

Highline wants transit stop on campus

By Adam Horner
Staff Reporter

Highline's officials continue to lobby nearby local governments to ensure that any light rail extension stops on campus.

Not near it. On it, or at least side by side.

Sound Transit has been floating two proposals on the alignment of the light rail extension beyond South 200th Street: an I-5 alignment and a Pacific Highway South alignment. Included in their planning is the question of where the train stop on its way to Federal Way.

In a letter to the Sound Transit Board of Directors, Dr. Jack Bermingham, Highline president, supported an alignment that result in a station west of Pacific Highway South.

"Provided the route reaches the west side of State Route 99 [Pacific Highway South] for the Highline College Station, the college has no preference on either the I-5 alignment or the State Route 99 alignment," Dr. Bermingham wrote. "It is however our preference that for the light rail alignment to continue south from Highline College along State Route 99 to Federal Way."

The letter portrayed Highline as a destination more than just a stop, as the college serves 16,500 students from throughout King County. It argued that as a major education facility along the light rail line,

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Highline student and Chartwells employee, Abigail Stockton, prepares a coffee drink at the bistro in the Student Union. The Bistro is part of the service Chartwells offers.

Food prices could rise with new vendor

By Zach Nunez
Staff Reporter

Chartwells' recent termination of its contract with Highline, which occurs at the end of July, has left the college scrambling to find a new vendor in time for Fall Quarter.

But this isn't the first time Chartwells has ended relations with a local college.

Green River College also had a contract with Chartwells.

"We just finished our 10 and a half year contract with Chartwells near the end of last year," said Green River Director of Conference Services Heather McCurdy.

Green River opted to go with a new vendor, Ovations. McCurdy said that she is very pleased with its catering and professionalism, and said it was a seamless transition from Chartwells.

But with the new vendor came new prices.

"Prices have gone up in general. [But] students hold on to the dream of the highest quality food for the price that they would pay at a fast food restaurant," McCurdy said.

"Prices have gone up 20-25 percent in general. There's a reason why there is no longer a Dollar Menu at McDonald's, and they now have the Value Menu," McCurdy said.

The Dollar Menu offered many food options for \$1. The Value Menu replaced the Dollar Menu, offering food options for a low price, but it wasn't all just \$1.

Whether students will be happy with possibly higher prices remains to be seen.

Most students say that they would like to see the pricing somewhere from \$5-\$8, which is about how much a meal costs at the college right now.

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Late budget may cause shutdown

By Adam Horner
Staff Reporter

Washington could be facing a statewide shutdown of government agencies if a final version of the budget is not passed by June 30.

"If we don't get done by June 30, we could be heading for one," said State Rep. Zack Hudgins, D-Tukwila.

The Legislature had the regular session from Jan. 12 to April 26 to pass a budget. During the regular session, both the Democrat-controlled House of Representatives and Republican-controlled Senate proposed their own versions of the budget.

By April 26, the House and the Senate had yet to resolve their different versions of the budget.

The Legislature entered a special session April 29, the

purpose being to give lawmakers up to 30 days to pass a state budget.

This special session appears to not have been enough, as the final day of the session is today and the Legislature has yet to pass an operating budget.

If a second session is not enough, the state will be forced to at least partially shut down non-essential government agencies.

"Agencies have been working with the Office of Financial Management to put together contingency plans [for a shutdown]," said Ralph Thomas, communications director at the Office of Financial Management.

Thomas said Financial Management will be sending out notices to state agencies tomorrow to inform them of the possibility of furloughs and office closures.

As community and technical colleges are state-funded institutions, a shutdown could affect Highline, but would not be disastrous.

"One of the advantages we have is that we have state support and tuition," said Dr. Lisa Skari, vice president for Institutional Advancement. "We have money to spend that would not be affected by a shutdown."

For a limited time, Highline could operate during a shutdown using its own reserves, independent of the state, however it wouldn't be a perfect situation.

"We've heard that the state would not be obligated to pay back the college for [time operating during a shutdown]," Dr. Skari said.

Highline does have to pass its own operating budget, a task that could be complicated

should the state not pass its own budget.

A shutdown is not a sure thing, of course.

"I think the likelihood of that lies in the leadership," said State Rep. Mia Gregerson, D-SeaTac.

Rep. Gregerson said that Senate leaders are making it difficult to come to a resolution.

"There really aren't very serious negotiations underway," said Sen. Karen Keiser, D-Des Moines. "We're at a bit of an impasse."

Both chambers' budget proposals have different methods on how to fund public K-12 and higher education.

"The current Senate plan is unacceptable," Sen. Keiser said.

Referring to the plan as a "house of cards," Sen. Keiser ex-

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Low-income clinic will open near campus by the end of the year



Door gets defecated

By Bryce Sizemore
Staff Reporter

A Public Safety officer discovered urine and feces in front of the doors to Building 17 at 11:03 p.m. on May 23.

Public Safety Sgt. George Curtis theorized that the person doing the defecation was frustrated at the lack of restrooms open on campus at that late hour.

Parking lot fender bender

A student who thought her car was in reverse ran her car into the car in front of her as she attempted to back out of her South Lot parking place at 12:30 p.m. on May 19.

Cable caper incites change

Two Video Graphics Array connector cables were reported stolen from rooms 307 and 312 in the Library at 9:15 a.m. on May 21. This theft has caused Library staff to look into making such cables more secure, or moving them out of study rooms altogether.

Vandalism found on power box

Graffiti was found on the gray power box behind the Pavilion at 3:07 p.m. on May 23.

Minor becomes wayward

Public Safety assisted a minor who missed his bus to North Hill Elementary on May 8.

After attempting to contact the parents of the individual, a Public Safety officer drove the youth to a bus stop that took him to his destination.

Man takes long nap in Library

Public Safety received a call from Library staff regarding a male in Building 25 who they were unable to wake at 7:36 p.m.

Public Safety successfully woke the man and no further action was taken.

Highline gets youngest students yet

By Ciara Bell
Staff Reporter

If students on campus appear to be getting younger and younger, you might not need to get your eyes checked.

They just may be a part of Highline's College Bound program that is bringing classrooms of kids as varied as sixth graders to kindergartners to get a taste of the college life.

Just yesterday, 80 sixth graders from Highline School District's Madrona Elementary School in the SeaTac invaded the campus for three and a half hours to take in the sights and enjoy a scavenger hunt, said Rashad Norris, the college's director for Community Engagement-Outreach Services.

While some of them might have been mistaken for Running Start students, there could be no mistaking the youth of visitors last week.

Led by teacher Kelsey Arakaki, kindergarten students from Kent's East Hill Elementary filled the sidewalks of Highline.

Though they won't start col-



Ciara Bell/THUNDERWORD

College Bound kindergartners from Kent's East Hill Elementary visits Highline to get them excited for college in the future.

lege for many years, the goal is to get them excited, Arakaki said.

And excited they got, dashing across the campus in their own version of an Outreach Services-planned scavenger hunt that allowed the kids to

travel all throughout the campus as enrolled students would.

Kent Superintendent Dr. Paul Vargas said he thought it important for the kindergartners to have this experience now as it ingrains the importance of higher educa-

tion into kids at an early age.

"I love school," was the message for the day, Arakaki said, and if that message sticks, the students might be ready as middle schoolers to pledge to attend Highline.



Commencement welcomers needed

International Student Programs is looking for students to speak a brief welcome message in their native languages at Commencement 2015.

To participate, students must be eligible for graduation and walk in their cap and gown at the ceremony.

Students interested in the opportunity should send an email to Amee Moon, associate director of International Student Programs, at amoon@highline.edu.

The email should contain their name, phone number and the languages they speak.

Speakers of Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Urdu, Hindi, Taiwanese, Spanish, Karen, Arabic and Pashto are already represented.

Workforce moves to Building 1

The Workforce Education Services office has moved to Building 1.

Leaving its office in Building 6, Workforce will be sharing a space with the Working Families Success Network and Transition Success Center.

Workforce supports students who are in the process of retraining for a new career, going back to finish their high school diploma or studying English as

a second language.

Honor students to present projects

A poster session is being put on by Highline Honors students who will be presenting their research projects.

Students at the poster session will be presenting on topics such as drought awareness, raising the minimum wage and inter-personal relations in multi-cultural settings.

The Honors students will also answer questions about the Honors Program and Phi Theta Kappa.

The event will be June 3 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Mt. Constance and Mt. Olympus rooms of Building 8.

Latin@ series kicks off today

The Latin@ Center for Higher Education is holding one of a series of talks today.

The first guest speaker will be Indira Trejo who is a global impact coordinator for the United Farm Workers.

The event will take place today at noon in Building 7.

For more information visit <https://www.highline.edu/event/l-che-speakers-series/> or contact Cesar Rangel at 206-592-4672.

ICC hosts event today in Building 8

The first program in the Counseling Wisdom Series, ti-

tled Leading from Within, is being held today.

The event is being put on by the Inter-Cultural Center and will feature an interactive dialog facilitated by ICC Student Leader Jasmine Bravo and Dr. Allison Lau.

Leading from Within will take place today at 11 a.m. in Building 8, room 204.

For more information email icc@highline.edu.

Social Media is focus of workshop

Social media will be discussed during a workshop sponsored by the Ad Club, today at 3:30-5 p.m. in Building 7.

"We will have a professional in marketing and advertising, Nicole Baade, as our speaker," said Jenny Lee, president of the Ad Club.

Ad Club is for students who want to increase their understanding of advertising and

reach out to the community around them.

"Our events are interactive and fun, although we like to provide useful information to students. We don't want them to feel like they are in class. We tend to have at least one ice breaker or game," Lee said.

Next year the group leaders hope to leave campus and visit other schools.

They want to see what other schools offer in their marketing and advertising clubs.

They also want to learn how they can do their jobs better by picking up new skills and tips from the professionals, Lee said.

"We encourage those students interested in advertising marketing to come to a meeting and see what we are all about," Lee said.

"We meet every week, Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in Building 8, room 302. Next year we hope to continue these meetings on a monthly basis," Lee said.



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Gnarly skating comes with responsibility

By Anthony McCurter
Staff Reporter

Skateboarders have the OK to ride on campus, under the condition that they don't damage anything or endanger anybody, a Public Safety official said.

Director of Public Safety Jim Baylor said that in order for skaters to have the right to skate on campus, they have to know their limitations and always be respectful of the campus facilities and other people.

This means that they aren't allowed to skate down hills at high speeds, jump down stairs, or grind on the concrete ledges.

"Just be safe and sane, that's the biggest thing," Baylor said.

He said that he has never seen skaters being disrespectful with their boards in any way, and that they take care of the campus like anyone else.

Student Renee Coates said she agrees with Baylor's observations.

"Skaters at Highline are always super respectful. One time I saw a skater about to ride down a hill but he got off his board because he didn't want to run people over or get in their way," Coates said.

Despite the lax policy, at least one student is advocating a lessening of the restriction on grinding.

"I think there are ways around keeping skaters off the ledges. Like instead of putting skate stoppers on them, they



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Skateboarding is allowed on campus, which results in people like Robbie Yilek skating around.

could just put coping on every ledge so if skaters do decide to grind them, they won't take any damage," said student and skater Denny Rosales.

He also said he thinks that skaters should be allowed to

ride fast if they want, since each individual skater knows their limits on a board.

"Security guards can be more of a danger than skaters can, because if the skater is riding fast and they decide to grab or push

the skater off their board, that's more dangerous than just letting the skater ride it out," said Rosales.

He also proposed the college use marble for its ledges, so it would make the school look

nice and they would be virtually indestructible by skaters.

"That's way out of the budget. We can barely pull off concrete. Pipe dream," said Director of Facilities and Operations Barry Holldorf.

Fallen soldiers honored for Memorial Day

By Jason Bendickson
Staff Reporter

A Memorial Day ceremony held on May 21 in Building 8 commemorated U.S. military members who had fallen while in service to their country.

After a rendition of America the Beautiful, a U.S. Army band from Joint Base Lewis McCord played the national anthem while an Army color guard presented the colors.

Opening speaker Sam Thomas, a Highline student and Marine Corps veteran, began by softly singing part of the Marines' Hymn.

"Memorial Day has been recognized as a national holiday since 1971, but it's been observed since 1866," Thomas said. "This is a great honor for me."

Guest speaker State Rep. Hans Zeiger, R-Puyallup, who is also a second lieutenant in the Washington State Air National Guard, shared a story about three boys who grew up about 80 years ago in his hometown.

The story recognized the ser-



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Highline celebrated Memorial Day with guest speakers and music. State Rep. Hans Zeiger, R-Puyallup, told guests a story about soldiers of World War II.

vice of Eddie Myers, Bobby Bigelow and Albert Tresch.

All three served in World War II, but Myers and Bigelow both died in combat.

"Those of us who call this place home are blessed more than we even know. And who can we thank for such a thing? It's those neighborhood boys

and men and women like them who rose to save the free world," Rep. Zeiger said.

Rep. Zeiger said what made Memorial Day personal for him was knowing about his grandfather, whom he never met.

U.S. Air Force Major Martin Nisker died June 29, 1964, when two Air Force planes collided near Bermuda.

Seventeen airmen lost their lives on that day in what was part of the testing for NASA's Project Gemini.

This project was NASA's second human spaceflight program.

Sam Thomas asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence. Taps was somberly played as the audience stood in silence.

Concluding the ceremony, service members were asked to stand as their respective service's anthem was played in the background.

Among the students, faculty and staff that stood, there were two Coast Guard, two Air Force, one Navy, three Marine Corps and four Army veterans.

Allyship needs to be earned

By Anthony McCurter
Staff Reporter

To some, being an ally with somebody is difficult, but the Women and Men of Vision recently presented a workshop on how to go about earning allyship.

Fifteen students joined in an open discussion of what allyship is.

"I guess to me being an ally is just always being there for someone no matter what," Multicultural Affairs Program Assistant Barbara Talkington said.

The main point of discussion was that allyship is something you have to earn.

"Allyship is something that you earn, and that's something we really wanted to get across," Talkington said.

The main way to earn allyship is to have your ally's back.

"I try to be an ally not as a noun but as a verb, so it's a constant action," Talkington said.

Relax this summer; fall comes quick

Make a point this summer to relax.

School can cause so much stress, not to mention stress from work and life.

You spend three quarters worrying about homework, exams and finals.

You deserve some time to relax your mind.

For those who are taking classes this summer, still make it a goal to enjoy some time off.

No thinking of school, or the stresses of life and just relaxing your mind, body and soul.

Make plans to be around people who make you smile.

Go to the beach, or take a day and drive down to Portland for a mini vacation.

Try some new hobbies and activities.

Some of you have jobs or are getting jobs for the summer. Working is OK, as long as you don't over work yourself.

Don't let work consume you.

Work so that you can have a little extra cash to spend on something fun.

If you're spending time in the sun, make sure you take the proper precautions for your skin.

Such as putting on sunscreen so that your skin is protected.

If you're going out on a boating trip, make sure to have life jackets available and on if in deep water.

You want to make sure you stay safe while you're having fun.

If your idea of fun is something that could potentially be life threatening it's not good fun.

You want to make sure you drink plenty of water.

With the rising temperatures, you will sweat a lot more than you do throughout the year.

So replenishing your body with liquids is essential to your health.

Bottom line, have fun but stay safe while doing so.

Fall Quarter will be here before you know it and the whole process starts all over again.

For those who are graduating, congratulations.

Graduating with a degree or certificate is a huge accomplishment.

The next step is starting the next chapter in your life.

Even if you're not coming back to Highline or any higher education institution, have fun also.

Celebrate your accomplishments because not everyone can graduate from college.

You are on your way to a successful life and that calls for a celebration all in itself.

Summer is the perfect time to do so, because the weather is fairly nice and the sun makes you feel good.

So get some vitamin D, relax and enjoy your break.

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!



Letter to the Editor

Smoking affects you and others

Dear editor:

Cigarettes are bad for you. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, smoking is a health risk known to cause death, a life shortened and ruined by any of fifteen different types of cancers, over 15 chronic diseases, and a host of other problems like erectile dysfunction, diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, and bone fractures. You may also realize that cigarettes are bad for people and pets around second-hand smoke. It tends to be worse on young children who spend most of their time at home. And it harms pets, because they are continually in contact with the residual burn the smoker left behind. Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine discovered that cats usually get mouth and lymph cancer from trying to groom the toxic smoke off their fur. Long-muzzled dogs will get cancer of the nose and sinuses, and short muzzled dogs normally wind up with lung cancer from second-hand smoke.

If you are a smoker, I urge you to consider that your life and health are far more valuable than the cigarette that may dictate your capacity to enjoy life, have the career you want, or participate in social fun. I hope you find a way to quit for your sake.

Maybe you've already heard all the dangers, you only smoke outside, and you don't have pets. Smokers often don't realize they are littering when they drop a small butt end on the ground and walk away. True, cigarette butts are small, but they are many – over 5 trillion a year are dumped onto our environment, along with the deadly chemicals that make people sick. When the rain comes, it causes the poisons to leak and spread. Just one cigarette butt leaches enough bad stuff to kill half the fish exposed to it.

The Environmental Club has cleaned up mounds of cigarette butts this quarter that were not disposed of properly, many not

even in designated smoking areas. Most were found overlooking our beautiful Puget Sound on the north side. Cigarettes dropped on the ground don't breakdown or biodegrade, because they are plastic!

Highline has an inclusive and inviting culture, one that celebrates people and gathers worldwide perspectives that make this campus one-of-a-kind! As president of the Environmental Club, I have heard from students who are disgusted by the amount of butts littering the grounds. Some find it unsightly, still others complain of the smell. If you must smoke, please keep it to the designated areas and dispose of the butts in the proper cans.

The alternative to having a smoking campus is having a non-smoking campus, or one that imposes fines on smoking students. Currently, there are 1,543 campuses 100 percent smoke free, largely because most people in the United States do not smoke. You can find more information on this growing number of tobacco-free schools at Americans for Non-Smokers' Rights, no-smoke.org.

I'm graduating in two weeks, and my hope is to return to a beautiful campus and healthy students when I come back to Highline, my "alma mater."

-- Rebecca Ring,
Highline student

All lives matter, not just blacks

Dear editor:

An the article titled, "Activists rip cops" I feel was utterly biased. The writer mentions the Outside Agitators 206 group, who is lead by Marissa Johnson. These like minded groups possess one singular jurisdiction for their existence. In the case of this group their mantra, "black lives matter" which they preach this saying all over social media. Don't all lives matter not just one over another, or are we that blind to history that this exact same thing happened on the 1960s.

Police brutality is worldwide by both men and women of all skin colors, not just white cops. Personally if I was sitting in my police patrol car or bike relaxing or waiting for the next

emergency, what do you think my reaction would be if two complete strangers come up to harass and question me of my motives. This is a complete joke. These two women need to wake up, were not in the 1860's anymore, you don't have to continue thinking you're a slave.

I would suggest that Sam McCullough would further her research in her next article, there's way you could've done then just provide one activists view in article read by academics. The opinion of the writer in this article is nonexistent, especially since the majority of this article is quotes which are briefly explained in their own words at best.

What really bugged me the most was when after Johnson and her friend harassed the officer, she remarks, "I believed we saved a life today." How were you able to save anyone, considering you just wasted an officers time? With Johnson blabbering accusations and questions he was held up to respond to a real crime if it were to occur. You selfish person.

You may find this harsh criticism, but this needs to be addressed and fixed now. This paper has been advertising the well being of minorities and whites, as those are the prominent races at Highline College. The Black Panthers committed numerous atrocities towards whites in the South, and still do to this day. How do you think I felt when the campus had a Black Panther leading a seminar? Better to have a KKK member lead a future discussion, its only fair after all. Have you heard of any recent KKK rallies or mass killings? No, they're abandoning their past for the better.

Johnson and others like her hold onto the fact that they're black, and the cops are white so they're going to beat them, kill them, verbally abuse them etc. Please tell me the reason that you sided with someone so belligerent and blind to the world, instead of voicing your own opinion or a counter example/viewpoint?

Furthermore, these articles segregate the campus as a population, as we seem to only have articles detailing the struggles of minorities, which in and of itself is racist.

-- James Richmond,
Highline student

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I watch 'Game of Thrones'. I'm not afraid of anything.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

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1. HISTORY: When did the U.S. Supreme Court become a nine-member body?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: The image of “Rosie the Riveter,” a woman working in a factory, arose from which war?
3. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What animal’s diet consists mainly of eucalyptus leaves?
4. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of the Czech Republic?
5. MYTHOLOGY: What was the name of Orpheus’ beloved wife, doomed to die from a viper bite?
6. GAMES: In poker, what is a full house?
7. MEDICINE: What causes rickets in children?

8. LAW: What is the legal definition of “chattel”?
9. ETIQUETTE: Who is traditionally supposed to host the bachelor’s party for a groom?
10. MUSIC: Who composed the opera *The Magic Flute*?

Answers

1. 1869, set by Congress
2. World War II
3. Koala
4. Prague
5. Eurydice
6. Three of a kind and a pair
7. Vitamin D deficiency
8. Personal property
9. The best man
10. Mozart

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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.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your Aries self-esteem level is high, as is your impatience to see more action come your way in the workplace. Good news, Lamb: It could start to happen sooner than you think.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Changing things now could upset a lot of people. But if you feel you’re acting because you believe it’s the right thing to do, others will understand and even come to support you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A change of mind might not necessarily be a change of heart. You still want to go ahead with your plans, but you might see a better way to make them happen. So go for it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An old business dispute could re-emerge and possibly affect upcoming negotiations. Consider opening up the situation to include suggestions from others on both sides of the issue.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some Leos and Leonas might find it somewhat difficult to get their ideas accepted or even



considered. But that’s only for a while. Things will soon return to the way you like them.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The pace seems to be slowing down from the hectic on-the-job run you recently enjoyed. But be assured that you’re still in the race to pick up new workplace-related goodies.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Seasonal changes create opportunities for busy Librans. However, be sure to balance your workload with your personal life so that you don’t overdo it on one end or the other.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A former critic could make a surprise turnaround and become a supporter. But if your Scorpion sense suspects a questionable motive, who are the rest of us to doubt it?

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Data on a new project seems less than

dependable. But it might turn out to be just the opposite. Consult with someone who knows how you might best be able to check it out.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Capricornians face many decisions this week, with the Sea Goat’s kids rating high on the consideration scale, especially regarding vacations and upcoming school matters.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Showing that you care is what Aquarians do so well. It’s your very special skill. And this week, you’ll have several chances to show off that gift for a very special person. Good luck.

PISCES (February 19 to March 21) That streak of Piscean wariness should serve you well this week should you be among those who come up against a slippery character offering a fishy deal with nothing to back it up.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have an artist’s sense of how to help others see, as you do, the beautiful things about the world.

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Tasty works

Students showcase their talents at Highline Art and Design Portfolio show

By Jeff Rowden
Staff Reporter

Highline artists showcase their professional portfolios with the annual arts show.

The Highline Art and Design Portfolio Show features work from Drafting Design, Fine Art, Interior Design, Photography and Visual Communications students.

The material that will be showcased is a culmination



Original artwork by Highline student Tatiana Lind.

of the art that students have created through the 2014-2015 school year.

“The show gives students a chance to showcase their portfolios to perspective employers, as well as members of the

advising board,” said Tamara Hilton, program manager of Art and Design at Highline.

The show has no overall theme that all the pieces will share, but rather will showcase artist progression and skill.

“So far the Portfolio Show has 56 students that will be participating,” said Hilton. “The purpose of this show is to show what students have done and what we in the department do as well.”

Hilton has been overseeing the Art and Design Portfolio Show for the past four years. Gary Nelson previously coordinated the Portfolio show for roughly 20 years prior. The show is a collaborative show-

case among the department involving Diana Boyd, Tracy Carrera, and Michael Sladek.

“This is a group effort,” said Hilton.

The Highline Art and Design Portfolio Show will be on June 1 and 2 in the Mt. Constance and Mt. Olympus rooms in Building 8. The show will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on both days. The show will be open to all for no cost of entry.



Original artwork by Highline student Christine Qian Wang.



Original artwork by Highline student Daniel Daly

Shakespeare comes to Des Moines Beach Park just As You Like It

By Bogdan Koval
Staff Reporter

All the park’s a stage this summer when the Des Moines Arts Commission hosts its annual Shakespeare in the Park performance on Aug. 1 at 7 p.m.

As You Like It by William Shakespeare will be performed by Seattle Shakespeare Company outdoors in the Des Moines Beach Park.

Rosalind and Celia, the main

characters of *As You Like It* are exiled from their home and to avoid attention they disguise themselves. The pair scramble to the secluded forest of Arden to find refuge and get caught in the web of romantic tangles with the locals. They discover their own love interests in the process. Rosalind disguises herself as a man, which gives her new freedom, but many unexpected complications at the same time.

Admission for the romantic

comedy interpretive performance is free.

The Des Moines Arts Commission chose the play because the community prefers comedy to tragedy, said Shannon Kirchberg, Des Moines Events and Facilities coordinator.

“The performance is great for people of all ages whether it’s their first time seeing a Shakespeare production or the 50th,” Kirchberg said.

“Shakespeare in the Park is a tradition, it went on for many,

many years already and is a great performance,” Kirchberg said. “It’s exciting, fun and enjoyed by many.”

As the play will be performed on the Beach Park Meadow, people are encouraged to bring some sort of floor support such as a foldable chair or lawn chair and pack a picnic dinner, but no alcohol will be tolerated, Kirchberg said.

The event is a great way to end the day, having the play and a beautiful sunset over the wa-

ter, Kirchberg said.

The Seattle Arts Commission pays for this event through grants and donations from the local community.

George Mount will direct the play. The main actors will be Bill Johns, Darragh Kennan, David Brown-King, David Pichette and David S. Klein.

More local plays by Seattle Shakespeare’s Wooden O include *Henry IV, Part 1* on July 17, at 7 p.m. at SeaTac Angle Lake Park.



- 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.
- 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.
- Joey Jewell & the Swingin Sixties Orchestra comes to the Des Moines Beach Park on July 1. The Market will open at 3 p.m. and run through 7 p.m. Destination Des Moines' will host a Beer and Wine Garden on the deck of the Founders Lodge to kick off Jewell's performance until 8:30 p.m. Joey's Tribute to Frank Sinatra and Friends is the closest thing to the real thing that you can experience in the Northwest. Tickets are available at www.desmoineswa.gov/artscommission.

Choir raises its voice at festival

By Ciara Bell
Staff Reporter

Working to strengthen their voices, and produce a unified sound, Highline's Chorale joined choirs from around the region at the College Choir Festival recently.

Led by Dr. Sandra Glover, Highline's choir participated in the festival presented by Pierce College, working with well-known judges and performing three different pieces of composed music.

Dr. Richard Nance from Pacific Lutheran University and Dr. Edmund Hughes, a professor from the University of Puget Sound, took time to evaluate and critique all the choirs.

The festival gave students an opportunity to learn from experienced vocalists, and work as a whole to produce music, while learning how to receive and apply constructive criticism.

Dr. Hughes also worked with each student individually to bring about a unified sound.

Hughes was a professor for more than 40 years before retiring in 2011.

This is an event that Dr. Glover participates in every year.



Dr. Sandra Glover, a music professor, led Highline's Chorale to the College Choir Festival, where Highline competed against other two-year schools.

By attending she said, the choir is able to grow together as a group and prepare for performances.

With the festival complete, the chorale is focusing on its upcoming events, such as the Spring Concerts on June 4 at

noon and 7 p.m. The concert will be in Building 7 and admission is free.

New DVD releases: Wachowskis' 'Jupiter' lacks plot

By Sam Struckhoff
King Features

Jupiter Ascending (PG-13) -- Jupiter Jones (Mila Kunis) had a ho-hum life scrubbing tiles in Chicago, until the moment she found out she was actually the Space Empress! Jupiter gets set up with Space Warrior Caine (Channing Tatum, in pointy ears) as she is launched into a full-blown space opera of wacky aliens and visually overstimulating planetary vistas.

As the Space Empress re-born, Jupiter has to look out for the scheming heirs to the throne -- especially the one played by a pouty Eddie Redmayne, clearly recalibrating his acting muscles after his Academy Award-winning role in *Theory of Everything*.

This latest offering from Andy and Lana Wachowski has a mind-blowing array of special effects in every frame.

So many that they cease to be special. It seems like they wanted to throw in every cool flourish and nifty bit of sci-fi lore they could think of, but forgot to include a plot or dialog that audiences could care about.



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Lady T-Birds land recruits for next season

By Charles Prater
Staff Reporter

The women’s basketball team will have some new faces on the team next season as they start recruiting young talent.

When the 2015-2016 basketball season starts, the T-Birds will have a handful of freshmen on the team.

New players include guards Holly Suggs, Teesha Richards, Dejha Canty, Anna Cook, and Jordan Starr, along with forward Jasmine Hansgen, will come to Highline to play for Head Coach Amber Mosley.

“I think the number of players coming in is about the same amount as usual,” said Mosley.

“We will still have a few additional players to sign as the summer goes on, but we are never finished recruiting. It is a year-long, continual process.”

Only Suggs and Cook are from Washington, while players Richards, Canty, Hansgen, and Starr are from out of the state.

Richards and Hansgen are from Utah, Canty is from Alaska, and Starr is from all the way across the country in South Carolina.

“I am excited about the amount of players we have



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Teesha Richards (13) is one of six players to sign a letter of intent to play for Highline.

from out of state this year,” said Coach Mosley.

“The competition to get the best in state players is ridiculous. Branching out into the states that have fewer commu-

nity colleges has proven successful for us and we will continue to do that bearing that these kids bring us success,” she said. As new players come in, veteran players will be gradu-

ating and moving on to better things.

Allie Weathersby, Kayla Ivy, Calli Remitz, Justina Laney, Brittany Barrington, Ionna Price and Shelby Col-

lins will all be graduating this year.

Price was named to the West All Defensive Team and Barrington was named to the West Division Second Team.

Those ladies, along with returners, helped the T-Birds into the playoffs and finish third in the West Division.

Among the returners are Ally Rippingham, Gabby Evans, Shelley Timmons, Alycea DeLong, Jasmyne Holmes, Linae Myhand, and West Division Second Team Chardonae Miller.

The returners will not only need to help rebuild the team, but help the incoming class adjust from high school play to college play.

“At this level, every year is a rebuilding year,” said Mosley.

“Each year we start over and each year we are able to be successful. We are hoping we can get over the hump and get a championship.”

The T-Birds were knocked out in the first round of the playoffs last season, but have plans on returning to the playoffs and winning the school’s first women’s basketball championship since 1982.

Volleyball team heads to Brazil for practice and downtime

By Charles Prater
Staff Reporter

Business and pleasure apparently do mix, as the Highline volleyball team plans to head to Brazil over the summer.

While a majority of the NWAC volleyball teams practice on their home courts, the T-Birds will be in Brazil to practice in the Olympic Brazilian team’s facilities.

“We have had contacts all over the world. Before I started coaching, the team had gone to Italy to train,” said Highline Head Coach Chris Littleman.

“Through the sport of volleyball, we have met a lot of people all around the world. We were able to build a relationship with some of the people in Brazil.”

The team, along with the coaches, will travel to Brazil sometime in the middle of August, where they will stay for two weeks.

“For the first week, we practice in the facilities,” said soph-



Coach Chris Littleman

omore outside hitter Danielle Tabor.

“The Olympic Brazil team has a facility where the men’s and women’s team practice and we get a chance to meet them and watch them practice,” she said.

“It’s kind of like a hotel with a huge gym, so that’s where we stay while were there, and in the second week it’s our chance to just relax and see Rio.”

Tabor was a NWAC West First Team player and finished

third overall in the league in kills this past season.

Tabor along with teammates Leone Tanielu, Haley Lusher, Megan Smith, Jessica Markham, and Alexandra Toth, will not be going as they are graduating this year, but previously went in the summer of 2013.

“We go every other year, and it’s basically returners and newcomers that go,” said Tabor.

Returning players include Cheyanne Haas, Aliya Ranis, Kirsten Anderson, and Luaipou Lologo.

“We will get to watch them practice, be around them, eat with them, and talk to them,” said Coach Littleman.

“One of the main goals of the trip is to give the players in our program a once in a lifetime experience, and the other is to prepare them for the 2015 NWAC season,” he said.

The T-Birds hope to improve on last season’s performance, finishing second in the West Division and bowing out in the first round of the playoffs.

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Giessel decodes mystery, history of Turing

By Angelica Somera and Jennifer Tran
Staff Reporters

The enigma that was Enigma got double treatment last week when both the History and Science seminars spotlighted the effort to crack the Nazi military code during World War II.

Highline Instruction Server Administrator Kurt Giessel said that Alan Turing was the Allies' secret weapon during the Bletchley Park code-cracking operation. Turing helped crack the German codes used to encipher and decipher top-secret messages.

Although not a well-known figure during his lifetime, today Turing is famous for being a genius British mathematician thanks to the movie *The Imitation Game* which explored Turing and how he cracked the code.

The film was nominated for eight awards, including best picture. It eventually would win the Academy Award for Best Writing Adapted Screenplay.

"Using traditional methods could not break the Nazi Enigma codes," Giessel said.

The machine possessed a set of rotors that constantly scrambled messages to confuse the Allies, he said.

Cracking the Nazi code seemed impossible because every day new codes were made.

"The device had a quintil-



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Kurt Giessel, an instruction server administrator, discusses Alan Turing who helped crack the Nazi's codes.

lion of possible settings, which would take the Allies trillions of years to break the code," Giessel said.

The Germans believed that their code was unbreakable and that they were invincible. But Enigma had two minor

flaws that helped Turing break the code.

"[The first flaw was that] a letter never enciphered as itself," Giessel said.

The second flaw, which piggybacks off of the first, is that it was predictable.

Turing was able observe that morning U-boat communications included a weather report, a pattern to be exploited.

In 1939 Turing and another mathematician built the Bombe, a huge machine that could quickly sort through millions of possibilities to crack the code, Giessel said.

The first of many, the device set the stage for a massive computing operation that would eventually crack up to two messages a minute.

It was key to the efforts to defeat Hitler and propelled Turing to be awarded high-ranking positions in the mathematics department and later the computing laboratory at the University of Manchester in the late 1940s.

It was there that he proposed an experiment known as the "Turing Test"—an effort to create an intelligence design standard for the technology industry that is still in use today.

These days it is known as CAPTCHA, which stands for: Completely Automated Public Turing test to tell Computers and Humans Apart.

It is the little typing test you

complete online in order to unlock a variety of online accounts.

Turning's story didn't have a happy ending, though, because in 1952 his house got broken into.

He admitted to police that he had had a sexual relationship with the perpetrator, 19-year-old Arnold Murray. He was charged with gross indecency.

Following his arrest, Turing was forced to choose between temporary probation on the condition that he receive hormonal treatment for libido reduction, or imprisonment, he said.

Turning chose the treatment and underwent chemical castration through injections for a year of a synthetic estrogen hormone that eventually rendered him impotent, Giessel said.

As a result of his conviction, Turing's security clearance was removed and he was barred from continuing his work with cryptography.

Turing died on June 7, 1954. Following a postmortem exam, it was determined that the cause of death was suicide.

History Seminars are done for this school year, but they will start back up in the fall.

The final Science Seminar of Spring Quarter is on May 29, with the topic of "The Science of CSI" presented by Stevie Lettic from 1:30-2:40 p.m. in Building 3, room 102

Faculty members traveled far with the Peace Corps

By Anna Trinh
Staff Reporter

For students who have always wanted to travel, love different cultures and languages, and interacting with different people, they might want to consider volunteering for the Peace Corps.

Highline economics instructor Dr. James Peyton shared information about the Peace Corps, and his experiences at last week's Honors Colloquy.

Peace Corps is a US Federal Government-sponsored international service organization, to help make a difference abroad.

The Peace Corps has three goals: to promote peace and friendship, to promote a better understanding of Americans, and to promote a better understanding of non-Americans.

When joining the Peace Corps, volunteers were required to learn the language of the country they were going to serve in,

Dr. Peyton introduced several other former Peace Corps volunteers now on the Highline

faculty.

Rus Higley served in Namibia, a small country in Southwest Africa.

"Peace Corps is something that will rock your world," Higley said. "You're going to learn more about yourself than you did before."

Linda Michael served in Sierra Leone a small country in West Africa.

"Sierra Leone was where I met my husband," Michael said. "Expect the unexpected."

Dr. Jennifer Jones served in Republic of Congo in Central Africa, and the Dominican Republic located in the Caribbean.

"The training was incredible," Dr. Jones said. "Congo Zaire, is still in my mind the most gorgeous place I've ever been."

Monica Lemoine served in Uzbekistan in Central Asia.

"I got the chance to get out of my comfort zone," Lemoine said. "It was really rewarding, it really opened my mind and changed the way that I live now."

Dr. Peyton also served in the



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Economics professor Dr. James Peyton shares his experience in the Peace Corps with students.

Dominican Republic.

"The Peace Corps is a great asset," Dr. Peyton said.

For students who want to consider joining the Peace Corps, the organization's website has more information on

volunteering and applications at peacecorps.gov.

Next week's Honors Colloquy on June 3, will feature Highline alum and CLS Leadership Development coordinator Noory Kim who will discuss

her path back to Highline and student engagement. It will be the final colloquy for the quarter.

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

Clinic will bring affordable health care to city

By **Abdirizak Ahmed**
Staff Reporter

Sea Mar Community Health is opening a new clinic and housing unit right near campus before the end of the year.

The clinic welcomes both insured and non-insured patients, as well as those who may be undocumented.

Payment plans can be easily set up for uninsured walk-ins, and the clinic also plans to help people sign up to become insured with free public health care.

The clinic assists 300,000 people per year, in 11 different counties, where 90 percent of its patients are under the federal poverty line.

“Sea Mar will help the Des Moines area by bringing medical, dental and behavior health closer to those who travel far for it,” said Sea Mar CHC Manager Kevin Proctor.

Sea Mar Community Health Center is a community-based organization committed to pro-

viding quality, comprehensive health, human and housing services to diverse communities, specializing in service to Latinos.

Sea Mar welcomes students who are graduating Highline with a medical assistant degree and has positions open for entry-level front desk work.

Internships can be found at the bigger Sea Mar locations.

The 43-unit housing development attached to the back of the clinic will be accepting Section 8 vouchers and providing homes for low-income families, Proctor said.

This will be Sea Mar’s 30th medical clinic in Washington, and its fifth housing unit.

“Here at Sea Mar we are committed to providing affordable and accessible quality health care to the communities that need it,” Proctor said.

The next goal for Sea Mar will be to open another clinic in the Federal Way area sometime in 2016.



Kayla Dickson/THUNDERWORD

The new Sea Mar location, on Pacific Highway South near campus, will provide healthcare to locals who usually commute far for affordable health care. It will also have affordable housing. The construction should be done before the end of the year.

Highline expands resources for minority students

By **Agatha Pacheco**
Staff Reporter

Highline has joined forces with the Minority Male Community College Collaborative to help men of color reach their educational goals.

The M2C3 project aims to tackle the small success rate of minority males at educational institutions. According to M2C3’s website, only 17 percent of black men and 15 percent of Latino men earn a degree and transfer.

M2C3 began at San Diego University in 2011 and now works with more than 65 community colleges in eight states.

“We are joining a group of professionals across the nation who are working through the same challenges,” said Elizabeth Word, a faculty coordina-



tor for the Umoja Black Scholars Program.

The Umoja Black Scholars Program is specifically for African-American students. The Umoja community dedicates itself to providing educational support from instructors trained in Umoja principles.

“As the faculty coordinator of the Umoja Black Scholars program, I am particularly interested in any research and training resources we can bring



Elizabeth Word

to our college to support our scholars learning,” she said.

Word also said that this partnership will enhance the community college experience for men of color with educational support.

“Participation with this group highlights Highline’s commitment to providing excellent community college experiences for all of our students

and recognizes that differentiated support is needed for students in this demographic category,” said Word, a Highline communications professor.

A partnership with M2C3 will provide the college with access to free webinars discussing issues that affect men of color, access to new strategies to enhance the minority male experience and to M2C3’s online discussion forum.

“Part of the consortium are webinars bringing practitioners from across the nation together on topics that include: designing early alert systems, program-level assessment of minority male initiatives and programs, counseling men of color in the community college, men and masculinities in community colleges and fostering

welcoming campus climates,” said Word.

Word said the resources available to Highline by becoming a member of M2C3 are invaluable and a necessity for male students of color.

“I hope getting involved in this consortium will bring together faculty across campus who are interested in accessing this professional development,” she said.

“I hope to bring more intentionality to our practice of how we educate underrepresented males, men of color, at the community college,” she said.

For more information about Minority Male Community College Collaborative visit <http://interwork.sdsu.edu/sp/m2c3/> or contact Elizabeth Word at 206-445-9846 or Eword@highline.edu.

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plained that the Senate is relying far too much on spending cuts to already depleted state-funded programs, such as food stamps or low-income and senior housing, to pay for increases in education funding.

In 2012, the Washington state Supreme Court ordered the Legislature to increase funding of K-12 education by 2018 in the McLeary decision.

The mandate is what is driving both the Senate and the House to dedicate significant funds to public schools in this budget.

Sen. Keiser said that much of the Republican Senate's reason-

ing behind spending cuts is to avoid new or increased taxes.

Sen. Keiser is not the only lawmaker to express frustration on the lack of progress in Olympia.

"We're not anywhere near where we need to be," said Rep. Hudgins. "My impression is that they [budget negotiators] aren't moving fast enough."

Rep. Hudgins agreed with Sen. Keiser that education funding is a key issue.

Rep. Hudgins explained that the House is pushing a capital gains tax to pay for education. A capital gains tax is imposed on the sale of investments such as stocks, bonds and land.

"[The] wealthiest people pay a little extra to fund education," Rep. Hudgins said.

Rep. Hudgins said that higher education is a salient point in



House Democrats Photo

Rep. Zack Hudgins, D- Tukwila, said that education will be the cornerstone of this budget.

the budget. A tuition freeze is present in both chambers' budget proposals.

"The House decided to pay for it out of general funds," Rep.

Hudgins said, on the \$250 million tuition freeze.

Much like Sen. Keiser, Rep. Hudgins is critical of the Senate's budget.

"The Senate plan cuts higher education tuition by 20 percent," Rep. Hudgins said. "They pay for that by taking [money] out of state needs grants."

The Washington State Need Grant offers financial relief to low-income, and now non-citizen students who need help paying for college.

"My impression is that when they get to that item, how they pay for it will be a sticking point," Rep. Hudgins said of negotiators.

The House passed a transportation budget Wednesday.

It was passed without a revenue package, which means that while they know how they will spend money on transportation, they have yet to resolve how they plan to get it.

Transit

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Highline warrants a station immediately adjacent to the campus.

"A Highline College station must be located as close to Highline College as possible," Dr. Bermingham wrote. "An elevated station on the west side of Pacific Highline South adjacent to Highline College, at the approximate corner of South 236th Street, makes the most sense for the college and the community."

Highline also supports a station in a trench below the East Parking Lot, though concedes that it is the more expensive of the options.

Highline does not support every station option near the campus.

"Highline College strongly opposes the following locations: 30th Avenue East or West Station, I-5 Station-elevated, Lowe's Station-at grade," Dr. Bermingham wrote.

Dr. Bermingham wrote that Highline College does not support a light rail station on the east side of Pacific Highway South due to safety concerns

over crossing a heavily trafficked roadway.

Highline's statement comes just weeks after Dr. Bermingham was presented with a draft for a letter to be sent to the Sound Transit Board of Directors. It supported an I-5 alignment.

The letter was drafted by the Des Moines staff, but was signed by the mayors of Federal Way, Kent, SeaTac and Des Moines.

Des Moines Mayor Dave Kaplan is strongly opposed to a Pacific Highway South alignment.

"A 99 [Pacific Highway South] alignment would negatively impact land that was zoned as high density development," Mayor Kaplan said.

As Highline's supports at least a partial Pacific Highway South alignment of the light rail, the college's position is somewhat contrary to that of Kent, Des Moines, SeaTac and Federal Way.

The Sound Transit Board of Directors is expected to make a ruling on the alignment of the Link extension later this year.

Construction is not expected to begin until at least 2019.

Students receive recognition

By Tiffany Thompson
Staff reporter

Fifty-nine students were recognized for their contributions to the student body at the annual Student Award Celebration Ceremony on May 20.

The Center for Leadership and Service provided the platform for faculty and staff members to show appreciation and honor their students.

One of the two categories was Outstanding Program Contribution, which awarded students such as Octaviea Townsend for her contributions to TRiO, student support and retention services.

"I mentioned to her that there should be an easier way to navigate these scholarships. That is when Townsend single-handedly created a scholarship handbook for TRiO," said Ay Saechao, director of TRiO Student Support and Retention

Services.

"Now TRiO students have used over \$150,000 in scholarship funds," since the handbook's creation, Saechao said.

"I created the scholarship handbook with Highline in mind, that any student regardless of ethnicity could benefit from this book," Townsend said.

Other students with contributions were recognized such as:

Amy Menjvar and Jasmine Bravo, Multicultural Affairs; Alex Crawford, Music department-Choir; Michelle McBride and Nicole Ichinaga, Outreach Student Ambassador; Erik Rorrer and Rebecca Ring, PTK; Jacqui Silva, Student Employee of the Year; Olga Zhosyan and Tha Dah Hser, honors leadership team; Alvin Goode III, Women's Program and Workfirst Servicers; Dom Oliveros and Nicole Summers, Yamato Drumming Club; Tetyana Matsyuk, Achieve; Jenny Lee and Naomi Rujoni, Advertising Club; Matthew Silva, Animation Domination Club; Laura Yanez and Ruth Krizan, ASHC Student Government; Tha Dah Hser; Burmese/Myanmar Student Association; Richelle Enriquez, Center for Leadership and Services; Tetyana Matsyuk, Cooking Club; Anna Hart and Brandon Rankin,

Cru; Takuho Yoshida, Culture Exchange Club; Cody Scott and Kaylene, Design team; Paul Fernando King-Sanchez and Alvin Indalecio, Table Tennis Club; LaTonya Brisbane, Leader of excellence; Hui-Wen Hsiao and Ru-Jim Chang, Mahjong Club; Jered Ataky and Karen Leung, Math Resource center; Agueda Pacheco-Flores and Sam McCullough, Thunderword.

The second category, Outstanding Scholastic Achievement, allowed the departments to show appreciation to outstanding students.

Those recognized included: Isaiah Marle, Achieve; Jacqui Silva, Biology/ MAST; Francis Hernandez Torres and Melissa Silvana Brown, BTECH; Michelle Henry, Chemistry; Maria Iraheta and Xavier Henderson, Communication Studies; Pa Ousman Jobe and Rose Juda, Economics; Addison Peabody, Brendan Newell, Natalya Matlashchuk, and Neydin Estrada, English/ Writing Center; MacKenzie Connolly and Nathan Beahler, Hospitality Management; Dana Kaban Uri Zvi, Mathematics; Alexander Crawford, Music; Annie Hill and Victoria Rolph, Psychology; Jonathan Vasquez and Olga Buntlylo, Respiratory care; Jazzni Dumanan and Michelle Jensen, Spanish; Robert Wyland-Sturmer, Speech Communication; Adam Horner, Journalism.

Food

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"I think that the current prices at Highline are pretty fair," student Drew Dasher said.

The one thing Highline students said they want to see from a new vendor is more snacks.

Ranging from healthy snacks such as fruits and veggies to snacks such as muffins and Cup of Noodles, the choice of snacks is not the point – they want snacks in general.

They said they want quick, easy and cheap food that they can grab and eat without having to take the time to sit down and take their time.

"I like the convenience of having snacks on campus. It's just grab and go," student Renee Coates said.

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