**Courage and curve balls**

Alumni overcomes life’s challenges with hard work and dedication

*By AILSA GRAMANN*

Staff Reporter

Sherrill Miller has the same advice for any age — if you want something, go get it. Despite challenges, Miller’s life gives testimony to her advice, that hard work can achieve any goal.

Miller, recently recognized as Highline’s alumni of the year, grew up in the Des Moines area, going through the Highline School District, earning her associate degree from Highline. She finished up her teaching degree at University of Washington in 1977.

“My plan was to be a teacher,” she said. “One way or another, I was going to make it.”

After graduation, Miller taught in the Lake Washington School District for 10 years.

“Then I was able to teach in the Highline district,” she said, and she taught there for 16 years.

Miller said she taught second through fourth graders in her teaching career. During her more than 25 years of teaching, Miller said she was nominated by parents for teacher of the year, and was runner up. Although Miller planned on teaching for 30 years before she retired, she said her plans changed after she and her husband purchased E.B. Foote Winery in 1991.

For a while, Miller said, “we did double duty,” as both she and her husband worked day jobs, and ran the winery by evening.

“We were interested in wine,” she said. “It started off as a hobby, but we were more interested in it than a hobby. We knew more than the average person about wine.”

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Get registered to vote today: It is easy and is a simple way to have a say in government.

“If you’re over 18 and a citizen, it is important that you get out and make sure your voice is heard,” said James Dahl, a political science student.

A Political Science 101 class is geared up to get students registered and involved in voting.

“It’s our responsibility to be an active participant in the process of democracy,” said Njaguna Gitau, a political science student.

Two laptops will be set up on the second floor of the Student Union to get people registered online. Students from the political science class will be in the Student Union from 8 a.m. until noon on both Thursday and Friday.

To get signed up to vote, bring a valid Washington state identification, or Washington state driver’s license.

They are doing this “just to get people motivated and involved,” said Brianna Lane, another political science student.

“Plus it’s a way you can participate in government.”

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Discarded cigarette butts can create fire hazard

Students are invited to share their written works. The event will be at 12:30, in Building 26, room 319.

Beware of construction

Construction of a walkway connecting the area behind the Student Union’s loading dock to the sidewalks that approach buildings 18 and 30 will begin today.

Use caution when you are near this work area, as there will be heavy equipment operating and materials being moved.

The work area will be cordoned off with barricades and caution tape.

The construction will continue throughout the week, and is scheduled to be completed next week.

Correction

A photo in last week’s Thunderword on page two should have been identified as the transfer fair at the Spring Festival.

Students can limit their chances of things being stolen out of their cars by not leaving things in their cars, Campus Security Supervisor Richard Noyer said.

First, get a club. A club is the steering wheel lock that some students put on their steering wheel and once a person walking by sees that, they will keep walking, said Noyer.

Second, keep everything out of sight. Put your things in the glove box, the trunk or keep it on you. In addition, make sure you hide these items before arriving at Highline to eliminate the chance of a person seeing you hide the items, Noyer said.

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Johnson continues to help with homeless people in the Seattle area as she prepares to graduate.

Johnson’s dedication and hard work got her a Woman in Action award at the women’s awards ceremony on May 16.

Marie Nguyen from Women’s Programs presented Johnson with the award at the ceremony.

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For students who would like to get more involved and help out, Megan recommends working in soup kitchens.

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Refurbished totem pole returns in time for 50th

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Legalize but limit weed intake

The legalization of marijuana consumption seems inevitable. A recent national poll released last week by Rasmussen Reports shows that 56 percent of Americans support the legalization of marijuana. A similar poll in 2009 showed only 44 percent of Americans favored legalization. The trend is definitely on an upward trend, and for good reason.

The effects of marijuana are being discovered to be much less dangerous than was thought decades ago, and “marijuana myths” are continuing to be exposed day by day. For example, no person has reportedly ever died from an overdose of marijuana. It’s highly improbable to overdose on marijuana, as a lethal dose would take 21 grams of high-potency cannabis to be consumed at the same time.

Marijuana seems to be no more dangerous than drugs such as alcohol and tobacco, and thus legal. Over time, the consumption of alcohol can lead to liver and neurological problems and the consumption of tobacco can lead to lung disease. The worst of the effects induced from marijuana include minor anxiety, anxiety (in some cases), lack of focus, and psychological dependence. There is little evidence that marijuana has severely negative long-term effects on its users.

However, once we finally reach the legalization of marijuana, we will need to take precautions in order to prevent the effects of marijuana from harming society.

Once marijuana is finally legalized, it is still important users handle the privilege responsibly. Although marijuana has limited long-term effects on the user, people are still affected while under the influence.

The drug could be handled like alcohol: outlaw it from schools and workplaces and limit its influence on the highways. Once marijuana is legalized, the number of people driving under the influence of marijuana will most certainly increase and the number of highway crashes related to marijuana influence will also inevitably increase.

Heavy doses of marijuana can affect a person’s reaction time which is certainly not good for people on the road. This is why there needs to be some kind of limit as to how much a person can smoke before operating a vehicle, and there still needs to be a clear way of detecting how far under the influence a person is.

Like alcohol, there are places where consumption of marijuana can be allowed without risk of users harming themselves or others. People should be allowed to smoke marijuana within the confinement of their homes, just like people of (age) are allowed to drink at home. This way the person’s consumption isn’t harming the public.

Marijuana doesn’t impair the user as much as alcohol and doesn’t have long-term effects alcohol has. But even a small amount of impairment is still impairment, which is why it’s necessary to contain the usage of marijuana in order to limit its damage to society.

Got something to say? Write to us

Do you have something you want to say to the student body? The Highline Thunderword is asking for students to voice their opinions on what matters to them.

We’re accepting submissions in the form of letters and columns. Letters can be any sort of response you have to the material we’ve published. Letters to the editor should be about 200 words, columns should be no more than 600 words.

Send submissions to thunderword@highline.edu by Monday for print on Thursday.

I’m on a payphone trying to pass a class

We’re officially reaching a major turning point in the quarter, and this time I’m not talking about literally approaching my field community darkers, Major Turning Point.

We’re approaching finals week, and the majority of us have gotten back the results of our midterm tests. I got my scores back earlier in the week, and I can at least say that my scores would be very impressive if grades were scored the same way as golf.

I’ve always found test scores to be quite overrated and even biased. I would get even the simplest of questions wrong.

Teachers are always hiding their work in plain sight and I’m pretty sure one Direction killed the dinosaurs. I don’t know how I’m getting these questions wrong.

Nevertheless, my assignment for this week is to give students study advice for finals. The key is preparing throughout the quarter, so unfortunately you’re probably too late. Nonetheless, here’s what I do.

My first class is History 146 with Dr. Professor. (I plan on keeping the teachers’ names confidential both to protect their identity and also because I’m not sure how to spell their names.)

We spend the majority of class time watching historical documentaries. Instead of taking notes like the average boring person, I usually just pull out my camcorder and pirate the films for the internet.

It’s been a successful process for me since I learned the correct definition of pirating.

I used to force my teacher into it’s back to life with the lab materials.

Communications is a pretty easy class if you’re able to dedicate yourself enough. For my midterm I threw cellphones, telephones, payphones, carphones, and other communication tools at the teacher. I really have no idea why these people put up with me.

My next class is journalism but I’ll be honest, I never actually do work in the classroom.

Instead I tell my professor that I have an interview with someone and just wander around campus. I like to walk into random classrooms and stare at the professor until he or she notices me.

Afterward I make a swift exit using a classroom window. I do the same thing with my neighbor, but with a fake moustache to disguise my identity.

I once took a final for an anthropology class. I wasn’t even enrolled in the class. I don’t even know what anthropology means. I did, however, enjoy drawing a caveman out of bubbles on the scannon.

Overall I’ll have to say my confidence for finals this year is at an all-time high, but that’s because I spend most of my time studying on airplanes.

I encourage all of you to learn from my past mistakes and successes and follow my learning tactics for the best possible final scores. I also encourage all of you to drop out of school while still can and join my rap group, MWA (Men With Ascents). We’re the only rap group that manages to come off hardcore and equally fashion-able at the same time.
You have every reason to register and vote in 2012

Why should we vote? Or, why shouldn’t we vote? If you ask a lot of people, especially younger people, about whether they do or don’t vote, you start hearing the same things. People who say they don’t, give a lot of the same reasons. Some of the most common include:

“My vote does not count.” Is that true? No, every single vote affects an election. Especially with local and state elections, where only a few thousand people cast their votes, small margins of a few dozen or a few hundred people divide who wins and loses. A few votes can shift a local election dramatically.

And even on the national stage, a small number of votes can shift an election greatly. We should all remember that the 2000 Presidential Election was decided upon a few thousand disputed votes in the state of Florida, and changed the entire course of the election.

“I don’t know enough about the issues, or the candidates.” And whose fault is that? We can partially blame the media, who mainly focus on national politics when they do focus on elections (especially local media, which often fails to talk about local elections at all).

And we could also partially blame educators, who can’t always do the best job of informing people about these issues, or may not be fully informed about issues or candidates themselves. But really, the one person who has ultimate control over whether you are informed about issues and candidates is you.

“I really don’t care,” or “I’ve got other things to worry about.” While it is easy to not care about politics, and most people have big things occupying their time (like a career, family, friends, hobbies), that doesn’t mean a person shouldn’t be concerned about voting, elections, and politics.

The issues that are decided on, the candidates vying to be elected for office, these issues and people directly affect your life. They determine what options you have in how to live your life.

Ironically, people generally pay more attention to national elections, when state and local elections, ignored by most, are the elections and votes which are probably most going to affect your life. If you’re not aware of, or involved in elections, they will pass you by, and things can and will happen without your say.

Because, what is voting? It is a form of involvement, in the world and in politics. It is a way to make your voice heard. And, it is a way that doesn’t need a lot of effort from you, except maybe the ability to push a button or make a few checkmarks. And yet still contribute to a larger result.

Some reasons for not voting are harder to argue against than others. “I was convicted of a felony, and legally cannot vote.” “I’m not an American citizen.” “I’m not legally old enough to vote.”

There are other ways to make your voice heard, and have an effect on politics. You can join a protest. You can sign, or write a petition. You could write an article, or make a video about something important to you, using the media to make your voice heard.

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It’s your world. Be involved in it. And the absolute smallest way to be involved is to register to vote.

Ian Morrill is a student at Highline.

Always be kind, careful

I made a mistake.
I said things I shouldn’t have said, to anybody, and to make things worse, I put them on Facebook. That meant that despite the privacy settings, basically anybody could see them.

And I was only angry at some students, and I vented in a really mean and thoughtless way. It doesn’t matter why, or who. You just can’t say things like that to or about other people, and I did.

And still I was fortunate. One student was kind and brave enough to point out how much I could hurt somebody with my words. As the student said, someone on the edge could be pushed toward and over it, all because I was so stupid and thoughtless.

Honestly, it doesn’t matter whether anybody saw what I did. I was still wrong.

There are more productive ways of dealing with frustration. As I am ever reminded, it isn’t always about me. It’s a failure in so many ways — hurting others, and failing my students. Students may not always know this, but failing your students is a terrible feeling for any professor.

As the kind student noted, I am passionate about what I do. But when that passion drives me over the edge — and clearly, this time it did — that’s not good.

We have to evolve to the level where we can cope with social media. Since the advent of e-mail, many people, myself included, have lost their inhibitions about what they say to others. With broader forms of media, now we can trash everything we write on Facebook. That meant that degrading somebody look bad in the process. I’m quite willing to take my lumps, but I don’t want lumps on anybody else.

I hope others might learn from my example. As I tell my students, I’ve made mistakes you haven’t even thought of yet.

I was angry at some students, and I vented in a really mean and thoughtless way. I made a mistake. I don’t mean a person shouldn’t do that — I certainly have.

But really, the one person who has ultimate control over whether you are informed about issues and candidates is you.

There are many aspects contribute to the planet’s human carrying capacity including the availability of food and water, the conditions of the environment, and available living space. If conditions continue as they are now, the population will meet the earth’s carrying capacity within this century, and likely within our lifetimes.

Already the population of the earth has contributed to an increase in natural disasters such as famine, flood, hurricanes, tornados, and wild fires, and if it continues to grow we will only see more of the same.

One of the largest that we have contributed to these disasters is through human emissions that cause pollution, and more people only means more emissions.

Professor Chris Rapley, director of the British Antarctic Survey, said in an article that ran in the UK’s Independent in 2006, “Although reducing human emissions to the atmosphere is undoubtedly of critical importance, as are any and all measures to reduce the human environmental ‘footprint’, the truth is that the contribution of each individual cannot be reduced to zero. Only the lack of the individual can bring it down to nothing.”

This planet can only provide for so many of us. We have to evolve to a level where we can cope with social media.

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HOCUS - FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Can you trust your eyes? There are at least six differences in drawing across top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers below.

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16. Shoe part
17. Office fill-in
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20. Shakespeare's Caesar
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32. Bake sale org.
34. Oscar winner Jessica
35. Juilliard subj.
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41. Impulses
42. Holiday ___
43. Flue residue
44. Some contests for kids
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49. Lands at an airport
53. Shakespeare's Lear
57. Real estate
59. Author Zola
60. Prefix with China
62. Odometer reading
63. Solid server
64. Go out with
65. Impulses
66. Arid

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5. Amaretto flavorer
6. Stockpile
7. French bread
8. “In your dreams!”
9. Bucks
10. 1836 battle site
11. Behind the scenes guy
12. Bar stock
13. Animal house
14. Franklin female
15. Contemptible person
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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MÅSTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Get used to ___ A ___ ___ Take as one’s own ___ O ___
2. Sand trap ___ U ___ ___ Financier ___ A ___ ___
3. Place a bet ___ W ___ ___ Raring to go ___ E ___ ___
4. Gasoline rating ___ N ___ ___ Rhythmic interval ___ V ___ ___
5. City official ___ Y ___ ___ Army rank ___ J ___ ___
6. Lackluster ___ R ___ ___ Visionary ___ M ___ ___
7. Tassel ___ F ___ ___ Recoil ___ C ___ ___
8. Mrs. Reagan ___ C ___ ___ Mary Poppins’ job ___ N ___ ___
9. Mr. goat ___ I ___ ___ Playground tyrant ___ U ___ ___
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Quotable Quote

Americans adore me and will go on adoring me until I say something nice about them.

• • • George Bernard Shaw

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Highline students say they are more willing to split the bill on a date. Students say who pays depends on a lot of factors – who asked, how you meet, and who has the most money.

“I think they should take turns paying. A woman should never assume the man is going to cover her until he offers,” said Noel Allen.

“Men like independent women. I was asked out by a guy to the movies and we split the cost. He said ‘I got the ticket and you can buy the popcorn for us.’”

“Cause in most cases they earn more than the woman,” said Vanessa.

“They want our love so they should pay,” said a student who said her name is Thao.

“The reason for the stereotype goes back a long way, even to Adam and Eve in the garden. Until recently with the feminist movement, now women start to feel uncomfortable if the guy is paying because they think, ‘Whoa, don’t you think I can’t pay for myself?’” said an anonymous student.

Some say it depends on who asks.

“The person asking the other one out should be the one who pays at least for the first date,” said Derek T.

Many students said they should split the cost, or go dutch, meaning they each pay for their own, when a girl asks a guy out.

“I think a lady would be a real jerk if she asked him out and then expected him to pay for her,” said an anonymous student.

“It should be a dutch, I think,” said Brooks Allen.

“Still the man, the first three dates should always be the man,” said Luvaas.

“Still the guy, I see it as the guy’s job to pay for that kind of stuff. It’s the guy’s honor to take the girl out,” said Ingalisbe.

“If a boy asked me out then he should pay, but if a girl asked me out we should split the cost,” said Thao.

When going out with a friend and their boyfriend/girlfriend brings a date for you, “I don’t think he owes me, if he offers I’ll take it but he doesn’t owe me anything,” said Noel Allen.

“In that scenario I would pick up the tab,” said Derek T.

“That guy should pay,” said Thao.

On the other hand, each person’s wealth could make a difference.

“The guy should still offer to pay but if they (a woman) insisted on paying, I would let them,” said Brooks Allen.

“I don’t think that matters,” said Derek T.

“They shouldn’t care. If I’m a poor college student and I’m dating Bill Gates’ daughter then I would expect her to pay,” said an anonymous student.

“Depends on how much the guy is into me. If it’s a sincere date and he’s broke then yes, I would cover him,” said Noel Allen.

Chance encounters put more pressure on guys to pay, however.

“When you’re out on the town hitting up the bar/club and you are approached, ‘Oh yeah, I’ll tell them to pay,’” said Noel Allen. She also said she won’t talk to someone who didn’t offer her a drink.

“I would pay for just my drink,” said Brooks Allen.

“Whoever is the most drunk should pay,” said an anonymous student.

Students debate who should pay for dates
Find your eggplant type – bitter, sweet, or meaty

Eggplant is a versatile veggie to use in all types of cooking

By ASHLEY KIM
Staff Reporter

Summer is on its way, and so are eggplants. You’ll be able to enjoy perfectly ripe eggplants July through October.

Eggplants are a part of the nightshade family, which means they grow from shrubs and vines. It first starts off as a flower, and blooms into an eggplant.

Eggplant is a fruit, though it’s commonly mistaken as a vegetable. It offers calcium, potassium, thiamin, niacin, vitamin A, and folate.

Japanese eggplant, purple eggplant, and white eggplant are the three main varieties. The Japanese eggplant is skinny and long, the purple eggplant is plump and round, and the white eggplant has beautiful milky white skin.

Japanese eggplant is much more tender and sweet. The regular purple eggplant is bitterer and has a thinner skin, and the white eggplant tastes like squash.

“Eggplant is on the bitter side, that is why people salt it to take the bitterness out,” said Paul Raftis, who is the owner and chef at Paolo’s Italian Restaurant in Kent. If you salt the eggplant, the excess moisture will be drawn out and also the bitterness, Raftis said. Rinse the eggplant after the moisture has drawn out.

Eggplant can be substituted for meat.

“Eggplant has a meaty texture. If you are vegetarian, eggplant can definitely be your new meat,” said Raftis.

You can cook eggplant in numerous ways.

“Eggplant is great grilled or roasted. You want to grill about two to three minutes on each side, or until the grill mark is visible,” said Raftis.

“You can also roast the eggplant by itself with some olive oil, salt, and pepper,” said Raftis. Bake for about 25-30 minutes at 350 degrees. Eggplant is more versatile than people think, he said.

“People can use eggplant with antipasto. Just marinate with garlic and olive oil. You can put it on a sandwich, substituting for meat. And eggplant parmesan is a great way to use eggplant,” said Raftis.

Stronger seasonings go well with eggplant.

“Tomato sauce, garlic, and olive oil are great seasonings with eggplant. Fresh herbs such as basil, thyme, oregano, sage, and tarragon give great flavor,” said Raftis.

Try some of the following eggplant recipes for dinner.

### Eggplant Lasagna

6 lasagna sheets
6 thin slices of Japanese eggplant
1 package frozen spinach
1 cup cooked Italian sausage
1/2 cup diced onion
4 cloves garlic minced
1/2 cup diced tomato
1/2 cup diced carrot
1/4 cup minced oregano
1/4 cup minced basil
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp pepper
1/2 tsp oregano
1/2 tsp basil
1/4 tsp ground red pepper
1/2 lb mozzarella cheese
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/4 cup grated Romano cheese

Heat a sauce pan on medium heat. Add 1/4 cup olive oil and 1/2 cup onion. Saute onion until tender. Add eggplant, Italian sausage, minced oregano, basil, garlic, and pepper. Saute for 5 minutes. Add diced tomato, salt and pepper. Let simmer for 15 minutes.

Drain the eggplant and let it cool down.

Strain the cooked spinach, squeeze out the excess water in it, and chop into small pieces.

In a large bowl, mix the cooked spinach, basil, Parmesan cheese, mozzarella cheese, and Romano cheese.

Toss the lasagna sheets with 1/4 cup olive oil, salt, and pepper. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 minutes. Place on a counter to cool.

In a large bowl, mix spinach, cheese, and eggplant sauce. Spread evenly on a lasagna sheet. Roll the lasagna and bake for about 15 minutes. Repeat the process until there’s no stuffing left.

### Banana-Raspberry Custard Treats

1 cup (one medium) diced banana
1 1/2 cups fresh red raspberries
1 (4-serving) package sugar-free vanilla cook-and-serve pudding mix
2 3/4 cups water
1 teaspoon coconut extract
1/4 cup reduced-calorie whipped topping
4 teaspoons flaked coconut

In a medium bowl, combine diced banana and raspberries. Evenly spoon fruit into 4 parfait or dessert dishes.

In a medium saucepan, combine dry pudding mix, dry milk, powder and water. Cook over medium heat until mixture thickens and starts to boil, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in coconut extract. Spoon hot pudding mix evenly over fruit.

Refrigerate for at least one hour. Top each serving with 1 tablespoon whipped topping and garnish with 1 teaspoon coconut flakes. Serves 4.

### Korean Spicy Eggplant with Rice

2 Japanese eggplants
Garlic
1 teaspoon sesame oil
1 teaspoon soy sauce
1 green onion
1-2 tablespoon Korean spicy chili paste

Steamed white or brown rice

Directions: Boil a pot of water. Meanwhile, cut the ends of the eggplant and then cut the eggplant in half. Put it in the boiling water and let it cook until its fork tender. About 10-15 minutes.

Drain the eggplant and let it cool down.

Chop the green onions into small pieces and mince the garlic finely.

In a large bowl, mix the sesame oil, sesame seed, garlic, soy sauce, chopped green onions, and the Korean spicy chili paste. Depending on how spicy you like your food, you can add one or two teaspoons of the chili paste.

Add the eggplant and mix gently.

Store in the refrigerator for three to six hours.

Serve on top of rice and eat immediately.

Bananas and raspberries are delicious and nutritious.
As Spring Quarter is wrapping up, many campus events are about to take stage.

The Drama Department, Visual Communications department, and the American Sign Language Club are all putting on performances for Highline students to enjoy.

• Highline’s spring play, Live! From the Last Night of My Life begins today, May 31 at 8 p.m. in the Little Theatre, Building 4 room 122.

The play will run Friday June 1 and Saturday June 2 at 8 p.m. It will also run the following weekend of June 7, 8, and 9. The doors will open at 7:30 p.m.

It is about Doug Sample, a convenience store clerk who is planning to kill himself at the end of his graveyard shift. First he wrestles with the ghosts of his past, deals with over 40 customers, and fights his childhood hero Danny Zuko from Grease.

“It is a contemporary play written by a local playwright. It has dancing, it’s very entertaining, it has a wonderful cast, and it’s for people who know ASL and enjoy using it,” said Erik McFarland, an ASL club member.

The event will be a showing of ASL poetry and deaf culture folklore, with some original works by McFarland. Highline’s Spring Quarter 2012 ASL class will be performing.

“American Sign Language is a beautiful language,” McFarland said. “(This event) will be a great eye-opener for some who haven’t experienced deaf culture.”

• On Monday, June 4 in Building 7, MetriLodic, a modern jazz trio led by saxophonist and composer Eric Barber will be performing at in Building 7 at 12:10 p.m.

Eric Barber’s MetriLodic is an all-original, freely improvised trio that breaks most of the rules of groove-based ensembles,” said Ben Thomas, the Music Department coordinator.

“This band creates a sonic palette that is simultaneously complex and entertaining. With longtime collaborators PK on electric bass and Byron VanNoy on drums, this band take rhythm, meter, groove, and melody in a new direction,” he said.

The concert is free and all students are welcome to attend.

• On Monday, June 4 and Tuesday, June 5, the Visual Communication, Interior Design, Drafting Design and Photography departments will be hosting their annual portfolio show in Building 8.

The free portfolio show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and then from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. “Students, faculty and staff should come and out and show support to our graduating Visual Communication, Interior Design, Drafting Design and Photography student’s accomplishments,” said Tamara Hilton, program manager for the Interior Design and Drafting Design programs.

Hilton said that she, the other program directors, Gary Nelson and Diana Boyd, as well as the graduating Highline students have worked hard to put on a good show that showcases the very best of each student’s work.

“It is also a good way to find out more about these programs and see what the students have completed during their time at Highline,” she said.
Attitude and shine

Seattle designer encourages every woman to radiate by dressing them in pure couture

By JOSEPH PARK
Staff Reporter

As fashion designer Kelly Flynn passed through the woods of Marine View Park on one Friday afternoon, she caressed the tree trunks as if to compliment the way they fashioned their leaves and branches. She looked up at the hovering canopy, gazed at the light for a few minutes, then continued down toward the beach. Flynn frequents the serene forest to seek inspiration for her clothes. She plans on showcasing her next collection this September. She said that the designs will encompass nature, fine art techniques, and the thoughts that take her through life.

So far, she has released three collections to the public. One of them, the Tempest, is, in essence, about intensity, power, and toughness, she said. “Tempest means against the storm,” Flynn said. “[It is] a collection of strong pieces to aid against the storms of life. I hope that [people] gravitate toward the unique textures and colors and long to touch the garments and see themselves wearing them.”

Her maroon leather coat, which extends below the waist to form a miniskirt, looks like a tailored armor suit for the working woman. It has attitude: The woman who wears that coat can charge through the front lines of her busy schedule while attracting admirers.

She said that inspiration for all of her collections came from the environment, light, life, music, and the human figure.

Indeed, Flynn’s love of the human figure is noticeable when one looks at her metallic frock coat, which forms around the turns and stops of a woman’s curves.

“I’m really particular about fashion. I layer pieces. I look for the right parts to put together,” Flynn said. “That’s the biggest goal for me, to flatter the man or woman who wears my garments; to make my clients feel confident, special...unique.”

For the Radiance Collection, Flynn employed softer and brighter fabrics such as silk and shimmering nylon.

“Radiance means to shine,” she said. “I wanted my clients to celebrate their unique qualities, to radiate from within.”

One can see a stylish duel between innocence and edge in the teal-blue dress with shoulder-revealing sleeves. While the sides of the skirt gently puff out into small draperies, which accentuate the hips, large pleats crisscross each other over the bodice as if warmly embracing its wearer.

“My work has definitely evolved; [I am] coming to feel more like Chanel,” Flynn said. “[The] Tempest and Radiance [Collections] are galleries of the work I have designed over the last three years. My most recent collection is my Modern Classic Collection, which emphasizes figure-flattering silhouettes that can be worn throughout many years.”

Like Mademoiselle Coco Chanel, Flynn practices the highest form of cloth making – haute couture. Every little process such as the sketching, textile selecting, and fitting, is done by Flynn’s own hands. Whatever her client’s needs are, Flynn makes certain that no one leaves her studio disappointed.

“We do try to work for my clients. I care a lot about my clients,” she said. “People can purchase my clothes through online and a scheduled complimentary consultation.”

Her official website is flynn-fashion.com.

Blazers range from $350 to $500; dresses cost $400 and up; and wedding dresses cost from $1,000 and up.

As with all couture houses that cater to a select group of patrons, Flynn has gone through the economic crisis.

When Flynn was reminiscing about the obstacles she had overcome, she contemplated the forest again. She stopped and sighed a deep “so many.”

“When times are hard, you fight for who you are,” she said. “When I see clients light up after wearing my clothes and they are like ‘wow’, those moments are good.”

Highline’s Anime Club shares love of visual storytelling

By ROSALEE VITENTE
Staff Reporter

Members of Highline’s Anime Club love anime because they can relate to it.

“In Japan, the word anime refers to all forms of animation,” said President Jong Kim. “Highline’s Anime Club has been around for years but was looked down upon by many. The concept of anime wasn’t as recognized as it is now,” said Kim.

In hopes of restarting the club, Kim and other members tried to get Anime Club back on its feet last Winter Quarter by advertising and spreading word.

Beginning the year with six members, the Anime Club is now up to 20 participants. The club sees new faces at meetings weekly.

“In Anime Club, we share a love for anime and when you love something, you want to share it with others,” said Kim.

Although they have been moved all around campus for awhile, the Anime Club finally found its home in Building 14, room 103 every Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The meetings consist of exchanging thoughts and feelings about anime series that various members have watched, and enjoying different foods from other Asian countries.

They also engage in activities that relate to anime. For example: they play Pictionary, create original anime stories, and sharing them in a group.

“We are trying to become more than just a club. We want to be a family and want to do so much more than the usual,” said Kim.

“Having a cultural diversity, anime is open to endless possibilities of adventure and fun. Our club opens a door to discuss the likes and dislikes of the story being told.”

“Watching anime and having the same emotions as those around you creates lasting moments of bonding and togetherness,” said Kim.

“The Highline Anime Club gives you the chance to meet amazing people and watch great stories in animation. We aren’t your average club,” said Boorman. “Anime Club is wicked awesomeness boy.”
The varied influences on American art in the early 20th century made it what it is today, said Highline professor Chiemi Ma.

Ma, who teaches history, spoke about early 20th century art and music at last Wednesday’s History Seminar.

History Seminar is a series of weekly discussions on topics throughout history presented by Highline faculty and guest speakers from 1:30-2:20 p.m. on Wednesdays.

At the start of the 20th century, prominent American artists were part of the Ashcan School, a realist movement, Ma said. “They rejected American impressionism,” she said, and “emphasized darkness of tone.” The artists often painted the dismal surroundings of New York, Ma said.

New York was crowded and noisy; “You had a rising urban population… you also had a rising density,” she said. Everett Shin’s Cross Streets of New York is an example of the Ashcan School’s style. Shin depicts people walking on a snowy street between two buildings. In the painting, “you don’t see anyone’s faces,” Ma said, pointing at the black, shadowy areas of the painting. “It’s not a picture that makes one feel happy,” she said. In 1913, the Armory Show came to New York. The exhibition “introduced the American public to the art of Europe,” Ma said. The exhibition displayed impressionist and cubist paintings by European artists. Cubist artists focused on movement in their paintings because “they wanted to look at things in a different way,” Ma said.

“It [cubism] may give more importance to where the viewer is,” she said. For example, Le Guitariste by Pablo Picasso depicts a guitar, but there is not definite outline of a guitar and might look different every time you look at it, Ma said.

Starting in the 1920s, American artists such as Reginald Marsh and Thomas Hart Benton began painting with “a sense of movement,” Ma said. “Americans were isolationists,” she said, as a result of World War I, which ended in 1918. "Pictorial art in the United States was more regimented [compared to Europe],” she said, explaining that American artists went back to Americanism, relying on the backing of a movement like the Ashcan School.

However, “American art became more varied” overall because of the European influence, Ma said. Unlike art, “music was easily accessible,” said Ma. Anyone could enjoy music and did not have to attend school like artists did. “Popular music provided social commentary,” she said. It could also appeal to ethnic groups.

For instance, the song Sadie Salome, Go Home by Irving Berlin is a song about an aspiring Jewish actress who left home only to end up as a stripper. Jazz music also gained popularity in the early 20th century. It was "very improvisational," said Ma, compared to the traditional music which was played as the composer intended.

Jazz music became a part of the Harlem Renaissance, a cultural movement that was created by African Americans in the Harlem area of New York. One of the most renowned jazz musicians from the Harlem Renaissance was Duke Ellington.

Ellington revolutionized jazz into swing music. To show the difference between the two, Ma presented Black and Tan Fantasy and It Don’t Mean a Thing (If It Ain’t Got That Swing), both composed by Ellington. In the early 20th century, Americans began to develop their own styles of art and music with the influence of Europeans and other ethnic groups, said Ma.

The next History Seminar will feature Highline professor Teri Balkenende talking about the tulip mania on June 6 from 1:30-2:20 p.m. in Building 19, room 101.
Softball team looks to build on season success

By ADRIAN SCOTT  Staff Reporter

After losing all but one player from the 2011 softball team, Head Coach Scott Dillinger had the challenge of finding not just talented athletes but the right athletes.

"College coaches and programs live and die with recruiting," said Coach Dillinger.

This season Dillinger had 10 freshmen on the roster, and they all played on the field.

"My history has shown at this level that I’ve been able to change the culture and expectations with our program," said Dillinger. "I recruited some pretty decent players, and get things turned around quickly and into NWAACC tournaments."

The Thunderbirds surprised many teams in the West, ending the season as West Region champions and finishing the season as West Region overall, and 18-6 in league play.

"Sure, there were bumps in the road along the way—even championship teams have their moments where the season could go in either direction depending on how a couple scenarios play themselves out," said Dillinger. "This was a very strong willed and stubborn group of kids, but I believe you have to have some of that in you if you’re a true competitor."

The Thunderbirds have completely turned around the softball program from being a non-contender to a top contend- ing team in the NWAACC.

"It’s all about recruiting a certain talent level, and our girls showed they were as good as anybody in the region, and a top-10 team in the NWAACC."

"I love that we have established ourselves as a team to be reckoned with, and started a little tradition in our program going forward as being in the mix for making NWAACC tournament, and winning a region championship," said Dillinger. "I believe we’ve put ourselves in the position where we’re no longer outmanned and have a chance to win every time we step on the field if we play the way we’re capable."

Though the softball team has made steps forward, Coach Dillinger said the team can’t let up if they want to be an elite program.

"We are just a very solid club that plays hard and together, but if we don’t play well, we are not an elite program," said Dillinger. "I hope we don’t all come back thinking we’ve got it all figured out, and didn’t need to put the time into the off season conditioning, strength components, and skill development."

I think teams now know that when they play Highline they’ll have to play well to beat us," said Dillinger.

Dillinger said losing three sophomores and a pitcher will make it difficult repeating the success next season.

"We lose Clarissa [Gibecum] pitching, and Blessed [Mipal] who had some health issues that bothered her when pitching, so that remains a big question mark," said Dillinger. "Brittany [Myer] is practically irreplaceable behind the plate, she was special back there. And Whitney [Purviz] played a lot of shortstop for us and did a very good job at times, as well as what she brought to us with her maturity and leadership."

"It was a very emotional time for me at the end to know that those 13 will never be together like that again," said Dillinger.

Looking forward to the 2013 season, Dillinger said that on paper the Thunderbirds are going to be the team to beat.

"We had three first team all-region players— including pitcher of the year, and eighth team all-region players," Dillinger said.

Coach Dillinger said that he wants to bring back the core group of women from this sea- son, but only one player has told Dillinger of the chance she might not.

"It’s my job to be as prepared for that as possible, given the information I have to work with," said Dillinger. "It was my honor and privilege to be the coach of this group of young ladies."

Dillinger said that any female student at Highline with or without a softball background should and can tryout to join the team.

"We are absolutely open to any Highline students with a background in softball," said Coach Dillinger. "There are cases on every campus where high-level players have decided to maybe give up the game and be a student only, or went elsewhere as a student and decided to transfer back home at some point."

"We would welcome any young lady who still might have the desire to want to play and that could help our team be better."

By MICHAEL SALLEE  Staff Reporter

When Tim Vagen walks into one of his classrooms, his rela- tionship with his students is likely to be friendly and infor- mal. But for a few days in Turkey, he was treated like royalty.

"The teaching aspect was great. The world of the teacher there was unique, it was so much of a respect thing from the stu- dents that they would stand up when I walk through the door and wouldn’t ask me questions because it would question my authority," said Vagen.

Vagen spent nine days in Istanbul, Turkey, to revamp the strength and conditioning pro- gram for the Turkish Federation’s national swimming team. His primary job was working with the coaches so they could relay the new instructions for working out to their athletes.

While in Turkey, Vagen was able to tour the city, and was amazed by the mosques there.

“They have the biggest mosques in the world there,” said Vagen. “It was incredible. The cul- ture was very historic, yet mod- ern,” said Vagen.

Vagen needed a translator as well, since he was in a different country where English in not in a common language.

The translator wasn’t really a translator; he was just the guy that spoke English the best, said Vagen.

However, the free time he did have was limited. He had a job to do and it was from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for seven straight days, working with the coaches.

For two days he was able to have a private workout with the athletes where he evaluated their strength.

He had two important semi- nars to teach. The first semi- nars was with the higher level coaches who coach the national team, about 35 members in to- tal. The second was with more general coaches at the club level with close to 50 members of this group.

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By SHYLA AKINS  Staff Reporter

More immigrant and minority citizens need to register and vote, an activist said here recently.

Pramila Jayapal is the founder and Executive Director of OneAmerica, a Seattle-based immigrant rights non-profit organization. She spoke at Highline recently during Asian-Pacific Islander month. Asian-Pacific Islanders make up 5.0 percent of United States population. By 2052, it is expected to expand to almost 9.5 percent.

“One in four residents in Washington are people of color and about one in eight are immigrants. It’s vital that communities of color and immigrants vote in order to send a clear message to elected leaders that they must represent these communities,” said Jayapal. Jayapal started OneAmerica soon after the 9/11 tragedy. She believed the world was going to change for minorities after 9/11.

She started to get many devastating calls from different people explaining to her that minorities were being harassed and mistreated due to 9/11. Jayapal said she wanted to do something to fix this problem.

She made some calls and got in contact with a congressman and they set up a time to meet with one another.

At the meeting, Jayapal suggested they have a press conference to try to stop the hatred that was occurring in Washington.

OneAmerica has a goal to make people feel like their voices really do matter, Jayapal said.

“OneAmerica builds power in the immigrant and refugees community so that people have the tools to speak out and change policies that affect their lives. The more people who join OneAmerica and get involved, the more effective we can be at persuading elected officials at every level to take a stand for immigrant communities,” she said.

Jayapal is an immigrant from India who came to the United States in 1982 when she was about 17 years old. Her father sent her to the United States to go to college because he believed getting an education in the United States was the best thing for her.

Jayapal encourages anyone to sign up to be a member of OneAmerica.

“One membership is free; it simply takes a commitment to democracy, justice, and building power in immigrant communities,” said Jayapal.

For more information or to become a member, visit OneAmerica’s website at www.weareoneamerica.org.

Access services help disabled students meet goals and succeed

By EDNA SALINAS  Staff Reporter

Access Services is helping students at Highline with disabilities become successful.

The department offers workshops, orientations, presentations, and outreach to faculty. They serve about 400 to 500 students with disabilities per year.

Access Services staff sits down and talks with each student to figure out their needs. They communicate with the faculty on campus as well and requests accommodation services for students. They also provide training for faculty so students have what they need to succeed.

Director of Access Services Jenny Sandler encourages students to become self-advocates.

“Being a self-advocate, you can be successful if you use all the resources,” she said.

Sandler said the disabilities students have include blindness, deafness, moving impairments as well as intellectual disabilities.

Among some of the services provided, are sign language interpreters and transcription services, extended testing time, and braille printers and audiovisual enhancements.

There is a special program called Achieve that is designated specially for students with intellectual disabilities.

In 2010 Access Services received a five-year grant from the Department of Education to create a model comprehensive transition and postsecondary programs for students with intellectual disabilities.

Access Services is currently using the $1.1 million grant to work on developing Achieve.

“I am passionate and so is the rest of the department. They’re excited about the possibilities,” said Sandler.

Highline was one out of five community colleges in the U.S. that got the grant.

Sandler says Highline is one of the most diverse community colleges in Washington, and students with disabilities should be seen like any other diverse group on campus.

“The disabilities in our culture are so stigmatized. It doesn’t have to be a negative thing,” she said.

Only 10 to 15 percent of students with disabilities go to Access Services, however, she said “they are ashamed to be ridiculed, made fun of,” said Sandler.

One of Access Service’s goals is to “bring awareness, for people to look at disabilities not as a weakness, but as a point on human diversity so people don’t have to be ashamed,” said Sandler.

“In general, people’s attitudes about disabilities are a barrier,” said Sandler.

Not only do students with disabilities deal with stereotypes, but it is also an issue. Sandler says students with disabilities must show proof of the disability they have and to do so, they must get tested.

“It’s expensive to get documented,” said Sandler.

“Access Services is not only about helping students with disabilities, but also about bridging the gap between the people with disabilities and people without,” said Sandler.

“We believe it’s the next frontier in higher education. When community colleges were first created the goal was to serve and fulfill the needs of the community they were in,” said Sandler.

The Prince of Wales, a twice-divorced woman and a forbidden romance

Author illuminates the life story of the duchess of Windsor

That Woman: The Life of Wallis Simpson, Duchess of Windsor by Anne Sebba (St. Martin’s Press, $27.99)

Reviewed by LARRY COX

Wallis Simpson wasn’t strikingly beautiful or especially brilliant, but she was a clever, determined woman who almost single-handedly changed the course of British history during the 1930s.

Born Bessie Wallis Warfield in 1896 in Baltimore, she dropped her first name because it sounded too bovine, and then set out to reinvent herself.

With wit and a sense of style, she charmed her way into the social circles of the upper-class elite and earned a reputation as an almost unstoppable force when it came to getting what she wanted.

As Wallis once wrote, “It was not quite enough for me to be ... the life of the party or to spend my existence merely taking part in good conversation. I wanted more out of life.”

In 1916, Wallis married Lt. Earl Winfield Spencer, but the marriage was dissolved a decade later.

In 1928, while in London, she married Ernest Simpson, an American-born Briton, and through his connections she met Edward, the prince of Wales, at a party in 1931. As Wallis mesmerized the Prince, their growing romance was problematic. For starters, Wallis was a divorcée and still very much married to Simpson.

The relationship between Wallis and Edward became very public in 1936, the year of Edward’s accession.

Wallis obtained a divorce, and the King made it clear that he intended to marry her, even if it meant giving up the throne. Give it up he did. Wallis and Edward were married in a small ceremony in France in 1937. One of Edward’s major disappointments was that his wife was never accepted by the Royal Family.

The Queen Mother never mentioned her by name, only as “Wallis Simpson.”

Many books have been written about Wallis Simpson and the sensational “romantic story of the century.” Things are, however, never quite as they seem, and that is why the story of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor remains so fascinating.

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Legislator tackles tough issues, never-ending battles

State Rep. Tina Orwall, D-Des Moines, said that she has pushed through major bills dealing with issues ranging from suicide prevention to the commercial sex industry. But she says her work isn’t finished.

Orwall spoke at Highline Tuesday, May 29 as part of the Local Tuesdays series.

As Orwall comes to a close on her second consecutive term in the state Legislature, she pointed out a few of her more controversial topics.

“We have one of the highest suicide rates in the nation,” said Orwall.

“I’ve been working on a bill that will help affect suicide prevention. It would mandate that any form of social worker would be required to receive six hours of suicide prevention training every four years.”

Orwall said that she feels six hours is too low, “I think there should be an entire course devoted to this subject.”

However, this mandatory six hours of training is a compromise, between the doctors within the state and the legislature.

“The doctors almost killed the bill when we included primary care physicians,” said Orwall.

Orwall, “We’re hoping to meet with the doctors and nurses this summer to gain some allies for this cause.”

Along with stemming the state’s high suicide rate, Orwall said she also feels passionately about the illegal commercial sex trade, which is at a record high in her district.

Orwall sponsored a bill that was part of a 12 bill package to limit the high amount of human trafficking within the state.

“We raised the fines for offenders — ‘johns’ — which is helping to fund getting these young girls off the streets,” said Orwall. “We’re also setting up ‘john schools’ to help show the users what they’re doing and the risks they are taking.”

Orwall mentioned that these “john schools” would also feature a panel of women survivors of human trafficking, where they have proposed changing kindergarten class. She has also proposed changing kindergarten classes, making it so they run for a full day’s length.

“These are both strategies to keep kids in school,” said Orwall. “I think if we get to them early it is easier to find where they [students] struggle.”

Orwall also said that the public needs to be educated on how the state funds programs such as education.

“We had a proposed tax on candy and pop,” said Orwall. “But when that was turned down, we ended up raising tuition.”

Orwall explained that since the infrastructure of the state is funded mostly through sales tax, the recession essentially crippled the state’s ability to fund social programs.

“There is a huge need for tax reform in this state,” said Orwall. “We rely on sales tax, and if you don’t have money to spend you won’t spend money.”

Orwall wants students to understand that they can make a difference in Olympia.

“Don’t think that just because you’re a student you can’t affect change,” said Orwall. “Come down to Olympia and testify on a bill, student opinion matters.”

Orwall encouraged students to become more involved in state and local government and invited anyone to contact her via email at tina.orwall@leg.wa.gov.

Local Tuesdays will return next week on June 5 in Building 7 at 10 a.m. State Rep. Mark Miloscia, D-Federal Way, will be present.

Virtual machines are better

Virtual machines can make a computer more versatile and free up some office space, an instruction server administrator said here last week.

Kurt Giessel, spoke about virtual machines at Science Seminar last Friday.

Virtual machines are the opposite of a physical computer, but “you still start with a physical machine,” Giessel said.

“A virtual machine runs on a virtual hardware, while the virtual hardware is running on the physical hardware. The virtual machine is independent of the physical hardware and therefore can easily be moved to other physical hosts, and you can run multiple virtual machines on one physical host,” Giessel said.

“Virtual machines are really popular with programmers,” Giessel said. “Having several virtual machines on one computer makes it possible to test programs on multiple applications and software that cannot coexist on the same computer.”

Giesel said that before virtual machines, he had eight computers in his office.

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State Rep. Tina Orwall, D-Des Moines, says that her subjects are not for the feint of heart, and that she isn’t done yet.

Orwall is running a virtual machine on a Windows xp machine. The virtual machine can run any OS [operating system] no matter what OS the physical host machine is running. It makes no difference in the setup as the physical and virtual machines are completely independent of each other.

Though the virtual machine is completely independent of the physical machine, their data and files are stored on the same hard drive.

As far as the computer is concerned, a virtual machine is “just a file on your computer.”

There are free downloads online for different kinds of virtual machines.

Virtual box, which is free, can be downloaded from virtualbox.org. VMware (not free) from vmware.com, and Parallels (for mac, not free) from parallels.com, Giessel said. “It’s not a big download.”

Highline started using virtual machines in 2010. “Every time you log in and out [here] a virtual machine is created and destroyed,” Giessel said. “There is a huge need for tax reform in this state,” said Orwall.

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Giessel said that they finally decided to remove virus protection from the virtual machines because it meant “less stuff running.”

However, “it’s not any easier to delete viruses from a virtual machine than it is from a physical machine,” Giessel said.

Next week Science Seminar will feature Tina Ostrander presenting on binary numbers, and how to count like a computer.

Science Seminar is open to everyone and meets every Friday (except the first and last Friday of the quarter) at 2:20 p.m. at Building 3, room 102.

Student Government holds forum

Highline’s Student Government is going to have a forum to discuss next year’s plans.

The forum will be today, Thursday, from 1:30-3 p.m. in the Mt. Skokomish room of Building 8.

President-elect Raphael Pierre and Vice president-elect Nimo Azeer will be present to listen to ideas from students.

“It’s an opportunity for students to meet the next year’s president and vice president,” said Pierre.

“This is a chance where students can ask questions, and share something that they want to see next year.”

Student Government officials said food and beverages will be provided, and the forum is open to all students on campus.

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Miller

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When they purchased E.B. Foote Winery, Miller said, “the winery had stagnated.”

It took Miller and her husband 10 years to revive and develop the business, she said.

Miller said she was faced with a choice: the winery business was flourishing, and needed more of her time, but as a teacher, her pupils also constantly needed more of her time. Miller said she needed to focus on one job or the other, instead of constantly splitting her time between both and doing justice to neither.

“The next year after that [2002], I quit teaching,” she said. “The winery needed more of my time.”

In 2003, Miller said life threw her a rough curve ball. Her husband was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s. “With his diagnosis, our lives changed,” Miller said. “Alzheimer’s is a cruel disease.”

Two years into her husband’s diagnosis, Miller had taken over the entire winery, she said. “It was an advantage having the winery,” she said. “I could bring him to work with me.”

Miller explained that people with Alzheimer’s often times want to wander by themselves. By bringing her husband to the winery each day, Miller could keep an eye on him, and he had freedom to wander.

Miller said that bringing her husband to the winery each day also meant that she didn’t have to hire a caretaker or put him in a home — which was one of his fears, she said. Although she did eventually put him into an adult home, he lasted only a few months after that.

In 2008, Miller’s husband died.

Miller said that it was a little bit of a relief. “It’s not that you want them to die,” she said, “it’s that they’re not [really] living.”

Miller said it was hard to watch her husband struggle through life each day. “I made a special wine in his tribute,” Miller said. She donated the revenue from the wine — $103,000 — to Alzheimer’s research.

Miller continued to run the winery, but she said that in 2010, she realized that she needed to make another choice — hire more help or retire.

“I loved it. I was passionate about it,” she said. “But it felt like a 24/7 job.”

So, Miller said, she decided to sell the winery. “It was a shared adventure and it wasn’t the same without the other half,” she said. However, letting go of the winery was difficult, Miller said, because it was a final farewell to her life’s husband.

Miller has recently remarried a widower whose wife died around the same time as Miller’s husband.

“He came along... at a very key time for me,” Miller said. Since both Miller and her new husband had lost their spouses around the same time, they were at nearly the same point in their grieving processes, Miller said, and they were able to help each other.

Miller is now the wine buyer at Mark Restaurant & Bar, located in Burien. “I choose the wines,” she said.

In her free time, Miller said, “[I] have a social life that I’ve not had for 20 years.”

Miller said she expects to move on from Mark Restaurant & Bar someday. “I assume there is going be a fourth career,” she said. Miller encourages people to keep working toward their goals, no matter what challenges life holds.

“If you want something bad enough and you’re willing to work for it, you can achieve it,” she said. “I always told my students, ‘the most important thing to do is try.’”

Candidate wants to use her experiences to help students

By KEVIN KENISTON
Staff Reporter

Students today are living more stressful lives than some may realize, said a candidate for associate dean of counseling and judicial affairs at an open forum on Wednesday.

Dr. Yvonne Terrell-Powell is one of five finalists for the associate dean position at Highline, a position that provides various types of counseling services to Highline students.

Dr. Terrell-Powell has a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Pennsylvania State University. She talked about trends in college student mental health and their impact on classroom management.

“It seems like they’re overwhelmed with the amount of stress,” said Dr. Terrell-Powell.

According to the American College Counseling Association, there has been a 60 percent increase in clinical mental health issues among students.

These clinical issues include reported psychiatric treatment, substance abuse, depression, anxiety, and suicide.

The American College Counseling Association works to raise awareness of the value of counseling and enhanced professionalism of counselors in college campuses across the country.

Dr. Terrell-Powell said some of the increase in clinical issues could be attributed to an increase in early drug use, post-traumatic stress disorder, economic devastation, an increase in awareness of disorders, and new medications allowing students with mental health issues to attend school.

“What we are finding is students have much higher anxiety, with depression right on its heels,” Dr. Terrell-Powell said.

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Alumni donate statue in honor of anniversary

By SHANNON CARTER
Staff Reporter

Highline is unwrapping a big present at a big birthday party.
On Monday, June 11 Highline will hold a party celebrating its 50th anniversary.
The event will start at 3:30 p.m. in Building 8 with the unveiling of a bronze statue depicting an Indian warrior by sculptor Jim Jackson. There will also be live music from Jr. Cadillac afterward from 6-8 p.m.

Linda and Junki Yoshida, Highline alumni and creators of Yoshida’s teriyaki sauce, are donating the bronze statue. The statue is life size and the final location of its permanent home is unknown.

The warrior sculpture is titled Spirits Will Protect Me and personifies pride, perseverance and overcoming obstacles, “which makes it the perfect tribute to Highline,” said Linda Yoshida.

“The successes my husband and I have experienced in life are based on the same philosophy this donation represents,” she said.

“Junki and I decided to donate Jim Jackson’s bronze sculpture to Highline Community College because of the significance of this piece and the fact that the college is celebrating a landmark anniversary,” said Linda Yoshida.

Jackson is from the Klamath-Modoc tribe in southern Oregon. He began sculpting at a very young age.

Recognition for his works started at the young age of 22. Jackson has created many pieces including work that is sold in galleries across the country.

“Years ago, I was honored and privileged to represent Mr. Jackson’s work in my own gallery and consider him a remarkable individual,” said Linda Yoshida.

Jackson works with clay and bronze feeling that both have their benefits.

“It is our hope that visitors and students on campus are inspired by [the statue’s] powerful meaning and grow to love it as much as we do,” said Linda Yoshida.

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