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E-smokes under fire

Campus officials say e-cigarettes are only to be used in designated areas

By Erika Wigren
Staff Reporter

For students intent on satisfying their oral fixation with an electronic cigarette, Highline has a message for you: get your butts to a designated smoking area.

Earlier in the quarter, Larry Yok, vice president for student services, sent out an email informing the campus community that electronic cigarettes are, like cigarettes, to be used only in the designated smoking areas.

Electronic cigarettes are cigarette-shaped devices that contain a nicotine-based liquid, and do not contain tobacco.

The liquid, which comes in an assortment of flavors, is vaporized and inhaled.

Smoking e-cigarettes is also termed as ‘vaping.’

In 2010, the Seattle-King County Health Department passed an ordinance prohibiting the use of electronic cigarettes, commonly known as e-cigarettes, in public places and places of employment, Yok said.

“Accordingly, electronic cigarettes are subject to the restriction of our smoking policy,” Yok said.

“They can only be used in designated smoking areas on campus,” he said.

Scott Neal, the tobacco prevention manager for the King County Board of Health, said that the ordinance was passed in 2010, when e-cigarettes weren’t as well known as they are now.



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Though they do not contain tobacco, e-cigarettes are only to be smoked in designated areas.

“The prohibiting of the e-cigarettes is specifically for King County and many other counties do not have policies regulating electronic cigarettes,” Neal said.

Business owner complaints and a lack of studies were the two main reasons why e-cigarettes were regulated in King County, Neal said.

“E-cigarettes were causing enforcement problems and business owners were complaining about the use of them in their buildings,” Neal said. “The vapor released from the e-cigarettes was disturbing not

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Legislature gives Boeing tax break to keep jobs

By Sam Hong
Staff Reporter

After three grueling days and late into the night on Friday, Nov. 9, the Legislature approved Gov. Jay Inslee’s proposed Boeing package minus the transportation bill.

The Legislature is still in negotiations on the transportation bill this week.

Gov. Inslee called a special session last week in hopes of keeping The Boeing Co.’s 777X project in the Puget Sound region.

The package included some transportation improvements, funding for workforce training, and tax incentives.

The Legislature approved the workforce-training bill that will “provide \$8 million to community and technical colleges for aerospace training,” said State Rep. Linda Kochmar, R-Federal Way.

State Sen. Karen Keiser,

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Voyeur snaps shots of women in campus restrooms

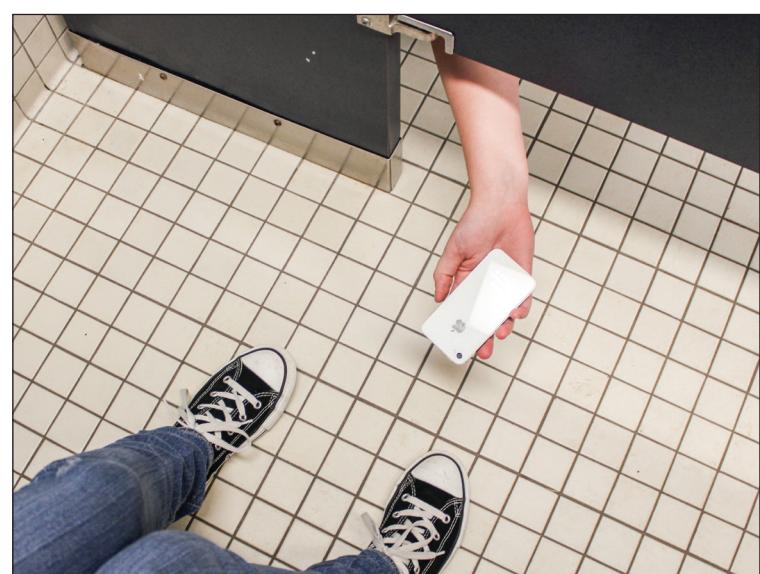


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Female students report than an unidentified male has been taking photos of them from underneath restroom stall doors.

By Sam Hong
and Ryan Johnston
Staff Reporters

A young man is stalking women’s restrooms on campus with a camera.

So far, two incidents have been reported.

The first incident occurred at 6:45 p.m. on Oct. 31 in Building 17’s women’s restroom, and the second at 6:55 p.m. on Nov. 6 in Building 30’s women’s restroom.

In the Oct. 31 incident, a female student said she saw a hand holding a cell phone come under the stall door.

She left the restroom and saw

a man leave at the same time.

In the Nov. 6 incident, another female student said that a man held a cell phone under the stall door and took multiple pictures.

The suspect is described as an Asian male, roughly 5 feet 3 inches, about 25 years old, with short black hair.

“The case has been assigned to a detective,” said Doug Jenkins, public information officer for the Des Moines Police Department.

Campus Security is reviewing cameras to see if the suspect came in through the parking lot,

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said Richard Noyer, Campus Security supervisor.

Jenkins said they would’ve gotten on the case sooner if they were notified earlier.

“Campus Security called us [late],” he said.

The police weren’t notified of the first incident until sometime after it had happened.

However, Campus Security said they sent the report as soon as they could.

“We report it as it happens,” Noyer said.

Any incidents that fall under the Clery Act, which requires

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One car stolen, another hit

Several vehicular incidents happened over the past week.

A Nissan vehicle was stolen from the East Parking Lot on Nov. 9.

The vehicle, which belonged to a Highline visitor, was stolen sometime between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Des Moines Police has taken over the investigation.

A hit and run incident also occurred in the East Parking Lot on Nov. 5 approximately around 2 p.m.

Purse stolen during class

A female student had her purse stolen around noon on Wednesday during her chemistry lab.

The student noticed a man walk in before he grabbed her purse and started running.

Two other students gave chase, forcing the suspect to drop the purse. But he was able to take a wallet, set of keys, and a calculator out of the purse before escaping.

The victim went to Building 5 in an attempt to find the thief before going to Campus Security.

- Compiled by Sam Hong



News Briefs

\$15,000 scholarship open to women

Female students can apply for the Soroptimist Women's Opportunity award, a scholarship that can award up to \$15,000.

The scholarship is awarded to women who are overcoming personal difficulties and bettering their lives through higher education. Eligible applicants must be the primary financial support for their family and have been accepted to an undergraduate degree program.

The scholarship's application deadline is Dec. 15.

Students interesting in applying should contact Women's Programs for the application paperwork.

Women's Programs is in Building 6 next to the Campus Security office.

Workshop helps people talk race

Campus members that get nervous discussing race can attend the "Courageous Conversations" workshop.

Nicole Hoyes-Wilson, associate director of residential edu-

Canvas overtaking Angel as online course resource

By Amer Imsic

Staff Reporter

Highline will be fully switched over from Angel to Canvas by summer.

Angel and Canvas are course management programs used in many Highline courses.

Highline has been using Angel since summer 2009.

The campus is switching to Canvas because, "Angel is no longer supported," and receives no updates, said Marc Lentini, director of instructional design.

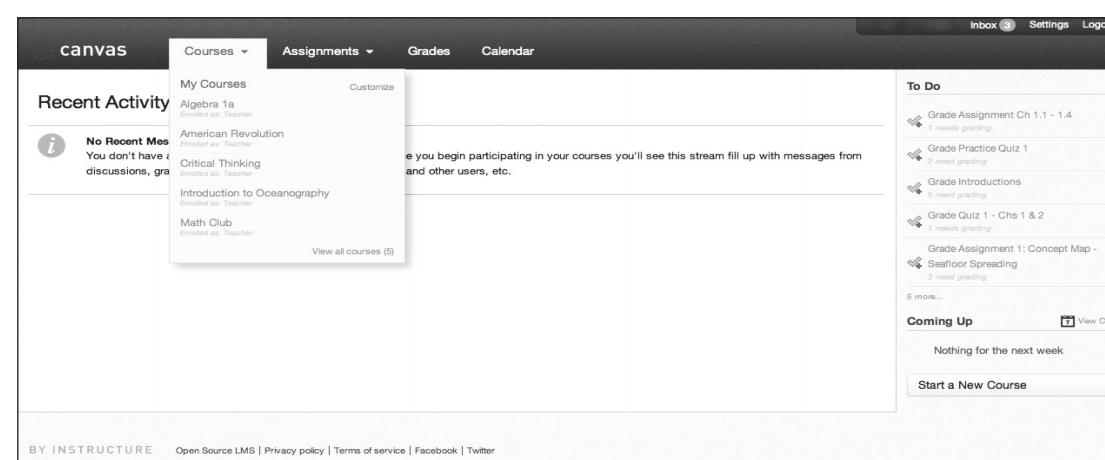
The switch is already happening with some Highline classes.

Each quarter, more and more students will use Canvas until Summer Quarter.

By that time, Angel will no longer be used in any classes at all.

This means that some students will be juggling Angel and Canvas, depending on the classes they're in.

Canvas is, "more streamlined [and] similar to Facebook," and has a, "more mod-



Canvas, a new course management program that will replace Angel come this summer, shows students their courses, homework assignments, grades, and has a calendar that will label upcoming class events, like tests. The website is more streamlined than Angel.

Canvas is, 'more streamlined [and] similar to Facebook,' and has a, 'more modern design.'

— Marc Lentini

ern design," said Lentini.

"Five out of six public four-year [and] 33 out of 34 community colleges," are using Canvas, he said.

Canvas is also, "a lot fewer clicks, more user-friendly, easier to update and enter grades,

and uses Ajax to save," said Tina Ostrander, a Highline professor who teaches computer information systems and computer science.

Ajax is a group of web development techniques that saves changes to programs

automatically, as opposed to an individual having to manually press the save button every time they want something saved.

Student feedback has also been positive.

It's easier to use, "especially on mobile devices," said Devin McIlroy, a Highline student using Canvas for one of his classes.

"Things are easier to find because of the layout," said Blair Gaddis, another Highline student using Canvas.

cation at Seattle University, will discuss how to develop skills that will help attendees have open and honest conversations about race.

The workshop will be on Nov. 14 in Building 2 from 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

Renew subscriptions for Text Alerts

Current subscribers to HCC Text Alerts will need to re-subscribe on Nov. 15.

HCC Text Alerts is a free notification system that communicates time-sensitive information to the campus community via text messages.

It is being revised to remove students, staff and faculty that are no longer associated with Highline, and campus members will need to re-subscribe if they were subscribed previously.

New winter classes for students

Several new classes are coming in Winter Quarter.

The Diversity and Global Studies Department is offering the new class DGS 210, "Women and Society."

The class will focus on women's social, creative, economic and political lives over time, as well as focus on gender equality.

Any additional questions

should be sent to Rosemary Adang, English and Women's Studies instructor, at radang@highline.edu.

A new film studies class, FS 112, "Girls and Boys in Film: Gender and Cinema," is also coming this winter.

The course will look at the depiction of women, femininity and masculinity.

Any questions about the class should be sent to Film Studies instructor Susan Rich at srich@highline.edu.

The Counseling Center has set up a new career class, CAREER 110, "Career Planning and Self Evaluation."

The course is designed to help students that are unsure of what they want to do in the future.

Questions about the course can be sent to the Counseling Center at counseling@highline.edu.

Winter Quarter registration ends January 17.

Workshop talks gender conformity

Dr. Gloria Koepping, counseling psychologist, and Dr. Allison Lau, associate dean for students judicial affairs, are presenting the Trans Education workshop.

The workshop will cover common terminology relating to sex and gender and outline gender identity aggressions.

This will help staff and faculty be more confident in working with gender non-conforming students.

The workshop will be in Building 8's Mt. Skokomish room on Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Staff and faculty must reserve a spot by emailing ABE and ESL instructor Kate Noonan-Ulvila at knoon-ulvila@highline.edu. Any additional questions can also be sent to her.

UW discusses school of business

University of Washington is holding an informational session for students interested in

their school of business.

An advisor from UW's Business School will discuss prerequisites, the Writing Skills Assessment, a required test as part of applying to the business school, and scholarship opportunities for students.

The presentation will be in Building 10, room 103 on Nov. 14 from 1:15 p.m.-2:45 p.m.

Got a news tip?

Send news tips to News Editor Ryan Johnston at rjohnston@highline.edu.

Events relating to campus take priority, but all submissions are welcome. Deadline is Tuesday of each week.

Transfer Students

How to write a personal statement

Don't Miss Out!

Workshop talks gender conformity

Learn how to make your application come "ALIVE" with some excellent writing and content tips.

Attend this session and you will learn how to submit a winning personal essay with your future transfer admission application!

There is no need to sign up.
Tuesday, November 19
12:15-1:05pm
Highline Student Union, Building 8
1st floor (Mt. Constance Room)

Workshops take aim at holiday blues

By Silvestre Aguilar
Staff Reporter

The holidays are a season of joy but they could be a season of winter blues.

Dr. Allison Lau, associate dean for Counseling and Student Judicial Affairs, and the counseling center faculty are holding three workshops next week for recognizing depression and developing suicide awareness.

They will be covering three different topics: Surviving the Holidays and Winter Blues, Depression 101: Warning Signs and How to Help, and Nothing's Wrong with Asking: How to Support Someone Who Might Be Considering Suicide.

"Surviving the Holidays and Winter Blues is for this season because a lot of time in winter time it is darker and gloomy

people feel down and it can be a lonely time for some people. And we are providing ways to get through them," said Dr. Lau.

Dr. Lau said that depression is something everyone usually goes through in life.

People need to be aware of the signs and what to do when they notice them before it's too late, she said.

"Depression 101 is basic information about what to look for in people that may be suffering from depression and ways to reach out and help them," she said.

"A major issue that arises is that students don't tend to go out and seek help and that is what Nothing's Wrong With Asking is about," said Dr. Lau.

"It's how to support someone that may be thinking of suicide. To help students get over the

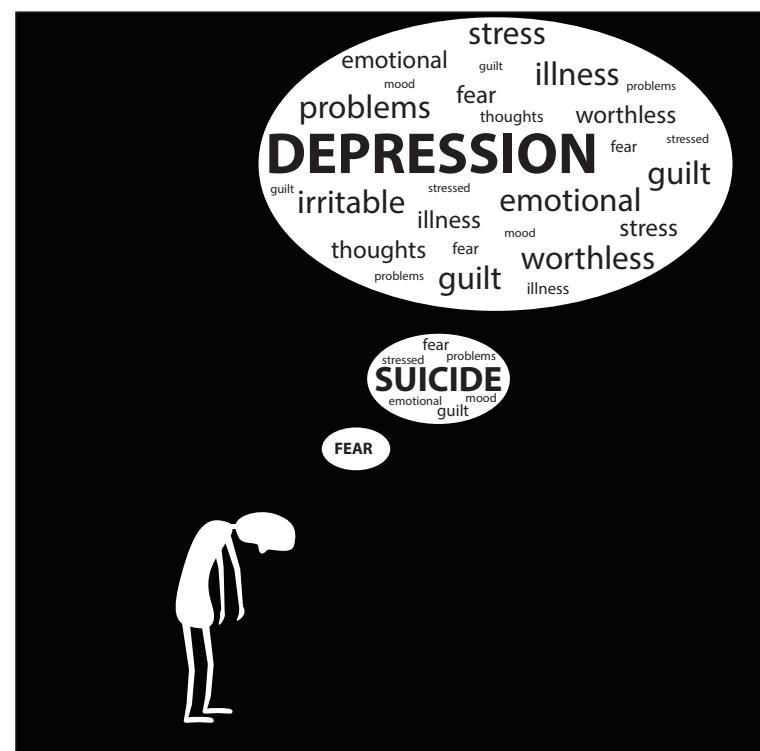
fear of reaching out to someone for help. Suicide is preventable and we could reach out and save someone," she said.

"There will also be other types of free help at the workshop including private depression screenings with the chance for students to meet with a professional counselor after the survey," said Dr. Lau said. "They will get the chance to talk about resource they can get to help with their depression here(Highline) and within the community," said Lau.

They will also provide free literature and handouts on the related topics for people to just grab if they don't want any of the other services.

"It's courageous and commendable when someone comes in to talk about what is bothering them," said Dr. Lau.

The workshops will be held



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on Nov. 20 from 11 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. at the Student Union Building, Mt. Olympus and Mt.

Constance room.

For more information visit counseling.highline.edu.

Professor cooks up cold turkey for students and social media

By Nichole Johns
Staff Reporter

Social media and technology takes up too much of students' time, a Highline professor says.

"Simple devices are not a bad thing, but can people find that balance?" asks communications professor Ellen Bremen.

Bremen said she has required everyone in her interpersonal communication courses to participate in a social media fast in one form or another for about the past three years.

Her goal is to restore direct "human interaction and if it is hard, that is a problem, personally and professionally," she said.

Bremen came up with the idea one day when reading an article by Monica Guzman, a reporter from the Seattle Times.

"We need more live communication, instead of just settling," said Bremen.

As a result of the three-day fast Bremen said that students reported "that they didn't realize how disconnected they were to other, even though they are seemingly connected all the time. Students also felt more satisfied with their interactions, that they had more depth."

When taking the fast, one of her students said, "I used to love to draw, because of Facebook, now I am not doing those things anymore."

And that wasn't the only student who started to see a difference after doing the fast, she said.

"I realized how much I like playing soccer because I haven't done it in awhile. I actually fin-



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ished a book," said an anonymous student of Bremen's class.

Other students, Bremen, said in one found it to be painfully difficult to communicate face to face.

"When I self-monitored myself, I did everything to try and meet up with my friend. Every time I got there, she wasn't there. I gave up. I realized that communicating with her is hard for me because we're in different environments where we don't have similar grounds," said another anonymous student.

"After work, I fidgeted a lot, I kept looking for things to do. The biggest problem was that I was bored. I couldn't communicate with anyone," said another student.

On Nov 16, 17 and 18, Bremen will be having a three-day fast for any students who

are interested.

The rules for this event are that students cannot use a computer to connect to any social media, or text on the phone.

Bremen said that she could tell if students follow through on the assignment "by the responses within their research papers."

"The level of discomfort that students report wouldn't be as strong if students were simply not doing even some of the exercise," said Bremen.

If it is work related, they can make a phone call or email.

Some faculty will be offering extra credit to students who participate in this fast.

There will also be a seminar with Monica Guzman on Nov 21 at 1 p.m. to talk about her experience, discuss it as a group, and what they went through.

Deadline approaches for scholarship team

By Amer Imsic
Staff Reporter

munity, do exceedingly well in school and, "somebody that's pretty well rounded," Balkenende said.

The chance to win scholarship money through the All-USA and Coca-Cola Community College Academic Teams ends 3 p.m., Dec. 2.

One of the requirements to be eligible is having a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 out of 4 for the last five years.

The GPA takes into account college-level courses only, and does not count developmental or remedial coursework such as pre-algebra or basic writing.

Students must have at least 48 quarter college-level credits completed by Dec. 31, and 72 quarter college-level credits by Aug. 31, 2014.

Students have to be aiming for an associate or bachelor's degree

To be eligible for the Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team, students have to be enrolled at least part time in a two-year or four-year college.

Students cannot have a criminal record, or a community college record with a suspension, probation charge, or other serious disciplinary action.

"You don't have to be a PTK member to apply," said Teri Balkenende, Highline history professor and Phi Theta Kappa faculty adviser.

Students must also have permanent or temporary residency in the country the community college they attend is located or they must have a visa that's considered appropriate by the college.

The scholarship organizations are looking for students that participate in their com-

Different organizations provide different rewards though.

The Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team will provide its first place winners with \$1,500 and a medallion.

Highline has had students win competitions before, and even has had a national winner, said Balkenende.

The deadline to apply is Dec. 2, 3 p.m.

The winner gets chosen on April 8, 2014 at the AACC convention in Washington DC.

If students have questions about the essay, they can contact Jacque Clinton at 206-592-3277 or jclinton@highline.edu.

If students have questions about the event in general, they can contact Teri Balkenende at 206-592-3137 or tbalkenende@highline.edu.

Transport package would benefit all

The State Legislature needs to find a way to pass the transportation-funding package.

Over this passed weekend the Legislature met in special session to consider the package bills aimed at encouraging Boeing to keep more jobs in Washington state. The package included tax breaks for Boeing as well as money for training programs.

However, the third piece of the package, Transportation Funding Plan, was not passed.

Passing this package will help the overall economy as well as so many other people who rely on public transportation for their daily commutes.

Public transportation funding pays for things such as buses, roads and bridges. It allows the renovation of outdated pavements on city roads, making the trip for commuters that much smoother.

If passed, the package will raise the gas tax to 10 cents, but it's a small price to pay in exchange for the package paying for the infrastructure that keeps our economy moving.

Hundreds if not thousands of Highline students alone rely on the bus to get to and from school almost 10 months out of the year.

Without additional funding, Metro Transit has announced in the past that they will have to cut service by 17 percent in King County. This affects thousands of people, including Highline students.

In truth though, the fate of public transportation and the impact it will have on people really depends on where they are living.

Western Washington is more urban while Eastern Washington is more rural.

Western Washintonians are for passing this transportation package, but those in Eastern Washington are opposed.

Due to the lower population densities in Eastern Washington, this means that the road network is not as overwhelmed as it is in the Central Puget Sound region.

So it would seem almost logical for those living in Eastern Washington to not see a need in increasing the funding for public transportation.

However, those who live in Western Washington are far too familiar with the 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. rush-hour traffic.

Time is wasting away as they sit alone in their cars next to the carpool lane in bumper-to-bumper traffic.

With buses at least, they may still be stuck in traffic but time may be spent reading, or finishing up the conclusion of the memo that's due later that morning.

Buses in themselves are much more environmentally friendly than cars, they cater to large groups of people traveling together in the same direction instead of each one of them in their own cars exposing the atmosphere to even more car exhaust.

They are also economically friendly because although there is more gas burning, there is a larger number of people being transported at once.

In addition, there are many people who currently do not own cars due to the expense, but they too have to get to work and school somehow, so they rely on the buses.

Public transportation in all its forms, from ferries to buses, is essential for moving not only people but also goods throughout the state.

The Legislature must find a way to get this package passed for the sake of the thousands of people and businesses this could potentially have an impact on if it is not.

Submissions of opinions on current events from the campus community are welcome. Email tword@highline.edu



Renaming courses for the 'Longest Quarter of the Year'

Registration for Winter Quarter opened last Tuesday, and this can only mean one thing - misleading class names and descriptions.

I'm sure I'm not alone when I say that when I look through what classes I want to register for, one of the first things I do is read the description, thoroughly.

I will memorize it until I am completely satisfied, and then eventually I'll register for the class.

But far too often have I sat in class, been handed the syllabus and felt that I may have made a mistake.

Classes should have different names, ones that are true to what they will be offering during the quarter.

For example, "Sweating So Much and Realizing that You Forgot to Bring a Change of Clothes, Have Fun in Your Sweaty Socks," available at 9 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday.

This is a perfectly honest title, and it's a description all on its own.

Students will probably begin to remember to bring an extra set of clothing for the rest of the day, maybe even extra sticks of deodorant just in case.

Or I wish I could take a class called, "Napping Isn't Just for Pre-Schoolers Anymore."



Commentary

Ipek Saday

This could easily help the increasing number of students who are sleep deprived and then get sick because of it. If anything this could benefit the health of the student body overall.

What if the requirement to enroll in a four-year college as a transfer student was to take a five credit class called "Here's What You Should Major in Based on What You're Actually Good At."

I feel as though this would cause less confusion for those of us who are still undecided about what we want to do with the rest of our college careers.

I wish they would name classes things like "I Hope You Didn't Eat Because We're Go-

ing to Be Dissecting Organs," "You're Going to Be Drawing Naked People" or "This Is a Very Jam-Packed Explanation of the Entire Universe."

A little bluntness never hurt anyone.

I've already taken "Hurting My Brain With Numbers (Oh Wait There's Letters Too.)"

"Telling Stuff I Just Made Up to Classmates Who Aren't Listening" was pretty good too.

One of my all-time favorite courses was "Diagnosing the Mental Stability of Yourself and Your Friends."

Boy did that one scare me out of my wits a few times throughout the quarter.

Currently I'm enrolled in "Meeting Random Strangers, With Deadlines."

In fact, I'm debating making a career out of it.

Sometimes it seems as though the names of courses are being sugar-coated and for what?

To seem more appealing?

They should say what they mean and mean what they say.

It would make it easier for everyone, students would no longer have to second guess their choice of classes on the first day this quarter.

Or, you know, we could just be boring and call it "Biology" or something.

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CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

Differences: 1. Cap is different. 2. Backpack compartment is missing. 3. Shirt is shorter. 4. Sign is missing. 5. Can is missing. 6. Hot dog is missing.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★☆

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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EDGE: What are the RITA awards?

5. HISTORY: The Peloponnesian war was fought primarily between which two forces?

1. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the region of Ulster located?

2. MOVIES: Where was King Kong found?

3. MEDICAL: What does the drug Minoxidil do?

4. GENERAL KNOWL-

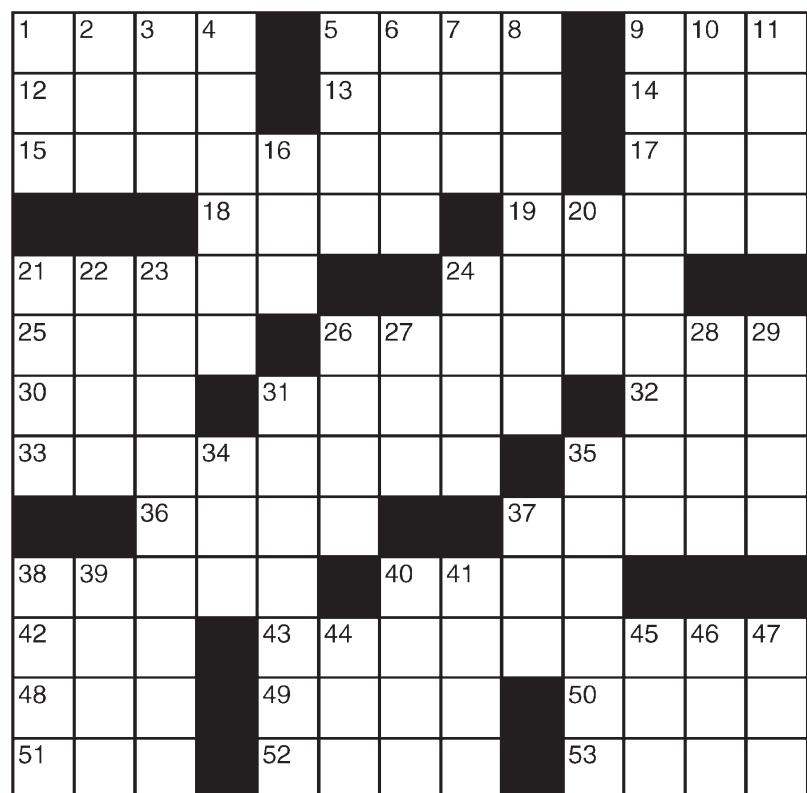
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was Gerald Ford's running mate in 1976?

7. LITERATURE: The 18th-century writer Francois-Marie Arouet was better known by what pseudonym?

8. MUSIC: Who recorded

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5 Nitwit
9 "How I Met Your Mother" network
12 Chills and fever
13 Sandwich cookie
14 Matterhorn, for one
15 Soft yellow cheese
17 Scratch
18 "— in Boots"
19 Driver for hire
21 Took a curved path
24 "Oops"
25 Reddish horse
26 Hinged (on)
30 Doctrine
31 Autumn tools
32 Rage
33 Left the flight
35 Homeless youngster
36 Staffer
37 Thin in tone
38 Suspect's excuse
40 Verve
42 Plead
43 Ventura Freeway city
48 Prohibit
49 Related (to)



- 50 Watched
51 Reply (Abbr.)
52 Fat
53 Peruse

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- 1 Service-woman
2 — Khan
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4 Dig further
5 Moves up and down
6 Raw rocks
7 "— the fields we go"
8 Messes up
9 Phnom Penh resident
20 Landers or Curry
21 Desert-like
22 American Beauty, e.g.
23 Runs for office
24 Newspaper pg.
26 Hamlet, for one
27 — out a living
28 Ireland
29 Challenge

- 31 Extreme
34 Canadian pol. party
35 Having a stronger bouquet, maybe

- 37 Pitch
38 "Mamma Mia" group
39 Tilt
40 Eastern potentate
41 Cry from the crow's-nest
44 Alias (Abbr.)
45 Caustic solution
46 Meadow
47 Peculiar

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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| 1. Tent dweller | — M — | Friendly ghost | — S — |
| 2. Leathery | — G — | Feel | — C — |
| 3. Airplane garage | — A — | Clothes wire | — E — |
| 4. Used a broom | — W — | Got some zzzzzzs | — L — |
| 5. Take a break | P — — — | Origin | C — — — |
| 6. Stick your nose in | E — — — | Center | I — — — |
| 7. Give permission | — W — | Mixture of metals | — Y — |
| 8. German river | I — — | French river | O — — |
| 9. Provide evidence | V — — | Writing style | S — — |
| 10. Fancy tableware | S — — — | Wendell Holmes | O — — — |

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the hit *The Banana Boat* pawns are used in a game of chess?

9. ADVERTISING: The slogan "Is it in you?" was used to promote what product?

10. GAMES: How many

Answers

1. Northern Ireland
2. Skull Island
3. Increase hair growth
4. Given for the best published romance novels

5. Athens and Sparta

6. Robert Dole
7. Voltaire
8. Harry Belafonte
9. Gatorade
10. Sixteen -- eight per player

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Arts Calendar

- A free showing of *The Great Gatsby*, presented by Movie Fridays, will be on Nov. 15, at 12:30 in Building 29 room 104.

- The Museum of Glass, 1801 Dock Street Tacoma, presents the annual Gather event on Friday Nov. 22 from 6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. This event is free for all college students with an active college ID. There will be free non-alcoholic beverages and food, two student DJs, and a no host bar for students older than 21. For more information visit facebook.com/GatherEvent2013.

- Join Aunt Dottie and Nephew Aaron in their fifth anniversary show on Nov. 24 at 3 p.m. The show is at the Renton Civic Theatre, 507 S 3rd St. This show is a sing-a-long with comedy, music, and prizes. Tickets are \$10 for students and seniors and \$15 for adults. To purchase tickets for the show call 425-226-5529 or email at boxoffice@rentoncivictheatre.org.

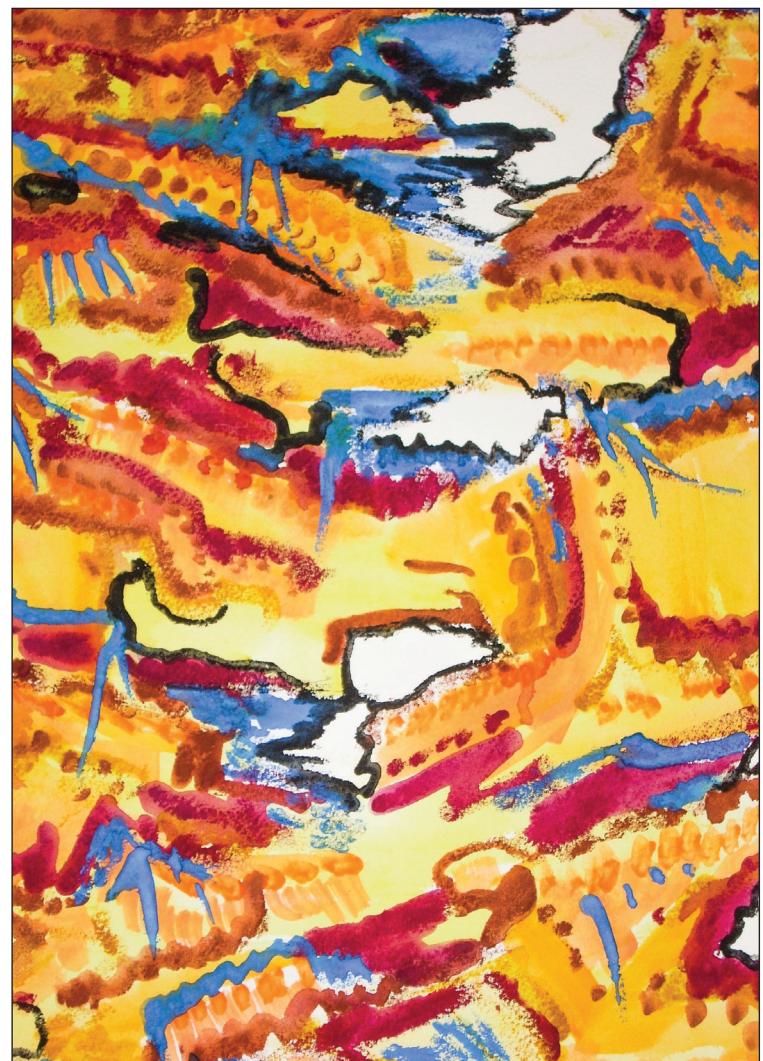
- Amelia Earhart Exhibit is at the Museum of Flight, 9404 East Marginal Way S. Seattle, displaying the world's only 1935 Lockheed Electra airliner like Earhart's. "In Search of Amelia Earhart" will be on exhibit until April 28, 2014 with free admission to the Museum. Admission is adults \$18, seniors (65+) \$15, youths (5-17) \$10, children (4 and under) free, active military \$15, adult groups \$15, Senior Groups \$13 and Youth Groups \$8. Groups are 10 or more paid visitors in one transaction. For more information visit the Museum of Flight at museumofflight.org.

- Humanities Washington presents a pop-up exhibit called Hope in Hard Times: Washington. This exhibit showcases the triumph of Americans in the 1930s. The exhibit runs until Jan. 4, 2014. It is open noon to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. On Thursdays it is open noon to 8 p.m. The exhibit is at 216 SW 153rd Street. Admission is free, but non-perishable items for the food bank are suggested.

- The classic Ebenezer Scrooge story is back for the holidays. *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens will be showing at the Allen Theatre, 700 Union Street. The show runs from Nov. 29 to Dec. 29. Tickets range from \$22-\$65. For more information or to purchase tickets visit acttheatre.org/tickets/onstage/achristmascarol.

- The Burien Actor's Theatre presents *Coney Island Christmas*, a holiday comedy by Donald Margulies. A Jewish girl is picked for her school's Christmas Pageant, but the differences of religion and family politics complicate things. The show runs Nov. 29 and 30 at 8 p.m. Also on Dec. 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 2 p.m. and Dec. 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 at 8 p.m.

Theresa McCormick's Sunflower (left) and Patches of Peace done are some of the art showcased in November's Library Gallery.



Library's featured artist finds serenity within her paintings

By April Pacheco

Staff Reporter

Theresa McCormick's art lures you into a peaceful and calm state of mind with her serene and natural colors.

McCormick's artwork is being showcased at the Highline Library Art Gallery.

Making art is a spiritual and transformative experience that adds richness and depth to her life, McCormick said.

"The process of creating art allows me to go deep inside and find new ways of expressing ideas and emotions that don't happen when I'm going about my ordinary daily activities," she said.

McCormick, a retired teacher and full-time artist, has been an artist since the late 1950s.

McCormick has exhibited her art at various venues including The Seattle Design Center, The Wallflower, Blue Willows Gallery and The Alki Bathhouse.

There are 22 pieces of artwork in the exhibit, titled "A Mixed Palette."

The title was chosen because "The show includes many different kinds of art and media: water color, acrylic, collages, mixed media, fabric wall hangings, [and] pencil drawings," McCormick said.

The art at the Library uses a lot of texture and natural colors.

Out of all the styles McCormick uses to make art, expressionistic is her favorite.

"It's somewhat more free and allows for more improvisation and 'happy accidents' that can be used to advantage to give the painting vitality," McCormick said.

Watercolor painting is her most challenging, she said.

"I love it and it's most prominent in this show. With acrylic and oil, you can paint over 'mistakes' more easily. Watercolor demands more clarity and sureness with each stroke and layer [and] with fewer opportunities to back track," said McCormick.

McCormick's art is heavily influenced by peace activism, she said.

"My art reflects my peace activism in several ways: The content of some of my re-

alistic painting have actual peace symbols or other images that promote peace. Some other paintings that are abstract or expressionistic employ colors and shapes that convey peaceful feelings and emotions," she said.

McCormick's advice to aspiring artists is to be genuine and passionate.

"Get a good foundation of drawing, color and design. Then tune in to your intuition and find your own rhythm and what pulls you to create. Do what you enjoy, not what is popular or what someone else thinks you should do. Value and nurture improvisation, innovation, and your own passion to express yourself and your ideas," she said.

"My goals for my art in the future are to continue experimentation and exploration of various media and to dig deeper into my inner self for new revelations and possibilities for art," McCormick said.

The exhibit is on the fourth floor of the Library and is open from 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 2 p.m. - 9 p.m. on Sunday, and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday.

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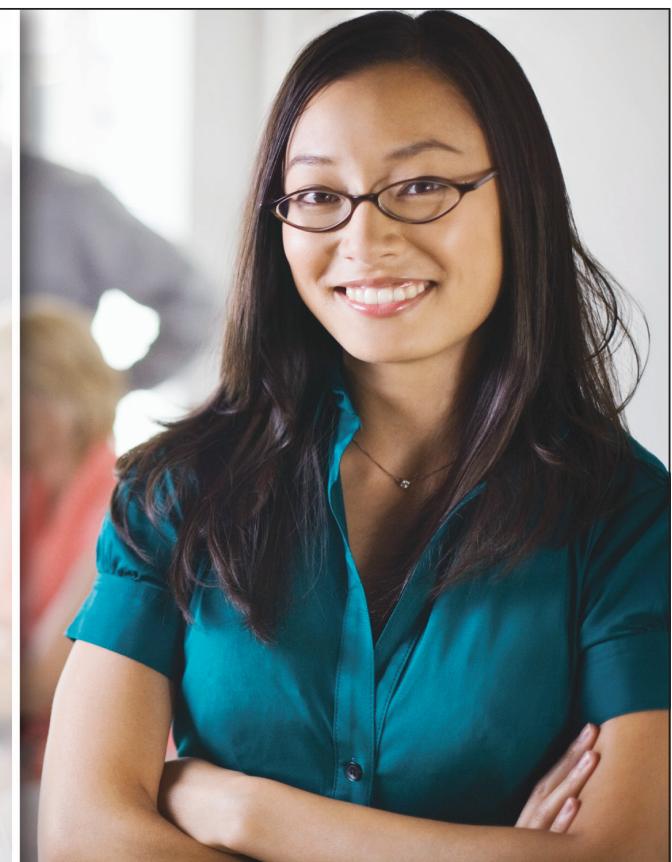
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T-Birds clip Cards, soar into semifinals

By Justin Kemp
Staff Reporter

Overcoming five yellow cards and one red, the Highline men's soccer team advanced into the NWAACC semifinals with a 2-0 win over Skagit Valley last Saturday.

Coming off their first-round win against Columbia Basin on Nov. 7, the Thunderbirds traveled to Skagit to take on the No. 1 seed from the North Division on Nov. 10.

The quarterfinal match up was a dogfight from the start, taking a full 76 minutes before Highline defender Cole Madden broke the ice with a goal, followed by another from Sofian El-Mehrik in the 83rd minute.

"We put pressure on them and they put pressure on us," said Highline Head Coach Jason Prenovost.

Not uncommon in playoff scenarios, tempers and energy were running high. With both teams fight-

ing to stay alive and advance to the next round, a bit of chipiness arose. Highline, which is not known for drawing yellow cards, managed five, as well as a red card for their assistant coach by the game's end.

After a flagrant slide tackle by a Skagit player, Highline Assistant Coach Steve Mohn and Skagit's Head Coach Darren Bell teed off, resulting in a red card for Mohn, who now must serve a one-game suspension.

As Highline prepares for its semifinal matchup against the South Division's No. 1 team, Clark, on Nov. 16 at 3:30 p.m., the coaches told their players to have some fun and enjoy the win, but make sure and continue taking care of their bodies.

"You need to celebrate the successes in life," said Prenovost.

The last time Highline and Clark met on the field the Penguins came away with the 1-0 win. However,

Prenovost said he believes the T-Birds' familiarity will work to their advantage.

"We know them [Clark] and have seen them before," he said.

Going into the NWAACC semifinals, it will be Highline vs. Clark, and Peninsula vs. Walla Walla on Nov. 16 with the two winners facing off on Sunday, Nov. 17 for the championship.

Walla Walla (14-1-3), Peninsula (19-0-2), and Clark (18-2-1) are all division leaders, while Highline (15-6-1) entered the tournament as the No. 2 seed from the West.

As the Thunderbirds prepare for Clark they will have to account heavily for freshman forward Bernardino Ayala-Jimenez. Ayala-Jimenez has scored nine goals in the past three games. The Penguins are ranked No. 2 in the league in both offense and defense, with 70 goals scored and only 13 allowed this season.

Lady T-Birds win twice, make the big dance

By Joel Jessen
Staff Reporter

The Lady T-Birds retained first place in the division at 11-1 and secured a playoff berth after two more consecutive wins last week.

The women rebuked the Red Devils and poached the Penguins in four sets apiece.

Lower Columbia put up little resistance for half of the match which led to the final score of 25-14, 17-25, 25-22, 25-15.

A high percentage of errors, capitalized on by Highline, combined with the T-Birds usual high kill rate made the first set an easy win.

Highline gave momentum back to Lower Columbia in the second set with numerous handling errors of their own.

Taking advantage of this, the Lady Devils came back in the third set with a massive 16 kills, however, the Highline women held them back just enough to take the set.

Highline came out strong in the fourth with a high kill percentage and very few errors, resulting in a dominating final set.

Sophomore Miranda Grieser stood out for the night with 34 set assists, with Mikaela Ballou chalking up a solid 15 kills to her credit.

Against the Penguins, the Lady T-Birds found a tougher opponent, resulting in a close score of 25-23, 25-19, 23-25, 25-18.

"[Against Clark] we played like Jekyll and Hyde. We would earn six points in a row and be in command of the game only to give up our lead a couple of points later," said Coach Chris Littleman.

Clark is no push over, but the score showed them as being better than they are, Littleman said.



Bayonne Beninger/THUNDERWORD

Lady T-Birds Rhiannon Morfin and Mackenzie Mowry prepare to block in win against Lower Columbia.

"It's good we can go on big point runs, but we need to stop having mental letdowns that cause us to go easy on teams just because we have the lead," he said.

Highline's Miranda Grieser and Hailey Lusher were awarded the NWAACC volleyball players of the week, for setting and defense, respectively.

Grieser, one of the sophomore captains, has been an asset all season to the T-Birds, and whose efforts have been crucial to wins and the high kill percentage that the team holds.

"Miranda has worked extremely hard since coming back from an injury she suffered last year," said Littleman. "She is playing at a high level and was

instrumental in our victory over Tacoma that put us in the lead of the West Division."

Lusher, a member of the large freshman class that makes up much of the young team, has become more and more of a factor as the season has progressed.

"Hailey has really come into her own over the past three weeks as a true libero. She con-

tinues to be one of our best primary passers as well as consistently being a strong defender," Littleman said.

While Highline is guaranteed a spot in the playoffs, winning the last two games would mean a lot for the momentum of the team.

"Two more wins would mean we win the Western Region for the third year in a row," said Littleman. "We want to start peaking now and paying good, consistent volleyball on every play."

With the upcoming NWAACCs just a week away, the Highline volleyball team goes into the playoffs wanting only one thing stated: "WE'RE COMING."

Highline played cross-town rival Green River on Wednesday with results unavailable at time of press.

The final regular season of the game will be played at home against Pierce College on Friday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. The NWAACCs will begin Thursday, Nov. 21 and will be held at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, Ore.



Mikaela Ballou bumps the ball in win against Lower Columbia.

T-Bird runners set personal bests at final meet

By Shákina Baker
Staff Reporter

Personal records were set and wrecked at the NWAACC cross country championships last Saturday.

"Everybody ran their fastest run of the season," Highline Coach Taryn Plypick said.

In the men's race, Everett Community College won the championship with a team score of 50. Some 75 male runners competed in the 8k race.

Teams who competed at the championship were Everett, Lane, Clackamas, Spokane, Clark, Mount Hood, Green River, Treasure Valley, Skagit Valley, Olympic, Highline and South West Oregon.

Finishing off the season, Highline sophomore Matt Kullberg found himself in 35th place with a time of 26:18.

"That [is] the fourth fastest time that

I've had by a male since I've been coaching," Coach Plypick said.

Freshman Deshar House finished strong with a time of 27:02 that led him to 55th place, followed freshman Joey Walker with a time of 27:43. This put him in 62nd place.

Trucking behind the pack, sophomore Cory Brandt finished in 64th place with a time of 28:11.

At the beginning of the season at the NWAACC Preview, Matt Kullberg ran a time of 30:01. There, he took 3 minutes, 43 seconds off his personal record. Deshar House ran 29:08, trimming 2 minutes, 6 seconds off his PR.

Joey Walker ran 28:57 at the start of the season, improving by 1:14 on Saturday. And still battling with a few injuries, Cory Brandt managed to beat his personal best by 59 seconds.

Unfortunately, the Highline men runners finished with an incomplete

due to one missing runner, Issachar Nistrzan. Nistrzan's injuries were too severe to run at the NWAACC championship. South West Oregon, who only had two men runners running at the championship this year, also finished with an incomplete.

And in the women's race Spokane Community College won the women's NWAACC championship with a score of 39.

In the women's race, there were 70 runners.

Highline sophomore Briana Serjeant, who had a time of 21:54 and landed in 46th place, nearly two minutes faster than her time of 23:37 recorded at the NWAACC preview.

Freshman Taylor Lafranchi ran her final 5K of the season in a time of 20:47. This placed her in 33rd place; she beat her PR by 3:21.

"It was hard to [overcome] the races

because we were the smallest team out there," Lafranchi said.

She said she looks forward to running for Highline next year because she and the rest of the runners are very close. Although she wishes that she had done more strength training this year, she said she still enjoys the moments that she had with her teammates.

She said she is proud of her performance at the championship.

"I got to see my improvements throughout the season," Lanfranchi said.

She plans on working with a club track team during the offseason.

"I'm [looking] forward to next year," Coach Plypick said.

She said the team just needs to look for more future students that are interested and more committed to being a Highline student and athlete first. And who wants to run at the four-year level.



Scoreboard

VOLLEYBALL		
	West Division	Season
	League	W L
Tacoma	6-1	22-8
Highline	6-1	14-10
Pierce	4-3	17-13
Green River	3-4	13-12
Clark	3-4	10-14
L. Columbia	3-4	9-19
Centralia	3-4	5-12
Grays Harbor	0-7	8-17

North Division		
	W L	W L
Olympic	11-1	41-4
Bellevue	11-1	27-5
Shoreline	8-4	21-13
Everett	5-7	6-19
Edmonds	3-9	7-23
Skagit Valley	2-10	6-23
Whatcom	2-10	3-26

East Division		
	W L	W L
Blue Mountain	14-0	37-5
Spokane	11-2	31-13
Walla Walla	9-4	25-13
Columbia Basin	5-8	13-26
Big Bend	5-9	11-23
Yakima Valley	4-9	9-17
Treasure Valley	4-10	12-18
Wenatchee	2-12	7-26

South Division		
	W L	W L
Mt. Hood	9-0	33-6
Linn-Benton	7-2	30-11
Clackamas	7-2	29-12
Chemeketa	3-6	16-21
SW Oregon	2-7	9-16
Umpqua	0-9	7-32

Results

Olympic def Edmonds (25-13, 25-11, 25-13)
Bellevue def Everett (25-25, 24-26, 25-15, 15-25, 15-12)
Whatcom def Skagit Valley (26-24, 17-25, 25-9, 25-23)
Treasure Valley def Wenatchee (25-14, 25-10, 25-21)
Chemeketa def Umpqua (25-18, 25-7, 25-18)
Linn-Benton def SW Oregon (25-19, 25-19, 25-21)
Wenatchee def Big Bend (25-20, 25-20, 20-25, 20-25, 15-13)

Wrestlers don't wake up in time for Clock

By Ryan Macri
Staff Reporter

Highline had disappointing results from the Mike Clock Open on Nov. 10 in Forrest Grove, Ore.

"They didn't get the memo that they actually had to show up to wrestle," said Brad Luvaas, assistant coach of the wrestling team. "They walked in thinking they were going to do good because of last week's tournament."

Although the team didn't perform as well as they had hoped, they did have some wrestlers who finished well.

Highline's Jason Grey won his weight division at 157 pounds.

Tyler Cormier took third at 197 pounds, and John Hedgeat placed fifth at 157.

Michael Henry and Ben Tynan both placed fifth in the heavyweight division. They didn't wrestle each other to determine who would have taken sixth place.



Highline wrestlers practice their technique to bounce back from the subpar results at the Mike Clock Open last weekend. Highline's next meet is Friday, Nov. 15 against Pacific University.

Only a few two-year colleges attended the Mike Clock Open. The majority of wrestlers were from Division I and Division II schools, including Boise State University, San Francisco State University, and host Pacific University.

The competition proved to be tougher at the Mike Clock Open than the tournament in Reno

earlier this month.

Even with Highline not getting the results they would have hoped for, "We are where we need to be right now. [The wrestlers] feel good, and they are still enjoying wrestling," said Luvaas.

Luvaas said that they were able to avoid any major injuries. "Everyone gets a little banged up,

but there was nothing serious."

Highline's next meet is Friday, Nov. 15, against Pacific University.

"It could go really well or really poorly," said Luvaas. "If the team that wrestled at Reno shows up we will do good, but if the wrestlers that wrestled at the Mike Clock Open shows up we'll get our butts kicked."

Lady T-Birds soccer ready for next year

By Bayonne Beninger
Staff Reporter

After a winning season the Highline women's soccer team looks forward to next season.

The Highline women's soccer team ended their 2013 season after a first round playoff loss to Columbia Basin on Nov. 6.

Highline closed out the season in second place in the NWAACC West Division with a 11-3-2 league record and a 14-4-3 overall season record.

"I'm happy I got to play with the girls I did. I really enjoyed

playing with everyone this year," said midfielder Nikole Cruz.

However some of those players will not be returning to Highline next year.

"We will be losing six sophomores and three others due to moving on in school. We can only hope there will be a good portion of this year's freshman class returning. Unfortunately I can't put a number on that yet. It is average to bring back six or seven each year," said Head Coach Tom Moore.

After this season Highline will lose sophomores, including

forwards Rachel Neira, Tayler Holtman, midfielders Bailey Hutton, Emily Hanna, Natalie Lawrence and goalkeeper Ashlyn Bruin.

The team will also lose freshmen Kacee Malmanger, Hannah Friedman and Kenna Friedman, who are freshmen in eligibility but will have completed their AA degrees in spring 2014.

"I know we have some sophomores looking to move on to four year universities and continue playing. I am excited for their opportunities," said Moore.

Highline's roster this year

consisted of 13 freshmen, many of which will come back next year to continue playing.

"Since the sophomores will be gone next year I'm excited for the newcomers to join the team," said Cruz.

"We have already begun the recruiting process and given over 15 visits to potential players for next year's team. I am excited about the potential returning talent along with another very strong recruiting class to continue the success that the women's soccer program has made a tradition," said Moore.

Duwamish River is stuck in the muck

By Eric Helgeson

Staff Reporter

Pollution has turned the Duwamish River into a sewer, a Highline environmental science teacher said recently.

Jonathan Betz-Zall, who also works in the library program at Highline, volunteered to host this History Seminar as part of Green Week.

He had previously spoken on this topic four years earlier.

Betz-Zall went over the history of the river from the earliest white settlement to modern times.

The earliest settlers originally did not do anything to the river's original course until half a century later, when the surrounding farmlands started experiencing increased flooding due to the logging local forests.

Near the end of the first decade of the 20th century, a group of industrialists proposed to make that area Seattle's industrial area, which would include straightening out the river into a canal to better control it and to allow large ships to come in.

A combination of heavy industry, storm-water drains, and runoff from upland activity over nearly a century have caused the river to become heavily polluted, Beth-Zall said.

Some of the pollutants in the water include carcinogenic chemicals, hazardous materials and other toxins.

The Environmental Protec-



An environmental science instructor told attendees at a Green Week History Seminar that the Duwamish River is becoming more polluted.



tion Agency has kept a record of various toxic sites around the area in order to keep track of them.

Low-income families, most of whom are minorities, who are feeling what Betz-Zall refers to as "environmental insults,"

also inhabit the area.

In one such incident, a group of South Park housewives in 1962 protested the burning of waste in the local dump.

In another incident in the mid-'60s, the neighborhood of South Park was going to be rezoned as an industrial area, but a protest by 4,200 residents intervened and led to only half of the area being rezoned.

He also mentioned fairly recent cases, such as the Commu-

nity Coalition for Environmental Justice fight against the Long Painting Company's pollution in 2003.

Beth-Zall said that moving the industries to another location is not necessarily good option.

"We want industries to stay there," he said. "They employ a huge number of people, they give us a lot of products that our current civilization currently wants like airplanes, but we have to do something about all

this pollution down there."

"Not only do we have these moral obligations, but also we are legally required to protect certain species like salmon."

He said some industries do care.

"They have to keep going and doing their activities, but they do care what they are doing and in many cases they are willing to take action that cost them money to actually improve things."

Mathematics make chiropractic all that it's cracked up to be

By Ben Knapp

Staff Reporter

A Highline professor said chiropractors use mathematics to have our back.

Kate Erhardt, a math professor at Highline, explained how chiropractors use mathematics to make important decisions regarding a person's physical health.

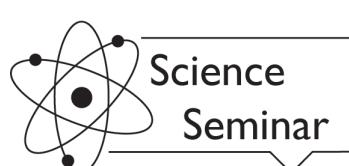
"Many people have different perspectives and ideas as to what chiropractors do," Erhardt said.

This chiropractic system involves a natural model of health care using natural methods to examine and evaluate the spine and pelvis to determine abnormalities or asymmetrical alignment, she said.

She said that the most important part of the spine is the atlas, which is the first cervical vertebrae in the spine.

She said that the term "atlas" is derived from Atlas in Greek mythology as he carried the globe over his head. Much alike, the atlas in the spine holds up the globe of the head.

"Chiropractors measure these alignments in degrees and use this data as a baseline to determine whether a person needs an adjustment. When an atlas is



misaligned by the slightest degree, it can result in pinched nerves in the spinal column, similar to pinching a water hose," Erhardt said.

Chiropractors use tools such as thermography, or thermal imaging, to find overworked muscles in regards to contraction. Analysis of this data needs to be precise and accurate in order to be effective.

She said that many common mathematical tools and templates are used to analyze X-rays of the spinal column.

"Tools such as the ruler, compass, protractor and circumscale are all used to determine any asymmetric alignments in the spine," said Erhardt.

"The circumscale is commonly used to measure arc segments on both sides of the atlas to determine a misalignment by the smallest degree," she said.

Physics also plays an important role in

'Many people have different perspectives and ideas as to what chiropractors do.'

— Kate Erhardt

many chiropractic evaluations, especially when placing a patient for adjustment.

"All of our body motions are circular in nature and all have an angular rotation, because of this, it's very important to make sure the patient is completely lateral and aligned before an adjustment is made in determining the correct vectors," said Erhardt.

The next seminar will be on Friday, Nov. 15 presented by Rich Bankhead, an engineering professor, and Greg Reinemer, a science professor, they'll lead The Nearly Annual Physics Show at Highline.

They advise those that attend this week's seminar to beware, they will be blowing stuff up.

This one-hour seminar will be in Building 7 at 2:20 p.m. It's free and open to the public.

Puzzle Answers:

Even Exchange
answers

1. Camper, Casper 6. Meddle, Middle
2. Tough, Touch 7. Allow, Alloy
3. Hangar, Hanger 8. Rhine, Rhone
4. Swept, Slept 9. Prove, Prose

— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

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— King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Carbon taxes can help discourage pollution, prof says

By Ben Knapp
Staff Reporter

Carbon taxes are no laughing matter.

Dr. Yoram Bauman is an environmental economist who teaches at the University of Washington and prides himself as the "world's first and only stand-up economist."

He earned his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Washington in 2003 and has been performing comedy regularly at colleges and corporate events all over the world.

A parody piece he wrote about a famous economist's textbook led him to comedy.

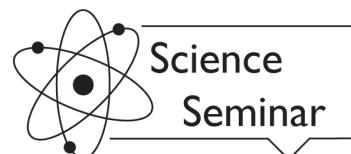
Dr. Bauman addressed the issue of how climate change has the potential to become a huge concern during this century and what changes need to be made to confront this issue.

One of these solutions mentioned by Dr. Bauman involved introducing a revenue-neutral carbon tax shift in order to decrease carbon emissions.

This way, the revenue from the carbon taxes will be able to go toward reducing other existing taxes.

He describes this tax shift as lowering taxes on what people need more of, such as saving and investing, while raising taxes on what people want less of—carbon.

"Tax what we burn, not what we earn. The only way to get less pollution is to make polluting expensive," Dr. Bauman said.



In 2008, he recently played an important role to introduce this tax shift in British Columbia.

The outcomes of this tax shift have been significantly beneficial to British Columbia's economy, he said.

"Ever since introducing this tax shift, British Columbia's carbon emissions have decreased by 10 percent; personal income taxes are the lowest in all of Canada; and gasoline sales have been decreasing significantly," he said.

In regards to Washington, steps have already been taken in the right direction toward a greener environment, he said.

Businesses such as Microsoft have already introduced their own internal carbon tax where, by charging themselves, they are able fund Microsoft's Green Team.

"Economic growth within poorer countries will be the big stories of this century, with the increase of global population we are going to have to make changes in the long run," Dr. Bauman said. "Changes can be a burden, but climate change will be a burden as well."

If you have a question for Dr. Yoram Bauman or want more information, visit his website at www.standupeconomist.com.



Ben Knapp/THUNDERWORD

Gary Lichtenstein addresses the benefits of carbon tax credits during the Science Seminar at Highline last week.

Carbon credits assist companies in reducing carbon footprint

By Ben Knapp
Staff Reporter

The environmental decisions that are made today will have a direct impact on our planet for generations to come, a consultant said here last week.

As a part of Highline's Green Week, the founder of Lightstone Consulting, Gary Lichtenstein, addressed the benefits of reducing carbon dioxide emissions one step at a time.

Lightstone Consulting is a company that helps organizations of all sizes prepare their greenhouse gas inventories and other associated greenhouse management plans.

Lichtenstein said that many of our daily actions and activities, such as driving a car or turning on a light, add to an individual's carbon footprint as the emissions are creating an impact upon the planet, leading to climate change.

He said that companies that are looking to lessen their impact upon the environment can buy carbon credits, where each credit is equal to one metric ton of carbon dioxide. Those credits can be traded if the full allowance is not used.

These carbon credits come from clean energy sources that produce carbon offsets that help diminish the global carbon footprint.

"Carbon offsets are measured by the difference in baseline emissions from the projected emissions," Lichtenstein said.

He said that carbon offsetting is not only related to reducing carbon dioxide emissions, but other greenhouse gases such as methane and nitrous oxide from the atmosphere.

"Farms with livestock are able to generate large amounts of methane, where the methane can be collected and burned to

create carbon offsets," said Lichtenstein.

He added that with voluntary national and international guidelines, corporations have to report and cap their emissions. Those who report less carbon emissions are rewarded, therefore encouraging others to also become more efficient in their carbon emissions.

"Companies that are carbon neutral are more attractive to customers and are able to compete in a carbon-constrained world," Lichtenstein said. "This sustainability will attract young talent and save money through efficiency and new technology."

The next seminar will be on Friday, Nov. 15, in Building 7 featuring Gregory Reinemer and Rich Bankhead in The Nearly Annual Physics Show.

The one-hour seminars are normally held from 2:20 p.m. and are located in Building 3, room 102.



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Yoram Bauman explains the ins and outs of carbon tax credits in a talk at Highline last week.

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Local businesses discuss chamber

By Ryan Johnston
Staff Reporter

Business owners in Des Moines are split between restarting their chamber of commerce and being more active in current ones.

Roughly 70 local leaders met on Nov. 5 to discuss their thoughts on a chamber of commerce. Many attendees were owners of small businesses in Des Moines.

"None of the things we (the city) have done have really replaced what a chamber of commerce would do, [and] there was a number of people that felt that their needs weren't met," said Dave Kaplan, mayor of Des Moines.

"There seems to be a void here," said Dan Johnson, owner of the Print Place in Des Moines, who also helped facilitate the meeting. "The idea was to get the businesses talking."

A chamber of commerce is a local association to promote the interests of the business community in a single location.

"Destination Des Moines has done some events to bring people around, [but] businesses that contacted me said Destination Des Moines may not be filling that position," Mayor Kaplan said.

Destination Des Moines is a private local group that promotes the Des Moines community primarily through events around certain holidays, Mayor Kaplan said.

"A chamber of commerce is a voluntary organization made by the business community, [and] I think strong marketing and economic development would [help Des Moines]," Andrea Keikkala, executive director of the Kent Chamber of Commerce, said at the meeting.

Des Moines hasn't had a chamber for several years. The previous chamber dissolved in the early 2000s. A new or revitalized chamber could provide the marketing, support, and organization that businesses have been asking for, Mayor Kaplan added.

Attendees shared their thoughts on what they could do to better the business environment of the city.

Some attendees agreed with Keikkala.

"If you want to promote your business, you need to market," one business owner said. Chambers of commerce are famous for that, he added.

"Business brings other business," said another attendee. "If it's a self-funding mechanism, and it gets us into other cham-



Ryan Johnston/THUNDERWORD

Although Des Moines has a number of businesses, many parts of the downtown core are empty.

bers, there's a lot to win."

"If we (businesses) could commit to convening... we could start to put money into the community," an owner said.

Des Moines needs something that more directly represents the city, Johnson said.

However, others thought that fixing some other problems would lead to a better business climate in Des Moines.

"I think that there's a lack of communication in the community," one owner said.

"I think there's a lot of opportunity to come together in the city," one attendee said.

Michelle Fawcett, owner of Salon Michelle, gave her experience of attending a meeting at the Southwest King County chamber, which covers Burien, Des Moines, SeaTac and Tukwila.

"Going to a larger chamber, for my business, was a great thing," she said. Being more involved in the Southwest chamber could possibly help alleviate some problems the city has, she added.

Another meeting will give businesses the opportunity to talk about what needs to be done and who will be the ones to do it, Johnson said.

Prof says wrong term often used regarding WWII Japanese camps

By Eric K. Helgeson
Staff Reporter

People have been using an incorrect term regarding the treatment of Japanese-Americans during World War II, according to a former history professor.

Roger Daniels, who had previously taught at the University of Cincinnati, says that internment is "a legal process for the treatment in wartime of persons of an enemy power," meaning that only non-citizens of a particular country could be interned legally.

He said that the camps were, according to Franklin Roosevelt, concentration camps.

He said various Jewish agencies have tried to make the term "concentration camps" apply only to the ones that were part of The Holocaust, something that he referred to as "historical nonsense."

Daniels briefly explained the history of the concentration camp beginning in the Boer Wars of the late 19th century.

The British attempted to lure back the Afrikaner fight-



ers to save their women and children.

He said the order to intern the Japanese-Americans was a result of political pressure from various representatives and senators from the West Coast, while most of the military did not want to intern them.

Nonetheless, some citizens protested against the internment.

The first prominent protester was Minoru Yasui. He was the member of a moderately wealthy family in Oregon and became the first Japanese-American lawyer in the state.

When the internment laws were first announced, he decided to test the law by violating the curfew in Portland.

He was arrested.

Another person of interest was Fred Korematsu who, after attempting to avoid the law, took his case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court de-

cided that the internment law constitutional.

It was eventually revealed in the '80s that the federal government was suppressing evidence it knew it had, and therefore lied to the Supreme Court.

Korematsu had his suit refiled, and while he did not go back to the Supreme Court, he did have his name cleared.

Daniels said "It's all well and good to say that the Constitution should be the same in war as in peace, but in fact, judges are going to be different, juries are going to be different, the country is going to be different in time of war as oppose to time in peace. No two ways about it."

Daniels is writing the book *The Japanese-American Cases: The Rule of Law in Time of War*, which will be published by the University Press of Kansas later this month.

Next week's seminar will be titled European Witchcraft Trials and will be hosted by Highline history professor Teri Balkenende at 1:30 p.m. in Building 3, room 103.

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D-Kent, added that the \$8 million would provide 1,000 full-time equivalent slots for training in the aerospace field.

This is in addition to \$5 million for the completion of the Renton Aerospace Training Center.

"The workforce training bill was largely agreed to" and "received a healthy note of consensus," said Sen. Joe Fain, R-Auburn.

It also provides money for a composite wing fabrication-training program at Edmonds Community College, he said.

"This will bring other industries that specialize in carbon fiber to the area," Sen. Fain said.

The tax break bill was also approved and will give The Boeing Co. an extension of their current tax break from the year 2024 to 2040. The Legislature did add a safeguard that they didn't think was necessary back in 2003.

"It will not allow the tax break to continue if the company moves any part of the 777X out of state," said Sen. Keiser.

That was a lesson Washington state learned when The Boeing Co. outsourced parts of the 787 production to Japan and South Carolina and were still able to maintain their tax breaks, Sen. Keiser said.

Sen. Fain said they put in the safeguards to prevent Boeing from

taking advantage of the state.

Some Republicans in the Legislature did have a problem with the transportation bill that would raise gas taxes 3 cents a gallon to a total of 10 cents in three years.

"Before we pass a new gas tax and impose fees we want some reform," said Rep. Kochmar.

Oversight of projects over \$500,000, accountability of the Washington State Department of Transportation and sales tax from contractor bid improvements to go into a transportation fund instead of the general fund are some of the things they want, she said.

"Anytime we have billion dollar projects we want to make sure it is spent appropriately, going toward what is intended for," Rep. Kochmar said.

Sen. Keiser said the other side complains about the gas tax but prices are lower now than they have been.

"Gas prices are 30 cents less than a year ago," said Sen. Keiser, who also said the bill would have huge impacts for South King County.

The bill includes mega project improvements to State Route 167, Interstate 405 and State Route 509, said Sen. Keiser.

She isn't holding her breath but she has to remain optimistic and Governor Inslee could call one more special session.

"Legally, it's possible for one more try at transportation," she said.

However, Sen. Fain said, "We're still negotiating on that [transportation bill] and will throughout the week."

E-cigs

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only the owners, but other customers as well."

Neal said the lack of studies regarding electronic cigarettes has the King County Board of Health worried.

"The Board of Health was concerned with the lack of studies. We know that many e-cigarettes have nicotine in them, though the amount can vary. Overall, we just aren't sure of what the long term effects are on those who smoke them and those who are exposed to the vapor released from them," he said.

Neal said that the few studies that have been done around e-cigarettes show that there are some levels of minerals in the vapor released from them, but they don't know if those have a negative or positive affect on users.

Neal said that a 2009 Food and Drug Administration investigation found that some e-cigarettes had detectable levels of cancer-causing chemicals, including an ingredient used in antifreeze.

"But we do know that these are addictive and, contrary to many users beliefs, studies have not shown that these can be used as a way to quit smoking," Neal said.

"In fact, once people begin using them, they get addicted to the nicotine in them and the habit of smoking them, which could eventually lead to the use of real cigarettes."

Another scary thing, Neal said, is that e-cigarettes are being advertised like cigarettes used to be.

"Anything goes right now for them. They come in fruit and bubblegum flavors so the commercials and media are attracting the younger kids and teens," Neal said.

"The amount of students [ranging from middle school to college] using them has doubled in the past year nationwide."



Blu is one of the most commonly used brand of e-cigarettes. Blu makes various flavors like cherry and vanilla.

Kimberly Dinsdale, the regional communications manager at the American Cancer Society-Seattle, said that e-cigarettes were first introduced in China and are still too new to know the health effects.

"Right now, there are not enough studies to say whether or not they are harmful to those who smoke them or those around them, or if they even work as replacements for real cigarettes. E-cigarettes are so recent that there is also no way to determine their long-term effects," Dinsdale said.

Some Highline students said that they smoke e-cigarettes as a smoking alternative.

"I smoke e-cigs because they are an alternative to cigarettes that cost less money, do not produce carbon monoxide, [and] do not create tar in the lungs," said student Tyler Maytum.

"They are different than cigarettes in that they do not burn, and therefore do not create tar and carbon monoxide. Instead, it is a delivery system in which a tube vaporizes a nicotine-water solution and goes into your lungs as steam."

Maytum said that he believes he can smoke e-cigarettes wherever he wants because they

don't possess any smell.

"I do realize that they are categorized with regular cigarettes and have the same limitations and rules," Maytum said.

"It is steam and not smoke that is released from them and I do not think that they are harmful to my health, so long as the solution purchased (there are many available) does not contain chemicals. If the nicotine solution doesn't contain chemicals it's about as harmful as taking a shower," he said.

One student who asked to remain anonymous said that he

also uses e-cigarettes as a replacement for cigarettes.

"I have been a smoker for about three years and I switched to e-cigarettes a year ago as a way to quit smoking because the e-cigarettes have less nicotine," he said. "I feel like my health has improved, and I hope to one day not have the desire to smoke at all."

Katelyn, a student who did not want to give her last name, said she smokes electronic cigarettes because she likes the flavors.

"I haven't ever smoked real cigarettes, I started on electronic

cigarettes and have been smoking them for about a year now. They come in different flavors, and don't have any health effects like real cigarettes," she said.

Katelyn also said she smokes e-cigarettes wherever she wants in public because they're not real cigarettes and are not harmful to others.

"They release a water vapor that isn't harmful, as opposed to tobacco cigarettes that contain chemicals," she said.

Nonetheless, college officials say that it is up to the campus community to enforce the smoking policy themselves.

"Everyone has the book of responsibility to enforce the policies on campus," Yok said.

"If someone sees another individual smoking, and complains to an administrator, that individual who was smoking will already be gone so it has to be dealt with at that moment," he said.

Yok said that usually the students he sees smoking in a non designated area, usually just need a reminder.

"It's usually not an intentional violation, some people just need a reminder and everyone on campus can enforce the rules. As a community it is up to us to remind those who are smoking away from the designated areas that there is a smoking area and policy," Yok said.



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universities in the U.S. to report information about crimes on and around their campuses, are reported as soon as possible, he added.

Jenkins had some advice for females on campus.

"Be aware of your surroundings," he said.

"If there is someone loitering outside of a restroom, don't use that restroom and head directly to Campus Security," he said.

Campus Security's office is in Building 1. They can also be reached at 206-592-3218.

The Des Moines Police Department is at 21900 11th Ave. S., and they can be reached at 206-878-3301.

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