Safety officers offer myriad of services

By RACQUEL ARCEO

Staff Reporter

After the doors are locked and staff and faculty go home each night, the Highline campus is never really vacant. Safety officers are there watching, and available for assistance 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Overseeing that effort is Richard Noyer, Highline security supervisor.

“After being at Highline for 25 years he’s seen some changes,” Noyer said. “We’ve enhanced the emergency response program,” and, “we are working more with the community,” Noyer said.

Highline has changed also.

“We’ve become more diversified at this college. What really stands out to me is how well the cultures blend together,” said Noyer. “If we can do it here, people in the outside community can do it too.”

Aside from patrolling the campus, security officers can assist students by providing vehicle assistance, medical assistance, non-injury car accident reports, escorting student and much more.

“Having escorts is helpful because it allows a person to be less stressed,” said Noyer. “Escorts are helpful if someone stayed late and is uncomfortable in the dark, is injured, on crutches, and needs help around campus, or is being harassed or stalked, they can get an escort to their car [or anywhere else on campus] safely.”

Security’s vehicle assistance entails jump starts and unlock-

PTK strives to feed the less fortunate this Thanksgiving

By MARQUES DINAPOLI

Staff Reporter

Thanksgiving is supposed to be a time of happy feast-
ing with friends and family. But with the downturn of the economy, many families simply don’t have enough to afford a Thanksgiving meal.

With that in mind, Phi Theta Kappa’s annual Thanksgiving Food Drive is going on now through Nov. 16, and aims to expand on last year’s success.

“Last year we had about 25 big grocery bags full of food, which was a lot of food,” Teri Balkenende, PTK’s faculty adviser, said. “Since we had 25 bags last year, let’s shoot for 30 this year.”

Balkenende, who has been the PTK adviser for the past two years, said that she thinks the food drive has been more and more successful each year.

“This is the first food drive I’ve ever coordinated,” Steven Green, co-president of PTK, said. “I’m not expecting this to be too over the top, I just hope that people will do what they can.

Donations, which can be dropped in bins in buildings 6, 8, 25, 29 and 30, must be

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New police chief strives to connect with community

By HIEN HONG

Staff Reporter

Des Moines’s new chief of police wants to connect with the community.

Since July, George Delgado has been the chief of police for the Des Moines Police Department.

Before coming to Des Moines, “I was in Vancouver, Wash., as a commander,” Delgado said.

Throughout his 23-year law enforcement career, Delgado has worked in all the ranks and most positions in California and Washington. His career experiences include being a detective, being part of a SWAT team, part of the California Highway Patrol, being a patrol supervisor and a patrol commander.

In addition, he has worked in administration and internal affairs.

After 21 years of working in the law enforcement field, Delgado said he realized he wanted to become a chief of police, so he started searching for an open position.

He discovered that the Des Moines community was a “good fit for [my] family and skills set,” he said.

Although Delgado was born and raised in San Diego and has worked in Los Angeles, he said he enjoys residing and working in Washington.

“The community of Des Moines has all the things my family looked for,” Delgado said. In particular, Des Moines had all the things my family wanted to do,” Delgado said. In particular, Des Moines has “the small-town feel in a shadow of the big [city of] Seattle.”

Moreover, the small-town environment encourages the surrounding police department to work together, said Delgado.

Sharing resources with the surrounding communities becomes necessary because “we realize the importance of safety in a community,” he said.

“Right now, many cities in the South King County area are having financial challenges,” Delgado said. “[When] money goes down, staffing goes down, but crime still goes up.”

In Des Moines, the officer to citizen ratio of “one officer per thousand” population is right below the industry standard, he said.

Furthermore, the increased population in the city during the day, particularly because of the number of students at Highline, “causes more opportunities to respond to calls,” Delgado said.

The goal is for the department to be “properly equipped… to respond the best way possible to [serve] community needs,” he said.

Currently, the department tries to keep up with crime by using “innovative ways to do police work” and “to use technology,” Delgado said.

One of the tools that the department uses is a database that includes the who’s, what’s and whens of crime reports.

Crime analysts can then use the information to discover

see Police Chief page
**Student robbed on campus**

**By Hien Hong Staff Reporter**

A student was robbed near the retention pond near the tennis courts at Highline on Monday. The student was confronted by a group of approximately 10 mixed-race-looking men in their 20s. “One of the males ended up kicking him,” Bohl said, then “took some of his belongings, [including his money].” The student was not seriously injured and reported the incident to his instructor, who then reported it to the Des Moines Police Department and Highline Campus Security. An investigation is under way.

One of the males “may have been armed with a knife,” said Bohl. In addition, one male was identified as Hispanic and was wearing baggy pants and a red T-shirt. “Some of the males had black bandanas on their heads,” Bohl added. No other details have been reported.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to call the Des Moines Police Department at 206-878-3301.

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**Deadline for Academic Award is tomorrow**

The applications for Highline’s Academic Award for Winter Quarter 2013 are due tomorrow by 5 p.m.

Full-time students who are not in Running Start and are Washington residents with at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA are eligible for 15 tuition waivers that will be awarded.

The second floor of Building 9 is where the applications are accepted and where students who are interested in applying can receive the form. For more information, contact Rachita Reid at 206-592-3301 or email reida@highline.edu.

**Learn about plants at Science Seminar**

“Plants with Great Fall Color” is the topic of tomorrow’s Science Seminar and will be presented by gardening expert Ciscele Morris. For those interested, go to the Mount Constance Room in Building 8 from 2:30-3:23 p.m.

**Say goodbye to Squirt, the octopus on Saturday**

The MaST Center is releasing Squirt, the giant pacific octopus into the Puget Sound on Saturday at 11 a.m. After releasing Squirt, a video camera will follow her and stream the video at the aquari- um. Around noon, a dive will take place by the MaST Center team to check on her. In addition, a new octopus will be debuted. The MaST Center is open every Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and is located at 28203 Redondo Beach Drive S, five minutes away Highline. Admission is free.

**Free workshop hosted by the Transfer Center**

The “How to Write a Winning Personal Statement” workshop is on Nov. 13. The workshop is hosted by the Educational Planning and Advising Center and will be conducted by Dr. Gwen Spence, the director of Educational Planning and Advising.

For those interested, the workshop is from 12:15-1:05 p.m. and is on the first floor of Building 8 in the Mount Olympus Room.

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**Donate pink lids with Women’s Programs**

The Highline’s Women’s Programs encourages students, staff and faculty to buy Yoplait Yogurt with pink lids. Each pink lid is worth 10 cents and will go to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Those interested in participating can drop the lids off in a bin by the Women’s Programs office in Building 6, by the Bistro in Building 8 or inside the Bookstore in Building 8. In addition, a bin for the lids will be available at the basketball game on Nov. 9 in the Pavilion, Building 28.

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**Students stuck in library’s elevator**

Two students were stuck in the Library’s elevator. The students called 911. After calling, a police officer went up and opened the door.

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**Items that were returned this week**

Six items were turned into the Lost and Found. Items included a Japanese dictionary, a set of ear keys, miscellaneous papers, a purse, a wallet and student identification cards. The purse and wallet has been returned to their respective owners. The cards are mailed to their owners.

**Lost and Found items**

Items that have been found but not returned include a white Apple charger, keys, a red bandana, several flash drives, a food stamp card and black earphones. To collect an item, go to the Campus Security office on the first floor of Building 6.

**ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN TURNED IN**

- A pair of scissors
- A book
- A computer
- A cell phone
- A wallet
- A backpack

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**Highline’s Center for Leadership and Service on the third floor of the Student Union.**

**Stay in Leavenworth one night for $60**

International Student Programs is planning a trip to Leavenworth from Nov. 24-25. Leavenworth is a German-themed town located three hours east of Seattle that offers many opportunities for shopping and eating German food.

The trip costs $60 and includes transportation, hotel stay and snacks. Any Highline or Kaplan University student can sign up. For those interested in signing up for the trip, go to Building 25 on the fifth floor the International Student Programs office.

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**No school next Monday**

As a reminder to students, staff and faculty, there are no classes on Monday, Nov. 12, in observance of Veterans Day.

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**Workshops for using commas and paraphrasing**

The Writing Center offers free workshops to help students write better.

Today “The Wily Comma” workshop is at 4:5 p.m. in Building 26, room 319B, the workshop teaches the correct usage of the comma.

Next week, the “Summarizing and Paraphrasing” workshop will take place from 1:30-2:20 p.m. on Nov. 13, 10:10-10:50 a.m. on Nov. 14 and 4:45-5 p.m. on Nov. 15 in the same location. Students will learn how to effectively use resources at this workshop. For those interested, just show up.

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**P TK members talk politics tomorrow**

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.

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**Crime and Punishment**

**Theft reported in North Parking Lot**

A student reported theft from his vehicle in the North Parking Lot on Nov. 6. The vehicle’s window was smashed and the perpetrator took a wallet and student identification card. The incident occurred “a little bit after noon,” said Sgt. Bob Bohl of the Des Moines Police Department.

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**Jumpstart assistances**

Two students received assistance from Campus Security to jumpstart their vehicles. One vehicle was in the East Parking Lot and the other was in the North Parking Lot. Both incidents occurred on Nov. 6.

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**One vehicle needed to be unlocked**

One student’s vehicle had to be unlocked by Campus Security in the East Parking Lot on Nov. 6.

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**Students stuck in library’s elevator**

Two students were stuck in the Library’s elevator on Nov. 4. The students were released a little more than two hours later.

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**Student’s laptop reported stolen**

A student’s laptop was reported stolen from Building 8 on Nov. 6.

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**Compiler by Hien Hong**
By MARQUES DINAPOLI

Staff Reporter

Discussing suicide is personal for Will Brown, Highline’s Suicide Prevention Club vice president. He’s been there; he attempted it.

“I thought the only way to be happy was to die, so I drove head-on into a semi,” Brown said. “I was in a coma for a month and a half.”

Brown, the keynote speaker of last Wednesday’s Suicide Prevention Club meeting, went on to explain the reasons behind his attempted suicide, as well as things to look for in potential suicide victims and helpful resources for those dealing with depression.

“Part of me didn’t want anyone to know how I felt, but another part of me was begging for someone to know,” Brown said. “It was really weird.”

Brown, who has written a book about his experience, said that he is trying to help others with thoughts of suicide by being available to help them through their problems. “I have a website that people can use to email me and ask questions or just talk, because I know how it feels and I can help,” Brown said. “I’m also working on getting a phone number so people can call to talk with me and get some help.”

Explaining how others can begin to help those with suicidal thoughts, Dr. Bob Baugher, the adviser for the Suicide Prevention Club said people should be aware of common signs of suicidal thoughts.

Community recognizes, supports local veterans on campus today

By JOSH NELSON

Staff Reporter

While enjoying next Monday off, remember those who served and sacrificed.

Because Highline’s campus will be closed next Monday for veteran’s Day, the Veterans Committee is hosting a Veterans Day Recognition today at 12:15 p.m.

The Veterans Day recognition event will be next to the Veteran’s and Prisoner of War memorials between Building 3 and Building 5.

Gwen Spencer, director of educational planning and high school programs – a member of the Veterans Committee – said the location is important for the message.

“The [High and P.O.W. Memorial] is a visible reminder to everyone,” said Spencer. “It’s a landmark on campus, and people will be able to gather there and listen.”

Spencer said that there is a whole program lined up for the Recognition and Reed Dyer, outreach and education coordinator for the Federal Way Veteran’s Center will be speaking.

“They [Highline Veterans Committee] asked me to address our [Federal Way Veterans Center] and the Veteran’s Association outreach programs for the community,” said Dyer. “I will also be giving a little bit of the history behind Veterans Day.”

The Huntington Park Choir will also be attending the event today, singing a single verse of the anthems for every branch of the military.

“That’ll be a real treat,” said Spencer.

Darryl Harris, an accounting instructor and veteran, will M.C. the event.

“Everyone on our committee and involved with this event has a brother, father, mother, daughter, son, wife, husband or sister [who] has served,” said Spencer. “This is a deeply personal cause for all of us.”

Spencer encourages all students to join the Veterans Committee today.

“After the program there will be time for students, staff and faculty to ask questions and counseling from Dyer and the Veterans Committee.”

“One thing that is important is that our veterans know that there is support for them here [at Highline],” said Spencer.

“I would hope that other students and non-vets will meet these heroes, bring them into the fold, be a friend to them.”

Spencer said there is much campus, don’t think that anyone notices them, or that no one cares to know who they are,” Theresa Lopez, president of the club, said. “That’s where a simple hello comes in. Simply acknowledging them, nodding a hello or even a smile can help.”

Community life

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Corporations engage in slavery to save money on labor costs

The United States was emancipated from slavery in 1865, but slavery can still be found in the American corporation nearly 150 years later.

Industry slavery is highly suspected in the cocoa, cotton, steel, oriental rug, diamonds, and silk industries. In most cases the slaves are children exposed to long and harsh working hours for little to no pay.

Companies cut costs at the risk of their sense of humanity. Is it really worth saving money on labor if the laborers are young and downtrodden workers in third world countries who don’t know any better?

Large chocolate corporations such as Hershey’s, Nestle and Mars, for example, produce the cocoa for their chocolate in Africa using child slaves in the cocoa production. These estimated 1.8 million children, according to slavefreechocolate.org, work with mechanized and harmful chemicals in dangerous work environments for often-times no compensation.

In silk production in India, child, or bonded workers as they are referred to, as young as 5-years-old work 12 or more hours a day for six-and-a-half or seven days a week. These children are exposed to horrible work conditions, according to nearinternational.org, including burning and blistering their hands in boiling water, breathing in smoke and fumes from machinery, handling dead worms that can cause infection, and working with twisting threads that cut their fingers.

These children don’t go to school and are often beaten by their employers. By the time they reach adulthood they are impoverished, illiterate, and in many instances crippled from their work.

Some of us look at these situations and conditions and ask, “What can we do?” These practices are common and accepted in the countries where they are used, so who are we to make change in areas where the subjugation of children to slavery, or near slavery, is normal?

Others look at the situation and view a moral dilemma. Although these countries are used to the practice at hand, this does not make it right. Children should not be forced to be raised in sweat-shops. They may have few opportunities in their country as it is, but forcing them into bonded labor takes away any chance that they have for upward mobility through education, or even a normal, happy, childhood.

The easiest way to combat industry slavery is to boycott, or not buy from and support, companies and corporations that are involved.

M&Ms may be tasty, but the taste is rich in the blood, sweat and tears of African children. Is the flavor really worth the trade-off of supporting the continuation of slavery?

Silk is soft and comfortable, but is one’s personal comfort really worth the physical discomfort of burns, blisters, cuts, infection and lung disease of Indian children?

Diamonds are forever, but the lives of child workers in diamond mines are not.

It is up to each of us to determine our stance on these issues; to look at the products we support and buy and recognize what practices they support and incorporate in their processes.

Only you can decide your stand.

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.

The time for change is now for our fair state of Washington. Not only has Referendum 74 allowing same-sex marriage in our state tentatively passed, but we have also legalized state-regulated marijuana for those 21 and older.

Ref. 74 is passing by a narrow margin of 1.8 percent, but the decision will not be official until the election is certified on Dec. 6. That is a long time to wait, but as for now the results look the way I’d like them to.

The majority has spoken in favor of the minority and we have done so compassionately and understandingly. Finally many committed same-sex partners will be able to become legally wed in our state.

Initiative 502 legalizing state-regulated marijuana is passing with a 55.4 percent majority. Although I am not in favor of this initiative because of its low THC blood level threshold to constitute DUI and that it hardens punishment for any marijuana that is not state-regulated, I am glad that the majority was able to realize that regulation is the just way to handle cannabis.

Colorado also passed a similar law legalizing the recreational use of marijuana, and

Obama thanked those who have stayed the course and believed in his vision for America, and promised that the next four years will be memorable in our nation’s history. I hope that we will look back on these years and see the success of the nation overcoming oppression and becoming a better home for all.

The youth vote was decisive to this election, according to politico.com, Obama carried the youth vote by 67 percent and had Romney merely split these votes with Obama he would now be the 45th President.

Around half of eligible voters age 18-29 turned out to vote this election, which represents a new norm carried by our generation, compared to the 40 percent youth turn-out average of the 1990s.

As more youth allow their voices to be heard, our power to make change can truly be seen. Gay marriage and marijuana represent only the beginning of our mark on the world.

Although these changes are a good start, we cannot stop here. Our voices must be heard; our opportunity to bring about change for the good of all is only beginning.

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I can’t understand you with your vampire teeth.
Ready, Set . . . Go!
By Ed Canty

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Quotable Quote
I don’t know if the presidential candidates are running for the White House or Animal House.

Bob Hope

Crossword 101
By Ed Canty

Across
1. Priests’ vestments
5. No-no in pin ball
9. Eagle’s claw
14. Texas city
16. Squirrel’s treat
17. “The dog ate my homework”, e.g.
19. Have
20. Lt. maker
21. Balloon filler
22. Swelling
24. Yelled
29. Clearasil target
30. Statutes
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59. Life story, in brief
60. Actress Long

Down
1. 60’s hairdo
2. “Camelot” composer
3. Kleenex or Xerox, e.g.
5. Tabby’s mate
6. Nest eggs, for short
7. Bygone Ford
8. ___ Hague
9. Prepares for takeoff
10. Capital of Ghana
11. Bud’s bud
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13. Austin-to-Dallas dir.
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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.

1. Coins ___ ___ N ___ Use a credit card ___ ___ R ___
2. Watch location ___ R ___ Bridge-like card game ___ H ___
3. Twirler’s stick ___ T ___ The B in BLT ___ C ___
4. Mr. Belfonte ___ R ___ Laurel’s sidetick ___ D ___
5. Paris locale ___ ___ F ___ Frolic ___ ___ P ___
6. F lose ___ ___ T Eat greedily ___ ___ R ___
7. Army rank ___ J ___ Estate ___ N ___
8. Welcome ___ ___ E ___ Wall of China ___ A ___
9. Snuggle ___ D ___ Go sure ___ R ___
10. Actress Day ___ D ___ Actor Karloff ___ B ___

WORLD: Where would stalagmites be found in a natural cave formation?
GEOGRAPHY: Where was the ancient city of Persepolis located?
SCIENCE: What was the first elementary particle to be discovered?
MUSIC: What is the national anthem of Canada?
COMPUTERS: What does the acronym DOS stand for?
FAMOUS QUOTES: Who once said, “I worked my way up from nothing to a state of extreme poverty.”

Answers
1. Madrid, Spain
2. Upper arm
3. Cocoa Puffs
4. The cone-shaped deposits rise from the floor of a cave
5. Modern-day Iran (formerly Persia)
6. The electron
7. O Canada
8. Disk Operating System
9. Groucho Marx
10. Artist’s studio

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By ANGELA STONE
Staff Reporter

Highline’s women’s basketball team giving out high-fives to the staff and faculty, after an intense game last year for the breast cancer fundraiser.

Scrimmages and league games aren’t the only challenges for Highline’s women’s basketball team.

For more then 20 years the women’s basketball team has competed with the staff and faculty in an event to raise money for cancer research.

This year the event will take place on Friday, Nov. 9 from 1-3 p.m. in the Pavilion.

“The fund raiser started by faculty playing ball at lunch time for exercise and fun about 20 years ago. And they thought it would be a great way to raise funds, and a collaboration with Athletics and Women’s programs started there after,” said Jean Munro, Women’s Programs and Workfirst Services Program coordinator/adviser and retention specialist.

Coach Mosley said over women’s basketball said that her team has been doing this game to support breast cancer awareness since she started coaching ten years ago.

“It usually starts out fun and casual, but it gets more intense as the game progresses,” Mosley said.

“In years past the women have always won, now those playing are getting younger and more skilled. It is hard for us to win now. We even got dunked on last year,” Mosley said.

Most of the staff and faculty are coaches from various Highline sports teams, including volleyball Coach Chris Littleman; men’s soccer Coach Jason Prenovost; and Director of Athletics John Dunn.

“This is the first year I plan on not playing,” Prenovost said.

Prenovost explained that if the men win their soccer team on Nov. 7 he would be traveling with them to their next game.

“It’s really a fun event, [and] it’s always really well done,” Prenovost said.

The fun of playing in the event isn’t the only reason Prenovost participates though.

He knows, as most people do, many people who have been touched by cancer. He said, “These things add up.” He elaborated by saying, more people recover, and the procedures and tests get better all the time.

“We encourage all to come. Students can bring their friends and family,” Munro said. “I have alerted Security not to ticket [vehicles] during the game time.”

The money is raised “by donation for t-shirts and we are raffling off a pink breast cancer logo blanket made and donated by Lisa Wolcott, director of Budgets,” Munro said. “Last year we raised almost $800 in 2 hours.”

“Everyone is invited to participate,” and it is free. If people want a shirt, they can give a donation. We will take coins, dollars, anything,” Munro said. She stressed, “to attend is free, if students cannot afford anything.”

“If students, staff and faculty have pink in their closets we encourage them to wear as much pink as possible,” Munro said.

“The important thing is for students and staff to visit the Susan G. Komen [for the cure] table and learn about resources and early detection. Men and women old and young are affected. Also, we want a loud audience cheering on the two teams, so we need as many people there as possible,” Munro said.

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Women T-Birds score second in league play

By JACOB Scott
Staff Reporter

Two recent wins have propelled Highline’s women soccer team into the playoffs by virtue of finishing in second place in the West Division of the NWAACC.

The Thunderbirds beat Tacoma 6-0 on Oct. 31 and beat Lower Columbia 2-0 on Nov. 2, which gave them 28 points for the season, behind first-place Peninsula with 45 points.

Despite beating Lower Columbia, Highline had several chances to widen their lead but only scored twice. Both goals came from forward Taylor Holtman. Co-captain Lauren Johnson and midfielder Natalie Lawrence assisted on the goals, respectively.

“It definitely helps to come into the playoffs rolling, we have some good wins under our belt and most of our recent games resulted in a win,” said Johnson.

Looking back at the season, the Thunderbirds finished with a record of 8-4-4 with nine of those games being shutouts. “I think we were successful throughout our league games, and earned second place. We learned from the games we lost, and we’ve become a very dangerous team. I’m very happy with the way we are playing and that they have more to contribute at a higher level. “We had our ups and downs as a team but we progressively fought through everything to get,” and I still believe we have the potential to play even better as a whole,” said co-captain Sadie Phonpadith.

Highline’s playoff game was at home on Nov. 7 against the Shoreline Dolphins. Details were not available at presstime.

Shoreline finished third place in the North Division, 8-3-4. They also had one less loss than the Thunderbirds, but their opponents have scored on them more. They also have fewer shutouts than Highline.

“They [Shoreline] have a decent attack and are pretty quick up front and I believe our defense will hold up their end and our forwards will battle it out up top and be successful in scoring,” said Phonpadith.

Chuckamas will host the second round of playoffs on Nov. 10 against the winner of the Highline vs. Shoreline game. Chuckamas finished in first place of the South Division of the NWAACC with a record of 12-2-0. Because they finished in first place, the Cougars skip the first round of playoffs and now they automatically play in the regional championship.

Volleyball finishes first in West Division league play

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Two recent wins have propelled Highline’s women soccer team into the playoffs by virtue of finishing in second place in the West Division of the NWAACC.

The Thunderbirds beat Tacoma 6-0 on Oct. 31 and beat Lower Columbia 2-0 on Nov. 2, which gave them 28 points for the season, behind first-place Peninsula with 45 points.

Despite beating Lower Columbia, Highline had several chances to widen their lead but only scored twice. Both goals came from forward Taylor Holtman. Co-captain Lauren Johnson and midfielder Natalie Lawrence assisted on the goals, respectively.

“It definitely helps to come into the playoffs rolling, we have some good wins under our belt and most of our recent games resulted in a win,” said Johnson.

Looking back at the season, the Thunderbirds finished with a record of 8-4-4 with nine of those games being shutouts. “I think we were successful throughout our league games, and earned second place. We learned from the games we lost, and we’ve become a very dangerous team. I’m very happy with the way we are playing and that they have more to contribute at a higher level. “We had our ups and downs as a team but we progressively fought through everything to get,” and I still believe we have the potential to play even better as a whole,” said co-captain Sadie Phonpadith.

Highline’s playoff game was at home on Nov. 7 against the Shoreline Dolphins. Details were not available at presstime.

Shoreline finished third place in the North Division, 8-3-4. They also had one less loss than the Thunderbirds, but their opponents have scored on them more. They also have fewer shutouts than Highline.

“They [Shoreline] have a decent attack and are pretty quick up front and I believe our defense will hold up their end and our forwards will battle it out up top and be successful in scoring,” said Phonpadith.

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From talent show to recording studio

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Highline student Evan Pitzer’s band formed four years ago as a joke, but nobody’s laughing now. “We got together and decided to cover a Miley Cyrus song for the talent show at our high school,” said Pitzer, vocalist of the local heavy metal/deathcore band, Harvest Earth. “After that it all just worked out somehow. We decided to start making original music,” said Pitzer. Harvest Earth, four years later, has performed more than 40 shows, alongside the likes of bands such as MyChildrenMyBride, King Conquer, and Float Face Down. “For those who are unfamiliar with us, our music is very similar to bands like Suicide Silence, Despised Icon, and White Chapel. We get a lot of inspiration from those guys,” said Pitzer. “Many people don’t listen to death metal, or think its angry music, but anyone that has been to our shows enjoys it more than they thought they would. We are all upbeat guys, and we joke around a lot,” said Pitzer.

Highline students Sara Davison and Karolina Mokjowska follow Harvest Earth’s music, while Highline student Evan Samael, sat amongst the others were mouthing their poems under their breath. It was my first time doing so,” said Rossiytseza. “I like listening to other people’s work; people with different talents. “They can read a poem they’ve written or they can read an essay. It provides an environment for students to share their writing,” she said. From poetry to prose, students present works at Open Mic that are both inspirational and enterprising, with the words of the month being those of Open Mic, Vicktorya Rossiytseza. “We have a few demos out there, but no official EPs or albums. We haven’t found the sound quality that we want yet, and when we finally release something, we want it to be perfect. The biggest thing that is holding us back right now is money. Recording and mastering is extremely expensive,” said Pitzer.

Harvest Earth has samples of their music at Facebook.com/harvestearth, and those interested can find them on YouTube as well by searching “Harvest Earth Intro.”

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Greater success is closer than you think.
Broadway lead shines in Seattle to record album

By JOSEPH PARK
Staff Reporter

Seattle’s gloomy October chill could not wither a conductor and singing extraordinaire Terrell Carter.

When he entered the lobby of the Art Institute of Seattle, extended his gimbornous hand to say hello and exposed his ivory perfect smile, the entire facility instantaneously lit up.

Carter’s voice is soft, yet soulful, which is a refreshing shock when comparing it to his 6-foot-5-inch gladiator figure. Among other career titles, Carter is also an accomplished screenwriter, producer and professionally handsome.

He said that he came to Seattle to record his fifth album, which will release next year in several retail outlets.

“I’m recording here, because my manager is from here and I would make him regret [and] I would make him regret [and] I would make him regret [and] I would make him regret [and] I would make him regret,” said Carter.

“We’re in the studio and banging out until we get the right song. Get ready for it [on] April at Amazon, Wal-Mart, K-mart, [and] Target.”

Along with recording, Carter is rehearsing for his biggest acting role yet.

He is the lead character of the new Broadway Show SuperFly, a musical adaptation of the classic 1972 Blaxploitation film directed by Gordon Parks Jr.

“That has consumed a lot of my time, but it will definitely open a lot of doors,” said Carter.

Before getting his foot into the Broadway scene, the gospel-trained singer worked with some of the most renowned entertainers in the country.

According to his official website, terrellmusic.com, Carter’s voice has accompanied artists such as India Arie, Faith Evans, Patti Labelle, Christina Aguilera and drummer Sheila E.

Carter began his performing career at his local church in Buffalo, N.Y. Through his preparation, Carter blossomed and prepared for his big break, it appears safe to say that Carter has indeed accomplished feats worthy of people’s adoration.

He said that he used to be thin and shy. However, after four long years of intensive preparation, Carter blossomed into a confident and dashing gentleman.

“The way that I think now when I come to do a concert for the people, I want to give people everything that they expect and more. I have no fear in thinking this will be a concert that they will remember,” said Carter.

Carter also revealed that his father had denied blood ties with him at a young age. That moment, Carter said, helped mold him into the adult he is today.

“It was just the fact that my mom was 11 years old when he raped her – he was 20. I look exactly like him,” said Carter.

“I think I was 7 or 8, and I remember having my friends around me and he drove up. I said that’s my father, then my father [said] ‘oh no, no, I’m not his father.’ It changed something in me for the better, because I realized and knew that I would never be that man, [and] I would make him regret those words.”

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“We cannot last long...the world can drop us.”

By ASHLEY LARSON
Staff Reporter

“One does not need to be...”

They must “do it all in one night” according to Whitcomb.

A group of 10 (or more) can lock themselves in a room and try to select films that are both entertaining and good for discussion.

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“King Kong on the tiny screen three rows ahead of me.”

And who have I become? A captive watching them kill the beast.

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Professor shares poems about a boar and more

By ASHLEY LARSON
Staff Reporter

Time by herself and no distractions gets Katherine Whitcomb’s creative juices flowing.

Whitcomb is a professor at Central Washington University and she shared her poetry during “HighlineListen” last week. She is the author of a collection of poems, Saints of South Dakota & Other Poems, which has won the 2000 Bluestem Award and two poetry chapbooks, Hoosannas and Lamp of Letters – winner of the 2009 Floating Bridge Chapbook Award.

Whitcomb read nine poems which were primarily from Lamp of Letters, including “Tobacco Heart.”

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Rejected  918,281  48.23%

I-1185

Yes  1,186,009  64.5%
No  652,760  35.5%

I-1240

Yes  952,969  51.24%
No  906,955  48.76%

I-502

Yes  1,057,012  55.43%
No  849,839  44.57%

Electoral shows shift in social opinions

By JOSH NELSON  Staff Reporter

Tuesday’s election signifies a need for change in Republican party politics, says a Highline instructor.

Dr. T.M. Sell, a professor of political economy, said that the Republican party faces a particular challenge now that they have suffered a defeat.

“Rightly or wrongly, the Republican party gave the impression that it was a welcome place for homophobes, misogynists, and racists,” said Dr. Sell.

Dr. Sell pointed out that comments made by some Republicans concerning rape and abortion for rape victims was not necessarily an approach that would win them votes, especially not with women.

“There will be some blaming going on, mostly towards [Mitt] Romney,” said Dr. Sell. “He presented himself as a hardline conservative – which was necessary to get the nomination – but seemed to say whatever his audience wanted to hear.”

Dr. Sell also mentioned that he wasn’t surprised by the number of one-term Tea Party members of Congress.

“A number of them [Tea Party members] didn’t receive a second term due to their extremism,” said Dr. Sell. “Not every member is a wild-eyed crazy – and not all Democrats are sane, but you don’t see them showing up at rallies wearing t-shirts with racist slogans.”

The challenge for state Democrats – who likely hold the governorship and a majority in the Legislature – is to show that they can get work done, said Dr. Sell.

“If they’re [Democrats] lucky, the economy will improve and if they’re careful they can produce a budget and keep limping along. But it has to look like decisive action.”

One thing that apparent Governor Elect Jay Inslee should do is, “…sit down the State House and Senate leaders and tell them ‘We can’t let the perfect get in the way of the good,’” said Dr. Sell.

Dr. Sell also elaborated that social issues such as same-sex marriages and legalizing marijuana will eventually work themselves out.

“If we look at the big picture, we are forced to conclude that the demographic nature of the country will see a shift on social issues,” said Dr. Sell. “Surveys and studies have told us that the younger generations don’t see same-sex marriage and marijuana as major issues.”

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New counselor targets stressors, student success

By SHON TORRES
Staff Reporter

For Sarah Determan, being able to speak Spanish and having learned more about her heritage has helped her to connect with students and work with different communities and populations at Highline.

Determan has joined Highline for this school year as a student counselor at the Student Services Center.

“I moved here and Highline was willing to give me hours as post-doctoral fellow and that was awesome. They really came through for me. That’s why I’m here,” Determan said.

Determan is a legacy speaker of Spanish, but she learned Spanish in high school and it was one of her majors in college. While at the University of Portland ( Ore.) she participated in two immersion programs, one in Morelia, Mexico and the other in Barcelona, Spain.

“Doing the immersion really helps. One, it helps with dictation and knowing the language. Two, it gave you the cultural component as well. There are things just studying it [the language] in a classroom does not give you,” Determan said.

“As a bicultural individual, that was something that had been lacking in my upbringing. While I did celebrate culturally significant holidays and customs, it wasn’t as rich as someone who had grown up with it all around you,” she said.

“The immersion program can enrich that aspect of my learning of the language and the culture in people and general,” said Determan.

Determan said her proficiency in Spanish is not a result of home conditions.

Her grandmother was an immigrant, but did not push Spanish in the home.

“It’s just the way she was indoctrinated when she moved here,” Determan said.

“Speaking Spanish has given me a - I guess you could call it - a clinical edge, for lack of a better term,” she said. Where first- and second-generation Spanish-speaking families are coming here [Highline], it is possible that the student is the only one who speaks English.

So being able to have a family component as a part of treatment [is helpful], Determan said.

“Understanding culture means understanding that someone who comes to my office does not come to me living inside of a vacuum, but they have all these different stressors working on them and for them,” Determan said.

A California native, Determan graduated summa cum laude with her bachelor’s in Psychology and Spanish from the University of Portland while on an athletic scholarship.

She completed her master’s and doctorate in Clinical Psychology at American School of Professional Psychology-Argosy University in the San Francisco Bay Area Campus in Alameda, Calif.?

She finished her pre-doctoral internship at Alameda Family Services in Alameda.

“My first year I worked at a community clinic with underprivileged population, working with monolingual Spanish families,” Determan said.

Her dissertation examined the effects of intergenerational transmission of trauma on families functioning among Spanish speaking Latin-American populations. 

“Here at the Counseling Center I am a clinician who has a background in clinical psychology. All the others have a counseling background. So sometimes I feel inept because it’s not my expertise working in schools, but I do enjoy working with at-risk youth. My degree background has an emphasis on working with trauma and that is something else I bring to the table,” Determan said.

“I find a lot of the students who come here with compounding stressors, which is different for me. They are actually still functioning,” said Determan.

“They are functioning in a way that they are able to go to school and able to work, whereas working in the prison system and outpatient communities - those areas are severely impacted. That is something that is pretty new for me, that someone who can have all these stressors can still function,” Determan said.

“The question is ‘how?’ How can a person deal with all that and still function? That is where I want to help. I want to be able to help that,” she said.

Determan’s primary area of interest is in working with underserved populations dealing with the effects of trauma.

Her clinical work is influenced by systemic and narrative evidence-based treatments.

“I worked part-time at a shelter for youth, which led me to the school system in inner-city Oakland [ Calif.],” Determan said.

“I worked with at-risk youth who had been kicked out of other schools. A lot of them were gang members or trying to get out. I was used to working with at-risk youth.”

“I worked in the prison system and I worked at a methadone clinic,” Determan said. “I worked specifically with drug using and abusing populations, also low income.

She has extensive clinical experience working with adolescents, couples and families.

Determan is enthusiastic and committed to her new position at Highline.

She has worked in community mental health settings treating adult to adolescent clients with a wide range of psychological, emotional, behavioral and adjustment problems (i.e. anxiety, stress, depression, attachment). She said that so far she is enjoying his time at Highline.

All the work I done had really helped to bridge that clinical gap, that I have to be able to work with students,” Determan said.

She had thought that when she came to Highline she would find problems with relationships, academic issues, how to get along with peers, that she would find different types of developmental delays and things like that, Determan said.

Determan also said she finds the problems are similar to the problems in community mental health where the issues are less personal and more of an issue for a group.

Highline students may be more impacted by family troubles and difficulties of having low scholastic scores or a language barrier.

Determan said the campus has such a culturally rich and diverse background of its student body.

She also said students at Highline function very well with the psychological concerns they may come in with.

Being able to juggle school, work and all the concerns are fascinating and wonderful, Determan said.

Determan played soccer for the University of Portland. As such, “student athletes have a personal place in my heart, just because I was one. I know how hard it is to juggle school and work and even a job, gosh that’s what I did. Just finding someone who understands the lifestyle and the difficulties of it all is something I bring to the office,” said Determan.

Virginia Parenteau/THUNDERWORD

Sarah Determan said Highline students function well with the stressors and psychological concerns they face.

Police officer becomes new campus security member

By YURI HOANG
Staff Reporter

George Curtis, Highline’s new Campus Security sergeant says he is greatly impressed with the campus and its people after only four days on the job.

Curtis said that so far he is having a very good time at Highline.

“It’s a really interesting place. The view is beautiful. The students are energetic, and the staff is very friendly and helpful. I really like it here,” he said.

Curtis began training on Nov. 1. After four weeks, he will officially work as a swing shift supervisor and will be training new officers as well as working with students to provide campus safety.

At the moment, he is still trying to get familiar with all the buildings and where they’re at, “so that I’ll be able to give students directions when they ask,” he said.

Since he hasn’t had to patrol at night yet, Curtis said that until now there seemed to be no problem at all.

“I’ll know more about it when I get to do swing shifts,” he said.

With two years’ experience as a police officer, Curtis is enthusiastic and committed to his new position at Highline.

George Curtis began working as a campus security member on Nov. 1 and said that he is enjoying his time at Highline so far.
Food imbalance fattens some, starves others

By YURI HOANG
Staff Reporter

The amount spent annually on pet food in the United States and Europe is greater than what it would take to provide basic nutrition for the poorest people in the world.

At last Friday’s Science Seminar, Tracy Brigham, a Highline instructor of global issues and nutrition, gave her audience some insights about diet disparities between developed and developing countries and how people eat in the United States.

Brigham’s PowerPoint slideshow engaged instructors and students with pictures and statistics showing the large gap between children in developing countries, such as Kenya and the United States.

According to Brigham, the United Nations Development Program estimates that the $13 million needed annually to provide basic health and nutrition needs for the poorest people in the developing world would be less than the amount of $17 million spent on pet food in Eastern and the United States.

She said that globally one in seven people is undernourished and 1 billion people in the world are unable to consume at least 2,710 calories per day.

“It’s as much a question about distribution: who gets [the food] and how much they get,” said Brigham.

If looking at the percentage of population, Africa would be the continent with the most people who are undernourished. Yet, if looking at the number of people, Asia would come in the first place.

On the contrary, there are even more overweight people universally than expected: more than 1.4 billion adults and 400 million children. Especially in the United States, the number of overweight people is far greater than those who are undernourished.

“It’s actually not how much we eat in the U.S., but also how much we waste,” said Brigham. She also showed a statistic retrieved from the Reuters last August, saying that individual Americans throw away half of the purchased food yearly (about 20 pounds per month), and that amount of waste is worth $165 billion.

Brigham blamed “big serving sizes in restaurants.”

“There are also fruits that are edible but don’t look good enough to make it to the store, and [sick animals] that can’t be slaughtered,” she said.

The “illusion of abundance” that store managers have also contributes to food waste every year. They feel that they can’t leave the shelves half empty so it’s better to stuff them with more than the products needed, she said.

If Americans could reduce the waste by 15 percent, 250 million people could be provided with basic nutrition needs.

One way to reduce the waste of food each year is to reduce the production of processed food, which is the leading cause for more waste.

“In the U.S., we actually spend less percentage of our [monthly income] in food than any other place,” said Brigham.

She then showed the audience images from the photo book called “What the World Eats” to emphasize the disparity between some states in the United States and other countries around the world.

The book also focuses on the difference between developed and developing nations.

Whilst a typical American family of four from North Carolina might spend $400 per week on mostly canned food, pizzas, sugary products and soda, an Egyptian family’s weekly food needs for 12 people would include “less and less packaged stuff, and more vegetables, [mostly home-grown],” said Brigham.

A family of six in a refugee camp in Chad only has approximately $1.23 a week for food.

Diet disparities can also be seen from the ideal body types of different cultures from different nations.

“I was teaching a class in Kenya – a group of high school girls. I asked them what their definition of health was and all of the girls answered ‘fat,’” Brigham said.

They were confused by the image of skinny models from America and the notion of “fat” in Kenya was like the America’s definition of anorexia.

“Why does someone want to look like they’re starving whilst they’re actually not?” one of the Kenyan girls asked.

“Dangers of undernourishment and over-nourishment are the same,” Brigham said.

If undernourishment is the most leading cause of death in children under 5 in developing countries, over-nourishment is the leading cause of suffering for especially the poor in the United States, said Brigham.

“When I was in Kenya, I saw a 20-pound girl and she couldn’t even move her limbs. They took her to the hospital and I have no idea if she survived or not,” she said.

Whilst under-nutrition impacts IQ and affects the “first five years of a child’s life,” over-nutrition increases the rate of obesity and diabetes.

The obesity has grown in the United States since 1995, when “the whole country is over 10 percent.” By 2010, except for a few states that are over 30 percent, such as Mississippi, the United States are now over 20 percent with most states ranging from 25 to 29 percent.

“There are children being born here now that have lower life expectancy than their parents because of obesity and other [related diseases],” Brigham said.

According to America’s Health Rankings, Mississippi, with the highest rank of obesity, is also the poorest state. This triggered a question: What’s the problem with the food supplies “when the poorest people are the fattest?”

She showed a video clip called “The Dollar Menu” to illustrate the point.

The woman in the video said that she felt really guilty to give her kids junk food every day now that she knew not everything was healthy and her husband had diabetes for a reason.

“We’re very tied by buying pills for [my husband] to be healthy and buying veggies to be healthy,” she said.

A Big Mac combo can be bought for 99 cents, but that same amount can’t put a head of broccoli in their shopping bag.

Brigham asked what the role of the government should be.

With big farming corporations using money from the people’s taxes, they only grow corn, wheat and soy; and these are all genetically modified.

The system’s not set up for the people’s health because they are corporation-run; and these corporations would rather work on drugs and medicines to sell to people instead of making healthier food to prevent illness, she said.

“Our community is coming together to solve the problem, but we’re up against these mega corporations with their big pockets and [relationships] with politicians, so it’s really tough,” said Brigham.

Tomorrow’s Science Seminar will be in the Mount Conference room of Building 8 at 2:20-3:30 p.m.

Ciscioe Morris, one of the most notable gardening experts in the Northwest will give a presentation about “Plants with Great Fall Colors.”
The importance of batik in the Javanese culture was explored by the guest faculty from Indonesia at Highline’s History Seminar last week.

The discussion was presented by Maryky Alelo, Andi Musdarian and Namotemo representing the 10 Indonesian faculty.

The visiting faculty will be at Highline until Dec. 15 studying college, English, culture and education.

“Batik has a lot of symbolism. It is worn in different ways, for women it can be worn as a skirt showing elegance and for a man worn with a dagger to show authority and strength. There are 300 developed patterns of batik. Different patterns have their own meanings. Some are: Kawung, indicates someone who makes their life useful to others, a selfless person. Parang Rusak, showing justice and power. Ciptoning, indicates wisdom and experience. The final pattern of batik should be reflected as closely as possible to the intention,” said Alelo.

Batik is a cloth traditionally made using a manual wax-resist technique to dye textiles with patterns. The method is used to prevent dye from reaching all of the cloth and only coloring the portion not covered in wax. Once the cloth has been dyed it is sun dried, put in hot water to remove the wax, then re-waxed for the next color. “It’s a long and complicated process,” Namotemo said, depending on how complex the pattern and how many different colors are being used. “The minimum process is three months up to one year,” said Namotemo.

The most popular colors are blue, red, yellow and brown. Traditionally batik is made by hand, this is called hand-written batik. Hand-written batik is a home business that is usually run by a family. Because the process of creating a piece of hand-written batik is so complicated, it is very expensive averaging about 400,000 rupees ($42). “Actually there are several ways of doing batik, not only by hand writing,” said Alelo. A cheaper alternative is manufactured batik. You can get many colors and patterns for a lower price because it is printed from a machine.

Batik has a long history which included controversy over where it was originated. In 2009 the UNESCO acknowledged that batik originated in Indonesia.

Besides explaining batik, the Indonesian faculty members explained that Indonesia is the fourth most populated country in the world and contains the largest Muslim population. “Indonesians speak many languages and there are 500 dialects,” said Musdarian.

There are more than 700 languages spoken in Indonesia compared to the 114 different languages found on the high-line campus. Bahasa Indonesia is the national language in Indonesia.

“English is the most popular foreign language, it is taught starting in elementary school,” Musdarian said.

To view this seminar online and for more information visit historyseminar.highline.edu.

Next week’s History Seminar on Robin Hood will be on Nov. 15 in Building 3, Room 102 hosted by Teri Balkenende.

History Seminar is a series of weekly discussions open to all students and hosted by Highline faculty and guest speakers.

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Profs explain history, culture of batik

Campus lights way for students to give back

By ALAYNA PINTAR
Staff Reporter

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First Fridays stands against violence

By REBECCA TRIPOLI  Staff Reporter

There have been many great leaders in time who have changed society, but only few who have used the power of nonviolence.

The Power of Nonviolence was discussed with more than 50 people at this month’s Leadership Institute, which was held in the Mount Con- stance Room of the Student Union last Friday.

“I’ve always been impressed with this concept of nonviolence,” said the workshop speaker and Director of Multi-Cultural Affairs and Leadership Natasha Burrowes.

Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. were the two key people discussed in the workshop. Gandhi had the concept that if one clings to the highest truth, it can never be destroyed. This concept is what inspired King and what led the workshop to a deeper discussion on nonviolence.

Burrowes went to the white board and wrote the word “violence” on the right side of the board and “nonviolence” on the left side. She then had everyone shout out words that first came to mind when seeing these words. Burrowes then had people share their thoughts on the results.

“On this side [right side] I see ‘I’ and on the other side I see ‘we,’” said Highline student, Ahmed Ali. Ali’s statement then transitioned into the concept expressed by Gandhi: “You have to change the way you wish to see in the world.”

Burrowes showed a video titled “A Force More Powerful” which catalogued a variety of nonviolent movements. A particular part was focused on the Civil Rights movement and efforts to desegregate lunchrooms and restaurant in the South.

The key point of the video was that people fought back with nonviolence, said Burrowes. The people in the video resisted the urge to use violence when being physically and verbally attacked and with that, they actually made a bigger impact, said one discussion participant.

Burrowes had everyone stand up and go in the back of the room, where there was a long blue line taped across the room. She had each student pair up and stand facing their partner on opposite sides of the tape.

“The goal of the game is to get the other person on your side,” said Burrowes.

Immediately after she said this, people started pulling and dragging each other, trying to get them on their side. After the fiasco was over, Burrowes had everyone sit down and discuss the activity.

Burrowes pointed out that everyone’s first instinct was to physically get the person on their side, instead of talking it out with them.

“That’s just how we’ve been raised to live,” said one participant.

Burrowes ended the workshop with everyone discussing the six principles of nonviolence: nonviolence is a way of life for courageous people; it seeks to win friendship and understanding; it seeks to defeat injustice, not people; it holds that suffering can educate and transform; it chooses to love instead of hate; and it believes that the universe is on the side of justice.

“If you were to be violent, you would suffer more,” said Highline student Latonya Brisbane during a discussion of one of the six principles. “Suffering can transform a person, so you have to except the suffering,” said Brisbane.

“I didn’t expect the group activities to have such a deeper meaning to it,” said Glennalyn Domingo.

These leadership workshops are on the first Friday of every month. Participants who attend at least five workshops can receive a certificate of completion.

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Chief of Police George Delgado

and sometimes in other High-line District schools.

He believes in community policing, which he said is “the end result to effective communica-
tions and good partnership to deter crime…”

When the community is active and working with the police to stay safer, it can be rewarding on both sides, Delgado said.

“Community policing will be initiated by the police department but enhanced by the community involved,” he said.

Besides trying to establish stronger bonds within and outside the Des Moines community, Delgado said he wants his staff to have healthy bonds, too.

“Family comes first,” for a police officer, said Delgado, who has a wife and five kids.

Sometimes, it’s hard to come home and be a parent or spouse, he said, which is why he wants his staff to be mentally healthy to maintain strong bonds with their families.

Overall, understanding community and bonding is important and can be rewarding if applied, said Delgado.

“I’m not going to be successful on my own,” he said.

If there is a non-injury accident, officers can take the students’ statements and file an ac-
cident report if necessary.

“We also have security phones at each parking lot and in several buildings,” Noyer said.

Blue emergency poles are found in each parking lot and “red box” phones can be found at buildings around campus.

Highline has four full-time and five part-time officers. Each officer attends or has attended the City of Des Moines police reserve academy and maintains current first aid certifications.

During the day and swing shifts, or night shifts, there are at least two to three officers on duty,” said Noyer.

The security office also deals with lost and found items. Lost reports can be filled out there.

Photo ID is required to claim an item. Items are stored for 60 days before being donated.

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