

## 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 of vice president with 351 votes. Dominic Allen got 184 votes and Mingzhen 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



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*President-elect Jobe wants Highline to offer more open resources so students can save money.*

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



Richelle Enriquez

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.

Enriquez, a first-year student, aims to get students involved on campus.

"I would love to see more student involvement on campus events and programming. Our school holds a lot of educational and insightful presentations and workshops all throughout the year," Enriquez said.

She discussed giving all students a voice and representation during her term.

"I think every student has a voice but some may feel they don't have a way of expressing themselves. I want students to know they have a platform to speak and their voices are im-

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## Activists rip cops

Presenters say police forces should be abolished

By Sam McCullough  
Staff Reporter

The police and prison system 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 to quit 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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## 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 own-

er, 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.

"Every 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

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Laury Spivey photo

*Duke was adopted by Building 5 secretary Lauri Spivey and is adjusting well to his new home.*

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## Suspected seizure hospitalizes student

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.

South King Fire and Rescue and Medic One responded, and the student was transported to St. Francis Hospital.

## Public Safety stops argument

Public Safety responded to reports of a verbal altercation between two students in Building 26 at 10:45 a.m. on May 18. The argument initially occurred in classroom 121, but had moved outside by the time Public Safety arrived.

Public Safety was able to de-escalate the situation and potentially prevent the altercation from becoming physical. It is unknown whether the students will receive any disciplinary actions for the altercation.

## 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.

## Lost wallet found in pocket

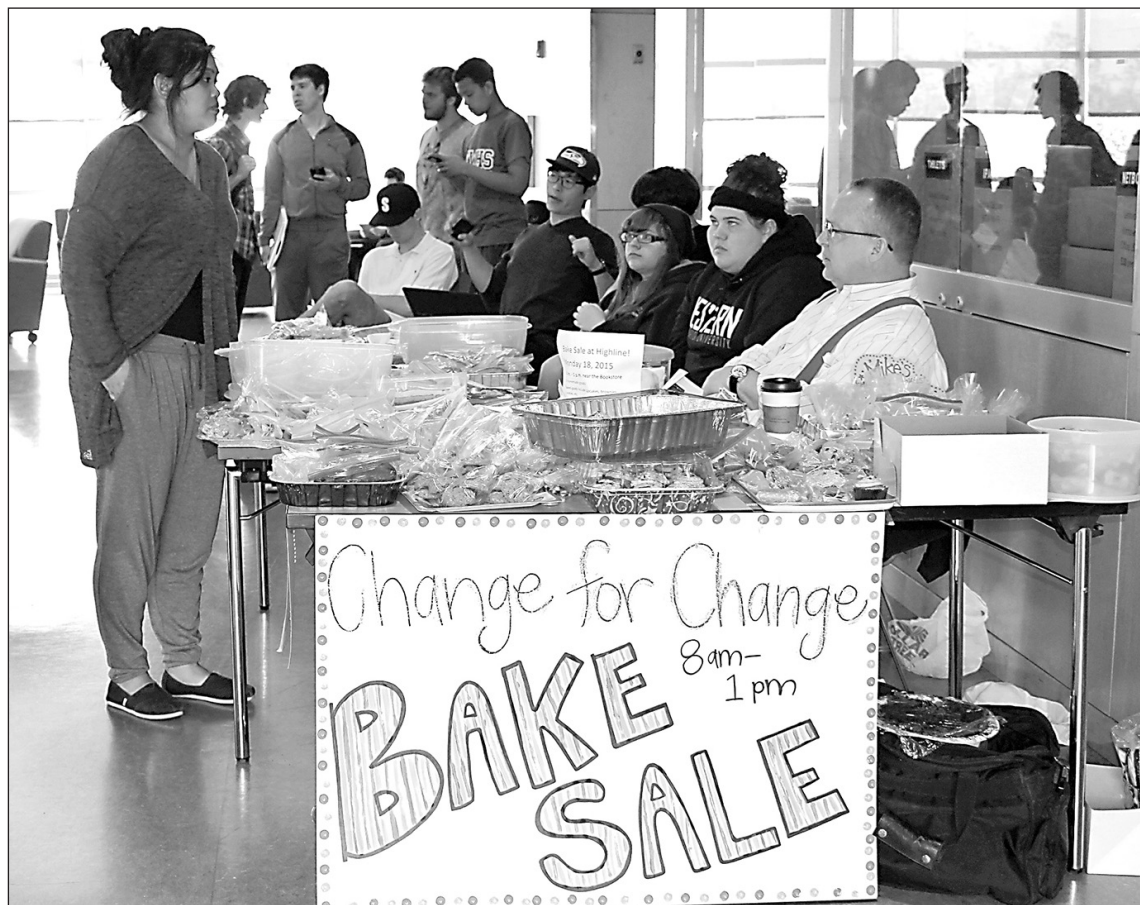
A student reported to Public Safety that his wallet had been stolen at noon on May 14. The wallet was located in a rolled up pair of pants in his backpack.

## Beggar 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.

# Change for Change raises dough



Yui Fujiwara/THUNDERWORD

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.



## 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.

Hatcher said Veterans Student Support Programs wants to gain an understanding of how veterans are feeling and how they are doing.

The roundtable will likely be rescheduled for this fall, said Ay Saechao, director of TRiO Student Support and Retention Services.

## Get resume advice at workshop

Pick up some tips on writing the perfect resume and cover letter today at a special work-

shop in the Writing Center.

The Writing Center offers weekly workshops to help students develop everyday writing skills.

Today's workshop will be in Building 26, room 319i, from 1:30 to 2:20 p.m.

## Black Student Union returns

The Black Student Union will be hosting its first meeting of the year May 27 at 10 a.m. in Building 8, room 302.

The Black Student Union (BSU) has returned to Highline after getting recognized as an official club at the Associated Students council meeting May 19.

Erika Aquino, president of BSU, re-created the club with unity in mind.

"Highline is known for its diversity but I did not see that reflected in the clubs," Aquino said.

"That's when I decided we needed a Black Student Union," she said. "The purpose of the BSU is to continue to educate and empower young people of African decent by trying to give us a sense of identity by learning our past."

"It's easy to join, just come to the meeting and fill out a form," Aquino said.

Erika Aquino may be contacted at [erikaaquino@students.highline.edu](mailto:erikaaquino@students.highline.edu).

## Scholarship has deadline extended

The Foundation scholarship application deadline for the 2015-2016 academic year has

been extended to May 29.

The Highline Foundation offers scholarships to ranging from \$500 to \$2,500. Requirements for each scholarship differ depending on their type.

To apply, students need to have their unofficial transcript, student identification number, Social Security number and financial-aid information.

Apply at <http://www.fund-s4highline.org/scholarships.php>.

## 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.



Dongyan "Gail" Wang

## Exchange prof sees Northwest

By Mark Kirylka  
Staff Reporter

It's been a long hike to Highline for the college's latest exchange professor, but before she returns home she'll trek many more miles in the woods of Washington.

Dongyan Wang prefers to be called "Gail." She is teaching Chinese at Highline for this quarter.

Her class is a comprehensive beginning Chinese course, which includes instruction and practice in the four skills important to language: listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Wang exchanged with Lanny Kaneko, who is teaching English in China this quarter.

"I come from and teach 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.



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# 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, Veterans Program director and 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 re-



Jason Bendickson/THUNDERWORD

*Construction for the Veteran's plaza won't be completed in time for the Memorial Day celebration.*

place the overgrown POW/MIA commemoration that had fallen into disrepair.

The new memorial will involve 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 al-

low for it to be vibrated by machine to remove the air pockets.

The new concrete form 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 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.

Otto Rosenau & Associates, an independent tester, has been examining materials used in the project. Herndon said it rejected the first load of blue concrete because it had too much oxygen.

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 Woman'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 Joe Aguilar, of Educational 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 at the end of the Spring Quarter and will be applying to nursing programs across the state.

Amne 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.

"Amne 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



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*Rosemary Adang, right, honors three Writing Center leaders, Amne Intissar, left, Tess O'Rourke and An Nguyen, at the recent Women in Action awards on campus.*

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 requested 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 on and off campus.

Maria Toloza, who was in charge of receiving donations for the event, was surprised

when she received her award for being a Woman in Action

Other women recognized include, Destiny Ezell, Audra Ezell, Octavia Townsend, Jennafer Langworthy-Erickson, Shannon Waits, Darian Litushko, Dorothy Martin, Michelle McClendon, Autum Beel-Peterson, Ronda O'Brien, Linda Malnack, Bonus Umchang, Ariana Thomas, Michelle McBride, and Catherine Chounla.



# 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.  
But 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 other'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 losing 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.

## 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](mailto:thunderword@highline.edu) by Monday for print on Thursday.

Write to us!



# Ocean shouldn't pay for our sins

## Commentary

Oil is used every day in our world. It's used in everything from lawn mowers, plastic and cars.

But the ocean shouldn't have to pay the ultimate price for us to have the 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 responsibly, though. In one breath, it said locals stealing oil – a claim that was never proven – caused the spills.

In the next breath, it said that the spills were their fault, but that the damage wasn't that bad. To give some perspective, the locals didn't have suitable drinking water for two days because the oil spilled right into their drinking supply.

There are more incidents like this, ones that don't end in millions of 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.



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 top of the water until it has formed a thin layer called "sheen."

We've all seen the adorable Dawn Soap commercials where volunteers are cleaning off ducks covered in oil, but have we ever really thought of these animals beyond, "they're so cute."

The oil destroys the water-repelling ability of a bird's feathers and the insulating ability of fur-bearing animals, thus exposing the animals to the harsh environment. Then, many animals ingest the oil, which poisons them, according to the Office of Response and Restoration.

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.

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★**

★ Moderate    ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of the island where Thomas the Tank Engine (of children's books and film) and his friends live?

2. GEOGRAPHY: In what U.S. state is Mount Rushmore located?

3. SPORTS FIGURES: What sport made Jack Dempsey famous?

4. LITERATURE: In what year did J.D. Salinger publish the novel *The Catcher in the Rye*?

5. MOVIES: In what year was the film *The Dirty Dozen* released?

6. MYTHOLOGY: According to Greek myth, what was the name of the monster with 100 dragon heads?

7. LANGUAGE: What is the practice of anthropophagy more commonly known as?

8. HISTORY: What Native American tribe did Pocahontas belong to?

9. MUSIC: In what country was composer Frederic Chopin born?

10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How old was Theodore Roosevelt when he was sworn into office?

### Answers

- Sodor
- South Dakota
- Boxing
- 1951
- 1967
- Typhon
- Cannibalism
- Powhatan
- Poland
- 42

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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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# King Crossword

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16 "Gosh!"  
17 State with conviction  
18 Hero meat  
20 Dervishes  
22 Still  
23 Profit  
24 Intends  
27 Butt holders  
32 "The Raven" writer  
33 Placekicker's pride  
34 Ball-bearing item  
35 Discourtesy  
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54 Last (Abbr.)  
55 Great Lake  
56 Clarinetist's need  
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58 On pension (Abbr.)

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5 Think deeply  
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8 Half a dinner-table pair  
9 Rise  
10 Cupid's specialty  
11 Takes blades to blades  
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25 Chit  
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29 Be indecisive  
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37 Fresh  
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43 Color quality  
44 Malaria symptom  
46 Entice  
47 Send forth  
48 Landowner's paper  
51 Thickness

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**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.

**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. A colleague has some advice you might find helpful.

**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.

**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.

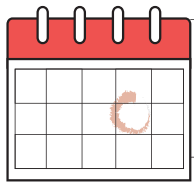
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Progress often comes in fits and starts. But at least you're moving straight ahead with no backsliding. You should soon be able to pick up the pace and reach your goals in due time.

**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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## Arts Calendar

- Bill and Peggy Hunt Playwright's Festival presents new local works at Burien Actors Theatre. The festival will feature two one act plays per show and will alternate shows after the first two weekends, showing four one act plays total. The first weekend of the festival opens May 1-10, and shows alternate on May 15-24. Tickets for everyone are \$10, and available online or by phone. The Burien Actors Theatre is in the Burien Community Center Annex, at 14501 4th Ave. S.W. in Burien.
- The Highline 2015 Portfolio Show features Graphic Design, Art, Interior Design, Photography and Drafting Design Departments at Highline College. The show will be June 1st and 2nd from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. & 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. in Student Union Bldg. 8 Mt. Constance and Mt. Olympus rooms.
- 9 to 5: the Musical comes to the Auburn Ave Theater. This musical adaptation based on the 1980 hit movie is brought to the stage featuring local talented actors of the Auburn Community Players. Set in the late 1970s, 9 to 5 is a story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era. Outrageous, thought-provoking, and even a little romantic, 9 to 5 is about teaming up and taking care of business. Based on a book by Patricia Resnick and music and lyrics by Dolly Parton, the story follows three female co-workers who concoct a plan to get even with the sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritic they call their boss. June 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 & 20, 7:30 p.m. and June 14, 2 p.m.
- Threesome debuts at ACT Theatre. Egyptian Americans attempt to solve their relationship issues by inviting a stranger into their bedroom. What begins as a hilariously awkward evening soon becomes an experience fraught with secrets, raising issues of sexism, possession and independence. Written by award-winning local playwright Yussef El Guindi. Age Recommendation: 16+ for language, mature content, nudity, and sexual themes. Threesome runs June 5- 28 and tickets are available at [www.acttheatre.org](http://www.acttheatre.org).
- The Boy Friend comes to Renton Civic Theatre June 12 - 27. The Jazz Age lives on in this light, romantic spoof of 1920s musical comedy. Set in the French Riviera, an English heiress attending Finishing School, falls in love with a local delivery boy. Things get complicated with the unexpected arrival local royalty. Tickets are available online at [www.rentoncivictheatre.org](http://www.rentoncivictheatre.org)

# BRIDGE TO SOMEWHERE

Highline students combine talents to create independent video game and boost career opportunities

**By Michael Muench and Quinten Brown**  
Staff Reporters

A new Highline student club hopes that their new computer game will be a bridge to a brighter future.

The new Indie Game Development Club is hard at work on their new game, *Eternity Bridge*.

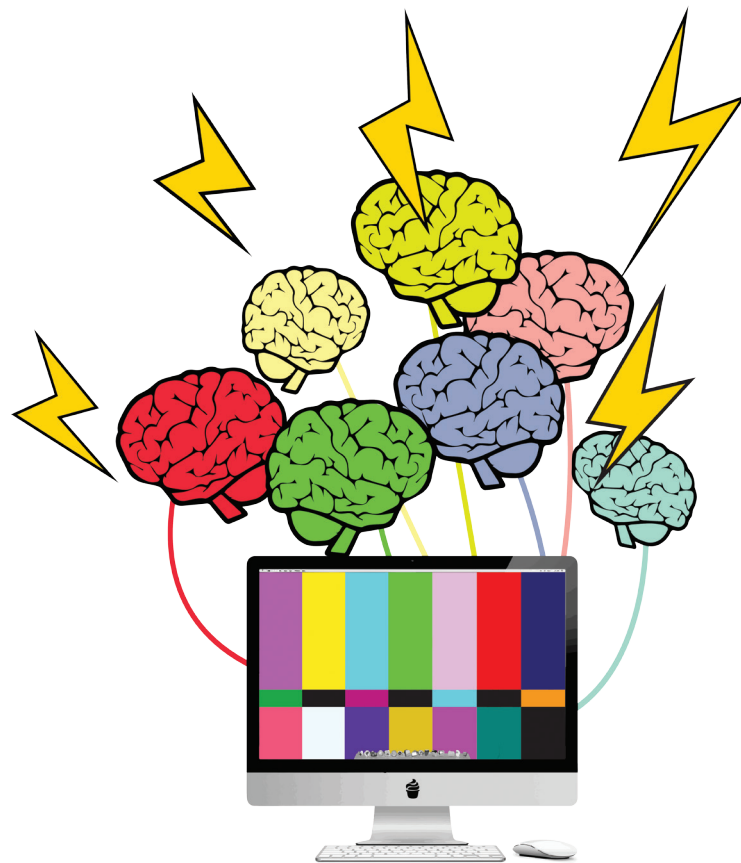
*Eternity Bridge* explores the concept of time travel and multiple timelines.

The game will feature certain undecided puzzle elements along with classic Japanese role-playing game elements.

*Eternity Bridge* features a combination of the Victorian era and Steampunk style that features characters that are synonymous with success.

"It's comparable to *Chrono Trigger* meets *the Legend of Zelda*," said Erik Stager, vice president of the club.

The club has about 10 acting members who regularly attend the meetings, including members from the Highline Writing Club, and more people are welcome to join.



Mai Lam/ THUNDERWORD

*The Indie Game Development Club is in the process of creating Eternity Bridge, a collaborative effort that will be hopefully shown at PAX.*

"I'm trying to recruit this quarter," said Mark Talbert, club president.

"I would love these folks to contact future employers, and expose people to gaming opportunities," he said.

Since the game is directed toward a general audience, a multitude of differing opinions and ideas is essential in producing a game that would appeal to large audiences.

"Games take a lot of work. The more people you have, the easier the game is to make," said Talbert.

Many of the current club members either plan to transition into the gaming industry or increase their game development skills through experience with the club.

"I would like the game to be seen as more of a portfolio project to future employers than as a source of income for current members," said Talbert.

"However, no member of the club should feel as though they need to possess a certain level of skill," Talbert said. "The Indie Game Development Club is a place of growth and learning for

experienced programmers and new hobbyists alike."

Because creating a game is a difficult process requiring many hours of work, connectivity outside of the club is of the utmost importance.

The group uses Skype and Google Docs among other software programs to share ideas and during *Eternity Bridge*'s current stage of development, share very detailed concept art created by members.

The Indie Game Development Club has been creating the 16-bit role-playing style game since Winter Quarter.

*Eternity Bridge* will be created on Unity, a popular development platform, used for such games as *Wasteland 2* and *Stranded Deep*. *Eternity Bridge* will be written in the programming language, C#.

Digital artwork is being developed on Gimp, a free-ware clone of Photoshop, and Blender, for 3D artwork.

Indie Game Development Club members say they hope to display their game in its early stages during this year's PAX Prime, an annual gaming festival held in Seattle.

*Eternity Bridge* is to be released to the public free of charge although there is no current release date.

The club meets on Fridays at noon in Building 10-105. The main contacts are Talbert at [MarkT@students.highline.edu](mailto:MarkT@students.highline.edu) and the Vice President Erik Stager at [ErikSto2@students.highline.edu](mailto:ErikSto2@students.highline.edu).

## Burien resident has bigfoot dreams for film

**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 all 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 week-

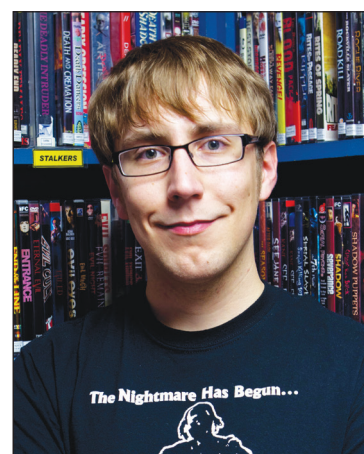
end of hunting and drinking. But their trip into the trees eventually leads to encounters with not one, but a family of murderous Sasquatch. Mayhem ensues.

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 film about 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.



*John Portanova has his debut at SIFF with Valley of the Sasquatch*

"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 post-production process.

"It was a great experience. It was the biggest budget and lon-

gest schedule my production company, The October People, had to work with and so we enjoyed ourselves," Portanova said.

Some experiences on set were more lively than others, he said.

"It also didn't hurt to have a guy running around in a Bigfoot suit and buckets of 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 South Carolina. However, 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 Friday 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 seeding up with their play by scoring 10 runs in a single inning 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 Isis Rodriguez 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 only had one more shot at advancing to the next round.

The T-Birds’ next opponent was division rival Pierce, who had just lost to Douglas the same day.

The Raiders won the regular season series against Highline, beating them three out of four games. This game was no different, as Pierce went on to win 17-5.



Spokane celebrates their win over Mt. Hood by holding up their NWAC championship trophy. This is the Sasquatches’ 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 Craddock getting three RBI in the two innings to give Highline a 4-1 lead headed into the top of the third.

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

Pierces’ Molly LaMotte kicked things off first with a home run to begin the inning.

With the bases loaded, the Raiders Maddy Smith connected on a single, giving the Raiders 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 second 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 Sasquatches winning, 12-3.

Although they did not win the big game and with the season 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 Craddock, and multi-dimensional Cheyanne Haas.

Named to the second team were pitcher Emma Seymar, in-

fielder Paige Hughes, and outfielder Ally Rippingham.

Evans said Judy 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 a overall record of 16-20.

All season the T-Birds played with a small roster and it looks to be getting smaller next season, 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 another shot at a fifth straight playoff appearance.

Scoreboard

Woman's Softball		
Team	Conference W-L	Season W-L
West Division		
Centralia	14-4	21-22
Pierce	13-5	21-22
Highline	11-7	16-20
Green River	6-12	11-26
Grays Harbor	6-12	6-24
South Puget Sound	0-10	0-18
South Division		
Clackamas	16-4	35-10
Mt. Hood	14-6	31-9
SW Oregon	14-6	34-11
Lower Columbia	9-11	23-19
Clark	4-16	14-26
Chemeketa	3-17	17-24
North Division		
Douglas	22-2	28-11
Bellevue	19-5	31-14
Everett	13-11	18-20
Olympic	12-12	17-17
Skagit Valley	5-15	11-17
Edmonds	5-19	9-23
Shoreline	5-19	8-24
East Division		
Spokane	27-1	46-4
Wenatchee Valley	22-6	34-14
Treasure Valley	17-11	23-29
Columbia Basin	14-14	28-23
Blue Mountain	12-16	15-31
Walla Walla	11-17	17-29
Big Bend	7-21	13-33
Yakima Valley	2-26	3-42
North Idaho	0-0	41-6

Semi-Finals

- Clackamas 1 vs. Spokane 4
- Mt. Hood 13 vs. Douglas 2
- Columbia Basin 2 vs. SW Oregon 7

1 Loss Semi-Finals

- Mt. Hood 7 vs. SW Oregon 5
- Clackamas 4 vs. Mt. Hood 5

Finals

- Spokane 12 vs. Mt. Hood 3

Escape to the outdoors with Tiger trails

By Zach Nunez  
Staff Reporter

Students hankering to hang with Mother Nature and escape the strip-mall landscapes around the college have a great alternative just a few miles away.

Tiger Mountain is but an

hour away and offers hikes suitable for both experienced and inexperienced hikers alike.

It’s that variety of hiking options that makes this wilderness area so popular, said Anna Roth, Washington Trails Association’s hiking content coordinator.

“We have everything from a nice quiet hike around a lake to a more rigorous hike that will really get your heart beating,” Roth said.

For those eager for the strenuous end of the exercise scale, “there’s Cable Line Trail, a three mile round-trip with a 2,000 ft. gain that is perfect for anyone that wants a quick hard workout,” Roth said.

For those looking for a logger trek, that’s an option available, too.

“There’s West Tiger 2, an eight mile round-trip that’s also about a 2,000-foot gain. This is a nice hike for anyone looking for something not too intense, but still wants a solid hike,” she said.

Roth listed a litany of must-have that beginners should pack:

“You should bring a fully charged phone, camera, sun screen, bug spray, first aid, pocket knife, sunglasses, and food (nuts, fruit, water, beef jerky, bread),” she said.

To reach Tiger Mountain, head to Issaquah. Tiger Mountain State Forest is south of I-90 and west of Highway 18 and much of the site is owned or managed by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at  
**Highline College**  
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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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ddillon@highline.edu



# Highline professor wins math service award



Yui Fujiwara/THUNDERWORD

Dr. Terry Meerdink is this years 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 Burn, 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 skeletons and 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."

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# 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



Yui Fujiwara/ THUNDERWORD  
Students got a chance to participate in a Microsoft-sponsored research for the development of Windows 10. Participants received a choice of free prizes that included Halo Wars in French.

manager for Insight Global. Windows Hello is scheduled to be a part of Microsoft’s up-

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.

The 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.

## Weekly SUDOKU

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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 southwest winds.

The city of Des Moines is awaiting the additional funding to begin the repairs. The estimated cost is \$2.7 million.

The marina gets revenue from a parking lot serving the Redondo Waterfront Park.

The closure of the boardwalk could negatively affect the number of people going



Kayla Dickson/THUNDERWORD  
The Redondo boardwalk was totaled during a storm last winter. The total cost of repair is estimated to be \$2.7 million.

out on their daily walks, and getting exercise on the boardwalk which in turn will effect revenue from parking fees,

said Joe Dusenbury, the harbor-master for the Des Moines Marina.

“It [the boardwalk] is a very

well-used public amenity. [People] miss having it there. They are concerned about how long it will take to get it back in service,” Dusenbury said.

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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## Drag show sashays away

By **Diana Prikhodko**  
Staff Reporter

Highline's annual drag show is once again not-so annual.

The drag show was a fixture for five years during the college's annual Unity through Diversity Week celebration, which brought both male and female impersonators to campus for an examination of gender roles.

It was "a celebration of a part of the community that has been a rich and strong part of the Queer Students Association," said Joshua Magallanes, a faculty member and counselor at Highline.

The event was open to the community and had contestants ranging from locals and college employees – Magallanes included – to famous drag personalities such as Jinkx Monsoon who emceed one event during a break in the airing of RuPaul's Drag Race television series.

The Highline drag show usually averaged 100-120 people in attendance.

But then the show took a stumble and hasn't been around for the past two years.

Representatives of the QSA said the constantly changing membership of the club leads to spikes and drops in the strength of the club and their activities as students graduate or transfer.

Thomas Bui, a program assistant for Multicultural Affairs, said that leadership is key to the success of any club and the QSA is no exception.

Years could go by with strong leadership but in one quarter, it could "completely flip," Bui said.

"The leadership left and there wasn't anyone left to pick it up," he said.

However, the QSA is "getting back on their feet this Spring Quarter," Bui said.

With new leadership, the group is again meeting routinely and planning future events. The drag show just might reappear. But not this year.

"They don't have the time to prep and put on a show that's up to the club's standards," Bui said regarding the group's cancellation of this year's drag show.

"It's really hard to from year to year what's going to happen. It depends on the interests of the students," Bui said.

# 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



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Professor Dusty Wilson talked about math at the latest Science Seminar.

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 102.

## Alum tells students tales of education

By **Anna Trinh**  
Staff Reporter

Highline alumnus 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."

She said that confidence is key, even if you fail.

"Even if you fail and don't get accepted into whatever field



Tessa Olmstead

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](mailto: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**  
Staff Reporter

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

“These women 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 discrimination herself 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 with a doctorate from a very prominent school and a very good tenure line position at a research-1 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



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*Dr. Maureen Murphy spoke about women in higher education and the discrimination that women have faced throughout history.*

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 Vassar, 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 enrollees 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 market, 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 college, which opened positions for women, Dr. Nutting said.

Dr. Nutting herself grew up during the time when getting an education was gender specific and girls were highly discouraged 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. Nutting said.

It wasn’t until 1964 when the

Civil Rights Act outlawed discrimination based on religion, race, ethnicity and gender.

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

It prohibited discrimination in any higher education programs, she said.

America has grown a lot since the 1800s.

There are many more opportunities and women aren’t discouraged from getting an education anymore, Dr. Nutting said.

In the 1900s, 2 percent of Americans, mostly men, earned four-year degrees; in 2010 women outnumbered men earning college degrees and earned 50.4 percent of doctorates.

Those degrees come mainly in education, nursing, psychology, sociology, and humanities; in 2014 women outnumbered men in medical, law and business programs, Dr. Nutting said.

But even though women are now allowed to get an education, 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 “stronger than good,” she said, and willing to break down barriers.

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 importance 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 History Seminar.

Following a revolt by the English 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 Lepore, a staff writer for The New Yorker.

“King John was a shit,” noted 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, disloyal, 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 relationship with the church, Dr. Balkenende said. John had rejected the election of Stephen Langton as Archbishop of Canterbury, 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



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*Professor Teri Balkenende presented about the Magna Carta last*

the Pope four years later, said Dr. Balkenende.

In 1213, a party of rebel barons urged that John should agree to confirm a coronation charter issued by his ancestor. Two years later, the dispute escalated when King John refused to meet the barons’ demands. But once London was in the barons’ hands, John had no option 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 allegiance to him, Dr. Balkenende said.

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

Upon his death in 1216, however, the Magna Carta was reissued with some changes by his son, King Henry III, and then

reissued again in 1217, she said.

That year, the rebellious barons were defeated by the king’s forces. In 1225, Henry III voluntarily reissued the Magna Carta a third time, and it formally entered 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 today,” Dr. Balkenende said.

“It is haphazard, 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.

The last History Seminar will be presented by Roman Wright on May 27, in Building 3, room 102 at 1:30 p.m. with a discussion on American Sign Language.



# Police

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“I believe we saved a life that day,” she said.

The director of *Arresting Power* echoed Johnson’s views.

“We focused on the victims, not the system. We didn’t want to talk to the police,” Jodie Darby said.

When making the film, Darby said she found something that disturbed her.

“All the police information, all the 911 calls and reports, are online for free. Anyone can look

and listen to this person dying,” she said.

An audience member asked Darby and Johnson about training the police more, instead of just abolishing them.

“No, that won’t work. We need community engagement,” Johnson said.

Another audience member talked about incidents where police are needed, including domestic violence disputes.

“If the police show up, they will either beat the woman or shoot the man,” Johnson said.

“It’s not safe,” she said.

For more information on the film, visit [arrestingpower.com](http://arrestingpower.com).



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A forum echoed the views of Seattle protesters at May Day about policing being founded on slavery.



Lauri Spivey photo

Duke was found May 11 and was adopted the following Tuesday. He is described as a well-mannered and kind dog.

# Duke

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friends among the staff at the veterinary hospital, with one unnamed staff member describing him as a sweet and well-mannered dog who will be missed by the staff.

After a long wait, the owner decided that he wanted to relinquish custody of the dog to the veterinarian, and put the dog up for adoption.

Due to her frequent calls to the veterinarian to check on the welfare of Duke, it was decided that Spivey was the prime candidate for adopting him.

Spivey said that it was meant to be, as she had lost a

black Labrador named Duke, who also happened to be 8 years old, not too long ago.

Duke is adjusting well to his new home.

He has plenty of space to run around, and an enclosed yard. He is getting along well with his housemates, both dogs and children.

“He loves everyone,” said Spivey

Duke likes going to the park, meeting cats, horses.

The dog enjoys going on walks, but only if he’s holding his own leash.

Spivey was extremely thankful to Marine View Veterinary Hospital, who cared for Duke for eight days, walking him and performing a checkup on him while not charging for their services.

# Elections

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portant to Highline,” Enriquez said.

Enriquez wants to encourage all students to go after their dreams since she didn’t even think she was going to win for vice president.

“I did this for my teenage self because she didn’t think she’d ever get this far. It’s so important to believe you can do it,” Enriquez said.

As vice president, she’ll serve as a student representative on the faculty Tenure Review Committee, develop agendas for all Associated Council meetings, and attend weekly executive meetings.

Jobe and Enriquez’s terms start on July 1.

# 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.

“I think what 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, adding 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 jobless rate in the Seattle-Bellevue-Everett region of western Washington was 4.3 percent, down from 4.5 percent in March.

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 200, as did and 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.

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