Campus accepting of racial diversity, students say

Racial diversity is plentiful on the Highline campus, and students say that the campus is just as accepting and receptive as it is diverse.

It’s easy to see the racial diversity of Highline students from the minute you step on campus.

The student body is 32 percent Caucasian, 21 percent Asian, 17 percent African-American, 15 percent multi-racial, 14 percent Latino/Hispanic, and 2 percent Native American/Pacific Islander, making Highline the most ethnically diverse campus in the region.

Highline students say that racial diversity and acceptance come in equal amounts.

“I think they do a pretty good job of making it an accepting atmosphere. It seems like it’s very diverse,” said Johnny Nelson, a first-quarter student who recently transferred from South Seattle Community College.

Nelson’s opinion correlated with the majority of Highline students who say that Highline is not a place where racial intolerance occurs.

“You see a lot of different ethnicities, different cultures, but there never seems to be any discrimination here. I’ve been here two years and I’ve never experienced anything like that,” Nelson said.

Listen, learn, be the change

Rapper Chuck D and wife educate campus on MLK, making change

By KRIS DONOHUE Staff Reporter

People need to take action and not become society’s victims, a pair of activists said here last week.

Rap legend Chuck D of Public Enemy, and his wife Dr. Gaye Theresa Johnson of University of California-Santa Barbara spoke at Highline on Jan. 18 to kick off Martin Luther King Jr. Week. Highline’s annual celebration of the work of the late civil rights leader.

An overflow crowd filled Building 7, with more people watching via video remote in Building 8.

Chuck D talked about three things that are happening in the United States today: the problems society is causing, to be the change you want to see, and how Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is progressively becoming a historical blur.

“Society wants you to be a teenager until you’re 35,” said Chuck D.

He then went on to say he believes that if you are old enough to go to war and die, then you are old enough to not be seen as a kid anymore.

Chuck D explained that society hasn’t given colleagues any recognition the past 25 years.

He is a college graduate himself and attributed his success in life from the drive he learned in school.

Without collegians being recognized, a new culture has arisen where unintelligent people are doing anything to be noticed, he said.

“Being a celebrity is the new drug of America, politicians are acting like them, and people are becoming 144 character bookfacetwidiots,” said Chuck D.

Later in his speech, Chuck D emphasized that if we don’t like what is going on, then we need to be the change we want to see.

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Zach Nunberg/THUNDERWORD

Public Enemy rapper, Chuck D, educates a crowded Building 8 on society, the current problems Americans are facing and what changes need to be made on Jan. 18.

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By THUNDERWORD STAFF

Students to rally against tuition increases

By HIEN HONG Staff Reporter

Students from Highline and across the state are going to an upcoming rally in Olympia to urge legislators to take action against tuition increases.

Highline students are going as part of the Student Legislative Action Committee, a student government-sponsored committee that advocates student involvement in legislative issues.

One of the ways the committee is advocating student involvement is through a rally at the Washington Capitol on Feb. 1.

The rally, where the committee will join with other Washington community colleges, is “organized by a statewide organization,” said Ernest Hasha, chairman of the committee.

The Washington Community and Technical College Student Association is responsible for the rally, Hasha said.

The association was formed “to make sure that student leaders across Washington work together and advocate more [effectively],” said Hasha.

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The purpose of the rally in particular is to express the importance of investing in higher education, Hasha said.

Tuition and balancing private and public colleges are also among the issues the committee is concerned about, said Hasha.

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Transfer week set to start Monday
By LATONYA BRISBANE Staff Reporter

It’s never too early for students to get started on planning their academic experience beyond Highline, said the director of the Transfer Center.

“Start your transfer planning as early as possible,” Transfer Center Director Siew Lai Liley said. “First quarter is never too early to see an adviser. When you do everything last minute, you are behind.”

To help start the process, the Educational Planning and Advising/Transfer Center is hosting its Winter Quarter Transfer Fair beginning next Tuesday, Jan. 29. The event, featuring more than 30 colleges and universities, runs from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Student Union, Building 8, on the first floor. [This is a] great place to ask questions,” Liley said.

Reservations are not needed “and students are encouraged to bring their questions about admission requirements, majors, grade point averages, application deadlines and housing. The fair is an opportunity to get to know the admission representatives at their prospective colleges.”

“You can apply online [directly to four-year schools], but there are benefits in attending the workshops,” transfer student Alexis Litovkin said.

“Students preparing to apply to the University of Washington Seattle for Fall Semester 2013 need to complete an Academic Planning Worksheet as part of their transfer applications. A special workshop on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 12:15 p.m. will focus on such items as how to list one’s Highline coursework, there is no need to sign up in advance, and students should bring an unofficial copy of their Highline transcripts.

“Who anybody is applying for UW in the fall, and needs help, just come,” Liley said.

“Many sex offenders do not recidivist wish only to make a new life for themselves and their families,” said Noyer. Students, staff and faculty should work to be encouraging and give this person an opportunity to learn without prejudice, Noyer said.

Highline continues to work toward providing a safe environment for everyone. You are encouraged to think and act in ways that increase your personal safety, the safety of your belongings, and the protection of your vehicle. Always be aware of your surroundings and take appropriate precautions to protect yourself,” Noyer said.

Trash problems arise
Sharp objects have been causing problems for crews re-moving the trash.

“The custodial team brought a number of razor blades, scissors, and large pieces of broken glass to the attention of Barry Holldorf, director of Facilities and Operations.

“It is important for the safety of the people handling these items that faculty and staff dispose of these items properly,” Holldorf said. “Razor blades, needles and scissors should be wrapped and taped at a minimium.”

“I am not aware of any medical needles being in the trash, but they should be disposed of in a sharps container. Razor blades can go in these contain-ers too if they are in your ar- eas,” Holldorf also said.

Academic Achievement Award applications due
Applications for Highline’s Academic Award for Spring Quarter 2013 are due on Feb. 6. Full-time students who are Washington residents and not Running Start with at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA are eligible to apply for one of 15 full-time tuition waivers.

To pick up an application, go to the second floor of Building 9. For more information, contact Rickita Reid at 206-592-3301 or email reid@highline.edu.

Student services
By JAMES L. MCKINNON Staff Reporter

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Don’t Miss Out! How to Write a Winning Personal Statement

Attend this session and you will learn how to submit a great personal essay with your future transfer admission application! Learn how to make your application come “ALIVE” with some excellent writing and content tips! No need to sign up.

Location: Highline Writing Center Building 26, Room 319

Wednesday, February 6 from 1:30-2:25PM

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New VP to be selected as Azeez takes presidency

By RACQUEL ARCEO  - Staff Reporter

Nimotalai Azeez is prepared to take on her new role as the president of the Associated Students of Highline Community College.

“I feel it’s really the duty for me to step into that organization and keep things running smoothly,” said Azeez.

Azeez took over the role of Student Government president after the executive council voted the former president, Raphael Pierre, out of office.

As a new Student Government vice president is being selected and Azeez transitions to her new role as president, she has continued some of the duties of vice president.

“There is a lot of adjusting, both in Student Government and for me,” said Azeez.

“I’m going to be shifting my responsibilities to whoever comes in as VP and I am shifting into doing more of what the president’s duties are.”

As vice president, Azeez said she was able to see what the role of president entailed.

“Before this role was more backstage but now there’s a little more front stage,” said Azeez.

Azeez. “It’s been a learning experience, I’m still learning a lot and getting training for the president’s role.”

During the transition Azeez said she is getting additional training for her new role.

“[The transition has] been good. I feel like I have a lot of support from the people I work with as well as support from students and administration. I think the support has really made the transition go well,” said Azeez.

Azeez said that it’s a strain looking back at what she was doing in Fall Quarter, but she always tries to keep things moving forward.

“I don’t foresee any major challenges, I see the rest of the year going good,” said Azeez.

Part of the president’s role is to be a voice for the students of Highline.

The president is expected to hear what the students have to say, it’s gathering student opinion and reporting to administration as well as on legislative issues.

Though there are differences in the roles, all the members in Student Government ultimately have the same goal: to promote student leadership.

“One of Student Government’s main responsibilities is to provide leadership opportunities for students who are looking into getting involved in leadership,” said Azeez.

“Keeping up engagement in Winter Quarter is something that I will try to hold on to from Fall Quarter.”

Azeez said that one of her goals is to keep student involvement up through the rest of the year.

“One of the things about Student Government that I really enjoyed is that we really value equal say. It’s not hierarchical or anything like that. The voice is really equally spread between all members,” said Azeez.

According to the By-Laws of the ASHCC, the order of succession elevates vice president to president and speaker of caucus to vice president.

In this case, Annie Boyenneh has chosen to remain speaker of caucus.

The new vice president should be chosen before the next Student Government meeting on Jan. 29.

“We’ve accepted applications and are in the process of selecting a new vice president,” Azeez said.

By DANIEL JOYCE  - Staff Reporter

Beginners, great writers, and everyone in between gets help at the Writing Center. Highline students working as consultants for the Writing Center are helping peers in a number of different ways.

The Writing Center, located in Building 26, room 319, top floor, is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and on Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Ban assault weapons, but not all guns

The United States needs to place a ban on assault weapons again. Assault weapons are too dangerous for anyone to own or use outside of military purposes. Due to recent mass shootings, discussion on gun control has been controversial. Opinions on gun control vary widely within the spectrum of placing a ban on all guns to having no gun control.

But in terms of owning guns, assault weapons are what should be banned. The United States had the Federal Assault Weapons Ban in effect between 1994-2004. During the Newton, Conn. shooting last month, the Bushmaster AR-15 rifle was the primary weapon used by the gunman. The AR-15 is the civilian version of the military M-16 rifle and would’ve been illegal during the assault weapons ban.

The ban was put into effect as a request from the police to not have to deal with being out-gunned in crimes. While it lasted, the ban proved to be effective for that very purpose.

According to a study done by the University of Pennsylvania in 2004, crime rates involving assault weapons decreased by more than two-thirds within the nine years the ban was in effect. After the ban expired, an increase in criminal use of assault weapons was reported by 37 percent of police departments in a 2010 report by the Police Executive Research Forum. Other studies have shown that there’s been a noticeable increase of assault weapon usage in crimes as well as mass shootings.

For the safety of the public, assault weapons should be banned again. This doesn’t mean guns such as a hunting rifle or a handgun will be banned and taken away from gun owners. But assault weapons should be banned because they are deadly and serve no other purpose.

Although the Second Amendment says Americans have the right to bear arms, it doesn’t specify what type or when. However, a well-regulated militia isn’t a mentally dangerous individual using an assault weapon to shoot people in public.

Even with a ban on assault weapons in place, criminals will continue to use guns. However, the ban would at least improve the crime rates with assault weapons, like it did between 1994-2004. With mass shootings threatening the safety of the public, another federal assault weapons ban could help protect the public.

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.

Serve the world, start small

I wonder if the world could be a better place sometimes. I’m not saying the world is a terrible place; it really depends on where you are and the circumstances.

But perhaps because of my youth and naivety, I still think the world could be a better place for everyone if we just pull our resources together and put in effort.

There’s probably not a lot of change you or I could do alone for the whole world. However, a small team effort to benefit a particular community would contribute to this idea of making the world better.

Even if you don’t have the same cheeky mindset as me, I think it’s worth it to consider doing community service, an activity that involves your time and dedication to benefit others.

From my own experience, I find that serving the community doesn’t only benefit the cause, but the volunteer, too. I used to be a club leader of the community service club at my old school.

As club leader, I helped organize events throughout the school year that benefitted several causes while trying to get as many students as I could to participate in them. I’m not saying all of my planning went perfectly or that it was all my own idea.

And in terms of worldly impact, I didn’t do much at all. However, I took away a sense of accomplishment from each of those events. No matter how insignificant my work was compared to the world, I know I did benefit someone in some way.

Maybe that’s a sign of compassion, coming from a spoiled kid like me.

Doing community service inspires me to think about something other than myself.

Naturally, it’s hard to not think about yourself in life, because we’re all trying to benefit ourselves. But benefiting the world requires a little less thinking about ourselves and more thinking about others.

Furthermore, you don’t have to do community service alone. I joined community service club because of a friend, who I thought was fun to be around. And then my best friend also joined the club with me.

Starting to do community service can be difficult, but opportunities are scattered nearby in your community.

You just need to make time for community service, and this goes to me as much as anyone else.

Opportunities to volunteer for a fundraiser, carnival, or even join a volunteer committee can be found in schools or churches.

Organizations aiming to improve the community such as the Des Moines Rotary and Multi Service Center also need volunteers to help their projects.

From my experience in doing community service, I’ve learned how to have a good time while working for a good cause.

In addition, having community service hours on a college application looks good. We all want to benefit the world, or at least contribute a little, right?

And if a self-obsessed and slightly paranoid person like me could feel a sense of delight in doing community service, it may be worth a shot for others, too.

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**I often quote myself. It adds spice to my conversation.**

**1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does it mean to be polydactyl?**

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**8. ENGINEERING: What is a girder?**

**9. MEASUREMENTS: How long is a fortnight?**

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**1. “Hud” Oscar winner**

**2. “Moby-Dick” captain**

**3. “Haste makes waste,” e.g.**

**4. Hamartia, or a fatal flaw**

**5. Pumice**

**6. A beam, usually made of steel**

**7. Two weeks**

**8. Kind of straight**

**9. Guinea**

**10. King Henry VIII**

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Fashion takes Wing

Designers flash Asian flair at museum

By JOSEPH PARK
Staff Reporter

Fashion took flight at the Wing Luke Pacific Asian-American Museum with a fashion show last Saturday, commemorating the museum's newest exhibition, Fashion: Workroom to Runway.

Fashion devotees and photographers packed the community hall as they waited for the disc jockey to cue the runway show.

Attendees could hear heels clicking and supervisors giving instructions to the models behind the white curtain backdrop. There was excitement in the air, and not even the front row observers made effort to hide their enthusiasm.

Sure, it was a presentation, but the fashion show was not a business occasion; it was a celebration of diversity and Asian-American pride.

"It’s about people getting together," said Georgette, who was one of the front row spectators at the fashion show.

Fashion: Workroom to Runway was organized to enlighten people that Asian-Americans have had an extensive relationship with the fashion industry. The stack of C.C. Filson Co. buttons in the exhibit attests to the fact that Asian-Americans have been part of the growing garment business in the United States as early as the late 1800s.

The exhibit also exposes the demanding labor that goes into developing a collection in the style of a storyboard.

On one side of the gallery wall, one can peruse through sketches of the Regatta Line, which is the name of Designer Banchong Douangphrachanh’s most recent clothing line.

On another side, visitors can enter a mock studio containing sewing machines and other various ateliers. "It is a career that requires great discipline," said Exhibits Manager Michelle Kumata. The exhibit honors the successes of renowned Asian-American designers such as Naeem Khan and Trina Turk.

Fashion: Workroom to Runway also proudly holds the monarch ball gown from Lady Yang Couture, a black and white garden dress from Jason Wu (before Target discovered him), a Vera Wang cocktail dress composed of a moss-like fabric, and much more.

Fashion veteran Get Chan commenced the fashion show by bringing back the zeitgeist of the 1970s flower power.

Audience members held their breath in nostalgia as Chan’s 1970 Gunne Sax apron dress walked by. Chan began working at Gunne Sax, a vintage women’s wear label, when she was 20 in 1970.

Chan constructed her Fall 2013 Collection especially for the Wing’s fashion night out. The Wing currently displays two of Chan’s works in the exhibit.

Then, Malia Peoples of Lady Konnyaku presented her Spring/Summer 2013 Collection, titled Pop Soda.

For Pop Soda, Peoples drew inspiration from Japanese street wear from the 1960-1970s, and from her childhood.

"As a kid, I [watched] old Kung Fu movies, [looked] through family photos from the 1960s and 70s, and [enjoyed] the fun surprises that my dad [brought] back from his time in Korea and Japan while serving in the military," said Peoples. Asian culture has provided a great deal of inspiration for her recent collection. Even the details on a candy wrapper or scenes from old movies have influenced her work, she said.

"She takes in everything: she is a designing sponge," said Terry Horlambus, director of the New York Fashion Academy in Seattle.

Designer Ninh Truong of Maiden Noir, a Seattle-based menswear brand, ordered a Siberian invasion by sending in soldiers for his 2013 Spring/Summer Collection, which included a fleece hoodie, officer chinos, and moccasins.

When the tides of manly aggression subsided, fashion designer Devon Yan-Berrong blessed the stage with elegant Qipao dresses.

"[My] collection takes audience back to old Shanghai from early 1920s," said Yan-Berrong.

The Qipao dresses take advantage of the feminine flower silk prints and possesses 3-D textures due to the glittering sequins, he said.

Yan-Berrong described the spirit of the Qipao as a symbol of female power, independence, and seduction.

Other artists also got the opportunity to flaunt their creations on the catwalk, but exhibit organizers were not able to put all of the clothes in the actual gallery for display.

"Space and timing didn’t permit [Gary Tang and Devon Yan-Berrong’s] to be included in the exhibit," said Community Program Manager Vivian Chan.

The fabulouosity has not ended yet as the runway show may have ended, but Fashion: Workroom to Runway will stand until April 21 of this year.

Valentine’s event variety will tug at your heart

By MAGGIE HALE
Staff Reporter

Feb. 14 can be the most loved and hated day of the year. Not everyone has a special lover or spouse - that doesn’t mean you can’t still enjoy Valentine’s Day with equally important people. If you are looking forward to spending time with that special someone, there are many events for you as well as those still in the search.

Destination Des Moines will host its third annual Sweetheart Ball at the Beach Park Auditorium Event Center. On Saturday, Feb. 9 from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Tickets are $50 for a night filled with dancing, dinner and live entertainment.

Event proceeds will benefit the community’s annual Fourth of July celebration, Fireworks Des Moines Marina, the local Key Bank, Salon Michelle, along with other local retails and online.

At the Burien Community Center they are hosting a Daddy and Daughter Valentine’s Ball. It is for all ages, if you are a daddy’s girl this may be your event.

All ages are welcome it doesn’t matter if you are a little girl or a grown lady. A lot of young girls go in the early session and older ones go to the later session.

“We still get a nice outcome either way,” said Janet Peterson of the Burien center.

The first session is from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The second session is at 7:30 to 9 p.m.

For one father and one daughter it costs $35 and each additional daughter is $6. Pre-registration is required. Admissions includes: Flowers for each daughter, photo, and refreshments.

The ninth Annual Sweetie Pie Social will be Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. at Todd Beamer High School in Federal Way.

Tickets are $12 for general admission and $10 for seniors, students and military (with ID).

The cost of admission includes a piece of pie and a beverage.

The show usually lasts around three hours with lots of singing, refreshments, and an underlying theme of love and romance.

Tickets can be purchased ahead of time or at the door.

An upcoming event for all you fitness gurus is the Love ‘em or Leave’em Valentine’s Day Dash 5K.

The event takes place Feb. 9 at Green Lake Park in Seattle. The race starts at 9:30 a.m. with registration at 8 p.m.

The race is festive with people who are ready to run the 5k while being dressed up in costumes such as Cupid. Register for this race online at promotionevents.com.

After running your heart out go tickle your funny bone at the Market Theater for an improv show.

You can find it in downtown Seattle in the Pike Place Market.

This show is for all ages and is about the love of humor. Tickets are $15 and is showing on Valentine’s Day at 8 p.m.

Tickets are also available for purchasing online.

For more information, visit unexpectedproductions.org.
Thunderbirds look ahead to tournaments

By ISAIAH WELLER
Staff Reporter

The Highline Thunderbirds say they are using every loss against top-tier talent to prepare themselves for the upcoming wrestling tournaments.

After losing a hard-fought meet to top-ranked North Idaho College, 32-12, the team is putting all their focus on the improvement for the upcoming regional and national tournaments.

The victors for the Thunderbirds against North Idaho College, other then Brandon Leach at 125, due to forfeit, were All-American Lucas Huyber at 184, and Shawn Weisenburg at 157.

“Lucas Huyber has been unbelievable all year long and continues to be unbelievable,” said Head Coach Scott Norton.

In the 184-pound match, Huyber defeated Caleb Rivera, 11-1, Weisenburg conquered 9-3.

Huyber's first match was a loss to John Tuck from Oregon State University, who went on to win the tournament at 184.

Huyber’s later match at fourth place was a loss to Erick Parsons by a close decision 9-8.

At 197, Wayne Schwartz made it all the way to the final to face Vj Guilio from North Idaho College, but lost by pin.

Highline will be participating in another tournament at Pacific Sunday, Jan. 27 at 10 a.m.

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‘Birds still alive in the chase for a playoff berth

By KIMBERLY IBARRA
Staff Reporter

The Thunderbirds took one step forward and one step back in their quest to make the NWAACC championships.

The T-Birds have a league record of 3-4 and a 9-9 record overall. The team is currently in fifth place in the West Division.

The ladies took on the Grays Harbor Chokers at Highline on Wednesday, Jan. 16. They beat the Chokers, 78-55.

On Saturday, Jan. 19, the team took a trip to Centralia College to play against the team that stands in first place in the West Division, the Lady Trail Blazers. The T-Birds lost to the Trail Blazers, 58-53.

The team’s game plan against the Chokers was “refuse to lose and leave everything on the court,” center Alexandria Jenkins said.

Point guard Grace Beardemphel was the leading scorer of the game against Grays Harbor. She had 23 points, made seven out of 10 three-pointers, and was 70 percent at the free throw line. Guard Keana Magalei had nine points, four-4 free throws, seven rebounds, four steals, and nine assists.

Forward Brianna Votaw added another 10 points to the game for the Thunderbirds.

The highline wrestler Shawn Weisenberg takes down a North Idaho wrestler in the match against North Idaho.

The team focused on going after the ball, players said afterward.

They ended the game against the Chokers with 35 rebounds, 15 steals, 23 assists, and were 91 percent at the free throw line. Although the T-Birds lost to the Lady Trail Blazers, they played a tough game.

“We only lost by five points. It showed us how close we are to acting like a team on the court and how we should play to get to the NWAACC championships,” Jenkins said.

The women had 29 rebounds, 12 assists, and 14 turnovers.

Magalei and Votaw led the team with the most points and rebounds. Magalei had 16 points, seven rebounds, three steals, and was 75 percent at the free throw line. Votaw had 10 points, five rebounds, and made 4-4 free throws.

The ladies need to focus on blocking out after every shot and getting the rebounds, the players said.

“Running up and down for every missed rebound and block adds up. Twenty-nine rebounds is good, but we can do better,” Jenkins said.

The T-Birds “can improve by finishing out a close game. Focus, determination, guts, blood, or run through a wall is what it’ll take,” Assistant Coach Karen Nadeau said.

The women played on Wednesday, Jan. 23 against the South Puget Sound Clippers.

Results were unavailable at pre-time.

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The T-Birds have been hurt by poor free-throw shooting of late. Highline Assistant Coach Dave Denny looks over Highline guard Malik Rodgers practicing free-throws.

The T-Birds have been pressing full court in recent games. ‘Birds strive for shooting improvement

In the win against Grays Harbor, Highline scored 22 points off of 22 turnovers from Grays Harbor.

The T-Bird men protected the ball whenever they had it, only allowing nine turnovers compared to the 22 turnovers by Grays Harbor.

“We have been pressing full court more than the last couple of games,” Head Coach Ché Dawson said. “That has increased the turnovers of other teams.”

“We spend a lot of time working on handling the basketball versus pressure and working on angles, two-foot jump stopping and being on balance when passing the ball,” Dawson said.

“In both games this past week, our free-throw percentage and three-point field goal percentage decreased from 40 percent to 34.5 percent and 16.7 percent to 6 percent, respectively. However, they improved their free-throw percentage from 42.9 percent to 66.7 percent.

In the second half, the T-Bird men’s field goal percentage and three-point field goal percentage decreased from 36.7 percent to 42.3 percent and 20 percent to 37.5 percent respectively. Although, their free-throw percentage dropped from 83.3 percent to 64.7 percent in the second half.

Highline went from nine turnovers in the Grays Harbor game to 18 turnovers against Centralia. Centralia turned the ball over 11 times. "We had a five-minute period where we were incredibly inefficient offensively," Dawson said. "Turnovers led to no shots for us and high percentage shots for them."

"It’s that simple," Dawson said. "You can’t do that against good teams and expect to win."

Ira Haywood, Malik Rodgers, and Heck were all perfect from the free-throw line with Haywood making four out of four, Rodgers making two out of two, and Heck making his only free-throw attempt.

In both games this past week, Haywood was perfect from the free-throw line making six out of six.

Haywood shot 43 percent from the field making three out of seven shots in the game against Centralia. He finished the game with 10 points and a rebound. Heck made 38 percent of his shots from the field knocking down three out of seven shots. He scored seven points with three assists. He also grabbed three total rebounds.

“We need to collectively play hard as a team," Heck said. "We have to keep having faith and keep listening to coach.”

Highline took on South Puget Sound last night. The results were unavailable at press time.

The next game the T-Bird men play is next Wednesday, Jan. 30 at home against Green River.

This will be the second time Highline has faced Green River in division play. In the first match-up, Highline fell to Green River 61-46.

“The is a good test for us,” Heck said. “We have to stay focused for the whole 40 minutes.”

The T-Birds have been hurt by poor free-throw shooting of late.

Highline Assistant Coach Dave Denny looks over Highline guard Malik Rodgers practicing free-throws.
Students need more sleep and better study habits, Sue Frantz, a Highline psychology professor, said last week. Frantz spoke about the science of being a student at the first science seminar of the Winter Quarter on Friday, Jan. 18. Science Seminar is held every Friday in Building 3, room 102 from 2:20 to 3:23 p.m. Presentations are done by Highline community members about areas within their field of expertise.

Frantz earned a bachelor’s degree from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and a master’s degree in social psychology from the University of Kansas. She spent time teaching at a few community colleges in Kansas, and then accepted a full time position at the University of New Mexico. In 2001, Frantz came to Highline.

In her presentation, Frantz highlighted some do’s and don’ts for students: some good study habits, and some ways students might actually be hurting themselves.

Frantz explained how the brain processes knowledge, illustrating the physiological changes that take place in our brains when we learn. As people are exposed to new knowledge, Frantz says, their brains are forming new neural pathways and brain cells are growing closer together.

“We actually want to become more dense,” she said.

Frantz also took time to emphasize the importance of sleep. After people learn something, their brains need adequate time to consolidate the information.

“Our bodies are built for 8-10 hours of sleep. Those of you spending lots of time on your phones are wasting your time,” Frantz said.

Another student said that he prefers studying after school, said Jerron Smith. “We get to come to class every day and see people from all over the world. What’s not to love about that?” Peel asked.

Frantz also recommends spacing out study time. Instead of studying material for three hours straight, students are advised to spend one hour a day on three different days. This gives the brain three chances to consolidate the information during sleep instead of one.

In terms of study, Frantz suggests variety. Studying in different places and even changing where you sit in the classroom every day will allow you to relate new information with a new environment. Different surroundings make for more retrievable queues, making it easier for our brains to solidify new information.

Study tactics that have not proven to be helpful include writing rote information, highlighting or underlining, and rereading material over and over.

Frantz said it is better to focus on reading material for the first time, and if you do become distracted, you should allow yourself to take breaks.

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**By DANIEL JOYCE**  
Staff Reporter

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said Micheal Peel, a transfer student.

“I don’t really see anything [like discrimination] around here at Highline. I think overall this campus pushes for cultural and racial diversity,” said student Frantz.

Students are accepting of who they are,” Sophia Latifary, a transfer, said.

International students add to the assortment of cultures.

During the 2012 school year alone, there were 650 International students at Highline.

They also feel accepted among the diverse student body.

“I’m from Asia, Shanghai. Asian students are more quiet than Americans, but yes, very accepting,” said Yang Chen.

Chen is a nutrition major and international student in her last quarter at Highline.

“T’ve seen in an honor class, 22 total students and 12 different countries,” Chen said.

“The international students program here is very good,” she said.

Chen is also a math tutor in the TRiO program because students are accepting of who they are,” Sophia Latifary, a transfer, said.

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Panel discusses injustices in African communities

By EMILY ARNOLD Staff Reporter

Progress has been made, but there is still injustice and oppression throughout African communities in the world. As part of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Week, Highline’s annual exploration of the late Dr. King’s civil rights work, a panel of speakers came to Building 7 on Tuesday to discuss liberation movements in the African Diaspora.

A diaspora is defined as a scattering of people away from their ancestral homeland. The panel explored modern struggles for people of African descent throughout the world as a result of these movements.

Speakers included Doris Garcia, panel facilitator; Joel Kalonji on the mining of coltan in the Congo; Ernest Hasha and Simphiwe Dube on post-apartheid Africa; Linda Walden; and Reverend Harriett Walden, director of Mothers for Police Accountability.

Garcia, a graduate of Louisiana University, will be teaching at Highline in the spring.

“The Africuna woman. The African is a person that—many people that were displaced from West Africa into Central American countries such as Belize, Nicaragua, Honduras and Guatemala. They were removed from their homeland in 1797, said Garcia. Today, there are also sizable Garifuna communities in major U.S. cities such as New York and Miami.

Garcia explained of the origin of the African Diaspora. Like many social issues, it began with African slavery. More than 50 million Africans were moved to the New World and huge communities of their descendents, such as the Garifuna, remain.

Garcia then went on to discuss maroon communities. “Maroon” comes from the Spanish term for runaway slaves, “cimarrón,” which literally means “wild one.” They were called this because so many fled to the mountains. The cimarrón then formed independent settlements from the West Indies to the Americas. Despite their eventual defeat against British attacks, the rebellious spirit of the maroons helped forge independent identities vital to combating oppression.

Jamica has been the source of many movements for black justice. One historic figure of Jamaican leadership is Marcus Garvey. Garcia said he wanted an “Africa for Africans” and founded the Universal Negro Improvement Association along with the Black Star Line. The Black Star Line provided ships to bring blacks back to Africa — the movement for black people to return to African heritage is known as Pan-Africanism, which Garvey championed.

Kalonji, Highline graduate and current University of Washington student, came to America from the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Kalonji explained that as is the case in all colonized nations, the drive for wealth has been detrimental to the native people. Of 70 million Congolese, he said, the wars for their resources have left more than seven million dead.

“If you think about it, seven million out of 70 million is 10 percent. That could be me,” he said.

Kalonji urged the community to take it upon itself to learn more and become involved. He invited the audience to look into Friends of the Congo, an organization that raises awareness of the injustice in the Congo. Friends can be found at www.friendsofthecongo.org.

In further exploration of injustice within Africa, Simphiwe Dube spoke about South Africa.

Dube is a student here in America on a full-ride scholarship. He’s from Johannesburg, which is the largest city in South Africa by population.

“Many of the people in South Africa live in poverty,” said Dube.

“Only 10 percent of the people have access to higher education,” he said.

Dube explained that the majority of the people have access to basic education, but the majority of the people are not able to afford higher education.

“Many people are not able to afford higher education because parents can’t afford it,” said Dube.

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It is not just about segregation,” said Hasha. “It’s about controlling production and economy.”

Much of the wealth in South Africa remains with descendents of Dutch “Afrikaners,” the colonizers of the nation. This not only affects current standards of living for the black citizens, but the future opportunities of this generation and the next, he said.

“Kids are unable to access education because parents can’t afford it,” said Hasha.

He explained that universities in South Africa accept students based on the tuition they can pay. For students who were not born into money, the only option is to go home.

Both Hasha and Dube were able to come to America for their education through the Commuity College Initiative Program. According to the U.S. government, the program pays for one year of education in the United States before returning students to their homes “with new skills and expertise to help them contribute to the economic growth and development of their country.”

Hasha said he “wants to speak for the voices that cannot be heard,” and it is through education and awareness that equality can be attained; Hasha even encouraged audience members to visit South Africa.

The Reverend Harriett Walden discussed a justice movement within Seattle. Walden grew up in the segregated south and said she “was raised to bring no shame” to her race. In 1990, Walden’s two children, a freshman and senior in high school, were pulled over by a police officer for what she said was “driving while black.” Despite committing no crimes, her son was beaten.

It was this outrage that led the reverend to found Mothers for Police Accountability. The group uses non-violent means to bring justice to the community and has achieved a number of victories in its nearly 23 years of social movement, she said.

In 1994, Mothers for Police Accountability joined Families Against Mandatory Sentencing to oppose an initiative which would send prisoners to jail for life if one of 40 listed offenses were committed.

In 1996, the group teamed up with the Puget Sound Council of Senior Citizens and sent the Seattle City Council a proposal to give police officer mental health training to be able to deescalate people in crisis. This came from the shooting of 84-year-old Beaureread Mitch.”

In 1997, the Seattle Chief of Police met with the group and then trained 50 officers in crisis intervention.

Mothers for Police Accountability has done much more work throughout the years. In reference to inspiration from Dr. Martin Luther King, Reverend Walden said “non-vio-

lence is the only movement that has brought about substantive change.”

The group has made progress in their mission and is always welcoming new members.

To learn more call 206-329-2033.

“We hope that the work of Dr. King and the Civil Rights movements are not treated as an annual event,” said Garcia.
Local legislature elevates to a position in House

By Hien Hong
Staff Reporter

A legislator from the Des Moines area has been elected as deputy speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives.

The Democratic Caucus elected Rep. Tina Orwall, from the 33rd District as deputy speaker pro tempore for the next two years.

Orwall said she considers the elevation to deputy speaker pro tempore a vote of confidence.

As deputy speaker pro tempore, Orwall will “do some of the floor covers,” she said.

The speaker, or his or her deputy, presides over the House sessions when it is in full session.

When the House is covering sessions, “someone has to preside,” Orwall said.

Orwall will also serve on the Rules Committee, where bills are considered for a House vote; the Judiciary Committee, where issues relating to laws and judicial administration are managed; and the Education Committee, where basic education is managed for the next two years.

ORCA students receive reimbursements

By Kris Donohue
Staff Reporter

Highline is offering reimbursements checks to enrolled students using ORCA cards.

An ORCA card is a card used to pay transit fare without having to carry exact change and is accepted on all modes of transit including train, ferry, light rail, and the bus.

It is both faster and easier than paying with cash, since all you need to do is tap the card to the reader, and it immediately transacts the exact fare from your account.

An ORCA card is easy to get, and can be ordered off of orca-card.com.

It costs only $5 for a standard youth or adult card, and can be used right away.

It can be reloaded with money at many grocery stores, and online with a debit or credit card.

Another plus to the card, is after the fare is paid, a two-hour ride the transfer will be used.

The reimbursement that Highline offers is 15 percent or up to $15 per month, for enrolled students using the card.

To receive these benefits all you need to do is three easy steps.

The steps to complete this are: buy an ORCA card, fill out the Student Bus Pass Discount form.

The form can be found both online and outside of campus safety in building six, and finally submit the form with the original receipt attached to the Cashier’s Office drop box in Building 6.

The reimbursement check will be delivered to your home address within 10 to 14 days, and this can be done every month enrolled at Highline.

Ivan Villarreal, a student in his second quarter at Highline, was unaware of this benefit, and said he will definitely take advantage of it.

“I have a budget of $40 each week, and about 65 percent of it is spent on transportation. With an extra $15 I could afford to go out more each month,” Villarreal said.

In general anyone riding the bus is encouraged to take advantage of the savings of having an ORCA card,” said Jennifer Amato, who is the executive assistant to Larry Yok, vice president of administration services.

To learn more about the ORCA card reimbursement, go to the Highline website click campus safety, click the commuting to Highline tab on the left, and then click ORCA Card Reimbursement for students, located on the right side of the page.

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Joining the rally with a group of community colleges will “help us address our issues more effectively,” Hasha said.

So “we want to be united with community colleges,” said Hasha.

The committee will be marching and holding signs at the rally. Student speakers will be able to give testimonies in front of legislators, Hasha said.

The rally will “get key legislators to come down and talk to us,” Hasha said.

Hasha said legislators who will be at the rally include Sen. Rodney Tom, chairman of the Senate Higher Education and Workforce Education Committee; Rep. Larry Sequest, chairman of the House Higher Education Committee; Rep. Larry Haler, ranking minority leader of the House Higher Education Committee; and Sen. Derek Kilmer, vice chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

However, Sen. Tom said he is no longer the chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee.

An assistant from the office of the current chairwoman of Senate Higher Education Committee, Sen. Barbara Bailey said the rally is not scheduled on her calendar.

Meanwhile, an assistant from the office of Rep. Sequest said he is scheduled to speak at the rally. For those interested in going to the rally or learning more about the issues, the committee meets every Monday from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in Building 8, room 302. The deadline to sign up to go is Jan. 29.

“Everyone is welcome to come,” Hasha said.

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