Dying man wants to stop abortions

By Jeff Rowden
Staff Reporter

Facing his own mortality, John English walks the streets around Highline, decrying death — not his own, but those of fetuses.

English is on a mission to make the public aware of the violence of abortion.

His tactics, though, are not always well received.

English has recently been diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease. It is a terminal illness affecting the brain and spinal cord resulting in involuntary muscle movement.

“I have five to 10 years left,” said English. “When you look death in the eye, you have to ask yourself: How do I want to spend my time? I give back.”

In the mornings on the way to campus, if you travel on Pacific Highway South and take the turn on South 240th Street, you may have seen English or his friend and colleague, Laura Burt, “giving back.”

They are advocating their anti-abortion beliefs with graphic signs of aborted fetuses and bloody limbs.

They stand on public street corners with signs meant to show what abortion looks like.

“It’s meant to get the conversation going and getting people talking,” Burt said.

People are talking, but the discussion is usually heated.

One of their signs wielded the slogan, “Don’t hate the messenger, hate the violence.”

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Students join forces for higher education

By Adam Horner
Staff Reporter

OLYMPIA — Highline students gathered with several hundred other college students at the Washington state Capitol in Olympia, attempting to reach lawmakers with messages of lower tuition and more state funding for higher education.

Numerous local colleges, such as Renton Technical and North Seattle College, attended the rally, which was organized by the Washington Community and Technical College Student Association.

For a period of one hour on Feb. 5, the normally sedate capitol building was comparable to a pep rally, with college students chanting, clapping, waving posters, shouting and otherwise trying to make themselves heard.

The chants of the students, such as “400,000 students say, remember us on budget day,” echoed through the building.

State Rep. Zack Hudgins, D-Tukwila, said that there are rallies almost every day in the capitol, and though they do hear the chanting, legislators are often left wondering about the exact agenda of the assembled group.

Several state lawmakers showed up at the rally to pledge support to higher education, including Rep. Hans Zeiger, R-Puyallup and Sen. Barbara Bailey, R-Oak Harbor.


“I want you to promise me that you’ll work very hard to get through school,” Rep. Bailey said after citing her own late start to higher education.

She said that legislators had been working very hard to make sure that students were not so deep in debt when they graduate.

If snow shall fall, all alerts are ready

By Christopher Crisostomo
Staff Reporter

It appears the threat of a substantial snowfall that could close campus this Monday is nominal, but if the snow gods get angry, Highline’s Public Safety department has instituted new procedures to alert students, staff and faculty.

HC Alerts is a system that notifies the campus community concerning emergencies via text and email. Just recently, the alerts have been set up to also appear on Twitter and Facebook.

Using the lauchn system, Public Safety officials can edit messages regarding emergencies on campus. The emergencies covered include severe weather, evacuation, lock down and shelter-in-place. When such incidents occur, Public Safety sends out messages using the HC Alerts, classroom computers, staff and faculty telephones, and external speakers, staff and faculty telephones, and external speakers.

When messages are sent out via loudspeakers, a monotone voice will sound the warning. This same message will be sent out to everyone in the system via text, email, or social media. The alert also pops up on all computers on campus, along with the electronic message boards in buildings 6 and 99.

Anyone can sign up for these alert messages on the Highline website. If any faculty, staff or students are interested in receiving these alerts, they can sign up at:

https://hcctestalerts.highline.edu/index.php

Graffiti spotted in restroom

Graffiti was found on Feb. 5 on the full-body mirror in the women’s restroom in Building 3. Within 24 hours the paint was removed. Public Safety Supervisor Richard Noyer said the incident appears to be unrelated to the previous recent taggings around campus.

Summit speaker teaches responsibility

By Adam Horner
Staff Reporter

With increasingly busy school schedules, students have to make time management a top priority, said a Latina® Summit presenter Wednesday.

Joe Aguilar, an academic advisor at Highline for Running Start students, addressed an assembly of mostly Latino middle school, high school and college students in the Mt. Constance room.

The Latina® Summit is an effort by Highline to engage more students from the Latino community.

Aguilar posed a question to the students: “What does it take to get through school while having crazy schedules?”

Several students responded, calling out effort, focus and consistency. “Time management,” Aguilar replied.

Aguilar played a video to help break down the concept of a finite amount of time.

According to the video, time is a bank that everyone’s account $86,400 each day, but empties at midnight. You must use the money while you can, or you lose it.

There are 84,600 seconds in one day, and much like the analogy, you either use the time or lose it.

To further demonstrate this fact, Aguilar used an online chart where users could plug in the duration of their daily activities that would show how much time they have free in a 24-hour cycle.

After plugging in the necessities, like sleeping, classes, eating, and personal grooming, Aguilar had 10 hours open for miscellaneous activities. This included studying and downtime.

“When we manage our time, it’s crazy how much we actually have [free],” said Aguilar.

Moving on to the concept of having goals, Aguilar asked how many students had been told that their goals are impossible.

Quite a few hands were raised.

Aguilar broke down the word impossible into “I-M-POSSIBLE.”

He told the students about his time at Washington State University.

Aguilar was halfway through his bachelor’s degree when he had a son, who he said was a blessing.

He said he had to work hard to support both himself and his newborn son. Between working part-time classes, studying, and caring for his son in the evening, he was strapped for time.

Aguilar said that he was often asked if he wanted to take time off of school, or drop out altogether, but he always said no.

“We have the lowest completion rate in both high school and higher education,” Aguilar said of Latinos. “We’re going to change these statistics.”

For Aguilar, that meant getting an education for the benefit of his son.

“I needed to set that foundation [my education], so that he can be successful,” said Aguilar.

Aguilar said came up with ways to effectively manage his time in college. He prioritized his assignments, made deadlines and short-term goals, and made daily to-do lists. He also used his phone as a free time to study, particularly time while traveling by car or bus.

He also emphasized the importance of finding a dedicated study zone. During his time at WSU, the library was his place of study. “I still use these [methods] even though I am done with school,” said Aguilar.

The bake sale is titled “Have [free],” said Aguilar.

Improving grades at boot camp

Phi Theta Kappa is hosting an Academic Boot Camp event on Feb. 18, from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., in Building 8, in the Mt. Constance room.

The event is designed to help students excel in their classes.

Honors students will be giving seminars to help students develop skills and achieve their goals.

Anyone who attends each seminar will be eligible for a chance to win a $50 gift card to the Highline bookstore.

Get a career boost at seminar

Alumni Relations is hosting a Career Connections event on Feb. 24, from 5 to 7 p.m., in Building 2.

For Spring Quarter, a new class called DGS 210: Women and Society will be available for students to take.

The class fullfills both diversity and globalism, and social studys requirements. It is scheduled to meet Tuesday and Thursdays from 1:30 to 3:50 p.m.

The course will discuss women's rights, self esteem issues and body image, and global issues.

For more information, contact Rosemary Adang at radang@highline.edu.

Buy a treat to support students

Women’s Programs is hosting a bake sale today, Feb. 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 8, second floor.

The bake sale is titled “Have A Heart Bake Sale”. All proceeds made from the sale will go to Highline Students Emergency Fund, which helps students to continue their education through Highline.

The funding helps students pay their bills and class fees.

New class about women to start

The Inter-Cultural Center is presenting the movie “Pitch Perfect” for their Friday event this Friday, from 10 a.m. to noon. The movie will be shown in Building 8, room 204.

“Pitch Perfect” is a 2012 movie about a college singing group and stars Anna Kendrick and Rebel Wilson.

The Women in Science and Engineering students and faculty will be hosting their annual dinner on Feb. 25 from 6 to 9 p.m. in Building 8, in the Mt. Constance/ Mt. Olympus rooms.

The keynote speaker is Shari Brown who works at Weyerhaeuser’s makes car seats, clothing, and more.

At the dinner, she will speak about her journey into a science-driven career and give tips to interested students.

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We are looking for men and women aged 18-25 years old to participate in a study on health behaviors. Earn up to $75 in gift certificates of a select number of merchants.

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Conference plans to inspire youth

The 25th annual Student of Color Conference will help students develop key skills through seminars

By Cinthia Velez-Regalado
Staff Reporter

Organizers of the Students of Color Conference are hoping to have a serious discussion about difficult issues in Yakima, this spring.

“At the conference we will be discussing various issues with gender, class and color,” said Doris Martinez, Inter-Cultural Center leadership adviser.

These issues will be discussed in a safe and welcoming environment.

The goal of the conference is to help students develop as leaders no matter what color they are and to connect with other students from different colleges.

Martinez shared that when she was a student at Highline, she went to the conference.

“It was life changing for me,” said Martinez. “It challenged me to find my social identity.”

“Learning to find language in being that I’m a Latina from African descent,” said Martinez.

Another goal of the conference is to connect with other students from different colleges, to come together and relate.

Are you looking for tips on how to do better in your classes?

Then come to the Academic Boot Camp, sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa! Honors students will be giving a series of short seminars designed to help students set clear goals, develop study skills, take advantage of campus resources, and achieve their goals! In addition, those who listen to every seminar will be entered into a drawing for a $50 gift card to the Highline Bookstore!

The Academic Boot Camp will be held Wednesday February 18th, open 10 AM to 1 PM in Building 8, Mt. Constance Room. Food and refreshments will be provided to students that complete the Boot Camp.

Alum doesn’t let mistakes define her

By Renee Nelson
Staff Reporter

Struggles with alcoholism, anxiety, single parenthood and three divorces did not stop Nicole Tedrow from changing her life.

Tedrow, a Highline alumna, shared her story at the Honors Colloquy on Feb. 4.

“I’ve had a checkered past,” she said. “I was not set up to go to college.”

She came to Highline via the Running Start program. At one point, she was going to drop out of school to try to get a management job at Sears.

However, she was influenced by her instructor, Wendy Swyt, who became her mentor.

“I took a couple writing classes and I had people tell me I was a really good writer,” she said. “I remember Wendy said keep writing’ on the end of my paper.’

With that motivation, Tedrow said she found her inspiration, she transferred to Washington State University, but later transferred again to the University of Washington to be with her boyfriend.

“Your personal life is not separate from your academic life,” she said. “Be aware. Pay attention to where you’re putting your energy.”

After graduating from UW, she moved onto law school at Seattle University. She got married and got her first job as a lawyer. Neither was what she expected.

“I was inexperienced, and it was scary,” she said. “I started drinking. I got put on probation and I felt pretty bad about myself.”

Tedrow got sober. But her anxieties got so bad that she had to reach out to get them under control. Even so, she said her mindset was still in the same negative place as before.

“One reason I was not successful in that job was because I was acting like someone I’m not,” she said. “I tried to be an old white man lawyer with a briefcase.”

After eight years at that job and two failed marriages, she became very depressed and vulnerable.

“I got married for a third time with a guy I knew for 17 days,” she said. “That’s me making the same mistakes. That’s me not growing.”

Immediately into that marriage, she got pregnant. Her husband left two years later and threatened to take their daughter.

That was the turning point for Tedrow. She hired a lawyer and got custody of her daughter.

“I’m so proud of what I did because I don’t know if everybody could handle that the way I did,” she said. “That’s growth.”

Ten years into her job, she was fired because of the drama from the divorce. She found a new job within days.

“When I got to this new firm, I stopped trying to be an old white man,” she said. “I [also] stopped feeling shame. That’s not who I am anymore.”

With her new mindset, she was able to quit after a year at that firm. She said she realized that this firm wasn’t the right place for her. She is now an attorney at Eims Graham, practicing workers compensation and employment law.

“For so long I just lived in my past,” she said. “That was something I could grow from. Without confidence you cannot grow.”

The next Honors Colloquy speaker is Highline nursing instructor Steve Simpkins. It will be in Building 18, room 205 at 12:15 to 1:20 p.m. on Feb. 18.

The organizers also hope that after students go through the conference, students greater appreciate who they are, said Martinez.

“With the goal that they bring it back to the community here,” she said.

The conference is on April 23-25.

Applications for the conference are due Feb. 27 by 5 p.m.

All current Highline students can apply.

The application has two mandatory essay questions:

How do you define identity, and how does your identity impact you as a student at Highline College? What does your hope to gain from attending the Student of Color Conference?

Highline hopes to take 40 students to the conference.

Students who are accepted will have all costs paid for by Highline.

The applications are available at the Center for Leadership and Service in Building 8, room 310 or online at http://mccolleges.highline.edu/SCOC.php.

Applications are due Feb. 20. The application is on-line at www.multiculturalaffairs.highline.edu.

“We prioritize students who identify as LGBTQA, but we encourage everyone to apply. This is a great way to learn if you don’t know anything about the LGBTQA community,” said Kim.

The summit will take place at South Puget Sound’s campus on March 28.

“I think it will be a great opportunity for students,” said Kim.
If you fail, try try again

Failing isn’t the end of the world. If you fail an assignment, it doesn’t mean you’re going to fail the test. If you fail a test, it doesn’t mean you’re going to fail the class. If you fail a class, it doesn’t mean you won’t get your degree or become successful. It all depends on what you do after the fall. Instead of saying you failed, say you fell. Because when you fail you can get back up and try it again. You only truly fail when you stop trying. It doesn’t matter how long it takes you, eventually you will reach your goal.

As long as you keep trying. Ellen Bremen, a communications professor here on campus, said she failed multiple times in school. Her failures almost kept her out of grad school. But did that stop her? No. And now she teaches here at Highline, and has traveled and spoken about failure and perseverance.

She didn’t give up, even when it seemed as though her failures in high school would keep her from continuing her education. If she could do it, so can you. What do you think would have happened if she accepted her failures from high school and hadn’t continued her education? She wouldn’t be able to tell her story and inspire others. It has nothing to do with if you believe in yourself or if anyone else believes in you. You just have to do it. Don’t procrastinate. Stay on top of assignments. And study for exams. Don’t study to pass the test, study to understand the information.

If you understand the information, passing is that much easier.

The whole point of an exam is to measure how well you understood the information that was taught to you. So knowing the information is your best bet to passing. But why just strive to pass? Why not strive to ace an exam? If you shoot for mediocre you may fall and land in failure. But if you shoot for top, you may fail short, but you’ll aspire to do better.

This principle doesn’t just apply in school, this applies in life. Let’s say you apply for a promotion at your job but get denied. Don’t take it as a failure. Learn from what you did wrong. Work on bettering yourself and try again. The point is to never give up.

You only truly fail when you give up and stop trying.

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 no more than 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!

Sex is a necessary part of life

Sex is sex and some people need to come to terms that it’s a natural and necessary human function. The current attitude in schools toward sex is that it’s a hushed topic and generally should not be discussed. The love is a plus to having sex. The next time you have sex, don’t study to pass the test, study to understand the information that was taught to you. The love is a plus to having sex. It doesn’t define who you are and it’s not the only way to not ruin your life is to not have sex.

In a study recently done by the Society for Adolescent Medicine, it was found that abstinence education and programs are more harmful than effective. Not giving students the knowledge to have safe sex leads to unprotected sex, which can lead to sexually transmitted infections... and babies.

Also, more than 80 percent of the information being taught in abstinence-only education was either false or distorted.

The love is a plus to having sex. The next time you have sex, remember that your sexuality doesn’t define who you are and that there’s nothing wrong with having sex. And most importantly: Don’t forget to wear a condom.
Local theater laughs at love

By Kayla Dickson  Staff Reporter

Whether you find romance regal or wretched, you might enjoy Burien Actors Theatre’s opening of their production, I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change. To honor the fact that this is Burien Actors Theatre’s 35th season, the theater decided to bring back the fun musical comedy that it had performed in 2008.

“Every production at BAT is unique,” said Eric Dickman, artistic director of the Burien Actors Theatre. “This musical comedy is a wonderfully good time.”

Although reviving old material is always exhilarating, there are a lot of other aspects that Dickman also finds exciting.

“This show has brought together a great cast, who are clearly having fun,” Dickman said. “Joining them are skilled designers and directors. So it’s hard to pick any one thing I am most excited about, but I am very excited to hear the crowds laugh out loud during the show.”

Like most shows at Burien Actors Theatre, this one isn’t particularly aimed toward children.

“It is not suitable for children due to adult themes and sometimes language,” Dickman said. “However, anyone over 12 who has been in relationship or is in one now will enjoy I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change.”

Despite high stress levels due to midterms, Dickman believes that this show is the perfect way for students to relax.

“If anyone at Highline has been in relationship, or is currently in a relationship, this show is for them,” Dickman said. “I am an adjunct at Highline, so I understand the need of students to take a little time out to laugh, and this show is full of laughs.”

Burien Actors Theatre understands that Highline has closed its Drama Department, Dickman said. “To help students retain access to live theater, BAT lowered its ticket prices for students.”

“New this year, and throughout this run, all student tickets are just $10 with a valid student ID,” he said.

Cheaper tickets aren’t the only way Burien Actors Theatre is trying to reach out to students.

“For students who miss working in live theater, BAT offers a number of volunteer opportunities too,” Dickman said.

I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change will be showing at the Burien Actors Theatre Friday through Sunday nights from Feb. 13 to March 22. Tickets are $20 for general admission, $17 for seniors, and $10 for students with valid ID, and are available online at burienlittletheatre.org.

Burien Actors Theatre is located at 14501 4th Ave. S.W.

Earn $$$ for your literary talents

By Kayla Dickson  Staff Reporter

Earn cash for your poetry this month during Highline’s annual National Poetry Month competition.

The Highline National Poetry Month committee is holding a contest for short poems written by students and alumni to display at Library’s Exhibit and Art Gallery. Unlike most competitions, this one doesn’t have a theme.

“Submissions can be on any subject,” said Sharon Hashimoto, a Highline professor on the National Poetry Month committee.

“Winners will have their poems featured as broadsides designed by the art department and print shop. These broadsides will hang next to work by January O’Neil and Brian Turner who are featured poets that will have readings and workshops during the month of April, which is National Poetry month,” she said.

Although there may not be any guidelines for the subject of submissions, applicants are restricted to poetry as the type of art.

“Prose poems, formal poetry, free verse are all welcome,” Hashimoto said. “The text needs to be limited to 20 lines to fit the broadside and allow for design. Please submit no more than three poems.”

Aside from the satisfaction of having their work on display, Highline is offering cash prizes for poets with the top ten entries.

“This is the third year that we’ve run the student poetry contest,” Hashimoto said. “We’re offering more money and more chances to have student work celebrated.”

The winner of the poetry competition is entitled to $125, second place gets $100, third place gets $75, and seven finalists will receive $25.

Although National Poetry Month doesn’t begin until April, the deadline for submissions is Feb. 20 at 4 p.m.

“We strongly encourage everyone to submit their poems,” Hashimoto said. “Sometimes students are their own worst critic. Oftentimes, there is much to value that the writer doesn’t see.”

Poems should be typed and include contact information such as email and phone number on each poem.

Submissions can be delivered to Building 5 or emailed to shashimoto@highline.edu with Student Poetry Contest 2015 in the subject line.
Guns and roses: Star in your own rom-zom-com for Valentine’s Day

By Jeff Rowden
Staff Reporter

Nothing says “I love you” like military-grade weapons and slaughtering the undead.

This Valentine’s Day, Virtual Sports in Tukwila is hosting an Apocalypse Zombie Hunt event with special pricing for couples.

Virtual Sports is a new, 30,000-square-foot laser tag facility with multiple levels, a maze, and the same equipment that the military and FBI use for training exercises.

Equipped with a military grade, all metal M4 assault rifle, zombie hunters will walk through a post-apocalyptic set of the streets of Seattle, slaying more than 30 actors playing zombies, done up with full undead garb and makeup.

“It’s similar to a haunted house, but with guns,” said Brian Deller, co-owner of Virtual Sports.

The game is set up as a real-life, first-person shooter game, but you are fully immersed in the experience.

“It’s set up like an Xbox Live account; saving stats, leveling up, and getting achievements,” said Deller.

For the zombie apocalypse event at Virtual Sports, hunters will be taken through a set designed to look like you are going through Pioneer Square, through the Seattle underground, across the Port of Seattle, through Pike Place Market, and ending up in the aerospace warehouse district for a grand finale of zombie slaying.

Hunters will also be equipped with a proximity sensor that will count the hunter as dead if a zombie gets within three feet of them.

The Apocalypse Zombie Hunt experience will allow groups of four to work as a team with each game lasting 30 minutes.

“It’s not every day you can walk through an apocalypse and kill zombies with an M4,” said Deller.

The event will start at 7 p.m. and could last until about 1 a.m. or until all parties have gotten a chance to go through.

There are two different levels of action for zombie hunters as well. Tickets to the easier level, recruit, is $25 per person. Their harder level, sniper, is $35 per person.

Special pricing for the event features two people for the price of one for their Black Ops, and runs for $35 per person.

The Apocalypse Zombie Hunt features two people for the price of one at $35 per person. Their harder level, sniper, is $35 per person.

“Experience the magic of the circus up close and personal at Teatro Zinzanni’s production of The Hot Spot.

The Hot Spot is a modern and comedic three-and-a-half hour circus act running at Teatro Zinzanni until June 7.

Although many people have experienced the circus before, Teatro Zinzanni founder Norm Langill said that his productions are unlike anything you’ve seen.

“The audience is onstage with the performers,” Langill said. “The ‘fourth wall’ common in theater is nearly transparent.”

Although Langill’s love for the performing arts has always been prominent, circus acts weren’t always his focus.

“I produced a musical for the Barcelona Olympics Arts Festival called Gumbo Ya Ya with split cast - Japanese and Louisiana Cajun performers - about rice farming in Louisiana,” Langill said. “While I was in Barcelona, I walked into a Spiegeltent on the Ramblas and I got the epiphany to do Teatro Zinzanni.”

Passion isn’t the only thing that drives a good performance however. Langill said a talented cast is another huge factor in the success of a production.

“We cast the best of Zinzanni’s favorite and funniest performers [for this show],” Langill said.

Cast members include actor and impressionist Frank Ferrante, actor and aerialist Dreya Weber, as well as a new chanteuse, Lady Rita.

Although this production has no age restrictions, Langill said that he believes this show will be a hit particularly with young adults.

“I think they will have never seen or heard anything like it,” Langill said.

“A great, wild, and elegant date night. At its core, it is the nightclub of your dreams,” he said.

Aside from a riveting show, tickets also include a five-course meal with meat, seafood, and vegetarian options.

Tickets range from $99 to $173 per person and are available online at zinzanni.com, or in person at their box office. Teatro ZinZanni is located at 222 Mercer St. in Seattle.
By Sam McCullough and Kayla Dickson
Staff Reporters

Jessica Raskoso is planning on being treated like a queen by her doting boyfriend this Valentine’s Day.
“My boyfriend is taking me to Palisade in Seattle. He really likes to spoil me, especially on holidays,” said Raskoso, a Highline student.

Some students are choosing to celebrate elaborately as well by going to the movies and out to dinner.
“Instead of my girlfriend out to dinner in Seattle. It’s by the waterfront,” said a student who refused to give his name to keep the date a surprise.
“Wedding. We are going to see Fifty Shades of Grey,” said Lindsey McMan, a Highline student.

Some students are deciding to celebrate casually by just hanging out with their significant others.

“I’m going out with my boyfriend this Valentine’s Day. My boyfriend and I will probably just watch something on Netflix,” said Alexis Smith, a Highline student.
“We’ll probably order take-out as well,” said Smith.

“I’m not sure what we’re going to do. Maybe we’ll play video games,” said student Maxwell Gurnez.

Valentine’s Day is generally thought of as a lovely holiday, but some students will beg to differ.
“One time, I got stood up. I waited for two hours before I just went out,” said student Mack Streeter.
“I’ve never really had a bad experience, but then again I’ve never had a Valentine date,” said student Ben Ramirez.

One year I dumped a guy on Valentine’s Day thinking it would make things easier. Needless to say, I was very wrong. One word of advice: never do that,” said Raskoso.

But not all Valentine’s Day stories are horror stories.
“My boyfriend and I kissed for the first time on Valentine’s Day last year. This is kind of our anniversary,” said student Makayla Long.

Valentine’s Day will be celebrated this Saturday, Feb. 14, but some students remain clueless.
“It’s almost Valentine’s Day?” asked student Brendan Newell.

By Kayla Dickson
Staff Reporter

Anyone can game, and a cafe in Normandy Park is proving it.
Lotus Coast Gaming Cafe has been allowing gamers of all ages to compete and eat since their opening as “Card Advantage” in 2010.
“In the beginning it was just Magic: the Gathering and role-playing games,” said Olivia Greenwood, the current owner of the cafe. “Although our primary focus is still Magic, now we also host games of Warhammer, Pokemon and Pathfinder, to name a few.”

Greenwood and her husband Samuel purchased the business from family friends in August.
“I started going there because I played Magic and they were the only place hosting Friday night Magic tournaments on Christmas Eve,” Greenwood said. “Since owning the place, we’ve been really busy putting together new events for potential gamers.”

Lotus Coast Gaming Cafe has different tournaments near every night of the week, and every tournament has prizes.

On Tuesdays starting March 1, the cafe will be hosting Star City Game Night, a sponsored tournament that offers additional prizes.

Lotus Coast also sells gaming equipment such as cards, dice, mats, card sleeves, and more.

“Generally we know that gamers aren’t the richest audience, so we also have a lot of things here people can borrow,” Greenwood said. “But we do not lend cards. We have cards to purchase, but you must have your own deck.”

All games aside, Lotus Coast Gaming Cafe also doubles as a casual-dining restaurant.
“We try to keep all of our foods relatively mess-free,” Greenwood said. “They all tend to be finger foods and served in baskets. Regardless, the people that come in are very respectful, and careful not to make messes.”

Lotus Coast places a lot of “We want gamers of all ages to feel comfortable and safe. This means we don’t tolerate negative language or behavior,” she said.

Lotus Coast caters to gamers of all age groups.
“We have a wide variety of people walk through the doors,” said Greenwood. “The age varies. We have kids as young as 7 coming in to play Pokemon on Thursdays, and we have middle-aged magic players. It really depends.”

Greenwood said that face-to-face gaming such as Magic and Dungeons and Dragons is best suited for young adults, particularly for this generation.

“Games like these are great because they appeal to social gaming,” Greenwood said. “You get to come out and play with your friends and build a community.”

“Everybody these days is so used to computers that they forget how much fun it is to be social,” she said.

Their hours noon-9 p.m. on Tuesday-Thursday, and noon-5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. They are closed on Mondays. The store is at 17851 1st Ave. S. in Normandy Park.

Local cafe can feed your need for magic

A player struggling against his opponent in Magic: the Gathering.

The show is all-ages, and tickets are $15. You can buy them online at brownpapertickets.com or pay at the door.
B-ball teams raise breast cancer awareness

By Xavier L. Henderson
Staff Reporter

The Highline’s Women Program is teaming up with T-Bird’s men and women’s basketball teams to raise awareness of breast cancer.

Highline’s men and women will play rival Green River College in the Pavilion on Feb. 25.

“We want more people to become aware and involved,” said Natorious Ezell, event coordinator. “I don’t want people to go through losing someone in order to become involved.”

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“Heavily focusing on our ball, we’re getting more opportunities because our defense is causing more turnovers and a lot of missed shots, so it’s easier for us to get on the fast break.”

After Grays Harbor, the T-Birds have a date at home with Centralia on Valentine’s Day this Sat at 2 p.m. and then another home game at 2 p.m. Feb. 21 against South Puget Sound.

Thunderbirds lead West Division

By Charles Prater
Staff Reporter

The T-Birds have sole possession of the No. 1 spot in the West Division after wins against Lower Columbia and Tacoma.

Highline, 9-2 (17-6 overall), came into the game against the Red Devils with a chance to separate themselves from the rest of the teams eying the No. 1 spot.

The T-Birds previously faced Lower Columbia, 8-3 (16-8 overall), winning 87-64, and this time was no different as Highline went on to win, 84-81.

The Thunderbirds have been a great second half team, but in this game, they showed they could start off strong.

The T-Birds shot 46 percent from the field in the first half, and added five threes to go along with it.

Highline also held Lower Columbia to 35 percent from the field and shot only 25 percent from the three-point line.

With everything clicking, the T-Birds ended the first half up 49-34.

The Red Devils used half-time as a chance to make some adjustments and raised their field goal percentage to 50 percent, but were outmatched by Highline’s teamwork and 55 percent shooting from the field, which helped them close out the game.

“We jumped on them early then lost focus offensively and let them back in the game,” said Highline Head Coach Che Dawson.

“Our guys did a nice job of sticking together during the second half adversity.”

A trio of T-Birds led Highline, with sophomore Ben Tucavkovic scoring 20 points, sophomore Doug McDaniel adding 17 points, and sophomore Madison McCaffrey netting 16.

“Coach told us that they would probably sag off us like last time to force us to shoot jump shots. So we just attacked the baskets a lot more this time,” said sophomore guard Harold Lee.

“I think in the first half we executed everything well, but the momentum swung in their favor, making it a very close game in the second half,” said freshman forward Remeake Keith.

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“The Titans went 14 out of 16 from three-point range, shooting 87 percent.

The T-Birds learned from those mistakes and held the Titans to a mere 30 percent from beyond the arc and won a close one on the road, 67-61.

It was a low scoring affair due to both teams struggling to shoot the ball.

Highline hit seven three pointers in the first half and shot 50 percent from the field, but struggled finding their rhythm in the second half shooting 37 percent.

The same can be said for Tacoma, as they never found the shooting touch they had in the previous match-up, going 30 percent from both the field and the three-point line.

“Last year was a nice turn out, but the Seahawks rally took away a lot of people from us,” said Ezell.

It felt real good to get a win against the team that gave us our first loss in division play,” said Keith.

“Beating Tacoma put us in a position to finish first in the West Division, so that was a pretty big win for us, especially since they beat us at home,” said Keum.

The T-Birds had a chance to extend that lead on Wednesday, when they went on the road to face Grays Harbor, 4-5 (9-12 overall), with results unavailable at press time.

The Chokers will be led by sophomore guard K.C. Harrison, who is seventh in the league in scoring with 19 points a game.

Not only would a win increase their lead on first place, but it will give the T-Birds a four-game win streak.

“It’s not so much about the wins, but staying focused, positive and purpose driven,” said Dawson.

“We’ve done a nice job of that, but need to stay driven on all three of those fronts.”

“I feel like we are doing everything fine, just a couple of pieces missing to get us really going,” said Keith.

“We’re playing as a team again,” said Harold Lee.

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The women’s game against Green River will start at 6 p.m. and the men’s game starts at 8.
Lady T-Birds jump into third

By Mikel Abrahma
Staff Reporter

The resilient Lady Thunderbirds avoided back-to-back losses to keep their playoff hopes alive.

Highline’s quest to climb the NWAC West Division standings, they stumbled upon league leader Lower Columbia.

The Lady Thunderbirds suffered their first home loss of the season, losing, 80-63 on Wednesday, Feb.4.

Highline struggled early and were up against a 19-point deficit at the half.

Head coach of the Lady Thunderbirds Amber Rowe Mosley said they were not ready to play.

“We did not begin the game with enough intensity and dug too deep of a hole,” said Mosley.

“We played better in the second-half but they made some big shots down the stretch when they were needed.”

In the second half, Highline outscored Lower Columbia 39-37 but that wasn’t enough to overcome their rough start at the beginning of the game.

The Lady Thunderbirds shot 28 percent while Lower Columbia shot 48 percent.

Highline’s Chardonnae Miller racked up 18 points and 11 rebounds while Ionna Price pitched in 14 points and 7 rebounds.

Kaylae Knox led Lower Columbia with 24 points on 7 of 12 shooting to help lead the Red Devils to victory.

Throughout the season, the Lady Thunderbirds have taken advantage of their games following a loss. After taking on Lower Columbia, Highline had the opportunity to bounce back against the Tacoma Titans and they did just that.

Despite shooting 36 percent, Highline still managed to beat the Titans by 41 points and pull out the 79-38 win.

Price led Highline with 14 points and 5 blocks while Miller contributed 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Calli Remitz had 10 points for Tacoma.

Although the Lady Thunderbirds won by big margin, it didn’t impress Coach Mosley and her focus remained on her team’s flaws.

“We did not shoot great at TCC but played really well in the second half again,” she said.

Highline has made it a habit to start slow and finish strong, but Coach Mosley said she hopes that will change.

“I am hoping come March we can put this half-together and be really hard to beat,” says Mosley.

Highline’s win improved them to 6-3 in the league and third place in the NWAC West Division.

Highline played Grays Harbor on Wednesday, Feb.11, with results unavailable at press time.

Following that game, the Lady Thunderbirds will enter their last bye of the season.

Coach Mosley said the bye would be used to rest her players and focus on details.

“The bye week will focus on getting healthy and fresh as well as details, just trying to get the details down,” she said.

Up next, Highline plays the next two games at home. They will host Centralia on Saturday, Feb.14, and Puget Sound on Wednesday, Feb.21.

Wrestlers prepare for tough matches

By Xavier L. Henderson
Staff Reporter

Highline wrestlers expect the fight of their lives in this week-end’s Region 18 Championship.

The tournament will be on Saturday, Feb.13, in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.

This tournament features six teams including five of the top 20 in the country. This list includes No.1 Clackamas, No.3, Idaho, No.10 Southwestern Oregon, No.16 West Wyoming, and No.17 Highline College.

Assistant Coach Bradley Luvua has high hopes for Highline’s wrestlers.

“I believe all our wrestlers can make it to nationals,” he said.

Head Coach Josh Rhonder of No.1 Clackamas said every one of his wrestlers will advance to nationals as well. Clackamas has every single wrestler ranked in the top 10 in their weight divisions.

“We’ve been preparing our heavyweight for Ben Tynan. We lost to him by only one point in our last meeting with him,” said Rhonder. “Our goal as a team is nationals. So for regionals we just tell everyone to qualify, so there’s no pressure for them to win.”

Highline heavyweight wrestler Ben Tynan has a huge target on his back as he moves into this tournament as the new No.1 ranked wrestler in the country.

Tynan said he’s ready for the competition.

“I don’t care how much they prepare. I have my own game plan,” said Tynan. “I’m a much different wrestler than last year and I’m the No. 1 guy everyone’s looking to take down. I will do what I normally do to win.”

For some wrestlers who are not ranked in their divisions, there is still hope. Wrestlers who place top four in the tournament in their weight classes will advance to nationals in Des Moines, Iowa, no matter their record.

“You only have to be on three days of the years- Regionals and nationals,” Luvasa said earlier this season.

Highline 184 pounder Connor Rosane said he believes he can walk away as No.1.

“I feel good, I feel pretty confident. I feel I can compete with anyone in my bracket,” said Rosane.

Rosane said that he only isn’t ranked because he has been injured or sick when it has come time to face a ranked opponent.

Rosane said he is fully recovered and ready to make a statement in the Region 18 tournament.

Andie Munkh-Erdene/THUNDERWORD

Highline’s Chardonnae Miller (middle), rises up for a jump shot in Wed. loss against Lower Columbia.

Andie Munkh-Erdene/THUNDERWORD

Wrestler Justin Weiding practices for his upcoming match this Saturday at the Region 18 Championship.
Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
There could be some negative reaction to your tough stance when making a recent decision. But overall, your efforts result in well-earned recognition and all that can follow from that.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Your financial situation seems confusing, even for the fiscally savvy Bovine. Maybe it’s the conflicting advice you’re getting. Check it out before things get too tangled to unknot.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
A relaxed attitude goes a long way in helping you deal with any of life’s irritants that might be popping up this week. You’re also a reassuring role model for others in the same situation.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Your aspect favors creativity, which should persuade you to work on your artistic projects. If time is a problem, prioritize your commitments so that your work isn’t compromised.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
Scrutinize all the job offers that interest you. Most are honest and worth considering. But a few might not be completely forthcoming about what the job is and what the salary and benefits are.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
An unexpected snafu could delay the completion of a project you’re eager to finish. Find out what’s causing it, fix it, and if you need help, don’t be shy about asking for it. Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
An idea that could be helpful to you comes from an unlikely source. Listen to it. Discuss it. If necessary, adjust it. If it looks as if it might work out quite well, go ahead and use it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
Be careful about allowing someone to share a very personal secret with you. This could cause problems down the line with others who are involved in that person’s private life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
A cooling down of a relationship could be the result of neglect, unintended or not. To save it from icing over, you need to warm it up with a large dose of hot Sagittarius passion.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
This is a good time to get involved with a number of family matters that involve money and other issues that might jeopardize the closeness between and among family members.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
Cheer up. That difficult person who appears to be deliberately stalling your project might just need to be reassured of the value she or he brings to it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
Good news! Expect to feel re-energized now that you’ve gone through that stressful energy-depleting period involving a lot of changes. Now, go out there and show them what you can do.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a warm, giving nature that inspires many to follow your example.

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It’s all about the plankton

Moses parts waters on tiny marine organisms

By Ferdaws Abbasi
Staff Reporter

Plankton are at the base of the Puget Sound food chain. Without them, higher forms of life could not exist, a Highline professor said at last week’s Science Seminar.

“A plankton is anything in the water that cannot swim against a current,” marine biologist Woody Moses said. “They go wherever the motion takes them. They cannot choose their own direction.”

The name plankton refers to two types; plant or animal and their shapes and sizes range from 20 micrometers to two meters.

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There are two basic classifications: zooplankton are plankton that live while Meroplankton spend the first cycle of their lives not being able to swim against a current,” Moses said.

And then there are Pteropoda, which are a unique group of snails. When the larvae hatch they either develop to be a regular snail with a shell, or grow wings and float around with other plankton.

Either way, plankton are constantly in motion.

Some plankton come up at night to feed and some come up during the day.

“Zooplankton move up at night to feed and hides down low during the daytime to avoid predators,” Moses said. During WWII, submarines would observe huge masses of plankton moving up and down in the water column at night.

This week’s Science Seminar is about “Understanding Suicide” by psychology professor Bob Baugher. It takes place on Friday, Feb. 13 at 1:30-2:30 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.

Get your taxes done for free at Highline

By Gary Narwal
Staff Reporter

Highline is offering free help in preparing federal income tax returns for anyone making $60,000 or less in a single household.

There are accounting students who volunteer to help file tax returns. They complete two days of training that makes them IRS advanced certified.

A tax site manager is also there on site to run the tax service.

United Way of King County manages the program.

“Volunteers come from all different backgrounds and professions. However, a number of volunteers at the Highline tax site are accounting students at Highline College,” said Jenny Walden, the Basic Needs Program coordinator for United Way of King County.

The manager makes sure all returns are done correctly and that clients get the credits they are eligible for.

“Basically every return has two people checking for accuracy and completion— one is the volunteer tax preparer and the other is the site manager quality reviewer,” Walden said.

Highline is the only college that offers the free tax service from January to April. Last year the tax site here filed 491 returns alone.

“People pay up to $300 to get their taxes done and if they want to get more credits they are eligible for, they have to pay more,” Walden said.

“Our campaign is based around anti-poverty, we want to help the community,” she said.

The tax site usually gets really busy in February due to people filing as soon as possible so they can get their refunds, and again in April for people who have more complicated returns, may owe taxes, or those who have procrastinated.

The Highline tax site has extended its service.

“April does get busy again, which is why we have extended our tax sites to be open until April 18 so people who missed the deadline, can still come in and file their taxes with us” Walden said.

Weekends are typically really busy, so if you are able to go to a tax site on a weekday evening that would be the best time especially between mid- to late March.

“March is a lot slower at the tax site, so chances are you would get helped right away if you stopped by in mid- to late March,” Walden said.

The Highline tax site is in Building 99 on the second floor.
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met with a small group of stu-
dents. As not every student got to
meet with the legislators, there
was opportunity to reach them
in the form of pre-printed cards
supplied by the Highline Stu-
dent Government, each with the
same message of increasing state
funding of higher educa-
tion, upon which students could
write their names and legisla-
tive districts.

Three students got the chance to meet briefly with Rep. Hudgins.

Rep. Hudgins is the chair-
man of the House Committee
for General Government and
Information Technology, and it is
a member of the House Com-
mittee for Appropriations, both
of which heavily involve the
state budget.

On the status of the 2015-
2017 budget, he said the docu-
ment only gets finalized in the
last few days of a 105-day legisla-
tive session.

In the past, Washington law-
makers have had to hold emer-
gency sessions beyond that ses-
sion because they failed to pass
a budget.

Rep. Hudgins also answered
some questions from the stu-
dents.

“If we can legalize marijuana,
why can’t we fund higher edi-
tion?” a student asked.

Rep. Hudgins said that col-
lege students could use the pow-
er of voter initiatives to get their
goals in the spotlight, though
they would need 246,000 signa-
tures to get one on the ballot.

Rep. Hudgins told the stu-
dents that they could come back
and shadow him for a day.

He said his only requirement
was that they watch him be the
state equivalent to C-SPAN, so
they know what awaits them in
the endless committee meet-
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of thinking, she said. When
someone stereotypes, they don’t use their own reasoning to figure things out, they just
assume, Chavez said.

She gave examples such as
“all Latinos speak Spanish” or
“all Latinos have brown eyes”
as false stereotypes that many
non-Latino people believe.

Negative stereotypes are
something that people in the
Latino community deal with
every day, Chavez said.

By Renee Nelson
Staff Reporter

It’s time to break the nega-
tive stereotypes about Latinos,
then Highline alumnus told the
Latino Summit on Tuesday.

Jessica Rangel addressed
how Latinos contribute to so-
ciety in positive ways, even
though popular belief often
portrays the opposite.

All Latinos work low-in-
come manual labor jobs. All
Latinos are immigrants. These
are a couple well-known ste-
reotypes about Latinos that
need to be disproved, Rangel
said.

Singer Ricky Martin was
identified in a 2011 poll by
Forbes magazine as the No. 1
image of Latino success in the
United States, Rangel said.

“But there’s more out there
than the music and film in-
dustry,” she said. “There are
also people in suits. There are
CEOs.”

There are Latinos who have
made history, but they are
sometimes overlooked.

[Former Attorney Gener-
al] Alberto Gonzales. [Former
US Ambassador to the United
Nations and New Mexico Gov.
Bill Richardson. [Argentinian
Pope Francis. [Former astro-
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she said.

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aware of the violence of abor-
tion,” said Burt. “It’s ugly, but
it’s truth.”

Both English and Burt are
not directly affiliated with any
church or organization, and use
their own money to finance the
travel and signage expen-
ses, with each color sign costing
more than $90.

English and Burt have pri-
marily visited abortion clinics
and Planned Parenthood loca-
tions from north Seattle down
to Tacoma. Only recently have
they begun standing outside of
Planned Parenthood loca-
tions from north Seattle down
to Tacoma. Only recently have
they begun standing outside of
high schools and colleges.

“They [the students] are the
ones who are most sexually ac-

tive, having sex with anyone
they meet without thinking of
the consequences,” said Burt.

“Their protection is protection
you can use, but they’re not fail-safe.

Condoms can break. The pills
could not work. There are better
choices. Abortion is being used
as birth control and that’s not
OK,” Burt said.

English said he has personal-
ly faced the abortion issue with
his own daughter. He took her
to an abortion clinic when she
was 15 years old.

“It bit me hard when I real-
ized what I’d done. It took 20
years to get over the grief,” he
said.

The reactions to their mes-
sages runs from both the pos-
tive to the negative end of the
spectrum, reaching as far as an
assault against English.

“A 38-year-old man came
up behind me. I didn’t hear
him. He pushed me hard to the
ground and into the road. I still
have whiplash and bruises from
it,” said English.

Latinos are more than stereotypes

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though popular belief often
portrays the opposite.

All Latinos work low-in-
come manual labor jobs. All
Latinos are immigrants. These
are a couple well-known ste-
reotypes about Latinos that
need to be disproved, Rangel
said.

Singer Ricky Martin was
identified in a 2011 poll by
Forbes magazine as the No. 1
image of Latino success in the
United States, Rangel said.

“But there’s more out there
than the music and film in-
dustry,” she said. “There are
also people in suits. There are
CEOs.”

There are Latinos who have
made history, but they are
sometimes overlooked.

[Former Attorney Gener-
al] Alberto Gonzales. [Former
US Ambassador to the United
Nations and New Mexico Gov.
Bill Richardson. [Argentinian
Pope Francis. [Former astro-
naut and current Director of
the Johnson Space Center] El-
len Ochoa. [Nobel Prize-win-
ning chemist] Mario Molina,”
she said.

“Not that those opposed to
abortion have made a better
.