Angel gets the boot, Canvas to take its place

By Michaela Vue
Staff Reporter

Angel's days of bedeviling Highline students are coming to an end. The State Board for Community and Technical Colleges and the state-funded four-year institutions have ended their search for successor to Angel, the learning management system in use at a majority of the colleges in the state-run higher education system in Washington. They chose Instructure Canvas and several campuses have already transitioned to the new system. Highline will make the move during the next academic year.

Instead, a committee representing student services, IT, e-learning, librarians, faculty, and representatives from all six state universities decided Instructure Canvas would be a better fit. A contract for Canvas was approved in June 2012 and some colleges began making the switch.

They included Green River, Bellevue and Tacoma community colleges. Highline and the bulk of the remaining schools are expected to make the transition this next academic year. The first time that students will see anything will be Winter Quarter, said Sue Frantz, Highline Instructional Design office faculty in residence. If all goes well, all of Highline will be using the program by next spring quarter she said. The license for Angel expires in 2014.

The tentative schedule for the changeover includes: Systems integrations and transition testing will begin this summer. System integration, training, and course transitioning will begin during Fall.

Phone thefts escalate on campus

By Gabrielle Paulson
Staff Reporter

The methods have included grabbing phones out of students' hands randomly or after asking for the time, threatening them with violence or a weapon; or asking to use a phone and then running away with it.

“There’s two groups doing the possible robberies,” said Chief of Campus Security Richard Noyer. The first group is two young black females who ask to use a phone or distract the student, grab the phone and then run away.

The second is two black male adults possibly age 18 years old to early 20s. “They say, ‘We are going to beat you up’ or ‘We have a weapon,’” said Noyer.

The two males run a higher risk due to their method of obtaining the phones, changing the classification from robbery to armed robbery.

“You get additional time for indicating...
Recycle, reuse bottle caps at the MaST

By Lindsey Kealoha
Staff Reporter

In an effort to prevent the accumulation of plastic bottle caps in landfills, Highline’s Marine and Science and Technol-ogy Center will launch its “Got Caps?” campaign this Saturday, June 8 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

There will be workshops on how to reuse caps, a “Sink Your Boat” contest and those who bring in a grocery bag of plastic bottle caps will be able to enter in a contest with the chance to win prizes such as iTunes gift cards, Salty’s at Redondo gift certificates, and gift packages.

Dr. Kaddie Lawrence, the MaST Center executive direc-tor, said plastic bottle caps pose a particular problem for the environment because people don’t know how to deal with them.

“People don’t realize plastic bottle caps are made out of a different material than the bottles themselves,” she said. “The caps are actually not recyclable … and don’t break down very well. They are hazardous to Puget Sound.”

The campaign is aimed to help proper recycling and this, “one-day event is to kick off a long campaign,” Dr. Lawrence said.

She said many organizations are interested in partnering with the MaST Center on the project.

“The campus was previously conducted on a small scale throughout the academic year, with receptacles for the caps placed around the main cam-pus, but MaST Center workers are expanding their focus to the wider community. The plastic bottle caps collected Saturday will be used for eco art projects and the art will be on display at the MaST Center.”

The MaST Center is at 28203 Redondo Beach Drive S. in Des Moines.

News Briefs

Summer tuition, fees due today

Tuition and fees for Summer Quarter are due today.

Classes will begin Monday, June 24 for the eight-week session.

Central students to graduate Sunday

Commencement for gradu-ating Central Washington Uni-versity students will be Sunday, June 9 at the ShoWare Center. Commencement is from 1-3 p.m. and doors open at noon.

The ceremony is for gradu-ates from the Central Wash-ington University studying at campuses in Des Moines, Kent, Lynnwood, Everett and Stella-coom.

Mary Alice Heuschel, the chief of staff for Gov. Jay Inslee, will be the keynote speaker.

ShoWare Center is at 625 W. James St., Kent.

Prepare to take the COMPASS

Workshops for students planning to take the COMPASS test are offered every Friday in Building 30, room 317.

The math workshop is from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The reading and writing workshop is from 1:20 p.m. and includes English as a Sec-ond Language material.

Students are encouraged to come at the start of the sessions, but do not need to register.

For workshop schedules and additional information, go to placement.highline.edu/index.php.

Welcome people at commencement

Students who speak foreign languages are needed to help open the Highline commence-ment ceremony on June 12 at the ShoWare Center.

To apply to be a multicultural welcome speaker, students must be eligible to graduate and walk in their cap and gown at commencement.

Students selected will also have to attend a training session on Friday at 1 p.m. in Building 8, Mount Constance room.

Interested students can email Amee Moon, the associate di-rector of International Student Programs at amoon@highline.edu to sign up.

Express, listen to written work

The Writing Center and Inter-Cultural Center is holding an Open Mic Reading event today from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in Building 26, room 319.

Students, staff and faculty are invited to come share email stories, poems or just to listen to oth ers read.

Attend staff, faculty retirement parties

Sabine and Donn Walter’s re-tirement party is today from 4-6 p.m. at the MaST Center.

Sabine Walter works as a faculty secretary in Building 15 and Donn Walter works as a bi-ology instructional technician.

The MaST Center is at 28203 Redondo Beach Drive S. in Des Moines.

Education faculty member Kathy Oberg will also have a re-tirement party on Monday, June 10 from 4-6 p.m. Oberg’s party will be at Scotch and Vine, lo-cated at 22341 Marine View Drive S., Des Moines.

Staff and faculty who knew them can attend the re-tirement parties of Sabine and Donn Walter and Kathy Oberg.

Chartwells changes schedule

Chartwells, the college’s food vendor, will continue to serve students on finals week and Summer Quarter.

The Café on the first floor of Building 8 will be open from 7 a.m.-1:30 p.m. until June 12 and will reopen June 24 for Summer Quarter.

The hours will be 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday to Thurs-day with espresso and food.

The Bistro on the second floor of Building 8 will be open June 10-11 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., June 12-13 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and then will be closed for Sum-mer Quarter.

Café 29 located on the sec-ond floor of Building 29 will open from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. today and will close over the summer.

Explore potential university options

Admission representatives from the University of Washing-ton/Tacoma will be on campus to speak to students on Thursday, June 6 from 9 a.m. until noon on the first floor of Building 8.

Items in the Lost and Found

A set of keys, a wallet, a pair of sunglasses, and other items were found last week.

Go to the Campus Secu-rity Office on the first floor of Building 6 to retrieve any of the items.

Crime & Punishment

Driver hits gate with stolen car

A vehicle hit a gate in the North Parking Lot on May 24.

A man was driving away from the police in a stolen vehicle when the vehicle hit the gate along the way.

Although he wasn’t caught on campus he was caught shortly afterwards.

Medics come for assistance

A student passed out in Building 17 on May 29.

Campus Security was called at approximately 11:50 a.m. Paramedics later arrived to assist the student.

Student reports iPad theft

A student’s iPad was re-ported stolen from the li-brary on May 29.

The student left the iPad unattended while using the restroom.

Two men get away with cart

Two men stole a cart on May 31.

Campus Security saw the men, but they ended up get-ting away.

Student reports stolen Honda

A student’s Honda Accord was stolen from the North Parking Lot on Monday.

The vehicle hasn’t been re-covered.

Instructor reports car theft

An instructor’s Subaru was stolen on Thursday, May 30 from the administration parking lot.

The vehicle has not been recovered.

Student Life

Campus Life

Highline Community College
June 6, 2013

EARN SCIENCE CREDIT!

Each quarter Highline’s MaST Center offers hands-on marine science laboratory classes. Earn your science credits with first-hand experiences.

WE OFFER:

BIOL 103 - Marine Birds & Mammals (offered occasionally)
BIOL 110 - Marine Biology*
OCEA 101 - Introduction to Oceanography*
ENWS 101 - Introduction to Environmental Science: Marine Focus (spring & summer)

The MaST Center is located 4 miles south of the Highline Campus in Redondo. Our aquarium has 11 tanks with more than 100 local species on display.

*Many hybrid courses offered every quarter.
Graduation speaker’s dream to come true

By Racquel Arceo
Staff Reporter

Tina Bui has hungered to be Highline’s student leader, organizing and running the Student Association.

By Daniel Joyce
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Vicom’s Gary Nelson retires after 33 years here

By Bailey Williams
Staff Reporter

Gary Nelson has outlasted four Highline presidents and started working here the same year the world was introduced to the Sony Walkman. Now, after 33 years, Nelson will be walking off into retirement after final classes. But he won’t be walking away from the memories.

“It’s a very special thing for me to be accepted into an educational college like this,” said Nelson.

“The 70s it spoke to Highline’s desire for diversity of thinking when they hired me,” said Nelson. “That’s how the stu¬
dents learn to think... being ex¬
posed to different points of view and assessing it for themselves.”

What really makes Highline a great place are the people, said Nelson.

“There are incredibly differ¬
ent people here and those dif¬
ferences really intrigue me,” he said. “I like the opportunity of being able to learn from other people and this particular place is the best.”

“We’re the school that every¬
one looks toward. We’re a big
and friendly, supportive, encourag¬
ing and smiling. Although he is always smiling, Nelson said teaching an incredibly hard thing to do. Most people get into teach¬ing because they care about people and they have empathy for students, Nelson said.

“Each individual you work with is coming and going to different places, and you can’t have a preconceived idea about where that is,” he said. During his tenure as coordi¬
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Former respiratory student named distinguished alumni

By Daniel Joyce
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By 2004, Hinkson had worked his way up to the po¬

tion of Respiratory Lead at Harborview as he took on the responsibility of implementing and coordinating the Respira¬
tory Care Departmental Jour¬
nal Club.

But between 2004 and 2008 he also chaired the Best Practices Committee, edited his de¬
partment’s Pocket Procedure Manual, supervised shifts, and acted as a member of the rapid response team.

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Fear is in the way of helping others

Religious teachings tell us to help each other out, but today's society tells us differently.

People don't help one another anymore out of the kindness of their hearts and for the most part this is because of fear.

In today's society people don't trust people, they fear who they could be.

People don't just pick up a homeless person, take them home, bathe them, feed them and give them a place to stay.

People fear helping others because they fear the unknown.

As a society, we need to open our hearts toward love and kindness for others as we are taught in the Bible instead of fearing what they don't know.

"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself," Franklin D. Roosevelt said.

How true.

Letter to the Editor

Abortion debate continues on

Dear Editor:

I'd like to reply to Ms. Hatch's May 30 letter to the editor, and for all its worth, reflect on this quarter-long abortion debate.

Ms. Hatch states in her letter that I have made enormous assumptions about her character and beliefs.

When have I done so?

Was it when I said that those who are pro-life without fighting other social ills were merely anti-woman?

I said this because this group of people is oppositional to the implicit (and often explicit) interest of women over all the world – controlling their lives.

Or was it when I claimed that Ms. Hatch wishes abortion to be unilaterally illegal?

Ms. Hatch, in her previous letter, stated that she is a student fascinated with philosophy, notwithstanding her graphic and manipulative pathos-based rhetoric.

If this is the case, I would invite her to join the Philosophy Club this coming fall... supposing Ms. Hatch and I are capable of sitting in the same room while respecting each other's beliefs and identities.

I include myself in that statement intentionally.

I don't know if having this debate has been very effective.

The format is not ideal, plus Ms. Hatch and I are speaking from very different perspectives.

I tried bridging the gap in my previous letter, with the example of coerce someone else's beliefs and identities. But this was apparently not effective.

For all its worth, I'd like to thank Ms. Hatch for providing an outlet for my thoughts, and thanks to the Thunderword staff for finding the patience - and hopefully the humor to let this debate go on for the entire quarter.

Ian "Proteus" Morrill, Highline Student

Opinions aren't all about talking, but listening as well

Opinions and strong beliefs are at the forefront of all great ideas.

But some really bad ones, too.

There is nothing wrong with sharing your opinions as long as you understand that not everybody is going to agree with you.

One of the great parts about sharing your opinion is hearing those of others.

Maybe they will change your mind, or maybe they will reconfirm the stance you already have.

However, if you never allow yourself to truly hear the other person's point of view, then there is no point to having a discussion because you really don't want a discussion – you just want to tell someone what he or she should believe.

If you are unwilling to actually hear what someone else has to say, you might as well just have a conversation with yourself.

And not every discussion has to be a debate; sometimes it can be for intellectual enlightenment.

"Take a little, give a lot."

Give a lot of what you know, but also take in a little of what they know as well. But don't do it in a way that allows you to use it against them.

Do it so you can understand them.

This is more important than you could ever realize because you will never find someone who believes or has the same views as you on everything.

Unless you look in the mirror, of course.

In my house, I am the only one who doesn't support the death penalty and that is hard.

But I listen to my family's side and why they are in support of it.

While we may disagree, we all acknowledge the other's point of view and respect the fact that we don't see things the same way.

So many people feel attacked when someone disagrees with their views and are told about someone else's views.

The only reason someone should feel so attacked is that they feel they must continuously defend their views.

But just sharing opinions is not a debate.

You don't have to defend your side; you can simply share your beliefs and be done.

Take time to see where someone else is coming from and you may learn something.

Unfortunately, too many people believe that theirs is the only way.

That isn't true.

People need to learn other people have a right to their opinions, too.

As one of the greatest minds in the world, Leonardo da Vinci once said: "The greatest deception men suffer is from their own opinions."

Kiya Dameron is the opinions editor of the Thunderword.
**Letters to the editor**

**The other side of gun control**

**Dear Editor:**

In response to the article “Students weigh in on gun background checks,” gun control is a complex and emotional topic. I would like to weigh in on the issue with some personal opinions and citable statistics to illustrate how complex it really is.

The large statistic that nobody is talking about is that from 1992-2011 the U.S. violent crime rate dropped 50 percent and the murder rate fell 54 percent (FBI.gov).

The rate of firearm related homicide dropped about 50 percent (Pew 2013). These rates all fell at the same time gun ownership was rising (Gallop Poll 2011).

So it would appear that higher gun ownership does not result in higher crime as widely claimed.

But according to the Pew Research Center (2013), the perception is that guns crimes have increased over the last 20 years despite the massive drop.

*Note: FBI Stats for 2012 are not fully available yet.*

Many people believe that strict gun control/gun bans are the solution.

Then why do the cities/states with the strictest gun control also have the highest crime and murder rates?

Washington D.C.’s murder rate tripled in the 10 years after its handgun ban.

Chicago’s murder rate doubled in the 10 years after its handgun ban.

Maryland and California both have waiting periods and strict restrictions on handguns and rifles yet their murder and robbery rates far exceed the rest of the country (FBI.gov).

Personally I understand the case for extending background checks, but I think it is a flawed idea.

The bottom line is criminals don’t go to the store or gun shows to buy their guns.

“If you talk to any criminal, they can find a gun within an hour or two. Cheaper guns that were stolen can be sold for $50. On the street, a typical good handgun will run you $200 to $300,” says former ATF Assistant Director Mike Bouchard.

Believe me, you won’t find those prices at any gun store.

It is my firm belief that you yourself are your first line of defense. However you chose to go about that is your own personal decision.

For those who believe that the police are your best line of defense, I think that you should know that the average response time on priority calls for the Seattle Police Department in 2011 was 6.3 minutes. That is a long time to wait for help in an emergency.

And it is much, much longer than that (anecdotally up to 40 min) if you live in unincorporated King County.

And finally why hasn’t any one thought to ask the Police what they think will or will not work?

I think they would have better insight than any member of Congress.

A recent survey of more than 15,000 current and former police officers has some pretty clear opinions (PoliceOne.com).

Over 70 percent believe that banning “assault weapons,” reducing magazine sizes, and extending background checks will have ZERO effect on the violent crime rate.

And over 80 percent say gun buy backs have zero effect on the violent crime rate.

I think given their experience, their professional opinion should definitely be given consideration.

The causes for violent crime are very complex (poverty, drugs, family life, etc.) and don’t pret- tend to have all of the solutions.

And I don’t intend to make light of the fact that the U.S. has some of the highest violent crime and murder rates in the world.

I just wanted to present the other side of the argument with some facts to show people that something that on the surface appears simple can be incredibly complex.

A seemingly simple solution, such as gun bans, can have the exact opposite effect they were intended to have.

Jason Morin, Highline Student

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**Reader objects to gun control story**

**Dear Editor:**

Once again I am writing to point out an error in the alleged “facts” surrounding an article in the campus newspaper.

The May 30 edition has an article on background checks for gun purchases.

The very first paragraph states that the rejection of a recent gun control bill “… continues the ability of individuals to purchase firearms and ammunition without a background check.”

Simple research on the part of the Thunderword staff should have shown you the current federal laws pertaining to the sales and possession of firearms by citizens of this country.

A simple search on Google for “federal firearms background check law” would have pointed you to a webpage for the FBI which highlights the “National Instant Criminal Background Check System” which is used by Federal Firearms Licensed Dealers (that is the people who sell you guns at a legal gun store or other commercial enterprise) to do INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS on people who want to purchase firearms from a legal firearms dealer.

That background check is done by the FBI in compliance with a federal law, 18 USC § 922 the “Gun Control Act of 1968”.

That set of laws specifically states that it is illegal for someone to knowingly sell or deliver a firearm to someone who is or should reasonably be known to be a criminal, fugitive from justice, non-resident or illegal alien, some one addicted to controlled substances, some one adjudicated to be mentally unfit, who has been dishonorably discharged from the Armed forces or who renounced their United States citizenship.

In fact, the FBI states on the NICS website that the system has been used more than 100 million times in the past 10 years and has resulted in over 700,000 rejections to ineligible persons.

Hardly the unregulated free-for-all your article would have us believe.

I suppose those facts escaped notice when the writers were preparing for this article.

That or they were deliberately ignored to put a spin on the issue to serve someone’s agenda. Who knows?

As the federal laws stand right now the only times you can purchase a firearm without being subjected to a background check is:

A) the private sale of a firearm between two citizens who are legally allowed to purchase or own firearms and

B) buying a gun from a criminal off the streets.

If the intent of your staff was to highlight the sales of firearms at say gun shows or between private citizens, then that should have been specified in the article instead of giving the misleading impression that any person can walk into a gun store, pick out a gun and walk out the door without any form of legal oversight at all.

And while I do appreciate the opinions of the students who were also interviewed for this article, it is unrealistic to think that home security systems, dogs, ammunition limits or relying on the members of the Armed Forces (who incidentally are prohibited by federal law from policing the civilian population of this country) or even the outright ban of gun ownership by the public would have the slightest deterrent effect on someone intent on carrying out a criminal act against you on campus or anywhere else for that matter.

Bad people do bad things and no amount of words on paper will ever change that fact.

Loquacious Virtue.

Bravura Laughingwolf, Highline Student
Crossword 101

Ms. Scarlet’s Friends

Across
1. 1970s veep
6. Tell ___ story
10. The Amazing Race aid
13. Polished-off
14. Musical symbol
16. Born in the ___: Springsteen
17. Type of crime
19. Avg. level
20. Verbally assault
21. Indulge
23. BlackBerry devices, e.g.
25. Sailing the Pacific
26. Stage equipment
29. Vegas openings?
32. Unhip person
34. Big shot at the bar?
36. The “G” in G-man: abbr.
37. “Rock Around the Clock,” e.g.
39. Case for needles
40. Pro-school grp.
41. Yikes!
42. Pyramids, e.g.
44. Typical Georgia Tech grad (abbr.)
46. Hill and ___
47. A few words in passing?
48. Trusty mount
50. 1040 ID
51. The “C” in T.L.C.
53. Bogus
55. Target of John Brown’s raid
58. Asian peninsula
62. F of FSU
63. Elite military unit
65. Chip brand
66. Way to a man’s heart?
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68. “Rob ___” (She Walter Scott novel)
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Down
1. A needle pulling thread...
2. Oom- ___ (tuba sounds)
3. “How Sweet ___”: James Taylor
4. Go back to an old source
5. City near Syracuse
6. Word after long
7. Rights org. led by M.L.K.
8. Casa cooker
9. ___ quick retreat
10. World War I weapon
11. Memo opener
12. Bachelor home
15. San Joaquin Valley town
17. Trolley toll?
18. Reacted to a shock
22. Memo opener
24. They may be skipped
26. Act as lookout
27. “Ditto”
28. Wacky to the max
30. Word with main or blessed
31. Rocket sections
33. Calls, once
35. Shinbones
38. Genesis fall place
43. ___ Nona (Tomie dePaola children’s book)
45. 12-step program
46. Hill and ___
48. Trusty mount
50. 1040 ID
51. The “C” in T.L.C.
52. “Oh, why not?”
54. West Side Story heroine
55. chorus voice
56. Space starter?
57. “Why not!”
58. Planting areas
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70. Snap course

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each number 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 L, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Late morning meal
2. Workforce
3. One who fuses metal
4. Lucky number
5. Four-leaf
6. Bog
7. Tremble from the cold
8. Vanna or Betty
9. Thrifty cloth
10. Sunday meat

ANSWERS
1. The tragus
2. Culture Club
3. France
4. Jenny Lind
5. 1976
6. Franco Zeffirelli
7. Charlie
8. Blood clotting
9. James Bond
10. Arthur Herbert Fonziarelli

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The City of Des Moines last Saturday nearly doubled, in one fell swoop, the number of its public artworks when its arts commission dedicated an outdoor sculpture gallery.

Five new sculptures are scattered about the city’s Marina District – which stretches from South 216th to South 227th streets – but the ceremony was on the plaza outside the Harbormaster’s Office at the Marina.

Doubled Art on Poverty Bay, the project involves the featured sculptures from various local artists for outdoor display at various locations throughout the city’s central business district. The sculptures will be rotated every year and a call for artists has already been issued for the next rotation, which will be put into place next May.

Retired Arts Commission Chairman and Highline School District educator Dr. Nancy Stephan headed the process of getting the sculptures installed. She raised more than $15,000 from many civic-minded individuals and businesses to fund the project.

“I did a lot of research on how these projects are organized,” Dr. Stephan said. “We rented the sculptures for a year while they are on sale so that the artists can display them.”

Dr. Stephan said that this is the first year of what she hopes will be an annual event. Similar programs, such as the one in Puyallup, have been in place for 18 years. “These sculptures serve many purposes,” Dr. Stephan said. “The importance of public art is something that should not be overlooked.”

Student works printed in ‘Arcturus’

By Jawahir Omar

Staff Reporter

The 2013 edition of Arcturus, Highline’s literary publication when its arts commission dedicated an outdoor sculpture gallery. The book consists of 55 short stories and 240 poems, much more writing than was included in the last book that was published and awarded first prize by The National Humanities Association.

Arcturus comes out once a year and its page length and the number of submissions included in the book is different each time. Students are encouraged to submit their writings, even if they have never been published before.

“Most students want to be writers [but] have no idea about what it takes because they haven’t done it,” said English teacher and adviser Sharon Hashimoto. “Technology is helping [us do] better things,” Hashimoto said. “I think it is something different.”

Annual Shakespeare in the Park is Aug. 4

By Ipek Saday

Staff Reporter

Comedy will make way for drama this summer on the lawn of Des Moines’ Beach Park as the Des Moines Arts Commission hosts its third annual Shakespeare in the Park. Richard Beyer’s “Big Catch” and “Beyer Panels,” “Octavia” by George C. Scott, “Celebrating Life in Des Moines” by Chandelie Anderson, and “Turtle Island Puget Sound” by Mark Twain Stevenson are clustered near South 216th Street and the municipal/library complex at the north end of the Marina District.

A map detailing the sites, artists and prices of the Art on Poverty Bay project pieces is available at City Hall and various locations in the Marina District.
Royalty to walk at graduation

Student with two national beauty queen titles to receive diploma

By LaTonya Brisbane
Staff Reporter

It will be a different type of runway at Highline's Commencement next week, but the titleholder for two national beauty queen titles will be adding graduate to her list of accomplishments.

Denise Johnson of Kent, who studied Hospitality and Tourism Management, along with Business Information and Technology, managed to sandwich in—not one but two—national beauty queen titles.

For 2013 she is the reigning Miss American Beauties Plus Queen and Hearts of America Ms. Queen.

During her time here, Johnson has been active with the Black Student Union and was a co-chair for Knowledge Week in 2012.

Johnson is a native of Ventura, Calif and the mother of a 9-year-old girl.

According to her biography posted on Facebook, Johnson is a program assistant for a non-profit organization that helps individuals find jobs in the travel and logistics industry. She also works with and supports low-income airport employees to return to school so they can obtain higher paying employment.

She supports organizations that empower youth and selected Care Net Pregnancy Center as her charity of choice.

That decision, the biography states, is personal to Johnson as she received pregnancy services from the organization when she was a teen mother.

She is also a founding board member of the Kingdom of God Faith Deliverance Church in Tacoma.

She began her quest for national fame last November. After a former co-worker encouraged her to compete, Johnson made a name for herself by networking and months of stage preparation.

"Everything I have done to line me up to where I am now, it has all been worth it," Johnson said. "Whoever you want to be, you have to work hard for it,"

There is no limit to what one can be," Johnson said. "I am an overcomer in all things I do."

I want to represent full-figured women and self love," she said.

Chorale to sing songs for diversity

Highline Chorale women will be performing classical opera, Broadway musicals and folksongs from foreign cultures, today in Building 7.

They have scheduled their showcase at two different time slots: 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

They will be performing the same program they used for the Two-Year College Music Department Festival, which was a festival held in Bremerton last month.

Some of the songs for this include Tindra by Ola Gjeilo, a song that conjures the northern wind of Norway.

Chorale will also sing a traditional Hebrew, Japanese and Bulgarian songs, arranged by a Japanese composer named Naomi Sekiya.

Classical opera numbers include works by Christoph Willibald Ritter von Bluck, Henry Purcell and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Family members are encouraged to attend. Admission is free.

Highline 2013 Portfolio Show draws attention

This year’s portfolio show featured work from the graphic design, interior design, drafting design and photography departments of Highline. Artists’ work was displayed in the Mount Constance/Olympus room in Building 8 from June 3 to 4. The show allows artists to display highlights from their work over the quarter for the public to view.

Businesses seeking artists and designers may also contact the creators for possible business opportunities.
By Angela Sucher  
Staff Reporter

Highline transfer student La-Tonya Brisbane never thought that she would be considered beautiful or conventional enough to be a pageant queen, but she currently holds the Miss South King County USA title and will go on to compete for Miss Washington USA next fall.

“I am learning it’s not just about being beautiful but that the title comes from earning it. I never thought that I’d be considered beautiful enough. But I’m learning that it’s not about fitting a specific mold. [It’s] about being yourself and the most beautiful version of you that you can be,” Brisbane said.

The 25-year-old manager of the Grocery Outlet in Federal Way said that she really just stumbled across the opportunity this year.

Going on to compete in Miss Washington is only the first step on her journey, Brisbane said. “From Miss Washington, If I win, I would go onto compete in Miss USA, and from there Miss Universe. It’s important to me to hold the title because it pushes me to the success that I want to reach,” she said.

And there’s much more that goes into the work of being a pageant queen than just showing up and looking beautiful, she said. “No. 1 is living a healthy lifestyle. Eating healthy and working out are both things that you have to do. I just learned some good advice from my production manager, she said that when you’re living a healthy lifestyle you’re going to look and feel more confident.”

Brisbane also spends her time volunteering at The Pacific Science Center in Seattle and with youth at the Birch Creek Youth Center in Kent. She said the rewards and opportunities obtained through the pageant would be well worth the work.

“The winner of Miss Washington receives a full-ride scholarship to Lindenwood University in Missouri. The most rewarding prize though, is the networking that comes with it. You only hold the title for a year, but the relationships you build during that time are promising,” she said.

Brisbane will be judged on three different categories during the actual pageant. “There are 20 judges, all Washington business leaders, who score us during the pageant,” she said.

Aside from preparing for the actual pageant Brisbane said that she must meet many other requirements for contestants. “In order to compete, contestants have to sell 10 tickets, sell a $300 ad that goes in the program and I also have a goal for myself to earn all of my registration fees back,” she said. “I need sponsors. I’m going out and using contacts in the community. If anyone is interested in sponsoring me they can go to gofundme.com/miss-southkingcountyusa.”

Going on to Miss Washington and winning the title may mean more to Brisbane than others; because this is the only shot she gets at it. The pageant doesn’t allow contestants older than 27.

“My family and friends have been so supportive. When I think about the pageant I think about the opportunities. I’ve always known that I have the ability to accomplish anything I put my mind to, but putting myself in this position I have really proven it to myself. I know I can do it,” Brisbane said. As she competes, Brisbane is not shirking service to the Highline student body. This week she was named Speaker of the Caucus, the third highest position in Highline’s student government.

With this position, she is responsible for coordinating the growth and development of the caucus program, and representing the needs and concerns of clubs.

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By LaTonya Brisbane
Staff Reporter

People are bending over backwards to practice yoga.

"Yoga offers you a complete workout, mind and body, breath and asana [posture] and strength and flexibility," Highline yoga instructor Cheryl Davis said.

Davis also teaches Zumba classes. Interest in yoga has increased over the past 10 years because of its accessibility to more people through schools, health and fitness clubs, yoga studios and community centers, she said.

"Many of my students have found so many benefits in their [yoga] practice," Davis said.

Those benefits include weight loss, stress management, increased flexibility, better posture, better sleep, pain management, better performance in sports, increased balance, work performance and study performance. Yoga and several other Physical Education classes will be featured on the Highline website at classes.highline.edu.

A Highline student demonstrates an example of a regular tree pose. Yoga brings qualities together creating a complete workout of breath, strength, flexibility and stress reduction," she said.

But yoga alone does have both its ups and downs.

Instructor Brenda Conner said, "You can’t do one [exercise] for everything, you’re not going to get all that you want from one of anything. That’s with all exercises.

She teaches Pilates, step and cardio kickboxing at Highline.

"Yoga is great for many things but it is important to get your cardio workout, and yoga doesn’t do that," Conner said.

Her advice is: "If you don’t like [exercise] you have to find what you do like to do."

"People need to focus on the health benefits of exercising, and not worry about looks," Conner said.

Yoga and several other Physical Education classes will be conducted for the eight-week Summer Quarter.

Particular class details are available on the Highline website at classes.highline.edu.

T-Bird Golf Classic takes another swing

By Samantha Hill
Staff Reporter

Highline’s annual T-Bird Golf Classic tees off June 14 at the Twin Lakes Golf and Country Club in Federal Way. Athletic Director John Dunn said the fundraiser is chock full of prizes for participants who will plunk down $240 to register for the event. All proceeds will go support Thunderbird Athletics.

"We don’t really ever have a set monetary goal. Our main goal is to ‘Friend Raise,’" Dunn said.

T-Bird Classic began more than 18 years ago, but the set up is still the same.

This is a day of celebration. Over the years we have developed many new relationships for both the college and the athletic department," Dunn said.

Check-In is at 9:30 a.m. and the Shotgun Start begins at 11 a.m. The registration fee covers: cart and green fees, a tournament T-shirt, beverages on the course, tee prizes, a buffet dinner after the tournament, and chances to win three grand prizes.

Those grand prizes include:

An eight-day, seven-night Hawaiian vacation for two, including airfare and hotel to Oahu; an eight-day, seven-night Viva Las Vegas trip for two that includes hotel and airfare; and a five-day, four-night Pebble Beach/Spgylas/Spanish Bay trip for two including airfare and hotel, plus a round of golf at Pebble Beach and Spyglass.

On top of the grand prizes, there is a raffle drawing for the winning division. Winners of each division will be able to take home golf gear.

There are also tournament sponsorships available at the following levels:

For $250 Tee-It-Up donors a full-color, laminated tee sign including company name and logo posted at one tee/green and a T-Bird Classic sponsor listing.

For $750 Grip-It-and-Rip-It donors all of the benefits of the Tee-It-Up Package, plus one 4’ x 8’ professionally made, full-color or plywood outfield sign to be posted on the Highline softball field fence for one year (yearly renewal available for $300); or For $2,000 T-Bird Classic major donors – Four tournament green fees, a full-color plywood outfield sign, four Highline sweatshirts, four Highline T-shirts, four Highline polos, plus a personal assistant for the tournament with bottle service and eight quality cigars.

For registration or further information, contact John Dunn at jdunn@highline.edu.

(We’re) just looking forward to a great day of golf and fun," Dunn said.

ShoWare hosts 3 on 3 b-ball tourney

BY THUNDERWORD STAFF

A 3 on 3 basketball tournament to benefit Kent Youth and Family Services will unfold July 27-28 at the ShoWare Center in Kent.

The fourth annual ShoWare Shootout is open to anybody who enjoys playing basketball. There will be many different divisions of this tournament varying from wheelchair to men and women of all ages.

Teams can have a maximum of four players, but only three players can be on the court at any time.

For team registrants prior to June 15, the fee is $65. It is $75 for those who register thereafter.

We donate a small portion of the event proceeds and [ donate] all the basketballs and some other athletic equipment when the event is over," Steve Ticotte, a facilitator of the event, said.

A portion of the money will be donated to the Kent Youth and Family Services. Kent Youth and Family Services provides professional counseling, education, and support services to children, youth, and their families.

New to the ShoWare Shootout this year will be basketball games.

While the basketball tournament is conducted in the parking lot, the ball hockey games will be going on in the ShoWare Center. The Seattle Thunderbirds hockey team will provide the nets, boards, sticks, balls, and goalie equipment for people of all ages to play ball hockey for free.

Another new addition is that players and coaches from the Seattle Storm women’s basketball team will hold a clinic at the ShoWare Shootout on July 27.

For more information about the event or to register, visit the event’s website showshooshootout.com.
Social sites fill basic human needs, boost self-esteem

By Erika Wigren
Staff Reporter

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, MySpace, Pintrest—in other words, the life of an American college student. On average, 45 percent of college students spend six to eight hours a day on social media sites, according to a 2011 study by Johnson and Wales University. Twenty-three percent spend more than eight hours a day on social media sites, 20 percent spend two to four hours a day, while only 12 percent spend less than two hours a day.

Garth Neufeld, a psychology professor, said that there are many reasons why people use social networking sites.

“I am certain that throughout history, there has always been social networking—feasts, parties, teams,” said Neufeld with new technology, comes a change in strategy. You no longer need to attend a party to get linked in with someone. They are Facebook—rewards feel like a lever for a pellet of food. ‘Likes’ feel good reward.” is what Neufeld termed as “the longing. I think it fills the basic human need, to be connected’ with the click of a mouse.”

Neufeld said that he believes the main reason people utilize social networking sites is because it fills basic human needs. “I think people are attracted by different things, such as becoming socially connected with the click of a mouse.”

Another main reason for the use of social networking sites is what Neufeld termed as “the feel good reward.”

“I know people who check their Facebook accounts more than 40 times a day. It reminds me of a rat pressing a lever for a pellet of food. ‘Likes’ and ‘Comments’ are social networking food for humans. Rewards feel good. Humans do more of the things that result in feeling good,” he said.

Social Psychology professor Sue Frantz said that she believes there are many reasons why people use social media sites.

“Social networking sites have taken a small town experience—where there is no privacy—and dropped it into this worldwide Internet,” Frantz said.

She said that people need contact with other people.

“People are social creatures and it is very difficult for us to imagine living without people around us. Take for example the film Cast Away. The protagonist is stranded alone on an island and he creates somebody else that other people are there for him, even if no one actually responds,” she said.

Frantz said that social media is utilized because of the reinforcement it brings.

“The other thing that makes social media so powerful in addition to those connections is it is immediately reinforcing,” she said. Frantz also said that research has showed that social media sites can boost self-esteem. Whether it is the number of friends or followers a person has on the sites, or the number of Likes and comments they receive.

“Research showed that just the act of posting something on Facebook was enough to boost self-esteem. Even if there is no response—it doesn’t matter. Just the act of posting can boost one’s self-esteem,” Frantz said.

One reason this may be is that because you feel like you are connected with other people, and that other people are there for you, even if no one actually responds,” she said.

Frantz also said that investigate the effects of social media sites have leveled out at about 40 percent who check their accounts several times a day, the study says.

Sitting in the Student Union, one must look around and almost never make eye contact because almost everyone is engrossed in some form of social networking.

“It’s so easy these days to get access to Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram,” said Highline Student Lauren Anderson. “I don’t know how much time I spend but I know it’s a lot. It’s easy to spend roughly four to five hours [daily] on Facebook,” Highline student Diane But said, “I think it’s an addiction.”

However, despite her overuse of social media sites she feels that her fellow peers admit to spending the majority of their time on different social media sites.

“Add it up and it’s probably three to four hours,” Jared Miller admitted to putting down his phone when he feels bored.

“If I need to look something up, translate something from a book, Facebook, my phone is right there,” he said.

Students seem to have arranged their phones in such a way that it almost seems like it’s a part of their wardrobes, if not a part of their bodies.

First-year Highline student Brianna Torres said that she’s sure if she did own a smartphone she would find herself spending much more time on her phone.

Staff reporters Michaela Vu, Lindsey Kealoha, and Ipek Saday contributed to this story.
Legal issues await those involved in student deaths

By Hien Hong
Staff Reporter

Several Highline students died this year due to accidents or homicides. While the students may be gone, legal ramifications continue.

A Kent man, Ancest Chandra remains in the King County Jail on $1 million bail following the deadly car crash May 1 that took the life of Asha Salim, president of Highline’s Hip Hop Club.

Investigators found that Chandra was drinking at a party the night of the crash. While reportedly driving back to the Federal Way area, he was distracted by a picture of a scantily clad woman on the front passenger’s cell phone.

Chandra then reportedly drove straight into a guardrail, while heading south on Interstate 5 at more than 80 mph with six passengers in his 1992 Cadillac El Dorado.

Salim was ejected from the car and died at the scene.

In addition to vehicular homicide, Chandra has been charged with three counts of vehicular assault and two counts of reckless endangerment.

In other news regarding deceased students, a South Sound Community College exchange student, Yichun Xu, has appeared in court twice since posting $2 million bail after the death of former Highline student Brenda Gomez.

Prosecutors were fearful that Xu would flee the country and return to China after posting bail, but Xu has appeared to all court hearings.

Xu reportedly had been driving at excessive speed when he t-boned Gomez’ car at the intersection of South 240th Street and 20th Avenue South.

Xu has been charged with vehicular manslaughter; however, Gomez’s family is negotiating with Xu’s family on a settlement.

In another incident, there apparently will be no further action in the case of Highline student Justine Baez who was shot and killed by her boyfriend, Highline student Dennis Clark III.

Clark shot and killed four others that same evening, and was then shot and killed by police officers.

The seven Federal Way police officers who were involved in the shooting of Clark recently returned to active duty.

And in an incident the previous year, Johnny Rourke remains in the King County Jail awaiting trial for the murder of Jayme Thomas on Nov. 6, 2011.

Thomas was the passenger in a car parked in the early morning hours on Redondo Way South near the Highline MaST Center at Redondo when Rourke reportedly fired into the vehicle during a dispute with a friend of Thomas.

Rourke is scheduled to be tried for murder later this year.

Join Casino Night to play card games and have fun for a cause

By Bailey Williams
Staff Reporter

Gambling may never seem so rewarding when the winners of the fifth annual Cards for a Cause Casino Night on June 15 raise money to benefit Hospi-

tality House and the Highline Community College Women’s Emergency Fund.

Hospitality House helps homeless women find a home, health and hope, said Sharon Mann coordinator of the casino

night and incoming president of the organization.

“Highline Community College Women’s Emergency Fund is for women students who are in need of immediate financial help to stay in school,” Mann said.

Cards for a Cause will be held at the Burien Community Center and the doors open at 5:30 p.m. heavy hors d’oeuvres will be served. The festivities will go until midnight.

General admission is $25 or $1,000 poker chip value. The poker registration fee is $40 or $5,000 poker chip value. “All eight finalists from the [poker] tournament will be given prizes. First place is a trip for two to LA to watch a Lakers game from a private suite,” Mann said.

The goal is to raise between $15,000 and $20,000, said Mann. Between 150 and 200 participants are expected, she said.

Raffle tickets are creating a big buzz with the prizes includ-

ing, but not limited to, a $300 bar starter including alcohol and accessories, she said.

Along with the raffle tickets there will be a silent auction with approximately 50 items, including: poker sets, a coffee basket, a bathroom basket, jewelry, garden items, golf equipment, auto items, and a kitchen basket, Mann said.

Participants must be 18 years or older to attend this event. Reservations are not required, but they are encouraged, said Mann.

To purchase your ticket or to register, stop by The Women’s Programs office in Building 6, lower level,” said Leticia Picon of Women’s Programs and WorkFirst Services.

“The goal is to raise enough money to ensure many women and young girls in our community have the help to improve themselves in home and in society,” said Mann.

For further information, contact Mann at 206.200.3616.
Food service provider promises changes

By Rebecca Starkey
Staff Reporter

Although students have long complained about the food on campus provided by Chartwells Food Services, changes are on the horizon.

Sandy Gonzalez, the new food services director at Highline, says she is working to make changes to better serve its clientele.

Gonzalez came to the Highline campus after overseeing the Chartwells operation at Green River Community College in Auburn.

Gonzalez said she is working with Highline to make several major changes to the Union Café.

The Origins food station will be using higher quality bread in the deli sandwiches and will also now be serving soups provided by a company known as Au Bon Pain, which offers their soups at several other Chartwells locations.

For Summer Quarter, the Union Café hours will also be extended from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The college has been very helpful in everything we want to implement,” said Gonzalez.

The changes can’t come fast enough for some Highline students, staff and faculty.

The quality of food, prices and a perceived lack of healthy alternatives in the Student Union are frequently at the top of student concerns voiced in informal polls of students by Thunderword staff.

“The food is good, but after five days in a row it tastes like grease,” student Terrick McGhee said.

“You don’t want to, it’s not fresh, and it’s way too expensive,” student Abby Gregory said.

Staff and faculty members are generally more circumpect in their comments, preferring to remain anonymous and more apt to cite concerns such as orders failing to be delivered and the lack of options.

Highline administration officials, however, say they are satisfied with the service provided by the company and have no intention of ending the contract before its 2016 termination date.

Part of the problem, they say, is that students are unfamiliar with the relationship between the college and Chartwells.

Many students say they believe Highline creates the menu for the food offered on campus, however Rachel Collins, manager of Hospitality Services, said it is primarily Chartwells’ decision as a corporate company.

“Chartwells decides what is being served but with our [Highline’s] partnership they are open to suggestions and we work with them in suggesting other items. But they do decide what is being served,” Collins said.

Collins said she believes Chartwells has offered healthier options in the past, but the fried foods were more popular and sold better.

As far as affordability, Collins said she believes the prices are determined by Chartwells to cover food and labor costs.

“The other side of it is that they’re a retail business and they absolutely have to make money to support themselves,” Shirley Bean, director of financial services, said.

However, Chartwells pricing may not be as simple as some might think. Sandy Gonzalez said that Chartwells calculates wages, taxes and employee benefits into prices, and also compares product prices to food service competitors in the area such as Subway and McDonald’s.

After adding these values together, Chartwells prices must be determined if Highline will renew with Chartwells or seek a new food service provider.

In general, the process, she said, will include voices from Student Government and student opinion.

“Because of this we made the decision to remain with Chartwells so the college wouldn’t suffer any financial penalty,” Bean said.

In addition, another clause in the contract states that all food sold and catered on Highline’s campus must come from Chartwells exclusively.

“[Exclusive contracts] are very, very common,” Bean said.

“Most food service providers will not bid on a contract that is not exclusive.”

Other suppliers on campus, including Coca-Cola, also hold exclusivity contracts.

Bean said this has not been a source of trouble for Highline.

Come 2016 however, who provides food at Highline will be open for discussion.

Bean said Highline will put the contract out to bid and create a committee for deciding if Highline will renew with Chartwells or seek a new food service provider.

The process, she said, will include voices from Student Government and student opinion.

“I can only speak from a contractual perspective, but I think Chartwells has been a very good partner with Highline,” Bean said.

“They don’t always get it right, but they’re always very open to constructive criticism and they’re always very open to trying new things.”

Chartwells provides meals in colleges as well as elementary, middle and high schools throughout the nation.

Chartwells is also a brand, owned by Compass Group North America, which is a subdivision of Compass Group Global, a British food service conglomerate that extends into Europe, Asia and parts of Africa.

Several students, staff and faculty were under the impression that the Chartwells contract was set to expire this year, opening an opportunity for a new food provider, however Collins confirmed that this is a misunderstanding of the contract.

The actual agreement continues until 2016.

Bean said that the original Chartwells contract, which began in August of 2008, was for five years. However, when the contract began, Chartwells made a capital investment of $50,000 with a clause stating that if Highline did not remain with Chartwells for eight years, Highline would have to pay back part of the investment that has not been amortized.

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Highline student takes PRISM by storm

By Rebecca Starkey
Staff Reporter

Although Kari Blomberg may appear to be an average student, Highline instructors have said she has the potential to change the world and has already started to do so here at Highline.

Blomberg is the president of PRISM, the Gay-Straight Alliance of Highline, which stands for People Respecting Individuals and Sexual Minorities.

“We’re all creating a safe campus environment for everyone and educating our community and surrounding communities on LGBTQIA issues and what we can do,” she said.

As a lesbian herself, Blomberg said standing against the discrimination of sexual minorities is important to her.

“[It’s] pretty personal since I identify as a sexual minority. I want to make sure I feel safe and that everyone else who is also a sexual minority also feels safe,” Blomberg said.

Blomberg first became involved in PRISM last year as a member and was president in 2012 as a sexual minority. I want to make sure standing against the discrimination of people is important.

“[It’s] pretty personal since I identify as a sexual minority. I want to make sure I feel safe and that everyone else who is also a sexual minority also feels safe,” Blomberg said.

Blomberg, an applied psychology major, has been working towards the Social Justice minor since 2010.

“Coming to work at Highline wasn’t a difficult decision. Finsterbusch has worked in various departments and has helped develop the program,” she said.

“I was nominated by a student, not a co-worker or anything. A student,” Finsterbusch said.

At Highline since August of 1990, Finsterbusch started as a 1,000-hour, or part-time employee, in Registration as an office assistant.

“In those days, when Registration began each quarter, there would be around 800 people assigned to register on the same day. Eight hundred people would show up at eight in the morning and be there all day,” Finsterbusch said.

She said the work was tedious and all had to be done by hand. She became a full-time employee a year later and moved to Veterans Services.

“Everything was manually done. The veterans would come back from the first Persian Gulf War and they’d apply for their benefits and we would do all the legal stuff so they would get their benefits,” Finsterbusch said.

Being part of a military family, Finsterbusch really enjoyed working with the veterans and said she would try to help the veterans in any way she could, anything from dealing with paperwork to any advice they might need.

“I still have veterans and students alike that I still commu - nicate with. Maybe it’s only once a year around the holidays, but over the years I still remain in contact with a lot of students,” Finsterbusch said.

By Racquel Arceo
Staff Reporter

For the first time in years, the Oxycontin pills worth $2,000 at street value were recently turned into the Des Moines Police Department at one time.

In Outreach, Finsterbusch has worked in various departments and has helped develop the program. The honor of the award was given to Highline’s presence to the community.

A statewide Take-Back Your Medication program was started.

Dr. Kaddee Lawrence urges her patients to dispose of their medications, either by flushing their unused or expired medications down the toilet was the safe way to get rid of it.

“Don’t put anything in the toilet,” said Padden.

For more information on locations where people get them [medication] from family, Padden said.

However, the Take-Back Program prevented medications of controlled substances such as Vicodin, Oxycontin, morphine, Adderall or Xanax.

The program accepts prescription medicines, over-the-counter medicines, vitamins and even pet medicines.

Highline Biology instructor Dr. Kaddee Lawrence urges her students to do their part in protecting the environment.

“Think of [marine life] as your neighbors. Our waste water plants are not designed to filter out medication,” Lawrence said.

Then raising up the water level is a way to filter out medications, Lawrence suggests raising awareness.

“Don’t put anything in the toilet. The toilet is the only place that the toilet is designed for,” she said.

For more information on locations people can drop off their unwanted medications or controlled substances of medications they accept, visit takebackyourmeds.org.
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Staff Reporter

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Two hundred tons of pet waste is not cleaned up daily in the state of Washington. There are five other things that James spoke of regarding caring up the Sound:

1) Practice natural yard care. Don’t cut grass too short and use healthy soil, instead of beauty bark. The soil will soak up water and naturally filter it. And always think twice about pesticides, James said.

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Type comes in all shapes and sizes. And each of those different typefaces is called a font.

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“The only problem with this is that you could only ‘type’ one line at a time,” said Pfeffer.

The Monotype system came next. It was a way of typing letters onto a film that was then transferred to a machine that printed out the letters row by row.

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or showing presence of a weap-
on, said Noyer.
“From my point of view this is clearly organized,” said Yok.
In discussing the relationship between descriptions, there may be more participants in these different thefts and robberies.
“Don’t have very good descriptions for most of them,” he said.
This may be due to the fact that most of the students that have been targeted are interna-
tional students, as Noyer said at a meeting last Friday.
They international students are accustomed to the level of crime perpetrated in the United States, said Highline student Marcelo Carvajal.
It is important for international business and friend of many Japanese students on cam-
pus, spoke up during the Person-
al Safety Community Meeting discussion concerning the recent cell phone thefts at noon yester-
day. He said that he wants the campus to help out international students in particular.
“I just want them to be better ed-
ucated and better protected, he said.
Apparently, due to all the cell phone thefts and robberies, students to use the email of their choice rather than having an Angel and Highline email account.
There is also the option for students to connect Canvas to their Facebook account.
This will allow students to get notifications through Facebook.
Smartphone users can also download the free Canvas for iOS app.
With this app, students will be able to check their grades, view the syllabus, participate in discussions, and more.
“They are trying to be where you want to go,” Frantz said.
Smartphone users will also be able to use their iCal app to organize all of their class sched-
ules onto one calendar rather than a personal calendar and separate class calendars.
Some Highline faculty members are not currently using Angel because it is too difficult.
The ease of Canvas may en-
courage more instructors to use the new program, Frantz said.
“I would guess more faculty will get on board,” she said.
However, Frantz said some faculty may have trouble with Canvas because they are making it more difficult than it is.
“In Canvas, it’s just drop and drag,” Frantz said explaining how simple it is compared to Angel.
Canvas is much faster at fixing requested problems than Angel. Sometimes so fast that faculty may be un-
aware of the changes.
“The downside is that people aren’t using it,” said Officer Batterman.
“If you feel, ‘Something’s not right here, something’s going to happen’,” Officer Batterman said.
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Quarter. Pilot programs and the availability of some faculty to make the switch will occur dur-
ing Winter Quarter.
The main transition is set for Spring Quarter 2014 with to-
tal access to Angel for students eliminated by Summer Quarter 2014, although Angel will still be available to faculty for back-
up purposes.
Jeff Ward, a Business De-
partment instructor, previously learned how to use Canvas at Seattle Central and Edmonds community colleges.
“With learning curve with Canvas – sort of like when you change cars – there are the main controls in the same place, but some of the buttons are in differ-
ent places or operate slightly dif-
ferently. It’ll take some time to know how to turn on the radio, move the driver’s seat back, or adjust the heat settings in Can-
vas,” he said.
Ward said the program is easy to use for both students and faculty.
“In a few days it was as if I had been using Canvas forever,” Ward said.
Features that students may like and find most useful are the texting, email and Facebook cap-
babilities of Canvas.
And the speed grade allows students to receive their cur-
rent grade on their smartphones through text message at any-
time.
Unlike Angel, Canvas will allow

Commander Sellers, Of-
ficer Batterman, Yok, and Noyer all encouraged stu-
dents to report people who they do not belong on campus.
“When everyone is as bad guy,” he said.
“We don’t walk away and leave the property unattended. [And] if you don’t have to use it in pub-
lic, don’t use it in public.”
Secondly, be alert and aware.
“Bad guys are looking for people that aren’t paying atten-
tion,” said Officer Batterman.
Anyone who is engaged in reading, reading, or studying makes an attractive target for thieves, he said.
The officer also said to listen.
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Loans
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Without a resolution of the dispute, the 3.4 percent student loan rate will double to 6.8 percent due to the sequester, which went into effect March 1.
The sequester – a series of across-the-board cuts on federal programs – was an agreement between the president and Con-
gress last year to provoke a deal on the national budget.
The president’s plan includes dropping the new subsidized Stafford Loan rates to 2.9 percent from the current 3.4 percent.
The plan also guarantees that loans for all borrowers, in the past and future, have the payment capped at 10 percent of income.
For a typical borrower in Washington state, savings are estimated to be about $1,045, according to an official White House press release.
Another alternative would be “keeping student loan interest rates fixed and annually tied to the market rate,” said Lorraine Odum, Highline director of Fi-
nancial Aid.
“The importance of this plan is that borrower interest rates will re-
main the same throughout the re-
payment period and not fluctuate throughout the life of the loan. This will guarantee a fixed loan repay-
ment amount allowing borrowers to be confident that monthly pay-
ment amounts will not increase unexpectedly,” she said.
With no clear indication as to which plan will prevail, stu-
dent loan holders are reduced to waiting and calculating how they will cope with the possibility of a bigger bite from their wallets.

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