...apparently not the guys at Highline

By Thunderword Staff

Surrounded by his friends in the Student Union, the student had little doubt about how good he looks.

"I'm smoking sexy," said the student, who did not give his name.

He's not alone. In a non-scientific survey of 100 Highline male students, 92 of them said they are satisfied with the way they look.

"Never thought about it," said student Alex Olm. "I am satisfied."

"I am perfect," agreed student Asikur Rahmun. "I don't need to change anything about myself."

"That's kind of a tough question, but I am satisfied, no change," said Charles Henry Dukes III.

The male students generally agreed that it's important to look good.

"How does a good-looking body hold you back in life?" asked the first student.

"Six pack abs pushes me forward in life," said another, Chase Sturmer.

One Highline professor said that it's important for many men to feel as though they look good.

"They need to see that way to pursue something," said Highline Psychology Professor Dr. Bob Baugher.

Dr. Baugher said that young males often have an extreme fear of asking someone out that they just met, but also often do so for the potential reward.

Students who were interviewed by a male reporter tended to be a little less sure of themselves in assessing their looks, as compared to those who were interviewed by women.

Diversity and campus involvement are what make Highline a great college, students, staff, and faculty said in separate accreditors' forums last Thursday.

An accreditation panel visited Highline last week to review the college and to help determine whether Highline should be accredited next year.

The accreditors are trained by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities to ensure that all accredited colleges are meeting standards and providing a quality education, said Ruth Frickle, division chairwoman of Social Sciences and Pre-College Studies.

Frickle has been among those working with Highline's accreditation forum.

The panel hosted three separate forums to hear student, staff, and faculty opinions directly.

At the student forum last Thursday, which included about 40 students, accreditors Kate Gray of Clackamas Community College in Oregon and Dr. Debra Klimes, the director of Academic Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho, asked students what they love about Highline.

"The best thing here is the people. They make you feel welcome and everyone, no matter their learning levels, are treated equally," said one student.

Many students said they felt that Highline's diversity is what makes it a great college.

"The best thing about Highline..." see Diversity, page 12

Outreach program aims to help Latino students

By Cynthia Villegas

While many Latinos attend college, a lot of them do not receive a degree and Highline has committed to retaining and graduating these students.

One in five Latinos will go to college but only one in 10 will get their degree, said Liz Rangel, Highline's Outreach Program assistant.

She said financial reasons are the main cause. Although enrollment figures for the Latino students are growing every year it is also difficult to know why so few of those who attend don't participate in extra-curricular activities, Rangel said.

"Of Latino students who transfer to four-year colleges coming out of High school, only 7 percent meet the core requirements for college-level classes," said Rangel.

Washington state has the widest attainment gap: only 61 percent of Latino students go to community college, but only... see Outreach, page 12

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By Eric Helgeson  
Staff Reporter

Baseball is about failure and has religious overtones, a Seattle Pacific University history professor said last Wednesday.

Professor Bob Woodward started this week’s History Seminar with a lively rendition of the classic 1888 poem Casey at the Bat.

Following that, he then went on to say that baseball is a game about failure because, “Every error, no matter how small, ends up being recorded for all the world to see.”

He also said that, like many others, perceives “some kind of religious overtones to this game.” He went on to say that Opening Day is like a religious festival, that ballparks and stadiums are modern day cathedrals, and how divine intervention may have caused the San Francisco Giants to lose the 1989 World Series to the Oakland Athletics “because God is apparently a Cubs fan.”

Professor Woodward also showed the participants how he has organized the history of baseball into seven eras named after books of the Bible.

The first era is Genesis, which lasted from before the Civil War to 1900. It was then followed by the era of Matty, Mack, Luke, and John, which started in the first 20 years of the 20th Century.

This was then followed by the era of Josh, Judge and Ruth, which covered the period between both World Wars. This was followed by the era of Kings and Exodus, which covered the Post-WWII era.

This was then followed by the era of Pete, James, and John, which covered the Ronald Reagan presidency.

This was then followed by the era of Numbers and Revelations, which covered the Post-Cold War era to the modern day.

Professor Woodward said that “Baseball is America’s game, still enigmatic of all that is good and much that is wrong. In this land still a reliable monitor of society that holds many values intentional.”

In sour dreams then it is persistent course. It is about getting to first base and coming home.”

Next week’s seminar will be titled History of Nursing Education and will be hosted by Marie Esch-Radlke.

Baseball is more than America’s national pastime, professor says
If a tree falls on campus before Facilities can get it cut down, are they going to hear about it?

There are two dead trees on campus that Facilities has been trying to cut down but they’ve had no success. The two trees are located near Building 6 and Building 18.

The two trees look fairly similar. They both are very large and have been bare of leaves for quite a while. There are also huge pieces of bark falling off of their trunks.

Hoping to avoid making Highline a branch campus, Facilities wants to get rid of the dead trees mainly because of the danger of limbs falling off due to another wind storm, said Barry Holldorf, Highline’s director of Facilities.

They haven't found anyone to accept the job and take down the dead trees. The two vendors they normally use have not worked out.

The two vendors that we normally use did not want the job due to prevailing wage. They do not want to deal with the state because the paperwork was too much, and they are a small business,” said Holldorf.

State law requires that contractors on state jobs pay prevailing wages, which is union scale.

The other vendor never responded to Facilities request for a bid.

Facilities has now contacted Knotty Tree Service and they came out on Friday to give a quote on how much it would cost to take down the two trees.

"If we don’t like the price we are going to find other people," said Holldorf.

If another wind storm hits before facilities gets a chance to get the trees cut down, Highline students may want to be cautious walking around on campus.

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Rebecca Starkey/THUNDERWORD

The two dead maple trees near Buildings 6 and 18 could be a danger in a wind storm. The trees have been dead for quite some time and have had huge pieces of bark falling off of them.

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Shirts help fight against domestic violence

By Ryan Macri
Staff Reporter

Rebecca Starkey/THUNDERWORD

Women's Programs has been allowing both the Highline and CWU campuses to express their feelings and experiences with domestic violence through designing and writing on T-shirts. Paint a Shirt is an annual event at Highline, but this is the first year that the CWU campus will participate. The event started on the Oct. 15 and will finish up today. Daniel Dickey, student leadership liaison for Central Washington, participated in the T-shirt clothesline on Oct. 15. The event continues in the main lobby today from noon-4 p.m. in Building 29.

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New campus security director will focus on safety

By Sam Hong
Staff Reporter

Highline has named Jim Baylor as the new Director of Safety, Security and Emergency Management.

Highline Vice President of Administration Larry Yok said they brought back this position, which was cut in 2006, because of an increasing need for a dedicated person who could focus on the needs of safety, security and emergency management.

In addition to meeting the requirements of the Cleary Act, which requires regular public reporting of crimes on campus, and other state requirements, "Washington is putting a greater emphasis on emergency management planning, ... Emergencies are much more complex now," said Yok.

Baylor will bring with him more than 20 years of experience in higher education law enforcement.

With experience in law enforcement and being adjunct faculty he has a better understanding of the classroom, Yok said.

"Baylor is the best of both worlds,” said Yok.

Baylor is the current chief of Campus Security and Public Safety at Wharton County Junior College District in Wharton, Texas. He was also the Police Operations Commander at Rice University in Houston. Baylor earned a master's degree in psychology and sociology in addition to a bachelor's degree in law enforcement and police science.

Yok said Baylor was the only candidate with higher education law enforcement experience.

Baylor’s first day at Highline will be Nov. 4.
Highline a haven for thieves, not students

Highline needs an increase in campus security. This is especially so with the recent on-campus assaults that have occurred this quarter.

However, the number of patrols is not increasing but a new director of safety and security emergency was recently appointed. The job description consists mostly of meeting regulations on criminal reporting as well as emergency planning for the college.

This will include anything from earthquakes to any other natural disasters. This type of planning is actually required by law and involves all colleges in the state of Washington.

Emergency planning is very important. But will this help impact crime prevention?

“We certainly hope so,” said Larry Yok, vice president of administrative services, in a recent interview. Yok also said that Highline’s current safety situation is pretty good, but there’s always room for improvement.

Currently Highline has two to three patrolling security guards at a time, who rotate shifts throughout the day. They have one automobile and one cart that cruise through and around campus.

Just the two patrols on duty is able to meet Highline’s needs, Yok said. “Violence on campus is very rare,” he said.

But is it?

The most recent assault that was reported last week involved a woman walking to the bus stop from Highline out past 2 a.m. She was holding her cell phone when three people grabbed her phone and started hitting her to the ground and began kicking her.

Highline works closely with the Des Moines Police Department, who say that there have been 45 thefts similar to this one recently.

School is where one should feel safe, maybe second to their own home. It is a sacred place of learning and where relationships are constantly being created.

Security escorts have always been available upon request, for students, staff and faculty. However, despite of recent events, there haven’t been many requests, and it could be due to feeling almost too comfortable.

Larry Yok called the recent assault a “crime of opportunity.”

Yok said that it’s advised that people don’t display their phones.

“It’s really up to students to prevent themselves from being victims,” he said.

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When did simply holding your phone in your hand become displaying? Walking in any public place, one can point out more people than the fingers on their hands who are holding their cell phones.

You should be careful, but Highline is quickly becoming a place where criminals know they can rob students without fear of being caught.

The college needs to do more to make it safe.

Commentary

Ipek Saday

foot forward. This is something we are able to control about ourselves.

But there is so much more to people than their looks. There are personalities, talents and experiences. These, in combination with so much more, make us who we really are.

I am not a tall person. In fact I barely beat the legal midget standards. I tower at 4 feet and 10 inches.

Has this ever caused judgments in my lifetime?

Of course it has.

But I learned long ago to not let those kinds of comments faze me. I know who I really am and unfortunately it’s just a fact of life that I will continue to hear these comments for the rest of my life.

I have a job that revolves around very high quality technology, and I have had people who I have never met and may never see again, blatantly comment on my height.

“Looks like you need some stilts.” This was actually from the mouth of an elderly woman. And I thought grandmas were supposed to be nice.

On top of it all, I receive judgments for being a woman - make that a very young woman - in this industry.

I constantly have some customers walk right by me and approach a male coworker head on. I will have greeted them loudly enough for them to hear me, and they will sometimes acknowledge me with a nod and that’s it.

It could be a lot of factors: prejudice, insecurities or different standards of civility.

Hopefully society is changing and this will become a thing of the past.

But let’s not judge others’ limits.

This is something I cannot stress enough to my peers. It’s close to impossible for humans to not judge; even our fellow mammals are choosey when it comes to picking a lifelong mate.

However, there is a very big difference between us and single-minded creatures. We have the ability to think before we act.

And that includes judgmental remarks about somebody’s fashion choices.

Ipek Saday is the opinion editor for the Thunderword.

Have something to say?

Have something you want to say to the student body?

The Highline Thunderword is asking for students to voice their opinions on what matters to them. We’re accepting submissions in the form of letters and columns.

Letters to the editor should be about 200 words, columns should be no more than 600 words.

Send submissions to thunderword@highline.edu by Monday for print on Thursday.

Write to us!
Spare some cash for a scholarship stash

By Bailey Williams
Staff Reporter

Find a quarter on the street or spare $20 from your pay-check to help fund a scholarship at Highline.

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Amanda Rae is the 2013-14 recipient of the scholarship.

“Rae is active in the drama program at Highline and she has a part in the show as well as being the stage manager. “They will be ready for an audience on Oct. 24, and we want to encourage the campus community to come experience the theater,” Warren said.

This show is open to everyone.

“Don’t worry about how much money you bring. Just come to the door and give what you can,” Warren said.

Spooky party will haunt Highline

By Sang Choi
Staff Reporter

International Student Programs is inviting the campus to a Halloween party event.

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Mizukami wants to introduce American culture to international students at the Halloween party. At the end of the Halloween event, some international students will tell about traditions from their home-lands. Nguyen and Mizukami said that those stories will be a great time to understand many different cultures for non-international students at Highline.

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Boundary-busting art exhibit comes to library gallery

By Bailey Williams
Staff Reporter

This month’s library gallery shatters stereotypes and proves that there are “No Boundaries.”

The library gallery showcases art from the annual traveling art show, No Boundaries, featuring artists with disabilities.

“Making art has always been a passion and a frustration,” said Garreth Schuh, a Seattle artist whose art is displayed in the library gallery. “Making art is one form of storytelling and a frustration,” said Garreth Schuh. “I use a wheelchair fulltime and I have a very difficult time working with large paintings without making them out of multiple smaller pieces.”

Painting requires large chunks of uninterrupted time and that is very difficult to arrange around disability needs, he said. “Making art is one form of story telling and it’s the best way of self-expression,” Schuh said. “Making art allows you to focus on different aspects of your life.”

Disabilities shouldn’t stop you if you want to be an artist, said Annette Lusher-Cree, an artist in the No Boundaries exhibit. “Don’t think you aren’t good enough. Practice your gift and learn. As long as you believe in yourself and love what you are doing, do it,” said Lusher-Cree.

The library gallery is on the fourth floor of the library from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday. Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 2 to 9 p.m. The showcase runs to the end of October.

Hard-core jazz joint jumps into Highline

By Bailey Williams
Staff Reporter

A Seattle-based group is coming to Highline to jazz up the campus.

Modern jazz group, Hardcoretet will be performing on Thursday, Nov. 7, in Building 7 at 12:10-1 p.m. This free concert is being presented by the Music Department.

Hardcoretet have been working together for five years.

“We’ve grown a lot as individual musicians and as a band over the last five years,” said Tarik Abouzied, leader of the Hardcoretet.

Hardcoretet received a grant this year from 4Culture, King County’s arts agency that they used to fund large portion of their last recording project.

“On a musician’s level, Hardcoretet is all about communication and teamwork,” he said. “The band is comprised of four top-notch musicians all with their own skill set, and the music we play is about directing those individual skills towards a common goal.”

On top of all that, “he’s just a really good guy,” he said. “Go to his office, ask him some questions, get to know him and I guarantee you’ll be better off,” said Abouzied.

However, music wasn’t always Abouzied’s first choice. “I actually went to UW and wanted to do computer science. After a while I began to notice that the other computer students spent all their free time programming while I would just get through assignments so I could play music,” Abouzied said. “At some point I decided I didn’t want to spend my life being a so-so programmer and so-so musician and that I needed to commit one way or the other. It wasn’t a difficult choice, and I’m glad I made it.”

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The Highline's women's soccer team remains in second place in the West Division by beating Olympic 1-0 on Saturday. “Being in second means the work has just started. We definitely don’t want to settle for our current spot and see other teams in front of us,” said assistant coach Chris Wells.

The Highline Thunderbirds and Olympic Rangers were neck and neck with a 0-0 tie up until the 80th minute of the game, when Nicole Cruz scored off an assist by Jessi Beverlin.

Cruz and Emily Hanna both broke through the Olympic defense, creating an opportunity for Beverlin to pass to one of them. Olympic is in fourth in the West Division with a 4-4-2 league record and 4-4-4 record so far this season.

The win gives Highline a 10-2-2 record and 7-2-1 in division play.

Highline is second in the NWAACC West Division, behind Peninsula who has a 10-0-0 record and a 7-2-1 in division play.

Highline goalkeeper Jordyn Summers helped the Thunderbirds walk away with the tie on Oct. 9 by making six saves.

Highline men win two, stay in soccer playoff hunt

By Justin Kemp
Staff Reporter

The Highline Thunderbirds won two straight games, protecting their hold on second place in the Western Division last week.

The Highline men defeated Tacoma 2-1 before downing Olympic 1-0.

Highline hosted Tacoma (5-7-0) at Starfire on Oct. 9 where the two teams battled like true division rivals. The game was a non-stop nail biter where every kick had the potential to change the outcome of the game.

“It was a 90-minute game. You don’t find yourself in those every day,” said Head Coach Jason Prenovost.

In the first half, it was all Highline with the Thunderbirds continually pressing the Titans’ goal, coming away with goals by Valentina Shymko and Alvaro Osornio for a 2-0 halftime lead.

However, as the second half began it was apparent that the Titans had made the correct adjustments. “It’s a game about rhythm,” said Prenovost.

And it was apparent that Tacoma had it. If not for the spectacular play by Highline goalkeeper Trevor Larson, with six second-half saves, the Thunderbirds would not have been able to pull out a hard fought 2-1 victory.

Just three days later the Thunderbirds made the trip up to Bremerton to take on division rival Olympic.

Although Highline only managed a 1-0 win over the last place Rangers (3-6-2), the Highline men dominated the game.

Giving the Rangers’ goalkeeper a run for his money, the Thunderbirds managed 10 shots on goal with the winning goal coming from midfielder Scottie Inthoulay in the 45th minute.

Following two solid performances against division rivals, the Thunderbirds kicked off the week by preparing for their third division game in seven days against the Bellevue Bulldogs (5-6-0).

Highline beat Bellevue on Wednesday 2-1. The Thunderbirds were looking for some padding in their lead with a big win against the Bulldogs, who sit directly below them in the division standings.

In the upcoming week, the Highline men get a game-free weekend before hosting division leaders Peninsula on Oct. 23 at 3 p.m.

They will then travel to Tacoma where they will again take on the Titans on Oct. 26 at 12:15 p.m.
## Scores

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## News

### Highline Volleyball

**By Joel Jessen**

Staff Reporter

Highline’s volleyball team added six more unanswered sets to their impressive four-game winning streak keeping them tied for first in the NWACCC West with Tacoma.

The T-Birds plucked the Clark Penguins and skinned the Green River Gators in their two match-ups this last week.

Against Clark College, the Lady T-Birds came out on top with a score of 25-10, 27-25, 25-16 last Wednesday at Highline.

While the first and third sets were both easy victories, the ladies struggled in the middle resulting in a real battle of a second set. According to Coach Chris Littleman, loss of momentum and well-placed block by Clark all contributed to the list of problems the women faced.

“They scouted us really well,” said Littleman. “They made sure their best blocker was covering Mikaela (Ballou) at all times.”

Despite the back and forth apparent lack of communication in Highline changed the momentum through good court talk and big plays which gave them the edge to breeze through the third.

“It’s usually one play that changes the game and I think that tonight, that play was my hit,” said freshman Chloe Mensching.

Mensching, as well as Rhiannon Moorin and Jessica Markham, stood out as key players of the night.

The Highline women came from behind in the third set against Green River last Friday resulting in a clean sweep of 26-24, 25-12, 25-21.

The first set was a struggle. However, the Lady T-Birds led the majority of the match and were never in any real danger. Riding the momentum and taking advantage of Green River’s second set.

The girls just weren’t playing their best, the game against Pierce con currently long matches. "They’re not giving away a point," said Littleman.

Ballou acknowledged the importance of teamwork in her success after Friday’s game.

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### Sports Quiz

**1. How many consecutive major league seasons did Stan Musial hit at least 300?**

- 300
- 350
- 400
- 500

2. Earl Weaver is third on the list of most wins by a major league manager who never played a major league player (1,480 wins). Who are the top two?

   - Hall of Famer and current manager
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4. Who is the last NASCAR driver before Jimmie Johnson in 2013 to win the two NASCAR Cup races in Daytona in the same year?

5. In 2013, Novak Djokovic and Juan Martin Del Potro played the longest semifinal singles match in Wimbledon history (four hours, 43 minutes). Who was in the previously longest match?

   - Novak Djokovic and Del Potro
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Puzzles

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Answers
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3. Finger
4. 18 inches
5. Shakespeare
6. Maurice Sendak
7. Lindsay Wagner
8. Athlete’s foot
9. Butterflies or moths

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. Combat ___ A ___ ___ ___ Soda container ___ O ___ ___
2. Theme ___ P ___ ___ ___ Gir’s partner ___ N ___ ___
3. _ Adkins ___ E ___ ___ Racing path ___ K ___ ___
4. Terror ___ R ___ ___ ___ Bird’s talent ___ L ___ ___
5. Hawaii or Alaska ___ T ___ ___ Gawk ___ R ___ ___
6. Safe place ___ H ___ ___ ___ Poe’s bird ___ R ___ ___
7. Seinfeld’s specialty ___ D ___ ___ ___ Attractive ___ L ___ ___
8. Banker, sometimes ___ N ___ ___ ___ Person in charge ___ A ___ ___
9. Subtraction sign ___ I ___ ___ ___ Bills of fare ___ E ___ ___
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

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By Rennie Wallin
Staff Reporter

Andy Massagli says that the government has too many regulations, whereas Dave Upthegrove says the government needs to invest more in the community.

Massagli and Upthegrove are seeking the King County Council seat for District 5, which covers Normandy Park and Des Moines and parts of Burien, SeaTac, Tukwila, Renton and Kent.

King County council members serve for four years. The council is engaged in regional government activities, such as transportation and flood control.

Although the race is non-partisan, both candidates have party back-grounds.

State Rep. Upthegrove, a Democrat, is a legislator from the 33rd District. Massagli ran for the Legislature as a Republican in 2012.

Massagli has served in the U.S. Army, worked as a deputy sheriff in California, and has worked as an airline pilot. He is currently unemployed.

Speaking to a class at Highline, Massagli said his chief concerns as a councilman would be job stability, public safety and preserving human services.

Massagli said the government is doing too much and is holding back jobs and the economy.

The best way to ensure job stability is for the government to stay out of the way, he said. Regulations have piled up in King County, and he would like to see such regulations reviewed by the Legislature on a regular basis.

Once the best alternative has been chosen, Sound Transit will establish a construction plan to reach the Federal Way Transit Center. The draft can be viewed at http://www.soundtransit.org/

By Ryan Johnston
Staff Reporter

Light Rail will get closer to Highline in the form of Angle Lake station on South 200th Street come 2016.

“Generally speaking, we’re planning [for completion] in September 2016,” said Kimberley Reason, public information officer for Sound Transit.

Light Rail is a public transportation service that operates on an electric railway that is typically at ground level. Currently, there are two Light Rail lines. The Central Light Rail goes from Westlake, on 400 Pine Street in Seattle, to the SeaTac airport, on 17580 International Boulevard.

The Tacoma Light Rail is from the theater district on South 9th Street to the Tacoma Dome.

“Our equipment has arrived and is being tested,” Reason said. “We’re going to start construction [on the rail] early in 2014.” Sound Transit began excavating the Light Rail station last spring.

Highline can expect a Light Rail station on Kent-Des Moines road in 2023.

The board of directors approved a draft that outlines the project phases for Light Rail from SeaTac to Federal Way, Reason said.

However, funding is still lacking for the completion of the Light Rail extension. Currently, Sound Transit is looking for federal grant money to reach the transit center on South 320th Street.

Currently, Sound Transit is working in the Alternatives Development phase, in which an analysis report is filed and the board of directors identifies options to expand high capacity transit from SeaTac to Federal Way.

“I would love for the government needs to invest in roads and other transportation, as well as education, in order to improve the economy. He said King County needs to work on improving flood control levees in the Green River Valley. He wants to see better customer service in the permitting process in King County as well.

The reason Rep. Upthegrove wants to switch from a state legislator to a King County councilmember is because “County Council is a full time job and state legislator is a part time job,” Rep. Upthegrove said.

“The job of an elected official is to listen to diverse points of view and find common ground. By working together, we can overcome any obstacle,” said Rep. Upthegrove.

Construction workers make progress on the Angle Lake Light Rail station for its 2016 opening.

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New park named after Dr. Shirley Gordon

By Kiya Dameron
Staff Reporter

Des Moines has named a new park after the school’s third president, Dr. Shirley B. Gordon.

Dr. Gordon served as the third president of Highline from 1976-1990. She died in 2008 at the age of 86.

Developer Landmark Homes built the park along with its subdivision and then donated the park to the city of Des Moines.

“Dr. Gordon was the Litowitz’ neighbor and a good friend who loved children,” Litowitz said. “She felt kids were being too glued to video games and TV and thought kids should be out playing. She always believed kids need outside play.”

As developers, we had the right to name the park,” said Litowitz. Dr. Gordon was the Litowitz’ neighbor and a good friend who loved children, Litowitz said.

“People are happy with the four incumbents and feel that they want us to continue to do the work that we are doing,” Seal said. “The people may want to see us on the City Council,” said Quinn of why more people aren’t running for city council positions. “It’s a lot of hard work,” he added.

One issue the City Council as a whole has put their time and effort on is reducing the crime on Tukwila’s International Boulevard. When the Neighborhood Resource Center on International Boulevard shut down the crimes got worse, Quinn said.

When Quinn was elected, one of his goals was to restore the Resource Center and put more money into having more police. “That is the one thing that we have consistently been working on since I’ve been on the council. The City Council, and the city as a whole are committed to reducing the crime on Tukwila International Boulevard. We have put dollars and manpower behind that effort. Public Safety is our No. 1 priority,” said Seal.
Seminar dives deep into issues surrounding captive orca whales

By Ben Knapp
Staff Reporter

Orca whales don't make very good pets.

Orca whales have been experiencing serious health problems when taken from their ocean homes to theme parks such as SeaWorld in the past 40 years. Seattle, a professor at Highline last week.

Rus Hegley, a science professor from the MoST Center, told the seminar’s audience that there are consequences of keeping these giant creatures captive in order to become public spectacles for audiences around the world.

For 40 years, orca whales have been captured from their ocean homes and relocated to parks such as SeaWorld to perform tricks for millions of people every year.

SeaWorld has parks in San Diego, San Antonio, and Orlando. However, sites such as SeaWorld are currently worth over $2.7 billion and may never relinquish the whales back into the wild.

Once orca whales are captured and displayed in 1965 when Namu was saved from a salmon fishing net in British Columbia. At first, it was hard to keep Namu, who was then exhibited by the Seattle Aquarium. Namu had even starred in a movie called Friendship (1965) which altered many perspectives about these massive creatures.

These whales can grow to be up to 32 feet long and weigh up to six tons, are used to swimming over 100 miles daily in the wild but, when captive, the whales are placed in holding tanks equivalent to a bathtub for their size.

“Orcas in the wild have a life expectancy very similar to our own (60-90 years), but when held in captivity, the average life expectancy is only 9,” Hegley said.

He went on to say, “many whales have suffered physical damage by chewing on the metal bars of their cages, which have led to serious dental health issues that create decay and disease.”

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21 percent of those students get a degree.

“We [Latino] are the highest [minority] population but because we have the lowest attainment that means becomes an economic crisis,” Rangel said.

Out of economic necessity, most Latino students who graduate from high school get a job rather than furthering their education, she said.

And a majority of Latino students attending college are first-generation students.

Beatriz Cardenas, former Highline student, who currently attends University of Washington, said, “I am the youngest of four kids and I am a first-generation college student. My parents didn’t help with anything. But I kept moving on and pushing myself to do better. Now I have been accepted to an exceptional school.”

There are various groups to help Latino students on campus such as The Latino Center and United Latino Association.

Cesar Rangel (no relation to Dr. Cesar Rangel) works in the Latino Center, which focuses on retention of Latino students.

Some of his jobs include: e-mailing students who self identify as Latino, helping them register for classes.

If you would like to get in contact with Cesar Rangel, his email is crangel@highline.edu or contact him by phone at 206-592-4672.

Many people know orca whales to be called “killer” whales, yet in the wild, not one human death has been recorded. However, there have been 40 documented incidents at SeaWorld alone over the past 40 years.

Most incidents that have occurred involved orca trainers, most recently in 2010 when Ti-lukim, an orca at SeaWorld in Florida, claimed the life of longtime trainer Dawn Brancheau.

The one hour seminar began at 2:20 p.m. and are free and open to the public, located in Building 3, room 102.

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line is the diversity. We get to see different people from all around the world, you get to hear their languages, learn about their culture. It’s incredible,” said one student.

Students also said that they are excited about the diversity among instructors.

“I love how diverse the faculty is. With such a diverse campus you would expect students of color to ask, ‘if anyone can succeed in school, then why don’t teachers look like me?’” and at Highline, the teachers match the student body,” said Adam, who did not want to state his last name.

When accreditation asked students about the instruction at Highline, students only had positive things to say.

LaTonya Brisbane, student government’s speaker of the Caucus, said that professors at Highline care about students as individuals.

“I have to say that at Highline since last summer and my first quarter was difficult because of personal reasons and my professors worked with through it, really helped me and worked with my schedule,” said Brisbane.

“You can tell the instructors and the staff care and are passionate about what they work for and what they do,” said Jeremiah, a student who did not want to use his last name.

When it came to making changes at Highline, there were little changes that students wanted to see.

“As an international student I would like to be able to get more job opportunities. Because of my visa, I can only go to school and cannot work outside of the institution. I pay three times more than American students and I would like to be able to help my parents pay for that,” said one student.

The staff forum last Thurs-day included accreditors Dr. Ryan Thomas, dean of undergraduate studies at Weber State University in Utah and Ted Plaggemeier, dean of the school of sciences at Truckee Meadows Community College in Nevada.

At another forum, staff members said that they feel Highline has a large amount of community involvement and communication.

“We do a lot of community collaboration, and I think it’s wonderful,” said Jean Munro, ad-visor in the Women’s Programs. The last forum was conduct-ed by Dr. Thomas, Plaggemeier, Dr. Klimes, Gary, and Peggy Nelson, the general education division manager at Eastern Idaho Technical college in Idaho.

The forum was for faculty members, who said that they felt Highline was a great place to work because of the communication and the involvement.

“The student engagement is part of Highline and it’s not going away. Highline meets community needs and that is part of what we do. There is a commit-ment to students and their academic freedom. We have the possibility of inputting new proj-ects, ideas and new approaches and we can try them out which promotes fundamentally what we’re all about,” said Dr. James Peyton, an economics instructor.

Josh Magallanes, manager of Career Development in the Hu-man Services Department, said that the communication on cam-pus is key to the college’s success.

“At other colleges, there is no communication between student services, faculty, staff, and administration. Here there is. The innovation comes and that communication really keep Highline at the cutting edge place that it is,” said Magallanes.

In response to the faculty members, accreditation Dr. Thom-son said that Highline “is a won-derful institution, and [the ac-creditors were] pleased to hear that [faculty members] feel the freedom to explore new and crea-tive possibilities.”

“We have had a wonderful visit, and we are so impressed with this institution,” said Klimes.

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“I’m average, I guess,” said a student who identified himself as Sam.

“I look alright, I’m not a hideous monster, but I’m not exactly George Clooney,” said a student named Trip.

Nonetheless, some students said they would change a few things about their appearance.

“Probably my stomach, it’s the only real thing that sticks out,” said Qreshon Yin.

Rigo Garcia said he would like to lose “20 pounds.”

“More flexibility,” said student David Freeman.

But many male students said they didn’t change anything about themselves.

“Nothing. God made the way I am.” Jesus Sahlon said.

“I dealt with this body,” said student Patrick Pham. “I got to deal with what I got.”

Beatriz Maria Tejeda, Nichole Johns and Jay Dowell contributed to this story.