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Krista Rhea (left), Stephanie Sheridan-Draper, Vedran Jankovic (back center), Luis Batlle, Jasmine Cawley (front left), and Sherry Holt show off *Arcturus* 2012.

## Design, content and blood theme lead to *Arcturus* win

By **JOSH NELSON**  
Staff Reporter

Blood covered their hands, flowed through their hearts, and dripped from their minds and literary officials felt it was exemplary.

*Arcturus*, Highline's student literary magazine, received the first place award from the Washington Community College Humanities Association

for the 2012 edition. The theme for this edition was blood, evidenced by the blood orange that sits on the cover.

Each two-year institution in Washington state was allowed to submit a student-driven literary work for consideration for the award. Normally beat out by Shoreline Community College, Highline took home the gold during last week's WC-CHA Awards banquet.

The criteria for the award was based on content, student involvement, design and available budget for production.

Sharon Hashimoto, English instructor and adviser for *Arcturus*, said she was very proud of the work done on the entry.

"Everyone went the extra mile on this edition," said

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## Unscientific student poll shows wide support for gay marriage

By **THUNDERWORD STAFF**

On the Nov. 6 ballot, voters are being asked to either approve or reject Referendum 74. Approval will legalize same-sex marriage in Washington state.

In an unscientific survey of the campus community, 77.8 percent of students said they

want to see same-sex marriage legalized in Washington state, while 22.2 percent said that they feel Ref. 74 should be rejected.

Out of 135 students, 105 said they will vote for same-sex marriage because they feel same-sex couples have the right to get married.

"I will be voting for it

because I believe that people deserve to have equal rights," said Josh Kalebu.

"I'll be voting in favor of the law because to me, when discriminating against same sex marriage, it's the same as discriminating against races,"

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## Same-sex couples could gain marriage rights with Ref. 74

By **ERIKA WIGREN**  
Staff Reporter

Washington could potentially become the first state to legalize same-sex marriage by popular vote if voters approve Referendum 74 on Nov. 6.

Voters will either approve or reject the Legislature's February 2012 bill that legalized same-sex marriage in Washington state. Implementation of the bill is in abeyance pending the outcome of the referendum vote.

Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont, as well as the District of Columbia, have all legalized same-sex marriage by legislative or judicial action.

Maryland and Maine will also be voting on Nov. 6 to legalize same-sex marriage by popular vote.

Andy Grow, the press secretary at Washington United for Marriage, said that he wants to encourage voters to approve Ref. 74 on Nov. 6.

"Our main goal is to persuade voters to vote for Ref. 74 and approve same-sex marriage," Grow said. "If

this law goes into effect, then same-sex couples can finally become married in Washington state."

Grow, who is straight and married with two children, said he feels strongly about voting for same-sex marriage.

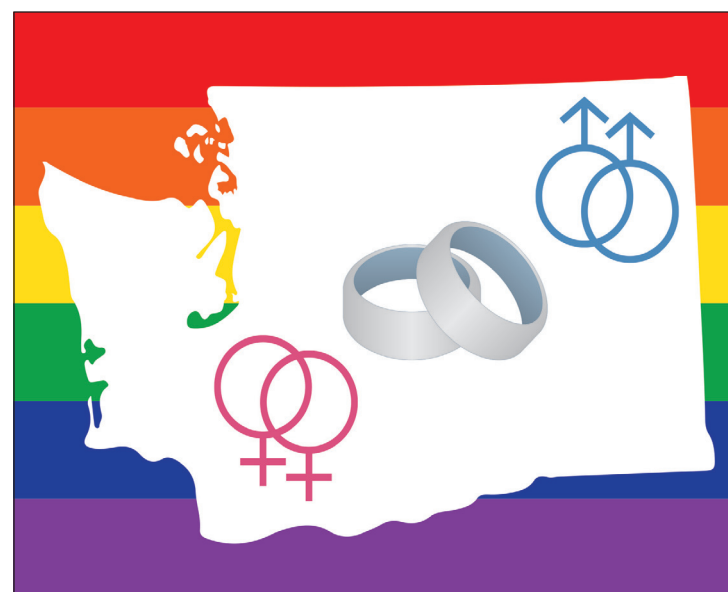
"Approving Ref. 74 would not be redefining marriage, as they [opponents] say. This will allow same-sex couples who are in loving relationships and who want to get married, to do so," Grow said.

One of the most important things, Grow said, is that voters know their facts about Ref. 74.

"Voters will see tons of advertisements and anti-same-sex marriage campaigns, but they are bringing up a lot of falsehoods. We have a website, called marriagefactcheck.com where voters can see the facts and see the false ads,"

Grow said. "We want voters to know the facts when they vote on Nov. 6. We need every last vote because this will be a close election and can easily go the wrong way. We want to

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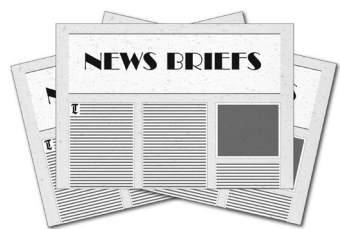
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## Learn how to transfer to four-year institutes

The Transfer 101 Workshop is today in the Mount Skokomish Room in Building 8.

The workshop will have two sessions; the first begins at 10 a.m. and the second at 2 p.m.

Students interested in learning about the transfer process can go to either 45 minute-session, which are exactly the same.

An Educational Planning adviser will be there to address questions.

For those interested in attending, just show up.

## Open-Mic today in the Writing Center

Open-Mic Thursday is today in Building 26, room 319-I from 1:30-2:25 p.m.

The first Thursday of every month is Open-Mic Thursdays at the Writing Center.

Participants can bring in poetry, short stories, essays or freewrites and have five minutes to read them.

## Thanksgiving Donation is starting today

Phi Theta Kappa is having a Thanksgiving Donation starting today and will last through Nov. 16.

Non-perishable food items are needed and will be given to

the Women's Programs, which will benefit students and their families.

For those who are interested in donating, place the items into bins are placed around the campus in Building 6, 8, 25, 29 and 30.

## Science on the Sound returns this Saturday

Nicole Bostic, Educational Programs coordinator, will speak about microplastics and its effects on the Puget Sound at the next Science on the Sound presentation at the MaST Center on Saturday, Nov. 3 at noon until 12:45 p.m.

## Science Seminar

"Diet and Disparity" is the topic of tomorrow's Science Seminar and will be presented by nutrition and physical education instructor Tracy Brigham.

For those interested, go to Building 3, room 102 from 2:30-3:23 p.m.

The last day to add or drop a class is Nov. 16. For those who are enrolling late, there will be a \$46.95 fee per class unless it's a class that has continuous enrollment or late start.

## Leadership Retreat applications out now

Highline's Center for Leadership and Service is now accepting applications for the Winter Leadership Retreat.

Any Highline student who is interested in furthering their leadership skills can apply.

The retreat will be at Bainbridge Island from Dec.17-18. The theme of the retreat is Ancient Roots: Connecting



Sherry Holt/THUNDERWORD

The TRiO department dresses up as zombies for Halloween on Oct. 31. Top left to right: Cesar Rangel, Babs Guerra-Torres and Alexandra Davis. Bottom left to right: Tiffany Lunk and Rosie Torres.

Current Concerns with Ancient Wisdom.

To get the application, visit [studentprograms.highline.edu/retreat.php](http://studentprograms.highline.edu/retreat.php). The due date for the applications is Nov. 13 at 5 p.m. and it should be submitted to Center for Leadership and Service the third floor of the Student Union.

## Uncover the election with a new tool

As the election approaches, the Highline Library offers a tool to voters.

[Libguides.highline.edu/2012elections](http://Libguides.highline.edu/2012elections) offers voters resources to discover information on the election.

The website includes links to different political media, the candidates' convention speeches and the video and transcript of presidential debates.

For questions about the website, call 206-592-3232 or email [refhelp@highline.edu](mailto:refhelp@highline.edu).

## Remember to turn the clock on Sunday

Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday. On Nov. 4, turn back the clocks one hour.

## Important dates for Winter Quarter

Registration for Winter Quarter classes begins on Nov. 6. Tuition is due a month later on Dec. 6.

## Phi Theta Kappa to discuss politics

Phi Theta Kappa will host a political discussion on the "Culture of Competition" on Nov. 9 in Building 8, room 204.

The discussion is for Phi Theta Kappa members only and starts at noon.

Free food will be provided. Madison Fortney, Phi Theta

Kappa co-leader, will lead the discussion.

## Learn about the faith of the Latter-Day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ and Latter-Day Saints is inviting the community to learn more about their beliefs with a movie and discussion on Nov. 10.

"Finding Faith in Christ" is the movie. For those interested in attending, the address is 28616 48th Ave. S. in Auburn at 7 p.m.

## Correction

A 3.5 GPA is required in the class that students want to do an Honors Project and receive Honors credit in. Honors students have earned more than \$22 million in financial aid and scholarships over the past five years.



## Crime and Punishment

## Vehicle collision in South parking lot

A Highline student's vehicle was struck by another vehicle that was attempting to merge into the lane in the South Parking Lot on Oct. 24.

## Money reported stolen from student

A Highline student reported money stolen from his backpack in Building 21 on Oct. 25.

## Data projector stolen

A Highline data projector was reported stolen from Building 23 on Oct. 29.

## Student's backpack reported stolen

Another student reported his backpack stolen in Building 23 on Oct. 25.

The backpack was recovered when it was found in another building.

## Graffiti in the North parking lot

Graffiti was reported on the stop sign and other areas in the North Parking Lot on Oct. 28. The school will be cleaning up the drawings.

## Items that need to be returned

Many items are still in the lost and found. Items include more than 30 flash drives, phone chargers, scarves, hats, a black coat, three cell phones, keys, rings, earrings, notebooks, books, and a TI-83 calculator.

To collect an item that may be yours, go to the Campus Security Office in Building 6 on the first floor.

## Returned items

Items that have been returned to its owners include a backpack, a bag, flash drives and a cell phone.

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# New student service center extern aims to help students, campus community

By **SHON TORRES**  
Staff Reporter

Highline students in need of counseling have a new resource this year with two new externs working with the Student Service Center.

“The counseling center houses a staff of six professional counselors who are here as a safety net and advocate for students to persist to reach their goals and be their best authentic selves,” said Dr. Allison Lau, associate dean of Counseling and Student Judicial Affairs.

With the level of diversity at Highline, counselors need to have a great deal of cultural sensitivity, Dr. Lau said.

Some students may be having problems centered on cultural issues and counselors with a strong understanding of different cultures are vital to finding solutions.

“Dr. Sarah Determan and Josh Magallanes both bring a wealth of mental health experience and stellar cultural competence to serve our diverse campus community,” said Dr. Lau.

The two have come to Highline on an externship to gain additional experience in their fields.

Joshua Magallanes is in the process of completing his Master’s degree in Community Counseling at Seattle University.

His undergraduate education included study at Pima Community College before he transferred to Northern Arizona University where he received his Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science.

“I am from Arizona. I moved here in 2004” said Magallanes. He then came to Highline and worked for eight years before leaving to pursue his Master’s. Magallanes has interned with Seattle Counseling Service and also has a private practice.

“[It’s] the students, that’s what keeps me coming back. It’s [Highline] kind of like a second home,” said Magallanes.

Magallanes provides therapy for adolescents, individuals, couples and facilitates process groups.

His clinical work is influenced by existential theory, multicultural counseling, and reality therapy and integrates Gestalt Theory and interpersonal and relational perspectives.



Josh Nelson/THUNDERWORD  
*Josh Magallanes, a new student service center extern, spoke on Oct. 11 at an LGBTQI National Coming Out Day event.*

“I think there is a lot of stigma around mental health,” said Magallanes, and he wants to do away with that stigma.

“I really like to work with communities of color, particularly men. Because what research data shows is [that] men of color are not seeking out resources of mental health, or they are forced in to it. What I really want to do is offer a resource where they feel like they can be heard or reflected,” Magallanes said.

“Another community I feel I have a strong expertise with is the queer community,” said Magallanes.

“These are persons with who are dealing with identity development, individuals who are possibly transgendered or possibly moving from just

hormone therapy to sexual reassignment. Others may be individuals who are coming out or are really challenged with acceptance within their families. Individuals who are confused about their sexual orientation,” he said.

He also is a multicultural educator in the community where he provides workshops and presentations that deal with undoing multiple oppressions in both communities of color and sexual orientation.

“I also serve the general community,” said Magallanes. “As a generalist I am able to work with multiple people and serve multiple communities.

To say that I work with one niche group further segregates outright the populations that I could reach out to.”

“Those are the reasons I come back to Highline. Because of the population that Highline serves and it really prides itself because it serves such a diverse population,” said Magallanes.

“I am looking to break down cycles that stop them from being a successful person,” said Magallanes.

His counseling aims are to see “how we achieve a full self and be the architect of our lives.”

Counseling sessions, he said, should be “more about empowering the client. Counseling sessions are not just for when things are going bad for a person. Therapy and counseling can be used for positive experiences as well. Preventative mental health care is for good and bad experiences,” said Magallanes.

“It’s not unhealthy to seek out therapy,” Magallanes said.

“Don’t wait until it’s too late.”

“Students come in for career guidance and find other factors drive their choices and find out through career guidance how to make a better career choice. Sometimes students pick a major because that’s what their friends want to do,” said Magallanes.

Highline offers student

counseling to all students regardless of how many credits they take.

Magallanes says he hopes any student who needs it will take advantage of the help the counseling office can offer. It is to serve the public.

“Individuals who go into mental health and education [do so to] serve the people, and that has been my mission. In doing that, I have to be transparent. I have to reflect who I am. And in my therapy I try to present that in a way that the client sees me for who I am,” said Magallanes.

He said he also looks to build a trust and dialogue with his clients.

Magallanes said we need examples of good mental health to learn from.

“Hopefully I exhibit what good mental health should look like,” Magallanes said.

Magallanes also teaches a cultural competence class in addition to his private practice and his duties as a counselor at Highline.

The duties all tie together and complement one another, he said.

“What I teach in class makes me a better practitioner, which makes me a better teacher. I get to add practical experience to the lessons,” Magallanes said.

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Highline Student Union,  
Building 8, 1st floor  
(Mt. Olympus Room)

**Tuesday,  
November 13  
from 12:15-1:05PM**



## Take a chance to make change with Ref. 74

As we close out LGBTQI (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex) History Month, we are given the opportunity to make change.

This election we have the chance to make same-sex marriage legal in our state by approving Referendum 74.

For our generation, same sex marriage is, at most, a non-issue. We are used to it, we have gay friends and associates, and at the very worst are undecided about how we feel.

Now is the time to decide. It is an opportunity to bring about change for good on a large scale.

The Declaration of Independence states that all men are created equal. Throughout the course of national history this truth has been proved again and again as we have seen the Civil Rights Movement fight against gender and racial inequality. Now the fight is for marriage equality.

Some say that legalizing same-sex will be a blow to the sanctity of marriage. Anyone truly worried about the sanctity of marriage should be more worried about our nation's high divorce rates than keeping a small percentage of the population from equality. According to divorcerates.org, 41 percent of first marriages end in divorce. Less than 5 percent of the American population identifies as gay or lesbian.

Regardless of if their love is "right" or "wrong" it is not for us to exclude them from certain rights based on their sexual preference. Judgment based on homosexuality is completely misplaced. Religion tells people not to judge and then tells them that being gay or lesbian is wrong; these two positions are contradictory.

When it comes to equality there should be no exceptions. We feel that any two adults who wish to be married should be able, regardless of gender.

Nobody should tell anyone else who or who not to love. Love is a personal decision made between two people. Marriage should be based on the principle of love, not the principle of gender.

Ref. 74 will not impose upon religious institutions and force them to conduct same-sex marriages. We feel that this is right. If religions are being asked not to impose upon the rights of homosexuals then it is only fair that homosexuals should not impose on the rights of religion.

In the media, more and more support has been shown for the gay rights agenda. This summer Macklemore came out with a single with Ryan Lewis titled One Love. This song speaks out against marriage inequality and has a strong message of love for all.

This is what is important as we move forward, loving or at least caring about others and how they feel. It is wrong to disregard somebody just because you don't agree with or fully understand them. Think of how you would feel if you were denied rights or looked down upon because of the way that you are.

What if you were denied the right to marry the person of your choice? You probably wouldn't be very happy about it either.

Stand up for equality. Approve Ref. 74.

## 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 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.



## An opportunity to say farewell

This is my last quarter at Highline.

A little presumptuous of me, considering I still have three classes left to pass before graduating, but I'm going to continue assuming I'm graduating in December.

I may not get another chance to do this, so I want to take the time to say thank you.

Thank you Highline for dragging me out of my self-deprecating state of depression and giving me something to aspire towards. I was quickly on the path of being caught for drug distribution, vandalism, and other less than savory activities.

Thank you for affording me the opportunity to express my views and follow my passion – a much better outcome than the road I was on two years ago. Thank you to the faculty who taught me, for putting up with my snappy comebacks and snickering retorts – both the good ones and the bad. I have become a better person because of the concepts, ideas and themes you have taught me, and I will take those lessons with me for the rest of my life.

Because of my instructors, I have a deeper understanding about the current social and political obstacles our society faces and I am better prepared to combat those inequalities.

I used to believe that "thinking critically" was just



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**Josh Nelson**

another term of the collegiate rhetoric, now I know how to see between the cracks, to sift through the monotonous and identify cause and effect.

Thank you to the staff for running a smooth operation and making sure both my success and failures were well-documented, for providing me with the opportunities to receive financial aid and attend this college regardless of my financial situation.

Thank you to the administration and executive staff, for helping us keep this college open and affordable so that decent, hardworking people can gather in a place to improve their intellects and lives. An especially difficult challenge due to the recent recession.

Thank you to my fellow students, you have opened my eyes to new perspectives.

You have kept me steady and provided a community that nurtures education and understanding. In the words of a great, yet little man, "I don't know half of you half as well as I should like; and I like less than half of you half as well as you deserve."

Ten points to Gryffindor if you know who said that.

Thank you to my fellow newshounds. I've learned more each day working with you than I would have during years of work outside the Thunderword.

Thank you to those responsible for maintaining and improving the grounds and artwork around campus. As I strolled across campus from class to class, I couldn't help but appreciate my surroundings and how great Highline looks and feels.

I am constantly amazed at the number of students that take all of this for granted, I hear them complain and degrade the college. It makes me sad that they don't know a good thing when it's staring them in the face.

If a burnout like me can find a way out of the gutters then there is hope for anyone. I'm a better person because of Highline and I can't wait to see what other institutions have in store for me.

*Josh Nelson is Editor-in-Chief for the Thunderword and loves his pretty little rings almost as much as his hair.*

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# My gay agenda — Vote for equality this election

I feel passionate about approving Referendum 74, which would legalize same-sex marriage in Washington state.

Specifically, I feel it is unjust to put to popular vote the LGBT community's civil liberties, defined by Cornell University's School of Law as "an enforceable right or privilege, which if interfered with by another gives rise to an action for injury."

If you're still in doubt about gay marriage as a civil right, the NAACP and other organizations have asserted that gay marriage is, indeed, a civil liberty. Saying otherwise is mean-spirited, divisive and discriminatory. For, as the Cornell School of Law furthers explains, "[d]iscrimination occurs when the civil rights of an individual are denied or interfered with because of their membership in a particular group or class."

You might not think you're



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homophobic or against gays. But think of it this way: what if I voted to deny you the right to marry, even if I didn't know you?

Worse, still, is if I vote against your marriage and call you a friend. Rejecting Ref. 74, then, is discriminatory because that vote obstructs my civil liberty to get married -- because I'm gay and only because I'm gay.

This is why I don't think the public should be voting on my ability to marry. But, come Nov. 6, the reality is that we're voting on not just my, but the ability of 5.7 percent of the state's population and 12.9 percent of the City of Seattle's population to get married. The majority decides for the minority.

The arguments against Ref. 74 are silly: gay marriage cheapens hetero marriage; gay marriage opens heteros up to discrimination; gay marriages make women want to be husbands and men want to be wives; gay marriage can't produce children; gay marriage destroys traditional marriage; gay marriage will lead to animal marriage or polygamy; gay marriage promotes immorality; blah blah blah.

Marriages under Ref. 74 are a civil issue and not a religious one. Under the law, protections are afforded to churches and

businesses so that they cannot be sued for refusing to host or work on a gay wedding. I don't want to get married where I'm not wanted, so I'll gladly skip marrying in a discriminatory church.

And I sure don't want to be a wife, but I'd sure like to be husband rather than a partner -- like we're super heroes or cops or something, or like the straights haven't stolen that word, too.

Many hetero marriages cannot produce or don't want children, and yet they're still married. Gay marriage doesn't destroy traditional marriage -- traditional marriage is doing a fine enough job on its own, with the American Psychological Association noting that "40 to 50 percent of [straight] married couples in the United States divorce. The divorce rate for subsequent marriages is even higher."

It's insulting to claim that

marrying my partner of 13 years would mean I might want to marry a cat or a chair or more husbands, or that my getting married means I'm immoral.

Here's my gay agenda: if paying taxes and working hard and doing community service and being a good friend and trying to make the world a better place makes me immoral, then I guess I'm guilty as charged. But I think you'll agree that those things are socially responsible things to do. I'm fulfilling my role as a citizen, even though I'm not being treated equally as one. Have you experienced that lately? I didn't think so.

For that, I am asking you to choose equality on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Choose to be an LGBT ally. Choose to approve Ref. 74.

*Dr. McKenney is a Highline professor and the advisor of PRISM Club.*

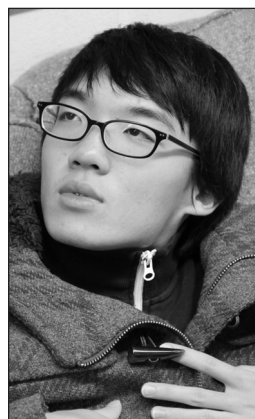
# Confessions of a young and fabulous gay male

No matter what people say about Referendum 74, the same-sex marriage bill is not just about the institution of marriage, it is also about gay love.

Some opponents of Ref. 74 are honestly afraid that a minority group will redefine the meaning of marriage. Others are simply against the idea of same-sex marriage because a "nonfiction" novel authoritatively states all of the detrimental effects it will have on society if two fabulously dressed men tie the knot. Religious fanatics seem more inclined to label such a love impossible and disgusting as opposed to researching the colorful history that includes Oscar Wilde, Judy Garland, and the beautiful Ellen DeGeneres.

My apologies, not everyone who associates themselves with a spiritual doctrine regards such controversial issues through a white and black lens. I am privileged to be friends with many Christians and Muslims who are capable of seeing the current political movement through the diverse hues of the rainbow. Most of them have expressed nothing but support and happiness. What have I done to deserve such kind people in my life? My straight allies give me hope. Perhaps if I were to provide a detailed exposition of what my life is really like, then naysayers will have second thoughts as to why they should not approve Ref. 74.

It should not be surprising when I confess that I am gay; I am gay -- so gay that even



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Joseph Park

the straightest guy will want to explore my gayness. Mother taught me better than that, so I always decline those curious sailors. However, I digress. As an adolescent boy, I did not possess the courage to research what homosexuality is. Upon turning 18, I said to myself, and quite dutifully too, "Joseph you are an adult now. So what if people think you are mentally ill? Why do you not research about homosexuality?"

One late night, while my family was sleeping, I logged on to my computer and researched who I am. According to the Pan American Health Organization (the oldest public health organization in the world): "There is a professional consensus that homosexuality represents a natural variation of human sexuality without any intrinsically harmful effect on the health of those concerned or those close to them. In none of its individual manifestations does homosexuality constitute a disorder or an illness, and

therefore it requires no cure."

As I read, both my hands literally trembled.

For 18 years I had lived in fear of being myself because popular belief had defined homosexuality as a sickness. Elementary school, middle school and high school were like trilogies containing angst that would astonish even Rosencrantz and Guildenstern. I feared that the public would find out that I wanted to hold hands and kiss boys; I grew depressed when school dances approached, because I understood too well that confessing to him would reveal too much about me. Throughout my freshman and sophomore years in high school, I feverishly prayed to a higher power to take away the ability to love. I tried; I cried; and I died every Sunday morning as my mother and father bowed their heads to recite the Lord's Prayer -- perfectly every time.

When looking back on the naïve youth that used to sit on the pews and gaze at the glittering stained glass windows in hope of a divine exorcism, a multitude of strange emotions boils inside of me. At random intervals, while introspection is waltzing with melancholy, anger breaks between them and starts tangoing, followed by a discoing frustration.

The rawest and most physical way to explore the Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transgender-Questioning-Intersexual community is to dive into the steamy atmosphere of a nightclub. After all, the Underground

Railroad for the LGBTQI individual was the nightclub.

Admission was \$10. I proudly swiped my card at the register.

"Have fun," said the cashier, and that is exactly what I did. Thirty minutes after my timid entrance, the pounding beat of dub-step and Katy Perry songs had taken over -- no wonder the Stonewall Riots happened. How dare they stop us?

The shirt came off, the pants came off, and my friends had to stop me from shedding everything else. What was this sensation? I felt free and completely liberated. No one was there to whisper behind my back. Cher and Beyoncé sang too loudly in the room for anyone to pay attention to the ghosts of Westboro Baptist Church past, present, and yet to come. I returned home re-energized. As I watched the sun creep up the horizon through my bedroom window, I lay still on my bed: it was time for me to disregard what people had to say about my life and concentrate on what I want; it was time for me to grab the handlebars of my fate and drive forward into the unknown abyss.

On Oct. 18, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported that those in favor of Ref. 74 were leading by 52.9 percent, while 46.6 percent opposed. That report should remind members of the LGBTQI community of the seriousness of voting. In less than a week, a majority will determine whether a minority can marry the ones that they love. It is shocking to see how advertis-

ing and campaigning has tipped the scale of same-sex marriage support so drastically within a few months. On Oct. 25, CBS reported that, "Support for Ref. 74 is under 50 percent, and the measure to legalize same-sex marriage enjoys only a narrow four-point lead, according to a new statewide Elway Poll" No matter how certain we may feel about the outcome of a momentous bill such as Ref. 74, times still remain uncertain.

As I sat down in the dining room of my house, reading the arguments for and against Ref. 74, I could not help but feel offended towards the entire voting process.

Why is the state of Washington deciding who I can marry?

Did my preference for men upset heterosexual couples so much that they needed to discuss such private matters in Olympia?

I grabbed my favorite black pen and stabbed the voting sheet with it, filling in the approve bubble.

"Please let this pass," I prayed.

Finally done, I sat there, reflecting on the reality of the Nov. 6 ballot. If Ref. 74 does not pass, LGBTQI youths will return to their hiding spots once again, dreading the public and hating themselves.

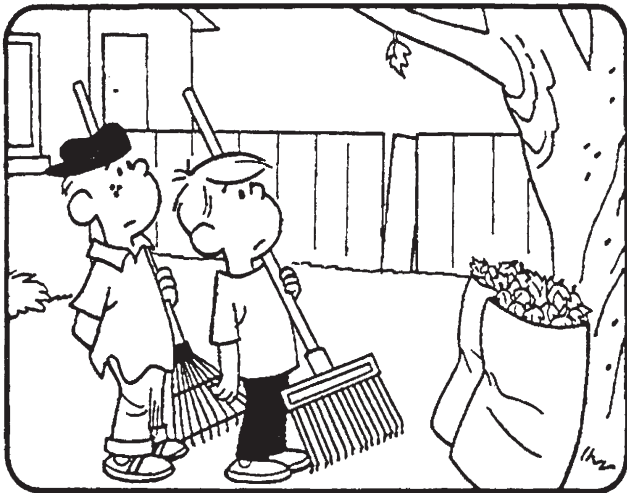
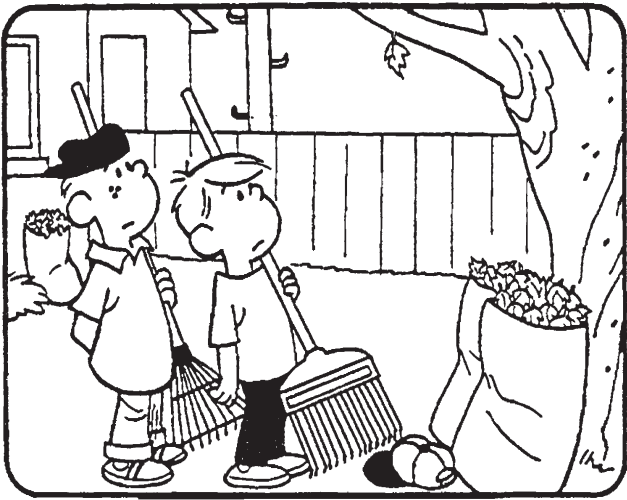
No more of that, Ref. 74 must pass. We cannot wait another year. Change must happen now, because being gay is OK.

*Park is a Highline student and an arts editor for the Thunderword.*



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY  
HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.  
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate    ★★ Challenging  
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1. MOVIES: Who played the male lead in the movie musical *Grease*?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Luzon is the main island of which nation?
3. HISTORY: When was

- the Sherman Antitrust Act approved?
4. TELEVISION: Which 1980s comedy show featured a character named Reverend Jim?
5. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: What 20th-century American writer and monk said, "Every moment and every event of every man's life on earth plants something in his soul"?
6. MUSIC: What was the

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King Crossword

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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 MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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| 3. "The ____ of Seville" | — — — B — — | Trade                | — — — T — — |
| 4. More mature           | — L — — — — | More peculiar        | — D — — — — |
| 5. Tall champagne glass  | — — — T — — | Stroke of luck       | — — — K — — |
| 6. Exist in              | R — — — — — | Next to              | B — — — — — |
| 7. North Shore waves     | — W — — — — | Use one's nose       | — M — — — — |
| 8. Bank safe             | V — — — — — | Liability            | F — — — — — |
| 9. Inundation            | — — — — G — | Mislead              | — — — — D — |
| 10. Not as fast          | — L — — — — | Light rainfall       | — H — — — — |

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- nationality of composer Franz Liszt?
7. U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is The North Star State?
8. THEATER: Which play featured the song *Food, Glorious Food*?
9. MONEY: What is the

- basic currency of Albania?
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president once said that the United States "never had to put up a wall to keep our people in"?
- Answers  
1. John Travolta  
2. Philippines

3. 1890  
4. "Taxi"  
5. Thomas Merton  
6. Hungarian  
7. Minnesota  
8. *Oliver!*  
9. The lek  
10. John F. Kennedy

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# Living with kidney stones, a daily tolerance test

Kidney stones are a common medical problem, but the pain is anything but common. It's excruciating.

The pain feels like I have 100,000 knives stabbing me in the side of my back.

It was about a year and a half ago that I first encountered this pain.

For a few days I was starting to feel some pain in the side of my back and one night I was being kept awake by this unbearable pain. On a scale of one to 10, my pain was at 15.

After keeping this pain to myself throughout the night and not wanting to wake my parents, I just couldn't handle it anymore. It was about 5:30 a.m. when I woke my mom with my crying. I told her where the pain was and how bad it hurt. Immediately she thought it was my appendix and rushed me to the emergency room.

The doctors ran blood and urine tests and then sent me to have a CAT scan. It was after the results came back that I learned I had kidney stones.

At that point it had looked like I had already passed them, but man did they hurt.

Now the stones and I are going for another round.

The pain is not as bad as the first time, but it is definitely



## Commentary Kiya Dameron

there.

I first noticed something was wrong about five months ago, but only thought that it was my regular back pain that I also get and that the pain just focused in on where I had my stones.

I thought that because I had changed what I thought was causing them that I wouldn't get them anymore. But that apparently wasn't and isn't the case.

It was this past September that I asked my doctor what this pain might be and if it's normal for the pain to be focused in that area. He said "No" and he made the decision to run blood and urine tests on me to figure out if he could find out what the problem might be and if I had stones

again. Just in case I did, he recommended a kidney doctor for me to go see; his name is Dr. Yi Hsieh.

Later my doctor called and said that they found blood in my urine (a common symptom of kidney stones) and said that I most likely had stones again. It was at this point that I called Dr. Hsieh and set up an appointment. Unfortunately the soonest I could get in was a month away, Oct. 1.

Dr. Hsieh ordered a CAT scan of my abdomen. A few days later he called me back personally. I was shocked because doctors usually have someone from their office call you.

He told me that the CAT scan revealed I had two, two-millimeter stones in my left kidney and one, 13 millimeter stone in my right kidney. Because of the size he said I was going to have to have surgery. I was scared and didn't know what to expect. He said he wanted me in as soon as possible to talk about surgery options.

My appointment was set for Oct. 18. When I went in to his office he told me that because of the size of the stone in my right side (13mm) he would have to break it up into smaller

pieces in order for me to pass it. He said that it was so big that if I waited too long that it could rupture my kidney and even after he broke it up if the pieces aren't small enough they could tear my kidney. The solution would be the insertion of a stent.

"A stent is a flexible hollow tube that keeps the ureter open. Your ureters are narrow tubes that carry urine from the kidneys to your bladder. One end of the stent curls up into the kidney, while the other end curls into the bladder. The stent has several holes in it that allow urine to drain from the kidney into your bladder," according to emedtv.com.

My surgery was yesterday. Talk about a Happy Halloween.

I was to be put to sleep during the surgery and off my feet for the rest of the day. No trick or treating for me this All Hallow's Eve, but at least in the long run I should feel much better.

Kidney stones are "a solid mass made up of tiny crystals," according to the A.D.A.M. Medical Encyclopedia. Kidney stones are common and can even run in families.

There are different types of kidney stones and what caused them and treatment for them depends on the type of stone.

They form when urine contains too much of certain substances and these substances create small crystals that become stones that take weeks or even months to form.

PubMed Health says that "the biggest risk factor for kidney stones is not drinking enough fluids." They say to drink at least six to eight glasses of water per day.

PubMed says that kidney stones are painful but usually can be removed from the body without causing permanent damage. But the stones often come back, especially if the cause is not found and treated.

Some symptoms of kidney stones are: severe pain that suddenly starts and then goes away; mainly pain in the belly area or side of the back. Other symptoms include; abnormal urine color, blood in the urine, chills, fever, nausea and vomiting.

You should call your health care provider if you have symptoms of kidney stones.

"If treatment is significantly delayed, damage to the kidney or other serious complications can occur," warns PubMed.

*Kiya Dameron is a student at Highline and staff reporter for the Thunderword.*

# Being generally active can be as effective as exercise

When you talk about health these days, the focus is often on losing weight.

Obesity is certainly a major health epidemic and a disease risk factor, but perhaps our society should consider putting a greater focus on becoming more physically active.

Modern life is built around convenience and minimal physical effort.

Drive-thrus and online delivery of everything from clothes to groceries have made even the simple act of walking obsolete. Many of our active hobbies and recreational pursuits have been replaced by more appealing activities like video games, social networking, texting, and literally hundreds of digital entertainment choices at the click of a button.

Even the workplace often involves minimal movement once you have nestled into your small cubicle and settled down in front of your computer.

Children have it no better than adults when you consider that they sit at a desk all day with few opportunities to be active.

Many of these kids no longer



## Guest Commentary Darin Smith

get the option to be active since many schools have cut PE classes and recess due to budget cuts and increased study times.

Physical activity is considered by many health professionals to be one of the most powerful methods of positively influencing your health.

Physical activity and exercise are both effective at lowering your risk for diseases like heart disease, hypertension, cancer, stroke, and type II diabetes.

Physical activity can also help you manage your weight, improve the function of just about every organ system in your body, boost your immune system function to keep you from getting sick, and can slow

some changes associated with the aging process.

In terms of mental health, exercise can reduce stress, boost mood, and decrease anxiety and depression.

Aerobic exercise especially has been found to be effective in preserving cognitive functioning as you get older and may decrease risks for dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

Recent research has also suggested that being physically active as a child can improve cognitive development and academic performance.

Exercise also allows for greater social interaction and increased participation in other active pursuits.

Another nice benefit of being physically active is that it increases your life span. Studies have found that regular physical activity may extend a person's life expectancy by as much as 4-7 years.

Not only does an active person typically live longer, but they also tend to have an improved quality of life and tend to engage in other healthy behaviors (e.g. good nutrition, weight management, not smoking) that further extend life expectancy.

Conversely, several studies have indicated that being physically inactive, or sedentary, can shorten your life and substantially increase your risk for many serious chronic diseases.

A recent study by the American Cancer Society examined over 123,000 people's health outcomes over a 14 year period and found that women who sit for more than 6 hours a day were 40% more likely to die during that 14 year period than those women who sat fewer than 3 hours a day.

The less active men were 20% more likely to die than the more active men over the course of the study. In addition, the researchers also determined that sitting for long periods of time on a regular basis may result in significant damage to a person's health which cannot easily be remedied by exercise; similar in some respects to how smoking damages the body in ways that exercise or other healthy behaviors cannot fix.

The World Health Organiza-

tion (WHO) has stated that physical inactivity is the fourth leading risk factor for global mortality (death) causing an estimated 3.2 million deaths globally.

Being physically fit is so important, it even appears to provide protection against early mortality no matter how much you weigh.

Dr. Steven Blair, a renowned exercise scientist and professor at the University of South Carolina has done numerous studies tracking the impact that diet, weight, physical activity and other lifestyle factors have on mortality.

What he found was that "Obese people who are physically fit are half as likely to die as people of normal weight who don't exercise". Blair has stated that, "When we look at obesity and properly adjust for fitness, the obesity risk goes away. It just disappears."

The take home message is that becoming physically active one of the most important things you can do for your health, despite your weight classification.

*Darin Smith is a personal fitness instructor at Highline.*



# Highline offers programs to help students survive struggling economy

By **MARQUES DINAPOLI**  
Staff Reporter

While a college degree is no guarantee for finding a job in today's economy, it can make finding one easier and Highline is focusing on broadening access to higher education.

A new study from Georgetown University in Washington D.C. substantiates data about the advantages of college education in the current economy.

The article, titled: "The College Advantage: Weathering the Economic Storm", by Anthony P. Carnevale, Tamara Jayasundera and Ban Cheah, all of Georgetown, highlights the key statistical advantages college-educated workers have had over those without a college education in the recent recession, as well as in the current recovery.

One of the key differences was between those with at least some college or an associate's degree and those with a high school diploma or less.

According to the article, workers with a high school diploma lost nearly 5.6 million jobs during the recession and into the recovery are still losing jobs. Nearly 230,000 so far.

In comparison, workers with an associate's degree lost only 1.7 million jobs during the recession.

Since the beginning of the recovery they have gained most of them back with 1.6 million jobs created.

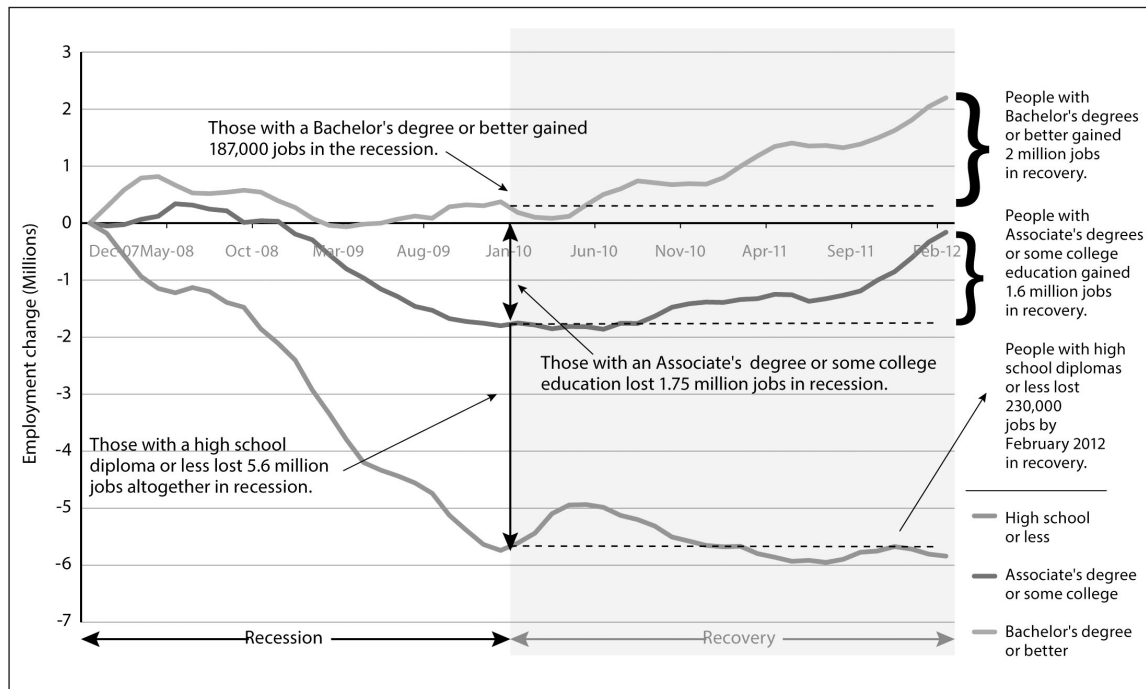
One way students are able to succeed at Highline is through the numerous student services and programs that community colleges and universities are offering to students.

"Our primary goal is to serve the community," Tonya Benton, the director of institutional research here at Highline, said. "We

really try to fit with students needs and their goals."

The economy, Benton said, is moving away from the manufacturing industries that dominated the 80s, and to some extent the 90s, where one could find secure, high paying jobs with little or no post-secondary schooling.

The current economy, Benton said, is now moving more towards what she referred to as



Graph by Anthony P. Carnevale, Tamara Jayasundera & Ban Cheah

The table above shows the difference of people with a bachelor's degree versus an associates degree or no degree.

a "Global Knowledge Economy," meaning, that more and more people are expected to be better at managing information from a multitude of sources and to see how it affects their business nationally and globally.

Past statistics, reinforced by the article mentioned earlier, show that men and women who attain at least an associate's degree, a bachelor or more have better abilities in information management and are therefore more in demand in this economy.

"I think student services are invaluable to helping students meet their goals," Benton said.

"Also, visiting the academic centers around campus, such as the Tutoring Center, really helps students reach their academic goals."

One way Highline is helping students succeed, Benton said, is to make students feel supported and to offer the help they need to reach their goals.

This help can be found in the many programs available to students through Student Services.

One such program is TRiO, which helps underrepresented students, such as first-generation college students, low-income students, veterans and disabled students –especially those who need much financial aid – fulfill their academic goals.

"[Highline] really wants students to succeed, and, given the right resources, they can succeed," Alexandra Davis said, the director of Student Support and Retention Services.

"We really want to pay special attention to [underrepresented students], because

students who participate in our programs are three times more likely to graduate than those who don't," Davis said.

Often times, Davis said, students don't know how to navigate the transfer system between two-and four-year colleges and aren't able to make the jump.

"That's where we come in," Davis said. "Part of our job is helping students see which pathway they want to take in college, and part of our job is helping students navigate the system so they can be successful."

TRiO helps students do this by both generalized workshops – giving students information about transferring and college life – and by individualized help to students enrolled in the TRiO program.

"Part of how we support our students is by how well we know our students and how we tailor help specific to them," Davis said.

"We currently have around 160 students enrolled in TRiO, but we are constantly growing," Davis said.

"Providing help to these students is very important to their success, because [TRiO] students have an 85 percent graduation or transfer rate compared to the national average for underrepresented students of 8 or 9 percent."

One program that is specifically helping female students succeed is Women's Programs.

"We really try to serve women who are on cash assistance, especially Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, as well as single parents who are trying hard to get an educa-

tion," Deana Rader, director of Women's Programs and Work-First Services, said.

Women's Programs serves approximately 600 students, between those who are taking college-level classes and those taking ESL and ABE classes.

"When the recession hit, our case load was much less than what it is now. As [the recession] went on we could see the cases start to trickle in and now we are slightly above double the amount we had two years ago," Rader said.

Perhaps the most important way this program helps students, Rader said, is through its membership in the American Association of University Women.

This organization, she said, gives members access to a wide variety of information espe-

cially data regarding jobs and pay scales.

"Highline became a member of AAUW specifically so we can get this pay scale information to our female students," Rader said.

"It allows them to see what they can expect in the workforce, and it gives them more information to work with regarding contracts and such."

Women's Programs also has resources within the community to help students find housing, work, childcare and financial aid, Rader said.

One of the other programs helping students, especially transfer students in STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), is MESA.

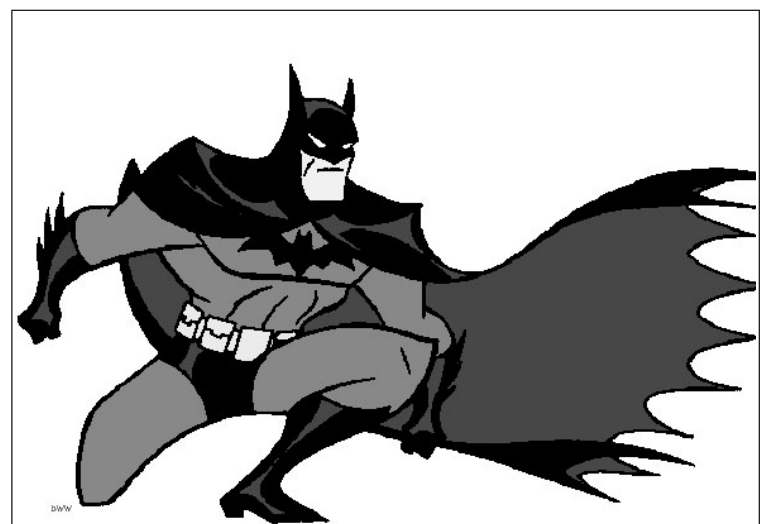
MESA is a small program that helps four-year transfer students in the STEM fields to succeed in college.

"We currently have around 60 students, the majority of them underrepresented students, who are enrolled in the MESA program," Chera Amlag, director of MESA said.

Although the program itself is only available to a few students, the MESA Center in Building 26 is open to everyone.

"We hire student facilitators to work with faculty to run workshops in the MESA center to help students, especially MESA students," Amlag said.

Since a MESA student must be a first-generation college student, the program also works with the student's family to help them understand the college process and to understand the rigors of academics.



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# Drama Department adjusts to a new play, a new stage, and a new crew for the fall production

By JOSEPH PARK  
Staff Reporter

Highline’s drama department is reaching back into the pre-history and will perform Mary Zimmerman’s rendition of Homer’s *The Odyssey*. Rick Lorig, adviser and director for the Fall production, had originally planned on presenting George Orwell’s *1984*. However, due to technical reasons, the department had to change scripts. Amanda Rae, assistant director, said that the available scripts for *1984* were very limited as well. “We really only had two scripts. We had a script predominantly used in high schools. There was another version that was newer that came out of England about a year ago, and we didn’t want to use that one, because it was all kinds of ridiculous,” said Rae. “It had people dropping in from the ceiling, but the main reason is that it’s really three people for the whole show: Winston, Julia and O’Brien. There are different characters, but it would be really predominantly those three people, and we’re an all-inclusive theater.” Rae said that giving more stage time to more people was another reason for the switch from the 1949 play to the ancient Greek text. “*The Odyssey* by Mary Zimmerman is a modern version of the original, and we’re putting our twist on it,” she said. “The original *Odyssey* is about three hours; a woman named Mary Zimmerman came in, cut it down, and made it about an hour and a half.” The change in plays was not a complete impromptu sur-



Adam Litterer left, and lead actor Steven Davis right, rehearsing together.

prise. Rae said that Lorig has helped put together Zimmerman’s *The Odyssey* for other theater groups. “Rick worked on the production two years ago at the Tap Root Theater, and he designed the set for them,” said Rae. Not only did the drama department have to swap plays, but it also had to look for a place to perform. “I remember Rick told me ‘We could do it in the library.’ We kind of laughed at it,” said Rae. “A week later, he looked at me and was like, ‘Why don’t we just do it in the library? I mean *The Odyssey* is all about storytelling.’ We ran a couple of different meetings and talked to some people; they loved the idea, so now we’re doing that.” The performance will be on sixth floor of the Library. “We’re going to set up chairs and lights there,” said Rae.

Sherry Holt/THUNDERWORD

Madison Fortney, master electrician for the department’s light crew, said that several adjustments need to be made to accommodate the new space. “It’s different because the system in the theater was specifically made for light. First of all we have to figure out where we’re going to get our electricity,” said Fortney. “The [lighting] designer was thinking about putting the lights on rolling polls and moving them so that students can come up and study.”

Actors and actresses for the Fall play have been rehearsing in Building 10, room 103 for the past few weeks.

It’s a new environment, said Rae, which posed “positive challenges.”

“We’re used to having a theater where our voices carry and where we’re [staging] the show. Now we have to visualize our space. It’s definitely different,” she said.

“We’re just so used to having our space. We just have to sit and adjust; we’re theater people, and we adjust to things like that all the time. We’re chameleons. We have to be.”

*The Odyssey* opens on Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. Admission price has not been decided yet, but general admission has traditionally been \$8 and \$7 for students.



• **The Completely Fictional--Utterly True-Final Strange Tale of Edgar Allan Poe** Join theater artists, dramaturgs, and scholars from Centerstage’s production of *The Completely Fictional--Utterly True--Final Strange Tale of Edgar Allan Poe* for a moderated, interactive discussion about the play, the author, and his writings. Discussion follows 7 p.m. performance. Discussion is free of charge; play requires tickets/admission. Thur, Nov 1, 9-10 p.m.

• **Movie Fridays** Janeane from Des Moines, a political mock documentary featuring political candidates from the 2012 election will be shown at this week’s Movie Fridays in Building 29, room 104 at 12:30 p.m. Actress Jane Edith Wilson portrays a conservative housewife from Iowa who seeks answers from Republican candidates. Free popcorn is provided.

• **Famil Fun Day** Teaching Artist Mizu Sugimura will show you how to decorate a furoshiki, Japanese wrapping cloth, inspired by the Japanese American Incarceration. This event is sponsored by Target. This event begins in Nov. 17, Sat from 1-3 p.m.

• **5th Avenue Theatre** Starting Oct. 24, 5th Avenue will begin its production of the new musical comedy, *The Addams Family*. The show runs through Nov. 11 on Thur, Fri, and Sat. at 8 p.m. as well as Sundays at 1:30 and 7 p.m. Ticket prices are \$95-\$160. 5th Avenue Theatre is at 1308 5th Avenue in Seattle. For more information on tickets and showtimes call 206-625-1900.

• **Music Matters in Federal Way** The conductor series *A Christmas Party with the Symphony* starts Dec. 2. The series features a mix of holiday classics, festive orchestra works, and great singers. It includes a video of the Nutcracker accompanied by the Federal Way Symphony. More events and ticket prices can be found at [federalwaysymphony.org](http://federalwaysymphony.org).

• **Group tickets for ELF - The Musical** at the 5th Avenue Theatre are now on sale. The holiday favorite runs Nov. 30 to Dec. 31. A group of 10 (or more) can lock in great seats now and save on both ticket prices and handling fees. For more details or tickets, call 888-625-1418.

• **Shop-O-Rama** join the Wing Luke Museum for a shopping experience that includes one-of-a-kind gift ideas, cookies, ciders, and much more. Shop-O-Rama kicks off with a visit from Hello Kitty herself, 1-4 p.m. With a \$15 purchase (\$10 for Members), receive a free digital photo with Hello Kitty and a special gift (while supplies last). Kids’ coloring stations plus all Hello Kitty items are 10 percent off. Sat. and Sun. Nov 3-4.

• **Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Carol** After being presumed dead for three years, a hardened Sherlock Holmes resurfaces, turning his back on the people who need him most. Three unexpected callers arrive on Christmas Eve uncovering clues from the detective’s past, present and future. Can they save Holmes and his world from a dire end? They must “do it all in one night” to accomplish the task. A mystery full of Christmas spirits your whole family will enjoy. Nov 23 - Dec 29. Previews Nov. 16 & 17

## Puzzle Answers:

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### Even Exchange answers

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# Victorian style meets science and technology, giving way to Steampunk

By JOSH NELSON  
Staff Reporter

Dapper men in bowler hats and elegant women encased in corsets, goggles and hoop skirts, steam-driven machinery and a warm and welcome atmosphere dominated the Hyatt Regency in Bellevue last weekend.

Steamcon IV took place Oct. 26-28, a convention celebrating the Northwest's love of the Steampunk cultural sub-genre. Events were scheduled from as early as 9 a.m. and as late as 2 a.m. the following morning.

Steampunk, a term coined in the late 1970s, refers to a sub-genre of science fiction, centered around steam technology and early Western industrialization. Most notably, Steampunk culture revolves around Victorian dress and mannerisms.

Diana Vick, vice-chair and promotions coordinator for Steamcon IV, was extremely impressed with the turn out this year.

"We expected anywhere from 2,500 to 3,000 people this year," she said. "We moved here [Bellevue Hyatt Regency] last year because we'd outgrown the Sea-Tac Hilton."

Vick, who was also co-founder of Steamcon in 2007, also said that the event is special for her because she makes all of her own costumes. She said she enjoys taking the time to create and dress up.

"We've got an excellent theme this year – Victorian Monsters – and we embrace the creativity and love with the sub-genre," said Vick.

Vick, who sported a vibrant purple corset, pointed out that the first floor of the convention was reserved exclusively for vendors and artists.

Roger Brown was one such vendor.

Brown, owner and operator of Steampunked Out, a custom leather craft shop in Idaho, said that he traveled 500 miles just to be part of this event.

"I've worked leather and metal for this convention since it started in 2007," said Brown. "It's always very welcoming and I love seeing all the new stuff each year. It's a chance to see the competition."

Brown, whose wares sold from \$15 to \$100, was most enthusiastic about the work within Artist Alley, a section of the first floor that housed more handcrafted and homemade goods and works.

Katherine Evans, owner



Erika Wigren/ THUNDERWORD

*From balls to vendors Steamcon IV attendees got to experience it all. Diana Vick, vice-chair and promotions coordinator (above), cosplayer waiting for the monster ball to begin (left), vendors selling their wares in artist alley (below-left).*



of Realm of Regalia based in Renton, said that she has been involved in the Steampunk scene for more than 20 years.

"We've been a part of Northwest Steam since the beginning," said Evans. "We love this new venue, it's a lot more elegant and fits into the theme of Steampunk perfectly."

Evans, who presented a wide selection of hats, trinkets, toys, props and guns, explained that nothing about Steampunk is exclusive.

Everyone is welcome, whether just off the street or attired in widely accurate cos-

tumes, each attendee made the experience even better.

Occupying the stall right next to Evans, was Joe Benitez, creator and writer of Lady Mechanika, a comic book that centers around the entire Steampunk culture.

"I was at Emerald City Comicon this year, and that was huge, but this is different," said Benitez. "I wish I'd brought my camera, just to get some ideas for the comic."

Benitez, who was drawing on commission as well as selling premade prints, was there all weekend and said he felt

very welcome.

"This is my first Steamcon, and it's been awesome," said Benitez. Lady Mechanika, which has celebrated its fourth issue, is one of the staples of the sub-genre, and Benitez received the Airship Award for his work on the comic.

Beyond Artist Alley were the lecture halls and ballrooms of the Regency, which were designed for presentations during the day and the two Monster Balls during the evening.

Terry Sofian, a lecturer from Missouri, gave a presentation on creating weapons for Steam-

punk costumes.

"If you truly think about it the 18th and 19th centuries were the birth of the Modern Age, and as such creativity was well beyond anything up to that point," said Sofian.

He said that limitations in weight-to-power ratio is what kept flight from being achieved during the Victorian period.

He also mentioned that governments of the time were controlled by the mercantilism of those who had interest in maintaining the status quo.

"Because of this, innovations that would have given us a 15-to-20 year head start on engine technology were put aside in favor of the horse and carriage system that dominated the era," said Sofian.

Attendees to the convention were able to attend the Carpathian Ball and the Van Helsing DJ Dance.

The inner monster within each attendee was unleashed as music ranging from elegance to dubstep was blasted through the Regency Ballrooms.

Steamcon will return next year, for more information or if interested in being a part of the next convention, visit [steamcon.org](http://steamcon.org).



# Volleyball suffers due to injured setters

By **ANGELA STONE**  
Staff Reporter

The T-Bird volleyball players struggled at the Mount Hood Tournament on Oct. 26-27 only to turn around and take down their rival, Green River.

Going into the Tournament, Coach Littleman said that his goal for the team was “to get better, and have more consistent play.”

At the tournament Highline took down Edmonds, which is fourth in the North division of the NWAACCs, 25-19, 25-14, 25-8.

Then Highline fell to fourth-place Clackamas from the South division, 25-18, 25-22, 25-22.

“Ashley [Barnum], our setter, rolled and sprained her ankle,” outside hitter Haley Dunham said. “She’s a trouper, she played through it last night [at the Green River game], you couldn’t tell.”

Barnum’s rolled ankle “happened in the second match. She played through it [during the tournament].” Her teammates helped Barnum out by setting the ball when it was by them so that Barnum wouldn’t have to run, Johnson said.

Highline did better in the third match against sixth-place Columbia Basin from the East division, 25-15, 26-24, 26-24, 25-22 winning the first, third, and fourth sets.

Highline suffered two more



Sherry Holt/THUNDERWORD  
*Middle blocker Rebekah Young sends the ball back into Green River’s court.*

defeats at the Mount Hood Tournament, including one to the hosts.

Mount Hood, which is first in the South division, took Highline, 27-25, 22-25, 25-29, 25-22.

Having played three consec-

utive games, “Taylor Johnson set for us in our last game against Pierce,” Dunham said. But the T-Birds lost to Pierce (third in the West division), 25-21, 25-21, 16-14.

“I thought we could have been more successful,” Dun-

ham said about the tournament.

“We have changed a lot [this season].” With Miranda’s torn ACL, “a lot of changes have had to happen,” outside hitter Haley Dunham said.

“Other people had to step up in other positions.” Johnson said. “It was kind of difficult to play without our setter.” Plus, “we played three straight games in a row.” Johnson said.

“Changing the line-ups made us work harder and come closer together as a team,” Dunham said.

Even though Highline didn’t do well on the scoreboard at Mount Hood, they still won first place in the costume portion.

For more than 20 years Highline has held the tradition of playing in costume at the Mount Hood tournament.

“Our theme was Nightmare Before Christmas,” Littleman said. “The girls were Sally and I was Jack and my assistant coach was the major. We won best costume for the second year in a row.”

“Even the referees dressed up the second day,” Dunham said.

“It started out a little rough,” libero Taylor Johnson said. “I was trying to look at everyone and not laugh, but we got comfortable playing in the costumes.”

“When the coach was talking, it was hard to take him seriously,” Johnson said.

Back to sporting their traditional uniforms, the T-birds won their game against Green River on Monday.

Littleman said that he was pleased with his team during the Green River game Oct. 29. “We really stayed positive and competed through the entire match especially when we were down and had to come back.”

The T-Birds played a close game winning the second, fourth and fifth set, 26-24, 25-20, 25-15, 26-24, 17-15. During each set the scores differed minutely.

“I think we became more close as a team by winning that,” Dunham said.

The Green River team didn’t seem to be so pumped to Johnson. “We didn’t let that get to us,” she said.

“The crowd was really big and loud,” Johnson said. That was both encouraging and intimidating at times during the match, she said.

In the first set, “We let them off the hook a little bit,” Johnson said, but then the team pulled together and became more consistent.

Littleman also said, “We missed a few key opportunities to score points because we were not in the correct position as well as missing serves in key moments.”

The Thunderbirds have two games left before the playoffs. On Nov. 2 the T-Birds face Centralia, and then Pierce College on Wednesday, Nov. 7

## T-Bird cross-country keeps improving, says coach

By **ALANNAH ANDERSON**  
Staff Reporter

The T-Bird men ran to third place at the North Region Championship on Oct. 26.

The men took third place in the event hosted by Olympic College, with runners Corey Brandt finishing with a time of 28:46 followed by Kendall Green 29:19, Seth Trowbridge 29:20, Matt Kullberg 29:45, Joey Chirriolo 30:44 and Ryan Wise at 36:16.

The team scored a total of 98 points putting them at number 3 of the 5 teams.

The women finished up at 14 and 21 place, with Briana Serjeant at 21:43 and Jeanna Daninger at 24:55.

The team also ran in the Mike Hodges Invite at Clackamas Community College in Oregon on Oct. 12.

The women ran a 5k, Serjeant at 22:15.74 and Daninger at 24:37.33.

The men ran a 4 mile event with Luke Martin at 21:49.98 followed by Brandt at 22:53.43, Trowbridge 23:28.75, Green 23:54.66, Kullberg 24:00.63, Chirriolo 24:46.74 and Wise at 27:14.13.

“The season has gone good so far; our team keeps improving each and every meet,” Brandt said.

The team has stepped up, especially this past week, said Green.

As a team they have put in a lot of hard work, said Kullberg.

Their hard work has paid off, but they aren’t done improving yet.

“Our times have improved, but we still have goals we want to reach,” said Green.

“Our team has done re-

ally well. 3 of our top 5 have dropped their times,” said Trowbridge. Meaning, their times were faster.

“The cross-country team is progressing nicely and are peaking at the right time as we are approaching NWAACC’s next week,” said Coach Taryn Plypick.

The team has had different challenges throughout the season.

Some have to juggle full-time jobs with school and cross-country, others have to push through their injuries and being a small team they have to be there for each other.

The NWAACC Championships are coming up on Nov. 10.

“We are all excited for the NWAACC race in Spokane because we have put in the hard work all season,” said Brandt.

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Women's volleyball		
North Division		
Bellevue 9-0		25-8
Olympic 9-1		29-9
Shoreline 6-3		12-17
Everett 4-7		5-20
Edmonds 3-8		8-22
Whatcom 2-7		8-20
Skagit Valley 1-8		7-17
EAST		
Blue Mountain 11-0		35-4
Walla Walla 9-2		28-8
Spokane 8-3		25-8
Yakima Valley 6-6		16-16
Wenatchee Valley 6-6		13-16
Columbia Basin 4-7		12-16
Big Bend 2-9		4-24
Tr. Valley 0-13		4-28
WEST		
Highline 9-1		28-10
Green River 8-2		24-8
Pierce 7-3		20-14
Tacoma 6-4		22-9
Clark 3-7		8-17
L. Columbia 3-8		8-22
Centralia 0-11		4-22
SOUTH		
Mt. Hood 8-0		27-9
Linn-Benton 5-2		23-12
Umpqua 4-3		26-16
Chemeketa 3-5		21-23
Clackamas 2-5		10-26
SW Oregon 0-7		3-22
Men's soccer		
North Division		
Edmonds 9-2-1	10-6-2	
Whatcom 7-3-1	7-4-2	
Everett 6-4-1	7-5-1	
Skagit Valley 3-7-1	5-10-1	
Shoreline 0-11-1	0-14-1	
EAST		
Walla Walla 8-1-3	13-1-3	
Columbia Basin 6-4-2	11-5-3	
Spokane 5-5-1	7-6-2	
Treasure Valley 3-4-4	3-5-5	
Wenatchee 0-10-1	2-13-1	
WEST		
Peninsula 11-0-0	18-1-0	
Highline 6-4-2	9-4-3	
Tacoma 4-6-1	6-7-1	
Olympic 3-6-2	4-9-2	
Bellevue 2-8-2	3-10-2	
SOUTH		
Clark 11-0-1	14-1-2	
Chemeketa 8-1-2	8-4-5	
Pierce 6-6-0	8-9-0	
SW Oregon 1-9-1	2-10-1	
S. Puget Sound 1-9-1	1-14-2	
Women's soccer		
North Division		
Everett 9-2-2	9-4-3	
Whatcom 8-1-4	10-1-4	
Shoreline 6-3-4	7-5-4	
Edmonds 5-3-5	7-4-6	
Skagit Valley 4-6-3	5-8-4	
Green River 2-10-1	4-11-2	
EAST		
Spokane 12-1-2	13-1-3	
Walla Walla 11-1-3	12-2-3	
Treasure Valley 7-7-1	8-8-1	
Columbia Basin 5-7-3	7-7-3	
Yakima Valley 2-10-3	2-11-4	
Wenatchee 0-14-1	0-17-1	
WEST		
Peninsula 13-1-0	18-1-0	
Highline 7-4-4	9-5-5	
Bellevue 7-4-3	9-5-3	
Tacoma 5-8-2	6-9-2	
Olympic 2-7-5	3-8-6	
Lower Columbia 2-9-3	3-11-4	
SOUTH		
Clackamas 11-2-0	12-3-0	
Lane 6-5-1	7-5-3	
Chemeketa 3-6-3	3-8-3	
Clark 4-9-0	5-11-1	
SW Oregon 0-11-1	0-13-1	
Results		
Spokane 6, Columbia Basin 1		
Walla Walla 10, Yakima 2		
Treasure V. 12, Wenatchee 1		
Highline 6, Tacoma 0		
Shoreline 2, Green River 1		

# As regular season ends, Thunderbirds intensify training for playoff atmosphere

By BRENT VANWECHEL  
Staff Reporter

Highline's men's soccer team was unbeaten going into the last regular season game, yesterday, against Tacoma. Details of that game were unavailable at press time.

The win-streak was continued through last week after tying Olympic at Starfire Sports Complex in Tukwila. Goals from Jacob Thoreson, Kyle Danielson, and Jimmy Oganga put the Thunderbirds ahead 3-1 before the Rangers were able to score two goals in the second half to end the match even at 3-3.

"I think we got too comfortable with our lead and just lost our focus which led to a couple mistakes that the other team capitalized on," said freshman midfielder, David Loeung.

"Not much can be changed, except for our players to understand we all need to play and work hard until the end. It's a 90-minute game, and it's game of moments; therefore you can't take it easy at any moment. So we just have to work hard as a unit and push ourselves until the end without tuning out even for a second."

That slight change must have been made, because the men brought their A-game to Bellevue last Saturday.

This was pretty much over close to 20 minutes into the game. By then, the Thunderbirds were already up 4-0. It was 4-1 at halftime, but there would be no comeback for the Bulldogs, who eventually lost



Sherry Holt/THUNDERWORD

Thunderbirds intensify their training as end of regular season approaches.

to the Thunderbirds 5-1.

Two goals from forward Loeung, one from defender Jacob Thoreson, and a goal and assist each for both forward Ace Egerton and midfielder Esteban Tobón helped propel the Thunderbirds to the win.

"Everything has just been clicking recently. Our chemistry has been getting better and better and that has been resulting in goals," said Egerton.

The current three-game unbeaten streak is the longest the Thunderbirds have had since their regular season began.

The Thunderbirds had scored a total of 14 goals in the previous ten games before this unbeaten streak that started on Oct. 22. Since then, they have

scored 14 goals in three games.

Jacob Thoreson, Highline's defender from Thomas Jefferson High School, has, coincidentally, scored in all three of those games as well.

"It feels good [to score]. Normally, I'm just watching people score from the defense so it's nice to be on the other side for a change and to help put points on the board for our team," said Thoreson. "[And] we've just been playing better soccer. We switched around the lineup a little and worked on getting more people forward into the box and it has definitely been paying off. And our defense is starting to play really well. Also we changed midfielder Cole Madden to a

center-back with me. I think we're just coming together and starting to play as a team," he said.

"We just clinched second place in the division with the 5-1 victory on Saturday against Bellevue," said assistant coach Steve Mohn. "We have one game left at Tacoma, which will be huge because they are one of our rivals and Tacoma and Olympic are fighting for the third and final playoff spot in our division. After that, we will be hosting a playoff game at Starfire [Sports] on Nov. 7 against [either] Everett or Whatcom [depending on how they finish in the standings after their last two games], so that will be very big for us."

# Lady T-Birds maintain tenuous hold on playoffs, next two games are crucial

By JACOB SCOTT  
Staff Reporter

As the women's soccer season winds down, the Highline Thunderbirds are in a battle to retain a playoff berth.

After recent performances, Highline's women soccer team is now in second place with 22 points in the West Division in the NWAACC.

Bellevue is in a close third place with 21 points but has played one game less than the Thunderbirds.

Peninsula reigns on top of the group with a strong record of 13-1 which has given

the team 39 points.

Highline defeated Olympic 2-1 on Oct. 24 with goals from Lauren Johnson and Nicole Williams.

The Thunderbirds' most recent game against Bellevue resulted in a 0-0 tie on Oct. 27.

After the two teams played each other earlier in the season which led to a 1-1 draw, this second match up proved to be just as competitive.

Bellevue dominated play for the first 15 minutes but after that, failed to set up an opportunity to score.

Although the Thunder-

birds took control for the rest of the game, they too failed to finish the chances they had created.

"I thought the result was unfortunate since we definitely played well enough to win. We dominated all play, [except for] 15 minutes in the first half.

The game set up exactly how we wanted, but we were unable to take advantage of the many opportunities we had in front of goal, which is always disappointing," said Highline Coach Thomas Moore.

With it being so late in the season, Highline needs to

start scoring the goals that it has been struggling to find off and on throughout the season.

The last two games will prove to be crucial as Bellevue and Tacoma could take away the Thunderbirds' hopes of a chance in the playoffs if both teams win their last games and Highline loses theirs.

The Thunderbirds met Tacoma yesterday, details for this game were not available at presstime. They will go on to play Lower Columbia at Starfire Sports Complex on Friday, Nov. 2.



# Lady T-Birds prepare for fall season

## Managing newbies and returning members proves challenging

By **ALANNAH ANDERSON**  
Staff Reporter

Women's basketball has bridged the divide between new and returning players by scrimmaging.

Highline Women's basketball team played in the Bellevue Jamboree on Oct. 27.

The Thunderbirds took on Everett, Peninsula and Skagit Valley.

Coming away with a 31-34 loss to Everett, a 32-24 win against Peninsula, and a loss by one point to Skagit Valley.

The team has six returning players and seven new additions to the team.

This could have been a challenge for the team. However, returning player Nicole Smith said, "This weekend we did better than expected. It was the first time we played against anyone other than ourselves so it took some getting used to for all of us to come and work together."

The biggest challenge for the team this year is themselves, said Smith.

"We have a lot of talent and we can go far with it," she said.

"But we're just going to have to make sure that we're always working hard and definitely always working together."

Smith is excited to get into their league games and see the improvement of their team.

Returning player Keana Magalei, said that she was excited to play the team that they lost to last year because there is a chip on her shoulder.

"I'm looking forward to making it to the NWAACC tournament, since we didn't go last year as freshmen," said Magalei.

"Our biggest challenge will be to never get complacent," said Magalei.

The team goes on to play against Evergreen State College, of Olympia, on Nov. 3.



Sherry Holt/THUNDERWORD

*Lady T-Birds rigorously practice in order to find cohesion, attempting to integrate the freshman players.*

## Men's preseason starts tomorrow, team enthused

By **JACOB SCOTT**  
Staff Reporter

Highline men's basketball season begins Jan. 2, but the team's pre-division and scrimmages begin Nov. 2.

To start off the scrimmage games, the Thunderbirds will play against Edmonds on Nov. 2.

Last season Edmonds went 3-13 and finished seventh place in the North Division of the NWAACC.

Highline also finished in seventh place in its division last year with a record of 6-10.

This game will be Highline's first game against another school since the beginning of the summer, when it competed at a jamboree in Bellevue.

"It will be nice to play against another uniform. A couple of weeks in the guys get very tired of practicing against each other every day," said Head Coach Che Dawson.

As of right now the Thunderbirds do not have a starting roster developed as they only have two returning players from last year; Sophomore guards ReDell Moore and Terri McGhee.

Despite the lack of returning players, the team feels it is already developing the chemistry needed to win games.

"The team is developing quite well as a unit," said Highline guard Jerron Smith.

"Everybody is pretty close on the team, which makes it easier to play on the court. We still have a few things that we can get better on but we've made a lot of progress as a team," he said.

The Thunderbirds play away against Wenatchee on Nov. 9 and then host Shoreline on Nov 12, which will be the last of their scrimmages.

Highline's first pre-division game is at home against Skagit on Nov. 17.

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# Campus telephone system gets an upgrade

By **MARQUES DINAPOLI**  
Staff Reporter

Students and faculty who will be on campus Veterans Day weekend will want to make sure they bring their cell phones with them.

Highline's phone system will be completely offline on Saturday Nov. 10 and possibly Sunday Nov. 11 for system upgrades.

"The downtime will start at 8 a.m. Saturday morning and may run into Sunday. The whole system should be back online by Tuesday morning," Patricia Daniels, manager of Customer Services for Administrative Technology, said.

There is no school on Monday, Nov. 12 in observance of Veterans Day.

During the downtime there will be emergency phones in buildings 1, 6, 8, 9, 24, 25, 26, 30 and 99. There will be only one located in each of these buildings. The phones "are just simple, red, old-school phones," Kurtis Keltner, the manager of Network Services, said.

The 18-year-old phone system is used extensively by both students and faculty on campus for all manner of school-related purposes.

"It has been a very good system," Keltner said, "but it's at a point that, due to its warranty, it has exceeded its useful life span."

Jokingly referred to as "the refrigerator," the parts within and housing the phone system will be reused as much as possible, Keltner said.

Although the major features and functions will remain the same, upgrading the system, Keltner said, will provide better services, "which will open up more and better features."

But what about the phones themselves?

"I've had several people ask me that," Daniels said, "the actual phones themselves will not be switched out. Only the system behind the scenes will be changed."

The phone numbers for the temporary phones are as follows:

Just in case there are problems with the installation, Keltner said, "That's one of the

Buildings	Phone Numbers
1	206-878-8009
6	206-878-8294
8	206-878-8298
9	206-878-8320
24	206-878-8564
25	206-878-8685
26	206-878-8692
30	206-878-8693
99	206-878-8704

reasons we picked this holiday weekend to piggyback. So we can have extra time to get things done."

Any problems with the



Photo by Patricia Daniels

*Kurtis Keltner, the manager of Network Services demonstrates how the new machinery works.*

system should be figured out by Monday, Keltner said. "If there are any more, they will be triaged and dealt with one at a time," he said.

There were other reasons for the timing of this major project. One had to do with scheduling, for both Administrative Technology staff and the vendor doing the installation.

"Cerium Networks, the vendor installing the new system, just didn't have enough time during the summer to get things done on time," Daniels said. "And then we had to plan around staff vacations as well, making sure everyone was available to help with a project of this scope."

Funding also had a hand in determining the timing of this project.

"With state funding, which is what we got for this project, if you don't use the money by a specified time, you lose it. So we simply can't wait until an ideal time for everyone," Keltner said.

According to the Vice President for Administration, Larry Yok, the phone upgrade will cost about \$134,000 in total.

Additionally, both Daniels and Keltner highlighted the need to upgrade the voice mail system as soon as possible.

"The voice mail system was put in at the same time as the phone system, so it needs an upgrade just as bad," Keltner said. "However, since we are keeping the voice mail system a little longer, we have taken steps to keep the system operational until it can be

upgraded."

As with the phone system, Daniels said, the

timing of the upgrade for the voice mail system depends on funding and scheduling. She

said it looks like the voice mail upgrade won't get funded during this school year.

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# Seminar gives insight to history of gender roles, sexual orientation

By **RACQUEL ARCEO**  
Staff Reporter

How the view of gender roles and different sexual orientations has changed through history was discussed in last week's packed History Seminar.

"My expertise is in social justice, not just gender. I'm interested in a whole person," said Dr. Alicia E. Lewis, part-time Highline instructor and Dean of Student Success and Retention at Edmond Community College.

George Beard, an American neurologist, theorized, in 1881, that homosexuality was a disease that could be cured with surgery.

"We didn't have this language yet: LGBTQI," said Dr. Lewis.

In the mid 19th century there were many major social disruptions around sexuality issues, including prostitution, masturbation, abortion, birth control and homosexuality.

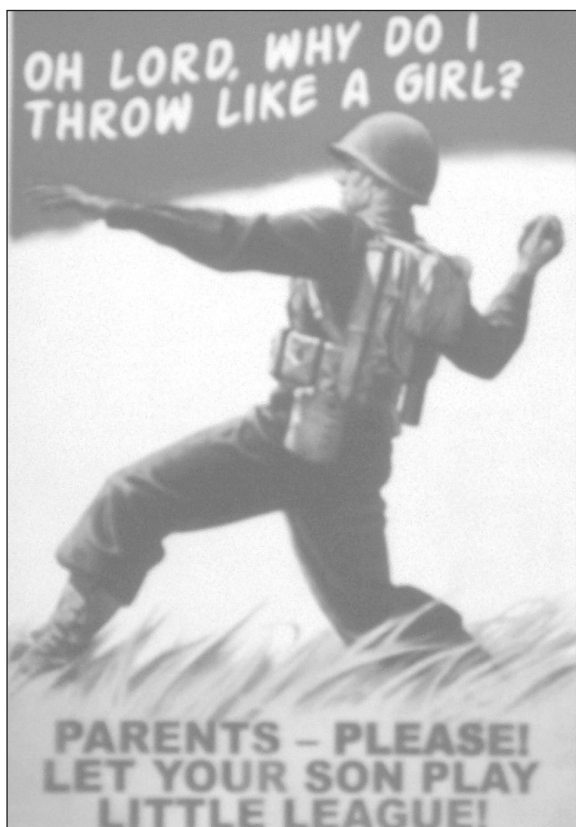
Propaganda against homosexuality in the 1950s depicted it as an illness or a mental disorder that was dangerous and people should be warned about.

Awareness of homosexuality became more widespread and in 1953 President Eisenhower pushed employers to ban all homosexuals from employment.

In the 1960s there was a push to remove and not allow homosexuals into certain states, but, in Seattle especially, there was a lot of resistance.

Pornography was originally very expensive and therefore viewed mostly by people in higher social classes.

Because of this there was not as large of an issue with it.



In last Wednesday's History Seminar Dr. Lewis showed posters, such as the ones above, depicted the gender role of males and how they were expected to be masculine and strong.

Then, when the camera was improved and used more, pornography became much more accessible to the masses.

"Now porn is everywhere," said Dr. Lewis, "it's more widely accessible."

In the 1970s homoerotic pornography came more to the fore and because of that there became a lot more tension surrounding pornography.

"This [was] really pushing the envelope in terms of mainstream kinds of art and homoerotic kinds of pieces that we normally see," said Dr. Lewis.

Though now people aren't as up-front with their opinions, there remains a lot of subtle biases. Aversive heterosexism is common to see in middle to upper class.

"Language is used to shape perception and cultural concepts," Dr. Lewis said.

Culture is powerful, it shapes realities.

People tend to follow cultural norms, beliefs and values. Sexuality and gender is fluid.

It isn't as simple as heterosexual and homosexual, she said.

Sexual orientation is no longer defined by just who someone is attracted to, but the total person, she said "We have to challenge language."

It's hard to make assumptions, she said. Because sexuality is such a fluid concept and depends on the totality of an individual there is no guessing, "it's always better to ask," Dr. Lewis said.



Shannon Carter/THUNDERWORD

## National college fair stops in Seattle

By **NATALIE CAMPBELL**  
Staff Reporter

Students and parents are invited to attend the National College Fair at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center this weekend.

The event will be held Friday Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. to noon, and Saturday Nov. 3 from noon to 4 p.m.

More than 340 colleges are participating; this includes international, nationwide, and multiple colleges from Washington state.

"I would hope that students find a college or colleges that would be the right 'fit' for them," said Alice Tanaka the chairperson for the National College Fair.

Tanaka said she has been the chairperson for the National College Fair for more than 20 years.

She continues to advise students as a college counselor at Holy Names Academy in Seattle.

An estimated 15,000 people are expected to attend the fair this year.

This number is including high school and college students looking to advance their educations.

At the fair, students and parents are able to meet one-on-one with college representatives who will distribute pamphlets and answer any questions.

## All Highline students have a chance to win \$1,000 video prize

By **SHANNON CARTER**  
Staff Reporter

League of Women Voters is conducting a Washington video contest to bring awareness to manipulative campaign tactics and the top prize is \$1,000.

The point of the video contest is to bring a comedic awareness to manipulative campaign tactics.

More information can be found at [google.com/site/shield-supplwvwa/](http://google.com/site/shield-supplwvwa/) and LWVWA encourages people to register

even before they start making a video.

For further information, call 206-261-7797.

"Why not change the impact of the ads, by letting people know how they work and what they do to your brain," said Kathy Sakahara, President of LWVWA.

The League of Women Voters is a citizens' organization has fought since the 1920s to improve the government and engage all citizens in decisions that impact their lives, both

men and women are welcome to join LWVWA and participate.

It is a nonpartisan organization meaning it doesn't support or oppose candidates for public office.

The contest runs until Dec. 1 and everyone is invited to participate.

Only students can win the grand prize of \$1,000 along with a plaque that will be presented by Gov. Christine Gregoire. There will also be a second and third prize winner.

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# Arcturus

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Hashimoto. "Our eight editors went above and beyond the call of duty, and the graphic design team was amazing."

Hashimoto said that the process began in Fall Quarter of 2011, when students from around campus sent in submissions of short stories, poetry, photography and graphic artwork.

"From there, our editors would rate the work on a scale of 1-to-5, but beyond the rating they would have to back-up their decision with evidence from the work and their own knowledge," said Hashimoto.

As adviser, Hashimoto said that it was more important for her to guide and advise, rather than make decisions and editing choices.

However, when the Highline S&A budget committee wanted to convert *Arcturus* to a digital publication Hashimoto got more directly involved.

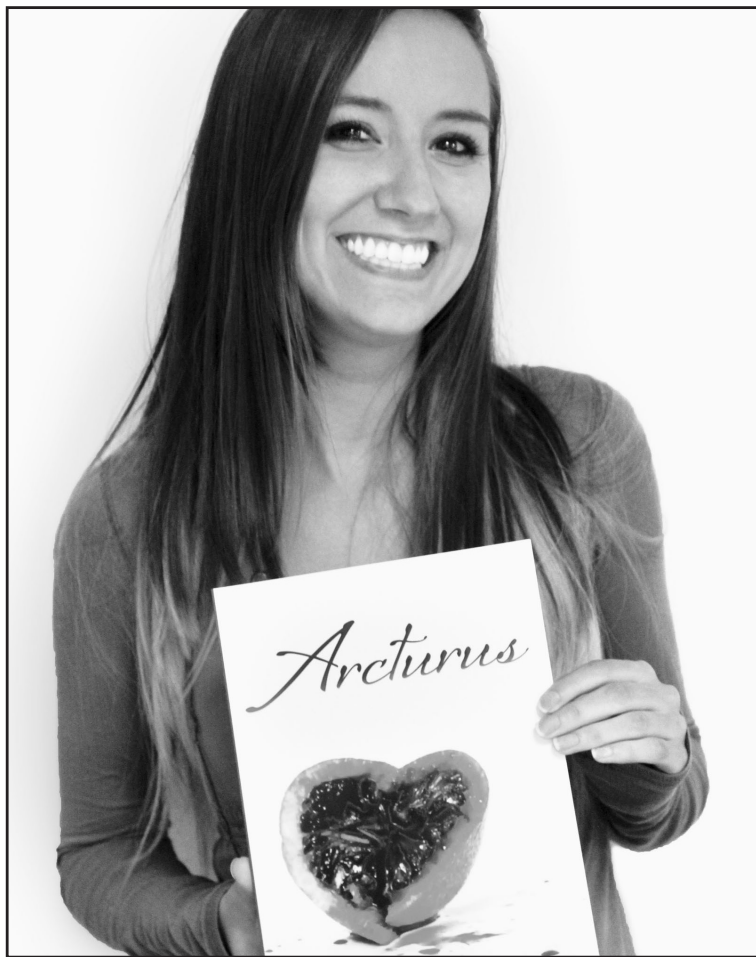
"I felt it was important for the writers to get a hardbound copy of the book, it verifies their work when they see it on the page," said Hashimoto.

Hashimoto and her eight literary editors wrote detailed letters to the S&A budget committee, imploring them to keep *Arcturus* a publication instead of a digital entity.

The committee saw how important this issue was, and set aside the appropriate funding for the 2012 edition.

After securing the funds, the editors began working furiously to perfect the magazine.

Vedran Jankovic, one of the



Stephanie Sheridan-Draper

editors for *Arcturus*, said that they had received hundreds of submissions from around campus, and that the task of narrowing down the choice was a daunting one.

"Our theme, blood, at first made everyone a little queasy," said Jankovic. "But blood is very much Highline, there is blood from every corner of the world flowing through the Highline campus, we're so diverse."

Jankovic said that editing for *Arcturus*, was a challenge for him and the other editors.

They had to eliminate their presumptions and preconceived notions about literature.

They had to learn to be flexible, but the crew had been called stubborn and skeptical.

After selecting the 45 pictures, poems and stories – a process that took months – Jankovic said it was time to put the whole thing together, and that flexibility was an important part of the assembly process.

Enter the visual-communication side of the project.

Luis Batlle, the graphic designer in charge of formatting images and text, said he was happy to work on the project.

"We knew all that we had to do, it was a lot of work but we're a good team and it was fun," said Batlle.

Another designer, Krista Rhea helped manage the entire project from a design point of view, "As soon as we started showing them proofs [page rough drafts] they [the editors] never had anything bad to say," said Rhea. "They gave us ideas of what they were looking for and we were able to work it out."

Rhea also said that they needed a font for the cover and interior – she turned to Laura Worthington, Highline instructor and type designer.

Worthington donated her font called Sheila for the project.

Sherry Holt, another designer for the 2012 *Arcturus*, said that she was proud to have been a part of the project.

"We had a few late nights," said Holt.

Holt also said that Batlle created a Facebook Group specifically for communication between the individuals on the graphic design team.

Holt also said that she served as communications liaison between the design team and the *Arcturus* editors.

Jasmine Cawley designed the layout for the interior of the 2012 edition.

"For me, this project started back in Graphic Design 2, where one of our assignments was to try and design the cover for the magazine," Cawley said.

Although Cawley's cover wasn't chosen, her work is seen throughout the magazine, including a bloody tree with oranges hanging from the branches.

She also was responsible for the layout of the magazine.

"I wanted it to look like a novel," said Cawley, "with a bold header to designate new

pieces of art, but I also wanted to show of the importance of the writing. It was a balancing act between grabbing attention and showing off the work."

The biggest surprise for the group came in the form of the embossed cover.

The blood orange image and picture was designed and shot by Stephanie Sheridan-Draper.

"I was watching the opening scene of *Dexter*, where he squeezes the blood orange, and I thought that would be perfect," said Sheridan-Draper. "I cut some in half and started experimenting and brainstorming with different aspects of it. It just happened that one of the oranges came out looking like a heart."

Aside from the cover art, the Print Department at Highline suggested adding something special to the cover, hence the embossing on the front and back.

Tony Sittner, program manager for Graphics Production, said that the Print Department has been involved with *Arcturus* since the beginning.

"We made the suggestion to apply a raised or reticulated ultra-violet coating to give the cover more depth," said Sittner. "There are actually two techniques applied to the cover, the first is a raised gloss, and the second is a reticulated finish on the inner parts of the fruit."

"That was such a nice surprise," said Hashimoto. "It really showed how special this project was for all of those involved."

Students interested in contributing to the 2013 edition of *Arcturus*, or those who wish to be involved in editing the magazine, should contact Hashimoto at shashimoto@highline.edu.

## Nursing Club helping veterans

By MICHELLE VALDEZ  
Staff Reporter

In observance of Veterans Day, the Student Nursing Club is aiding toiletry items to aid the Veterans.

The club is collecting toiletry items in time for Veterans Day on Nov. 11.

The items are donated to the VA Puget Sound Health Care System, a hospital that offers health care for Veteran Patients living in the Pacific Northwest.

The patients vary from those who are retired from the military, and has done active duty or military time.

All of whom are charged for supplies as far as non-medical necessities.

The donations can be any toiletry item such as shampoo, shaving cream, disposable razors, lotion, soap, shower gel and packets of Q-tips®, all of which are sample-sized.

This year, paperback books

are also asked to be donated.

"Some of the Veterans are homeless," says Teri Trillo, Nursing Program Coordinator and Nursing Assistant Certified (NAC) Director, "And those are the ones that we really want to address because they need and come with nothing."

Items that are sample-sized are recommended because those who are homeless can easily carry it with them to shelters.

Veterans who come from out-of-state bring little with them and are not worthwhile depending on recovery times.

There is no one in the area to bring the patients toiletries that are enough, and it makes things better if there are items already available for them she says.

"The reason how we noticed this was because we've had peers and other students at other hospitals that had that issue," says Trillo. "So those who went to the Veteran's hospital thought we can do something about

it. And that's what drove the beginning of this."

Already the club has been doing this for six years and last year, the faculty, staff and students have donated 500 pounds of toiletries.

This year, they are hoping for even more.

Donations are to be dropped off in collection barrels located in the library (Building 25) in the second floor; the Nursing Faculty Building (Building 15) in the first floor; Building 26 in room 219; Building 8 in the first floor; and Building 6 in the first floor.

The collection barrels will be out until Thursday, Nov. 8. At noon, the Veterans Committee is presenting a Veterans Recognition on campus at the MIA flag in front of Building 6. Students are invited and free to drop off their donations there.

For more information on donating, contact Trillo by email at ttrillo@highline.edu.

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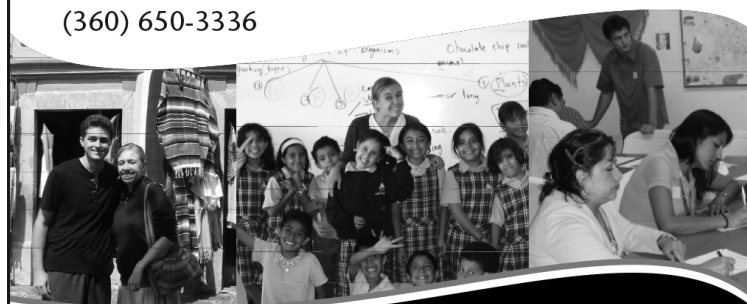
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# MaST Center seeks jellyfish babysitters

## MaST Center launches project to raise jellyfish

By **REBECCA TRIPOLI**  
Staff Reporter

Wanted: Jellyfish nannies. The MaST Center is in need of volunteers for the Aqua Culture Project.

The project entails growing and taking care of large numbers of jellyfish.

Highline is one of the few places in the country that raises jellyfish for research.

The project started in April 2011 by Mikiko Williams, a biologist at the MaST Center.

"The whole thing kind of started by accident," said Williams.

She had always bought jellyfish for the MaST Center until she discovered that they were sticking to the back of the fish tank and started to develop



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*The MaST Center at Redondo is home to many jellyfish such as the Moon jellyfish shown above.*

more jellyfish.

After noticing this, she decided to start raising the jelly-

fish herself.

Shortly thereafter, she passed the responsibility on to student

Bri Gabel.

Gabel has since been growing moon jellyfish from birth to adulthood with the help of her classmate and friend Matt Wilson.

They produce as many jellyfish as possible and are planning on providing them to schools for research if the program continues.

Gabel and Wilson have produced more than 7,000 jellyfish since they've started volunteering.

"We are one of the few places in the country to culture them," said Wilson.

Both Gabel and Wilson are at the MaST Center every day except for Sundays and spend about two hours each time taking care of the jellyfish.

"Something terrible can happen to them every day," said Gabel.

A typical day of taking care of the jellyfish involves feeding them brine shrimp, and it must be just the right amount.

The jellies also have to be

constantly moving or they can die within two hours.

Gabel and Wilson also must monitor the temperature of the tank and make sure it is clean.

Gabel and Wilson also make their own jellyfish tanks, which come either from donated parts or starting from scratch.

"It's very time-consuming, but with more help it will make the job much easier," said Gabel.

Gabel will be leaving Highline in two months to study marine biology in Hawaii and Wilson will be joining the Marines.

They are both desperately seeking their replacements because if none are found, the Aqua Culture Project will be dropped and all of the jellyfish will be released.

No experience is necessary to volunteer. Applicants just need to be willing to take care of the jellyfish on a regular basis.

The students who are chosen will receive volunteer hours.

If interested, contact Gabel at [euleart@gmail.com](mailto:euleart@gmail.com) or 253-249-6268.

# Math has problems but also solutions, say profs

By **YURI HOANG**  
Staff Reporter

The conference room was filled with students and instructors as Dr. Terry Meerdink and Tim Greene gave their presentations on some quick "tricks" to solve "difficult-looking" mathematical problems at the weekly Science Seminar last Friday.

"In the classes I teach here at Highline, and in the volunteer work I do with the Thomas Jefferson High School math team, I always tell students that being good at math is being lazy. Find the easier way to do something, and you will enjoy the task more," Tim Greene, an adjunct mathematics instructor at Highline mentioned in his prepared handout for the audience.

For his presentation, Greene explained each of the problems in the handout step-by-step.

Greene explained how he would solve them in an unusual way.

The first theme of his presentation is "Find a Better Way," for which he gave an example of why "[he finds] mathematics enjoyable" and of how "gratifying" it is to discover easier ways to do things.

A few years after he was done with his undergraduate degree, Greene said he spent quite a lot of time solving a geometric problem, "using coordinate geometry and three



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*Adjunct mathematics instructor Tim Greene explained why he enjoys mathematics.*

pages of ugly algebraic calculation."

A few months after he came up with the answer, Greene found out a different solution that only took some simple steps.

This is when his "interest in solving interesting problems was really given a big boost."

Greene discussed the second theme with some "time-saving tricks" that would be really helpful for students taking American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC) tests.

He gave actual examples retrieved from previous AMATYC tests in the past years.

Greene also demonstrated his solutions, most of which only took a few minutes.

The examples ranged from geometric questions to problems "involving arithmetic sequences and series."

He also showed students, especially those planning on taking the AMATYC test, some strategies for answering multiple choice questions.

"I'm done just by looking at the relationship between numbers and by doing some arithmetic," Greene said.

"Often, an informal approach to a problem will give you the answer, or something that almost has to be the right

answer, much faster than a formal mathematical approach."

Right after Tim Greene's presentation, Harry Kim - a student tutor from the Math Resource Center - demonstrated some of his ways to solve four common math problems.

Kim also gave out examples from past AMATYC tests - integer problems, simpler combinations, solving symmetric line, and how to use a calculator efficiently.

Dr. Terry Meerdink wrapped up the seminar by letting the attendees have some fun solving puzzles with her.

With two puzzles "originally from the Game Magazine," Dr.

Meerdink showed the audience how much she's into puzzle-solving and how fun it could be.

She also discussed Highline's final schedule this Fall and how frustrating it was before she stepped in and solved the problem.

"You can actually use some puzzle-solving skills to [change] something that can really affect your life, well, like the final schedule [for example]," Dr. Meerdink said.

Dr. Meerdink also encouraged students to take the AMATYC math competition.

The competition will take place in Building 7 on Thursday, Nov. 1 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.

To help students practice, there are copies of previous tests for practice can be obtained outside Dr. Meerdink's office in Building 18, room 213.

Students that are interested can also email her at [tmeerdink@highline.edu](mailto:tmeerdink@highline.edu).

For contest questions and answer keys from recent competitions, students can visit the AMATYC website at [amatyc.org/SML/old-competition-questions.htm](http://amatyc.org/SML/old-competition-questions.htm).

Next week's Science seminar will feature instructor Tracy Brigham's presentation on "Diet and Disparity."

Brigham's Science seminar will be held from 2:30-3:23 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.



# ‘Packaging Politics’ shows student views on debates

By **ASHLEY LARSON**  
Staff Reporter

A Mass Media class learned how to look at the political debates in a whole new way.

On Monday 10 students from a mass media class presented their non-biased views on the presidential debates in a seminar called “Packaging Politics.”

“Packaging Politics” was all about how certain things affect the way the audience feels about the debates.

These students were each asked questions about the debates that they had to answer in front of the audience.

The first question was about the candidate’s wardrobe; what the candidate was wearing, what style of clothing (formal, casual, regional, etc.), and what jumps out to them about the appearance?

“Each candidate had to encompass their color in a unique way, Obama had to wear blue which made him seem relaxed while Romney had to wear red which made him seem angry,” said Joseph Park, a student in Mass Media. Park also pointed out that they were both in desperate need of a tailor.

“In the second debate the roles were reversed, as were the ties,” said Jon Farrington,

another student in Mass Media. He said out that when Romney wore a blue tie he seemed more relaxed and when Obama wore a red tie he seemed like he was on the attack-mode.

The second question was about the visuals and the background; what images are surrounding the candidate and what do the images imply about the candidate?

“Nothing in media is put there by accident,” said Brian Kinghorn, a student in Mass Media. He also said that everything is intentional to sway the public.

“The red floor in the second debate added to it because the second debate was more heated,” said Marlon Deleon, a student in Mass Media.

The students started to talk about key things that they noticed in the debates.

“Romney clicked his pen while Obama never did,” said Kathleen Kent, another student in the class.

“There was constant movement in the second debate as opposed to the first and third, which were more formal,” said Park.

“The candidates’ personalities were shown in each of their different gestures,” he said.

“In the second debate the audience was positioned differ-



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*Highline Professor Susan Landgraf makes a point in a discussion on politics last week.*

ently than the other two. The audience was very important in the second debate as opposed to the others,” said Deonate Cruz, another student in the class.

The teacher, Susan Langraf, asked a question about the stools.

“What did the stools mean in the second debate?” Both of the candidates sat on stools in the second debate, which a few students analyzed.

“When the candidates were

on stools they seemed like they were in control of the debate but in a very personable way,” said Kent.

“Stools can be compared to a high heel in terms of comfort and exposure,” said Park.

“Stools aren’t comfortable but they expose a lot of you and your posture,” he said.

“Stools aren’t comfortable so it was done purposely in the second debate to get the candidates moving,” said Farrington.

The final question that was asked is what the students learned from the assignment.

“I learned that nothing is done by accident,” said Deleon.

“I learned to pay more attention to how people move,” said Kinghorn.

“I voted because of this assignment. I was so anti-politics before I started taking this class. Now I am really interested in what is going on,” said Kent.

## Instructors explain what happens to your taxes

By **ANGELA STONE**  
Staff Reporter

Thanks to budget deficits, the United States government owes money to a lot of countries and people, not just China.

Highline Economics professors Kevin Stanley and Dr. James Peyton spoke Tuesday morning about the debt and the budget.

They spoke as part of Defining Democracy, a two-week political seminar put together to help students understand their political system better.

Economics professors Kevin Stanley and James Peyton, spoke Tuesday morning on the national debt and deficit. The focus of the seminar was to help students better understand where their taxes are going, and how they are being used.

Stanley asked the attending student what the difference was between debt and deficit. They are not the same thing, Stanley said. “The debt is the total.”

“The deficit is the amount the governments spends in excess of tax revenues,” in a given year, he said.

The national debt is \$16.5 trillion.



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*Kevin Stanley breaks down how the U.S. budget.*

“Who do we owe this to?” Stanley asked. The U.S. owes \$1.1 trillion to China. “That’s \$14 trillion to not China.”

The country owes about the same amount to Japan, Stanley said.

Stanley said that one of the odd things about the deficit is that “the U.S. government owes the government \$6 trillion,” he said.

How this works is that, the government borrows from other branches of the government.

Stanley said that it isn’t the \$6 trillion that we are worried about. “The foreign debt is the

concerning debt.”

The reason it is concerning is because, “it’s a loss of income here,” Stanley said.

The U.S. usually has a budget deficit. However, the budget was in surplus in last three years President Clinton was in office.

“Mostly it was that the economy was growing faster than the national debt,” Stanley said.

“The technology boom was going on and it generated a lot of money for the government,” Peyton said.

“During that time there was a really strong tech stock

bubble,” Dr. Peyton said, which inflated people’s wealth and also their incomes.

Also the overall economy was strong. “When we have a strong economy the case loads for social programs decrease,” Dr. Peyton said.

Another product of a strong economy is that the government spends less money on programs such as unemployment, Peyton said.

“[When] fewer people have jobs, fewer people are paying income tax,” Stanley said.

However the debt is tied to more than just taxes and income. “Our national debt is tied to health care costs,” he added.

Federal spending on health care has gone from less than 10 percent of the budget to 25 percent, with projections pointing to 33 percent in coming decades.

“We spend much more on health care per person in our country,” Stanley said. “Other countries have ways to control cost.”

Health care accounts for roughly one third of the president’s proposed mandatory spending, and military ac-

counts for more than 50 percent of the president’s proposed discretionary spending.

Stanley showed a graph to compare the amount of money being spent on the United State’s military vs. other countries. The amount of money the government spends on the military is as much as 14 other counties combined including China, Russia and the United Kingdom, Dr. Peyton said.

However, “man power wise our military is smaller than China,” Dr. Peyton said.

“The tech we use is expensive. We have a technology intensive military,” he said.

Also the U.S. military operates around the world, whereas many other nations don’t have a global military presence.

One other thing that many people may not realize though, is that a good portion of the money being spent on our military is being recirculated back into our economy when soldiers buy domestic goods, Dr. Peyton said.

“What the budget gets spent on matters,” Peyton said. When considering what to cut, the returns need to be considered just as much as the expense.



# R-74

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win this on election day.”

Dr. Craig McKenney, a professor at Highline, co-chair for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, and Intersexual and advisor for People Respecting Individuals and Sexual Minorities said he believes Ref. 74 should be approved.

“My partner and I have been together for 13 years. My parents are now divorced and on marriage No. 2. My brother is divorced and on marriage No. 2. The notion that heterosexuals have the market [cornered] on marriage success or marriage in general is insulting to me and my relationship. So, to have Ref. 74 approved would recognize my relationship as legal and legitimate beyond my own feelings of 13 years of legitimacy and relationship success, but also to make my relationship equal to the (sometimes multiple) marriages of my heterosexual family members, friends, neighbors, colleagues and students,” Dr. McKenney said.

“We all have different reasons for voting for or against Ref. 74, but I believe Ref. 74 should be approved because it is an issue of equality. We simply owe it to ourselves to recognize the rights of all citizens, but also to recognize the dignity that comes with equality. Citizens should not tolerate social stigma, discrimination and outright hatred masquerading as politics,” McKenney said.

Dr. McKenney said that “Saying ‘I’m not homophobic’ or ‘I have gay friends’ and voting against Ref. 74 are not in logical synch with one another. To draw the line, an ally and/or a friend will vote for approving Ref. 74; a non-ally and/or a homophobe will vote to reject Ref. 74.”

Ref. 74 is not against religion Dr. McKenney said, but it is a civil issue.

“For those who feel like Ref. 74 is an attack against religion, many religious people support Ref. 74. And many LGBTQI people are religious, attending church on a weekly basis. Christianity, Catholicism, and other religious denominations do not own marriage. Heck, marriage predates most religions anyway,” Dr. McKenney said. “A vote for Ref. 74 does not undo your religion or your church’s values and norms. As a civil issue, your church is protected from having to perform LGBTQI wedding ceremonies if it so chooses.”

Dr. McKenney said that Ref. 74 will also create revenue for



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*Dr. Craig McKenney says that approving R-74 will validate his long lasting relationship with his partner.*

the state.

“Since July 2011, New York state alone saw a bump of \$275 million as a result of legalizing same-sex marriages. That kind of money is huge for Washington state in a time of fiscal crisis. Educational budgets have been hit terribly hard, so this is an issue that relates directly to the Highline community. A vote for Ref. 74 could create and increase resources available to students as a result of the cash influx to the state,” Dr. McKenney said.

When it comes to voting on Nov. 6, Dr. McKenney said he feels it is important not only to approve Ref. 74 but to vote in general as well.

“It’s important that people vote, in general, regardless of how they are voting. Having said that, I think people should vote to approve Ref. 74. A vote for Ref. 74 is true to the values of the college, even though the college, as a state institution, can have no and will not present an official position on a ballot issue,” Dr. McKenney said.

“I hope that the values that Highline Community College presents to our students as standard operating procedure would inform the way that our faculty, staff and students vote. I can’t imagine why anyone would work at or attend the most diverse campus in Washington State and not be open to issues of diversity, justice and equity for all community members.”

Chip White, the communications director of Preserve Marriage Washington, said Ref. 74 is redefining marriage and should not be passed.

White said Preserve Marriage Washington has three main points called the ABCs.

“A is already; same-sex couples already have full legal equality as married couples. Because of Ref. 71 that was passed three years ago, they already have the same rights with healthcare, real estate, adoption, and they can be in the hospital room with their partner. They do not get any new rights with this bill,” White said.

“B stands for Better for kids. It is better for children to be raised by mothers and fathers. They both provide a stable home for children to grow up in,” White said.

“Finally, the C stands for Consequences. There are consequences if marriage is redefined. Ref. 74 redefines marriage,” White said.

“It makes marriage a god-less institution. The bill strikes out the words husband and wife, mother and father, men and women, and changes it to spouse. That is redefining marriage,” he said.

White said he is accepting of same-sex couples but that he doesn’t feel that they have the right to redefine marriage.

“They can live as they want, but they do not have the right to redefine marriage for society,” White said.

For more information on Washington United for Marriage visit [washingtonunitedformarriage.org](http://washingtonunitedformarriage.org) and for more information on Preserve Marriage Washington visit [preservemarriagewashington.com](http://preservemarriagewashington.com).

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# Student Poll

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said Bao Vu.

Student Zaina Badawy said that “people shouldn’t be legally forced to not be with the person that they love.”

In agreement with Badawy, Jon Geiselman said he feels that legalizing same-sex marriage is a “step in the right direction.”

“I’m all for it,” said CJ Vanden Bos.

Other students said that they are excited to vote for the legalization of same-sex marriage.

“I am beyond excited to vote for this law it’s about time that we vote on this,” said Blake Henley.

“I’m actually surprised that we are now just voting for this issue seeing how liberal the state of Washington is,” said student Kyle Danielson. “But better late than never.”

Some students said that though they don’t agree with same-sex lifestyles, they feel that same-sex couples should be allowed to get married and that their lifestyles will not affect others around them.

Several of them agreed to comment only if their names were not used.

“They should just make them into civil unions, marriage is already defined” said one student. “But I don’t mind them being together [because] it doesn’t affect me in any way.”

Another student said, “I don’t think they are born that way, unlike what some people say. I think that they choose it. We are allowed to choose our lives and how we live them, it’s our right.”

Erik Lamb said that “if they

want to suffer the same way married couples do, then go ahead.”

“Personally I don’t believe in it myself, but I don’t want to limit what other people should be able to do,” said Julia Wittenberg.

Another student said that he feels if a man and a woman can get married, then someone of the same-sex should be able to do so as well.

Some students said that they thought the bill legalizing same-sex marriage had already passed due to the 2009 passing of Ref. 71 which extended the rights and obligations of domestic partnership in Washington state.

“I thought it already passed? But either way it should be allowed,” said Ashley, a student who did not want to give her last name.

Thirty students said that they will vote against Ref. 74. The majority of them said same-sex marriage goes against their beliefs.

“I’m not for it. I was raised that way and I don’t believe in same-sex marriage. It is not what the world was based on,” said one student.

Another student said that they were “brought up being taught [that] it was wrong.”

“I am against it and my brother is gay,” said Amber a student who didn’t want to give her last name. “It is scientifically and anatomically not how things were intended, even if you don’t believe in God. Men and woman make children, yes same-sex couple can adopt but that’s not the same and not how it was intended.”

“I don’t agree with the law because it really contradicts my religious beliefs,” said another student.

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