Dog’s journey ends with a wag of his tail

By Bryce Sizemore
Staff Reporter

The golden Labrador found on campus recently took a long journey to find a home.

As of last week, the fate of the dog named Duke was up in the air. The animal, after being cared for by staff and faculty, waited at Marine View Veterinary Hospital for its owner to decide whether to collect the dog or put it up for adoption. Upon contacting the owner, it was discovered that the dog had traveled all the way from Kennewick, and he somehow hitchhiked his way to Des Moines. The owner also said that the dog has a tendency to escape, and be friendly with people after escaping his yard.

As engineering Professor Judy Mannard took Duke to the vet, she noticed how sweet and well behaved he is.

“He was happy to jump right into my car on the way to my car and jumped right out when we got there,” said Mannard.

“The time he goes out, he makes new friends,” said Building 5 Secretary Lauri Spivey. She theorized that Duke was able to hitch a ride to Highline with people he befriended after getting out of his yard.

While he was at the veterinarian, Duke was evaluated and given a clean bill of health. During his time there, he made friends, and given a clean bill of health. During his time there, he made friends.

“I hope Duke has a long and happy life,” said Johnson.

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Activists rip cops

Presenters say police forces should be abolished

By Sam McCullough
Staff Reporter

The police and prison systems should be abolished and the country should instead focus on community engagement, said Marissa Johnson, a Black Lives Matter activist.

Johnson spoke at a discussion held after a screening of Arresting Power.

The documentary focused on police brutality cases in Portland and the protests following those deaths. The film also alluded to prisons and the police being rooted in slavery.

“I don’t trust the police. The only way for them to fight the system is toquit their jobs,” Johnson said.

Johnson is a leader of Outside Agitators 206, a Seattle-based program that wants to end police departments.

“One time my friend and I were leaving a meeting and we saw a cop. We knew he had been sitting there too long, so we went and started questioning him,” said Johnson.

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Jobe, Enriquez win big in Highline Student Government elections

By Sam McCullough and Tiffany Thompson
Staff Reporters

Pa Ousman Jobe and Richelle Enriquez were elected as president and vice president in last week’s Student Government elections.

Jobe won for president with 423 votes. Kendall Evans got 235 votes and Lisa Gamido got 52 votes.

Enriquez won for vice president with 351 votes. Dominic Allen got 184 votes and Mingheng Wu got 140 votes.

Jobe, a business major, said he plans to make big changes.

“I struggled when I first came to Highline because it is very expensive and I felt alone,” he said.

He discussed plans to make textbooks cheaper, so students have extra money.

“I would like to find a way to get instructors to use open educational resources and to use the same textbook from Fall to Spring Quarter,” Jobe said.

Also, he wants to make students aware of the programs available on campus. He said that such resources helped him a lot when he first came to Highline.

“I want to make more students aware of the resources we have on campus. I’ve noticed that a lot of students don’t know about half of the resources we have,” Jobe said.

He said he’s excited about being a leader at Highline and hopes to carry this leadership into the future.

“I’m just trying to see a better society and it starts here,” Jobe said.

As president, Jobe will serve on the Services and Activities Budget Committee, schedule quarterly meetings with the president of Highline, attend the Board of Trustee meetings, and appoint students to serve on various campus committees.

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Change for Change raises dough

Political Science and State and Local Government students raised $738.35 for the Genesis Project in Monday’s Change for Change bake sale in the Student Union. All proceeds have been donated to the Genesis Project, a local non-profit dedicated to helping young women escape lives as prostitutes.

By Bryce Sizemore
Staff Reporter

Public Safety was dispatched to the third floor restroom of Building 3 about a male student who may have been having a seizure at noon on May 12.

Public Safety responds to reports of a man panhandling in classroom Building 29 at noon on May 12. The wallet was located in a rolled up pair of pants in his backpack.

Lost wallet found in pocket

A student reported to Public Safety that his wallet had been stolen at noon on May 14. The wallet was located in a rolled up pair of pants in his backpack.

Begger evades Public Safety

Public Safety responded to reports of a man panhandling on the second floor of Building 29 at noon on May 6. The man, holding a bottle of liquor and an empty can of soda, was asking for money from students and faculty. Public Safety was unable to find the man.

Ford Explorer achieves infamy

Public Safety is on the lookout for a white Ford Explorer that has amassed 11 parking citations. The vehicle will be towed on sight.

Youth joblessness above 10 percent

A study for the month of April by Generation Opportunity, a non-partisan youth advocacy group, placed national youth unemployment at 13.8 percent. In this case, youth applies to individuals between the ages of 18 and 29.

Generation Opportunity officials said that youth are especially impacted by unemployment due to high education costs.

Vets Roundtable canceled until fall

The Veterans Roundtable originally scheduled for today has been canceled due to scheduling conflicts. The roundtable was originally planned to be an opportunity to discuss veteran needs, create goals and to help inform veterans and their dependents about what services are available to them both on and off campus.

"I'm hoping to bring together the veteran community," said Demetrius Hatcher, program manager of Veterans Student Support Programs.

Hatcher said he wants to help veterans network so they can get to know each other. He also said he wants to develop policies and procedures to help Highline veterans and their dependents achieve their goals.

"That's when I decided we needed a Black Student Union," she said. "The purpose of the BSU is to continue to educate veterans, school administrators and their communities in the United States and other countries."

Wang exchanged with Lena Kaneko, who is teaching English in Shanghai, China," Wang said. "This is my first time at Highline and I am glad to be here."

The purpose of teacher exchange program is to improve mutual understanding among teachers, school administrators and their communities in the United States and other countries.

About 20 professors recently gathered in Building 3 to welcome Wang to Highline, where they learned that she loves traveling and camping. The professors made her feel at home by inviting her to go hiking with them.

Wang said that all of her weekends are now occupied with different hikes.
Memorial Day celebrates red, white, blue

By Jason Bendickson  
Staff Reporter

No classes will be held Monday in observance of Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a U.S. federal holiday commemorating the people who died while serving in the country’s armed forces.

A Memorial Day service will be held today at 11:30 a.m. in Building 8, Mt. Constance room on the first floor.

Brian Galloway, Veteran’s Program director and also the event’s organizer, said the event is being held to remember and honor those who have died in the service of our countries’ armed forces.

A U.S. Army band from Joint Base Lewis-McChord will be playing the opening music. They will also Present the Colors and play Taps.

The welcoming address and opening remarks will be made by student veteran Samuel Thomas.

State Rep. Hans Zeiger, R-25th District, will be the guest speaker. Rep. Zeiger is also a second lieutenant in the Washington Air National Guard.

Refreshments and snacks will be available after the conclusion.

“Everyone is encouraged to stay afterwards to visit and talk,” Galloway said.

The ceremony will be held in Building 8 because Highline’s veteran’s plaza won’t be completed by Memorial Day.

The project is just south of Building 6 and west of Building 5. The new memorial will replace the overgrown POW/MIA commemoration that had fallen into disrepair.

The new memorial will include colored concrete, incorporating the red, white and blue of the national flag into the structure and will focus on the POW/MIA flag that will be displayed in front of a low wall inscribed with the words: Past, Present and Future. The floor of the memorial will be a representation of the stars and stripes.

Two plaques from the old memorial were removed and will be reused in the new construction.

But some of the design is proving problematic.

The main wall that was poured had to be torn down and rebuilt because it had too many air pockets.

Karen Herndon, the college’s Facilities project manager, said the type of concrete form that was used and due to the curved shape of the wall, it did not allow for it to be vibrated by machine to remove the air pockets.

The new concrete form was incorporated rebar and was strengthened to the point where it could be vibrated by machine. It also didn’t help that a water line was struck early into construction.

Herndon said that a pipe was five feet south from where it was supposed to be and it did not show up when locating devices were used to assess the area before construction began.

Contractor L.W. Sundstrom Inc. of Ravensdale was not authorized to make the repairs, so another contractor had to make the repairs to the water line running to Building 5.

Then there was a problem with the colored concrete.

The second load of blue concrete also had too much oxygen according to the tester, but it was poured anyway. Herndon said it will be watched closely for spalling or crumbling and then strength tested once it is set.

Herndon said red will be the most difficult color to work with and it will be poured on May 27.

“L.W. Sundstrom Inc. is a small contractor. They have listened to us and worked very hard,” Herndon said.

The original goal was to complete the project sometime in mid May, in time for a dedication ceremony before Memorial Day.

“We want the project done by Memorial Day,” Herndon had said originally.

With the delays, Herndon said the project should be complete by June 1.

Details of the dedication ceremony are still being formulated.

Highline rewards women in action with positive reaction

By Tiffany Thompson  
Staff Reporter

Highline Women’s Program honored mothers, daughters, sisters, students, staff and faculty members during the 33rd Annual Women’s Celebration by recognizing Women In Action on May 6.

Jean Munro, Women’s Program Work first adviser; Alycia Williams, program assistant; and other staff members honored various women who have shown courage, strength, and determination when times seemed hopeless and helpless.

Each woman was honored with a plaque and an elegant glass centerpiece platter.

Judith Kabanga, high school program assistant, was nominated by Donna Adang, Professional Planning and Advising.

“I saw her grow so much over the years since she came to the United States from the Democratic Republic of the Congo at 20 years of age,” he said.

“After many hardships and obstacles she is confident in herself and now knows that being a nurse and helping others is where she belongs,” Aguilar said.

“I felt so little to receive something so huge,” said Kabanga. “To know someone appreciates what you do is a special.”

Kabanga will be graduating from the Peace Corps this spring and will be applying to nursing programs across the state.

Anne Intissar, An Nguyen, and Tess O’Rourke, assistant leaders at the Writing Center, were nominated by Rosemary Adang.

“These women have dealt with difficulties in their lives and still manage to support other students as well as seek out support for themselves,” said Adang.

Anne Intissar, who is from the Central Africa Republic (CAR), considered to be the poorest country in the world, came to Highline having lived through incredible dangers and experience of violence and poverty,” said Adang.

“Unfortunately, after we offered her the job position as a peer writing consultant, extreme violence broke out in the CAR and she had to fly home immediately to help and support family,” she said.

After months of being gone, Intissar returned to Highline with her family safe and away from danger.

Intissar, who is highly recognized at the Writing Center, was not available for interview at press time.

Toni Castro, vice president of Student Services, was also among the women who were acknowledged for their outstanding work.

“I can’t believe you guys got this past me,” said Castro. “I signed off on these and I didn’t see this.”

Highline Professor Liz Word also received recognition for her work and on campus.

Maria Tolzor, who was in charge of receiving donations for the event, was surprised when she received her award for being a Woman in Action. Among women re-ceived include, Destry Ezell, Audra Ezell, Octaviea Townsend, Jennifer Langworthy-Ericsson, Shannon Watts, Darian Litus, Dorothy Martin, Michelle McClendon, Autumn Beel-Peters, Ronda O’Brien, Linda Malnack, Bonus Unchang, Anana Thomas, Michelle McBride, and Catherine Choula.
Ocean shouldn’t pay for our sins

Commentary

Sam McCullough

The problems that arise when oil is spilled are horrible for the environment. Oil is a chemical substance with a high carbon and hydrogen content. When this substance is spilled into a body of water, it floats across the surface and can cause damage to marine life. Oil spills can also cause harm to people who come into contact with it.

If you feel like you don’t have to stop at the stop sign because you’re a good driver, but an accident could happen to anyone. Is being unsafe worth whatever you think is more important than your and other’s safety.

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!

Rules are in place for a reason, so follow them

Rules are in place for a reason. Rules keep us safe. Rules set boundaries that prevent us from creating harmful environments or causing harm to other people. Such as the no-smoking policy here at Highline. This rule isn’t in place because Highline wants to take your freedom away. If that were the intent, they would just ban smoking on campus all together. That rule is in place because you never know a person’s health condition. Inhaling smoke is detrimental to everyone. There may be few people who have severe breathing issues.

To the rule-breaking smokers who don’t feel the need to follow that rule, you could be putting someone’s life in danger. There are going to be rules you have to follow throughout your life. It doesn’t matter if you’re your own boss, or you’re not under another’s rule. You still have to follow the laws of the state. For example, traffic laws are broken all the time because people think they know more than the people who set them. Such as the speed limit, or a stop sign. If you feel like you don’t have to stop at the stop sign because you can see when people are coming or you don’t have time to stop, you are putting your life and someone else’s at risk of being in an accident.

You may think you wouldn’t get into an accident because you’re a good driver, but an accident could happen to anyone. It is just safer to follow the rules and stay safe. If you choose not to be safe and follow the rules, there are always consequences.

If you don’t follow the rules here at Highline you could potentially no longer be a student here. If you don’t follow the rules of the highway, you could potentially not have a licence or get your means of transportation confiscated from you. But the consequence for not being safe could mean loosing your life.

How many accidents do you need to hear of, of people being reckless and unsafe and losing their life or losing a limb. You may not care about your life but someone else does. Your life impacts others. Is being unsafe worth whatever you think is more important? Is it too hard to drive with caution and follow the rules to the point where you are willing to cause harm to yourself and others?

Nothing is more important than your and other’s safety.

You’re like the Taylor Swift of playwrights.

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Ocean is used every day in our world. It’s used in everything from laundry, plastics, and cars. But the ocean shouldn’t have to pay the ultimate price for us to have to ability to use these items.

On May 11, the Obama Administration gave approval for Royal Dutch Shell to start drilling for oil and gas in the Arctic Ocean. This is a huge victory for the oil industry since the Beaufort and Chukchi seas are rumored to have heaps of gas and oil. Drilling in the Arctic Ocean could be a gold mine.

But haven’t we been here before? Earlier this year, Shell paid an $80 million settlement to the fishing community in Nigeria for two pipeline spills that happened in 2008 and 2009.

Shell never exactly took responsibility, though. In one breath, it said locals stealing oil – a claim that was never proven – caused the spills.

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There are more incidents like this, ones that don’t end in million dollars being awarded to the victims. In the past decade, Shell has been involved in 10 oil spills, according to the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

In one isolated oil spill, an estimated 10,000 sea animals died, according to a PETA report. The ocean covers 70 percent of the Earth. Do we have to ruin it for the possibility of finding oil? The answer is no. Many other non-fossil fuel alternatives are available.

There are a multitude of cars nowadays that don’t need gasoline. They run on electricity, so the owner just plugs them in and they charge up to be used. Also, due to an amazing advance in science, we might be able to drive those roaring hot rods we all love, sans gasoline.

Audi recently released E-Diesel, a gasoline-like substance that is composed of a mixture of solely air and water. This is the stuff of sci-fi movies; the things you would expect to see in a Back to the Future movie.

Well, welcome to the future. As the Obama administration approves Shell’s drilling in the Arctic Ocean just consider what we’re doing.

In the simplest of terms, we’re running the risk of harming the environment and killing thousands of animals for gasoline – a substance that is rapidly being replaced by other, greener substances.

So, next time you watch a Dawn Soap commercial, actually think about the risk we put these animals in, instead of just fawning over their cuteness.

Sam McCullough is the managing editor of the Thunderword.

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**Weekly SUDOKU**
by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ★ ★ Moderate ★ ★★ Challenging ★★★★ HOO BOY!

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**Go Figure!**
by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

**DIFFICULTY: ★**

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**Salome's Stars**

The Fabulous Felines you are as you make new friends and influence the influential.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Expectations run especially high this week, and you should feel confident in your abilities to take advantage of what might be offered.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A recent flurry of activity leaves you in need of a little breathing space, and you’d be wise to take it. Close family members should have an explanation about an emergency situation that just passed.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) An insensitive act makes a difficult situation more so. But try not to waste either your physical or emotional energies in anger. Move on and let others fill the clod in on the facts of life.

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You might not like some people’s idea of a surprise. But you could be in for a pleasant shock when someone finally sends a reply to a request you made so long ago that you almost forgot about it.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) It’s a time to expect the unexpected. So don’t be surprised if a decision that just recently seemed final suddenly opens up and leaves you with another chance to make an important choice.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Taking a different tack on a work project might rankle some colleagues. But the positive results of your innovative course soon speak for themselves. Celebrate with a fun-filled weekend.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Meeting new associates can be awkward, even if you’re in a high positive phase right now. Best advice: Make them feel comfortable, and you’ll soon forget your own discomfort.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) It’s a good time for you social Lions to blow-dry your manes, polish your claws and look like the Fabulous Felines you are as you make new friends and influence the influential.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) It’s a good time to look into that training program or college course you’ve been considering. You might have a good place to use those sharpened skills sooner rather than later.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Education dominates much of your aspect during this week. You might want to start checking out those summer session courses that could help advance your career plans.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Progress often comes in fits and starts. But at least you’re moving straight ahead with no backsliding. You should soon be able to pick up the pace and reach your goals in due time.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Be wary of a deal that gives confusing answers to your questions. Remember: It’s always risky swimming in unknown waters, so you need all the help you can get to stay on course.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a way of bringing people together and creating close friendships wherever you go.

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By Anthony McCurter  

Staff Reporter

Bigfoot will have a star turn this Sunday at the Seattle International Film Festival when a local director and Burien resident debuts his film Valley of the Sasquatch.

The annual Seattle International Film Festival features an assortment of independent and foreign films.

John Portanova is unveiling the third feature film he’s worked on, and it’s an action-horror film about the ever-elusive human-like ape creature, Sasquatch, which is said to live in Washington forests.

Filmed in Roslyn and Snoqualmie, the movie is about a father and son who under dire circumstances are forced to move out of their home and into an old family cabin in the woods.

While struggling to relate with each other, they invite two old friends to the cabin for a weekend of hunting and drinking. But their trip into the trees eventually leads to encounters with not one, but a family of murderous Sasquatches.

Poulsbo native Portanova said he began writing stories in his notebook starting when he decided he wanted to make movies. Valley of the Sasquatch was based off one of the first stories in his notebook called “Night of the Living Dead with Bigfoot.”

He grew up a fan of Bigfoot movies, especially from the ’70s, and studied cryptozoology, which involves the search for creatures that don’t have much evidence for their existence. So, it may not come as a surprise that he would make his debut feature centered around Sasquatch.

“The film just came from a lifelong love of Bigfoot,” Portanova said. Production for this film lasted about nine months in total, including shooting and postproduction.

“With this project I had to keep my stamina up and my brain going for a month of shooting and about nine months altogether of pre and post-production,” Portanova said.

Portanova and his crew shot for 23 days straight last summer before starting the postproduction process.

“It was a great experience. It was the biggest budget and longest schedule my production company, The October People, had to work with and so we enjoyed ourselves,” Portanova said.

“Also didn’t hurt to have a guy running around in a Bigfoot suit and hugging upon ‘blood around,’” Portanova said.

SIFF is not the first film festival Portanova has been a part of. Other films he’s worked on have made it into shows such as the Nevermore Film Festival in Durham, North Carolina, and the Crimson Screen Film Festival in Chicago. As a first-timer, this will be his West Coast debut.

“This is without a doubt the largest film festival I’ve ever been a part of,” Portanova said. Valley of the Sasquatch makes its grand debut on May 24 at 8 p.m. in Cinema Uptown. There will be a second screening on May 26 at 4 p.m. Cinema Uptown is at 511 Queen Anne Ave. N., Seattle.
T-Birds fall short as Spokane wins it all

By Charles Prater
Staff Reporter

The Highline softball team ended its 2015 campaign last Friday in the playoffs, with losses to Wenatchee Valley and Pierce. The T-Birds played last Fri-
day at 10 a.m. in the first round against the Wenatchee Valley Knights. The Knights were the No. 6 team in the tournament going up against the No. 11 seed Thunderbirds.

Highline has a history of struggling in the first round, having not made it out with a win the last nine years. This was also the T-Birds’ fourth straight year making it into the playoffs.

The Knights backed their seed up with their play by scoring runs in a singleinning and shutting out the T-Birds, winning 17-0.

The Knights only scored two runs in the first inning, but then lit it up at the bottom of the second.

League RBI leader Issi Ro-
dríguez registered four RBIs to go along with two doubles. Seven Knights hit doubles, as compared to Highline’s Daysha Felipe, who was the only one to register one for the T-Birds.

Out of the 19 hits Wenatchee Valley had, the Knights scored on 17 of them and had four players with multiple RBI.

With the loss, the T-Birds did not make it to a fifth straight playoff appearance. This is the Saskatchewans fifth championship, and their first since their last one in 1998.

The T-Birds held their own and did well in the first two innings, with T-Bird Hayley Crad-
dock getting three RBI in the two innings to give Highline a 4-1 lead headed into the top of the third.

Unfortunately for High-
line, the Raiders had other plans for how this game was going to go.

Pierce’s Molly LaMotte kicked things off with a home run to begin the inning.

With the bases loaded, the Raiders Maddie Smith connected on a single, giving the Raid-
ers another score and errors by the Thunderbirds allowed two more players to score.

The Raiders scored 10 more runs in the inning, and shut out the T-Birds in the bottom of the third and only allowed one more run the entire game.

With the loss, the T-Birds did not make it past day one and were eliminated from playoff contention.

Pierce moved on to the se-
cond round, only to lose to, 17-5 to Mt. Hood.

No. 4 Mt. Hood made it all the way to the finals to face No. 1 Spokane. Spokane proved to be too much for the Saints, with the Saskatchewans winning, 12-3. Although they did not win the big game and with the sea-
son at a close, the T-Birds have a lot to be proud of.

“We surprised a lot of people this year,” said Coach Evans.

“There are a lot of people who surprised us this season, especially for the people whose first time it was. For us to have gotten this far with a limited number of players is incredible.”

Highline had a couple of First Team West Division All-Stars in pitcher Hayley Crad-
dock, and multi-dimensional Cheyanne Haas.

Named to the second team were pitcher Emma Seymar, infielder Paige Hughes, and out-
fielder Ally Rippingham.

Evans said Liddy Johnson and Melissa Weatherhogg, along with other players, have stepped up big for the team.

“They’ve both played well all season. There have been a lot of people who have stepped up, when we feel like our strongest players are going to have a good game and they don’t, we’ve had other people pick it up and carry the load,” he said.

Highline finished third in the West Division with a 11-7 division record and an overall re-
cord of 16-20.

All season the T-Birds played with a small roster and it looks like it’s going to be getting smaller next sea-
son, as eight of the 11 players on the team are sophomores.

With the offseason on its way, Highline will have time to recruit and get ready for anoth-
er shot at a fifth straight playoff appearance.

Semi-Finals

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Mt. Hood 3 vs. Douglas 2
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at
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in Building 2
for the purpose of reviewing a proposed repeal of the
Highline College
Student Rights & Responsibilities Code WAC 1321-120
and adoption of a new
Student Conduct Code WAC 1321-125

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Dr. Terry Meerdink is this year’s recipient of the Washington Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges teaching service award.

By Bogdan Koval
Staff Reporter

Highline’s Math Department has won its second teaching service award in a row.

The Teaching Service Award is given to teachers who provide outstanding and excellent work that goes beyond the call of duty.

Dr. Terry Meerdink, a math instructor, was recognized for her work when she received the Washington Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges teaching service award for 2015.

Helen Burns, another math instructor, received the award last year.

Dr. Meerdink has taught every level of math on campus except for two classes in the past 18 years.

She started her career at Highline when she finished her degree at the University of Idaho.

“I feel very honored and shocked at the same time,” she said after learning she had won the award.

Besides her contribution in teaching math courses, she is also the Director of Math Resources and helps in the tutoring centers.

“I collaborate and work very well with the students at the tutoring places and believe I provide a service to the school outside of the school,” Dr. Meerdink said.

“Students like my style of teaching and that’s why they stick with my classes,” she said.

“I influence students to see math not as something to get through, but as something fun.”

Dr. Meerdink said she believes that she prepares students fairly well for their futures.

She works with other campus departments such as engineering so that what they’re teaching is in tune with each other to prepare students as best they can, she said.

The Teaching Service Award is Dr. Meerdink’s first award here at Highline.

She said that she believes there are high standards for teaching at Highline and that’s why she was so honored and shocked at the same time when she got the news about her winning the award.

“I’m really grateful to Diana Lee and Dusty Wilson for nominating me for this huge honor,” she said.

Event celebrates clubs

By Quinten Brown
Staff Reporter

Highline will be having its first Club Appreciation Social event to celebrate the accomplishments and efforts of clubs campuswide on May 27.

This party-like event will offer an open buffet and activities available to attendees.

The event began being planned and organized since the start of Spring Quarter by the Center for Leadership and Service.

“This will not be a workshop, rather like a party,” said Frkad Almaroof, Community Leadership Consultant at the Center for Leadership and Service.

Activities will be held by the clubs and monitored by approximately 15 members of the Center for Leadership and Service.

Although there are 60 clubs at the college, only 16 clubs have been confirmed to attend with a total of about 130 members participating.

“This time of the year is really critical for students because of tests and graduation,” Almaroof said.

Even though this event is an “end of the year club appreciation,” it is intended to be the start of new goals outside of the college.

“This event is important to recognize each of us and create a strong connection between students even after they leave Highline,” Almaroof said.

Depending on the impact the event has on the attendees, it is possible that this will become an annual event although its established certainty is undetermined at this time.

The event will be held from 2:5 p.m. at Building 8, in the Mt. Constance/Mt. Olympus room.

Code of conduct to be revised on student input

By Michael Muench
Staff Reporter

Students can comment on Highline’s revision of its Student Code of Conduct at a hearing next Tuesday.

The hearing will take place at 1 p.m. in Building 2.

“Administrators will generalize what issues may need to be addressed, as well as identify whether or not further changes or revisions are necessary,” said Dr. Allison Lau, associate dean for student conduct.

If any issues need to be addressed, they will be directed to the Board of Trustees.

The Student Rights and Responsibilities Code is a legal document, which details college expectations students’ rights, and outlines the process of resolving disciplinary matters and code violations.

The revision will include policies regarding marijuana use, cyber-misconduct and disciplinary processes in relation to sexual misconduct.

Along with these changes, an additional appeal process will be implemented, labeled as the Brief Adjunctive Proceedings.

This addition details a process conducted by a review officer who will determine if a student’s violation of the Code of Conduct warrants disciplinary action.

The code changes are necessary to ensure that Highline is in compliance with our legal obligation under Title IX and Violence Against Women Act,” Dr. Lau said.

For more information visit https://studentservices.highline.edu/srr.php.

First dinosaur found in state

By Donna Gordon Blankinship
Associated Press

SEATTLE, Scientists say they’ve discovered Washington state’s first dinosaur fossil, an announcement that marks a unique find for the state and a rare moment for North America’s Pacific coast.

Paleontologists at Seattle’s Burke Museum said Wednesday that the 80 million-year-old bone fragment probably belonged to an older, smaller cousin of the Tyrannosaurus rex.

Dinosaur fossils are particularly rare along this side of the continent. Isolated skeleton bones have been discovered at about only 10 sites near the shoreline.

They theorize that the area could have been underwater or otherwise uninhabitable.

Washington state’s first dinosaur comes a little more than a year after a 16,000-year-old mammoth tusk was found at a Seattle construction site.

Scientists haven’t been able to identify what specific dinosaur the fossil comes from, since it’s just a fragment. But they’re certain it belonged to a theropod, a group of two-legged carnivores.

The creature probably died on land and washed out to sea, where it took a beating, scientists say. The fragment was the only fossil uncovered at the site.

“This fossil won’t win a beauty contest,” Christian Sidor, the Burke paleontologist who co-wrote the journal article, said in a statement.

“But fortunately it preserves enough anatomy that we were able to compare it to other dinosaurs and be confident of its identification.”
Microsoft eyes Highline for research

By Jon Albers
Staff Reporter

Trying to remember a vast series of computer passwords can be a daunting task, but Microsoft hopes to make it easier and it recently sent researchers to Highline to help make it happen.

Microsoft contractor Insight Global set up shop in the Student Union last week to conduct research on new iris-scanner technology for Windows 10.

Insight Global is an employment service firm which does work in information technology, accounting and finance, among other things, according to the its website.

“We are researching iris recognition technology for a program called Windows Hello,” said Sam Pinsky, the on-site manager for Insight Global.

Windows Hello is scheduled to be a part of Microsoft’s upcoming and coming Windows 10, Pinsky said.

The tests conducted at the booth consisted of holding a light sensor up to the eye, and holding a phone camera at arm’s length while doing a series of instructed movements.

Participants were offered their choice from a selection of prizes which included sunglasses, lanyards, and copies of Halo Wars in French.

Windows 10 may be the last version of the Windows OS that Microsoft makes, according to Forbes Magazine, but the problem of having to memorize passwords may persist.

“Goal is to do away with passwords, patterns, and fingerprint scans for accessing devices, Pinsky said.

There is a major risk in that security strategies such as passwords and even fingerprint scanners can be hacked. Fingerprints can be similar between different people, Pinsky said.

Iris scanners would be much more secure because irises are completely unique to each person, Pinsky said.

At first the proposal to come to Highline for research was sort of a gamble, Pinsky said.

Setting up at Highline could have been a waste of time. But he described the experience as very friendly with very tech-friendly people.

This is the third time such research has been conducted at Highline. Usually the booth attracts 50-70 participants, Pinsky said.

Researchers from Insight Global have also gone to Green River, Cascadia, Northwest University, Lake Washington Tech and Renton Tech to conduct research for new software, Pinsky said.

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Broken boardwalk costs city money

By Jon Albers
Staff Reporter

Less parking revenue could be an effect of the storm damage to the Redondo Beach boardwalk.

The Redondo Beach boardwalk was damaged extensively in a freak storm last Nov. 30.

The storm winds came from the northwest as opposed to the regular prevailing south-west winds.

The city of Des Moines is waiting for the boat repairs. The estimated cost is $2.7 million.

The storm also did extensive damage to the artificial reef, a wave-blocking structure for the boat launch.

The reef will not be repaired in time to use this year as the marina has not begun to repair the reef, Dusenbury said.

Looking to the future, the Marina also has plans to move the restrooms to the other side of the street where they will be less susceptible to storm damage.

The current bathrooms were built in 1980, about 35 years ago, and are reaching the end of their usable life, Dusenbury said.

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Math is a language, prof says

By Jenn S. Tran
Staff Reporter

The origin of math has been on a Highline instructor's mind recently, and he shared his opinions last week on how it all adds up.

Math is the product of evolution and environment. It is the language of science. It is fallible and math is human, Dusty Wilson told last week's Science Seminar.

"After years of alternative school, elementary school, and college, never once in my life have I considered this question," Wilson said.

"The definition I was given was that math was logic," he said.

Citing the origin of mathematics, Wilson began with Euclid, a Greek mathematician known as the father of geometry. Euclid's fifth postulate is from his book Euclid's Elements of Geometry from his treatise Euclid's Elements.

The theory, also known as the parallel postulate, states that if you cut a line segment with two lines, and the two interior angles add up to less than two right angles, then the two lines will eventually meet if you extend them long enough.

Plato, another Greek mathematician who was also a philosopher, created the allegory of the cave.

"The idea that mathematics is discovered out there in another realm," Wilson said.

The question is whether math was created by early mathematicians or math is something floating around waiting to be discovered.

Wilson explained the building blocks of math. Mathematical proofs are built-up from simple axioms: self-evident truths. Axioms are statements that have no proof, and are important because arguments containing logic begins with them. Simple axioms are combined via the laws of logic to create more complex theorems. Wilson said that math is a language.

"Math is cohesive and powerful because it describes the natural world," he said.

The next Science Seminar will be on May 22, with the topic of "Alan Turing and the Enigma Machine" presented by Kurt Giessel from 1:30-2:40 p.m. in Building 3, room 162.

Alum tells students tales of education

By Anna Trinh
Staff Reporter

Highline alumna Tessa Olmstead is still looking for a career, despite two degrees, and as she says, no real solid skill.

She is a program assistant here at Highline, who moonlights teaching ballet at the Momentum Music & Dance Academy in Burien and working at the UW Seattle Neurosurgery Lab.

With a bachelor of science in bioengineering, and a bachelor of arts in dance, Olmstead is still interested in pursuing her childhood dream.

She still wants to become a doctor and although she worked hard to get into medical school, she hasn't been accepted yet.

With intentions of becoming a doctor, and her love for science and dance, she had never expected to double major in both bioengineering and dance.

She encourages people to do pursue what they love.

"Expect to do the unexpected," Olmstead said. "It's OK to have many interests."

"Have broad goals," Olmstead said. "And work towards them, but be open to anything."

"Even if you fail and don't get accepted into whatever field it is that you want to pursue, it's OK," Olmstead said. "Be confident in yourself."

Olmstead urged everyone to keep learning.

"An educated person is well rounded," Olmstead said. "Keep your goals clear."

Students who are interested in bioengineering, who have questions or need advising can contact her through email. Her email is tolmstead@highline.edu.

Next week's Honors Colloquy on May 27 will be veteran and Highline alumnus Dr. BJ Gonzalvo, who will share information about his nontraditional educational path and his career in industrial psychology.

Honors Colloquy meets every Wednesday from 12:15 to 1:20 p.m. in Building 10, room 205.

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Higher education discriminates, prof says

By Angelica Somera

Women in American higher education still receive subtle and even non-subtle discrimination, while tackling male-dominant subjects, a North Seattle professor said last week.

"This week we still earn lower than 20 percent of undergraduate and graduate degrees awarded in math, physics, and engineering," professor Dr. Maureen Murphy Nutting told last week’s History Seminar.

Gender discrimination has not disappeared, she said. Women still report gender challenges in math, science and philosophy.

Dr. Nutting said her daughter, a very young philosopher, experienced the same challenge when she attended a session of the American Philosophical Association in Seattle a few years back.

"At a session where the presenters and most of the audience were men — in epistemology (the philosophy of knowing) — a young male presenter from a university used an example from mathematics that did not work," Dr. Nutting said.

Her daughter had questions, and she waited patiently as the presenters called on every other hand but hers.

Finally, someone behind her called out that there was another question, and they allowed her to speak.

"Once recognized, she said that she didn’t think the presenter’s article worked very well," Dr. Nutting said.

"Before she could explain how, he looked at her and said, 'Well, you are absolutely wrong.' To that, she responded very politely. 'Well, I don’t think so,' and then very clearly explained why his example did not work at all," Dr. Nutting said.

Another example was about a colleague’s very petite daughter, who had recently earned her doctorate in physics from the University of Texas Austin.

When she was a teaching assistant, male students regularly “invaded her space” and challenged the grades they had earned and she had recorded.

They did not do that to the men in the program, Dr. Nutting said.

For decades women have fought for their right to get an education but have always been told that their job was to stay at home, Dr. Nutting said.

It wasn’t until the last year of the Civil War (1865) that Va- sar, this nation’s first women’s college, opened in New York, she said.

It wasn’t until World Wars I and II that many colleges and universities welcomed women into all fields in undergraduate and graduate programs. And it was only because the war drained these institutions of en- rollees and profits, Dr. Nutting said.

Nearly 20 percent of doctorates went to women in 1929, she said.

The Great Depression de- pleted the number of women in college and graduate programs and even more in the job mar- ket, she said.

The Depression also forced closure and mergers of some women’s colleges.

In 1940, the Selective Service pulled lots of men out of col- lege, which opened positions for women, Dr. Nutting said.

Dr. Nutting herself grew up during the time when getting an education was gender spe- cific and girls were highly dis- couraged from going to school.

During those times, women were told that their job was to marry young, have babies and move to the suburbs, Dr. Nut- ting said.

It wasn’t until 1964 when the Civil Rights Act outlawed dis- crimination based on religion, race, ethnicity and gender.

Then in 1972, Title IX cre- ated a new generation of young girls who could compete in sports.

It prohibited discrimination in any higher education pro- gram.

America has grown a lot since the 1800s.

There are many more oppor- tunities and women aren’t dis- couraged from getting an ed- ucation anymore, Dr. Nutting said.

In the 1980s, 2 percent of Americans, mostly men, earned four-year degrees; in 2010 wom- en outnumbered men earning college degrees and earned 50.4 percent of all college degrees.

Those degrees come mainly in education, nursing, psychol- ogy, sociology, and humanities; in 2014 women outnumbered men in medical, law and busi- ness programs, Dr. Nutting said.

But even though women are now allowed to get an educa- tion, they are still belittled by their male counterparts.

“What can we do?” asked Dr. Nutting.

Her advice for women was that they should continue to take on “hard subjects.” Be “unfa- vorable than good,” she said, and willing to break down bar- riers.

Be friendly and support and encourage other women in all fields.

She advised the men to support women and girls in academics, and recognize and challenge inequalities.

Horrid king makes history with long-lasting charter

By Angelica Somera

Staff Reporter

The Magna Carta’s impor- tance has often been overstated, and its meaning distorted, a Highline professor said last week.

The document, essentially a peace treaty between King John and his barons, guaranteed that the king would respect feudal rights and privileges, uphold the freedom of the church, and maintain the nation’s laws, said History professor Teri Balkenende at last week’s Histo- ry Seminar.

Following a revolt by the En- glish nobility against his rule, King John put his royal seal on the Magna Carta, meaning "Great Charter," she said.

Dr. Balkenende offered up some juicy assessments of King John’s reign.

"This year, the Magna Carta is 800 years old, and King John is 799 years dead," said Jill Lep- ore, a staff writer for The New Yorker.

"King John was a shit," not- ed historian John Gillingham said.

"John defied God by word and deed all his life [and] was polluted by every sin that could disgrace man," another noted historian, William Stubbs, said.

Dr. Balkenende basically agreed.

"King John was rude, disloy- al, lecherous and murderous," she said.

During his reign, John lost much of England’s territories in France.

King John’s reign was also marked by his strained rela- tionship with the church, Dr. Balkenende said. John had re- jected the election of Stephen Langton as Archbishop of Can- terbury, and in 1208 the Pope issued a decree (known as an interdict), prohibiting people in England from being buried in sacred ground.

The interdict remained in place until John surrendered his kingdom to the overlordship of the Pope four years later, said Dr. Balkenende.

In 1213, a party of rebel bar- ons urged that John should agree to confirm a coronation charter issued by his ancestor. Two years later, the dispute es- calated when King John refused to meet the barons’ demands. But once London was in the barons’ hands, John had no op- tion but to negotiate with them, she said.

Finally, the rebel barons made their formal peace with King John with the Magna Carta and renewed their oaths of al- legiance to him, Dr. Balkenende said.

It wasn’t long till King John broke his promise and the Mag- na Carta ended up a failure. Civil war broke out the same year, because he ignored his ob- ligations under the charter, she said.

Upon his death in 1216, how- ever, the Magna Carta was re- issued with some changes by his son, King Henry III, and then reissued again in 1217, she said.

That year, the rebellious bar- ons were defeated by the king’s forces. In 1225, Henry III volun- tarily reissued the Magna Carta a third time, and it formally en- tered English statute law.

The reign of King John was unfortunate for many people; they believed he was one of the worst kings in history.

Even though it is one of the most celebrated and famous documents in the world, “the Magna Carta is irrelevant to- day," Dr. Balkenende said.

"It is a bazaar, the best parts are scattered through the middle of the documents. It also has a very different legacy in the United States, where only four of its original 60-some provisions are still relevant today," Balkenende said.

This last History Seminar will be presented by Roman Wright on May 27, in Building 3, room 102 at 3:30 p.m. with a discussion on American Sign Language.
State unemployment drops

By RACHEL LA CORTE
Associated Press

OLYMPIA — Washington state’s unemployment rate dropped to 5.5 percent last month, the lowest it’s been in nearly seven years, officials said Wednesday.

The latest report from the state’s Employment Security Department shows that the jobless rate dropped from March’s 5.9 percent and that the state gained 8,200 new jobs from March to April.

Washington state’s April jobless rate is the lowest since July 2008, when it was at 5.4 percent, state labor economist Paul Turek said.

“The thing that we’re seeing is continuing momentum that’s been building in the labor market,” Turek said. “I think the longer we move away from the recession, the more confident businesses become in making investments and adding to the stock of the employed as they’re seeing less of a probability of a downturn re-occurring.”

Since last year, Washington state has seen growth in major industries, including an estimated 110,700 jobs since April 2014, with 98,300 of those jobs being added to the private sector and 12,400 in the public sector.

The leisure and hospitality sector saw the largest gains from March to April, with an increase of 2,500 jobs, followed by wholesale trade, which gained 2,300 jobs, and then education and health services, with 1,500 jobs.

Three industries saw decreases: construction lost 400 jobs in April, and professional and business services lost 206, as did transportation, warehousing and utilities.

Two different surveys are used to calculate unemployment figures and job losses and gains. The unemployment rate represents the percentage of the labor force that is unemployed and actively looking for work. People who have stopped looking for work aren’t counted. The job gains and losses estimates are based on a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics survey of businesses.

As of April, 196,600 people in Washington state were unemployed and looking for work.