Fulbright grant lets prof return to Africa

By Jawahir Omar
Staff Reporter

Highline Professor Dr. Emmanuel Chiabi has been named a Fulbright Scholar and will receive a grant to lecture and perform research in Cameroon, Africa.

The Fulbright award is given to approximately 1,100 American scholars to get a chance to teach in another country across the globe.

These scholars are sent out to nearly 125 countries to lecture and experience professional life in different surroundings.

Dr. Chiabi, who teaches history, anthropology and political science at Highline, was given this award to go teach in his native country and perform research for the 2013-2014 academic year.

He was born and raised in a village in Cameroon. As a child, Dr. Chiabi said he didn’t think of becoming anything but a teacher.

He grew up in a small village, and he had no idea what the world could offer.

“You don’t dream if you don’t see things to dream about,” Dr. Chiabi said.

He explained how he had grown up accepting the fact that he would be a regular teacher in a village until the day he got a call that would change his life - a chance to study in America.

“It makes me feel good to know that I’ve been recognized here and there, and I now feel like I can fit into the global citizenship,” Dr. Chiabi said.

After years of research and teaching, he said he is now more than grateful to be given a chance to give back to the community that had once raised him.

This also isn’t the first time that Dr. Chiabi has received a Fulbright award.


That same year, Dr. Chiabi began teaching at Highline.

He said that he encourages students to work hard, even if they don’t know what they want to become in life, and to be self-sufficient.

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By Hien Hong
Staff Reporter

Highline’s International Student Programs enrollment could be threatened by a Senate bill proposing to increase tuition for international students starting in the 2013-2014 academic year.

The bill is “a really discriminatory fee on international students,” said Sen. Karen Keiser, D-Des Moines.

In addition to the estimated revenue loss, “we’d also lose the incredible diversity [of the student body],” said Sen. Keiser, who opposes the bill.

“I want international students to study at our schools and continue to enrich our campuses,” said Sen. Barbara Bailey, a sponsor of the bill and chairwoman of the Senate Higher Education Committee.

However, “the reality is that most international students have not paid the state taxes that help support our institutions,” Sen. Bailey said.

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The board field trip

By Bailey Williams
Staff Reporter

Repairs to Highline’s Marine and Science Technology Center, damaged late last year during an intense storm that struck during abnormally high tide, began this week at Redondo.

It was the second year in a row that the MaST Center had been damaged.

The storm on Dec. 17 came from the southwest and whipped up the waters of Puyallup Bay just as a king tide was cresting.

The resultant storm surge ripped siding from the MaST Center and damaged its electrical supply.

Both the main building and the aquarium were damaged.

The loss of electrical power sent workers beginning to save the aquarium’s specimens, which require a constant flow of fresh saltwater.

The resultant storm surge also significantly damaged MaST Center’s approximately five-foot swath of parking lot and the Redondo boardwalk.

Also significantly damaged were the local fishing pier, boat ramp and the Redondo boardwalk.

Repaired to the MaST Center cost approximately $7,000.

The budget for the more extensive MaST Center repairs is roughly $210,000.

The breakdown is $157,000 for the contractor with $15,000 set aside as a contingency for unforeseeable costs.

An additional $22,000 is allocated for design and permits.

Plans are to not only replace the shingles that were ripped off, but to incorporate an approximate five-foot swath of driftwood.

Workers began repairing the damage to the MaST Center earlier this week.

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**Lost items found this week.**

Men of Vision is an open discussion for all Highline students.

**Run for student leader this quarter.**

**Save the planet with Earth Week**

**Dance the night away at Pink Prom**

**Student reports hit and run**

A hit and run happened in the South Parking Lot, resulting in damage to a student’s vehicle on April 3. No other information has been found about it.

**Vandalization seen last week**

Graffiti was found in buildings 21 and 25 on April 1 and April 3, respectively, and was immediately cleaned up.

**Students needed assistance in lots**

Campus Security assisted multiple students with unlocking and jumping their cars throughout the first week of Spring Quarter.

**Local woman is reported missing**

The Des Moines Police Department is searching for a missing woman.

**Promote diversity with your peers**

Highline’s 16th annual Unity Through Diversity Week will be April 22-26.

**Items in Lost and Found**

A computer mouse, a hat, coats, a calculator, several umbrellas, gloves, earphones and a notebook were found and returned into the Lost and Found Office this week.

For those interested in retrieving an item, go to Building 6 on first floor at the Campus Security Office.

*Compiled by Mark Fitzgerald*
By Michaela Vue
Staff Reporter

Students should leverage their leadership experience in their job searches, a former Highline director of human resources told a First Fridays lecture audience last week.

Cesar Portillo, vice president for human resources at Bellevue College, said that many students have a hard time identifying the leadership skills that they have acquired.

He said that students should make a list of the activities they are involved in, write the skills they learn from each of them, and then explain how they will benefit a future employer.

Such preparation will give students a jump-start in every process involved in getting a job.

Referencing last month’s First Friday, Portillo said authentic leadership has four components: self-awareness, internalized moral perspective, balanced processing and relational transparency.

“It is very much an act from the heart,” Portillo said. For these reasons, many employers look for this skill in hiring employees.

“The challenge for you, for people of color, is translating it (leadership skills),” Portillo said.

He recognized that this activity may be hard for some students to grasp if their culture discourages boasting about themselves.

“All of us have crucibles, I have them all the time,” Portillo said explaining that even great leaders have hardships. Learning from these crucibles helps people reflect on their morals.

The wisdom from crucibles show an employer that an applicant is mature and able to problem solve in the less than ideal situations.

Although it can be intimidating to network, it is a great way to get your foot through the door.

Portillo said that networking is “the act of building relationships and connection to advance professionally.”

He described three levels of networking as: initial contacts (people you know personally), secondary list (people who know people), and key contacts (people who could help, but you do not really know).

Portillo urged students to use the resources they have, but sympathized with students who may be more shy, saying: “I was not kidding when I said I was an introvert.”

Along with networking, practicing elevator speeches will help student’s nerves, he said. Students should include something relevant about their past, present and future. (people’s passion).

Highline college skills class runs out of funding

By Angela Sucher
Staff Reporter

The end of a Gates Foundation grant in June will eliminate a life skills class for adult basic education and general education development for students at Highline.

The skills for college class, which began in fall 2011, currently offers GED preparation, college preparation and career skills to 17 ABE and GED students.

“The class is funded through a two-year grant from the Gates Foundation that, unfortunately, will end in June,” Shana Friend, class instructor and Highline faculty member, said.

At the front-ending, Friend said that she fears that there will be a limited amount of resources at Highline for both current and future ABE and GED students.

“Highline has always been really great at serving ESL students, but before this class, we were serving adults with GED and ABE students,” Friend said. “I was so happy to be involved with this class and help to strengthen that,” Friend said.

The class has targeted students who have an interest in attending college but face educational barriers, ranging from financial concerns to learning disabilities.

“The requirements of the class were that they must be currently enrolled in an ABE or GED class; be 18 to 29 years old; and have an interest in what we are interested in and what we want to do,” said Friend.

The class also offers a variety of resources and skills in collaboration with GED preparation that prepared students to enroll in college courses and pursue both careers and degrees.

Friend estimates that of her 17 students enrolled this quarter, 80 percent will obtain their GED and enroll in college courses after completing the class.

Of the 17 students, five have already received their GEDs and all have said that they plan to go on to enroll in college classes.

“This class helps me focus on my future goals, makes me know what I want, what career I want and what I have what I need to get there,” Omar Brown, a student enrolled in his second quarter of the class, said.

Although the course doesn’t offer actual college credits, students said that the knowledge obtained through the class far exceeds just basic GED preparation.

“When I was getting my GED, I was in Shana’s pre-GED course and this class coincides a lot with that but also does much more,” Ortiz, a Skills for College student, said.

“The class teaches us job skills. Mostly how to fill out applications, but it also gives us an opportunity to find out what we are interested in and what we want to do,” said Friend.

The students also take field trips to other colleges to research programs offered and are required to sit in on Highline classes every quarter to get an idea of what a college-level class entails.

“Providing resources, access to other colleges and help with money for things,” said Karmsha Wheeler, a student currently enrolled in both the skills for college and GED preparatory classes.

“It’s worth it and they help you all the way.”

Portillo stresses using the job skills that they have acquired to get answers in a way that shows their personality, he said.

“When I know what I am talking about, I will do well,” Portillo said, giving his last advice. “Researching will better prepare you.”

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There will be information on paid leadership openings for next year.

Registration for the event required. Email stuprog@highline.edu or call 206-392-3536.

Elevator speeches can be practiced with friends and job fairs.

“If you are not taking advantage of the job fairs here, I encourage you, even if you are not looking for a job,” Portillo said. “Then you have nothing to lose, isn’t that great?”

When writing a resume, Portillo said, it is important to use the job description as a guideline.

“They want to know you have current skills in the areas that fill the job description,” Portillo said.

During a interview, Portillo said, “The behavior questions are more valuable to the employer.”

Students should note these questions and take advantage of answering them in a way that shows their personality, he said.

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Sequester hurts military and education funding

The dreaded sequester-an automatic series of spending cuts from the federal government-went into effect March 1. Budget cuts are being made in four areas to make up the $85.4 billion total that will take place over the next several months. There will be $47.2 billion cut from defense, $26.7 billion from domestic discretionary spending, $9.9 billion from Medicare, and $4 billion from other mandatory programs, which include both nondefense, and mandatory defense programs nationwide.

While the Department of Veterans Affairs is not affected from the sequestration, the Department of Labor’s Veterans Transition Assistance Program that helps more than 150,000 of our service men and women transition from active duty to civilian life, loses the jobs for Veterans State Grants-Program helps tens of thousands of veterans find civilian employment, will be taking cuts as well. Along with military cuts, education will also suffer from the sequester cuts.

Until something is done, thousands of teachers and school staff will lose their jobs and programs for approximately 1.2 million children nationally will be cut.

It's time for the Republicans and Democrats in Congress to come to a compromise.

In a speech by President Obama last month, he said the sequester isn’t necessary, but it is happening because the Republicans in Congress have made poor choices and have allowed them to happen by refusing to budge on closing one single “wasteful” loophole in order to help reduce the deficit.

The President also said that the Republicans in Congress are deciding to protect special interest tax breaks for the “well-off and well-connected” and that they believe doing that is more important than protecting the military or middle-class who will feel the effects of the deficit the most.

A report from the White House said the Department of Defense cuts in Washington state will furlough approximately 29,000 civilian employees, saving approximately $173.4 million.

The Army will cut about $124 million in base operation funding; the Air Force will cut about $3 million in operation funding; and the Navy is canceling aircraft depot maintenance at the Whidbey Island Naval Air Station and a demolition project in Bremerton.

Washington state cuts also include: approximately $11,600,000 for primary and secondary education, which would put about 160 teacher jobs at risk; cause a cut of funding for approximately 50 schools; a cut of financial aid for approximately 440 students and about 180 students will be unable to get work-study jobs in order to help them pay for college.

The American people elected the members of Congress to represent them and the United States. Congress is supposed to, or at least should be, making laws and coming up with federal budgets that reflect not only what is best for us as a country, but also what's best for the people.

The reason for this is that the mass majority and in a poll by NBC/Wall Street Journal 45 percent of Americans agree the President’s plan, compared to the 29 percent who agree with the way Republicans in Congress want to do things.

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So until the Republicans in Congress start listening to the people of this country as a whole, and not as individual parties, and decide to do what is right for this country; the military; middle-class; and public education will continue to suffer and take the hits for our elected officials’ deafness and inflexibility to compromise.

Letter: Congratulations on the April 1 issue

Dear T-Word Staff: Thank you for a delightful April 1 T-Word. I had several good laughs as I read it. Congrats on your wonderful creative energy. Tell T.M. “We did good.”

-Dr. Bob Baughner, Highline instructor

Letter to the editor

Student disputes article on reproductive rights

Dear Editor: In the March 14 edition of the T-Word, Ipek Saday wrote an article titled Road to reproductive rights has been long, slow, in which she discussed a presentation by Rosean Manwell.

The article contained inaccurate information regarding several issues, a few of which I hope to rectify here.

First, the very term “reproductive rights” is misleading because it starts with the assumption that abortion is necessary. This idea requires that the unborn is not a living human being, and thereby wrongfully of human rights; but beginning at conception, the single-celled baby (zygote) has its own unique and different gender from its mother, and could easily have a different blood type from its' mother.

So, the unborn is not a part of its mother's body, but it is human! Some people say that, in the same way that an acorn is not an oak tree, a fetus is not a person, but what kind of seed is an acorn? It's an oak seed. Conversely, a fetus isn’t an adult, but rather a person in an earlier stage of development.

The unborn is an individual human being, but does that make it a person? Remember the Dred Scott case that went to the United States Supreme Court?

“Remember what Chief Justice Roger Taney said in the majority opinion, that “the negro is so far inferior that he has no rights which the white man is bound to respect.””

Thankfully, we now recognize that African Americans’ rights are worth respecting; but replace the word “negro” with “unborn child” – the term that Saday herself used; proving that she recognizes the humanity of the unborn, while accepting the belief that it is acceptable to kill that same child – and you have the “pro-choice” position.

Saday also quoted an unreported claim by Adang that in the 1980’s, two million illegal abortions were occurring every year, because in America, the number of legal annual abortions amounts to 1.3 million, according to a 2003 study by the Allen Gutmacher Institute – the research arm of Planned Parenthood.

In his book Aborting America, Dr. Bernard Nathanson, a co-founder of NARAL, the National Abortion Rights Action League, (who also admits to coining the term pro-choice) advocated abortion; but seeing all these girls hugging their tears-stained teddy bears, convinced her that she needed to be there for them – to be a friend to these distressed girls, who knew deep in their hearts, that they’re killing their own kids, and it hurts.

~Aleah Hatch, Highline student

No thought of April showers

Even as temperatures still hover north of hypothermia, bare shoulders are all the rage. Students are clearly determined to don summer-friendly clothing…or lack thereof. True, we had a taste of sun last weekend, but it was short-lived.

Although it’s a given that warm weather doesn’t appear after the sequester, students are already strutting with pride in their ever-so-ironic equine styled boots, Jane Fonda-esque shorts, and of course, their infamous “bro tops.” Well, maybe not strutting, more like crouching with crossed arms and chattering inaudible shiver speech is the better way of putting it. Raised in Los Angeles, I’m no stranger to warm weather and the exposures it brings. I am, however, completely baffled by the quick adjustment Seattleites can make between the freezing rain season and the random thaws of April. The days following these sudden warm waves have them hopping with all their might that another one is just like this one. With Casino owners take note. One would think that it only takes twice in a lifetime to note the distinction, but the Seattle fog is obscuring the truth.

Thankfully, the weather app is usually available for free on mobile phones, if it doesn’t come with it already, feel free to take advantage.
HOCUS - FOCUS
BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF

A Bit of Rumble
Across
1. "Hamlet" has five
5. Deep cavity
10. Fill ___ (be perfect on)
14. Piglet's pal
15. 747, e.g.
16. Spanish pot
17. A shade of beige
18. Rajahl's wives
19. Actresses Ryan and Tilly
20. Advice for rowing crews
23. Above-the-rim action
24. Compulsively curious
25. Avian claws
28. "Buffalo" Bill
30. Ruin big-time
31. Pad type
33. Fleecing target
36. Not far, with "a"
40. "Crack" or "jack" follower
41. "They got ______ him"
42. Yield, as land
43. Components of some PCs
44. Like some vows or cows
46. "Are not!" comeback
49. Indifferent
51. Woods and Nicklaus, e.g.
57. Blylcream portion?
58. "Happy Days" role
59. "Animal House" attire
60. Brook
61. Absinthe flavor
62. Be on the payroll

Down
1. Did the same
2. James the actor
3. "___ Between Two Lovers" (#1 hit of 1977)
4. Halt production
5. Airport areas
6. Longtime Supreme Court name
7. Ballplayers in pinstripes
8. Agitated condition
9. Coordinate closely
10. Girl in a tree
11. Bars from the refrigerator
12. Birdbath floaters
13. "Delicious!"
21. Stocking mishap
22. Provide funding for
25. 1/16 of a cup: Abbr.
26. Singing voice
27. Stal foods
28. Old "What's My Line?" panelist
29. Vocalist Yoko
32. Even if, briefly
33. Water server
34. Jane Roe's defendant in a famous 70's court case
35. "Brown ___ Girl"
37. "Captain Blood" star Flynn
38. Boxer order?
39. Signed for a COD
43. Jury-rig, with "together"
44. " ___ Wednesday"
45. " ___ Powder holder"
46. "One way to fall"
47. " ___ Wednesday"
48. Activity for young swingers?
49. Misrepresent
50. Judgment problem
52. Baseball stats
53. Check point?
54. Loud laugh
55. Fairy-tale menace
56. Squealed

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. Ship's kitchen
2. Ponder
3. 5-cent piece
4. Drummer Ringo
5. Beautiful
6. Cavor
7. Card suit
8. Olympic award
9. Ira
10. He wanted "more"

G...K...L...R...O...A...D

Silicone...Entity...Scraped...Begin...Energetic...Harry or William...Extra tire...Copper or iron, e.g...

V...G...D...T...I...G...R...

Boring tool...Lone Ranger's mount

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row, across, each column down and each small 3 by 3 box contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: * * *

* Moderate  * * Challenging

BOO HOY!
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**Upcoming Poetry Month Events**

April is National Poetry Month and there are many up-coming events available for everyone to attend:

- **Thursday April 11 at 11 a.m.** spoken word artist Karen Finnyprock will be giving a lecture in Building 8 in the Mount Constance Room.
- **Wednesday April 24 at 1:30 p.m.** Susan Rich will be hosting a workshop around creating poetry for photogra-phy in Building 3 in room 102.
- **Thursday April 25 at 11 a.m.** Terry Dockter, an Amer-ican Sign Language Storyteller, will be presenting his form of storytelling in Building 7.
- **Saturday April 27 at noon**, Susan Landgraf and Susan Rich will be presenting another workshop about writing for photography at the PhaST Center.
- **Monday April 29 at 11 a.m.** Roberto Ascalon, spoken word artist and community writer) will be presenting in Building 8 in the Mount Olympus Room.

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**Three students took home a collective $175 in prize money from the 2013 Student Poetry Contest on April 4 in conjuc-tion with National Poetry Month.**

- **In first place**, with a prize of $100, went to Cally Somer, very top, for *The Interpreter*.
- **In second place**, $50 went to Cristina Acuna, above, for *In Case of a Downpour*.
- **In third place**, $25 went to Joseph Park for *Nocturne Lantern*.

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**Writeings on the wall**

**Restrooms become the new galleries as Highline celebrates National Poetry Month**

**By Ipek Saday**

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Gay rights takes centerstage at drama production

By Andrea Lopinto
Staff Reporter

Taking a cue from the national debate over gay rights issues, the Highline Drama Department has selected The Laramie Project as its spring production. The Laramie Project is a play written by Moisés Kaufman and the Tectonic Theatre Project. It is a play that was written in response to the murder of a gay man in 1998.

Laramie is the name of a town in Wyoming where two men tied a gay college student named Matthew Shepard to a fence, beat him, and left him to die.

Shepard was 21 years old and the murder has been determined as a hate crime.

As a result of Shepards death, Congress passed the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, or simply known as the Matthew Shepard Act.

The law protects American citizens from crimes motivated by hate against one’s gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation.

The Laramie Project is comprised of actual interviews of town inhabitants following the murder.

Drama instructor Debra Pralle, who will direct the production, said she feels it is the right time to give this play an airing at Highline.

“We felt it was a timely piece considering the recent Supreme Court [hearing] on DOMA, the Defense of Marriage Act,” Pralle said.

Recently, the Supreme Court has been hearing cases on the 1996 law, which prohibits marriage between same-sex couples.

The ruling is expected to be announced by the Supreme Court in June this year.

Pralle also expressed hope that the play will have an impact on audience members.

“Hopefully there will be a character the audience members can relate to,” she said.

“They are people. I long for the day when this [human right] is no longer an issue.”

Among the characters in the show, Pralle said that she liked Jedidiah Schulz the most. “Jedidiah Schulz goes through a change from start to finish,” she said. “He is a character I hope people grab onto.”

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Garden wants art to blossom

By Lindsey Tyson
Staff Reporter

Poppies and artwork and music — oh my! OK, this isn't the Wizard of Oz, and these poppies definitely will not put you to sleep.

On May 18, the Federal Way Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden will be showcasing its unique blue poppies along with some unique artwork from local artists.

Federal Way's Arts Commission is seeking artists to take part in a unique opportunity to present their works to celebrate one of the annual blue poppy bloom.

"The color blue is a rarity in the plant world and hundreds flock each year to view the Himalayan blue poppies (Meconopsis limbongi) that "not many places can grow such an enchanting blue poppy, much less a whole field," said Katie Swickard, program manager and outreach coordinator for the Rhododendron Garden.

"It's a great opportunity to show artists and nature lovers to celebrate together." Mason said.

"A lot of people are not even aware that the Rhododendron Garden exists in Federal Way," said Cat Mason, leader of the Federal Way Arts Commission.

"This is a way to show this hidden gem in our city," Mason said.

Last year, Blue Poppy Day brought a lot of attention to the garden, bringing in about 635 people to view hundreds of blue poppies in bloom as well as numerous music, dance and visual art performances.

"This is a chance for us to see what local artists have to offer," Cody Geddes, the arts and special events coordinator for the arts commission said.

"There are not a huge amount of art opportunities in Federal Way," Geddes said. The Blue Poppy Day, scheduled for May 18 event is the Federal Way Youth Symphony, the Tacoma Performing Dance Company, and numerous artists presenting their photography, sculptures, ceramics and many other mediums.

Top-notch artists from around the region are vying for the opportunity to be a part of this day, and applications are still open.

The deadline for application submissions is April 18.

Artists are encouraged to sell their artwork and keep 100 percent of their sales from the six-hour event.

Artists may submit entries in the categories of metal, fiber art, photography, drawing/painting, ceramics, sculpture, printmaking, glass, painting, wood and digital art.

To apply for the Blue Poppy Day, visit the Federal Way Arts Commission website and Blue Poppy Day Call to Artists and submit an application.

Federal Way wants sculpture for transit park

By Lindsey Tyson
Staff Reporter

The Federal Way Arts Commission has issued a call for artists to display works at the city's sculpture park next to the transit center.

In 2012 the Arts Commission took advantage of a patch of free space adjacent to the busy downtown transit center and created a sculpture park.

Sculptures created by a variety of artists surround a small walkway that creates a serene place amidst the busy and bustling of downtown Federal Way.

The sculptures will be changed annually and the city is seeking applicants for the next exhibit.

Applications for the next exhibit are due April 21. Applicants should submit a short statement about themselves and information about the piece of art they would like to consider.

Art will be chosen for the exhibit based on artistic merit with consideration given to achieving exhibit diversity.

The Arts Commission will make its selections by May 2.

For more information on the sculpture park, or how to submit artwork, visit the Federal Way Arts Commission website, at cityoffederalway.com/index.aspx?NID=93 or call 253-835-6928.
Rain, rain - go away

By Zach Stemm
Staff Reporter

After having eight games cancelled due to the rain, the Highline softball team just wants to play.

“This season hasn’t really started yet, but the games we have played have gone well,” Head coach Scott Dillinger said. “We want 10-2 and then lost the entire first weekend of league games this past weekend, and won’t play until Friday so we’ll see. I’m hoping it’s minimal.”

Highline was scheduled to play at Pierce on Friday, April 5 and then come back home to play Grays Harbor on Saturday, April 6. With the short amount games they have been able to play, the Thunderbirds have started off strong, winning 10 of their first 12 games.

“That’s about where I thought we would be,” Dillinger said. “I was thinking somewhere between 9-3 and 11-1, and we’re right in the middle.”

Their only two losses came in the second game.

In both games, they commit five errors on fielding errors by the Eagles.

The T-Birds shut out Eastern Washington three times in the six-game series.

Karyssa Marbet only allowed two hits and struck out seven batters in the first shutout.

Marbet is 5-1 this season with a 2.19 ERA, 26 strikeouts and has allowed 24 hits and 4 walks. Votaw has a perfect ERA in three games with one save, six strikeouts, one walk, and four hits.

Marbet and Votaw combined for the third shutout in the series.

“Our pitchers have thrown well, and their control is a little better than I might have predicted for this early in the year,” Dillinger said.

The T-Birds won the first game 1-0. They did not record a hit, but they were able to score on fielding errors by the Eagle defense.

Highline defeated Eastern Washington in game two with three, 10-4 and 2-1.

The Thunderbirds followed up those victories by winning 6-0 in game four and 10-0 in game five.

Highline wrapped up the weekend series by winning 18-7 in game six.

The last games Highline has played were two games at home against South Puget Sound on March 29 and two games at South Puget Sound on April 2.

The T-Birds came out on top, 5-3, in the first home game against the Clippers and won, 12-3, in the second game as well.

South Puget Sound took a 3-2 lead in the third inning of the second game.

Highline responded by scoring 10 runs in the bottom of the fourth to bring the score to 12-3.

“We have hit the ball very well, even better than I maybe expected,” Dillinger said. “We are capable of putting up big innings at times, and we’ve proved that.”

Highline then defeated South Puget Sound on the road 9-7 in the first game and 15-3 in the second game.

The T-Birds next take on Green River at Green River on Friday, April 12 at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. They then come back home to play South Puget Sound on Saturday, April 13 at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m., and Olympic on Wednesday, April 17 at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

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Community honors CorkyCellars at event Friday

By Nathan Brewster
Staff Reporter

Frustration with the economy may be enough to drive some people to drink, but that hasn’t helped Des Moines’ local wine merchant.

On April 30, CorkyCellars, a local wine shop and long-time fixture on the main drag through Des Moines’ Marina District, will close.

Since 1999, Ric and Dianne Jacobsen of Renton, got the idea of starting a local business due to their passion of wine.

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After students have logged in to this network they will have access to faster Internet speeds and can browse the Internet normally. However, once the connected device falls asleep or is moved to a different building, the Wi-Fi connection is severed and students are required to login once more to access the Internet.

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Coffee-loving culture leaves its trace in Puget Sound waters

By Taylor Rengstorff
Staff Reporter

Seattle, home of Starbucks and a host of wannabes, is reputedly the Coffee Capital of the World. The city is fueled by caffeine.

And according to a group of citizens concerned about the condition of the Puget Sound, even those residents who never take a sip are likely getting their daily jolt of caffeine.

It’s in the water, along with nicotine, ibuprofen and a host of other chemicals that are circulating through the region’s water cycle.

But caffeine is the biggest pollutant.

A network of people calling themselves Citizens is researching these chemicals to find their sources and a way to trace them through the Puget Sound water cycle.

Dr. Justin Miller-Shulze, a postdoctoral researcher with the Center for Urban Waters/ UW-Tacoma, spoke to an audience as part of the MaST Center’s Science on the Sound lecture series last Saturday.

He said that this group, which he is a part of, is trying to head off what could be a serious problem.

“It’s kind of tough to make definitive statements to the samples that we have collected, but we are trying to find the most relevant nutrients to trace so we can fix it before it becomes a problem,” Dr. Miller-Shulze said.

A number of sources have been found to be carrying the nutrients through the water system: municipal and industrial wastewater; river and ground discharge; spills; the incursion of contaminated ocean waters; and the wind.

Sound Citizen is trying to use traces (chemical compounds which identify a particular nutrient) to locate sources.

For example, tracking coffee drinkers makes it easier to identify caffeine.

Actually, Dr. Miller-Shulze finds a problem with the coffee sweeteners, pointing out that neither humans nor water animals can digest them.

Just as they can’t digest the caffeine, ibuprofen and nicotine.

“It is not exactly clear what is happening, but we are looking at all the ways that water is filtered, and testing both before and after the water is filtered, and we came to an unexpected conclusion,” Dr. Miller-Shulze said.

What Sound Citizen found was that, when water goes through a water treatment plant, a lot of the nutrients are flushed out in the first treatment.

By the time the water hits the third stage of treatment, almost all traces of the problem nutrients are gone. But of those that remain, caffeine comprises the largest concentration.

At this point, Dr. Miller-Shulze said, the amount is too small to worry about, but he is still concerned about the source of the large concentrations in the Puget Sound and whether or not they are a result of worldwide or local contamination.

Students compete in cyber security contest

By Lindsey Kealoha
Staff Reporter

Twelve Highline Computer Science students spent part of their spring break at a cyber defense competition and although they came in last, at least one student came away inspired.

Teammate Jacobs Cross said the Highline “group was relatively amazing. Regardless of what we placed it was still fun.”

The event was the sixth Annual Pacific Rim Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition held in Building 30 and attended by 13 college teams.

Highline was one of the only two community colleges participating.

The competition is a two-day event where teams of eight students and four alternates are competing for eight hours a day defending their company’s internet services and fighting against hackers, while simultaneously keeping their companies running and available for users.

Competitors such as Spawar, Boeing and Amazon portrayed the hackers and the students providing the defense, the competitors faced real world challenges and high-stress situations.

This year, the University of Washington came in first place, and although Highline took last place in their third year of competing, in previous years Highline has taken sixth and ninth place. Some schools that Highline was up against were top four-year colleges such as: the University of Washington, the University of Idaho, Eastern Washington University, Western Washington University, Evergreen State College, and Whatcom Community College.

Highline professors Dan Morrill and Amelia Phillips accompanied Highline students.

This is a “high stress competition,” said Morrill.

Students are put under extreme pressure for 16 hours during this competition, but the experience is beneficial in the end.

Along with the future career opportunities offered to some students, “they have recruiters students can talk to,” said Morrill.

“I’ve seen people getting hired right off the floor.”

“I can point team members in the right direction,” said Morrill, but he cannot tell them how to fix the issues.

The point of this competition is “for real world experience, and it ties into NSA (National Security Agency) Programs,” said Morrill.

The amount of time spent to be a part of this event is immense “but so worth it,” said Morrill.

He hopes this event “inspires people” and for future Highline students interested in this event, the opportunity is exquisite, fun, and great for gaining real life experience.

“We do this because it’s supposed to be fun. I’ll do this as long as Highline has me working here,” said Morrill.

Jacob Cross, a Highline student that competed in the competition decided to compete because it, “seemed like something to have fun with,” along with a “big addition to a resume,” he said.

The best part of the competition was “hanging out with everyone, and making friends along the way,” said Cross.

Cross determined the Highline teams particular challenge was “we couldn’t talk to the extras. We were under the impression that we could” said Cross, along with not being “prepared for the business aspect.”

Cross is interested in competing during the next competition “if all humanity possibly” but would do some things different.

“I would religiously log everything,” said Cross, along with “more focus on the business side.”

For students who are interested in this competition but may be nervous, Cross suggests “just drop by the club room.”

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Holocaust victims remembered

By Steven Arvan  
Staff Reporter

Skip out on skipping classes, profs say

By James Volpicelli  
Student Writer

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horizontal siding to resist future storm damage.

“We’re not trying to just repair the building, we’re trying to improve it,” Mike Dooley, Facilities and Operations manager said.

The contractor, PHC, will not only rebuild the damaged areas, but reinforce them.

The walls are all going to be elevated and have a drain behind them just in case another storm happens.

Repair work began last Mon-

day and PHC construction is expected to be completed by mid-May. The MaST Center will remain in use during the repairs.

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Even after he reaches retirement age, Dr. Chiabi said that he believes that he will continue to teach. I will go back home and volunteer to teach in Cameroon.”

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approximately 2.6 times more than what resident students currently pay.

“Over a year’s time this surcharge would impact over 650 international students,” Hasselblad said.

The estimated impact of the surcharge would be about a $4 million loss of tuition revenue to the college over an academic year,” said Hasselblad.

“If our price is significantly above what colleges in other states charge, then international students will apply elsewhere,” Hasselblad said.

“Students might stay here shorter,” said Zaan Wang, a student from Taiwan. Tu-

ition for international students have already been getting more expensive each quarter.

In addition, countries such as “Australia, Singapore and Great Britain are all ac-

tively recruiting in the same markets as Highline,” Hasselblad said. “We need to be as competitive on price as possible.”

Furthermore, internation-

al students contribute to the local economy, she said.

“They live in our commu-

nity. They pay rent, buy food, go to movies, buy clothes and pay the sales tax,” Hasselblad said.

“International students at [Highline] contributed just about $9.4 million to the local economy for the 2011-12 academic year,” said Dr. Lisa Sears, vice president of Institutional Advancement.

“Highline would remain a diverse campus with or with-

out international students,” said Hasselblad.

However, representation from countries such as Myanmar, Thailand, Kenya, Indonesia and Gambia “would not be represented as well if we lost our international stu-

dents,” Hasselblad said.