grace Beardemphl had 13 points and six assists.

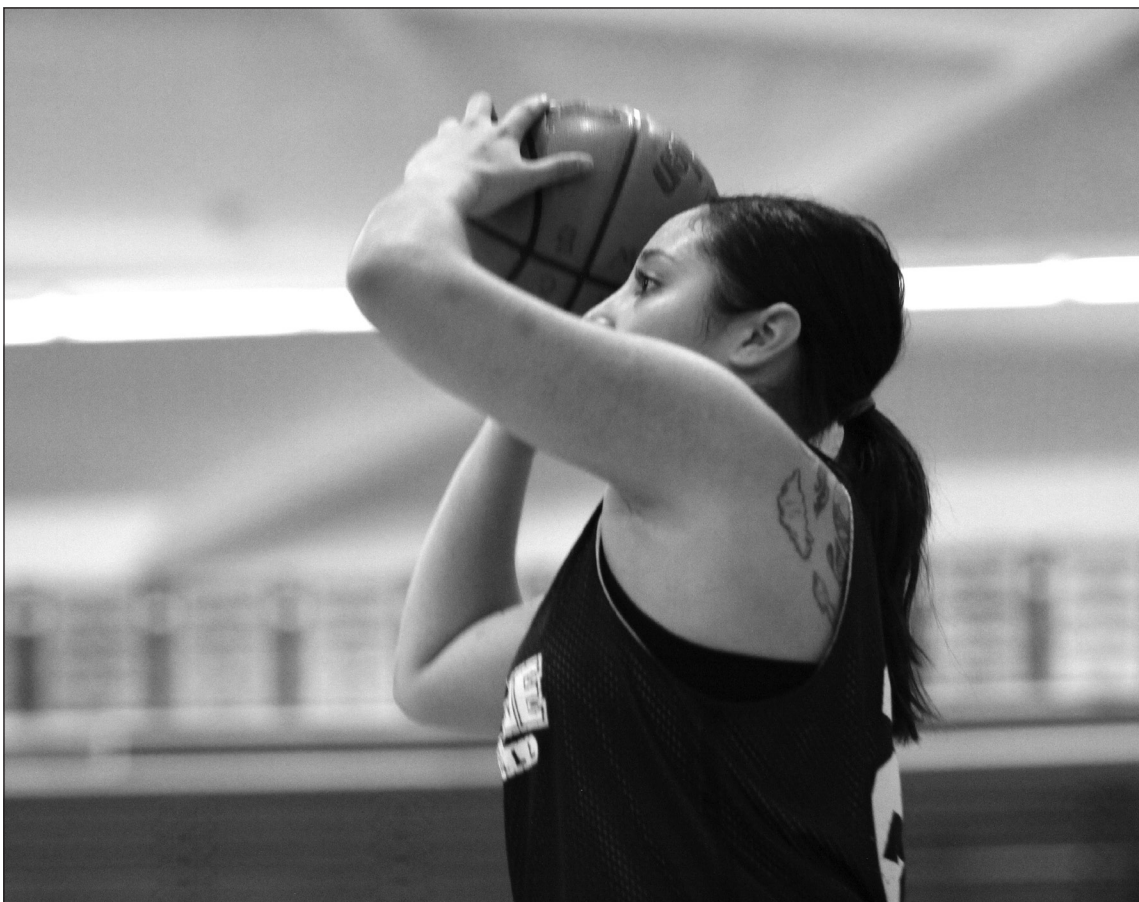
"Magalei had another great game. Votaw has been doing a great job on the boards and Christina Fields played a good

game," Mosley said.

Highline had an away game against the Lower Columbia Red Devils on Wednesday, Feb. 8 with results unavailable at press time.

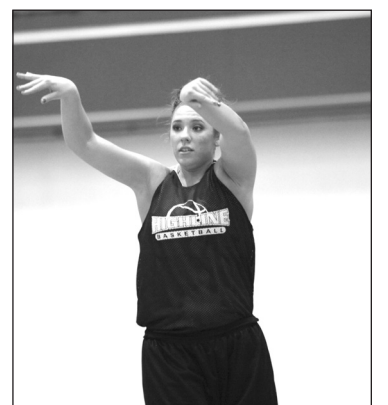
Earlier in the season the Lady T-Birds defeated the Red Devils, 69-63.

The next women's basketball game will be on the road on Saturday, Feb. 11 against the Pierce Raiders at 5 p.m. Then the Lady T-Birds will return home on Monday, Feb. 13 against the rival Tacoma Titans at 6 p.m. before returning to the road on Wednesday, Feb. 15 against the Grays Harbor Chokers.



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Freshman Keana Magalei practices her jumpshot in preparation for the Lower Columbia Red Devils.



Brianna Votaw.

The Scoreboard

T-Bird season is becoming a nightmare

Men's Basketball

NORTH League	PCT	Season
Whatcom	9-1 .900	17-3
Peninsula	8-2 .800	18-3
Bellevue	7-2 .778	17-2
Shoreline	7-3 .700	13-8
Seattle	6-4 .600	11-9
Olympic	3-7 .300	6-14
Skagit Valley	2-8 .200	6-12
Edmonds	1-8 .111	1-16
Everertt	1-9 .100	4-16

EAST		
Spokane	6-1 .857	17-3
Walla Walla	6-2 .750	15-6
Yakima Valley	6-2 .750	13-7
Big Bend	6-3 .667	16-4
Blue Mt.	3-5 .375	7-11
Columbia Basin	2-6 .250	6-13
Tr. Valley	2-6 .250	3-16
Wenatchee	1-7 .125	5-12
WEST		
Clark	9-1 .900	19-2
Tacoma	8-1 .889	16-4
Lower Columbia	7-3 .700	13-7
Pierce	6-4 .600	14-7
Green River	4-6 .400	10-11
Highline	4-6 .400	5-14
S.PugetSound	3-6 .333	7-12
Centralia	3-7 .300	5-16
Grays Harbor	0-10 .000	1-17

SOUTH		
Mt. Hood	7-1 .875	16-6
Chemeketa	6-2 .750	14-6
Linn-Benton	6-2 .750	10-9
Clackamas	5-3 .625	11-9
SWOregon	4-4 .500	12-9
Lane	3-5 .375	9-11
Umpqua	1-7 .125	6-13
Portland	0-8 .000	0-18

Women's Basketball

NORTH		
Skagit Valley	10-0 1.000	15-5
Bellevue	8-1 .899	16-4
Peninsula	7-3 .700	13-7
Whatcom	7-3 .700	12-8
Everett	4-6 .400	5-13
Seattle	4-6 .400	6-12
Olympic	2-8 .200	2-15
Shoreline	2-8 .200	8-11
Edmonds	0-9 .000	0-17

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Big Bend	4-5 .444	14-8
Wenatchee	2-6 .250	7-13
Spokane	1-6 .143	6-13
Tr. Valley	1-7 .125	3-16

WEST		
Clark	10-0 1.000	17-3
Centralia	8-2 .800	13-8
Pierce	7-3 .700	13-7
Highline	6-4 .600	9-11
L. Columbia	5-5 .500	6-13
Tacoma	4-5 .444	7-11
Green River	3-7 .300	4-14
Grays Harbor	1-9 .100	4-15
S. Puget Sound	0-9 .000	3-15

SOUTH		
Clackamas	7-1 .875	18-2
Lane	7-1 .875	14-4
Chemeketa	6-2 .750	14-5
Umpqua	4-4 .500	11-10
Linn-Benton	3-5 .375	10-11
Mt. Hood	3-5 .375	7-12
SW Oregon	2-6 .250	8-12
Portland	0-8 .000	4-12

By ADRIAN SCOTT
Staff Reporter

The T-Bird men's basketball team has put themselves in a hole this season, and their chances of making the NWAACC playoffs have become slimmer with two losses this week.

Thursday Feb. 1 the T-Birds played an away game against the Green River Gators, ending in a 90-77 loss.

The game was nothing like the first match between the Gators, as the Gators ended half-time leading 46-33.

Green River's bench outplayed the T-Birds, scoring 41 points to the T-Birds' 12 points.

T-Birds forward Robert Christopher scored his fourth 17-point game in the loss. Christopher shot 64 percent from the field, collected five assists, and 10 boards.

Christopher's 6'9" teammate, Nkosi Ali, shot an amazing 100 percent from the field, scoring 12 points in the loss.

While 6'1" freshman guard Josh Youngblood had a well needed bounce back game shooting 50 percent from the field, scoring 15 points, with nine of them coming from behind the 3 point line.

Gators 6'5" guard Devin Willis took a bite at the Birds scoring the game high of 20 points.

The T-Birds had a home battle with the first place Clark Penguins, ending in 25 point, 68-43 loss on Saturday, Feb. 4.

The Birds' outscored the Penguins in second chance points, points off turnovers, total rebounds, and defensive stops.

But they as a team couldn't beat the Penguins

Ali was the biggest factor for the Penguins in the game.

Ali shot 67 percent from the field, scored 20 points, rebounded 10 boards, and had



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Guard Zakarius Wells dodges his fellow teammates this week, while playing football.

five total defensive stops.

Though the T-Bird men have put themselves in a tough situation this season, they still have a chance to move up to fourth place and enter the NWAACC playoffs.

"We still have a chance this season," guard Joshua Youngblood said. "We have six games left, and we can put ourselves in a good position if we win."

The Birds as a team express the fact they still have a chance

this season, but some players aren't working well with the coach.

"These last couple of weeks has been difficult for us as a team. We can see the frustration Coach Dawson has but its only because we as a team set our goals high this year and he wants us to achieve them," freshman guard Issac Winston said.

The T-Bird men faced the third-place Lower Columbia

Red Devils on Wednesday, Feb. 8, with results unavailable at press time.

Following the Red Devil game the T-Birds will continue their road trip and face the fourth-place Pierce Raiders on Saturday, Feb.11.

The T-Bird men's last game against the Raiders ended in a 60-47 loss.

"We need to win, there's no question about it," sophomore forward Christopher said.

Help softball team prepare for new season

By ANTHONY BERTOLUCCI
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's softball team wants to raise more money than last year at the Diamond Bash Fund-raiser on Saturday, Feb. 11 for traveling expenses and equipment.

"The profit last year was a little over \$4,200, but we have a bigger group this year, and we have a couple different ideas to maximize income as opposed to last year," said Head Coach Scott Dillinger.

The Diamond Bash fundraiser is taking place on Saturday, Feb. 11 in the Student Union building.

The fund-raiser will start off with a silent auction at 5:30 p.m. and with the live auction beginning at 7 p.m.

The dinner has a "taste of Italy theme," and there will be an open bar.

There will also be a "dessert dash in which each player is responsible for bringing a homemade dessert to be auctioned off," Dillinger said.

"Taking a spring break trip to play is the primary focus for the fund-raising efforts we have been engaged in since June," Dillinger said.

"Ideally, we would travel to Hawaii to play a combination of a couple larger universities and also community colleges like ourselves, but Arizona and California is also on the table due to lesser airfare and lodging costs," Dillinger said.

The women's softball team and the coaches are looking forward to this fund-raiser.

"Yes, in that the carrot of a nice spring break trip is out there, and it will be the culmination of month's worth of effort toward it," Dillinger said.

"Equipment and gear and general needs of the program are part of the fund-raising effort on a yearly basis, and the auction is by far our biggest moneymaker," Dillinger said.

The women's softball team opens up the season with a pre-season game on March 9 at 1 p.m. against divison rival Bellevue Bulldogs.

Students either love or hate Valentine's Day

X marks the target on your heart

By **GABI PAULSON**
Staff Reporter

A day of flying doves, fluttering hearts, and secret admirers.

Dearbeloved Valentine's Day. Some see romantic love in the air on Valentine's Day, or as student Brooks Allen said, "National Love Day."

"It's my favorite holiday actually," said Denise Sayaline. "You get a chance to rekindle the flame with the person that you're with."

Some see it as a time to express love to everyone in their life.

"I think Valentine's Day is just a day to show appreciation for everyone you love," said Charlie, who chose not to reveal her last name.

"It's not just about love between couples, but love between family and friends," said Ngoc Nguyen.

"It's a lot of fun trying to come up with things to surprise the ones you love," said Jessica Morang.

And then, there are those like Sydney. "I hate Valentine's Day," said Sydney. "Valentine's Day gives guys an excuse to be douche bags for 364 days a year, and then assume that they can make up for it by buying a \$3 box of chocolates."

Many other students also dislike the idea of emphasizing only one day of love out of the year.

"I think Valentine's Day is irrelevant because you should treat your significant other that way all the time," said Derek Nasawang.

"It's really perceptual. I think a lot of relationships these days aren't really real and Val-



Kaley Ishmael/THUNDERWORD



entine's Day helps enforce those weak relationships," said Marco Laureano.

"If you need a holiday to get together with the one you love, then you must not have a very healthy relationship," said Philip Siens.

Others suspect a marketing scheme.

"It's just a pointless commercial holiday," said Kendall Hutchins.

"It's a waste of time and money," said Coleby Brotherton. "Even if you aren't single."

"I feel like it's kind of a scam, for roses to cost \$12 one day and \$4 the next," said Andrew Siens.

"Honestly, in my opinion it is an over emphasized holiday," said Tom Schmidt. "It has become too commercialized."

But not all students have burning emotion towards Valentine's Day. For some it is more of a resignation, perhaps a mild dislike.

"Single awareness day. That's basically what Valentine's Day is," said Tommy Herried.

"If I had a boyfriend it'd be romantic," said Noel Allen.

"I honestly think that Valentine's Day is a waste of time unless you're in a relationship," said Nick Haworth.

"Right now I don't like it because I don't have a boyfriend," said Sue Nickson.

"I don't really think it's that important," said Jake, "mainly

because I'm single right now."

"For people that are single," said Rochelle, "it's just another day."

There is a positive side to Valentine's Day that many agree on.

"I like the chocolate and candy," said Collin Kim.

But for some others, the main feeling is indifference.

"Like most holidays, I think it's overrated," said Justin Klein.

"When is it?" asked Mark Vetter.

Whether a holiday of love, hate, apathy, consumerism or chocolate; Valentine's Day is this next Tuesday, Feb. 14. Enjoy.

By **KALEY ISHMAEL**
Staff Reporter

Valentine's Day is full of symbols, each with its own history:

The Heart: The heart has long been thought to be the emotional center of the body and that all emotion starts there. It has also been adopted as the most common symbol for Valentine's Day. You can see its shape from candy boxes, to candy, to decorations and anything in between.

Though how on earth did it get its iconic shape when a real heart looks nothing like the gifts we buy in the store?

There are some stories that say that the shape was drawn by a doctor as a guess as to what the heart might have looked like. While other stories range from risqué to cute, that the shape was originally meant to show a well-endowed female torso or even taken from a kiss that was on a piece of paper.

Cupid: This young cherub has been a staple of Valentine imagery for centuries. The son of the Roman gods Mars and Venus, he is represented as the mischievous spirit of love. Depicted with a bow and arrow, legends say that to be shot by one of his arrows a person will fall madly in love with the next person they see.

Though Cupid wasn't always depicted as a young cherub, it was in the Victorian era that he was first shown in this form. In ancient Rome, he was shown as a handsome young man. In the Victorian times, this was not deemed as a proper image to show women and small children so his form was changed.

The arrow-pierced heart: As the heart is the symbol for love, and Cupid has the freakish obsession with shooting people with arrows of love, it would only make sense for a person in love to have their heart pierced by one of Cupid's arrows.

X for a kiss: Sealed with an X (kiss). In medieval times when people were unable to write, they would sign their name with an X and before a witness kiss the spot for sincerity. It is still uncertain as to where signing an O for a hug has come from.

Red roses: Roses are the most common flower to be given on Valentine's Day. You can give real roses, fake roses and even candy roses. But nearly all of them come in red. The red rose was said to be the favorite flower of Venus, the Roman goddess of love.

St. Valentine was a real guy — maybe

By **KALEY ISHMAEL**
Staff Reporter

"Be my Valentine."

This phrase gets etched into people's minds from childhood.

It has been a part of our culture for so long that people may not stop to think about where it came from.

And yet, year after year, people send out cards with the well-known phrases such as "From your Valentine," or "Be mine," with very little thought of the man for whom the day is named or how the first Valentine was sent.

There are many legends of St. Valentine. One of the most widely accepted legends is that he was a saint who would perform marriages after Emperor Claudius II had outlawed them for the sake of building his

armies.

Claudius believed that young, bachelor men made the best soldiers. So for the sake of building an unbeatable army, he banned marriages.

Under cover of darkness, many couples would seek out Valentine, the only man who would go against the Emperor's law.

After a time, Valentine was discovered and imprisoned for his deeds. It is said that he fell in love with his jailor's daughter. Legends also say that this is how the first Valentine was sent.

Close to his death, Valentine sent a letter to his love and signed it, "From your Valentine."

Some people believe we celebrate the holiday in commemoration of the day he died.

While others say that it served as a way to counter Lupercalia, the pagan holiday celebrating spring and fertility.

The Lupercalia holiday began with a select group of men and boys from the village going to a cave that they believed to be the den where the twin founders of Rome, Romulus and Remus, were raised by a wolf. They would then sacrifice a goat and dog in their honor.

After the sacrifice, the boys would cut the goat hide into strips and run through the village with them. As they ran through the village, the boys would touch any woman they saw with the hides. Women welcomed the touch believing it increased their fertility for the oncoming year.

During this holiday, it is also said that women would write

their names on strips of paper and place them in an urn in the village. Bachelor men would then draw names from the urn and the couple would pair off for the year.

These matched pairs would often end in a marriage.

At the end of the fifth century, Pope Gelasius declared Feb 14 as St. Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day gained more popularity by the 17th century. By the 18th century, it was common for people to exchange small tokens with their friends and loved ones in honor of Valentine's Day.

Today, an estimated 2.6 billion cards are sent out for the holiday, making this the second largest card giving holiday after Christmas. Some 85 percent of Valentine's Day gifts are actually purchased by women.

Here's a hint: It's not that different from what men want

By MICAH MORRILL
Staff Reporter

Men and women nearly want the same things on Valentine's Day, and it doesn't have to break the bank.

Most men view the day as a time to treat ladies with extra respect and make them feel special. Women expect this special treatment, but are not overly concerned with extravagant gifts and tributes for the most part.

When buying gifts, men should remember to get something that the girl won't, "Want to throw away after a month. Something that when you see it, it reminds you of that person," said Natalya, a Highline student.

"I like homemade things, like either food or little crafts. I think they're cute. Maybe a mix CD too," said Sakina Tung.

Tia Mendoza agrees, "Flowers die in a day. You want something that you can go back and look at the next Valentine's Day," she said.

Others disagree though. "Girls like flowers and candy, it's the cliché thing but that's what we like," said Caitlin Fortner.

Lily Nechiporuk defines it best: "If the guy puts his heart in it it'll be OK, as long as you can tell that he tried," she said.

Men didn't fall far from the mark on what women want for the special day.

"Roses, and make them a



mix tape. They don't really care about expensive. You can make a girl dinner, even if it's not good, she's still like it as long as it's meaningful and thoughtful," said Charlie Singh.

Other guys think that their presence is a gift enough.

"Sometimes they don't even want a gift, they just want somebody's company. But if you get them something, it can be simple and I don't think they'll mind," Long Nguyen said.

"Whatever comes from the heart. I believe the best gifts you could give to a girl come from the heart," said Josias Jean-Pierre.

As far as dates go there seems to be two types of things that girls prefer. Some are content with a cozy day inside, while others want to go out and do something more active, but still easygoing. Both groups agree that going out to dinner is a nice touch though.

"Go to an indoor place like the mall or cinema and then have dinner at a nice restaurant," said Irene Chang. "If I really like the guy I won't care where we're going."

For girls who want to go do something, make sure not to get overly ambitious.

"Not something super active but something you can go out and do like go on a walk or have a picnic," said Natalya.

Most men seemed to get the general gist of going out to dinner but seemed a little lost as to how to fill the rest of their time.

"I would take her to a nice restaurant and then kind of go with the flow of what she wanted to do," said Tom Schmidt.

DJ Johnson said that, "Girls just want to be treated out to a nice dinner and do something lovey-dovey after."

As for sex, most students were quiet on the subject, but a few of each gender brought up this topic.

Jesenia Maldonado and Tia Mendoza both agreed that they would like, "Good sex," on the special day.

"Sex that I will not forget ever," Maldonado said.

"Spice it up a bit, I'm not talking about whips and chains, but something different," Mendoza said.

Some men felt the same way. "I'm pretty sure a lot of girls like to get laid on Valentine's Day," said Steven Romero.

Girls want, "Something sentimental and meaningful, like sex," Derek Nasawang said.

Love remains a scientific mystery

By TRAE HARRISON
Staff Reporter

Everybody's crazy about love, but nobody knows why.

While psychologists are able to identify conditions and behaviors for people who happen to be in love, they are unable to define why exactly people fall in love.

"I don't know what makes us fall in love, to tell you the truth," said Psychology Professor Dr. Michele Manber. "There's no answer for what causes us to have that experience with somebody and not somebody else."

"There are hormones that can spark a person's personality and emotions when they are in love," said Dr. Manber. "But what makes us attracted to others is a mystery."

"Your arousal system sharpens when you're with someone you're attracted to," Dr. Manber said. "And your focus tends to narrow on that single person."

This can be the reason why a person will go out of his or her way to do seemingly unselfish things for someone he or she is pursuing, whether it be paying for a dinner bill or helping someone move.

"However people tend to look out for others in general," said Dr. Manber. "Not only their partners."

"However some people don't believe altruism to even be real," said Dr. Manber. "Because even in situations where it seems like you're doing something for unselfish reasons, there could be benefits that are unknown."

Benefits are the ulterior motives for doing nice things.

"Sometimes people do things just for that warm feeling you get out of doing something nice," said Dr. Manber. "This isn't exactly altruism."

Love in the romantic sense can conflict directly with altruism. When someone does something for their significant other, sometimes it's for the attention they hope to receive from the person they like.

"How many times do we wait by the phone for that one text or call," said Dr. Manber. "We're hoping for that attention. If you get some attention, you're going to hope you will get it again."

When you're receiving too much attention from somebody it can become tiresome, but when the attention is inconsistent you can end up craving it.

Whether you're ultimately going to end up truly pursuing the love of your life or seek love from multiple people is another mystery.

Save your pick-up lines for your truck

Every January stores begin filling their shelves with the bright pink and red candy boxes and décor.

For some, the sight of those pink painted aisles send shivers of dread down their spines. While others look at them and say, "Challenge accepted."

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, people are becoming bolder in their attempts to find someone to spend the day with. However, in attempts to get a date for the day, people may get a little overzealous.

When looking for a date there are a few things that you need to keep in mind. The most important rule to finding a date is to show respect.

It may be hard to break the ice when you are trying to talk to someone new. A lot of people at one point in their life have heard a cheesy pickup line, and it may be tempting to use one on



Commentary
Kaley Ishmael

someone that you've just met.

Students say that they don't really take pickup lines seriously, that they would only use them as a joke. Though there are still some students that do use them in the hopes that they will lead to something.

However, if you choose to

use one, be wise. While some can be seen as funny and maybe even a little cute, many pickup lines can be down-right crude.

Nothing breaks the ice quite the same way as a joke. But be warned, if you opt to use one of the thousands of cheesy lines, there is a strong possibility that you won't get past the starting gate.

Going up to someone and saying, "If you were a booger I'd pick you first," might earn you a laugh, but probably not earn you a date.

One student said that people have tried using pickup lines are her, but they were in no way successful.

While on the other hand, going up to someone and saying, "I like your face, let's mate," will probably end up with someone calling security to take you away.

There are some pickup lines that come across as a compli-

ment such as "Are you from Tennessee? Because you're the only TEN I see," but it is fairly obvious that you are trying to pick them up.

They may only see your attempt to pick them up as nothing more than a hope for a one-night stand and your attempts to get a date may fail before you even learn their name.

Using a pickup line may serve as an ice breaker, but it may not yield the result you are hoping for.

While you may have earned their attention for a few seconds, chances of your clever one liner going beyond the cheap laugh is highly unlikely.

If you are really looking for someone to spend this romantic holiday with the real trick is to be polite and act like a normal human being.

Kaley already has a date for Tuesday, so don't go there, buster.

The Player vs. the Romantic

Women prefer one, but often fall for the other

By **SHAIMA SHAMDEEN**
Staff Reporter

You are approached by two men, both good looking and both with intriguing personalities. But one is dangerous, and the other is not.

There is The Romantic, the type of man that most women seek. If you have ever seen a Nicholas Sparks movie, whether it be The Notebook or Dear John, then you have witnessed The Romantic at work.

"A romantic guy knows how to make his girl happy and puts her first," Highline student DJ Johnson said.

Johnson is a self-proclaimed romantic.

"Each girl is attractive in her own way and should be treated as a unique individual. Dating should be between you and your significant other and no one else should be involved," Johnson said.

Kentridge graduate Jared Williams, also a self-proclaimed romantic, agrees with Johnson.

"A romantic is a guy that listens and is not afraid to show emotions. He is the guy who always thinks of new ways to show his girl how he feels," Williams said.

"Although dating is difficult at times I think it is worth it to find someone who actually wants to give you the majority of their time and the two of you are constantly learning more about each other. It's a pretty special thing," Williams said.

Williams says that Valentine's Day is the time for men to go above and beyond to show their significant other how they feel about her.

Johnson said, "It's about making dinner plans somewhere that you both enjoy to eat, it doesn't necessarily have to be the most expensive restaurant, followed by a movie, and ending the night at the house with dessert and some cuddling."

While Williams is proud of his romantic ways he said that The Romantic is often seen as less of a man.

"All that [romance] is cute to me, but I would never say that because it makes me seem soft," he said.

To avoid looking soft, some men instead declare a different approach to dating. Hence the dangerous man, The Player.

The Player is the type of man to make a sport out of love. Sometimes they are easy to spot but then there is the man who seems so sincere you could swear he was a romantic.

Kent resident Terrence Parsons is amongst many players

in the world of dating and relationships.

"A player can tell a girl anything and she will believe it. Even if you get caught with 5 other women, a player can say anything, do anything, and get away with it," Parsons said.

A player is the ultimate smooth talker and often he will play off of the good boy image of The Romantic and use it to his advantage.

"A player knows how to disguise himself as a romantic. He knows how to play the role of a romantic but unlike the romantic, the player has a hidden agenda," Parsons said.

Also, unlike The Romantic, who puts his woman first, The Player puts himself first and uses the women that he is involved with to benefit himself.

Parsons says that for The Player dating a woman is all about keeping her happy and getting on her good side so that you can get what you want out of her.

"Girls are items; they're nothing but bank accounts or rent-a-cars. You have one girl that will let you drive her car, another will let you use her EBT food stamps, another you can use her Best Buy card," Parsons said.

The Player has ulterior motives behind his approach.

"The motive is just to have back-ups. If one messes then you have someone else to talk to," said Highline student Zakarius Wells, a self-proclaimed player.

All women shouldn't worry

about having to deal with The Player. Parsons says that The Player is smart about his target and knows which women to go after.

"You go after the girl with daddy issues, the ones that just want love. Players don't work well with women who are strong minded. You take advantage of a woman's love for a man, so either weak minded girls or young girls with no life experience," Parsons said.

Just because The Player is juggling women the rest of the year don't think that he will be juggling women on Valentine's Day.

"You tell your main chick, your favorite chick, the one you like better than the other girls, tell her that the two of you are going out and you tell the rest of the side chicks that you're with your family," Parsons said.

Parsons has no doubt that women will fall for this excuse.

"They'll believe you because they're stupid," he said.

If this type of man is so dangerous then why do girls fall for them so easily?

Highline student Abbey Delacruz says that the possibility of a fairy tale ending is what keeps girls interested in The Player.

"Girls want to be the one to change him. Every girl thinks that she is the exception and she is not going to get played," Delacruz said.

While The Player and The Romantic approach dating differently, they are not that much different from each other.

"A player is just a romantic

with too much pride. At the end of the day they each yearn to be wanted by someone," Williams said.

"Both types of men know how to get what they want, they just have different ways of approaching it," Johnson said.

The Player may even be jealous of The Romantic man's ability to be open and comfortable with his feelings.

"Players might get jealous

because they wish they could be that expressive but they will never admit it," Parsons said.

Williams advises The Player to let go of their ego a little bit and not be afraid to show women how they really feel, while Parsons asks The Romantic, "why not have your cake and eat it too?" Implying that you can have all the girls you want without missing out on the temptation of other women.

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Make friends and gifts at Friday festivity

By JEMIMAH KAMAU
Staff Reporter

Come and meet new friends as you prepare your Valentine's crafts for the one you love at the Students Union this Friday.

This event is sponsored by the International Student Program and is open to the Highline community.

The festivities will take place from 1- 3 p.m. in Building 8, Mt. Constance and Olympus rooms at Highline.

The event will last for two hours, which will be divided into two sections and soft music will be played to accompany the event.

"In the first hour, we will teach people how to make crafts to give to their friends, family and of course to their valentine. So, if you haven't prepared any gift, you should come and join the event," said

Kuan-Lin Chen, the Mosaic Editor, for the international student newspaper.

"We are going to provide the materials to make cards, magnets, door hangers and bracelets," said Chen who is commonly known as April.

Volunteers will be there to assist the participants to make their gifts.

"In the second hour, it will be like Speed Dating, but we have changed that to Friend Dating where you make friends. But you can also meet a lover," she said with a smile.

"Valentine's Day is a day to appreciate your friends, family and your valentine. This event will be a good chance to prepare a gift for them and show them how thankful you are."

Pink and purple will be the main colors which will be used to prepare the gifts, and a little blue.

"I know it might be hard for guys (because of the colors) but they can come and prepare something for their girlfriends or for the girl they would like to," she added.

Chen said that she hopes students will turn up for the Valentine preparation.

"Students should join us because it's free and fun and they can also make new friends," Chen said.

Home cooking can be good looking on V-Day

By ANDREA ASTELL
Staff Reporter

Instead of going out for Valentine's Day dinner make it a fun, inexpensive activity you and your honey can do at home.

As some restaurants tend to be overcrowded and too expensive on Valentine's Day, the idea of going out turns off many couples.

Many women would actually prefer a home-cooked meal instead of an overpriced entre at a restaurant.

"It's more of the thought that counts, and someone making you a home-cooked meal is about as thoughtful as you can get," said Sidney Heric, Highline student

But for some couples, the kitchen is a foreign land.

"Me and my boyfriend never cook," said Jessica Chrostek, Highline student. "It's either take-out or microwave dinners for us."

But the truth is that there are ways to make a thoughtful homemade meal without burning the house down or ringing your wallet dry.

Here are some ideas for an easy to make, inexpensive, tasty dinner as an alternative to going to an overpriced restaurant on Valentine's Day:

Appetizer: Tossed salad

You will need:

1 package of salad mix

Desired vegetables (cherry tomatoes, carrots, onions, etc.)

Desired dressing

Directions: Rinse packaged salad under cold water in strainer. The packaged salad can vary from spinach salad to garden salad, get whatever kind you and your partner prefer. Place

salad in large mixing bowl. Add desired vegetables and 1 cup of desired dressing. Using a large fork and spoon toss salad in bowl until evenly mixed.

Entre 1: Heart-shaped pizza

You will need:

Pizza dough:

3 cups of bread flower

1 envelope of active dry yeast

1 and 1/4 cup of warm water

3 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil

3 tablespoons of oregano

2 teaspoons of white sugar

Pizza toppings:

1/2 cup of flower

1 can of tomato sauce

3 cups of shredded mozzarella cheese

Any desired toppings (pepperoni, olives, bacon, peppers, etc.)

Directions: Pre heat oven to 375.

In a small bowl dissolve yeast in warm water.

In a large bowl combine flower olive oil and sugar, and once the yeast as dissolved add water and yeast mixture. Stir to combine and beat until stiff dough has formed.

Let dough mixture sit for about 30 minutes to rise.

After 30 minutes roll out dough on counter space, coat dough in flower to prevent from sticking to hands. If the dough doesn't stretch well you can use olive oil to make it more elastic.

Place dough on cooking pan, using a cooking knife cut out the shape of a heart. Distribute tomato sauce evenly on dough.

Top the pizza sauce with shredded mozzarella cheese. Add any desired toppings to pizza.

Place pizza in oven and cook for about 15 minutes.

If you and your partner would prefer, you can buy the pizza dough premade at some local grocery stores.

Entre 2: spaghetti with homemade tomato sauce

You will need:

1 package of spaghetti noodles

1 can of whole peeled tomatoes

1 jar of tomato paste

3 cloves of minced garlic

1 tablespoon of sugar

2 tablespoons of red wine vinegar

2 teaspoons of oregano

1 teaspoon of dried red pepper flakes

Directions: In a large cooking pot bring 4 cups of water to a boil. Once water begins to boil toss in spaghetti noodles.

Cook until well done; a good way to check if the spaghetti noodles are done is to cut it with a fork. If it cuts easily the noodles are ready, if not cook longer.

For the tomato sauce: In a large skillet combine peeled tomatoes, tomato paste, minced garlic, sugar, red wine vinegar, oregano, and red pepper flakes. Simmer over low heat and stir frequently.

Entre 3: Rib-eye steak with baked potato

You will need:

2 (about 6 ounce) rib-eye steaks

2 cups of soy sauce

4 cloves of chopped garlic

2 potatoes

Directions: In a large resealable bag place steaks, soy sauce, and chopped garlic. Let marinate for at least one hour, and remove from bag.

Pre heat grill for high heat;

once steaks have marinated place on grill for about 5 minutes on each side (for a rare steak), or until desired.

If you don't have a grill at home, the steaks can also be cooked in the oven on broil for about the same cooking time.

To cook potatoes, run under water and scrub clean. Prick with fork to prevent steam from building up. Place in oven at 400 degrees, and cook for 30 minutes.

Dessert: Individual raspberry cheesecakes

You will need:

1 package of graham crackers

1/2 stick of butter

2 packages of cream cheese, softened

3/4 cup of sugar

2 eggs

1 teaspoon of vanilla extract

1 jar of raspberry pie filling

Directions: Preheat oven to 350.

In a bowl, melt butter in microwave.

In a large resealable bag, place 6 graham cracker cookies. Seal bag and roll over with rolling pin until graham crackers have evenly crumbled. Add melted butter to bag and shake until evenly mixed.

Line muffin pan with cupcake papers, and put one tablespoon of graham cracker mixture in each cupcake paper.

In a mixing bowl combine cream cheese and sugar, beat until smooth.

Next beat in eggs and vanilla until well mixed. Pour over graham cracker mixture in cupcake papers.

Bake for 15 minutes until set. Top each one with one spoonful raspberry pie filling.

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Beached birds tell us more about marine life than you may think

By YURI NISHIZAKI
Staff Reporter

Citizens can help save Puget Sound's declining population of seabirds by collecting data on the beached birds, an expert said here on Saturday, Feb. 4.

The executive director of the Coast Observation And Seabird Survey Team (COASST) Julia Parrish spoke about What Can Beached Birds Tell Us About the Health of Puget Sound? on Feb. 4 at the Highline Marine Science and Technology center in Redondo.

There are several factors that affect seabirds, including intentional/unintentional introduction of animals on islands, hunting for food and finery, fisheries, pollution and climate change, Parrish said.

Declining of population of seabirds is "mostly because of the intensification of human activities."

"All of us interact together throughout the eco-system to affect seabirds. That's why we use them as indications of what's going on in the marine environment," she said.

Yet the situation is not as simple. There are about six million STEM (the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) professionals in the world, Parrish said, and this number is not nearly enough to adequately gather the data.

"There are about seven billion people in the world right now, so that's just a drop in the bucket," she said.

"If we are actually going to understand what's going on, many more people other than scientists need to be involved," which citizen science allows you to do.

Citizen science "is a partnership between scientists and citizens to work together to collect certain kinds of information to be able to document problems and test out solutions," she said. The Seabirds Survey Team is one of citizen science projects.

The Seabirds Survey Team has approximately 800 volunteers and five staff members including Parrish.

"We have people doing all sorts of things. We have a lot of people who are scientists in our program, but also business people, a lot of educators and



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Julia Parrish speaks about the health of Puget Sound.

students, people in the medical profession, people who are self-employed. The average age of a coasters is about 58," she said.

"COASST is what we call a life-long learning program, that is, once you get involved, you can stay involved your entire life. You don't even have to be an adult...you can be any age."

The Seabirds Survey Team "focuses on beached marine birds, so literally gross, dead birds that are washed up on the tide," Parrish said. "They were once alive and died of something. We can collectively figure out patterns of mortality. They contain valuable information."

"We can actually figure out what the difference is between what's normal and what's ab-

normal. Once we know what's abnormal, then we can work with all sorts of people who are trying to fix those problems," she said.

The Seabirds Survey Team needs "every citizen to get involved collecting information and helping us to make this a safer but a healthier place for humans and seabirds," she said.

For more information about the Seabirds Survey Team visit <http://depts.washington.edu/coasst/>.

This presentation was part of the Science on the Sound Speaker Series sponsored by the Highline Marine Science and Technology center. For more information, visit <https://flightline.highline.edu/mast/index.php>.

Creator of Yoshida's Teriyaki Sauce speaks today

By KALEY ISHMAEL
Staff Reporter

Junki Yoshida, the Boss of Sauce, will be starting Highline's Alumni speaker series later this afternoon.

The presentation will take place at 2 p.m to 3:15 p.m in building 8.

In 1968 at the age of 19, Yoshida decided to come from his home country of Japan to America in the hopes of living out his dream.

Times were tough for Yoshida when he first arrived in America, living out of a used Plymouth Valiant.

Originally Yoshida applied to Seattle Pacific University. He was denied enrollment because of his limited English speaking abilities.

In 1970, he enrolled at Highline to improve his English skills. He taught karate lessons in trade for classes. He graduated from Highline in 1973.

With the help of his wife, Linda, Yoshida created his now



Junki Yoshida

world famous sauce, Yoshida's Gourmet Sauce in 1982. This sauce was made from a 60-year-old family recipe. This became the starting point of his 17 companies of the Oregon based Yoshida Group.

In 2003 Yoshida was honored with the Highline Distinguished Alumni Award. With 17 companies and over 300 employees, Yoshida also takes time to be a motivational speaker, sharing the lessons his has learned over the years.

Highline employees feel 'satisfied' with their jobs, but see room for improvement

Most of the employees at Highline have positive views about their jobs.

In a recent Employee Satisfaction Survey, more than 90 percent of faculty and staff say that they enjoy their job and believe they positively impact their students.

More than 300 employees participated in the survey.

However, only 58 percent of those surveyed believed Highline succeeds at "measuring its

success in meeting its strategic goals."

Dr. Jack Birmingham, Highline president, has said that the data received from the survey will help with the day-to-day planning, institutional research, and accreditation.

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Museum of Flight hosts spaceman

By **BARBARA CAWLEY**
Staff Reporter

Dr. Bernard Harris encourages everyone to aim high. He did, and it got him to outer space.

Dr. Harris became a NASA astronaut in July 1991. He served on two missions and has spent more than 438 hours in space.

He conducted research in musculoskeletal physiology and disuse osteoporosis. He was the first African-American to walk in space.

Dr. Harris gave a talk at the Museum of Flight to a full auditorium on Feb. 4 as part of the Michael Anderson Memorial Program.

Dr. Harris talked about how the moon landing influenced his decision to become an astronaut and how big of a deal that was at the time.

"For this little boy to look at that little black and white television and say he wanted to follow in their footsteps was powerful," he said.

"At the same time that America was accomplishing one of the greatest feats in human history. We were also struggling with basic civil rights," said Harris.

"In addition to seeing guys go into space and establishing my dream as an astronaut, there was another guy that I saw that believed in the dream of what he thought America could be," he said.

Without the efforts of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Harris said he would not have been standing on that stage.

"I saw who America chose to be its astronauts; there were seven white guys in that program," said Harris.

"If you have a dream don't think of what you might see around you as an obstacle. I would say reverse it, make that into a challenge," he said. "Don't let that stop you from accomplishing your dreams."

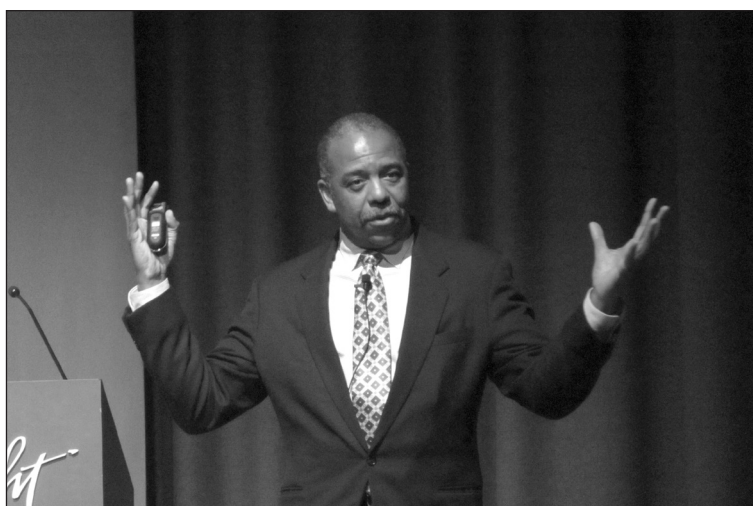
He encouraged everyone in the audience, young and old, to dream. "Dreams are the reality of the future," he said.

"In order to have a future you must have a dream," he said. "Dreams tell us who we really are."

"It is the dreams and imaginations of everyone across the world that move this world forward."

He encouraged the young in the audience to continue their educations. "Education, I believe, is the way to fulfill dreams."

Dr. Harris earned a bachelor of science in biology from the University of Houston, a master of medical science from the



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Dr. Bernard Harris comparing himself to Superman.

University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, a master of business administration from the University of Houston Clear Lake, and a doctorate of medicine from Texas Tech University School of Medicine.

Dr. Harris was selected into the Astronaut Corps in January 1990 from the flight surgeon training program at the Aerospace School of Medicine at Brooks Air Force base in San Antonio. He served as a NASA astronaut for 10 years.

Dr. Harris made the entire auditorium fill with laughter when he described his experience in the shuttle program by describing himself as Superman.

"Superman can lift heavy items. I put on that heavy space suit, I went outside and I lifted something that weighed over 3000 pounds.

"Superman can travel faster than a speeding bullet. I traveled over 17,000 miles per hour.

"Is that Superman or what?" he asked.

Dr. Harris expressed concern that some people believe that the space program has ended. He ultimately denies that

this is true.

"The program is not ending. The only thing that's happening in the program is that we have decommissioned the shuttle."

"We still have the mandate as an agency to put people on the moon, to put people on near Earth asteroids and maybe someday to even put people on Mars," he said.

"The only significant change is that the next generation vehicle is going to be done by private industry."

Dr. Harris had the audience repeat these words a few times: "I am an infinite being with infinite possibilities."

"Those words are powerful," he said. "Those words tell us who we really are."

"We have the ability to do anything we want in life and once we realize that, the sky's the limit."

During his talk he announced his engagement to Valerie Mosely. "So now, baby, you can't back out," he said.

His parting words of wisdom to the young people in the audience were "Don't let the fool next to you destroy your dreams."

BSU brings culture to campus

By **BARBARA CAWLEY**
and **JESSICA GULCHUK**
Staff Reporters

The Black Student Union is trying to spread awareness on campus about their culture through an event called Knowledge Week.

From Feb. 13-15 the Black Student Union will be holding campuswide events.

The purpose is to "get the knowledge of what the black culture is and where it began to where it is now," said Kris Wilburn, the club's president.

The Black Student Union is "a club about the awareness of the black culture in our schools and communities," said Wilburn.

The club is not just for African-American students, the "club is for everyone," said Wilburn.

The club's goals are creating leadership from within, and going out to the surrounding community and mentoring the youth so they can go further in life, said Wilburn.

BSU's most recent achievement was a blanket and coat

drive last quarter for families that needed them for the winter.

On Monday, Feb. 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Mt. Constance, Delvert Richardson, known as the walking museum because he goes around and presents history, will be speaking about the History of African Americans.

Rashad Norris, the adviser for the Black Student Union, will be speaking on sports and education of African Americans on Tuesday, Feb. 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Mt. Constance.

On Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Mt. Constance Building, there will be a fashion show including the fashion of the African American culture.

Friday, Feb. 17 there will be a special slam poetry and rap event from 10 a.m. to noon in Building 7. However, the location may be subject to change.

Black Student Union meets on Mondays from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. in Building 8, room 301 and on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon in the Intercultural Center in Building 6.



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BSU President Kris Wilburn and Committee Co-Chair Kalia La'a.

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Students who ride King County Metro buses should be aware of the changes being made since these proposed changes will influence which routes they take to Highline.

"A lot of the routes offer the same basic services. King County Metro felt the routes were redundant and due to budget cuts routes do not need that much service along corridors," said England.

King County Metro also plans to revise Route 166 so it will serve South 240th Street

and Marine View Drive. Route 166 would no longer serve South 216th Street.

Another proposal is to extend Route 156 to Des Moines and Highline by the use of South 200th Street and Des Moines Memorial Drive South.

King County Metro Transit also will bring in RapidRide busing service that will be coming to Burien, SeaTac, Tukwila and Renton. These destinations will become a part of the RapidRide F line that will replace and alter several routing options.

This change will help connect Des Moines riders to various other routes such as Route 180, the Link light rail, the Rapid Ride A line, and other routes serving Southcenter.



Victoria England

"The idea is to get all these heavily used corridors connected eventually," said England.

The buses are planned to arrive to bus stops sooner and more frequently. Buses will ar-

rive every 10 minutes in the morning and evening, during the busiest travel hours. On other than busy travel hours, the buses will arrive every 15 minutes.

The buses that are currently in service arrive anywhere between 20-40 minutes.

RapidRide buses are designed in a way that passengers will be able to get on and off more quickly. The buses will have lower floors and three doors to make boarding easier for passengers.

Bus stops will be strategically placed where passengers are most likely to gather. King County Metro Services will collaborate with communities in deciding the best places to put

these bus stops.

The goal is to keep the buses moving and keep them from stopping so much. When a bus approaches a traffic light, signals will be sent to keep the light green or to turn the red light to green sooner.

Improving the safety of RapidRide's passengers is also a goal of the new Metro system. Bus drivers will be able to safely notice passengers easier due to the lighted shelters being placed at the bus stops. Security will be increased not only on the RapidRide buses but also at the bus stations.

The proposed routes and new busing service will ultimately affect student riders who commute to Highline.

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to give a hearing to my proposed constitutional amendment to protect higher education because they do not want Maria Cantwell's challenger to receive any attention," said Sen. Baumgartner in a press release on Wednesday.

Sen. Baumgartner said that, although legislators continually say that they are committed to protecting higher education, it is continually on the chopping block — a fact that is not likely to change with the upcoming budget.

"Over the last 10 years, higher ed has been the lowest priority," Sen. Baumgartner said. His goal with the resolution was to secure a steady stream of revenue that is strictly for higher education.

State Rep. Dave Upthe-

grove, D-Des Moines, said that SJR 8225 was introduced late into the session — four weeks into what is supposed to be an eight-week session.

State Rep. Upthegrove said that when proposing a constitutional amendment, often the proposer will begin early on garnering support, which Sen. Baumgartner did not do.

In order to pass an amendment to the Constitution, the proposal must pass through the House and the Senate with a two-thirds vote, and then be approved by the state voters.

State Rep. Upthegrove said that a constitutional amendment may not even be the right approach to funding higher educa-



Rep. Upthegrove

tion.

"I'm not sure it's a good idea," he said.

"I don't think we want to start carving out pieces of the budget," State Rep. Upthegrove said. "It would take away the flexibility to manage diverse needs."

With budget money being tied up and protected by the Constitution, successfully managing the state budget becomes trickier.

Money generated from sales tax funds a great many things.

"Its funds are general," said State Rep. Tina Orwall, D-Des Moines.

Taking a portion of revenue from sales tax could mean cuts for areas such as public safety and health care.

Sen. Baumgartner, however, said that the cuts should come from unnecessary state functions, such as giving state employees bonuses for carpooling.

Before the consideration deadline last Tuesday, legisla-

tors professed skepticism about the resolution.

"I don't expect it will pass,"

State Rep. Upthegrove said. "The ground work has not been laid."

State Rep. Orwall was also un-

certain about the joint resolution.

"I can't really anticipate that it would [pass]," she said.

State Rep. Orwall said that the resolution seems to be more of a message.

"I had not heard about it," State Rep. Orwall said, a sentiment shared by other legisla-

tors. She said that legislators seem to be focusing on bills that are actually moving.

"Statements are important," she said, but legislators are spending their time trying to find and secure new revenue.

A number of bills have been proposed to close tax loopholes and secure other revenue sources, State Rep. Orwall said, which is a better option when compared to constitutionally protecting — and tying up — another portion of the budget.

In recent years, more than half a billion dollars has been cut from higher education, State Rep. Orwall said, so Sen. Baumgartner's \$890 million would be a significant gain.

"I do agree that we need to be doing a better job funding higher education," State Rep. Upthegrove said.

Marriage

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a big part of how she feels.

"No, I do not agree with same-sex marriage because in the beginning God created a man and woman for marriage together," said Kvita Yarmoshik. "The Bible clearly does not support homosexuality."

"No I think it is wrong for two people of the same sex to be together because they can't repopulate the Earth," said Connor Harkness.

While a lot of the students who supported the Senate's decision say they believe that same-sex marriage should be legalized across the entire country, some students believe it should not.

"No, because not all the states are ready for something like that," said Michael Kohler.

"I think that depends on the various states," said Dolores Susterich.

The states are the ones who have the right make the decision, not the federal government, said Jessica Neilson, a Highline paralegal instructor. But she said she hopes that someday all the states will allow it.

"Each state should have a choice. Let the people decide," said Linda Hatcher.

Matt Johnson disagreed. "No. The state should have the right to legalize it." However, he said, if a couple is married legally in one state, the other states should acknowledge that marriage.

Those who were against this state's decision are also against it being legal nationwide.

"No. I can see how it can become that way but personally I think no," said Jessie Mackley.

"No, I'm against same sex marriage to be legalized in the

United States because this country was founded on Christian beliefs it should stay the same way," said Kvita Yarmoshik.

"No, granted we are a free nation, but if all of the United States were gay then other nations would look at us as a bunch of fairies," said Connor Harkness.

Still, many Highline students are all for same-sex marriage being legal in every state.

"Yes. Just like heterosexual marriages," said Hoi Duong.

Rand Almaroof, a Highline student, said "Well it's a free country so people can do whatever they want. They're responsible for their choices."

"Yeah I do. I'm pretty liberal on social issues. Even though I can't vote yet, I know when I can I'll probably vote Democrat," said Hien Hong, a student.

Joseph Park, another Highline student dreams big.

"I believe it should be legal all across the world," he said.

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